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BROADCASTING DIGEST FOR: JUNE 1st, 1984

PROGRAMME

COMMENT

<p>BBC 1 SIXTY MINUTES 5:40 pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Orgreave violence.</u> 2. <u>Unemployment:</u> underlying trend upwards. 3. <u>Botha visit:</u> Mrs Kinnock hands in letter to Downing Street. Short interview. ANC Press Conference. 4. <u>Hattersley -</u> Party will fight next election on more realistic programme. Manifesto has a key role in maintaining party unity in the next year.
<p>ITV NEWS 6:0 pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Balfe and Pat Healey,</u> Labour Euro-candidates, have pulled out of a meeting with Sinn Fein. Shirley Williams had condemned the proposed meeting. Ken Livingstone was also to meet Sinn Fein. Visit may now be cancelled.
<p>Radio 4: PM 5:0 pm</p>	<p><u>Included interviews with PM and Roy Hattersley,</u> who said "Mrs Thatcher should offer a reflationary package." <u>Botha visit:</u> Interview with Mrs Kinnock, who said "Botha will be presenting a better public image, one that Mrs Thatcher and Selwyn Gummer have fallen for."</p>
<p>Radio 4: Any Questions? 8:45 pm</p>	<p><u>Judith Hart</u> on miners' dispute: Condemns violence but "Government culpable of something eventually damaging the fabric of our society".</p>
<p>ITV: News At Ten: 10:0 pm</p>	<p><u>Kinnock's</u> strongest condemnation yet of picket line violence "no place for missiles"...or"other acts of violence." <u>Extract of interview with PM</u> on Interest Rates. <u>ITN jobs survey,</u> more losses than gains. <u>Botha visit:</u> condemnation by Steel and Kinnock. <u>British A-Bomb Test:</u> David Alton attacks Government's inaction; that ex-servicemen cannot sue the Government, he says is wrong.</p>
<p>BBC 2 Newsnight 10:25 pm</p>	<p><u>Examination of Economic situation.</u> Confusing situation in city. Disappointing Unemployment figures. Interest rates set to rise. Lack of confidence in City. City thinks that Government is losing grip on economy. Govt. must act according to experts. Credit squeeze necessary. Interview with Sir Douglas Wass. Very cautious remarks. Suggests that Chancellor should make reassuring statements to calm the markets. <u>Cruise Missiles</u> Dutch decision , a postponement not a cancellation, says Dutch Prime Minister. He hopes it will reverse the arms spiral. Interview with Mr. de Vreis, leading Dutch Christian Democrat. Denies that Dutch are letting down NATO. Americans are reported to be disappointed with Dutch decision.</p>
<p>ITV NEWS 5:45 pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Miners' strike:</u> Violent disturbances at Orgreave coke plant. One man seriously injured. A mine in Scotland is in danger of collapsing through lack of maintainance. 2. <u>Unemployment:</u> Down 23,000, but seasonably adjusted up 17,000. 3. <u>FT Index:</u> Up 27.6. 4. <u>Interest Rates:</u> Prime Minister calls for cut in international Interest Rates. 5. <u>Post Office:</u> Union rejects pay offer and plans industrial action. Cost of stamps to increase in Autumn.

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5:45 pm contd.

- 6. Cruise Missiles: Dutch Government puts off decision on their deployment. If the Russians have not withdrawn any SS20s by December 1985, the Netherlands will deploy some Cruise missiles by 1988.
- 7. Preview of Reagan visit to Ireland.
- 8. Olympic Games: East German swimmer depressed at Olympic boycott.

CHANNEL 4 NEWS

- 1. Miners' strike. Violence on picket line.
- 2. Cruise Missiles: Dutch putting off decision on deployment. The issue has been overshadowing the European election campaign in the Netherlands, with Christian Democrat/Liberal coalition divided. Interview with Dr. Paul Rogers of Bradford School of Peace Studies, who suggests that delay might encourage Russians not to return to Disarmament negotiations. Also speculates that British Government might be persuaded by NATO to take more missiles.
- 3. Opinion Poll: CND Poll shows that 78% support nuclear freeze and 66% think that President Reagan is not seriously trying to stop arms race.
- 4. Interest Rates: President Reagan says Interest Rates should fall in next few months. Prime Minister warns that higher interest rates internationally would damage economic recovery. Declines to comment on current interest rate situation.
- 5. Unemployment: Underlying trend up.
- 6. European elections: In most countries they are a referendum on parties in power. Report on situation in West Germany. Free Democrats in difficulties.
- 7. Olympic Games: Report on reaction in East Germany.

BBC 1 NEWS
9:0 pm

- 1. Miners' strike: More violence on picket line. Mrs Thatcher says strike may go on for some time. Mr. Kinnock condemns violence. "No place for missiles, etc. on picket line".
- 2. Reagan arrives in Ireland.
- 3. Cruise Missiles: Dutch Government delays deployment of Cruise Missiles. It warned Moscow that Deployment would go ahead if Soviet Union continues to Deploy its missiles.
- 4. Mr. Botha's visit: Mrs Kinnock hands in petition of protests at 10 Downing Street. Says that Government's invitation to Botha is an "insult to UN". African National Congress says visit is a big propaganda coup for South Africa. GLC holding exhibition of "whites only", "blacks only" type Apartheid signs.
- 5. Unemployment: Underlying trend up for 5th month in row. Labour spokesman, John Smith, MP says "figures give lie to Conservative claims of economic recovery". No statement from Tom King.
- 6. Economic Summit: Prime Minister expects no dramatic breakthrough, Main issues: international indebtedness, high interest rates, East/West relations and the Gulf.
- 7. Post Office: Stamp prices to go up. Postmen's Union rejects pay offer. Industrial action likely.
- 8. Gulf: Report on difficult situation of Gulf oil states. Few tankers are daring to enter the war zone at the moment.