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BARRY POTTER

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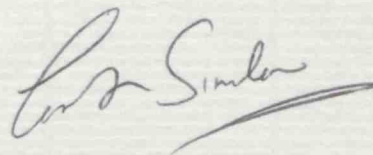
BMA ATTITUDE

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Sir Arnold Elton warned me last week that the BMA were planning another national campaign against the NHS reforms. He was doing his best to try to head this off by arranging a private meeting between the new head of the BMA, Mr Lee Potter and the Secretary of State for Health.

Sir Arnold 'phoned me today to say that he had good news. The BMA Council have decided to abandon the idea of a campaign against the reforms. They are going to draw a line under the issue, and want to mend fences with the Government. He is hoping to introduce Mr Lee Potter to William Waldegrave at a private dinner soon.

Apparently the Royal College of Surgeons have also tempered their opposition and are in a mood to build bridges.



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