

PRIME MINISTER

"WEEKEND WORLD"

You have agreed to have a hard working weekend on January 15 and 16 with, on the Saturday, a speech to the CTU Conference and, on the Sunday, a 52 minute interview with Brian Walden for LWT's "Weekend World". The Walden interview would be done from the White Room at No 10, as in the past.

This interview is to be seen as a second leg of a two-part programme, the first part of which will be screened this coming Sunday.

This programme will look at the Government's record and the tasks which confront it as it seeks the second term which you regard as essential to complete the task of turning Britain round and setting it on a new course.

LWT agree with us that the four main issues which are likely to dominate the run-up to the Election are the economy, the European Community, law and order and disarmament. But they are likely to take little interest in the EC or law and order. They will concentrate on the economy and the defence and disarmament debate.

Within the economy Brian Walden is likely to concentrate on four things - inflation, productivity/tax cuts, unemployment and the trade union legislation (on which fresh proposals will be brought forward in next week's Green Paper).

Within disarmament he is likely to be most interested in pursuing the deployment of cruise missiles and no doubt within that the "dual key".

LWT may well entitle your interview "The Resolute Approach" and seek to examine what that means in relation to the economy and defence/disarmament. They are unlikely to dwell much on the past. They want to think forward and examine how you see the agenda for the next five years and what sort of Britain you would like to see in place when you seek a third term.

You will not be able to see the first programme but we shall record it and get a transcript. I shall have briefing prepared on the basis of that programme and its known areas of interest on the economy and disarmament.

Content? *Yes*

Incidentally, the programme has a new editor - Hugh Pile. The previous editor, David Cox, has gone on to higher things in LWT.

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Who is Hugh Pile?

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