

PRIME MINISTER

ISSUES OF THE DAY

EVENTS

Rhodesia Statement.

British Olympic Association meets.

Adam Butler in EEC steel (early retirement aid) talks.

Lord Carrington sees Mr. Lenihan.

EEC Agricultural Council.

UK reserves.

Sir Keith Joseph on Jimmy Young programme.

Questions: Education.

TUC to meet Mr. Prior to discuss Employment Bill.

Rhodesia

Mr. Mugabe wins landslide victory.

Steel

Early agreement on EEC aid for early retirement looks poor, says FT. Vredeling coming to see Messrs. Murray and Prior at end of week. Metal Box threatens to diversify supplies. Times estimates imports could grab 30% of market after strike. Result of BSC's ballot to be known on Monday. Hadfields sue police for £590,000 for damages, etc as a result of picketing.

British Leyland

Launches new truck - a design triumph - today. Communist succeeds Red Robbo as shop stewards' convenor.

Other Industrial Relations

FT says powerworkers will be offered 10%. NUR to lodge 25% pay claim backed up by militant noises from Mr. Weighell. Coal output and productivity rise.

Employment Bill

Mr. Prior tries to sell his softly, softly approach to Parliamentary Press Gallery and calls on moderates to back him; Express says stop pussyfooting - and Mr. Prior gives them a backhanded thank you

for making it more difficult for the TUC to attack the Bill.

EEC

Mr. Tugendhat calls for reform of EEC Budget. Search for solution to sheepmeat problems fails so far. House of Lords report calls for price cutting to get rid of food surpluses.

Olympics

79 athletes write to you "confirming their right" to take part in Moscow Olympics.

Law and Order

Senior police officers accuse minority of M.P.s of undermining faith in police. Lord Denning condemns jury vetting as unconstitutional.

Middle East

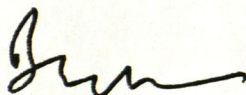
Radio report that President Carter considers US vote in UN calling on Israel to disband settlements in Occupied Territories was a mistake. Giscard backs self determination for Palestinians.

Northern Ireland

IRA tells soldiers that there is "no hiding" place after German shooting. Speculation that you have turned down Haughey's initiative in your Airey Neave speech.

Other Points

- Your Airey Neave speech well covered - need for individual responsibility and to rid ourselves of illusions.
- Sterling weakens.
- Former Liberal candidate stands as Independent in Southend - Liberals upset.



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