

ASLEF STRIKE CALLED OFF

PRIME MINISTER

Willie Rickett telephoned to say that they have just heard from Len Murray that the ASLEF Executive have accepted the TUC's proposals. This will be announced shortly. Mr. Howell will issue a short press release welcoming this as a further step towards a modern and more efficient railway, and towards a better future for the drivers themselves.

To remind you the points in the TUC proposals (Willie was concerned that the final one in the minute I gave you yesterday might not make the position totally clear):

- a) BR to call off the dismissals and the closure of the railways and ASLEF to call off the strike.
- b) The rosters already posted at the 71 depots to be worked.
- c) BR to agree not to post any new rosters for the time being.
- d) ASLEF to agree to the principles of the McCarthy report.
- e) The Executive Committee of ASLEF to recall the Delegate Conference, so as to allow the Executive to negotiate and conclude an agreement on flexible rostering within the terms of the McCarthy recommendations by 2 August.

The Department of Transport see this as a complete surrender by ASLEF.

Vanessa

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