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Up to 90 per cent of the 100,000 London based civil servants to be dispersed to regions. Blue print for the future - prepared by the Department of Employment - now being considered by Treasury.

Bush campaign appears to have weathered crisis over Mr Quayle's entry into National Guard instead of service in Vietnam. National poll published in US indicates that issue will not inflict lasting damage.

Norman Fowler urges restraint in pay settlements.

Inflation rate rises to 4.8 per cent with no sign of break in upward trend.

Robin Cook doubts Labour's election chances "It would be a bold claim to say that Labour could leap in one bound from its present position to a clear majority in the Commons but we could achieve a hung parliament".

Peace deal at Holloway. Prison Officers Association to put Home Office's latest offer to their 250 members as soon as possible.

Dr Maung Maung elected President of Burma.

Jaguar to eliminate 1,200 jobs over the next 3 years.

Building Society loans reach an all time record of £5.4 billion in July.

DTI appoint inspectors to investigate the affairs and dealings of Rotaprint, manufacturers of property equipment.

Suggestion from 'Government advisers' that £700 million project to computerise Social Security payments will be handed over to a free standing agency by April 1989. Private contractors to play a major role.

Sir Frederick Ashton, founder of Royal Ballet, dies aged 83.