

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

At 1015 the Prime Minister met Mr. Edmund Dell, Baron Biescheuvel, Monsieur Marjolin, together with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. The three-man commission appointed by Roy Jenkins to study European institutes were giving an interim report before reporting to the Dublin Summit in November. Later today the Prime Minister will also see six other Ministers, usually singly, to continue her practice of keeping in touch with Departments. Apart from the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, they would be the Home Secretary, Chief Secretary and Secretaries of State for Energy, Employment and Industry. There might be a meeting of Ministers this afternoon.

This evening the Prime Minister would receive the New Zealand High Commissioner.

PNQ from Mr. Ennals on Vietnamese Refugees.

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INDUSTRY STATEMENT

There would be neither a Statement, Written Answer nor a Press Conference today. Having switched the Business in the House, it was felt that a Statement on Industry would have encouraged discussion which the Opposition considered important. A Written Answer was deemed not quite the best way to announce measures. It was now likely to be an Oral Statement and Press Conference tomorrow, but the substance of the Statement would be identical. New minds had been brought to bear on the matter this morning.

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This morning's briefing was repeated.

## INDUSTRY STATEMENT

The Leader of the House and the Chief Whip had decided that a Statement of this sort should be made orally and the Prime Minister had ratified this decision. It had been decided that an Oral Statement today would be undesirable as it would encroach into Opposition time. There had been no representations by the Opposition. The decision had been reached following a re-examination of the situation and the new arrangement had arisen from consensus awareness. The Lobby were reminded that the Government was seeking to give the Opposition time to debate this important subject and were also told that there would be a day's debate in Government time within a week.

## STATEMENTS EXPECTED WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

Industry (Regional Aid) tomorrow.  
NHS Wednesday.  
Meriden next week, but no decision yet taken.  
Refugees later this week.  
Shipbuilding and NEB before the Recess.  
Aircraft Industry unlikely before the Recess.