

BRIEF SUMMARY OF VIEWS OF TERENCE PRICE AND JOHN HOSKYNS  
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1. Requirements for success as an industrial nation are suddenly much tougher.
2. A complete new look at planning is required: how the present situation has been reached since the 1945 watershed, and where we go from here.
3. Present planning procedures are perpetuating the problems. We have chopped and changed since the 1964 National Plan fiasco without building on the real world. Need more realism, continuity and weighing of alternatives.
4. Educational process must be linked to wealth creation (viz MIT). It is economically disastrous to allow mainstream of education to remain at arms length from industrial base. Far too many bright graduates go into civil service or academic field leaving industry largely denuded of top talent.
5. Not enough cross-pollination (almost none) between senior levels of civil service and industry (viz France) which leads to ivory tower mentality.
6. Present party system leaves industry in cross fire of a political no man's land, instead of being power house of nation.
7. Social attitudes award too high a status to civil service, diplomacy, banking, etc., at expense of engineering and our need to trade and innovate.
8. Must create "vision" by synthesising all factors and fostering better understanding (ie unions show pathetic (wilful?) ignorance of micro economics).
9. Industrial democracy must be fostered as antidote to "we and they" struggle which is tearing industry apart.
10. We are not being sufficiently innovative; not because short of technologists, but that what we do is unbalanced. 50% of industrial R & D effort is associated with only 5% of national industrial turnover which is economically unhealthy. Government has ordained too much in atomic energy, aerospace, defence and some forms of electronics thus tripping the rest of industry of the stock of innovative talent (eg opportunity cost of Concorde must have been a decline in medium technology and mechanical engineering industry).