

PRIME MINISTER

JIM SPICER, M.P., M.E.P.

1. Herewith copy letter dated 29th April, which was sent by Jim Spicer to Jim Scott-Hopkins.
2. As I think you know, Jim Spicer has decided not to stand again for the European Parliament in 1984. He longs to be given a real job to do, now that he is dis-engaging from Europe.
3. We have discussed, previously, the possibility of Jim Spicer succeeding Tony Royle as the Vice-Chairman of our Party in charge of Candidates. Tony Royle has announced that he is not going to stand again at the next Election. Quite apart from that, Tony Royle is not one of us.
4. I am going to the Candidates' Selection Conference in Maidenhead on 24th/25th July.
5. Would you like to discuss with Peter Thorneycroft the possibility of Jim Spicer replacing Tony Royle? I know that Jim Spicer, who has been a Member of the National Executive for many years, would welcome the chance to serve our Party in this way. In my opinion, he would do the job extremely well.

6th May, 1981

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