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The Weekend: Highlights

Falklands: TEZs come into force; new diplomatic moves; brink of war.

Your Third Anniversary (and Bank Holiday).

Public Sector pay - Review bodies; Civil Servants.

First issue of Mail on Sunday.

- We need to keep our eye on both radio and tv all weekend; extended programmes.
- Especially BBC World This Weekend, and LWT Weekend World, all of whom have bids in for you.
- Content to play them by ear?

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DIARY

Falkland Islands: Start of TEZs noon; Costa Mendez sees UN Secretary General.

Banks discuss Polish debt at London meeting.

Welsh TUC, Llandudno.

Ratification of International Tin Agreement.

Statistics:

Car and commercial vehicle production (Mar-final).

Publications:

British Business - Design Council Awards Feature, Trade Promotions Guide.

Ministers - see Annex

PRESS DIGEST

FALKLANDS

- Press generally see this as D-Day with introduction not merely of our TEZ but also of Argentine's which includes S.Georgia and South Sandwich Islands; Argentines abruptly halts air-bridge to Falklands.
- Argentine reported to have either rejected Haig plan or to have requested clarification; Costa Mendez to see UNSG this afternoon.
- Guardian leaks from BA the Haig plan and says that impression there is that we desperately hope the Argentine will turn it down to save us formally rejecting it.
- You place the onus upon the Argentines and appeal to people to remember that careless talk costs lives.
- Admiral Woodward has been told to shut up by London.
- Mirror says Reagan is set to back Britain and has ordered supply vessels to be ready to sail south; big backing for us in Congress; Council of Europe (apart from Spain) gives us strong support; Cardinal Hume says we are morally justified in reasserting rights by force.
- Parliament papers over the cracks against a background of little optimism in USA.
- Mirror alleges it all started with Davidoff's men having too much to drink, going ashore and shooting deer and running up Argentine flag.
- CBS, quoting USA sources, says we have 90 frogmen on West Falkland.

- Mail feature on respective air power and how Harriers can master Mirages.

In Argentine:

- Sun says Argentines are begging to lose their nerve; massive withdrawals from banks.
- Express reports deepening gloom and sense of oncoming disaster.
- All armed forces on alert for imminent British attack.

In Falklands:

- Refugee Islanders speak, though not the <u>Guardian</u> says all with one voice, about low morale among troops who are hungry; curfew and blackout; soldiers crying like children because they don't want to fight.
- Some Argentine soldiers blown up laying mines.

Economy:

- Venezuela reported to have withdrawn dollar holdings from London to New York.

Sport:

- World Cup, according to $\underline{D/Star}$, in danger of being wrecked by South American boycott if war breaks out.
- Britain/Argentine competing in roller hockey tournament in Portugal this weekend.

International:

- Sweden wants captured South Georgian commander to be questioned about killing of Swedish girl.

Politics:

- Labour left asking you to withdraw invitation to Reagan; suggestion that some Tories support this too.
- Livingstone/Knight journal criticises Foot for being in laughable position over crisis suggests it is in favour of warmongering provided there is no war and of war provided no bloodshed.
- Times says Labour is discovering that Falklands has become issue in local elections and doing Tories good.

Comment:

 $\frac{\text{Sun}}{\text{who}}$: Islanders now threatened by Nazi-type measures - can anyone be left who would be willing to hand over them to Argentines.

Mirror: D-Day for Argentina; in circumstances Commons showed remarkable restraint; Lancaster says these are desperate days for you and you would sound more convincing if you had been against junta before the invasion.

Express: If Haig proposals contain any element which involves a British transfer of sovereignty or carry with them any denial of longer term Islander rights they can't be acceptable.

Mail: Woodward's remarks have not been felicitous; he should remain the silent service - like the edgy, tight-lipped MoD. Lord Buxton in feature says we cannot afford even again to ignore our responsibilities to our fellow citizens, ourselves and our allies; we must maintain a presence in South Atlantic.

Telegraph: Cannot be much time before events take a decisive turn; Govt right to secure implementation of 502 with judicious use of force.

Guardian: Wonders whether we should not arrange for a evacuation of Islanders.

Times: says Government should encourage cross party accord; reveal Haig's proposals sooner rather than later; and if Foot asks for all party talks should respond. We should seek as wide a measure of Parliamentary agreement as possible.

OTHER NEWS

Unions/Pay

- NUR threatens all out strike over redundancies at workshops.
- Norman Fowler turns down union requests for arbitration on NHS pay dispute.
- Armed forces to get 6% (Telegraph says 9%) as well as Civil Servants.
- Royal College of Nursing to ballot members on whether they wish to maintain no strike position.
- Sun journalists stop work for third day running over 5% offer.
- Terry Duffy gets 8% rise to £13,140.
- Mr Waddington sees dockers leaders on Tuesday over threatened strike.

Labour Law

- EEF calls on Government to put off closed shop reforms.
- Sun says while trade union leaders bask Mr Tebbit industry is having unheard of success on industrial relations front.
- ASTMS accuses Legal and General of jumping the gun on Bill by drafting notice to staff warning them of sack if they take industrial action.

Industry

- Marks and Spencer record profit of £222m pre tax.
- Glyn England demands an inquiry into his sacking.
- English Tourist Board attacks hotels who charge guests up to 5 times B/Telecoms price.
- OFT orders Monopolies and Mergers investigation into LEB retailing.
- Hugh Stephenson appointed editor of New Statesman to distress of staff.
- We have enough oil for 50 years and discovery more in Hampshire.

Defence

- Zimbabwe to take delivery of £40m worth of Hawk Trainers.
- David Watt in Times says Mr Nott is still right about Navy.

Local Authority

- High Court rejects district auditor action against Livingstone and Camden councillors for flm dirty jobs pay settlement.

Law and Order

- Thin trees to be planted in Birmingham so muggers can't hide behind them.

- Fire bomb thrown through window at Nigerian student Surrey University lodgings.
- Prison population fell last year but conditions not civilised; more blacks than whites going to gaol and census to be conducted; international terrorists united with London criminals to form gangs in our prisons.
- 10 year sentence for black property owner who stopped at nothing to make money out of seedy flats.
- Lord Denning says 11 year bull's record should be made available to teacher he assaulted in interests of justice.

International

Poland: New underground Solidarity calls for action next month; 15 minutes protest strike in Gdansk shipyard; 1000 political detainees released but no sign of freedom for Walesa and other leaders.

Italy: Police re-open May case after forensic report.

EC: You reject Chancellor Schimidt's approach for agreement on farm prices; <u>Times</u> in leader saying time to be nice to Europe, says we should concede farm price review and negotiate in civilised manner on budget.

USA: Reagan appeals over heads of Congreee to people on Budget.

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Ministers:

- Mr Tebbit meets BAe Group to discuss Youth Training Scheme (10.00am); and addresses Financial Times conference (12.15pm).
- Sir Keith Joseph visits the Girls School, Hitchin, and Alleynes School, Stevenage.
- Mr Howell visits Mersey Docks & Harbour Company.
- Mr Younger meets Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, Edinburgh.
- Mr Walker opens Straw Box Systems Ltd, Sittingbourne, Kent.
- Mr Edwards talks on the Flood Prevention Scheme, Cardiff.
- Mr Whitelaw attends B Division of Greater Manchester Police dinner.
- Mr Jenkin opens new Hellerman Deutsch factory development, Hastings.
- Mr Heseltine speaks at conference on Archaeology and Tourism, Oxford.
- Mr Morrison speaks on New Training Initiative to CTU conference, Flemings Hotel, Half Moon Street. (7.30 pm)
- Mr Channon addresses Writers Luncheon Club, London. (12.30 pm)
- Mr M Roberts attends Under-achievement seminar, Cathays Parks (11.00 am) and visits Tungsten and Carbide, Portmanmore Industrial Estate, Cardiff (3.00 pm).
- Mr Mayhew opens United Kingdom Warning and Monitoring new HQ, Oxford. (11.00 am)
- Dr Vaughan speaks at Hotel and Caterers Association AGM.
- Mr Clarke opens National Association of Family Planning Meeting, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London. (10.00 am)
- Mr Mellor attends the Oil Industries Annual Ball, Grosvenor House, London.
- Mr Lamond visits Racal Decca Ltd, New Malden.
- Mr Butcher visits GEC Electrical Projects, Rugby.
- Sir George Young visits Building Research Establishment and opens Leasehold Scheme for the Elderly at Lesney Park, Erith, London Borough of Bexley.
- Lord Bellwin speaks at official launch of Trafford Park Industrial Council, Manchester.
- Mr Macfarlane opens Tonbridge Angel Sports Centre.