

PRIME MINISTER

ISSUES OF THE DAY

EVENTS

? DHSS Statement on High Court decision on Lambeth sackings.

Unemployment figures.

Nat West Bank profits.

Welsh NUM inquest on strike vote.

New Hampshire Primary.

Lord Carrington sees Genscher.

Roy Jenkins addresses Parliamentary and Scientific Committee.

Chancellor of the Exchequer at EEF dinner.

Reports - Parliamentary Boundary Commission;
Future of Medical Education in London;
National Film Finance Corporation.

Remaining Stages Companies Bill.

Mr. Haughey addresses EEC consumer protection programme (Dublin).

Exchange of Ambassadors between Israel and Egypt.

Your Broadcast

Extensively covered and well received. Most angle on Mr. Prior's "probation". Some say you rebuked three Ministers - Prior, Gilmour and Biffen. Other major feature your threat to legislate against union funds if present proposals do not work.

Critics

Mr. Stainton, M.P. joins Mr. Critchley in criticising your policies; Lord Butler fights Education Bill in Lords.

Steel

BSC to have a ballot about a ballot on 14%; ISTC says it will boycott it. Expels Sheerness workers. TGWU asked for help in strike as doubts rise on solidarity. CBI say there are one month's stocks.

TUC

Both Sun and Mirror attack TUC's "Day of Action" on May 14 against Government policies.

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TGWU proposes ban on all car imports from January 1, 1982 to save BL who dismiss it as "unrealistic" Avon, Leicestershire and Manchester teachers striking against cuts ... pay claims or offers in pipeline: Civil Servants seek 20%; power workers may be offered 17-20%. Bank staffs seeking 32% ... Post Office reported to be on verge of agreement on casuals employment this summer to cut down delays.

EEC

Schmidt visit briefly covered, mostly in context of Budget (Daily Mail unfortunately mention he was here to see daughter). Haughey tells Roy Jenkins he will resist cut in UK Budget contributions unless Irish are cut too.

Olympics

Sir Frederic Bennett's No-go Committee plan to launch gold medal for athletes who boycott.

Rhodesia

Nyrere outburst on eve of poll: won't recognise winner unless it's PF. Threatens to break diplomatic relations. But meeting of front line states is apparently cancelled.

Afghanistan

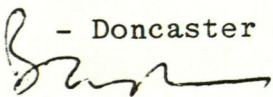
Extensive reporting of Russian trials at the hands of Afghans, including taunting women and children.

Economic

Times says Treasury economists have come up with very gloomy pre-Budget forecasts. President Carter conducting post-Budget economic review and may cut public spending because of inflationary pressure. Mr. Heath in Times hopes next Euro-council will back Brandt report.

Other Issues

- John Carlisle, M.P. calls on people to "shop" their social security scrounging neighbours - says he does it all the time.
- Heathrow No. 1 terminal typhoid scare.
- Abortion Bill compromise on 24 weeks.
- Speculation that Coal Bill to relieve industry of interest burden will be published in a few weeks.
- Doncaster miners 1p Girocheque from NCB.


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