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Prime Minister ②

The report at X is uncared. There is no meeting tomorrow. It arises from a misinterpretation of Mr MacGregor's remarks at Press Conference, where he said

" We were asked whether the NCB was prepared to meet the NUM without preconditions. We agreed and arrangements were made. NUM could not agree to withdraw preconditions. Scargill then announced that we had refused to attend talks. NCB were willing and remain willing to talk on bases originally agreed "

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PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS REVIEW AT 6 P.M.

A .TOP-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN COAL BOARD AND NATIONAL UNION OF MINeworkERS SECRETLY ARRANGED FOR TOMORROW CAN GO AHEAD, SAID N.C.B. CHAIRMAN IAN MACGREGOR, REVERSING AN EARLIER DECISION.

...LANCASHIRE MINERS WHO HAVE CONTINUED TO WORK IN DEFIANCE OF THEIR UNION'S STRIKE CALL ARE BEING SUSPENDED FROM N.U.M. MEMBERSHIP FOR FIVE YEARS, AREA EXECUTIVE RULED.

...AS HUMBERSIDE AND YORKSHIRE DAY OF ACTION IN SUPPORT OF MINERS WENT AHEAD DESPITE MR LEN MURRAY'S WARNING, SEAMEN'S LEADER JIM SLATER SAID THE TUC LEADER WS "UNDERMINING MINERS' STRUGGLE".

...NATIONAL UNION OF SEAMEN ARE TO CALL A 48-HOUR MID-WEEK STRIKE BY 7,000 FERRY MEMBERS IN PROTEST OVER PRIVATISATION OF SEALINK. DATE OF STOPPAGE IS STILL TO BE ANNOUNCED.

...A PRISON OFFICERS' LEADER WARNED THAT INADEQUATE STAFFING AND SPENDING CUTS COULD RESULT IN MORE JAIL ESCAPES ON THE SCALE OF LAST YEAR'S MAZE PRISON BREAKOUT IN ULSTER.

...EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ECONOMICS AND ENERGY MINISTERS WILL HOLD EMERGENCY TALKS TOMORROW ON EFFECT OF DISRUPTIONS BY GULF SHIPPING ON EUROPE'S OIL SUPPLIES.

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