

Mr Hugh Jones

MR ENOCH POWELL'S SPEECH IN EASTHAM YESTERDAY

1. As you see, this speech is reported prominently in today's press. It looks like the speech which the Duty Officer of the Conservative Central Office mentioned to me on Saturday morning and which I mentioned to you. The Duty Officer had clearly seen the text and he gave me the impression that the speech was going to be made that weekend, ie at the same time as Mr Powell's speech on Ireland.

2. I may be wrong, but I suspect that the CCO had advance warning of the text from at least last Friday. This is a bad state of affairs and I think we must now insist that the CCO and Labour Committee for Europe let us have advance press releases by anti-Europeans in their respective parties as soon as they can get hold of them. Had we been given Mr Powell's speech, we could have inserted a rejoinder in Mr Rippon's speech yesterday. You will notice that the "Times" did its best with Mr Rippon's press release, but this hardly amounted to an answer to Mr Powell.

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