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MAIN NEWS

Some attention to the power struggle between Gorbachev and Ligachev after Yeltsin's TV attack on Ligachev.

Government to toughen up community service regime - convicted youngsters will have to do manual work.

Rhodes Boyson calls for privatisation of NHS with State ensuring everyone can pay insurance. "Anything less will be half-hearted tinkering", he says.

Another - third - Parkinson's disease patient given brain tissue transplant.

Nationwide clampdown on unemployment benefit fraud has saved taxpayer £55million.

So many head teachers are leaving on early retirement that LEAs are having difficulty replacing them.

Bishop of Gloucester, Chairman of Synod's Board of Social Responsibility writes to you to say that the country is threatened by injustices such as poverty, unemployment, victimisation. Unrealistic to think needs of the poor can be met by acts of individual charity. John Selwyn Gummer accuses the board of deliberately seeking confrontation.

Times leader says anyone who read the speech must surely wonder whether the letter writers did? They read into it what they supposed you said or meant.

Only two contenders expected for leadership of SLD - Ashdown and Beith - Today describes the election as "one long yawn". Mail says Derby Day much more thrilling.

OECD says there is no case in the near term for any further depreciation of the dollar.

NatWest says economic growth rate will slow to less than 3% over next 5 years but faster than our main competitors.

Some adverse reaction by shareholders to TV-AM dispute with ACTT at company's annual meeting.

Two sites emerge as front runners for national nuclear waste dump - Sellafield and Dounreay.

Courtaulds strike-bound in North-West in biggest pay dispute in textile industry for 40 years.

London Underground seeking to slim labour force by 700 over 5 years - Frank Dobson MP, "absolutely astonished" - and chairman and chief executive to split his job, bringing in outsider as MD.

Sir Ian MacGregor appointed head of North American branch of Trust House Forte.

Lewisham suspends 3 council officials in financial scandal over pensioners' club backed by £100,000 of ratepayers' money; 40 old people left stranded in Caribbean after cheque bounces.

Lord Alport tables new amendments to Education Reform Bill to give ILEA stay of execution.

Scottish Office planning to hire advertising agents to promote its corporate image.

Tumbledown - Scots Guard Officer wins 12 second cut in BBC TV play which could identify him as a coward. Mail leads with Falklands retreat by BBC. John Stokes MP calls it "another example of the BBC stabbing the nation in the back".

"Mirror" stokes it up with a front page lead quoting former Scots Guards complaining of official indifference encountered by himself and others.

Sixty MPs sign a Commons' motion calling on BBC to screen Ian Curteis's "The Falklands Story".

Mixed reviews by TV critics.

Tam Dalyell wants Scots Guards to be given right of reply.

World Jewish Congress claims Waldheim's unit caused thousands of deaths in Yugoslavia.

Heysel Stadium in Brussels to be demolished.

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, to close for 3 years from 1993 to allow £100million redevelopment of building and surrounds.

Denmark to adopt more conciliatory tone towards NATO as Schluter moves to form minority government.

Independent says Dukakis and Jackson are moving cautiously towards a common Democratic front.

Conor Cruise O'Brien, in Times, thinks Dukakis looks like the next President.

Ed Meese hints that he may resign as US Attorney-General.

SUMMIT

Star - with picture - Toddler disarms Ronnie: President's meeting with boy in Red Square.

Sun - Health fear as Reagan falls asleep at lunch. Talks may be too tough for him.

Mirror - Summit missile talks in deadlock. US is blamed for snags.

Today - Reagan on race for missiles ban; leader says there have been many power plays in Moscow but the difference now under glasnost and perestroika is that we see what's going on. This is the most hopeful sign yet.

Express - The Butch and Sundance Show - Gorbachev says it's time to force the pace towards a START agreement. Pravda snipes at Reagan over human rights; leader counsels caution over a START agreement; there is no reason for haste - if the Superpowers want a treaty they will get one. The real danger is not loss of momentum but getting an unsatisfactory treaty.

Mail - Summit leaders battle on for arms treaty.

Telegraph - 'Evil empire' jibe withdrawn by Reagan. Moscow spring stirring breath of freedom, students are told.

Guardian - Reagan blesses 'Moscow Spring' but talks falter.

Independent - Reagan praises Gorbachev's reform plans. 'Moscow Spring' fails to smooth progress in arms control talks. Trivial pursuits mark summit of substance; leader thinks the emphasis the President has placed on human rights is open to question. Will persistent nagging do more harm than good to the dissidents' cause? Those like Ligachev who believe Gorbachev has gone too far too fast will be inclined to make capital out of Reagan's crusade and that will not enhance Gorbachev's prospects or those of the dissidents.

Times leads with Summit yielding pacts on arms, arts and space. New friendship goes on parade.

FT - Summit arms control report will aim to boost talks in Geneva.

TUMBLEDOWN CRITICS

Express - a fine play about the obscenity of war - in all its aspects.

Mail critique is headed "A failure ... this ghoulish film". It failed in the end to deliver any kind of comprehensible message one way or another. If the director was trying to get across the message that the South Atlantic war was wrong he either lacked the skill to do so or the courage to articulate it clearly.

John Keegan, in Telegraph, argues that the film says more about the people who made it than its stated subject. "Making mock o' uniforms that guard you while you sleep", is, as Kipling reminds us, one of the cheapest forms of emotional self-indulgence.

Guardian critic says the film is scarcely about Thatcher's war, not about politics and never questions the rightness of sending the Task Force. With remarkably few changes it could be seen as a hymn to soldiers' courage.

Independent - It is Charles Wood's best play.

Times - a fiercely compelling war film and the greatest anti-recruitment commercial since YTV's "The Falklands War - The Untold Story".

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Star leader welcomes plans to introduce tougher community service for young thugs. It must be enforced by strict supervision.

Mirror says the proposals are not as tough as they sound. Home Secretary isn't threatening real graft - he's indulging in political grafitti.

Express says the public suspects that at the moment community service is a soft option. The effects of the new rules must be rigorously monitored to see that the desired aim is being achieved.

TELETHON CONTRIBUTIONS

On Labour Party objections to giving £1million away in pension benefits because of index of retail prices mistake, Sun praises Government's imaginative gesture in a good cause. It is ironic whining is led by Healey who took "more from the people than anyone else in history".

Express says the Government should have asked Parliament to see if it agreed with such a gesture with money which belongs to the taxpayer.

Mail finds one portion of very sour grapes in the Telethon that raised £22million - Labour's criticism of Government's £1million donation.