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PRIME MINISTER

ISSUES OF THE DAY

EVENTS

Your "Panorama" interview.

Steel (S/S Industry 1st Order PQs).  
ISTC Private Steel decision.

BL lay-offs begin.

TUC Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Statistics : Retail Sales.

Schmidt's visit.

Guillotine on Social Security Bill.

Party Politics

Lord Thornycroft's appeal for unity. Smack of firm Government detected in Guardian and Telegraph and Sun says you should show who's in charge. News of the World poll encouraging lead over Callaghan but Gallup says 2-1 prefer increased spending, even if it means more taxes; Julian Critchley, M.P., identified as writer of Observer disloyal article.

Steel

BSC to meet unions on closures today. More flexibility? BSC challenge unions to ballot workers on strike. Scholey says Sirs in hands of wild boys. Hadfields return to work. Doubts whether ISTC will end private sector action.

TUC

... call for one-day strike on 14 May against Government policies.

British Leyland

Lay-offs begin today.

Government Policy

Reports that Public Expenditure White Paper and Budget will come together to get all bad news over at once; Government's review of consumer representation in nationalised industries public purchasing policy; Telegraph says you have ordered new appraisal of defence policy and that Mr. Pym beat off cuts by threat of resignation.

Afghanistan

Kabul rioting. What was Brezhnev signalling on his withdrawal speech on Friday? Brandt asked by USA and USSR to mediate - report.

Olympics

Norris McWhirter seeks legal ban in Switzerland on Olympics being held in Moscow.

Rhodesia

Will Nyrere withdraw diplomatic links with UK? Lord Soames faces difficult election decision because of hoodlums.

Iran

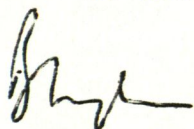
Gloom over hostages early release.

EEC

Agreement on economic links with Yugoslavia; Telegraph says EEC provided £2846 million to UK in grants and loans in five years 73-78. Financial Times leader on what EEC will NOT do in UK steel dispute.

Other Points

- Parliamentary Questions on 245T and Mr. Thatcher's involvement.
- Campaigns: Building Societies want an end to stamp duty; Sun efforts to reduce 'motorbike madness'; for revival of civil defence; M. Meacher, M.P. says close link between deaths in custody and complaints of police force brutality.
- Sandwell mobile librarian may lose job after 7 years because he won't join union.
- Secretary who is holding up M 25 at cost of £100,000 a day.
- London bus fares up 19% yesterday.
- MP asks why are 36 schoolboys doing chores on HMS Hermes.
- Runcie becomes Archbishop today.
- West Sussex proposal (Telegraph) for £30 fee for each child at school.



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