

Transcript of Cyril Teed clip

Well it was the same company that I went back to. It was the same engineers, the same people, the same products and so on, and in the same market. But Marconi had changed so much in the three years that I'd been away, that it really was a very different company to work in. And the difference was predominantly caused by the fact that during that period English Electric had been acquired in a takeover battle by GEC, Arnold Weinstock's group, and Marconi, as part of English Electric, were now owned by General Electric. And the whole atmosphere of the company had dramatically changed. The earlier period, the fifteen years at Marconi before I went to ITN, there was a sort of camaraderie, and almost a family approach in the company. I know Marconi is quite big, there was sort of a... everybody knew each other, we all sort of, when we had things do, we all sort of worked well together, and Marconi provided...they weren't the best payers in the world, in fact the salaries on the whole were relatively on the low side. But they provided very good facilities for the employees. There was an excellent social club. I played for the local...for the company football team, and cricket team and there was also tennis, you know all the sports facilities were there and very good facilities. It was a good company to work for. Everyone, almost everyone, was very happy to be working there. I'm afraid that had changed by the time I got back.