

PRIME MINISTER

Jean Rook

You will recall that when you went to the Daily Express for lunch on June 30 you agreed to give Jean Rook an interview. This was provisionally arranged for July 7 but had to be cancelled because of your top salaries statement. We have since juggled with the dates and Miss Rook now is to come in tomorrow at 11 a.m. for an hour.

She is returning from holiday today and this will be her first job back.

Before she left, she indicated that her interest would be in a feature entirely from the woman's angle as to how you manage to cope with such a demanding job and what life is really like for a woman at the very top.

Miss Rook will no doubt feature the interview next week and this will provide some very valuable publicity for you after this difficult week.

It is, of course, possible that Miss Rook will ask about your holiday arrangements. You should know that, on being asked, I told the Lobby that you intended to have a holiday of at least a week. I was not, however, prepared to say any more or to indicate whether you would be spending it at home or abroad. Press Office is under instructions to go no further.

B. INGHAM

7 August, 1980

② Defeat? Wasn't right - felt strongly about teachers - 140M to help school leavers, bus.; but cost of turn of situation etc...

Cabinet On by-election strategy at one's differences

No 10: No pte life 24 hrs - busy above shop -  
 - look at weekend; cleaning good work  
 - shepherd's pie; drink or water etc  
 - got over 90% of what we wanted at 4 hrs  
 late - trouble cement's party - fight -  
 determined, invited - stay all weekend -

Job living up to ideas? Didn't know - uniquely privileged -  
 - more on foreign affairs - travellers - summitry  
 - bilateral - no major 50 hrs at summit -  
 - Monarch + PM - His way it is  
 - maybe this day this job - don't like by called  
 PM - I'm not a job - have to be tough

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Presures not so great - sessions  
formed 12% crammed in activity -  
museums - centre of things -  
- everyone doing numbers - not so rain -  
- 10 days off Switz - Then Deques

Hubbard - won his own place - by by - what he is  
never says 'sorry you might' - if you  
needed - abs of super

Criticism - Front line - expect to find it - pos. not fair  
- must be

Self doubt - examine both sides + make decisions  
- don't take easy options

Hard days - Ppl respect you for taking  
No idea - something you on all time  
- when/when - something -  
- Ms Goldstein -  
- permanence -  
- presumably interested

Charged - not  
committed  
not so verbal -  
- on the table  
- cumulative knowledge - yrs  
of experience - news of  
reasonable confidence -  
question + reaffirm

Thyngie - homely - shorter for deadlines

Cornubise - Law them (painted + funny -  
v observant

Beasant - not British

Marking - own life - worry - v gd responsible  
- not attached to apron strings  
- mistakes - publicity - lowered  
fast - build own lives -  
- read v little abt myself - upset  
me - need to concentrate  
- ppl out to topple you - some  
visions - must not get a  
complex



Disadvantage: Conspicuous at summit

MC Pys? 5/4 legal training: no patriotism

Good looking - I can't see it - Q of personality not  
looks - nicely turned out - never  
flamboyant  
- my max clothes bec of job - best things  
all time -

MARGARET

Post M Th:

End of term: 5/26 on course - even if lose -  
integrity - respect - not short  
Bernard would like Neville to do the  
following: term - responsibility

The Jean Rook interview tomorrow at 11 a.m.  
with the PM. (BI has done a minute to her).  
He would like Neville to record it.

Do note on GLC to PM for Monday.

NO  
The Prime Minister will probably reinstate  
Malcolm Rutherford early next week. I will  
get on to Caroline about it. Bernard  
would like Neville to conduct this while  
he is away.

S. W.

7.8.80

Peter

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