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Main Newspaper Stories

George Bush chooses 41-year-old Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana as his running mate. President Reagan delivers valedictory speech to New Orleans convention.

Long-haul BR commuters face big fare increases, some as much as 50%.

US trade deficit rises sharply to \$12.5billion in June as imports surge.

OECD's annual review of UK economy says it is growing at an unsustainable rate and calls for control of domestic spending.

Chancellor insists booming economy is still on course; and hits out at credit card companies.

Nurses agree to resume pay talks. Edwina Currie interrupts Yorkshire holiday to recapture initiative.

Nelson Mandela has TB, according to his lawyer.

Mintel market research company finds evidence of widening North/South divide; but Londoners are caught in 'affluence trap' of earning high salaries but yearning for rural peace.

AEU calls for suspension of TGWU from TUC over single union deal with Coca Cola.

Prison Officers' Association threatens to widen dispute with directives to 100 prisons instructing members not to accept new admissions.

Cliff Richard reveals, in 'Woman' magazine interview, that Prime Minister helped waitress clean up spilled prawn mayonnaise at No 10 reception attended by Prince and Princess of Wales.

Malcolm Turnbull is to publish his inside account of the Spycatcher trial in Australia.

DES publishes working party reports on maths and science standards for the core curriculum; but Kenneth Baker stresses need for traditional teaching methods.

IRA escapee, Robert Russell, is to be extradited from Southern Ireland after his appeal was thrown out by Dublin Court of Appeal.

General Zia of Pakistan and US Ambassador Arnold Raphel killed when military plane exploded minutes after take-off from Bahawalpur, 330 miles south of Islamabad. We issued the following reaction from the Prime Minister:

"I was shocked to hear of the death of President Zia and others in an aircraft accident today.

"His death comes at a critical time. President Zia had won the admiration of the world for his support for the Afghan people following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and especially for his hospitality to the three million refugees who poured into Pakistan.

"Our deepest sympathy goes to the people of Pakistan and to the families of all those who died".