

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

Warrington by-election

Debate on Civil Disorder in Commons.

Polish Party Congress.

UN Conference on Kampuchea, New York.

MFA Renewal talks, Geneva.

Socialist International.

Italian Foreign Minister visits Bonn.

Statistics:

Cyclical indicators for UK economy (June).

Bank of England: UK banks' assets, liabilities and money stock
(mid-June).

Dollar and sterling certificates of deposits.

Pay talks:

Ambulance officers.

Professions supplementary to medicine.

Tube workers.

Publications:

DHSS consultative document on transfer of resources from NHS to PPS.
Home Office statistics on experiments on living animals.

PARLIAMENT

Questions:

Northern Ireland; Prime Minister.

Commons:

Adjournment debate on riots.

Lords:

British Nationality Bill - committee.

Armed Forces Bill, Report.

Forgery and Counterfeiting Bill - Commons amendments.

County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1981.

MINISTERS

Mr. Prior meets TUC about industrial tribunal appointments.

Mr. Jenkin at Royal College of Midwives Centenary.

Mr. Rossi at press conference with War Pensions Chairman and Members,
Reading.

Mr. Baker at Chartered Institute of Transport Conference on Humber
Bridge.

Mr. Gray meets Scottish members of TUC.

Mr. Monro visits Mohammed Ali Sports Development Area.

Mr. Morrison visits Shipbuilding Industry Training Board.

Mrs. Oppenheim at London Tourist Board.

Mr. Parkinson lecture on trade to English Speaking Union.

PRESS DIGEST

Riots

- More trouble in Brixton after allegations that police in raid vandalised property; Lord Scarman makes personal "cool-it-down" visit which wins warm praise from D/Mail: police say damage will be paid for.
- Express features hooded youngsters on streets of Brixton.
- Police chiefs say they will use water cannon and plastic bullets only as a last resort; Times feature on modern policing.
- ITN poll says nearly 9 out of 10 want to see courts hand out stiff penalties.
- Rolleston Camp identified as overflow for prisons.
- Guardian says Merseyside police fired CS gas in direction of rioters even though manufacturers warn it should not be used on crowds.
- Liberal Party to hold its own inquiry into riots.
- Bow Group backs Riot Act.

Comment:

- Paul Johnson, Sun, says street violence has shown Govt. in an unimpressive light; what now worries him is prospect of possibly violent union disturbances this winter.
- Sun leader says attitude of Labour Party curiously equivocal - Foot should range himself firmly on side of law and order.
- Express campaigns again for Riot Act as a means of simplifying problems of police.
- St. John-Stevas, in Express, says Govt. must draw country together, not fragment it further.
- Telegraph says so far Mr. Whitelaw's handling of the challenge presented by riots merits almost unqualified approval.

Race

- CRE's annual report, written before riots, forecast severe unrest in inner cities if cash was not poured in; Govt., it says, has not faced up to full seriousness of situation.

Law and Order

- Killer jailed for life in handless corpse drugs trial ordered to pay £1 million costs.

Employment

- Most papers refer to last evening's meeting of Ministers on "the Prior package".

- Sun said he fought fiercely with Treasury Ministers to save his £600 million package and left meeting "no happier".
- Express says Cabinet split.
- Mail says M.P.s expect another £93 million for YOPs and a special Minister for the Cities.
- Telegraph says there was unconfirmed speculation in Westminster that a split had developed but he won approval for £90 million to strengthen YOPs.

Economy

- £ strengthens to \$1.8905; evidence of falling US interest rates.
- Index of average earnings shows falling living standards.
- Labour Party/TUC agree to annual economic assessment as a new approach to economic management; but preparing to reject wage restraint at Congress.
- Sam Brittan, FT, says full employment ultimately depends on weakening of labour market monopoly and institution pricing people out of work.
- US does not see Ottawa Summit as deciding anything; want to keep discussions general.

Industry

- Enkalon closes Antrim factory with loss of 1,100 jobs; Stone Platt announce 700 redundancies in Lancashire; 2,000 Smiths crisp workers to go.
- CBI wants Govt. to get rid of 10% of workers - 450,000 over 10 years - to ease burden on private sector even though Pliatzky says it is a waste of time looking for major savings.
- Govt. warned that turkey industry will collapse unless subsidised French imports are stopped.
- Times says Datsun may build plant on ~~Merseyside~~ Humber side
- Britain and Japan discussing proposals for collaboration on communications technology with prospect of Japanese investment in UK manufacturing.

Unions/Pay

- Today seen by FT as decisive day in civil service dispute; thousands of jobless find themselves without dole money because of dispute and DHSS offices say they can't cope; some claimants say they will loot for food.
- Telegraph says Cabinet has to decide whether to tough it out or offer a face-saver.

/Telegraph

- Telegraph alleges NUJ freelance branch conducting a kangaroo court against 10 journalists for what they wrote about Deptford fire protest march.

N. Ireland

- International Red Cross goes into Maze today.
- Telegraph does not expect Reagan to raise issue with you in Ottawa and will reply before weekend telling Fitzgerald he does not intend to intervene.
- Telegraph leader describes Fitzgerald's action as ill-judged.
- Express says in asking Reagan to intervene Irish have indulged in bizarre and potentially damaging diplomacy.

Environment

- Survey of our resorts, published in New Scientist, finds 190 out of 633 beaches unsafe through pollution.

Education

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- Director of London University Institute of Education says education is becoming too politicised and under-researched and teachers under-educated.

Transport

- London ratepayers face average increase in Oct. of £37 as a result of fares cut.

Media

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- Scottish Euro M.P. says EC should set up its own world service to replace axed BBC External Services.
 - Book by Dr. Richard Clutterbuck on media and violence reviewed; wants tougher controls over media with legal sanctions.

Politics

- Sun research into Labour Party shows that onward march of left has gone further than most experienced supporters believed; 354 constituencies taken over and many of 243 moderate constituencies on knife edge.
- Ron Brown, M.P. ordered out of House for 20 days because of red flag demo.
- Mirror leader says it won't be remarkable if Tory candidate in Warrington loses deposit; remarkable if anyone voted for you.
- Labour lead in Gallup poll up 2.5% to 10.5%.
- Labour Party to pull Britain out of EC within 12 months without referendum if returned.

- 3 out of 4 oppose Labour Party plans to scrap independent schools.

Royal Wedding

- 24 choristers at St. Paul's accept £500 each from BBC; holding out for same from ITN.

International

Poland:

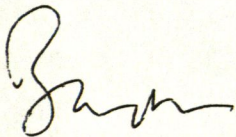
Gierek purged; new democratic way of electing party leader agreed.

EC:

Lord Bethel makes progress with Commission in breaking air fares cartel.

Luxembourg:

to take Euro Parliament to court for deciding not to meet there again.



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