

# MODERNIZATION AND FAILURE: WILSON, HEATH, AND CALLAGHAN

- A. Wilson and 'Modernization'
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- C. Wilson (Again) and 'Stagflation'
- D. Callaghan and Collapse



# A. Wilson and 'Modernization'

- Tackling the 'British Disease'
  - ▣ The 'White Heat of the Scientific Revolution'
  - ▣ Planning, Planning, and More Planning
  - ▣ The 'Department of Economic Affairs'..or not
- Economic Imbalances and Devaluation
  - ▣ Devaluation delayed...then accepted
- Trades Unions and *In Place of Strife*
- Problems Beyond the Shores
  - ▣ The Last Spasms of Empire
  - ▣ The US and Vietnam
  - ▣ The Troubles begin in Ireland



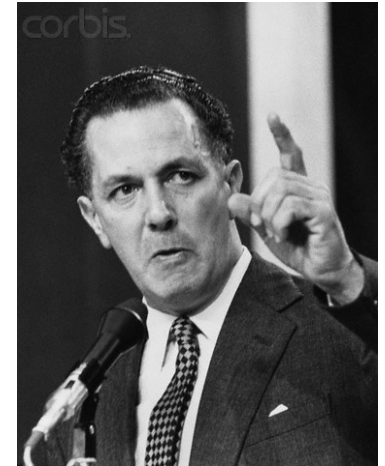
# B. Heath, the Common Market, and the U-Turn

- Heath and the Economy
  - ▣ ‘Selsdon Man’ and the Promise of Smaller Government
  - ▣ Recession and confrontation with the miners
- The Heath U-Turn
- The Oil Crisis
  - ▣ Miners strike again
  - ▣ Blackouts and a 3-day week
  - ▣ “Who governs Britain?”
- Taking Britain into Europe
- Northern Ireland gets bloody



# C. Wilson (Again) and ‘Stagflation’

- One Year, Two Elections, Same Result
  - ▣ The Epiphany of the ‘Mad Monk’
  - ▣ A New Tory Leader
- The ‘Social Contract’ and Incomes Policy
- EEC – Renegotiation and Referendum
- ‘Stagflation’ sets in
- Wilson Resigns; Callaghan Takes Over



Keith Joseph starts the revolution...

...which Margaret Thatcher leads.



# D. Callaghan and Collapse

- The IMF Loan
- The Lib-Lab Pact
- The Beginnings of Monetarism
- The ‘Winter of Discontent’
  - ▣ An Election Delayed
  - ▣ Strikes, strikes, and more strikes
  - ▣ ‘Crisis? What crisis?’
  - ▣ ‘Ungovernable Britain’
- A Vote of No Confidence



“Sunny Jim” Callaghan cheers no one...



...Tony Benn looks for a different way.

# Britain's Image in the Seventies

