

Falklands

Optimism seems to have evaporated as Haig talks continue in Buenos Aires and you return to Downing Street.

Meanwhile, pressure on Reagan to back Britain intensifies.

Mirror finds mounting pressure and US anger over Reagan's refusal to back Britain but Henry Brandon, Sunday Times, has no doubt that if Haig's mission fails the USA will join Britain in imposing economic and financial sanctions; he says the White House is becoming nervous about apparently being led by the nose by the Junta.

Winston Churchill, in Express (which reports that Vulcans are joining the task force but without nuclear bombs) says Galtieri has barely a week in which to make a climb-down.

Telegraph gallop poll says 8 out of 10 approve of the decision to send the fleet and a majority support an attack should it prove necessary and a trade embargo while a majority would not support an attack on the Argentine mainland. Majority opinion in Ecuador, Uruguay and Brazil is that Britain would win any battle.

Observer says Mr. Pym has accepted a proposed deal in principle - but this idea is rejected as nonsense by Downing Street.

Military: Daily allowance for men on task force reduced from £4-£1 apparently with the intention of treating everyone the same wherever they embarked - but it causes a row.

Another Merchantman - a North Sea ferry - requisitioned by the Navy.

Sunday Times says we have made up much of our intelligence ground since we were so disastrously taken by surprise; it claims that the Argentine invaders plan to massacre the Marines and kidnap the Governor.

Economic: Schroder Wagg, according to the Observer, transferred its entire Argentine loan book to Switzerland the day before the invasion.

In the Argentine, three British journalists accused of spying are handed over to the police.

Papal envoy delivers message to Galtieri.

Archbishop Runcie tells the Anglican Bishop of the Argentine not to go to the Falklands to persuade the islanders to accept Argentine rule.

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Thousands reported to be fleeing from Comodoro Rivadavia in fear that the British will bomb it.

News of the World says a Nazi scientist, Schurr, has put the Argentine on the verge of producing an atom bomb.

Russians step up grain shipments from the Argentine.

Comment: People; it is not only your leadership that is being tested but Reagan's; he has the power to compel the Argentine to end aggression but so far he has applied only gentle persuasion; if friendship counts for anything in the double dealing role of diplomacy Reagan should be firmly on our side.

Mirror, Britain should ask the UN to take over the Falkland Islands under permanent trusteeship on condition that the Argentine withdraws and that the islanders will be allowed dual citizenship.

Reagan looking like a very bad ally; Woodrow Wyatt says Reagan's failure to back us whole-heartedly is a disgrace - if Reagan does not come off the fence soon the alliance in Europe will go sour.

News of the World, Denis Healey says that if Haig cannot pull off a deal we must go to the UN straightaway - they could provide the authority to replace the invaders.

Express, George Gardiner asks Reagan just whose side he is on.

Telegraph, there must be no bending on two points - the Argentine must withdraw before there are any talks about the future and Britain's title cannot be surrendered in advance under duress; Peregrine Worsthorne says Reagan, sitting on the fence, should realise the extent of the suspicions already aroused by his position.

Observer says whatever proposals Haig brings back to London should be given most careful consideration by the British Government. To allow the crisis to drift into war would switch Britain firmly to the wrong side of the argument.

Sunday Times speculates about the kind of deal we might achieve and says that pretty soon your lever of power will start to bend in your hand.

Other News

Unions/Pay

Express says the Government and British Rail are preparing for a total rail strike which could last for three months; Express leader says McCarthy, that boneless wonder, seems to be doing everything to avoid making a decision.

News of the World says NUPE and COHSE instead of disrupting the Health Service must acknowledge that they must wait for true economic recovery before they can see things getting better.

Militant tendency extremists launching a campaign to get rid of Sid Weighill, NUR.

Education

The People, attacking the NUT's decision to back the abolition of corporal punishment, says unilateral disarmament in the classroom is asking for more trouble not less.

Industry

GEC finds would-be apprentices do not know the Imperial system - they say there are 10" to the foot.

Sunday Times says British Rail is running into an ASLEF-type dispute with Sea Link over new rostering proposals.

Economy: rate of inflation will continue to slow down, as figures to be published on Friday will show.

Institute of Economic Affairs suggests that the black economy could be costing the Exchequer over £11 billion.

Low Pay Unit says you have given the green light for the exploitation of low paid workers by under-mining Wages Council rates.

MSC task group wants an end to the Young Workers Scheme - the Walters scheme.

Housing: Sunday Times says Councils all over the country face the prospect of pulling down Bison buildings because of defects at a cost of £3 billion but the disaster could have been avoided if a report in 1969 had been heeded.

Medical: allegation that two civilian workers at Chatham suffered exposure to radiation without protective clothing because of the transfer of supervisory staff pending closure.

Observer says brain damage similar to that found in alcoholics has been discovered among those taking valium for a long period.

Law and Order

People says a growing number of dangerous cars are coming on the roads because of a boom in the sales of MOT certificates - blanks are selling for £8-25 each.

Roy Hattersley says that police guilty of racism would be sacked under a Labour government and he wants a Labour government to legislate for positive discrimination to help coloured people get jobs.

Chief Constable, Oxford, says community policing is proclur for violence on our streets.

Express says the belief that the full force of the law is deflected when the accused happen to be black has not been

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dispelled by the May trial whatever the judge may have said.

International

Canada: Leaders of Quebec boycott the Patriation ceremony and take part in protest march.

Summit: Brezhnev proposes an autumn Summit with Reagan in a third country.

Iran: released a British flight engineer detained for almost a year without being charged.

USA: Anti-nuclear protest spreads and RC Bishops emerging as sharpest critics of the arms race.