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PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

BBC Panorama - Falklands - 8.10.

British journalists accused of spying in Argentine court.

Falkland Islands.

House resumes.

Statement on Future Financial Support for British Shipbuilders.

European Parliament, Strasbourg.

OECD Regional Policy meeting, Stockholm.

Introduction of aircraft for spraying dispersant on oil at sea, Southend.

Players cigarettes up 5p.

European Trades Union Confederation Congress, The Hague.

Association of Broadcasting Staff Conference.

Banking, Insurance and Finance Union Conference, Blackpool.

Scottish TUC Annual Conference, Perth.

AUEW Conference, Eastbourne.

BBC 2 Germans and Argentine Nuclear Bomb. - 9.15.

Statistics:

Retail sales (Mar-prov).

Industrial and commercial companies capital account and net borrowing requirement (4th qtr).

Pay:

Civil Service arbitration hearing.

Mobil Oil Tanker Drivers (TGWU): Further negotiations on rejected 5% offer.

Parliament:

Commons:

Questions: Wales, Industry.

Business: Supply (17th allotted day): Debate on the 1st to 17th Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts in Session 1980-81, and on the 1st to 5th Reports in Session 1981-82, and the relevant Government Observations which will arise on a Motion for the Adjournment.

PRESS DIGESTFalklands

- The main stories come out of Buenos Aires with suggestions of the talks making little progress. This morning's news bulletin confirmed that Mr Haig was to stay there today. President Galtieri again emphasised Argentine's intention to stay in the Falklands. You are reported as having spoken yesterday to President Reagan. The Mail says you told him that it is now up to Galtieri to withdraw. and ruled out the idea of slowing down the British fleet. However the Guardian suggests that Washington thinks we have slowed the fleet to prolong mediation efforts. The Sun leads with Prince Charles' having hired an Argentine-born horseman to look after his ponies.

Political comment

- Political writers report your movements yesterday and speculate about the coming week.
- Financial Times says that you will repeat insistence on Argentine withdrawal but will try to find alternative diplomatic solution if Haig fails. You might also point to US abandoning its neutral position. Signs at Westminster suggest that you might be prepared to accept some form of interim stewardship.
- Times says that you seem to have rejected many of the compromises which have been thought up.
- Guardian says there is increasingly war-like vocabulary from Ministers and officials. However political instructions from Mr Pym are "blockade without bloodshed". Britain does not rule out a new mediator.
- Telegraph says Britain would expect US to impose sanctions if Haig talks fail. It has been stressed that you know very little of what is going on in these talks.

USA

- The New York Times has highlighted the unfavourable comparison between US and EEC attitude.
- Ambassador Henderson has said in Washington that if negotiations break down we should expect US to show which side it is one.

United Nations

- Mr Healey has advocated temporary UN administration if Haig talks fail. The Times says this was quickly rejected in Government circles.

Strategic/Military

- Much space is given to story of RAF developing Vulcans for possible attack on Argentine airfields.
- The Argentine fleet is said to be keeping clear of the MEZ.
- Mirror leads with a story that US submarines are heading for the Falkland Islands with orders to warn off Russian spy ships.
- Cut in allowances for Invincible crew attacked by Michael Brotherton. Sun asks you to put right this "shameful injustice".

Public Opinion

- Gallup says majority in favour of military attack is necessary but also critical of Government for being "caught off guard".

Leaders

- D/Telegraph if talks break down US must say which side it is on. Britain is in the right. Once invaders withdraw we can discuss co-operation with Argentina.
- Guardian principle and reality continually tug against each other. Downing Street will have to edge back still further on form of words preserved over last 3 weeks. If we decide to press on we shall be voyaging into uncharted waters.
- Times Europe's unity on this issue should lead to construction of more coherent European foreign policy generally.
- Mail: We cannot let the Falklanders down. There can be no compromise.
- Express: It look more and more like war. Government and people are ready if necessary.

Economic Aspects

- Central bankers expected today to express concern over British freezing of Argentine assets. FT leader says such measures must remain the exception rather than the rule.

European Community

- Budget dispute will dominate today's meeting between Mr Pym and M Thorn.
- Star says that the next European election campaign will cost about £20m.

Summit

- President Reagan is to study Mr Brezhnev's call for a well-prepared Summit in the autumn but still hopes for a meeting in June.

Other International

- Sinai religious zealots threaten suicide if forceably moved.
- Right-winger Rodriguez Porth now expected to be the next President of Salvador.

Unions/Disputes

- There is agreement between some employers and unions to ignore closed shop provisions in Employment Bill according to Moss Evans.
- Several groups of health workers meet this week possibly leading to fullscale confrontation with Government.
- Dockers plan 24 hour strike on Wednesday against removal of first aid centres.
- Wandsworth dustmen to begin indefinite strike over Council plans for privatisation.
- Civil Service arbitration tribunal starts hearings today.

Economic

- Further fall in RPI annual rate forecast this week.
- Black economy could be costing £11bn in lost taxes according to private forecasters.

Local Authorities

- West Sussex councillor travel from Kuwait 4 times a year for council meetings at £370 per trip.

Housing

- Repairs on system-built council blocks likely to cost £3,000m. Telegraph leader says we know little of real costs and failures of council house building.

Police

- Policemen found guilty of racialism would face instant dismissal under a Labour government says Roy Hattersley.
- Police complain of left-wing bias at Leicester University conference on "Scarman and after".
- Lambeth to consider scheme for lay visitors to police stations.
- Hundreds of police man hours wasted in courts according to police organisations.

Race

- Labour planning a new Commission to investigate ethnic employment practices of companies.
- Ivor Stanbrook to introduce Bill to abolish CRE.

Religion

- Archbishop of Canterbury "dreams of Anglican and RC unity by the end of the century".

Vallium

- Cambridge scientist criticises publicity about possible links with brain atrophy.

Toxic Wastes

- DOE to investigate the extent of dioxin waste dumping in Britain.

De Lorean

- John de Lorean claims to have \$35m financial package to rescue company.

Flatford Mill

- Local protest at farmers' digging large pit near Willy Lot's cottage.

Politics

- MPs and party officials on semi-alert for snap election according to Telegraph.
- AUEW call for black list to outlaw Militant tendency.
- Dick Taverne may stand for SDP in Putney.

Portrait

- Your latest portrait goes on view in London this week. Mirror talks of music while you posed.

ANNEX

Mr Jenkin at Biotechnology presentation, BTG Kingsgate House.

Mr Walker opens Soya Bean Oil Markets, Corn Exchange Building, followed by reception in Tallow Chandlers Hall, London.

Mr Mellor visits the Amey Roadstone Corporation, Shrewsbury.

Lord Mansfield attends opening of Design Council Exhibition, London.

Mr Finsberg visits Barnet Social Service Elderly Home, Barnet. (10.30 am)

Mr Rees addresses British Business Graduates Society Dinner.

Dr Vaughan speaks at World Congress on International Insurance Law.

Mr Raison speaks at Holyroyd College Seminar on a multi-racial society, Manchester. (6.00 pm)

Mr MacGregor at OECD Regional Policy meeting, Stockholm (and 20 April).