

PRIME MINISTER

Panorama

I have spoken to Robin Day and he proposes the following structure:

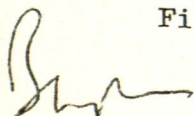
- steel dispute and the Government's handling (5-6 minutes);
- curbing of trade union power; Employment Bill; Mr. Prior's softly/softly approach (5-6 minutes);
- economic strategy - is it working? Covering prices, unemployment, public expenditure and EEC Budget - the main section running for probably a good 10 minutes; and finally
- allegations of Ministerial disarray. What are you doing about it? (Probably no more than 5 minutes).

Mr. Day says that he has no intention of extending the interview into international affairs unless, of course, Tito were to die this afternoon. He would then put a few questions at the beginning of the interview and give you prior warning.

I attach for you the "Issues of the Day" briefing prepared for this morning's media meeting.

Could I commend three items (also attached) from today's press for your reading:

Paul Routledge (Times) on the trade union situation.  
Daily Telegraph leader.  
Financial Times leader on EEC and steel dispute.



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