

TUESDAY MAY 24

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TODAY

Michael Foot will be challenged today to reconcile Labour's commitment to establish a non-nuclear defence policy, within the lifetime of the next Labour Government, with the recent utterances of Denis Healey - Guardian (P. 1).

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Francis Pym makes a final pre-election attempt in Brussels today to reach agreement with the other Community Foreign Ministers on the amount of money Britain can expect back from the EEC for its 1983 budget contributions - Times (P. 8).

OPINION POLL

The Tories lead by 18% MORI (Daily Star).

LEADER

GUARDIAN: Mr. Foot should tell us today, in unequivocal terms, whether his Party's pledge on Polaris is absolute or

LEADERS

SUN: Imagine Mrs. Thatcher's next Government will not have one Old Etonian in it perhaps one of the best things to emerge from this election.

MAIL: Mrs. Thatcher has, remember, headed a Government which has invested billions of taxpayers' money to buy time for British Leyland and British Steel to survive the recession and fight back. In an uncertain economic world, where mass unemployment is everywhere, this country has been given a fighting chance. That is the Tory case.

EXPRESS: Tory campaign leaders should dismiss with contempt Labour protests about their "black is British" poster.

MIRROR: National Institute for Economic & Social Research report reeks with gloom Those who vote for Mrs. Thatcher, and later lose their jobs, won't be able to say they were never told.

D. STAR: There are times when Michael Foot dismays even his best friends Now he campaigns for Militant Tendency.

TIMES: Resolution being the watchword of the Conservative Manifesto, the best that can be said for the bit about local government is that it is resolute for drift.

TELEGRAPH: Bomb attack in Pretoria, and South Africa's air strike on Maputo.

| The Sun | Daily Mail | Daily Express | Daily Mirror | Daily Star |
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| FIREBOMB ATTACK ON FAME STAR Leroy is victim | MAGGIE: THIS THREAT TO JOBS | The big grab Labour plans to seize our top companies says Maggie | Di to miss William's birthday | Diana will leave William behind All on his ownio! |
| The Times | Daily Telegraph | Financial Times | The Guardian | Morning Star |
| Thatcher names six firms on Labour 'hit list' | LABOUR IN DISARRAY ON POLARIS Healey demands move by Russia | Thatcher emphasises "threat to freedom" | Party officials contest Healey line Labour to dispel Polaris confusion | South Africa air terrorism condemned |

Premier Margaret Thatcher, at Cardiff, said: "Labour are out to control the daily lives of British people". The Socialist Manifesto contained 47 ways of destroying freedom, including the nationalisation of a major bank if they did not fall in with Labour plans (P. 2).

Michael Foot said that a new Tory Government would waste a staggering £80,000 million on pay and handouts for the jobless (P. 2).

Mrs. Thatcher (ITN) said: "I understand what it's like for a man to search for a job day after day. But caring is not enough. You have to do something about it - and we are" (P. 2).

Premier Margaret Thatcher ran a gauntlet of hate on a visit to the slump-hit factory of Ericson, Bristol. Forty-strong mob of Far-Left Socialist Workers' Party supporters surrounded her, chanting: "Scum" and "We want you - dead"(P. 2).

Michael Foot's open-top bus trip through Leicester took him through virtually deserted streets (P. 2).

Frank Chapple climbed down over his support for SDP candidate at Islington - he joined other TUC chiefs in statement urging "total support" for Labour on June 9 (P. 2).

Lord Hailsham, at Oxford, claimed that Labour's lunatic programme would destroy freedom and turn Britain into a dictatorship (P. 2).

Capital Radio Poll: Quarter of the young first-time voters don't know which Party to support. The poll showed:

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| Conservatives | 34 per cent | |
| Labour | 25 | |
| SDP | 12 | (P. 2). |

Arthur Scargill released a poll saying it showed 63 per cent are against Cruise missiles (P. 2).

Sun's second leader rejects Roy Hattersley's criticism of the Tory ethnic poster. Doesn't Mr. Hattersley believe in equality, too?

Sun's third leader defends David Prior's BSC appointment. Ian MacGregor is not the sort to be influenced by anyone, from the Prime Minister down (P. 6).

Jon Akass: Likely that we will soon be invited to Tame the Tories. The whiff comes from strange and tortured directions - for example, from Tories who yearn for a Thatcher victory, but not, please God, with the 200-odd majority forecast by some polls (P. 6).

BL workers at Glasgow axle-plant delivered massive snub to their shop stewards - by voting to end a two-week strike. They accepted peace plan in row over redundancies (P. 16).

MONK IN A-DEMO

PEACE protesters led by a Christian monk climbed a fence into a nuclear air base yesterday and knelt praying at the end of the runway.

The move followed a service for 80 CND members outside RAF Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire.

Father Timothy Radcliffe, dean of the Black Friars at Oxford, said: "It is only a small gesture but what else can we do?"

THE SUN

Surveys show that many of Britain's 2 million immigrants are turning their backs on Socialist Party for first time. Samir Shah, producer of Channel Four's Eastern Eye, says:

"In the past, Labour relied on getting 90 per cent of the Asian vote. But the evidence is that as many as 20 per cent of the half-million Asian voters are about to change allegiance. This could mean that at least eight marginal Labour constituencies, such as Nottingham East and Oxford East, could now fall into Tory control" (P. 9).

West Indians Paul and Jacinth Romain became true-blue Tories when their Conservative candidate, Neil Thorne, helped them become home-owners in Ilford, Essex (P. 9).

DAILY MAIL

Mr Fair Play

A LABOUR government would appoint a 'Minister of Fair Play' to curb racism, Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn pledged last night. Speaking in the Bristol East constituency he hopes to win, Mr Benn said: 'We shall strengthen the laws against discrimination and launch a major public education programme against prejudice. Labour will have a senior Cabinet Minister responsible for carrying out this policy'

THOSE members of the Daily Mail editorial staff who are union members passed a resolution at an NUJ meeting yesterday alleging that the paper's election coverage had been 'too one-sided in favour of the Conservative Party.'

The Editor, Sir David English, replied that it was unacceptable that the chapel—or anyone else—should attempt to interfere with or put pressure on the Editor on the contents of the paper, for which he alone was responsible.

Mrs. Thatcher, at Cardiff rally, said: "Just when it is clear to everyone that jobs of the future depend on our being part of Europe, Labour wants us to withdraw from Europe. With the same breath that they asked for Nissan to invest here, they threaten to remove a major reason for doing so" (P. 1).

Britain will refuse to license the cut-price People Express airline unless the American Justice Department drops actions against British Airways and British Caledonian (P. 2).

It's not only hotels where jobs are going begging Many more vacancies (P. 2).

Ex-Chief Constable John Alderson, now Liberal candidate for Teignbridge, warned that more riots could erupt in inner cities if unemployment did not fall (P. 8).

Ken Livingstone accused by Tory Alan Greengross of suppressing a report which shows that a Labour-backed job-creation scheme has failed, after allocation of £1 million of ratepayers' money. Mr. Greengross said: "The suppressed report shows that, nationally as well as locally, Labour's claims to be able to create or retain jobs are purely a myth and a callous deception" (P. 8).

Foot's fury over that race poster - the Labour leader accused Mrs Thatcher and Norman Tebbit of inspiring Saatchi and Saatchi to make even more "degraded and dishonest examples" of propaganda in this election than in the last one (P. 9).

Neil Kinnock said world recession was no alibi for the leap in unemployment. In the past four years it had risen by 14 per cent in Japan, 19 in Italy, 55 in France, 65 in the U.S., 91 in West Germany, and 162 per cent in Britain (P. 9).

Britain is on the up and up - forecast by National Institute of Economic & Social Research (P. 9).

DAILY MAIL

Greek Minister of Culture Melina Mercouri is in London - indulging in the gentlest of softly-softly diplomatic missions to persuade Britain to return the Elgin Marbles to Athens (P. 13).

Tory ethnic poster: Boxer Frank Bruno said "I'm British. I just happen to be black" (P. 16 & 17).

Paul Johnson: Labour bosses are furious about the Tory advertisement aimed at the ethnic vote precisely because its slogan puts its finger on their disreputable electoral strategy towards the minorities (P. 17).

House prices on way up - more than two-thirds of 200 estate agents in survey by Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors reported that prices rose by between 2 and 5 per cent in the three months to April (P. 20).

DAILY EXPRESS

National Institute of Economic and Social Research: Growth in 1983 is expected to be 2.4 per cent But next year expansion is forecast to slacken to just 1.2 per cent - making Britain the slowest growing nation among the big seven. Inflation rate is forecast to rise to 8.4 per cent in 1984 (P.2).

NOP survey (for today's Jimmy Young show) of 18-year-olds:

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| Conservatives | 46 per cent | |
| Labour | 36 | |
| Alliance | 16 | |
| Others | 2 | (P. 2). |

Most famous examination - the O-level - should be scrapped, the Trades Union Congress declared yesterday. Instead, children should leave school armed with "personality profiles" to offer to potential employers (P. 2).

Pym toes line over Falklands. Mr. Pym, at Fordham, Cambs, ruled out possibility of talks with Argentina on sovereignty over Falklands (P.8).

Saatchi are told to ease up on 'pensioner' Foot. The most striking - and most provocative - poster of the campaign has been put on ice. Many top Tories afraid it would have reverse effect of that intended (P. 15).

Britain's merchant fleet has been shrinking at the rate of more than two ships a week. That, according to Admiral of Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, could be playing into the hands of the Russians. General Council of British Shipping reveals that by 1985 there will be only 600 vessels in our Merchant Navy, compared with more than 1,600 in 1975, and 868 at end of last year (P. 17).



"As a pensioner, he is better off under the Tories"

DAILY MIRROR

About 84,000 textile workers have lost their jobs since 1979, said union leader Sid Kosky (P. 2).

DAILY MIRROR

Mrs. Thatcher is secretly planning to scrap the NHS and leave the "leftovers" for those who can't afford to pay, claimed G. Kaufman (P. 4).

Tory pledges to sell more than 2 million council houses will mean higher taxes, rates and rents to meet the £40,000 million it will cost, said Neil McIntosh, of SHELTER (P. 4).

England's oldest Labour Club, in Otley Road, Bradford, has banned Bradford North's official Labour candidate, Pat Wall, from using it as an election base (P. 4).

DAILY STAR

Labour leaders plan a dramatic switch of tactics, admitting that their attack over jobs and defence is just not working. To concentrate instead on the state of health and social services and schools (P. 1).

MORI poll (for Daily Star):

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| Conservatives | 51 per cent | |
| Labour | 33 | |
| Alliance | 15 | |
| Others | 1 | (P. 2). |

THE TIMES

Tory ethnic advertisement has been refused space by the radical Caribbean Times, whose Editor, Arif Ali, describes it as "insulting", etc. (P. 1).

Foot fails to resolve rift with Healey over non-nuclear policy (re Polaris) (P. 5).

Geoffrey Smith: The weakness of the Labour strategy lies not so much in its approach to salesmanship as in the goods it has to sell (P. 5).

Labour: 144 candidates will have union sponsorship this time, compared with 185 in 1979 (P. 5).

Thatcher dividing the nation and her own Party, Jenkins says (P. 4).

DAILY TELEGRAPH

CRUCIAL DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN MICHAEL FOOT AND DENIS HEALEY ABOUT LABOUR'S DEFENCE POLICY EMERGED YESTERDAY, with Mr. Healey apparently disowning the Party's Manifesto commitment to a non-nuclear role for Britain (P. 1).

London's lower fares will put £81 million more on the rates (P. 2).

Telegraph's second leader: present campaign, which is largely a contest between rival advertising agencies (P. 16).

Rodney Lord on the Socialist recipe for buying success at the future's expense What Labour would do to the pound in your pocket (P. 16).

FINANCIAL TIMES

Nobody can accuse the Alliance of lacking policies for small businesses. Their Manifesto offers the most specific promises of the three Parties (P. 12).

DAILY SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES 6

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23/24 MAY

TIME:

PROGRAMME:

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| 1800 | BBc1: NATIONWIDE | PRIME MINISTER |
| 1400 | ITV: AFTERNOON PLUS | CECIL PARIKINSON |
| 0730 | TV-AM | NIGER LAWSON |
| 1100 | CENTRAL TV | MICHAEL HESELTINE |
| 1900 | CHANNEL 4 FORUM | PETER WALKER |
| 0730 | BBc: AM | SIR KEITH JOSEPH |
| 1000 | BRADIO 2: JIMMY YOUNG | DR RHODES ROYSON |
| 0700 | RADIO 4: TODAY | JULIAN SAMWAY [FCS] |
| 1230 | BBc RADIO WALES | SIR GEOFFREY HOWE |

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SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY'S PROGRAMMES ON RADIO AND TV

DATE: 23rd May, 1983

Broadcasting today focussed on two stories. First, the Saatchi's "Labour says he's black. Tories say he's British" slogan, and the supposed repression of one of two NEDC reports and the MSC report.

Of the specific issues, unemployment and race relations were covered. On Newsnight, the Rt. Hon Norman Tebbit, the Rt. Hon. Peter Shore and Cyril Smith debated the relative merits of all the Parties' industrial relations strategies.

Despite continued allegations by Labour spokesmen that the Government has covered up a gloomy economic forecast on unemployment, the opposition parties seem to have done only averagely well, making little impact. Vincent Hannah on Newsnight (BBC 2 11.00pm) scotched ideas of any cover up by saying that two of these reports were already available. The first NEDC report was not released by the consent of all members, including Mr. Len Murray.

BROADCASTING DIGEST FOR: Monday, 23 May 1983

PROGRAMME

COMMENT

ITV TV AM

Main stories were the possible complexion and composition of the next Cabinet. Focused on supposed differences between the Prime Minister and Rt Hon Francis Pym.

Pensions - National Pensioners' Convention published report says that in Britain pensions are lower than anywhere else in Europe

Racial equality - the Saatchi's poster.

Philips and Drew report predicts further contraction of public expenditure should Conservatives be re-elected.

Defence - extracts from interviews last week from Rt Hon Michael Heseltine, David Owen, John Silkin.

David Steel has said this week's campaigning is "make or break" for the Alliance.

Mgr Bruce Kent has likened apathy of Christians to the bomb to apathy of Christians in Hitler's Germany.

There was an interview with Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson.

South Africa has carried out retaliatory raid on ANC bases in Mozambique.

BBC 1
Breakfast Time

Main features were Saatchi's poster campaign "Labour says he's Black: Tories say he's British". (South Africa attack on ANC bases in Mozambique - a retaliatory attack for Friday's car bomb in Pretoria.) Roy Hattersley accused Conservatives of "innately racist" campaign. Reshowing of Newsnight interviews with Patrick Mayhew and Roy Hattersley.

Philips and Drew Forecast public expenditure cut-back, probably of £500-1000 million. Pressure on interest rates

Silkin on defence. Spending on nuclear defence should be spent on the Navy. Reshowing of interviews with Silkin, Owen and Rt Hon Michael Heseltine.

Latest opinion polls suggest Lib/SDP Alliance could be wiped out.

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PROGRAMME

COMMENT

BBC R4
Today

Ethnic election poster - Mayhew from Newsnight, Hattersley - dishonest, pious nonsense.

Steel on the Alliance - have to work, things are looking good.

Discussion on race: Raison, Hattersley.

ELECTION CALL
BBC1 AND RADIO
4
9.05 - 10.00am
DAVID STEEL

Said the credibility gap had been breached by SDP MP's ministerial experience.

GB needs an incomes policy - would legislate to introduce statutory norms on salary increases.

Full employment unlikely in the near future.

"Battlebus" is Belgian - British model not available. He said he was against unilateral nuclear disarmament, but he welcomed the peace campaign. Advocates free vote on capital punishment, but he would vote against it. He accused the Govt. of having a poor record on race

relations. The Saatchi's advert was in poor taste ("Labour says he's black: Tories say he's British). He stated his opposition to the privatisation of British Telecom. He gave his support to fixed parliaments of four years and proportional representation. Power to be devolved to Scotland, elections based on P.R. The Alliance would also abolish one tier of local government. Wished to give up British veto in EEC for majority voting as a step to political union.

LBC
PHONE IN
BRIAN HAYES

10.00 AM

The issue being discussed today was "Does Margaret Thatcher or Michael Foot combine both the elements of compassion and determination?"

Most of the callers were either unemployed or old age pensioners and most were emphasising the compassion element. Basically, they were Foot supporters.

Tebbit interviewed on Brian Hayes show and then answered telephone calls from callers. Unemployment and the Trade Unions were the main subjects covered.

BBC 1 NEWS
12.30 PM

All main parties' Press Conferences covered.

Jenkins said "If Conservatives win, then their liberal wing is going to be snuffed out".

discussed

NEDC Report again at Labour's Press Conference this morning

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BBC NEWS
12.30 contd.

the other parties for attracting attention to the minority issues because it stresses how the Conservatives are interested in minority groups".

Heseltine campaigning in Midlands.

ITN NEWS

1.00 PM

Lead item South African raid on Mozambique.

Second item : Election.

Headline points out that Michael Foot says he backs all Labour candidates "left, right and centre". Margaret Thatcher denies the Conservatives are "heartless" on unemployment. Roy Jenkins discounts SDP's poor poll performance saying he is personally "buoyant".

Extracts from press conferences: Foot on how Conservative wets are being kept out of campaign or "humiliatingly slapped down".

Tebbit on costing of Labour's programme.

Interviews: Michael Foot denies "old fashioned" issues and claims he has same approach to Williamsburg as Mitterand. Margaret Thatcher lists positive economic policies for high employment.

Campaign trail : Heseltine meets anti nuclear busker who attacks "nasty, rotten, fascist" Conservative Defence Policy.

Constituency profile : Oxford.

BBC RADIO 4

WORLD AT ONE

Brian Widlake : Contended that the NEDC report "leaked" by Neil Kinnock has become the focal point of the campaign at the moment.

Phone in : Moss Evans

Describes the report as giving the UK industrial performance and details of our competitiveness, in order to provide factual basis for discussion.

Claims that the report says we would have to adopt a different industrial approach if we want to increase competitiveness.

Admits that the argument for non publication was that competitors needing the report would be able to identify weaknesses and exploit them.

Claims that report says unemployment unlikely to improve on present policies for next five years

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BBC RADIO 4
WORLD AT ONE
continued.

Claimed that when Lord Cockfield said that the report was "muddled and ill-informed" he did so only on the basis of having read only part of the report. Mentioned two different reports and it was unclear to which one Cockfield referred.

Sir Geoffrey Howe Phone in :

Drew attention to the fact that there were two different reports :- 1. 7/40 - Director General's report. Kinnock interest. (Discussed March)

2. 83/18 - Meeting 11th April. This has already been published.

As far as the March meeting concerned, Moss Evans was not even present. TUC must be desperate. Wrong to say Government suppresses report as Kinnock says. The committee agreed that the report needed further consideration and consent of TUC. It would have been published in due course.

Nothing in the report that says anything about future policies or needing different policies.

Yes, it is gloomy to read. But partly because it refers back to

the past 20 years. UK industrial performance is gloomy in comparison with 20 years ago. CBI said that was gloomy and would help our competitors.

Unclear to which report Cockfield referring. Sir Geoffrey Howe had not been able to contact him (Cockfield questioned some of the trade figures).

BBC RADIO 4
PM
5.00 PM

Candidates out and about - Noel Lewis.

Foot : "Unemployment is number one issue and will be throughout election".

Heseltine in Yorkshire.

Healey and Silkin trying to blur and re-write their manifesto, on the run day by day.

Foot : (Later, hunting votes in Leicester) "Sticking to manifesto....Heseltine should be sent abroad for a time.... the Falklands?"

Roy Jenkins : (in Hammersmith) "Without NATO we would be quite defenceless..."

Jill Craigie : (in Old Kent Road). Dog Dizzy attacked "Michael has a lot of exquisite suits".

Profile : Orkney & Shetlands.

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PROGRAMME

COMMENT

BBC 1 NEWS

5.40 PM

Shore - unemployment the Tories : "the political cemetery that needs to be disinterred".
 Jenkins - government's fatalist now.
 Mrs. Thatcher - if we could produce genuine jobs we would.
 Kinnock - the "perjured alibi" of the recession, the secret police force of unemployment.
 Tory advertising.
 Foot in Leicester and Nottingham - "degrading", attacked Nationality Act.
 Parkinson - it sets out our record and Labour's failures.
 Prospects for all depend on the economy.
 Steel - Tory record on discriminating against families.

National Front manifesto.
 Heseltine visit to Bradford.

ITV NEWS

5.45 PM

Lead Items : South African raids on Mozambique; Prison riots at Albany; Labour and Conservatives "have another go at each other over unemployment".

Election main story: exchange of alleged costs of three million unemployed. Extracts from Peter Shore and Margaret Thatcher at press conferences. Stills of Neil Kinnock and Norman Tebbit. Brief exchange of figures over costing and Labour's programme. Roy Jenkins says Alliance confident of recovery.

On tour: Margaret Thatcher in Bristol and Cardiff. Pictures with children and shop floor.

Michael Foot in open air campaign double-decker bus which goes under low bridge. Meets people and attacks "callousness of Thatcher-Tebbit Toryism".
 David Steel: flattering portrait of tour of Merseyside where he talks to school children about his childhood days.

BBC RADIO 4 NEWS

6.00 PM

Poll for BBC (Jimmy Young programme tomorrow) 18-21 year old voting intentions.

Conservatives 10% ahead, 15% had no voting intentions. (Cons. 46% Lab. 36% LIB/SDP 16%) "Unemployment their first interest, nuclear weapons second."

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COMMENT

BBC RADIO 4
NEWS
continued.

The Ethnic advertisement. Foot "degrading". Steel "tasteless". Brixton voters interviewed.

Dominic Harrod BBC re. Neddy Report: "nothing should surprise anyone in this report unless they have listened to/seen/read NO news for weeks".

NEWS
Channel 4
7.00pm

Ministers worried by ominous signs that interest rates might rise in the USA.

Interview with Sir Geoffrey Howe: Intro headline - what hope he offers for the unemployed?
NB Channel 4 News summary after this interview loaded quote "Sir Geoffrey Howe ... could give no promise that mortgage rates would not rise after the general election"

Profile: Birmingham, Ladywood - Tories' first Asian candidate - lady canvassing in traditional Asian dress.

All three party morning press conferences covered. Their "new campaign strategies decided at weekend meetings clearly showing".

THE VIRGIN
VOTERS
Radio 4
7.20pm

On the views of young people towards politics and the General Election. Particularly featured those factors which influence the way in which youth votes. Youth views expressed particularly on nuclear arms and employment. In answer to poll question "what issue is most important" nuclear arms came a distant second to unemployment. Just over a third said Tories and just under a third said Labour had the best defence policy. Poll for Jimmy Young programme gave 15% would not vote/did not know/would not say. Of those who answered, 46% Conservative, 36% Labour and 16% Alliance. Poll taken only among 18-21 yr old voters.

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BBC 1
PANORAMA

8.10 PM

COMMENT

Programme centred on interview with Roy Jenkins.

Run through of Alliance policy programme concluded with analysis of opinion polls showing that 22.5% are don't know which are the Alliance's target.

Robin Day asked Jenkins about Alliance strategy and Jenkins claimed that Labour votes are much softer, Labour can't win and therefore that is the vote Alliance is targetting on.

Roy Jenkins claimed that next Thatcher government would be remarkably right wing and when asked by Day "is Mrs Thatcher more right wing than Ronald Reagan?" Jenkins replied "Mrs. Thatcher is a great deal more determined than Ronald Reagan".

Talking about an increase in the PSBR Roy Jenkins claimed that the Government is planning to spend £8b but would overspend to £10b and Alliance is only planning to spend £11b.

Jenkins was asked if Alliance would get Union co-operation. He did not reply other than to say Alliance believes in Trade Union strength and in secret ballots for Trade Union members.

Jenkins claimed that inflation will not stay at the level where it is and that an effective incomes policy would keep it low. Jenkins claimed that although unemployment has increased because of the world slump the going rate for the U.K. is 2M and 1M should be blamed on Mrs. Thatcher.

Jenkins claimed advantages in proportional representation but Robin Day asked if Jenkins wanted an Irish Republic system of voting. The reply was "I prefer to talk about West Germany".

On defence, Jenkins responded to Day's comment that the Alliance policies are confusing by talking about not going ahead with Trident and extending Polaris. Day said that Polaris would cease to be of use in the early 1990's but Jenkins claimed it would still be operational in the late 1990's.

On the Common Market Jenkins agreed with Day that he supported Mrs Thatcher's battle for fairer treatment of the UK but claimed that he did not support her tactics. Jenkins rejected Labour's policy of withdrawal from the Common Market on the grounds that it would be damaging

for unemployment. On Williamsburg Jenkins said he wanted three things :-

- a) Co-ordination of world economies.
- b) Economic expansion.
- c) Support for the Third World.

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BBC 1
PANORAMA
continued.

In concluding Day referred to the unity of the country over the Falklands conflict and Jenkins found himself forced by Day to pay tribute to "Mrs. Thatcher's determination and leadership".

Day made the point that there won't be many Tories coming over to you.

Overall impression was that the programme was not exciting.

ITV WORLD IN
ACTION

8.30 PM

Walter Cronkite's Campaign Trail.

First of his two reports. South London marginals with Owen: "we have to smash their voting habits - the old habits die hard."

Cronkite : "Old fashioned methods? Does meeting the candidates make any difference?"

Thatcher manifesto conference. Cronkite : "Thatcher was particularly impressive, cool, collected".

Wales : Michael Foot : "She may dare to come to Wales need a special bodyguard that bodyguard.. who else.. Secretary of State Nicholas Edwards.... I'd rather trust to luck don't want to frighten her away when she comes if she does". Referring to unemployment as a whole "will she please give us a list of places that beckon".

Peace womens' candidate - standing in Henley against Heseltine "Why is he not prepared to meet me?"

Heseltine "oldest trick in book. Issued that challenge myself in GOWER and gaining publicity at first election I fought".

BBC NEWS

9.00 PM

Dimbleby said campaign is a one issue campaign with the principle issue being the complex one of unemployment. Comment made about "NIESR Report" about to be published stating that economic growth would fall away next year. Peter Shore extract from Press Conference claiming that Government is concealing information and asking how much more unemployment can we expect.

Extract from Jenkins' Press Conference attacking "Mrs. Thatcher's fatalistic view on unemployment".

Interview with Geoffrey Howe followed by extract from Mrs. Thatcher's speech in Cardiff covering points about caring, understand and stating "that it is not enough to care but one has got to do something". Extract from Foot speech hitting at "Thatcher Tebbit Toryism", where he claimed it had no comprehension or concern.

BROADCASTING DIGEST FOR: 23rd May, 1983.PROGRAMMECOMMENT

BBC RADIO 4
THE WORLD TONIGHT
10.00 PM

Main political story was again unemployment though it was stated that Geoffrey Howe's speech on the cost of Labour's plan was pulling the debate away from unemployment.

The other main political feature was engendered by the Conservative poster courting the black vote. Michael Foot attacked the "raw callous brand of Conservatism". A new report in the economic review says that in two years time unemployment will be down to under two million, and by the end of the decade it will be one million. The claim was made that the

political complexion of the Government made little difference.

NEWS
ITN
10.10pm

Prime Minister in Cardiff "they will nationalise socks" and interview with Alistair Burnett with emphasis on unemployment.

Tory advert. Foot in East Midlands.

Mori poll for Daily Star: Conservative 51%, Labour 33%, Alliance 15%.

Interview with Michael Foot: "I must say what they are suppressing are the unemployment figures. I think the reason why they won't talk about their future is because they want people not to read, for example, this NEDC report which makes such appalling prophecies about the future of British industry". Also on Williamsburg - "we would be able to co-operate with President Mitterand and I think we should be co-operating with them." Also on his support for Militant candidates.

Steel: "What kind of Conservative Government would it be if Mrs. Thatcher had a runaway majority and Mr. Pym is not the only Conservative voter to be extremely concerned at the prospect. He knows that reaction breeds counter reaction and such a Conservative Government is in fact the only hope that the extreme Left have in this country for persuading people to vote for it. Mrs. Thatcher and her appetite for total power could yet prove the Marxists secret weapon in Britain. "

Interview with Jenkins repeated, Lord Hailsham in Oxford, Mr. Heseltine campaigning, Healey in Scotland, E. Powell

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BBC 2

NEWSNIGHT

11.00 PM

Main feature was the Conservatives proposed industrial relations legislation. Mr. Neil Kinnock said that the Tories were indulging in their favourite bigotry. There were interviews with Norman Tebbit, Eric Varley and Cyril Smith. Subjects discussed were the political levy, the closed shop and future legislation. There was an analysis of past Tory industrial legislation.

Other stories included the debate over the supposed suppression of the NEDC reports and the MSC report. Vincent Hannah concluded that there had been no cover-up.

Michael Foot said that there is no sign from Mrs. Thatcher or Mr. Tebbit of the "slightest personal responsibility for presiding over the worst, incomparably the worst, unemployment figures this country has ever seen".

Mr. Jenkins said that Mrs. Thatcher would make a better PM than Mr. Foot.

Mr. Pym was reported as saying that the Governemnt were maintaining the safety of Falklanders and any talk of Fortress Falklands was absurd.

~~The latest Mori poll gives the Conservative an 18% lead. Figures were Conservatives 51%, Labour 33% and Alliance 15%.~~

Mrs. Thatcher's speech in Cardiff was well reported.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS FOR CABINET MINISTERS & MINISTERS AND OTHER
SPEAKERS

TUESDAY 24th MAY

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| John Mackay | Port Charlotte School, Port Charlotte, Isle of Islay | 7.00pm |
| John MacKay | Barmore Hall, Barmore, Isle of Islay | 8.00pm |
| John MacKay | Port Ellen Hall, Port Ellen, Isle of Islay | 9.00pm |
| RT HON WILLIAM WHITELOW | Community Centre, Astley Village, Chorley. | 7.45pm. |
| RT HON GEORGE YOUNGER | Doonfoot Primary School, Alloway | 7.00pm. |
| RT HON GEORGE YOUNGER | Heathfield School, Ayr | 8.00pm. |
| Kenneth Baker | St. George's Church Hall, Barnett, Wood Lane, Ashted, Surrey. | 8.00pm. |
| Rt Hon Edward Heath MBE | Newcastle Polytechnic, Ellison Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne | 12.20pm. |
| Rt Hon Edward Heath MBE | Hurworth Comprehensive School, Hurworth, Darlington | 6.40pm. |
| Rt Hon Edward Heath MBE | Hummersknott School, Hummersknott, Darlington | 8.00pm. |
| RT HON NORMAN FOWLER | Walmley Library, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield. | 8.00pm. |
| * Linda Chalker | Paget Rd School, Erdington. | 8.00pm. |
| RT HON SIR KEITH JOSEPH BT | Fulham Cross School, Munster Rd, London SW6. | 7.30pm. |
| RT HON SIR KEITH JOSEPH BT | Hounslow Town Hall, Treaty Rd, Hounslow. | 8.30pm. |

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SPEAKERS

TUESDAY 24th MAY (continued)

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| Rt Hon Michael Jopling | Details from D. Stringer COA, GLA 32 Smith Sq, London SW1. Tel: 01-222 9000 Ext 2721 | |
| RT HON CECIL PARKINSON | Visit Mitcham & Morden/Richmond/ Barnes. | a.m. |
| Patrick Mayhew QC | Chesterton School, Milton Road, Cambridge. | 8.00pm |
| RT HON PETER WALKER | Victoria Hall, Lampeter, Wales | 4.00pm |
| RT HON PETER WALKER | Caernsws Village Hall, Newtown Wales | 8.00pm |
| RT HON NICHOLAS EDWARDS | Bassaleg Comprehensive School, Newport, Wales | 7.45pm |
| RT HON MICHAEL HESELTINE | Rally, Derby Playhouse, Eagle Centre, Derby | 12.30pm |
| RT HON MICHAEL HESELTINE | Rally at George Hotel, George Street, Nottingham | 7.15pm |
| Hon Adam Butler | Booker Ave County Primary School, Booker Ave, Liverpool. | 7.30pm. |
| Hon Adam Butler | Mossfits School, Mossfits Lane, Liverpool. | 8.15pm. |
| Allan Stewart | Montgomery Hall, Eaglesham, Glasgow | 7pm. |
| Allan Stewart | Crookfur Pavillion, Ayr Rd, Glasgow | 8.15pm. |
| Sir Henry Plumb | Visit Ventnor, Arreton, Newchurch, Newport, Freshwater (Isle of Wight) | 9.30am - 7.30pm. |
| Rt Hon Sir Michael Havers QC | Campaign HQ, 30 School Rd, Reading | 8pm. |
| Rt Hon Baroness Young | Solent Court Hotel, Ryde, Isle-of-Wight. | 7.30pm. |
| Dr Rhodes Boyson | Mortimer Jones Hill School, Tring | 8.45pm |
| RT HON SIR GEOFFREY HOWE QC | Lesser Albert Hall, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, Scotland | 1.30pm |
| RT HON SIR GEOFFREY HOWE QC | Conservative Central Office, 3 Chester Street, Edinburgh. | 3.50pm |
| RT HON SIR GEOFFREY HOWE QC | Conservative Club, Bourtree Place, Hawick, Scotland | 6.00pm |
| * Lynda Chalker | Earl of Crewe Hotel, Nantwich Road Crewe. | 12.45pm |

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SPEAKERS

TUESDAY 24th MAY (Continued)

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| Peter Rees QC | Temple Ewell Village Hall, Temple Ewell, Kent | 8.00pm |
| Kenneth Clarke QC | Nantwich Parish Hall, Nantwich, Cheshire | 7.30pm |
| John Stanley | Longmead County Primary School, Tonbridge, Kent. | 7.45pm. |
| John Stanley | St. Stephen's Jnr School, Tonbridge, Kent. | 8.45pm. |