

PRIME MINISTER

ISSUES OF THE DAY

EVENTS

Cabinet.

Alternative Olympics meeting continues in Geneva.

Steel Unions' meeting continues; Civil Service and Probation Officers' pay talks.

EEC Foreign Ministers; Dutch, offering to mediate, in London talks; EEC Development Ministers.

Lord Soames sees you.

Reports: Clegg - Municipal Airport Workers pay; National Gallery.

Statistics: Cyclical Indicators (February).

Building Trades Employers' Annual Meeting.

Parliament: Questions - Employment; PM. Social Security Bill.

Olympics

Vote pleases you but press attack confusion on both sides. Will it be enough to sway BOA?

EEC

Chancellor apparently gets nowhere in Brussels on Budget. FT says wide gulf remains in British and French position despite Schmidt's weekend work on Giscard. Review of EMS option will be completed before Summit, says Chancellor. Farmers say get tough with France.

Steel

ISTC expected to reject pay offer today. Villiers determined to ballot if unions again reject. ISTC said to be moving towards arbitration but TGWU advocate mediator. Len Murray forecasts serious industrial trouble if job cuts enforced. Pickets threaten to defy court order that British Rail should release steel stocks. Strike leaders in South Wales say non-picketers will be first for redundancy.

NALGO

To ballot airport controllers on Easter strike. Employers stand firm on pay offer and advise LAs to send disruptive workers home. Sheffield staff send councillors to Coventry.

BL

To implement pay and productivity deal regardless of unions. More international manufacturing tie-ups forecast.

TUC

NUR puts TUC on spot by calling for general strike on May 14 day of action.

Economy

Carter's measures boost dollar but send pound UK share prices reeling. Cambridge Economic Policy Group full of doom - unless there is a U-turn unemployment will rise to 3.5m in 1985. Britain's export boom in February, but still in red.

Irish

Mail backs ending vote for Irish. And Outer Circle Policy Group calls for reform of nationality law, advocates eventual end of Irish privilege.

Rhodesia

Lord Soames back; and talks; martial law to be lifted.

Employment Bill

Labour Party pledges to repeal it and reenact useful bits.

Middle East

Lord Carrington clarifies UK's Middle East position for British Jewry who are reportedly reassured.

International

- West German political parties concerned about progress of the Greens.
- Opposition in both Houses of Indisan Parliament walk out after police attack on blind demonstrators.

Other Points

- Sun "exclusive" on deeming - £12 and legislation soon.
- 9 tube stations to close on Friday nights because of violence.
- Outer Circle Policy Unio says Govt. is hindering open government.
- Commons Committee clerk demoted after criticising Min. of Defence.
- <sup>Leon</sup> ~~Ray~~ on Brittan floats £1,000 election deposits and 12½% minium vote.

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