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PRIME MINISTER

PRESS DIGEST

NISSAN

- D/Star P8: Nissan plant opens with jobs bonanza - another 2,200 to be created.
- Sun P2 with picture: Car jobs perk - Nissan plant will put our lads on dole, warns AEU chief. Bill Jordan says Government needs to put more money into Rover.
- Mirror P2: Car jobs boost - with picture of you.
- Today leads with pictures and "Car war fear - British firms worried as Thatcher heralds Nissan".
- Express P2: Maggie's good luck launch.
- Mail P3: A smooth road ahead as Japanese boost car jobs.
- Telegraph P1 with picture - "Nissan's 2000 new jobs".
- Guardian P1: Nissan pledges big expansion of UK plant; picture on back page.
- Times P1, with pictures - "Nissan pledge on 2,300 new jobs".
- FT P1: Nissan advances UK car plant's second phase.

INDUSTRY

- Sir Robert Haslam portrayed as taking firm action against Scargill by imposing pay settlement on NUM. But NCB losses running at £300m this year.
- UDM says action means it is virtually negotiating for all miners. Sun: "Mr Coal hands Arthur (Scargill) £8 pay snub".
- Haslam says miners, on visits to pits, told him to ignore Scargill: "You'r the gaffer".
- Mail calls Haslam the canny consolidator after MacGregor, the acerbic battler.
- Guardian P1 lead: New coal chief goes over head of Scargill; "diabolical" says NUM leader.
- US has decided not to take up £300m option to buy Sherpas from Shorts, Belfast.

RESHUFFLE

- Sun forecasts promotion today for Edwina Currie.
- Gordon Greig, in Mail, says preferment of women in ranks is overdue.
- Several papers illuminate the Lords' problem.

POLITICS

- Labour announces renationalisation plans, including B/Telecom which will come under Government control.
- Today says Labour is taking an electoral gamble in promising renationalisation of B/Telecom and B/Gas.
- Mail says Labour is employing a top accountant to work out how to end Tory tax concessions; and it adds that B/Telecom shareholders are on a 2-way loser under Labour's plans.
- David Steel calls for a federal Britain.
- Mail catalogues intimidation of former Labour councillor on Merseyside who has fought Militants; live bullet sent to him.
- Hugo Young, in The Guardian, says one of the achievements of your Government is that unemployment has become a residuum of policy, not the central thrust around which, by public demand, everything else must arrange itself.
- Times says Labour Party leaders are facing a fresh battle with Left on defence.
- FT leader says it is far from clear Labour has struck the right balance in new policies on nationalisation and share ownership and suggests it has still to come to terms with the change in public opinion.

ECONOMY

- NatWest economists forecast improvement in profits, exports, productivity and investment in 1987.

HOUSING

- Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors says mortgage tax relief should be phased out and the £5bn saved spent on housing people in need.
- Mail leader on an Iranian family who are being subsidised by DHSS to squat on someone else's property against the wishes of the owners.

NHS

- Royal College of Nursing says most nursing care in hospitals is carried out by unqualified students.
- Mirror's treatment of the story is that nurses are leaving the NHS in droves because of intolerable pressures put on them by cash cuts.

MEDIA

- Margaret Jay leaves BBC Panorama for Thames "This Week".
- Express on BBC chairmanship, says a tough guy is needed to wake up the BBC and put the viewer first. Lord King may not be the right choice but the job description fits his school of professional management.

DEPORTATION

- Home Office re-thinking case of 2 year old Pakistani boy threatened with deportation.
- Mirror says this is bureaucracy gone mad and racialism at its worst. Decision to review gives Home Office a chance to back down.
- Today says Home Office is insensitive and cruel; Express says immigration is a tricky issue but Home Secretary should tell couple boy can stay.
- Guardian says David Waddington has dug himself deep into a hole, while recognising the difficult nature of decisions in this area, and perhaps we should have someone more suitable making the decisions.

SPORT

- Sealink ferry crew refuse to take soccer fans to Holland after previous trouble.

PEOPLE

- Princess Anne wins warm praise for opening school in Gloucestershire where fear of meningitis epidemic grips parents.

EAST/WEST

- Summit in jeopardy because of arrest on spying charge of US journalist; Reagan warns Kremlin. Sun says arrest tells you all you need to know about gangsters running Russia.
- Express says Reagan is thinking of expelling Russian officials, a few at a time, until journalist is released. Times says Gorbachev still wants a Summit.

PAKISTAN

- Abu Nidal terror group thought to have been behind hijack from which 20 have now died.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Archbishop Runcie is appalled by visit to Crossroads squatter camp.

LIBYA

- Gaddafi's hitmen killed 78 Libyan dissidents across the world in last 5 years.

CHILE

- State of seige after attempt on Pinochet's life.

FRANCE

- Terrorists bomb Paris City Hall - killing woman; injuring 12. Arabs believed to be behind it.

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