



PRIME MINISTER

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P.M.S.BUTTER SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION

You saw a minute by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on this subject last week. You also saw, I think, the reports in the press over the weekend which appeared to confirm that negotiations were going ahead for a sale of butter and which reported the criticisms made by the Minister of Agriculture of the proposed sale.

The Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr. Gundelach, called on Mr. Walker this morning. He denied that any special deal was taking place for the sale of EEC butter to the Soviet Union. He said that it was possible that some small ad hoc sales were being made, but was certain no major deal was under negotiation. It followed that the reports in the press about Mr. Gundelach having intervened to block the sale were equally incorrect. Mr. Gundelach commented that an exactly similar story had been run in the press about the same time last year. It had equally little substance then.

The foregoing, while welcome news, does not of course affect the issue of principle with which you have difficulty and which you have said you would like to pursue further at some stage, viz that the only way to stop a major sale to the Soviet Union would be to suspend export refunds and that the UK are unlikely to get sufficient support in trying to do this.

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The unions' official position is that they already have an agreement on new technology and are not aware of any problems with it or with overmanning. But the events of the week—the management's five-point plan was revealed on Monday—suggest they are now prepared to modify that position.

Insurance plan

The idea is so absurd if they really mean what they say, but puts the strike weapon in a new context and we shall have to examine the details.

Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of the National and local Government Officers' Association, said that the plan would be impossible to work in the public sector and there were a great many disputes here already.

armoury if persuasion fails and many unions are likely to go it alone.

In a party political broadcast last night Mr Prior said: "There has been a lot of talk this week about conflict between the Government and the TUC."

"But it's not a question of conflict. The country doesn't want conflict. The shop floor doesn't want conflict. That's very clear from the public opinion polls that have been published this week. No one is spilling for a fight."

In an interview on commercial radio last night, Mr Prior said he was trying to think of ways in which pickets would not face prison if they practised "secondary picketing." He said he did not want to make martyrs but added: "If people are really hell-bent on obstructing the law of the country, then there is no alternative but to put them in gaol."

lowered evidence that a cover-up of the ground floor was locked at the time of the fire. He said: "In the event, this did not

fund set up by Manchester Corporation for the victims' families.

Butter sale blocked

By a Staff Reporter

The sale of tons of cheap European butter to Russia has been blocked, following fierce protests in Britain. European Agriculture Commissioner Gundelach confirmed that negotiations were going ahead for the sale but said it would not be authorised until the European Parliament had had the chance to declare its view.

Mr Gundelach gave the undertaking to the chairman of the Euro-Parliament's agriculture committee, Sir Henry Plumb, who expressed the

alarm felt in Britain at the sale. But the commissioner insisted that pros reports of the size of the butter mountain were exaggerated.

Mr Peter Walker, Agriculture Minister, described the sale as "crazy" after hearing reports that 75,000 tons of EEC butter from France would be involved at a cost of about £85,500,000 to the community taxpayers. It was estimated that the Russian housewife would be able to buy the butter at 23p per lb compared with the EEC intervention price of 75p.

THE WEATHER

AROUND THE WORLD

Lunch-time reports		C F	
Accra	5:26	79	26
Aden	5:18	81	27
Algeria	5:28	82	28
Amman	5:20	82	28
Bombay	5:25	77	25
Brussels	5:29	84	29
Cairo	5:22	72	22
Hong Kong	5:24	75	24
London	5:28	82	28
Madras	5:31	80	30
Mumbai	5:31	80	30
Perth	5:22	72	22
Rangoon	5:22	72	22
Seoul	5:22	72	22
Singapore	5:22	72	22
Tokyo	5:22	72	22
Yokohama	5:22	72	22
Washington	5:22	72	22
Wellington	5:22	72	22
Winnipeg	5:22	72	22
Zurich	5:22	72	22

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours up to 4 p.m. yesterday:		Sun-	
Wind	Rain	Max	Weather
Dir	Max	Temp	Day
EAST COAST			
London	16	18	64 Sunny
Birmingham	16	18	64 Sunny
Bristol	16	18	64 Sunny
Cardiff	16	18	64 Sunny
Edinburgh	16	18	64 Sunny
Glasgow	16	18	64 Sunny
Liverpool	16	18	64 Sunny
Manchester	16	18	64 Sunny
Newcastle	16	18	64 Sunny
Nottingham	16	18	64 Sunny
Sheffield	16	18	64 Sunny
Southampton	16	18	64 Sunny
Stirling	16	18	64 Sunny
Wolverhampton	16	18	64 Sunny
York	16	18	64 Sunny
SOUTH COAST			
Bournemouth	16	18	64 Sunny
Exeter	16	18	64 Sunny
Gloucester	16	18	64 Sunny
Leamington	16	18	64 Sunny
Reading	16	18	64 Sunny
Southampton	16	18	64 Sunny
Weymouth	16	18	64 Sunny
Worcester	16	18	64 Sunny
WEST COAST			
Belfast	16	18	64 Sunny
Birmingham	16	18	64 Sunny
Bristol	16	18	64 Sunny
Cardiff	16	18	64 Sunny
Edinburgh	16	18	64 Sunny
Glasgow	16	18	64 Sunny
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Southampton	16	18	64 Sunny
Stirling	16	18	64 Sunny
Wolverhampton	16	18	64 Sunny
York	16	18	64 Sunny

The figures give a order, time and visibility, wind, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving cyclone.

TODAY	
LONDON	
Ble Bird: 22-13-15 NNE* 30N N	
Comes 787 retd: 20-22-20-27 SSE	
25SE NE 21-58-22 63 WSW SOWNW 33	
W/W N (Spt 9) 4-33-4-34 NE 10NE ENE	
Comes 885 retd: (Spt 9) 5-43-5-44	
N 25NE ENE	
Interfax 11 retd: 21-29-21 30 W 15SW SSW*	
Des 2: (Spt 9) 9-24-2-16 NNE 30NE NE* 3-53-3-54 NNW 15NW NW*	
MANCHESTER	
Ble Bird: 22-13-15 NNE* 45NE N	
Comes 787 retd: 20-23-20-27 SE 20E	
ENH 31-56-20 60 SW 40W NW (Spt 9) 4-31-4-33 NNE 10NNE NE	
Comes 885 retd: (Spt 9) 5-42-5-45 NNW 30NE E	
Interfax 11 retd: 21-28-21 30 W 15SW SSW	
Des 2: (Spt 9) 9-24-2-16 NNE 30NE NE* 3-53-3-54 NNW 15NW NW*	
TOMORROW	
Ble Bird: 21-14-2-15 NE* 15NE NNE	
22-46-22-47 NW 25NW 15NE* 45NE N	
Comes 787 retd: 21-13-21 39 SW 40WNW N	
Interfax 11 retd: 20-32-20-36 W 20SW SSE	
MANCHESTER	
Ble Bird: 21-14-2-15 NE* 15NE NNE	
22-46-22-48 NW 35NW NNW N	
Comes 787 retd: 21-13-21 39 SW 55W NNE	
Interfax 11 retd: 20-32-20-35 W 20SW S	
TODAY	
LIGHTING-TIME	
Belfast	8:31 p.m. to 6:13 a.m.
Birmingham	8:11 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.
Bristol	8:13 p.m. to 6:04 a.m.
Glasgow	8:26 p.m. to 6:04 a.m.
Manchester	8:13 p.m. to 5:54 a.m.
Newcastle	8:13 p.m. to 5:56 a.m.
Nottingham	8:13 p.m. to 5:56 a.m.
Sheffield	8:13 p.m. to 5:56 a.m.
Southampton	8:13 p.m. to 5:56 a.m.
Stirling	8:13 p.m. to 5:56 a.m.
Wolverhampton	8:13 p.m. to 5:56 a.m.
York	8:13 p.m. to 5:56 a.m.
HIGH-TIDE TABLE	
London Bridge	12:27 a.m. to 4:03 p.m.
Dover	12:33 p.m. to 12:57 p.m.
Liverpool	12:57 a.m. to 1:24 p.m.
Nottingham	12:57 a.m. to 1:24 p.m.
SUN RISES	7:33 p.m.
SUN SETS	7:33 p.m.
MOON RISES	8:46 p.m.
MOON SETS	8:46 p.m.
MOON: Last quarter Sept 13	

Cloudy in most areas

A TROUGH of low pressure will cross many Western and Northern areas while pressure remains low to the North-West and South-West of the British Isles. Temperatures mostly near normal.

London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands: Dry bright or sunny periods, possibly some rain later. Wind S, moderate. Max temp 21C (70F).

West of England, W Midlands, Cent N, East-land: Rather cloudy, occasional rain from W. Wind S, moderate. Max temp 18C (64F).

Channel: Rather cloudy, occasional rain from W. Wind S, moderate. Max temp 18C (64F).

Central fog patches, some bright intervals later. Wind S, moderate. Max temp 18C (64F).

SW England, NE England: Mostly cloudy, occasional rain. Wind S, moderate. Max temp 18C (64F).

Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh and Dumfries, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, West Fife, NE Scotland: Cloudy periods of rain. Hill fog. Wind southerly, light or moderate. Max temp 15C (59F).

North-West: Mostly cloudy. Wind S, light or moderate. Max temp 15C (59F).

Outlook: Some rain. Max temp 15C (59F). Wind S, light or moderate. In the North-West will spread to all areas later, becoming warmer.

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LIGHTING-TIME	
Belfast	8:29 p.m. to 6:15 a.m.
Birmingham	8:11 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.
Bristol	8:10 p.m. to 6:05 a.m.
Glasgow	8:23 p.m. to 6:06 a.m.
Manchester	8:12 p.m. to 6:02 a.m.
Newcastle	8:12 p.m. to 5:54 a.m.
Nottingham	8:08 p.m. to 5:58 a.m.
HIGH-TIDE TABLE	
London Bridge	4:31 a.m. to 4:46 p.m.
Dover	12:19 a.m. to 12:43 p.m.
Liverpool	12:57 a.m. to 1:24 p.m.
SUN RISES	
SUN RISES	6:01 a.m.
SUN SETS	6:24 a.m.
SUN SETS	6:24 a.m.
MOON RISES	10:18 a.m.
MOON SETS	9:31 p.m.
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