

PRESS DIGEST

Part II

Law and Order

New investigation into corruption in Scotland Yard to be headed by Chief Constable of Surrey.

Express leader asks how in heaven's name was a man with a record like that of the man jailed for throwing a petrol bomb during the Brixton riots allowed to become a social worker, especially in a children's home.

Observer says Home Secretary should think again about his decision to give the police a new general power of stop and search.

Economy

Ivan Fallon, Telegraph, worries about how we are going to cope with OPEC deficits and a reversal of the flow of money.

Telegraph says Ray Pennock's BICC is an excellent example of a company which has emerged better from the osterity of the last two years.

Kenneth Cork's Insolvency Review Committee recommends new company doctors to staunch the pattern of company failures.

Sunday Times feature says unemployment has risen because we have not created enough new jobs - chief labour will not stimulate the productive permanent jobs we need.

Efforts in the North Sea to save the world's largest oil platform from disaster, as things go wrong during his its emplacement on the sea-bed.

Unions/Pay

Nurses are to be balloted on 6.4 per cent.

TUC will leave MSC if the Government insists on privatising in all the job placement services.

Observer feature on McCarthy says he is more suitable to an era of the social contract and not to the harsh climate of cash limits and free collective bargaining where he looks to be an anachronism.

Labour Law

On the eve of the TUC Conference on the Employment Bill, Mr. Tebbit in the News of the World says it is an attempt to create a fairer and more sensible framework for industrial relations in this country.

Observer says that the more the unions go on the rampage, the greater will be anti-union feeling in this country and the slimmer the chance of a Labour victory^o at the next Election - if you triumph, trades union bashing would start in earnest.

SDP may vote against the Bill when it returns to the Commons.

Politics

Express cross-bencher column wonders whether Mr. Prior would be the man to do a coalition deal on behalf of the Tories with Mr. Jenkins.

Peter Walker challenges you to a just policy to counter and secure the middle ground.

Ronnie Butt, Times, says that over the whole range of life the Government needs to convey the need for personal responsibility if it is to win the next Election.

Education

English teacher at Newcastle school asks pupils to say how they would plan to commit a robbery - police dismayed and amazed.

Local Authorities

Consultants called in by Warwickshire County Council to advise on possible economies recommend no major changes: charge £45,000 fee.

Defence

Soviet doctor at conference says almost half of Europe would be victims of a nuclear war and the living would envy the dead.

Ireland

Observer story says the RUC is driving some to suicide.

Observer leader says no one who knows Northern Ireland will give much for the long term chances of success of the devolution proposals, but the possibility of compromise slightly kinder than for some time; anything that returns a degree of responsibility to the people deserves better than to be rejected out of hand.

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