

LABOUR FORMULATES GIBRALTAR POSITION

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Gibraltarians are law breakers. This was both unfair and absurd.

MILITARY

OVERFLIGHTS

I am writing to the Foreign Secretary and to the Defence Department to seek clarification of the situation about GIBMED and what discussions are taking place with Spain on connection with its integration into NATO military command.

Inter-Governmental Conference

It is imperative for the British Government to make sure that any matter that affects Gibraltar that comes up in the IGC is discussed with the Gibraltar Government. The lines of communication must be made as efficient as possible. But I must say that I do not see the IGC as having a very significant role as far as Gibraltar is concerned.

RELATIONS WITH EUROPE

Because the Labour Party is considerably more constructive in its attitude towards Europe this political fact of life might help de-sour the current atmosphere between the United Kingdom and other member states of the European Union. Hopefully therefore issues that the United Kingdom holds dear, such as Gibraltar, might be viewed more sympathetically within the European Union.

The Labour Government will benefit from the goodwill available at the European Union and will itself with the European mainstream on a great many issues when at present the British Government is often in a minority of one.

EXTERNAL FRONTIERS CONVENTION

Gibraltar is an integral part of the European Union and therefore can never be considered as lying beyond the external frontier.

MESSAGE FROM JOYCE QUIN

I hope to maintain my links with Gibraltar in the coming years and work with Gibraltarians in creating a future which will bring them security and greater prosperity."

Joyce Quin, 51, was elected Labour Member of Parliament for Gateshead East in the 1987 election. She was educated at Whitley Bay Grammar School and the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne where she was awarded a first class honours degree in French. She went on to the London School of Economics. In 1969 she became a research officer at the International Labour Party's headquarters. She then turned to academe and was appointed lecturer in French at the University of Bath followed in 1976 as tutor and lecturer in French and Politics, University of

Durham. In 1986 she was made an Honorary Fellow of the Sunderland Polytechnic. Joyce Quin was MEP for Tyne and Wear 1979-89 and so for two years was both a MP and MEP.

The daughter of a mathematics teacher, Joyce Quin comes from a staunch Labour Party family - her mother was an activist and her great uncle, Joshua Ritson, was MP for Durham City before the second world war. Joyce joined the Labour Party when a post graduate at the LSE and during the seventies was active in the Labour Committee for Europe.

Whilst an MEP she lobbied unceasingly in matters concerning the North-East; measure to control EEC fish conservation; additional international airports in the North and to reverse the decisions to close ship building and shiprepair yards.

In February 1985 she became the first female member of the Labour Party to be selected for a safe Labour seat in the North East for thirty-five years. She was sponsored by the TGWU until the recent rule change.

Joyce is described by her

colleagues as hard working, modest, with a gentle sense of humour, great charm and utterly deminine. One said "she had the quiet dignity and grace of a genteel schoolmistress coupled with the natural warmth and friendliness of a Geordie." Of herself she has been quoted as saying: "I am not ruthless at all, but I must admit to being a pretty determined person."