

Minister

Mrs. Thatcher's Bill

Sir Harold Banwell rang up this morning to report the latest position.

He said that when he got into touch with Mr. Reynolds, he discovered that Mr. Reynolds had already been speaking to Mrs. Thatcher and had secured what he thought was a favourable reception to his suggested compromise.

Sir Harold Banwell, on this, at once took steps to bring Mr. Robert Jenkins into direct touch with Mr. Reynolds, and discussions between the two of them are now going on.

Mr. Reynolds said that he felt sure that he would get the support of Mr. Pannell. He was not so sure about Mr. Yates, but thought it unlikely that Mr. Yates would object.

One other point of interest is that Sir Harold ran into Mr. Deedes quite casually the other day, and Mr. Deedes volunteered the comment that in his view the compromise proposal was the only thing that would save the Bill, and implied that it would have his support.

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- 1 Deputy Secretary
- 2 Mr. Pannell

I think a compromise will be reached.
I would like to see the "compromise" amendments at the earliest possible moment: particularly any that apply to Clause 1.

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