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LEADERS

DAILY TELEGRAPH:

It is difficult to work up much enthusiasm about the ...economic summit which will splutter into life at Lancaster Gate on Thursday... A month ago this was to be the sweetness and light summit. The tone optimistic. It is not easy to be optimistic. The summit is too brief and most of the summiteers too ill-equipped to do what is required. In particular, the man who matters most, Mr Reagan, will be in no mood to ask painful things of American voters until Nov 6 has come and gone.

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The Dutch Government's decision to defer conditionally the deployment of Cruise missiles is disappointing but predictable. It is opting for membership of a nuclear alliance but only partly accepting the responsibilities that go with it.

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LEADERS

THE TIMES:

South Africa is claiming to have won two international victories on Saturday: The Springboks beat England on the rugby field in Port Elizabeth, and Mr P.W. Botha sat down to lunch with Mrs Thatcher at Chequers. But there is evidence that Mrs Thatcher did better than the rugby players.

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THE GUARDIAN:

Whatever may be its implications for the NATO alliance, and it can certainly be turned to good use, the Dutch Government's formula for resolving its dilemma about cruise missiles is a little masterpiece of political dexterity.

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Mr P.W. Botha the South African Prime Minister was in unmistakeably satisfied mood as he spoke in a television interview following his stopover for talks with Mrs Thatcher. He agreed that the talks had been candid and that Mrs Thatcher had brought up South Africa's internal policies. But "I would not have allowed her to interfere in our domestic affairs." said Mr Botha trying not to smile too hard.

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LEADERS

FINANCIAL TIMES:

There have been several recent reminders of the limits of Parliamentary sovereignty in this country and of the way Britain is bound by international as well as domestic law... If countries subscribe to international conventions, they must be enforceable at home as well as abroad. That really is what the case of the of the complainants against the British Aircraft and Shipbuilding Act of 1977 is all about.

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The Dutch cabinet's shaky compromise on the future deployment of cruise weapons in the Netherlands is unsatisfactory from the point of view of the alliance. It delays further not only deployment but even a final Dutch decision on deployment itself.

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DAILY MIRROR:

Thursday is the day when the circus hits town. Its official title is the economic summit. Leaders of the seven richest nations will be meeting in London to discuss the world's problems... Not one of those problems will be eased.

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LEADERS

DAILY EXPRESS:

Those pinning their hopes on the Prime Minister to put Britain on the road to a secure and prosperous future will be greatly reassured by her interview with George Gale.

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Employment Secretary, Tom King is considering sharpening the teeth of the Government's Trade Union Bill... But "consideration" of the move must become action. And action soon.

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DAILY MAIL:

...Isn't there something incongruous about the spectacle of this Tory cabinet beefing up new legislation to counter-act irresponsible strikes when existing Tory sponsored laws are most conspicuously and most controversially not being invoked to limit the worst excesses of the flying pickets

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THE SUN:

While South Africa's Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha was meeting Mrs Thatcher protesters marched the streets in the name of suffering mankind. Just 25 miles away from Mr Botha's meeting, England were entertaining a Russian team to a friendly game of soccer. The Soviet Union is the greatest oppressor of mankind in history. Yet there were no protests at Wembley. No placards. No speeches by Left-wing windbags. Bizarre, isn't it?

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DAILY EXPRESS

**MARGARET
THATCHER
TALKS
TO GEORGE
GALE**

**Why I'll
say no
to a
United
Europe**

DAILY TELEGRAPH

Premier Mrs Thatcher will this week bluntly reject Franco-German pleas for political union in Europe.

She will tell President Mitterrand of France and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany: 'You are living in cloud-cuckoo-land'.

Mrs Thatcher said in an interview with George Gale : "I do not believe in what I would call a United States of Europe." (front page).

A law to prevent union leaders calling a strike without members voting in favour is being drawn up by Employment Secretary Mr Tom King. (P.2).

THE LADY'S NOT FOR GIVING IN

Exclusive interview with George Gale covers two pages with pictures of Prime Minister. (Pages 8 and 9).

Former Prime Minister Ted Heath is involved in an alternative D-Day exercise on Wednesday bobbing about in the Channel in a Euro-election publicity stunt. He will be on a Champagne-and-Sandwich victualled craft helping the campaign of Madron Seligman the Tory Euro-candidate for West Sussex. (William Hickey Col. Page 15).

The burden of income tax is still too high, Chancellor Nigel Lawson admits in an interview published in the Director magazine. (P.26).

Economic recovery is maintaining its momentum but there is no danger of the economy over-heating according to the latest Confederation of British Industry trends survey. (Front Page and P.20).

Mr Michael Foot, in his book on Labour's General Election defeat , says that comments by Harold Wilson in a Daily Mail interview upset him even more than Mr Callaghan's attack on the party's unilateralist defence policy. (P.2)

GCHQ union ban is unlawful says International Labour Organisation. Civil Service Unions may take the Government to the European Court of Human Rights if it ignores ILO ruling.

DAILY TELEGRAPH

The Government is expected to resist EEC moves to introduce a shorter working week at a meeting of ministers in Luxembourg this week. Mr Tom King Employment Secretary is to challenge the argument that a 35 hour week could mean more jobs. (P.6).

The party leaders will seek to quicken the pace of the Euro election campaign. But this week will be overshadowed by the D-Day anniversary, the London Economic Summit and the visit of President Reagan. (P.6).

Belgium has 18 political parties and 432 candidates contesting 24 Euro -seats.(P.6).

West Germany's Free Democratic (Liberal) Party which holds the balance of power in Bonn shifts to the left.(P.6).

Prime Minister returns to Downing Street to face one of the busiest weeks she has faced in Government. (Back page).

Tom King Employment Secretary wants tougher strike ballot laws.(Back Page).

The Labour Party launches a campaign to try to make sure that trade unions continue to contribute to its funds.

THE TIMES

Government plans to tighten the law on strike ballots provokes fierce political and trade union protests. (front page).

Labour anger over Douglas Hurd's interview on the future of the BBC. (P.2).

Euro campaign reports on South Wales and Bristol (P.4).

Mr David Steel, Liberal Party Leader tells German Liberal party FDP, that Liberals in Britain wish to see a strong political unity in Europe.(P.4).

Mr Botha, South African Prime Minister failed to change the course of history at Chequers meeting. (P.5).

European Notebook . (P.8).

THE TIMES

Summit: A strategy for success.
Article by Labour's Deputy leader
Roy Hattersley.(P.16).

Missing places at the Summit Table. (P.19).

FINANCIAL TIMES

Campaign Report from the Cotswolds:
Tory farmers threaten revenge at the
polls for dairy quota cuts. (P.3).

Opposition parties aim to raise the tempo of the Euro election campaign by saying what should happen at the economic summit (P.3).

TUC urges EEC to think again about textiles policy .(P.5).

Labour and Alliance Parties urged to set up a
popular front . Suggestion from Frank Field
Labour M.P. for Birkenhead and Lord Young
of Dartington a Social Democrat Peer.(P.6).

Defence Giant on the drawing board.
A look at the potential of a GEC- British
Aerospace merger .(P.6).

Talks to be held on funds crisis for Labour
Party (P.9).

Senior TUC officials believe that the Government may yet be persuaded to make some concession on the ban on unions at GCHQ (P.9).

Article on the Economic Summit.(P.15).

THE GUARDIAN

Scorn greets Tom King's plan to curb
strike immunity. (front page).

The British Government has given its
firm support to a new US and South African
plan for disengagement in Namibia. (front page).

Tighter strike ballot controls .(P.2).

Portsmouth South byelection report (P.2).

America may use British Plutonium for weapons
(P.3).

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No comfort for the Tories in the Shires following the EEC Dairy quota cuts (P.5).

German Parties strain to enthuse the voters. (P.5).

Farmers are over-represented among candidates standing for the Euro elctions say Friends of the Earth. (P.5).

National Farmers Union issues its own Euro manifesto which backs the Common Agricultural Policy. (P.5).

A reveiw of a series of essays that seeks to take the lid off political manipulation of journalists.(P.9).

Letter from David Steel on how Labour is juggling the facts about Europe (P.14)

Hugo Young writes on Why Marx would applaud the Inquiry style of Thatcherism. (P.14).

Peter Jenkins article on the Coal dispute (P.15).

Ken Livingstone reviews Michael Foot's book on why Labour lost the last election.(P.15).

Anti-Thatcher popular front (back page).

The Chancellor of the Exchequer warns that the huge US budget deficit is unbalancing the world economy and must be corrected (Back page).

Unemployment will be the main theme of of Labour's campaign in the closing 10 days of the Euro-election campaign.(back page).

DAILY MAIL

Mr Botha pleased with constructive and friendly talks with Mrs Thatcher (P.4).

Britain is on course and heading for economic recovery says CBI report.(P.11).

Michael Foot blames Wilson and Callaghan for election defeat (P. 13).

storm over new strike laws. (P.13)

THE SUN

The Prime Minister issues order to coal bosses not to surrender (P.2).

Neil Kinnock's image makers. (P.6).

Fresh bid to wipe out inflation by chancellor Lawson received a boost from the CBI. (P.9).

DAILY MIRROR

Threat of grave world cash crisis shakes world leaders preparing for the economic summit.(P.2).

Britain could be in trouble if interest rates rise in line with American rates say CBI (P.2).

Cecil Parkinson's climb back begins. Mirror Diary (P.13).

DAILY STAR

Fury at new moves to hit unions (P.4).

Mrs Thatcher's plans for an election boost for President Reagan and herself at the world summit in London this week, are turning sour. (P.6).