

PRESS SUMMARY: SATURDAY 11 JULY

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RIOTS

Violence, looting and attacks on police in twelve cities and towns overnight.

Special Branch search for 4 masked men believed to be behind riots in London, Liverpool and Manchester.

Brixton: Ten-year-olds set police car on fire; looting by white skinheads and black youths; journalists and cameramen attacked. Livingston, GLC Leader, at anti-Nazi meeting, described SPG as "Clint Eastwood gung-ho World War II group and says they murdered Blair Peach.

Southall: 1500 on rampage.

Dalston: Petrol bombers out. Mob knock over mother and 18 month old baby.

Liverpool/Moss-side: Mr. Whitelaw and Mr. Prior in speeches put ^{emphasis} access on need to create jobs; trouble in another part of Liverpool from Toxteth; soldier who pelted police with stones in Manchester jailed for two months.

Midlands: Wolverhampton shops wrecked.

Hull: Rival gangs of whites fight in City centre.

PM vows 'we shall overcome' at Parliamentary Journalists dinner.

General view that you did not go to Liverpool yesterday because you were advised not to do so by local leaders; Mirror says Conservative leader cross you did not turn up.

Mr. Whitelaw bans marches in London for a month.

Shirley Williams says Militant Tendency has set up two training schools in Brixton and Toxteth.

Comment

Express says police must be allowed to operate without one arm tied behind their back - they need Riot Act.

Guardian says Riot Act, water canon and fining parents amount to evasion of central problem which, unless treated, will defeat the police and threaten the very root of democracy.

Malcolm Rutherford, FT, says it is unnecessary and not rational to say that all this week's events have been caused by economic policies; the danger is that we shall take ourselves into a crisis.

Mail says only one-third of 292 arrested during initial Brixton riots have been dealt with in the courts and not one has gone to prison.

LAW AND ORDER

A Broadmoor killer goes missing on outing.

Parkhurst prisoner stabbed to death by another prisoner in jail.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Troops pursue three IRA masked men at McDonnell's funeral; two wounded; six arrests.

Michael Alison in the USA tells the media that hunger strikes^{es} are like kamikase pilots. We are dealing with convicted terrorists; expresses some optimism about the possibility of a settlement.

Talks between Republican Foreign Ministers and FCO suggest that Republicans see relations between the two countries being damaged if there is no solution to the hunger strike.

Unionist MP says EC money must be lost in cross-border smuggling being used to finance the IRA.

UNIONS/PAY

Civil Service unions say they are going to sabotage X registration of cars from 1 August but Government source claims that alternative arrangements have been made with private computer firm;

Telegraph says left-wingers have effectively taken over the running of the dispute.

NALGO branch at Sandwell votes unilaterally to leave closed shop agreement.

Gas: The one-day strike to go ahead on Monday but there will be further talks before more prolonged action.

BTB to take National Dock Labour Board to court for ruling that dockers on unofficial strike cannot be suspended.

Press Association staff settle for 12 per cent.

INDUSTRY

Esso to put 8p on a gallon next week; Sun follows Daily Star in putting up price 2p; Ford car prices to go up 5.5 per cent on 21 July.

Bowater Paper Mill at Ellesmere Port to be reopened by Canadian firm.

British Airways seek more rapid run-down of staff to cut costs.

Telegraph says gas showrooms are ex-directory.

ECONOMICS

Times says Treasury forecasts presented to the Chancellor show no sign of economic recovery and unemployment heading for over 3 million; average earnings to go faster in next pay round.

FT leader says that the task facing the Government is to demonstrate in a way which will survive the next economic upturn that there is a link between excessive pay increases and lost jobs.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Director of Walsall Social Services appoints unqualified wife to £5,500 job.

Mr. Younger prepares reports to Parliament on action to be taken against three overspending local authorities.

Mail says that even in the annals of social work, the reasons given for preventing a happy couple from adopting a child must stand alone.

POLITICS

Geoffrey Smith, Times, says your performance this week, especially in the PPB, has not been impressive; you tend to be too strident and defensive to meet the needs of a fearful society.

ROYAL FAMILY

Jet strays into low level flight path of helicopter carrying Prince Charles.

Royal Wedding: will not be seen on South African television because the choir is unionised and Equity bans the transmission of material to South Africa.

INTERNATIONAL

New Zealand: Rugby Union decide the Springbok tour to go ahead. Commonwealth left in some confusion.

Poland: FT says that a shift to a free market and free competition is being proposed at next week's Party Congress; threat of all-out airline strike from 24 July if workers not given a say in choice of boss.

India: Mrs. Gandhi says they will not manufacture nuclear weapons even if Pakistan does.

EC: settlement of lamb war presented as a defeat and retreat for the UK.