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Prime Minister

£50,000 MAN ON THE DOLE

At our meeting this morning you asked me to remind you about this story which appeared on the front page of Sunday's News of the World.

Here it is.

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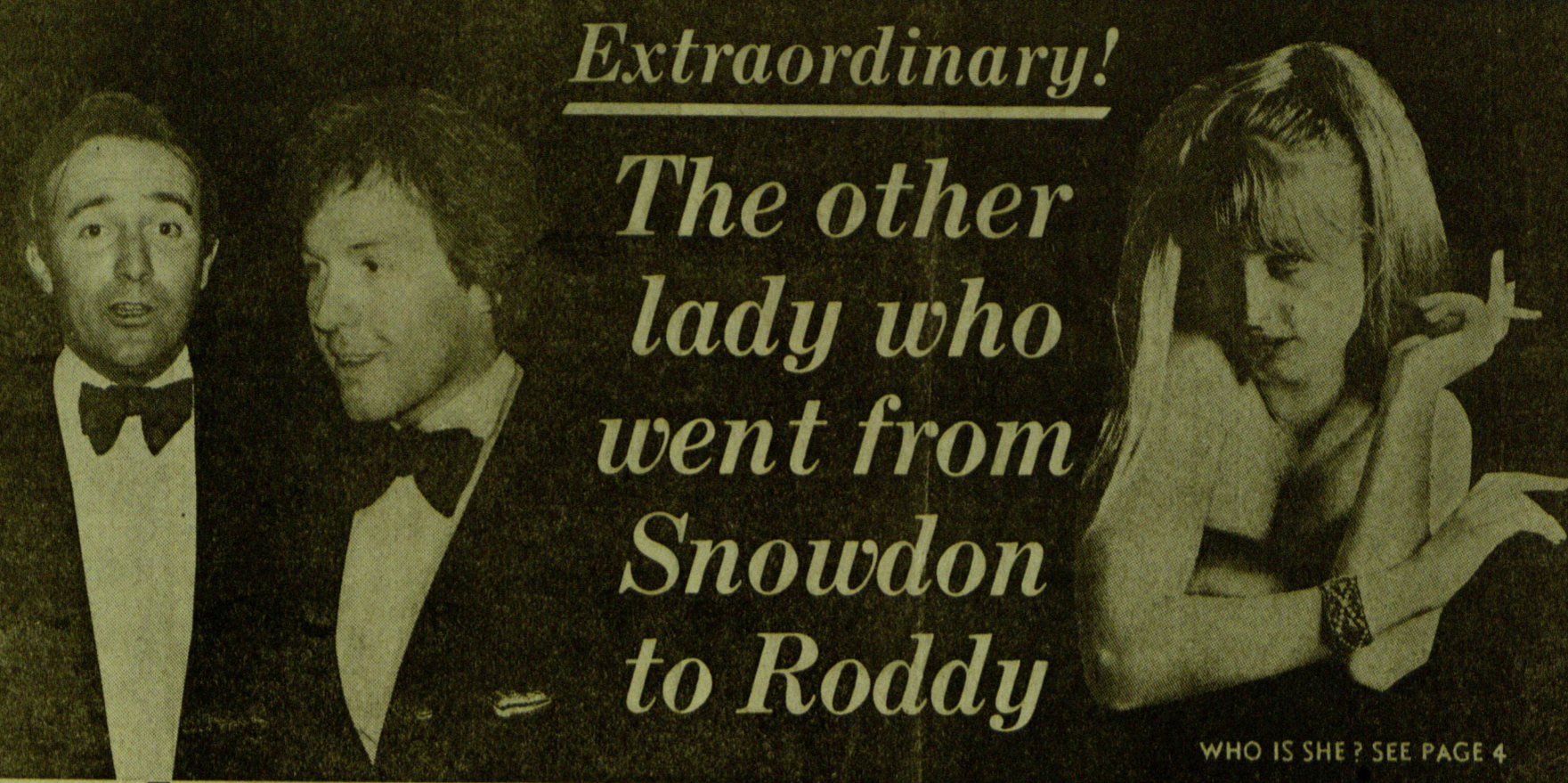
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Ian Gow



EXCLUSIVE

Roddy's brother Dai tells all



Extraordinary!

The other lady who went from Snowdon to Roddy

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AND WHITEFRIAR REPORTS

Facelift for Princess Margaret

PRINCESS MARGARET, 50 in August, will look more glamorous than ever when she is seen on television this Tuesday.

Her recent London Clinic operation for "benign skin lesions" was, I understand, of a cosmetic rather than medical nature. The skin around her chin and jowls was tightened in a minor facelift.

The Princess entered the clinic on New Year's Day and had the operation the next day.

She has had almost a month to recover before her first public engagement of 1980 at the Evening Standard Drama Awards.

This year she may accept her first



MARGARET: Glamour at 50

engagement with her friend Roddy Llewellyn, 17 years her junior.

It is likely to be a semi-public function—possibly abroad. One such possibility was suggested last year and she nearly accepted it.

She and Roddy were to fly to the Cognac district of France in the Hennessy private jet, meet the local brandy bosses, and also visit the Christian Dior factory at Saint-Jean de Braye.

The invitation will be extended again this year.

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SCANDAL OF £50,000

MAN ON THE DOLE

EXCLUSIVE by RAY CHAPMAN and ADRIAN NEEDLESTONE

THE DOLE comes in handy for Andy Kernaghan. Even though he has three houses, collects £200 a week in rent from one of them, and his wife has £50,000 in the bank.

The couple boast that they spend three months holiday a year on the Continent and weekends at their country cottage in Wales.

Yet Mr Kernaghan, 45, still draws £18.50 a week unemployment benefit. When he is not busy with the lodgings he runs for tenants on social security, he is working hard renovating one of his houses which he plans to sell at a handsome profit.

Not long ago he was adding to his income by working as a night cleaner while drawing £31 a week invalidity benefit.

He and his wife Giulia even jumped a 2,000-strong council housing queue by claiming they were living with a ten-year-old son in one room and sharing a toilet, bath and kitchen.

In fact the room was in their own lodging house. We met the Kernaghans after making an appointment to view the six-bedroom house in Goldington Avenue, Bedford, which they have converted into eleven rooms for lodgers. It is up for sale at £25,000.

Mr Kernaghan told us how they met and formed their money-making partnership five years ago. He had been in the building trade after coming to England from Belfast in 1957.

Giulia, a widow from Milan, was renting out rooms in the Goldington Avenue house.

STAYED

"I knocked on the door looking for a room and you can say I stayed," Mr Kernaghan said.

"At the time she was charging just £6 a week for a bed. Most of the tenants were sent by the social security people.

"I immediately got her to double it. I knew social security would pay up, and they did.

"Now we've got the rent up to £12.50 a bed and £15 for the occasional working man we have in.

"In some rooms we have four beds. We never make less than £200 a week and sometimes as much as £300.

"The beauty of it is that the money is there every week. Social security pay it to us direct.

"If you want a tenant to leave that's no trouble. I just tell them to get out. If they won't go, I just put all their things outside the front door.

"Rent Act? I don't know anything about that. If I want someone out, I get them out."

Last summer the couple left the Goldington Avenue house, moved into their new council home — and promptly bought another three-bedroom house in



HANDY ANDY and his wife: "We want for nothing"

Picture by IAN CUTLER

STEEL BOSSES WIN FIGHT TO STOP ALL-OUT STRIKE

By GORDON LEAK and DAVID MERTENS
STEEL bosses yesterday won a last-ditch court victory to stop the strike spreading to private firms.

But an injunction granted by Lord Denning may have come too late to completely avert the all-out strike, due to start at 6 a.m. today.

And there could be chaos at the gates of private steel firms as 60,000 workers seek instructions from their union leaders.

After the hearing at the Appeal Court in London, Mr Leslie Bramley, president of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, said:

"It's impossible to stop row morning. There's no way we can communicate this news to everybody on time. I'm sure that some of the boys will not be turning up tomorrow."

But Mr Bramley added: "We'll abide by the law. We will be considering the full meaning of this judgment."

Lord Denning, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ackner overturned a High Court ruling against 16 private steel companies on Friday.

Declaring a strike in the



DENNING: "Disastrous"

It could, however, take at least a fortnight, and perhaps several months, for the Lords to reach a decision—and in the meantime the injunction stands.

The Appeal Court ruling means that the unions must now call off picketing of private plants and cancel the order to stop steel moving in and out of the country.

The firms' members of the Independent Steel Producers' Association, claimed

cases concerning industrial action.

Mr Martin Flannery, MP for Sheffield, Hillsborough, and Mr Roy Hughes, MP for Newport, weighed in with calls for Lord Denning to be "put out to grass."

And Mr Bob Cryer, MP for Kelghley, said he would table Commons questions to the Attorney-General.

Denning faces the Labour fury

LABOUR lawyers and MPs last night bitterly attacked Lord Denning's ruling on the steel strike.

Fierce criticism came from the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, representing more than 500 legal experts.

Secretary Jeremy Smith said: "Pro-employer decisions on industrial disputes by Lord Denning have time

and again of late been set aside by the House of Lords.

"Yet once again, he and his Appeal Court colleagues have intervened against peaceful industrial action by workers in furtherance of a legitimate dispute.

"Trade unionists have lost faith in the impartiality of the courts in

a total strike would have "catastrophic consequences."

Many would have been forced to close and several thousand jobs lost. British Leyland and Rolls-Royce would have been severely affected.

At yesterday's hearing Mr Alexander Irvine, QC for the companies, said:

"The object of the strike is to coerce the Government into changing its policy.

"Union leaders make no bones they have a political quarrel with the Government."

Yield

He added: "There's a great deal of evidence to show that the union members in the private sector don't want to strike.

"It's clear the object is not to make the British Steel Corporation pay out money they haven't got, but to force the Government to yield to the union's demands."

Tory MPs now expect Employment Secretary Jim Prior to toughen up the Employment Bill, currently before the Commons, without delay.



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