

EEC budget dispute near solution despite financial risk

A compromise in the dispute over the size of Britain's EEC budget contribution appeared likely as heads of government of the Nine met in Luxembourg yesterday. It would be based on a French proposal to pay the British contribution at the 1979 level of about £520m for three years, about half the estimate for this year, despite fears of precipitating a financial crisis.

Plan to peg British payments

From Michael Hornsby
above the level proposed by the European Commission.
President Giscard d'Estaing was also understood to be insisting that France must have guarantees of protection for its sheep farmers against cheap British lamb imports. This was at present the only major market price for lamb above minimal levels at the expense of Community taxpayers and consumers.
Signor Giovanni Marcora, the Italian Agriculture Minister and chairman of the meeting, was seeking support for an average 40 per cent increase in farm prices, including a rise of 3.6 per cent even for products such as milk, sugar and beef, which at present are being heavily overproduced.
Although still formally defending the long-standing British demand for a price freeze on surplus products, and no more than 2.4 per cent on average for other products, Mr Peter Walker, the British Minister of Agriculture, was expected to soften this stance, on instructions from Mrs Thatcher. If a satisfactory budget deal emerged within the existing limit on Community revenue. The only expandable element is the Community's common agricultural policy, which is being used for Community purposes cannot be levied at a rate of more than 1 per cent to the Germans.

Patrol group criticized by MP at Peach march

By Ian Bradley
Britain had gradually but steadily seen the emergence of a police force which was the French riot police, Mr Michael Meacher, Labour MP for Oldham West, told a gathering in Trafalgar Square yesterday, held to commemorate the death of Mr Blair Peach a year ago.
Mr Meacher said the rise of the Special Patrol Group in this country was a trend which was stirring up class confrontation and fomenting race hatred. He said the group was secretly and anti-democratically, with voice in Parliament and no public consultation on the matter. The Special Patrol Group, the new agent of the Tories' industrial police.

Colombia siege ends with flight to Cuba

From Geoffrey Matthews Bogota, April 27
The siege of the Dominican Republic's Embassy in Bogota ended today, exactly two months after it began, when a Cuban airliner, carrying 16 men, left the Colombian capital for Havana. It was the 11th of their diplomat hostages taken down in Havana.
With the exception of Mr Diego Azevedo, the United States Ambassador, who was expected to fly on to Miami, all the other members of the Embassy in Bogota this evening on the same airliner.
The Administration of President Julio César Turbay Ayala said the guerrillas had received "no centavo" either from the State or any of the government whose diplomatic representatives were held hostage.

Hurricane hits refugee flotilla

Hundreds of Cuban refugees were missing after a hurricane force wind overtook dozens of boats in the United States. Florida coastguards received about 100 distress calls and a large air-sea search operation was launched.
The rescue of Key West air strikes the control tower was closed. Four aircraft were overturned on the runway by the storm. Five Boeing boats were sighted 30 miles from Key West. Page 5

Local papers halted

No morning provincial newspapers are being published in England, Wales and Northern Ireland today because of a dispute involving about 250,000 members of the National Graphical Association. Page 2

Gang warfare kills 9

The army has been called into central Kingston, Jamaica, to help control a gang warfare which has already claimed nine lives. There are fears that the violence may intensify before the late summer elections. Page 5

Narrow Kennedy win

Even after Senator Kennedy's narrow victory in the Michigan caucuses, political experts are assuming that President Carter will take the Democratic nomination for the presidential election today that he must also win Mr Kennedy's support. Page 6

Children killed

Two children aged six and 10 died in a fire at their home in Killick Street, Islington, north London, last night. Police said Oni Lawal and her brother, Chidi, were alone in the flat.

Firemen fighting a blaze on a ship converted to a public house on the Thames in London yesterday. Photograph by Harry Kerr

Col Gaddafi tells exiles to return or be killed

By Michael Knipe
Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, has issued a "final warning" to what he called the survivors of the previous regime living abroad to return home immediately or "be liquidated".
The inference is that Libya's revolutionary authorities are accepting responsibility for the killing of those who were in Europe in the past two weeks. Two of the assassinations occurred in London and one in Rome.
Addressing cadets at a military academy in Tripoli, Colonel Gaddafi said that the Libyans abroad should go immediately to Libya. People's Bureau of Diplomatic Missions, which would facilitate their return home "as the final and only chance of saving themselves".
He added: "Either these people return to the Jamahiriyah (republic) or they are doomed wherever they might be. Let all be warned. And those who do not take heed of this warning have only themselves to blame."
The first of the three Libyans to die was Mr Muhammad Ramadan, a journalist, who was shot as he left the Central Mosque in Regent's Park on April 11. He was apparently warned three days earlier that he was a likely target for an Arab assassination squad. Eight days later Mr Abdul Geli Aref, a businessman, was shot while sitting in a cafe in Rome and died in hospital.
The third victim was Mr Mahmud Abu Nafa, a lawyer, who was shot dead at his office in Kensington last Friday.
The shootings coincide with a widespread campaign in Libya to prevent the Security Council from determining number of prominent figures have been taken from their jobs and put before revolutionary tribunals accused of corruption.

Shocked US reporters see ayatollah pick through packaged bodies

Iran puts Americans' burnt remains on show

From Tony Alloway
Teheran, April 27
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The behaviour of an Iranian cleric in the full glare of American television cameras tonight looked likely to set the Iran crisis on an even more critical path.
Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali, a religious judge renowned for the pride he took in ordering more than 300 revolutionary executions, picked his way piece by piece through the charred remains of Americans killed in Friday's abortive rescue mission.
Newspaper journalists were barred from the extraordinary spectacle inside the occupied United States Embassy in central Teheran, but news agency and television reporters, who were allowed in, emerged with a distinct sense of shock.
"It was the most gruesome sight I have ever witnessed," a reporter for one of America's leading television networks said, "but anything I witnessed in Vietnam to shame."
At several points the ayatollah told reporters he was "giggling and snickering" as he worked his way methodically through nine cloth and plastic packages of the bodies. The Americans are said to have died in a fire after an aircraft and a helicopter collided in the Iranian desert on Friday.
Helped by some of the student militants holding the American hostages and the Revolutionary Guards, the ayatollah picked through the bodies instead of the eight servicemen President Carter says were killed in the unsuccessful mission. The ayatollah declared: "This is a skull. There are nine heads. Maybe Mr Carter will see some Americans have two heads."
At least one of the three main American networks filming in Teheran said it would be giving considerable coverage to the event in its evening news programme. All the American correspondents who later saw video replays of the spectacle predicted that it would have a shattering effect on American public opinion.
Ayatollah Khalkhali, who had flown with the bodies from the desert spot 238 miles south-east of Teheran where the Americans landed, was asked why he had shown the bodies in this manner.
He replied: "The action of the American authorities led to the destruction of these people. We brought them here so that you could see the result of Carter's move. These are the documents of the crimes of America."
As he spoke, a Revolutionary Guard once more dug into the wreckage of the helicopter, this time bringing out a metal name-tag bearing the name Lyn Davis. The tag indicated that Davis was a Baptist.
Brandishing aerial photographs allegedly found among the wreckage of the helicopter, the ayatollah also claimed that the Americans were not only plotting the rescue of the hostages but the "complete destruction" of Iran's Islamic republic—a claim among the over-optimistic Iraqis.
Some reports said that Ayatollah Khalkhali had also brought back seven million Iranian currency and documents showing the flight itinerary, found in one of the five helicopters left behind by the Americans. But he did not display these at the embassy.
Earlier today the militant had been destroyed."
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Nine's own return to Tehran but deadline stands

From David Wood
Luxembourg, April 27
The return of the nine Iranian hostages to Tehran and other ambassadors of the Nine will be back at their posts tomorrow, it was stated in a statement issued by the foreign ministers attending the European summit had met to discuss the release of the hostages by heads of government.
The broad two-phase diplomatic and economic sanctions against Iran agreed here last week will continue. Nevertheless, there is an indication that the contacts between Washington and the Islamic Republic are now much closer, and that the EEC foreign ministers have agreed to give the Iranian government a chance to get the hostages to safety. But the deadline remains May 17 for the release of the hostages if Community sanctions are not to be applied.
President Giscard d'Estaing commented as he arrived today that the summit would show complete solidarity with the Americans.
For their part, the British are fully accepting the American distinction between the ill-fated attempt to rescue the hostages to military attack. There is a clear determination that the United States should stand firm with the Islamic republic itself would have been destroyed."
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Baghdad denies report of President's death

Iran announced that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq had been shot dead by Islamic fundamentalists. Denying the report, the Iraqi government said that Mr Hussein, they said, was in perfect health and entertaining a visiting president. Page 6

Cash for Olympics plea

Mr Denis Howell, the former minister for sport, told a rally in Birmingham that Labour Party members should donate cash to assist British athletes who go to the Moscow Olympics. Page 2

Grammar schools threat

The fate of the grammar school in most marginal metropolitan districts hinges on the results of the local government elections on Thursday. In all but one area there is expected to be a strong swing towards Labour. Page 4

Mr Begin rebukes US

Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, has expressed "astonishment and regret" that the United States did not use its United Nations veto to prevent the Security Council from condemning Israeli actions in Lebanon. Page 6

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is being urged by a farmworker to ban a weed-killer which contains DDT. The Minister of Agriculture, Johannesburg, Controversy over medical ruling in Steve Biko case. Moscow: Russians defend motives for intervention in Afghanistan. Classified advertisements: Personal, pages 13, 15, 26; Appointments, 10; Property, 13; Reader Service Directories 12.

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Tenerife disaster jet's recorder found

From Frances Gibb
Tenerife, April 27
The cockpit voice recorder of the Pan Am jet 727 which crashed in Tenerife on Friday, killing all 146 people on board, was found today.
It is likely to provide a vital clue as to why the pilot did not abort the ill-fated approach procedure.
Mr Gordon Matthew, who is assisting the Spanish investigation to prevent the disaster, including dentists, pathologists, and an engineer from the Department of Transport, said: "Investigation Branch said: 'This box is usually one of the greatest contributory factors to the ease of an investigation.'"
He said there were a number of possible causes for the crash, which he said were being studied, but he refused to say what they were. The investigation was sufficiently advanced for reasonable conjecture, he said.
The crash might have been avoided had the aircraft been equipped with radar, Captain Robert Atkins, the airline's deputy chief pilot, said today.
With radar, it would have been possible to ground control to tell the pilot he was off course and heading for mountains.
The airport, Los Rodeos, in the north of Tenerife, has only radio beacons to help guide aircraft. The radar, says a spokesman for air traffic controller, can alert a pilot if he misjudges his position.
Captain Atkins said today: "The flight's data recorder had been found within the wreckage of the aircraft, but it was not clear if it was destroyed. The site of the crash, which is about 10 miles from the airport, is a northerly direction when it hit the mountain, and it is not clear if it was in support to the investigation. It would seem that the pilot completed a loop which was intended to be a beifor coming in to land, but did it over the land instead of over the sea."
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