

PRIME MINISTER

MS.  
cc. Mr. Sanders

Digest of Sunday Newspapers

Brixton

Heavy police casualties in mob riot, arson and looting in which some whites as well as blacks take part. (Radio says 165 police injured and 97 youths arrested.) Police Commissioner suggests it was not spontaneous, and that troublemakers gathered in Brixton.

Statement by Mr. Whitelaw to Commons tomorrow.

John Fraser MP says this is the most disgraceful scene he has seen in peace-time; underlying causes must be fully investigated.

Harvey Proctor MP says we are reaping the whirlwind and must be prepared to face this kind of thing in our cities.

Northern Ireland

Mr. Pym's all-Party meeting to consider Sands tomorrow. Ulster Unionists will press for Sands' expulsion. UDA call a meeting this week to consider policy of reconciliation.

People says SDLP must stand next time and says Commons must ask itself whether candidates who cannot take their seats should be allowed to stand.

Express says electors of Fermanagh and South Tyrone shame themselves, their country and religion; their attendance at Mass today is as corrupt as Judas's kiss.

Telegraph says there must be no dithering in expelling Sands (but quotes some MPs who are against expelling someone who has been elected).

/ Observer

Observer says it is probably wiser to allow the IRA's grisly triumph to stand bearing in mind that divisions within the SDLP may again prevent Austin Currie from putting his name forward.

Sunday Times is inclined to leave Sands MP to rot in prison and sees new importance and urgency in the Anglo-Irish talks.

Haughey denies Irish neutrality is being offered in return for concessions on Northern Ireland.

#### Law and Order

People reveals case of policeman suspended for two years for going on holiday as guest of Maltese crook and failure to call him at three West End trials which have collapsed.

Mirror says escape routes are being built for prison officers in Gartree prison.

Observer says it is virtually certain that no action will be taken against police officers after 30 complaints about police behaviour during the Southall disturbances two years ago.

#### Economy

Matt Coady, People, says Government will go into next election with unemployment at an intolerable level.

News of the World says Mr. Du Cann should explain why Tory Members of his select committee agreed the latest report on paper and then refused to back it at a Press Conference.

Bill Keagan, Observer, referring to the Franco-German capital investment and Japanese reflation says we are seeing the beginning round the world of redressing the balance between fighting inflation at all costs and having an eye on unemployment.

Civil Service

Leaders in many newspapers argue case for imposing no-strike conditions on civil servants who are threatening to disrupt ports and airports from Tuesday.

George Brown, Express, says it must be a fight to a finish with civil servants and Government must make sure that in future they are not allowed to abuse their power.

Telegraph also wants an enforceable no-strike agreement.

Sunday Times says there must be negotiations offering a new system of pay determination linked with a no-strike agreement.

Pay

British Rail pay offer of 7 per cent tomorrow may bring threat of strike action.

Nurses on Tuesday will demand an improvement of 6 per cent offer.

Industry

People attacks Palace for refusing to allow domestic textile industry to use photos of Prince Charles and Lady Diana on T shirts.

Woodrow Wyatt, Mirror, wants to see Andovers replaced, but later, with the new VA 146.

Decision expected to be announced this week on reduction of lead in petrol (Observer).

MMC report now with Trade Secretary says bad planning, misguided investment and dependence on home-produced coal responsible for high cost of electricity.

Observer suggests Peter Parker will not retain chairmanship of British Rail.

Observer and Sunday Times cover British firms which are alleged to be underpaying blacks in South Africa.

Another bullish piece by Roger Eglin, Sunday Times, about British industrial improvement especially in productivity.

EC

Qualities worry about the state of Europe - Observer leader tries to put urgency behind Budget reforms; Sunday Times leader says you should continue to defend British interests but with a little less acerbity and rather more commitment but you are entitled to greater understanding from your partners in return.

Education

Increase of 7 per cent in student grants to be announced this week; loans to be shelved until economy improves.

BBC

Telegraph says Mr. Whitelaw is considering the introduction of car radio licences as a means of increasing BBC revenue, but problem of collection and enforcement.

Royal

Observer canvasses renewed expectation that Prince Charles will become Governor General of Australia.

Labour Party in Cardiff says Council must not spend a penny on the Royal Wedding.

Politics

Prudential turn down idea of their agents collecting SDP subscriptions on commission.

Telegraph says SDP will not pronounce on an alliance with the Liberals before Liberal Assembly in autumn.

Hugo Young, Sunday Times, suggests your attitude to overseas trips has changed and that you are now "retreating into the world".

India says your meeting with Mrs. Gandhi is being characterised as a meeting of two iron butterflies.

International

USA: Mr. Reagan goes home; seven would-be assassins now awaiting trial.

Pakistan: 8 out of 54 political prisoners released after hijack want asylum here.

Israel: Our ambassador decides to quit after 12 months; suggestion he is not in sympathy with Israelis.

Afghanistan: Freedom fighters reported to be in control of Kandahar.

Poland: Speculation that Kania will be ousted later this month.

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