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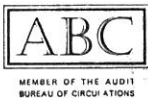
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COMMENT

So the Group of Eight is to become the official link between Government and the Industry in the future. This was announced recently by Mr. Michael Heseltine in the House of Commons along with cuts in other committees, etc. which had provided the links in the past. There has been discussion in the technical press with some weight of opinion that a more formal Group is now necessary, encompassing all the many voices within the Industry.

It will indeed be necessary for a widening of views to be collated and perhaps some administrative body set up so that the Group has the full weight of opinion of the Industry behind it. However, committees can grow and become ineffective and a balance must be maintained between what some might argue is the best committee (one member) and a body of such dimensions that no policies are ever decided. The Industry is also, at times, seen to be forever discontented, forever at odds with Government. This is a poor image to portray for an industry which is very much a pioneering one and forever willing to take a risk.

There is a considerable opportunity now for the Group to build on the task it has set itself and careful thought is necessary before changing its present form.

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The Role of Sandwich Training in Professional Education
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Plant Cost Estimating

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