

MR. SANDERS

Am. Priorist

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To glance - a good  
speech and a highly  
desirable theme.

Attached is the text of a speech to be given on Monday by Mr. Prior in which he wishes to swing the current discussion of industrial relations away from law to employee involvement. Apparently, he gave this speech a trial run with backbenchers last evening and D/Employment officials tell me it got a good reception.

I have given, in response to a request, some presentational and publicity advice about the speech. In particular, I have mentioned that at the top of Page 4 I think Mr. Prior should face up to the problem of unemployment; otherwise, in all the circumstances, he may get a guffaw.

To sharpen the point about trench warfare, I have suggested the use of the words "negative and arid trench warfare" and "positive, fruitful cooperation through employee involvement".

There is, of course, not much new in all this; what is interesting is Mr. Prior's attempt to change the pre-occupation of discussion.

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