

PPS.

PRIME MINISTER

Fire Brigades Union

1. One of my Constituents, Mr. D.M. Shephard J.P., who is a Member of the Labour Party, and who is also a Member of the National Executive Council of the Fire Brigades Union came to see me on Saturday morning.
2. He is a Labour "moderate".
3. There are 16 Members of the Executive of the Fire Brigades Union. According to Shephard, four of these are supporters of the Workers Revolutionary Party, with another ten broadly sympathetic to the far left.
4. Shephard said that the present leadership of this Union was a classic illustration of how the Executive was unrepresentative and far to the left of the rank and file Members.

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