

Apart from the Stansted hijack where the SAS is seen to be either on alert, stand-by or in close proximity

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AMERSHAM

Woodrow Wyatt, Mirror, the price at which the shares were offered was 19 times hoped for earnings and thereby put it at the top of the most famous and long-established companies; the Investors' Chronicle on 12 February said the shares were highly priced.

People says that the unacceptable face of capitalism is laughing all the way to the bank - there must be no more give aways.

Telegraph says neither the Government nor the city can afford all the pictures of the mad rush of profit takers on the newspaper pages; nor can they afford to have an offer fail.

RAIL

Weighell says that up to 10,000 jobs have been put at risk by the ASLEF strike but it was a case of six of one (ASLEF) and half a dozen of the other (BR).

Telegraph says that when the history of BR comes to be written Buckton may join Beeching as one of the great axemen of the net work.

UNION/PAY

NHS workers threaten strikes to break through the 4 per cent ceiling; NUPE threatens whatever action necessary to get a fair deal.

Teeside dockers strike ends after 15 weeks; they accept 6 per cent; Thames barrage gates to be free.

CBI attacks increments for Civil Servants as hidden pay rises.

Express alarmed at Halewoods £2 million lost production when 4,000 strike for the sake of a "lazy, good for nothing Shyster" who had been suspended from work five times for absenteeism - Merseyside is not an innocent victim of economic circumstances but a suicide.

/Hugo Young

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Hugo Young, Sunday Times, says the decline of union power is due to one of your truer perceptions - that if the Government says it is no longer in thrall to the notion that the country is ungovernable without the unions the notion automatically begins to collapse.

INDUSTRY

Observer suggest that the Government will have to pump in much more money if BSC is to stay on its corporate planned course for the next three years.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Mirror takes Mr. Tebbit to task for having the gall to accuse Mr. Benn of putting a time bomb under society by backing disruption by young people - it claims that Mr. Tebbit has planted a megaton bomb which could explode at any time in the form of his economic theories.

Woodrow Wyatt urges some form of national service to encourage families to bring up their children better.

Oberon Waugh, Telegraph, referring to the baggage handlers strike, says that at some point the British public must learn that trade unionism is the great cause of unemployment in this country.

Anarchist takes £5,000 a year job as manager of Hastings Unemployment Advice Centre.

BUDGET

Mr. Healey says the Budget will be a rip off. Everyone needs at least £5 in tax relief simply to stand where they were two years ago and that will cost £5 billion.

News of the World says the Chancellor is thinking of slapping 20p a gallon on petrol.

/Adam Rafael

Adam Rafael, Observer, forecasts a 1p cut in the standard rate to offset increases in Excise duties and a 1 per cent cut in the NI surcharge - all this will produce a Budget less stringent than your speech to the EEF suggested.

Sunday Times, among those floating the idea of linking reductions in the NI surcharge to low wage settlements.

Joe Grimmond, Telegraph, says the Chancellor should try to do something substantial to help unemployment - otherwise he should stop fiddling with inessentials.

Observer, quoting from a survey, says that oil companies have grossly exaggerated their North Sea tax burden.

The Labour Party will unveil its alternative Budget, calling for an £8 billion boost, on Tuesday.

POLITICS

A number of papers say that Mr. Pym is the most satisfied Minister this weekend because he takes the view that he could not have done better had he written your speech for the EEF.

ORC information research poll in Hillhead says that Tory support has jumped 3 per cent to 29 per cent in three weeks and now head SDP 28.5; Labour 28 and SNP 14.

Fred Mulley fighting for his political life today in Sheffield Park re-selection.

Enoch Powell urges people to vote Labour at the next election to get us out of the EC.

Telegraph says the SDP are verging on the desperate to get a Tory MP to defect to them.

Express says Mr. Nott is becoming notorious in Whitehall for his testiness.

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Telegraph says Mr. Nott has made clear to the Cabinet that he is determined to stick to his policy of selling the aircraft carrier INVINCIBLE and scaling down the surface fleet, even though 20 backbenchers are prepared to abstain on the issue.

Sunday Times leader says Britain does not need the Trident which is a first strike weapon; we should keep our independent deterrent but in other ways; if we buy Trident the Government will go down in history as one wholly dedicated to strengthening Britain's defences but paradoxically weakening them.

MEDIA

The new Times deadline now looks to be Wednesday. Observer feature says Murdoch is in trouble in all the countries in which he operates.

Telegraph says ITV has failed in its last-minute attempt to persuade the Government to give the BBC the first two satellite channels, though without prejudice to ITV's involvement.

CONSUMER

Mat Coady, People, asks when will the Government replace Mrs. Oppenheim - is not the consumer to have a voice any more?

HOUSING

John Heddle, M.P., concerned about property speculators making money out of sales of Service married quarters - he says denationalisation falls into disrepute when it falls into the hands of speculators.

RELIGION

Anglicans and Roman Catholics reach agreement on the future role of the Papacy in a united Church.

ARTS

Possibility of a new D'Oyly Carte rising again in the autumn.

/TRANSPORT

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Telegraph says there is a prospect of final approval for the Chunnel being given on 15 March.

LAW AND ORDER

Thorpe holds on to his Amnesty International job but by a narrow vote of the Council; gets frigid reception from delegates meeting.

Senior members of the Prison Service say the Scrubs needs 100 more officers before it can be regarded as properly secure; Observer wants a public inquiry into the Scrubs '79 incident because the Home Office report did not deal with the 7 minutes of violence and Police evidence to the DPP has not been published.

Two Tory MPs - Gardner and Clark - campaign for the right of an appeal by victims of violence against punishment of their attacker where they feel it to be too lenient.

News of the World feature says there will be 3,000 serious crimes a day in this country this year and the penal system is in shambles - some Tory MPs say life in jail is too easy.

News of the World leader says the undignified argument between top policemen and Scarman in public is not going to help our violent crime problem. We should heed Scarman.

John Junor, Express, worries about cases of revenge by the Police against those who make complaints about them and says that while Lady Simey may be a nut she is not a liar.

Ripper's wife applies for legal separation on grounds of unreasonable behaviour to protect her share of the house.

CANE

Teddy Taylor, Express, complains of a widening gap between Parliament and people on law and order which could undermine confidence in our democracy - the best way to start removing it
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would be to advise the Euro Court to take a running jump into the Channel.

People says the Euro judges should don the dancer's cap - the verdict threatens classroom chaos; teachers had the right and duty to prevent little terrors from disrupting school.

Parents of 12 more children seeking compensation from the Government for school assault - fears of an avalanche of claims after the £1200 award to a girl.

Telegraph says that if schools are to be constrained from disciplining children parents must help by doing their job better or accept expulsion on a far more ruthless scale.

Sunday Times says there is no clear evidence that beating restores authority; it allows people in authority to suggest that serious problems can only be solved by violence - we should follow all other countries and make teachers liable to prosecution for assault like everyone else.

St. Saviours; former head of the school says he was not tough enough and finally his authority disappeared.

Liverpool Director of Education says that he will tell parents tomorrow night that the school cannot be operated without their co-operation and if they do not want to give it he is prepared to close it down.

Rhodes Boyson, News of the World, on how to stop thuggery in class - Sir must rule OK?

Sunday Times identifies 11 year old black girl alleged to be the ring leader and says that, while she is no angel, she is not remotely like the monster of the headlines.

INTERNATIONAL

EC: Sunday Times says you are preparing for a show down with the EC over our budget contribution and you are prepared to take it to the brink of collapse.

/South Africa

South Africa: Botha wins a vote of confidence from the ruling National Party.

Poland: Bishops make their most forceable call yet for the ending of martial law but warned that the people must damp down their demands.

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