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Arnold Weinstock took an opportunity yesterday to express very strong views about Steel's claim to be causing the deferment of the Bill to re-organise the electricity supply industry along Plowden's lines.

He says that he very much hopes that we all realise how unnecessary the Bill is. The allegation that the industry wants it is quite wrong. It is regarded as a completely wrong use of Parliamentary time. The only person worried is Tombs. He very much hopes that we shall claim, and gain, the credit for this ~~pressure~~ to be deferred, if not dropped. *mesum*

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