

PRESS DIGESTPRIME MINISTERGULF

USA says it will not be ready for war for 2 months because of supply difficulties.

UK Govt to announce sending of a tank brigade today.

Guardian, picking up Neue Zurcher Zeitung interview, says you raised the temperature by suggesting that it would be difficult to avoid long term commitment of foreign troops in the region.

Iraqis drag Manchester man, dying of cancer, from plane taking him home - no exceptions.

Horror stories from those returning from Kuwait of looting, arson and violence.

UN agrees formula to allow in humanitarian food supplies, subject to UN confirmation.

Express says Hussain is ready to mount a dirty war against West involving assassination, airline attacks and germ warfare!

Today attacks the performance of Lynda Chalker at a refugee camp and says you should keep her at home.

GULF COMMENT

Mirror claims that while troop reinforcements go to the Gulf the world has virtually abandoned the poorest, most pitiful victims of Hussain's aggression. It calls for an emergency organisation to help the UN led by Ted Heath who, it says, has done more than anyone to bring the world's attention to this great human crisis.

Express on Syria's addition of 10,000 troops and 300 tanks to forces ranged against Iraq says this will perhaps encourage some of our Europartners to contribute more to the securing of oil supplies.

Independent makes the point that sanctions are made to hurt and the more they hurt the more they are likely to achieve their aim. But the UN does not have the stomach for making them absolute. Exceptions are inevitable but there is a danger Hussain will believe sanctions are weakening. If he comes to withdraw from Kuwait it will be because he believes the alternative is military defeat.

PRESS DIGEST

Times says the effect of humanitarian food supplies would revive morale among Iraqi troops. If food sanctions go, Hussain will stay.

ECONOMY

Unemployment up sharply by 22,300 in August. Robert Jackson says big pay deals are costing jobs. Telegraph says the downturn is gathering momentum and could lead to a recession.

Guardian says rising unemployment has returned to the political agenda.

Guardian leader on today's rise in inflation says this is where the Govt came in (10.3%) in 1979. After 11 years of what Denis Healey called sado-monetarism we are back where we started.

Times leader calls for a cut in interest rates. If the Chancellor acts now he could stave off a painful recession. If he waits now he may find his own party's electoral prospects as badly damaged as the British economy.

Rolls Royce to lay off 600 at Bristol because RAF cancels order for 33 Tornados.

Volkswagen takes over Trabant.

After Commons report, Mail calls for drastic improvements in data collection behind Index of Retail Prices.

Alan Walters, on TV, says he is now frozen out of No 10.

LAMB WAR

Riot in Nevers, Central France, against British food imports after French Agriculture Minister promises emergency compensation for imports.

EC

David Owen backs your idea of the nation state as the best defender of democracies. He comes out against "the folly of an identikit Europe".

PRESS DIGESTUNIONS

Kevin Barron MP tells Scargill it is time to stand down - and put himself up for re-election. Scargill rejects call.

NUM accepts deal with IMO by which it recovers £742,000.

LOCAL GOVT

Newham Council pays foster mother £32,000 in wages after she had ceased to act as such - and now it writes off equivalent of 600 weeks' pay.

David Blunkett MP predicts an average community charge of £450 next year.

POLITICS

Mirror says Govt is looking for ways to cut the number of Scottish seats by 20 and so secure victory at the next election.

Today says you are to restore the old counties and traditional boundaries in a reform of the structure of local govt.

ENVIRONMENT

ICM poll in Guardian shows most people feel the Govt is not doing enough to protect the environment.

EDUCATION

Princess Royal backs return to 3Rs in attack on modern teaching.

WELFARE

No Turning Back Group to advocate private insurance welfare for all in place of State.

MEDIA

Marketing analysts suggest TV-am is second most vulnerable TV franchise to TV South.

LAW & ORDER

Colin Wallace awarded £30,000 compensation from Govt for injustice. Labour MPs want judicial inquiry.

PRESS DIGEST

Porter in court today accused of threatening to kill you.

Left-wing groups selling a 70 page book on rioting and waging war against police.

Manchester police say there is no evidence to justify charges in alleged case of Satan cults and child abuse which has left 36 children wards of court.

10 former inmates committed for trial on Strangeways riot charges.

John Dellow, president of ACPO, calls for national CID.

CLAPHAM INQUIRY

Jury return verdict of "unlawful killing" in inquiry into crash in which 35 died.

Coroner calls for civil health and safety proceedings against BR.

Today says it is totally unacceptable nobody should be held accountable when those allegedly responsible for Zeebrugge are in court.

Express says justice demands DPP gets to work without delay.

Mail - The right decision by inquest. DPP must think again about criminal prosecution. It would be unjust for those responsible for a far greater disaster than Purley to escape scot free.

Telegraph say charges could just as easily bring injustice. What is required is a management shake up.

Independent - As a general rule prosecutions should be brought where there is a prima facie case that management has been grossly negligent.

FOREIGN

26 killed and 100 wounded in hijack of South African train by black bandits near Johannesburg.

Telegraph says that in view of 25 years of pressure on South Africa against apartheid the world cannot now wholly detach itself from the process it has brought about. Some of Mandela's hosts should tell him to talk to Buthelezi.

China has executed more than 500 criminals so far this year.

PRESS DIGEST

Explosion at Soviet nuclear fuel factory released toxic gas in Kazakhstan.