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All English Clubs have been  
banned indefinitely from European

Competitions.

(A separate committee is being set up  
to look at L'pool / Juventus match and to  
consider sanctions).

LINE TO TAKE :

'Govt. and Football Authorities will  
need to have a v. careful look at the decision  
in detail' - Press reminded of Statement tomorrow.  
DUTY CLERK.

Prime Minister

So far, we have had <sup>amended</sup> no report that the  
UEFA meeting has come to a ~~closure~~ <sup>now</sup> (7.15).

We are picking up the question of extradition  
arrangements with Belgium (and Italy). You may  
be interested to see the attached PA report  
of the Attorney General's interview this  
weekend.

Preliminary Home Office advice is that  
there is a treaty with Belgium which  
would cover offences like assault and robbery.  
But officials state the practical difficulties  
in identifying the individuals charged, and in  
assembling sufficient evidence to make a prima  
facie case, may be very great. They will be  
reporting later tomorrow morning. MEA 2/6

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## 'BRITONS COULD BE EXTRADITED TO BELGIUM'

BRITONS COULD BE EXTRADITED TO BELGIUM TO STAND TRIAL FOR THEIR PART IN THE EUROPEAN CUP FINAL DISASTER - THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SIR MICHAEL HAYERS SAID TODAY.

BOTH SIR MICHAEL AND FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR GEOFFREY HOWE DISAGREED WITH A CLAIM BY THE BELGIAN JUSTICE MINISTER THAT UNDER EEC LAW THE CULPRITS COULD BE TRIED IN BRITAIN.

THIS APPLIED ONLY TO OFFENCES SUCH AS MURDER, SPYING, HI-JACKING AND TERRORISM SIR MICHAEL SAID ON BBC RADIO'S WORLD THIS WEEKEND.

HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE EVENTS IN THE HEYSEL STADIUM, BRUSSELS, COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS MURDER.

BUT IF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THROWING MISSILES OR RUSHING ABOUT THE TERRACES COULD BE IDENTIFIED FROM VIDEO FILMS OR PHOTOGRAPHS, DETAILS COULD BE FORWARDED TO THE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES WHO COULD THEN APPLY FOR EXTRADITION, HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, TWO OF THE NINE BRITONS HELD IN BRUSSELS ARE DUE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE EXAMINING MAGISTRATE TOMORROW, AND THE OTHER SEVEN ON TUESDAY. THEY FACE A RANGE OF CHARGES INCLUDING THEFT, RESISTING ARREST, CRIMINAL DAMAGE, AND POSSESSION OF DRUGS.

THE CITY'S PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IS EXPECTED TO REQUEST THE REMANDS PENDING FULL TRIAL, WHICH MAY NOT BE HEARD FOR TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

ONE OF THEM IS ALLEGED TO HAVE ATTACKED A FELLOW ENGLISH SUPPORTER WITH AN IRON BAR AND HAD TO BE PUT IN A STRAITJACKET TO CALM HIM DOWN. HE IS ALSO CHARGED WITH DRUGS POSSESSION.

HE HAS NOT BEEN NAMED, BUT THE OTHER EIGHT, ALL OF WHOM WERE BORN IN LIVERPOOL, WERE NAMED TODAY.

THEY WERE ROBERT MORAN, 25, CHARGED WITH THEFT, CRIMINAL DAMAGE AND RESISTING ARREST; DAVID BENTON, 18, VIOLENCE, ATTEMPTED THEFT; GEORGE DAVIS, 33, AND JOHN AWARK, 30, BOTH THEFT WITH VIOLENCE; JOHN MICHAEL, 19, CRIMINAL DAMAGE, RESISTING ARREST AND THEFT WITH VIOLENCE; STEVEN CONNOLLY, 25, CRIMINAL DAMAGE; JAMES TEMPLETON, 32, AND JAMES PRIOR, 26, PICKING POCKETS.

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Transcript by  
JAMES LEE of:

PROGRAMME ON ITALIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION CONSISTING OF  
AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. BERT MILLICHIP, PRESIDENT OF THE  
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND MR. JOHN SMITH, THE PRESIDENT OF  
LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1 1985

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(VARIOUS PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT STUDIOS: IN BARI, ITALY, THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE ITALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE, MR. MATALESI. IN ROME, THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE ORDER OF ITALIAN REPORTERS, GUIDO GUIDI AND JOHNNY  
ROCCO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF "REPPUBLICA" AND THE DIRECTOR .....  
A MAN FROM THE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT WHO HAS STUDIED THE PROBLEMS OF  
THE RELATIONS BETWEEN AUDIENCE AND THE ACTORS)

QUESTION (FROM ROME)

I would like to ask the President of the English Federation the  
reason behind his decision to withdraw the six English teams from  
international competition. Why did you make that decision involving  
as it were, other teams as well, in addition to Liverpool?

MR. MILLICHIP

We have had, in England, the problem of hooliganism for a number  
of years. We have had problems of exporting our hooligans when clubs  
have been playing outside of England and in particular also with the  
international side.

The events that happened at Brussels were so serious that I returned  
from Mexico City immediately. It is the shortest - in time - 14,000-mile  
trip that I have ever taken in a matter of 36 hours. That was the  
importance that I placed upon the events that happened in Brussels.

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I felt it was so important that I also had to pre-empt any action that would be taken by the UEFA Committee who I understand will be sitting very very soon to make their own decision upon what punishment shall be effected upon English clubs. I anticipate that their punishment could well apply to all English clubs.

QUESTION

What influence had Mrs. Thatcher on your decision?

MR. MILLICHIP

Mrs. Thatcher had no influence whatsoever on that decision, because I did not see her until yesterday afternoon and I announced the decision when I first saw her.

QUESTION

John Smith, what do you have to say?

MR. SMITH

Well, first of all, I would like to express - not only on behalf of Liverpool Football Club, but the whole of our country - the deepest sympathy to the dependants of those people who suffered so greatly. All of us at Liverpool in particular are deeply shocked by those events and after 21 years in Europe we are heartbroken. Our reputation has been ruined in a few minutes at Brussels, and I felt that it was the only thing we could do to immediately withdraw from UEFA competitions for a period of time.

QUESTION

In the series which we presented now on Liverpool, as well as in the Italian newspapers, what emerged was the point that you raised that part of the responsibility on the part of the so-called hooligans who follow Liverpool could be part of the National Front. That seems to be in the papers. That is a sort of extreme right-wing organisational outfit. Do you have any data or material or information to denounce this infiltration of the National Front in the whole affair?

MR. SMITH

It is very surprising that after 21 years of European football, having such an impeccable record as Liverpool has had, that suddenly people should infiltrate and call themselves so-called Liverpool supporters, when we know they are not.

A lot of these organisations -call them National Front or whatever - use football as a platform for their violence, a thing which we thoroughly deplore, but it has been, during the past year or so, a growing menace to our game, and it was because of that and other considerations, that we decided to withdraw.

But more important than anything else, was my determination to recognise the fact that not only the reputation of my club very much at stake, but also the reputation of our country, and that is paramount in my thinking.

QUESTION (FROM ROME)

What measures were taken - what measures could be taken?

MR. MILLICHIP

Well, the measures that will be taken now I am quite certain will be a very much closer relationship between the Football Association and the Government. We have always recognised that there has been a sort of informal partnership between the two bodies, but the Government had indeed new legislation to bring into force which it was anticipated would come into force in the autumn of this year, but having regard to the events in Brussels, it is now considered so important that I anticipate that that legislation will come into force before the commencement of the next football season, and that legislation will give greater powers to the police, give greater powers to the Courts to impose punishments and, I believe, will go a great step forward to enable to find a solution to an intractable problems.

QUESTION

What do you think about prohibiting the charter flights, for instance? Would this infringe civil liberties?

MR. SMITH

The position is so serious that we have to take dramatic measures to stop this menace. I agree entirely with what Mr. Millichip has said. I have every reason to believe that legislation will be brought forward in time for the start of our next season. I also wish to see the abolition of alcohol, which is a contributing factor to our problem.

QUESTION

What about the charter flights, though?

MR. SMITH

There is nothing happened yet about charter flights. This is a newspaper report at this moment of time.

But I would hope that the Government, whether it be an infringement on civil liberties or not, I would sincerely hope that the Government will take active steps to prevent travel agents carrying would-be and possible hooligans, possible people who go looking for trouble - I would hope that they will pass legislation and give powers to the police to stop charter flights from leaving this country purely on a tourism basis.

MR. MATERESI, PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION.

I would like to express my surprise over why the English Federation wanted to determine the period of exclusion from the European Championship. It would have been much better if they had fulfilled their responsibilities by leaving it up to UEFA to decide for how long English clubs should be excluded.

Why did you decide one year and not more, for example, or less?

MR. MILLICHIP

It must be well understood that I returned from Mexico City within a very very quick time after learning of the terrible tragedy in Brussels.

The Football Association wished to preempt what the UEFA might do only because we wish them to understand how seriously we took the terrible events of that night.

You have suggested why only for 12 months? Again, I say it was done in an emergency. We have said that we will not nominate any clubs for this coming season. There is no reason at all why, in the light of events during this next year, we should not take exactly the same position for the



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following year and for ensuing years, until such time as we believe that the football world, the football clubs, have really understood the problems and the responsibilities that they have.

QUESTION

Mr. Smith, how would you answer that?

MR. SMITH

I would say that after 12 months the whole matter can be reviewed by UEFA.

MR. MATERESI

I would just like to remind my English colleagues that it is up to UEFA to decide the period of exclusion. I heard my colleague say that they could decide year by year to extend this period of exclusion. This would mean to go against the regulations of UEFA, so it is really up to UEFA to decide the extent of the exclusion.

MR. ROCCA (ROME)

I would not stop and discuss the sacred nature of UEFA. We acknowledge the merit of immediately and rapidly deciding on that measure and they say it may be extended until the English supporters start to reason, and I hope Mr. Materesi will do something about the Italian supporters. I am here to defend the Italian supporters but I am not here to defend hooligans.

QUESTION

I would like to ask another question, especially to what Mr. Smith had to say: If he agreed in accepting the decision of the UEFA Executive to have the match played despite the fact of 39 victims? Mr. Materesi

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asked the question about the unilateral decision on the part of the English Federation to withdraw and then I add the second question if you agreed on having the match played anyway.

MR. SMITH

I was more than satisfied that we had a very explosive situation and I feel convinced that if the game had not gone on there were all the possibilities of further violence, and that policy which I advocated was vindicated by the fact that during the game there were no disturbances whatsoever and, indeed, at the end of the match, it would appear that both sets of supporters left the ground in an orderly fashion. That might not have happened if there had been no game.

QUESTION

Mr. Smith, but what do you think if the captains of the two teams, instead of announcing that the match would be played if everybody calmed down, if they had said "40 people have died so the match will no longer take place, no sense to it"? Perhaps in that case the people would have been frozen by that announcement, which did not take place, but if the others who had not known what had happened.....I don't know...

MR. SMITH

I do not accept that at all, and as I have just said, the fact that the game was played in an orderly fashion and there was no further trouble supports my view and that of UEFA.

MR. MILLICHIP

I understand that the police officials recommended that the match should be played because of the possibility that there could have been trouble after if there had been an announcement that it was to be abandoned.

QUESTION

What about the friendly match between Italy and England in Mexico City? What do you think?

MR. MILLICHIP

I left Mexico City at a time when we had been unable to contact the Italian officials there. I left in charge, Mr. Wragg, who is the Chairman of the International Committee of our Football Association, and Mr. Robson, who is the Manager, for them to make contact with the Italian Federation as quickly as possible with the sincere hope that the hand of friendship could be handed out.

I would sincerely hope that our two nations can return to normality as quickly as possible and I do assure my Italian friends that I in my position will do everything in my power to achieve that object.

QUESTION

There is still an answer to Mr. Materesi relative to the unilateral decision on your part to withdraw from European competition.

Mr. Materesi says this is a decision which is up to UEFA.

MR. MILLICHIP

He, of course, is quite right. I was not given the opportunity to answer that question before. He is quite right, and the decision taken by the Football Association was in no way intended to take away the jurisdiction of UEFA. We fully understand that UEFA will be meeting, I believe,

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tomorrow, and I fully anticipate that when UEFA meet that they will take into consideration and applaud our immediate decision, self-imposed, but they are quite at liberty - and I anticipate they could well extend the punishment upon English clubs, perhaps more so upon the Liverpool Football Club, for whom I have the greatest of sympathy, because over many many years involvement in European football they have played with an impeccable record and I am very very sorry for Mr. Smith and Liverpool Club. I could have understood it with many other clubs involved, but with Liverpool it was quite astonishing.

MR. SMITH

I agree with that. We are horrified at what has happened, and it was the least we could do to withdraw ourselves from UEFA.

QUESTION

I think that the English decision was made a bit too hastily but justified up to a certain point, because with regard to Liverpool, it is very understandable since Lazio ..... but the other English clubs, they do not come into the picture at all. What is the point of all the other English clubs as well?

MR. MILLICHIP

I am afraid that our hooligans do not attach themselves to one club. That is quite evident from the unimpeachable record of Liverpool over the years.

We were concerned that whichever club was playing in Europe, that a hooligan element would follow, and there was no way in which the Football Association could take that risk and I am quite convinced also that this is the way in which the officials of UEFA were giving consideration to it.

MR. SMITH

I agree with what Mr. Millichip has said.

COMMENTATOR

We would like to thank our British friends very much. They have given exhaustive answers to the questions addressed to them and since it is late we would like to thank them very much.

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KEN LIVINGSTONE - QUESTIONS ON SOCCER VIOLENCE

Transcript taken from BBC Radio 4, Any Questions, 1 June 1985

Q: In view of what has happened in Brussels, what would the team do to knock out this senseless violence in football?

A: I think there are several obvious solutions that come to mind, like clearly, we need very harsh sentencing to try and act as a real deterrent. We need to see the modernisation of a lot of our sports grounds. Part of the problem is that people standing together, pushing, are more likely to get carried away and we seem to spend nothing like enough on decent sporting facilities. A real attempt should be made to ensure that no drink gets in. But this does not provide any excuse for what has happened; I do not think this will really provide the answer. I've heard people saying that this is linked to unemployment. That is rubbish; I mean unemployed people cannot afford to go to Brussels and pay a lot of money to get in to see this sort of game. It strikes me that it is very much linked to the change in culture in Britain, and we have, over the last 20 or 30 years, had an increasing acceptance of violence in society, in all sorts of ways, and we have come to accept it and tolerate it. TV and cinemas often seem to almost generate it, and legitimise it, and a recurrent theme in a lot of our literature, cinema, TV and so on, has been an acceptability of violence carried out for justified ends, whether it is inside or outside the framework of the law. That sort of cultural attitude tends to start to legitimise violence to the young and easily misled people. I think we have to say that if we want to stop this trend, you have to start looking at the sort of material values we set, and we have seen over the last 30 or 40 years a real reduction in the values that matter in society, service to others, involvement in the community, and a swamping of those values of get what you can, can, look after number one, and would not myself write off the fact that there must be a strong link between that and the sort of mindless self indulgent violence that we have seen. I think from the Government on down, we have to set standards that demand people to contribute to the community, so it is not accepted that people are expected to make contributions to the community, it's not just there for them to take what they can out of it, and I think it is a question of changing attitudes.

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UEFA TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION

THE EUROPEAN SOCCER AUTHORITIES ARE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST ENGLISH SOCCER CLUBS IN THE WAKE OF WEDNESDAY'S RIOT IN BRUSSELS WHICH LEFT 38 DEAD.

UEFA, THE GAME'S EUROPEAN GOVERNING BODY, HAS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM JULY TO TOMORROW THE MEETING WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CONFIRM ENGLISH FOOTBALL'S EXILE FROM CONTINENTAL COMPETITION.

THE ENGLISH FA HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED A SELF-IMPOSED ONE-YEAR EXILE FROM EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS FOLLOWING LIVERPOOL'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE EUROPEAN CUP FINAL DISASTER IN BELGIUM.

BUT A UEFA SPOKESMAN SAID: 'WE ACCEPT THAT THE ENGLISH FA HAS MADE A GESTURE, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT WILL INFLUENCE THE DECISION TOMORROW.'

THE SPEED WITH WHICH UEFA HAS ACTED DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR LIVERPOOL AND THE REST OF ENGLISH SOCCER.

THE POWERFUL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL GO INTO SESSION AT AROUND 5PM SWISS TIME, AND BY SUPPER-TIME ENGLISH FOOTBALL COULD BE FACING A BAN OF ANYTHING UP TO FIVE YEARS.

HOWEVER, THE OTHER BRITISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS - SCOTLAND, WALES AND NORTHERN IRELAND - WOULD NOW SEEM TO HAVE LITTLE TO FEAR FROM TOMORROW'S MEETING.

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FOOTBALL'S EUROPEAN GOVERNING BODY, UEFA, HAS BROUGHT FORWARD  
FROM JULY TO TOMORROW THE MEETING TO DECIDE WHAT ACTION TO TAKE  
AGAINST ENGLISH SOCCER CLUBS OVER THE BRUSSELS RIOT.

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## LETTERS

## Responses to the Brussels agony

*From the Chief Rabbi*

Sir, The appalling tragedy in Brussels, which has horrified us all, may merit at least one consoling after-thought.

The quite remarkable acceptance of collective shame for the deeds of some miscreants represents a demonstration of moral solidarity that is as rare as it is significant among the most civilized of nations. Inspired by the resolute example of the Prime Minister, no one in this country made any attempts to vindicate the honour of the nation by the specious argument that only a tiny element of evil men were responsible, and that no blame attaches to the British people as a whole. In fact, religious and political leaders, journalists and ordinary citizens were all united in feeling collectively guilty and disgraced.

How heartening this exceptional response is, testifying to the basic moral strength which distinguishes the British character and the overwhelming majority of the country's citizens. I cannot but contrast this to the callous indifference with which not so long ago many citizens of another European country sought to shed any sense of shared guilt and shame for indescribable barbarities organized and committed for years by an infinitely larger proportion of fellow-citizens and on an infinitely vaster scale.

In Judaism, the acceptance of corporate responsibility has always been regarded as a supreme ideal. Just as acts of virtue by a single Jew are deemed to be a "sanctification of the Divine Name" in which all can take credit, so are public misdeeds of any one denounced as a "desecration of the Divine Name" bringing shame upon all, calling for collective remorse and expiation.

When any part of the human body is afflicted, the entire person is sick. Equally, if any section of society is depraved, all must feel a sense of guilt for allowing it to happen. Evil action should be fought by noble reaction. The British response to the agony of Brussels gives hope that the social cancer will be removed, thus supplanting shame with glory.

Sincerely yours,  
IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS,  
Office of the Chief Rabbi,  
Adler House,  
Tavistock Square, WC1.  
May 31.

*From Mr Paul R. Duffy*

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