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Main Newspaper Stories

Prime Minister has cleared the way for Post Office chiefs to bring in private firms to keep letters moving if the threatened nationwide postal strike goes ahead this week.

Government expected to establish a high level intelligence "supercell" reporting directly to security chiefs and Tom King (Sunday Telegraph article on the role of the media in Northern Ireland). Much speculation about other measures which are to be adopted.

IRA terrorist Robert Russell successfully extradited from the Republic to Northern Ireland - outwitting demonstrations at the Border.

New York police marched side by side with IRA supporters yesterday in Northern Ireland to mark 9th anniversary of Lord Mountbatten's death.

3 SAS men are believed to be implicated in an investigation concerning pistols found in a raid in Croydon last November.

Nigel Lawson pictured in most papers doing the family shopping: he is roundly criticised for his conduct of the economy. Fears that the uncertain financial situation could lop half a billion ~~off~~ expected proceeds of £2.5 billion from privatisation of British Steel. Fear of 13% base rate. Discussion of how consumer demand can be checked.

Poisonous cargo of toxic Italian waste expelled from Nigeria is heading for Britain in the hope of disposing of it here.

Government has threatened to bar American oil companies from further exploration and development in the North Sea if a Bill before the US Congress which would impose harsh sanctions on companies dealing with South Africa, becomes law.

Tories take 14% lead in polls despite growing concern over economy.

Sebastian Coe has told senior Tories he would like to be a Conservative MP. Prime Minister is said to have a high regard for him.

Dutch scientists say a rogue virus rather than pollution may be killing seals in the North Sea.

Allegations that GCSE examination results were rigged by awarding a predetermined high percentage of candidates top grades, are to be investigated.

9000 police on standby for Notting Hill Carnival.

A detailed survey of alcohol abuse in Britain is to be launched this week - as part of a package of measures agreed by the Wakeham Group on Alcohol Misuse.

Observer 'exclusive' on the re-emergence of death squads in El Salvador.

Lech Walesa invited to 'official talks' with Polish leaders about industrial problems - paving the way for an official meeting with Prime Minister (Sunday Express) when she visits Poland.