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Main News

Raising of interest rates has effect on retail trade, according to CBI survey.

Chancellor being urged to raise mortgage tax relief ceiling but to cut level of relief to standard rate of 25%.

Labour demands inquiry into allegations that British Aerospace is to close Royal Ordnance and Rover plants to make £1billion by selling off land; <u>Independent</u> claims public were shortchanged by £500million on privatisation.

Trial of Heysel Stadium disaster accused begins in Brussels today; may last 6 months.

Speculation that Barlow-Clowes report will let DTI "off the hook".

Speculation that media interviews with IRA and supporters are to be banned; Mail says Sinn Fein should be proscribed.

Man killed in booby-trapped car in Northern Ireland after shooting dead of UDA man in what is believed to be Loyalist paramilitary feud.

<u>Star</u> says IRA are shopping in arms market for American Stinger missiles.

<u>Express</u> says 999 calls are to be privatised - and police welcome it because of drain on resources handling false alarms.

Piper Alpha living quarters raised from North Sea; on way to Orkney for police search. Oxy pay out to relatives expected to be worth £100million.

Today says British Coal's management proposing a management-worker buy-out; <u>Times</u> says coal privatisation will be key factor in next General Election.

Teachers want 19% pay rise.

Angela Rumbold studying MORI poll which shows an appalling level of ignorance in Britain.

Joe Haines, in <u>Mirror</u>, says there never was a plot against Harold Wilson outside the crazy mind of Peter Wright, a self-confessed liar.

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Lord Hailsham calls for contracts of employment for Security Service agents which require their lifelong confidentiality.

<u>Telegraph</u> says all members of the Security Service may be required to assign their copyright to the Government.

<u>Sun</u> attacks appointment of Head of Crime Squad to investigate how photograph of Royal Family appeared in the newspaper. It asks if it is right that the forces of law and order can be mobilised at the whim of the Establishment over a single snapshot when there is so much crime to fight.

Soccer fan dies in clashes after Shrewsbury v Walsall match.

Louts destroy 7 oak saplings planted after storm at Sevenoaks.

Claims that Royal Navy destroyer which cost £60million and was damaged in collision in Gulf is to be rebuilt at cost of £100million.

<u>Mirror</u> claims that a poodle was given heat treatment at Birmingham Health Clinic while thousands queue for it in the NHS - an outrage.

 $\underline{\text{Today}}$ continues to demand Government action against cheating estate agents.

Row over Conservative Central Office's £2.5million profit on dealings in its Smith Square property lease.

Clive Jenkins retires early from MSF Union to work on environment from Tasmania. Communist Ken Gill takes over.

Michael Meacher promises to give sacked GCHQ workers their jobs back if Labour wins office.

Union militants refuse to allow Ark Royal to enter Melbourne harbour.

Most EC Foreign Ministers inclined to participate in Moscow human rights conference.

President Zia's fatal plane crash was probably due to sabotage, according to experts.

Foreign-Secretary explains in $\underline{\text{Mail}}$ why we are sending Vietnamese boat people back.

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South African Rugby Union leaders agree with ANC that South African rugby should be controlled by non-racial authority.

President Botha visits Ivory Coast in further attempt to break South Africa's diplomatic isolation.

Yugoslavia's Communist Party meets today as crisis overtakes country.