

Prime Minister

Welsh Conference Speech - Saturday 19th July 1980

1. You will remember that you had decided (for most excellent reasons) that you would not answer questions after your speech in Swansea on Saturday week.
2. Most unfortunately, the organisers have gone ahead and printed the programme, saying that you will answer questions, without having first obtained approval from here.
3. The explanation which they give is that in previous years you have answered questions - although you have never addressed the Welsh Conference as Prime Minister.
4. Despite the words which appear on the programme, I think that we should stick to the original decision that you will not answer questions. The Welsh Area Office have no authority to include the words which appear on the programme, and I do not think that you should be bounced into doing this.

Ian Gow

8th July 1980

It would be disastrous
to answer questions - ~~one~~
unless T.V. or radio
were included and we
couldn't do that. We should
only read one written
question to cancel out the
whole effect of a speech. . . .