

Jenkins

Prime Minister

ROY JENKINS

Norman Lamont tells me, from a reliable source close to Roy Jenkins, that it is his present intention to seek election to the House of Commons as a Liberal MP, and to fight the first by-election in 1981 where he considers that there is a reasonable prospect of winning in the Liberal interest.

It would then be his intention to build up the Liberal Party, in the hope of attracting to the Liberals disillusioned right wing Labour MPs and supporters (and possibly some Conservatives as well).

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