

Mr Rees considers parole system for short-term prisoners

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
Aylesbury

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, disclosed yesterday that he is considering a new type of parole system for short-term prisoners serving up to 18 months to whom the existing parole system does not apply.

Speaking at Aylesbury prison, he said he had been told that to increase remission for such prisoners would be a "good practice". To extend the existing parole system would require a financial squeeze which would not be low. Instead he was discussing the possibility of using "a different system" in a constructive role.

How is not yet clear, but remission has long been used to involve prisoners in rehabilitation rather than custody alone. Presumably one idea is that they should be given the chance to help in supervising any short-term prisoners re-arrested who would be released without relief pressure on the prison system.

Mr Rees is also examining the fact that solicitors can play a part in prosecuting for the police as an interim administrative measure before the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure. The name of the commission's chairman will be announced soon and Mr Rees said the whole prosecuting process up to trial was one of the matters it would consider.

A longer-term issue for the commission to examine is whether prosecution should be

Mayor denounces police arrangements for Front and opposition marches

By Robert Parker

There was criticism yesterday of the arrangements for the Metropolitan Police, has denounced the Mayor of London, Mr. Ken Livingstone, who has intervened to lay down the routes and timing of the marches and the timing of the marches.

The criticism was made at a press conference held yesterday by the All-Whitewash Campaign Against Racism and Fascism which has representatives from the main political parties, the churches and the Socialist Workers' Party.

The campaign is unhappy about the route its march in the morning has been ordered to take. It is shorter than the route agreed originally with local police, and does not pass through areas of Deptford, where there is a large black population. The National Front march in the afternoon runs through the heart of Deptford.

Livingstone council is to begin proceedings in the High Court today which it hopes will end in a court order compelling the police to alter the route.

Mr Alan Sinclair, of the Livingstone Council Relations Council, who had a meeting at

Churches' warning against racialism

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

In an attempt to oppose the growth of the National Front Party, the churches, the local council, and the local churches have sent clergy in a document setting out the parties' policies on race and immigration, together with the warning that the pre-war German churches failed to resist the rise of fascism until it was too late.

The document, by Professor John H. Hick, of the University of Birmingham, states that it is the National Front and the National Party's aim to make racial prejudice acceptable.

He says: "It would be a great blessing to these movements if the British churches were to ignore them and leave their propaganda uncontrolled. They already have supporters and sympathizers within a number of Christian congregations. It is not known, and has never been told by their pastors, that these are evil organizations."

Professor Hick accuses the National Front and National Party of seeking to exploit the racial anxiety and employment, rising prices, falling living standards, and the country's diminished place in the world to create a widespread resentment about

Boy ordered to jump from second-floor flat

A boy aged five jumped from a second-floor flat in Caledonian Road, Holloway, London, yesterday after he and his younger brother, aged three, had been told to jump by a woman. He threw down cushions to break his fall.

Police said the boy was taken to hospital and allowed home after an X-ray examination. His brother, Jason, was treated from jumping by neighbours.

Police said last night that the woman was taken to hospital. She had an laceration on her head and the boys to jump through genuine fear.

Several workers were told and were considering the future of the children.

Cheese prices to be shown

From next March the price of a pound of cheese will have to be indicated for counter sales.

An exemption from the requirement to indicate the price of a pound is given for whole cheeses weighing not more than 100g and cheese packed in rigid containers.

Cornish fears over tourist-growth area

From Craig Seton
Fenice

The proposals include the encouragement of self-catering holiday homes, the development of existing hotels and the development of "activity" areas, possibly including a sailing training centre, a golf course and a sports complex near Wadebridge.

The Cornwall Council, at present by the Cornwall branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, is concerned about the assurances that it will not lead to a Mediterranean-style invasion of the area.

Mr Meacher, Under-Secretary of State for Trade, said last week that if the proposals were unworkable, the local community the Government would not pursue

Labour pact gains are on the way, MP says

By Our Political Staff

Replying to Conservative Party assertions that the Liberals have got little in return for their promise to support the Government under the Liberal-Labour pact, Mr Emyr Iwan, QC, MP for Montgomeryshire and leader of the Welsh Liberal Party, said yesterday that the really specific gains to the country, of much more Liberal legislation would be seen in the next session of Parliament.

TUC general secretary, Mr Powys, he said that Liberals could point to the reduction in petrol prices by 5p a gallon and the raising of the threshold for VAT, and the representation of consumers on the Post Office Board.

"The most important Liberal achievement is to put more resolve into the Government to work moderately and to take an ever-firmer line against inflation," he said. "That has been the Liberal's contribution to the Government since Mr Callaghan than ever it would have been with Mr Wilson. Furthermore, the Callaghan is a much more skilful leader of the party than Mr Heath."

Mr Hooson said he believed that much more would be done next session for small business men and the self-employed; there would be dramatic reductions in direct income tax and much more emphasis on indirect taxation, as well as the proposed provisions for business by means of tax benefits.

Labour proposes separate ministry for the arts

By Our Arts Reporter

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By a Staff Reporter

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BBC chief warns staff against pay defiance

By Kenneth Gooling

A warning against defiance of the Government's wish to hold total pay rises this year to a tenth has been given in a message issued by Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC, to the corporation's staff of nearly 25,000.

He says that by flouting the Government and brandishing its independence, the corporation would be undermining the Government's wish to replace the governors by others more compliant. He was sure, he said, that the Government would not allow a fresh increase in the licence fee in the next few months.

A second question was whether everyone should go on strike if the governors failed to accept the Government's offer beyond what the Government accepted.

But no one would freeze or strike, he said, if there was no BBC television or radio, or if the corporation were to be taken over by the Government.

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Fears of another Calabria uprising after claims that promises of Government have been broken

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Aug 10

Increasing social unrest in Calabria is causing concern in Rome. Seven years have passed since the city of Reggio Calabria rose in revolt, and there are now fears of renewed violence.

The Calabrian regional administration has recently written in urgent terms to the Italian Government, asking the Minister, placing responsibility on the Government if the tension should go beyond bounds.

The Calabrians are angry that the promises made to them after the last revolt, amounting to guarantees of 24,000 new jobs, have not yet been kept. For instance the main project, a steel mill at Gioia Tauro, is still under construction.

Signor Cingari, the Socialist deputy chairman of the region, said recently in the local capital of Catanzaro: "We are supposed to do this summer? Burn the city?"

The latest unrest in the South comes at a delicate moment and on a delicate issue. The minority Christian Democratic Government party is suffering the accumulated resentments of the Calabrians, has just come to an agreement with the programme with the Communists.

It depends on the Communist Government for political support but also for credibility with the working classes. However, the Communists admit to having serious difficulties in the South: their strength remains in the North.

The old promises still unfulfilled in the South and the new evidence of recession are dangerous both for the traditional governing party and the Communists. Both need to be able to show that their commitment to the South is not a mere slogan.

It is clear that neither party has the answer to the South's problems. The Government neither wants a test on this issue so soon after their political victory nor does it want to be seen to be giving in.

Probably the most worrying aspect is the apparent connexion between student violence and the aspects of hopelessness in life in the South. Southern students who took part in the 1968 riots, or were sympathetic to them, are now being sent to the universities in the autumn.

Meanwhile murders ascribed to the Mafia in the Reggio Calabria province have reached 80 this year and there have been three kidnappings in three weeks.

The Calabrian problem is being largely overlooked in the wider context of the pessimistic and optimistic on the state of Italy's economy. The South's problems are a part of this broader question, but they are more than economic. There is a danger of violence, and such violence could spread elsewhere.

Reggio Calabria: Three masked bandits held up a train at night near the town of Reggio Calabria, escaping with two bags of mail, railway officials said—Reuter.

Shot Britons may have known their killers

From Ian Murray
Paris, Aug 10

The British couple shot while on a walk in a forest park near St Tropez on Monday night knew the area and the names of the men who were identified through the number plates of their car.

Mr Sidney Broderick, a 65-year-old married man, was shot in the chest by a bullet fired from a car driven by two men, one of whom was identified as Gaston Dominici, was convicted of the triple murder and spent six years in prison before his release at the age of 83.

The "Dominici affair", because of the involved nature of the trial, created great interest in France, and comparisons between it and this latest crime are already being drawn.

Spain to tighten taxation laws to hit the rich

Madrid, Aug 10.—The Spanish Government has unveiled tax changes to squeeze the rich and curb tax evasion through the use of tax havens.

The changes, announced by the Finance Minister, Francisco Ordóñez, the Finance Minister, outlined draft proposals introducing wealth and super-taxes, death duties, and gifts of luxury goods and bonuses for employers who employ extra staff in the summer months.

The proposals are expected to be approved by the Cortes (Parliament) in early June.

The Opposition has said the plans, which will raise an extra 2,000,000 pesetas (£146m) in the first year, do not go far enough. Tax reform is "main pillar of the government's economic policy and its campaign for a wage freeze, and inflation in Spain is running at 30 per cent and trade unions have been demanding pay rises to keep pace, although at least 800,000 Spaniards are unemployed."

The Government has released today showed the cost of living index leapt 28 per cent in June and 13.5 per cent in July.

The first six months of the year: Málaga: Hotel, bar and restaurant employees on the Costa del Sol are threatening to go on strike on Saturday if their wage demands were not met. The unions are asking for a rise of 8,000 pesetas (£56) a month.

Hotel and bar employees in the Galician towns of La Coruña and Santiago de Compostela have been on strike for several days to demand a 6,000 peseta a month rise. A similar strike has been called at almost all hotels and restaurants in the centre of the northern town of Saragossa for over a week—Reuter.

Printers invade works to keep Paris daily closed

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 10

Forty workers from the communist print union forced their way into the works of the financial daily *Le Eclair* yesterday and smashed the plates of a special edition the management has alleged.

The special edition was to have appeared in the morning as a four-page tabloid to explain to readers that the editorial side was not on strike and that it was the printing process which was not on strike and that it was the printing process which was not on strike and that it was the printing process which was not on strike.

However the print workers are said to have broken into the composing room at 5 pm and to have broken up the

One-way traffic in the Grand Canal

Venice, Aug 10.—A one-way system went into operation on the Grand Canal in Venice today to ease traffic congestion and reduce damage to buildings caused by waves.

Officials said that it will eliminate up to 40 per cent of the swell created by motor launch traffic.

Operators of cargo boats and motorboats which oppose the scheme which is to last experimentally from September 30—Reuter and UPI.

French extend arms ban

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 10

France is to extend its ban on the sale of arms to South Africa to include all military equipment and warships. The ban, which is to be agreed to by the French Government, will also cover the sale of arms to South Africa.