

1791-2020: The Observer history in 12 front pages

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4 December 1791 - The first Observer

The Observer.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1791.

Masthead

The first edition of the Observer described itself as a "Sunday Advertiser", which is a name sometimes associated with local newspapers.

ENGLISH CLASSICS.
To be published, Price 1s.
Whole Sheets of Letter Press, and Two
Vols., designed from interesting Incidents
taken from the History of the British
Nations, after his manner of finishing the
History, to GIFFORD'S HISTORY.

(To be continued Monthly).
CLASSICAL MAGAZINE:
Library of the English Classics.
To consist of:
Rambler, Guardian,
Idler, Tatler,
Advertiser, World,
Connoisseur, Lyrer.
Each Number will at least contain Two Copper-plates, from
NEW and Classical Designs; and Six Numbers will form
a Volume, enriched with Twelve Superb Embellishments,
comprising the most beautiful of subjects.
London: Printed for W. Locke, No. 12, Red Lion-street,
Holborn; C. Lowndes, No. 66, Drury-Lane; and sold by
all other Booksellers.

NEW JEST BOOK.
To-morrow will be published,
Enriched with a Representation of Dr. Johnson in high
Glee at the Breakfast Table of Mr. Thrale. Price 1s. 6d.
THE WITCIFICATIONS, Jests, and Sayings, of
DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON.
During the whole course of his Life, Collected from
Boiswell, Prior, Hawkins, Barrell, Bensler, Reynolds,
and other Gentlemen in the habits of intimacy with the
Doctor. And a full account of his Conversation with the
King.

A great number
Wines,
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London: P. H.
Street, Holborn
Lane; and sold by
PENN
Enriched with
dent. A. Johns
3. View of Letters
of Westminster Hall, and the Abbey, taken in 1790.
LONDON; or, an Abridgement of the
celebrated Mr. PENNANT'S Description of the
British Capital and its Environs. Forming one of the most
amusing Works ever published; either for the Amusement,
the Novelties, or the Amusement. It contains the ancient and
modern State of London, Biographical Sketches of eminent
Citizens, a complete Chronicle of important Events, and a
great Number of curious Historical Anecdotes. List of
Companies, Halls, &c. With Additions and Notes,
by Mr. J. WALLIS.
London: Printed for W. Locke, No. 12, Red Lion-street,
Holborn; and sold by all Booksellers.

A CARD TO THE MUSICAL WORLD.
No. 12, Pall-mall Street.
JOHN CRANG HANCOCK.
Patentee of the Grand and Small Piano Forte.
Forte, with spring Key Touch, and Piano Forte
Stops, most respectfully informs Amateurs and Proficients,
that he has invented and brought to perfection, Violins,
Tenors, and Violoncellos (for which a Patent is soliciting)
in capital in tone, as to be pronounced, by all who have heard
them, greatly superior to the productions of these celebrated
makers Spence, Amati, Stradivarius, &c. &c.
Of these Instruments a few only are as yet finished;
therefore they are not at present offered for sale, but
merely as specimens, for the Inspection and Trial of Con-
noisseurs and Masters, to whose sole and exclusive use
the first floor of his house in Parliament-street.
N.B.—The Ladies are respectfully informed, that a most
capital collection of Patent grand and Portable Piano Fortes,
possessing unequalled brilliancy and sweetness of tone, are
on sale as above, prior to twenty to eighty Guineas
each.

Elegant and copious History of France.
Intended to be completed in One Hundred Weekly Numbers,
Making Four handsome Quarto Volumes, superbly em-
bellished, in order to form a necessary counterpart to the
various Histories of ENGLAND; and without which
indeed the latter must be considered as incomplete. The
Historical Design by that admired Artist, SIR JAMES
—The Heads of the Kings, and other eminent Persons
of France, from Various Pictures, obtained, with much
difficulty, from the Cabinets of the Virtuosi, in England,
Italy, and France.—To be executed in the best manner, by
J. J. Goussier, engraver extraordinary to his Royal Highness
the Prince of Wales.—The necessary Maps, will be
given.

To-morrow will be published,
Price 1s. (to be continued Weekly, till completed)
NUMBER I. OF
THE HISTORY OF FRANCE, from
the earliest Times to the present important Era.
From the French of Voltaire, Villaret, Garnier, Mezeray,
Daniel, and other eminent Historians; with Notes Critical
and Explanatory.
By JOHN GIFFORD, Esq.
CONDITIONS.

To-morrow will be published, Price 6d.
To be completed in Sixty Numbers, making Five Octavo
Volumes, embellished with a great number of Copper
Plates, and four correct Maps of the Four Continental
Divisions of the Globe, NOWAS 1 of
THE New Universal Traveller. A full
and accurate Abridgement of all the latest, most au-
thentic, and most interesting Voyages and Travels, whether
English, French, or German through Europe, Asia, Africa,
America, and the South Sea Islands.
By a Gentleman of the University of Edinburgh.
The First Volume contains M. de La Harpe's celebrated
Travels through Africa, which may be had in Boards, Price
6s. 1d. or in Numbers, Price 6d. each.
Edinburgh: Printed for James Watson & Co.; and sold
by W. Locke, No. 12, Red Lion-street, Holborn.

To-morrow will be published,
Price 2s. each volume, in boards, embellished with beautiful
Engravings. Volumes One, Two, and Three, of
Heraclitus, infusing Age a bold provision find.
The design of this collection is to compile into a portable
form some of the most approved moral essays, elegant poems,
and entertaining stories, that are to be found in the best
English authors—it is well suited for a travelling compa-
nion and for a parlor table. It will also supply the place
of a library to those who are not in circumstances to lay out
much money in purchasing books. In short, the Publishers
will be bold to say, that it is the most complete, the most
elaborate, and cheapest work of the kind ever offered to the
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ANTI-ATTRITION AXLE-TREE MANUFACTORY
Curtain Road, Moorfields.
THE Public are respectfully informed
that the late Manufactory for Anti-Attrition Axle-
trees, in Chamber Street, Goodman's Fields, having been
unfortunately destroyed by fire, the Business will in future
be carried on as above, where attendance is given every
day, from Ten to Four, by the Patentees.
From experiments which have been made, the following
Carriages require, on averages, to draw them:
On the Old On the Anti-Attri-
Axle-Trees, tion Axle-Trees,
Coaches 50 only 19
Chaises and Post Chaises 4) 17
Single Horse Chaises and
Cabs 31 6
Waggons 78 33
Drops 138 45
N.B. Carriages are built on the above principle by Mr.
George Walling, Coachmaker, in Cannon-street, Bil-
lingham-street, who will satisfy the Nobility, Gentry, &c.,
of the very great advantages attending them.

FINE NEW SMOOKED SALMON, NEW STURGEON,
FUCKLED OYSTERS, AND NEW COD'S SUND.
FOREIGN WAREHOUSE.
SAVOY-STREET, No. 107, STRAND.
BURGESS respectfully informs the
Nobility and Families in general that he has just
landed a large cargo of fine new Smoked Salmon, at 12d.
per lb.; fresh new Sturgeon, 18d. per lb. and exceeding
fine Red Herrings, Cask Smoked, dried Biscuit Ling and
Tails, dried Whiting or Spaldings; fine Westphalia Beef
Wellsmoked ditto; very fine Neat Tongues, which will be
warranted to eat rich and mellow; smoked Hamper Hovs,
in ribs and rolls for grating; Dutch Herrings, German
Pigs, fine high Assorted smoked Strabourgs Tongues, at 2s.
each; Bologna Tongues with Gravel.
Also, a large quantity of Goods from Italy he has im-
ported, viz. exceeding fine new Solid Oil, Orange Flower
Water; the true Gorgona Anchovies; new Vermicelli,
Macaroni, Parmesan Cheese, Marcella and Truffles.
Likewise, from France, Sweetmeats, wet and dry
French Vinegars, French Mustard, French Soup Strainers
with a variety of Articles for the Table, Silverware, &c.
N.B. In a few days will be landed a very choice parcel
of New Bologna, and German Sausages, with and without
Garlick; German Tongues, Wild Boar's Heads, Perigo
Pigs, all of the true Epicurean favour. Also a large
quantity of French Potatoes, of the finest quality, viz.
Orange, Keds, Tuberose, Jefferson, &c.
A new Catalogue is now printed, which contains particu-
lar, to be had at the Warehouse above.
JAMES JENKINS,
GROCER,
No. 30, Rathbone Place.
SELLS all sorts of Teas, Coffee, Cho-
colate, &c., at the following reduced prices, and
though the prices are more moderate than most Shops in
London, the goods are superior to none, viz.
per lb.
Common Green Tea 3d.
Good ditto 4d.
Good ditto 5d.
Fine Speckled Leaf 4d.
Fine Bloom 5d.
Good Hyson 3d.
Superior ditto 4d.
Very Fine ditto 5d.
Superior best imported ditto 7d.
Every catty 10 catty.
One ounce of tea given to every pound, and loaf sugar at
11d. per pound, in proportion to the quantity of tea,
coffee, or chocolate, that is purchased, is added to part
in halfpence.
James Jenkins finds it necessary to acquaint the public,
that he has no concern or connection whatever, with a
person who has opened a petty shop, and distributed hand-
bills in the name of J. Jenkins from Rathbone Place; and
sent circular letters to his customers, soliciting their fa-
vours; who, no doubt, for particular reasons, finds it
more convenient to make use of the letter J. than to put
his name in full length. James Jenkins therefore humbly
begs his friends will be particular in their directions and
orders to No. 30, Rathbone Place.
ENGLISH LOTTERY,
PHILLIPS'S
ROYAL LOTTERY BANK.
No. 25, St. Martin's Lane.
Licensed by Authority of Parliament.
Tickets and Shares in the ENGLISH and IRISH Lotteries
are selling at the lowest rates.
ENGLISH TICKETS may be purchased
on the most advantageous terms ever yet submitted; and
the following whereof:
THE PLAN.
The Public may purchase English Tickets at the present
low price, by paying only a deposit of one-fourth part the
price of each Ticket, and the remainder any time previous
to the drawing, whereby the purchasers will derive a con-
siderable advantage by avoiding the great Advance of price
which occurs previous to the drawing.
This Economical facility is well worthy the attention of
the Public, and of
LOTTERY SOCIETIES.
In particular, whose advantage thereby will be made fully
evident.

What was inside?

- In an opening address to its readers, the Observer stresses its relevance to people of all classes, claiming it would be "conveying safe and grounded information and rendering, even to the very lowest, the most essential services; whilst it breathes, invariably, towards its all, the spirit of enlightened freedom, decent toleration, and universal benevolence."
- The paper also covered the ongoing military struggles of Lord Cornwallis, whose oppressive governance in India, which was then a British colony, led to far reaching negative consequences for its population which are still felt today.
- A lot of what we'd think of as celebrity gossip - the comings and goings of aristocrats and royalty.

Be it the headlines

21 November 1864



MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1861. *The Observer* is published at Five o'clock on Monday Morning. A full report of the MARKETS, &c., is published at Five o'clock on Monday Morning. Agents for London, Messrs. P. H. Smith and Son, 15, Leadenhall Street, London. Foreign Orders addressed to J. M. G. Smith, 15, Leadenhall Street, London. Printed and Published by J. M. G. Smith, 15, Leadenhall Street, London.

POSTSCRIPT.

LONDON, MONDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 29.

FUNERAL.

THE PRINCE CONSORT.

(THIS DAY.)

APPEARANCE OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY. The appearance of the town and country on the day of the funeral of the Prince Consort was a most extraordinary one. The streets were filled with people, and the air was filled with the sound of bells and music. The funeral procession was a magnificent sight, and the people who followed it were of all ages and ranks.

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Behind the Headlines

4 May 1919 - Clothes, clothes and more clothes



The Observer.

(Established 1791.)



No. 6,676. 128th YEAR.

LONDON, SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1919.

[PAGES OF THE OBSERVER]

[TWENTY PAGES.] TWOPENCE.

WHITELEYS

The Leading House for Fashions



Charming Evening Dress in fabric of rich satin, half inches of sheer lace with mesh lined sheer tulle, with tulle fringe. 82

Distinctive Walking Coat in a rich, exclusive Cashmere with a great deal of colour. Finished with black silk band. Full lined silk. 11

WHITELEY'S DANCE TEAS

IN THE NEW RESTAURANT EVERY AFTERNOON from 3.45 to 5.45

The Jolliest Dances in Town, with the "LOU LAURA" JAZZ BAND in attendance

ADMISSION (including Tea) 5s.

WM. WHITELEY LTD., QUEEN'S ROAD, LONDON, W.2

The DRAGE WAY is the Pleasant Way

The New Brown Book explains the simple terms of the DRAGE WAY OF FURNISHING OUT OF INCOME but it cannot adequately convey the generous interpretation we put upon them.

The unforeseen happenings and the little domestic aches and pains that married life is heir to are all allowed for in the Drage Simple System of Furnishing out of Income.

Briefly outlined the Drage Way is this:—

Select all the furniture you want—pay the first agreed instalment, arrange to pay the balance by equal monthly instalments over one, two or three years, and then the furniture is yours.



The Little Brown Book

A copy of this delightful illustrated book will be sent post free on request. It tells you all about the Drage Way and describes how you can with com-

BABY IS KING

At Harrods This Week!

TOMORROW there starts at Harrods an Exhibition of vital importance to every Mother, every Nurse, everyone in any way concerned with the care and rearing of our most precious of national assets.

A Model Nursery
The Modern Nursery at Harrods shows to the mother the most useful inspiration. There will be everything for Baby's comfort, Baby's appearance, Baby's health. There will be the "last word" in Baby's Garments, or for or near indoor or outdoor-dress. There will be Cribbage, Cots, Baby Toys, Books and Foods. There will be Weighing Machines, Crockery Utensils, Play Penn, China Ware, Strollers, in fact every detail of Health, Fashion and Science!

and Expert Advice
Miss May Harrods, the well-known expert on all questions relative to Babyhood, will attend daily and will be at the service of visitors. Harrods Baby War Section in Full



O.N. Infant's Lamb Skin Bed

A variety of size and price 25/6

O.N. Baby Bed 15/9

O.N. Baby Bed 6/11

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Harrods HOSIERY WEEK!

Department stores everywhere

For a short period in the 1910s, most covers of the Observer looked a lot like this one, with drawn adverts for ready-made women's clothing, that were rising in popularity as department stores became fashionable. Though the Observer was the first UK newspaper to have a woman editor (Rachel Beer 1891-1904), these adverts don't indicate that the paper was primarily read by women but instead that they were the target demographic for most clothing adverts, something that is still seen today.



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EIGHTH ARMY STRIKES AGAIN

"Attack Resumed Early Yesterday"—Berlin

INFILTRATION INTO AXIS LINES

General Montgomery's Eighth Army resumed its attack on the El Alamein front in Egypt early yesterday morning, according to a German News Agency message last night.

This report said that no news was yet available of the progress of the attack, for which, it declared, General Montgomery had brought up reinforcements, especially of artillery and tanks, from the southern and central sectors of the front.

From Cairo it was officially announced yesterday that the Allied forces had beaten off several further counter-attacks against their new positions.

The Allied air forces maintain superiority. It was stated last night that since the Allied attack began our night bombers have dropped approximately 781 tons of bombs in the battle area and have shot down seventy-one enemy planes.

ALLIED GAINS HELD

Lufthaffe More Active

Free Press SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CAIRO, Saturday. The second week of General Montgomery's offensive opens to-day.

HEAVY FIGHTING RESUMED

Berlin Reports New Attack

Free Press SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

BERLIN, Saturday. The Eighth Army resumed its attack yesterday morning, and heavy fighting has been in progress since.

▲ Headline news

Removing (most) advertisements from the front page allowed for important news (in this case, the second world war) to be front and centre. While it was several years before the paper would feature large splash headlines, there are clear variations in font size to draw readers' attention.

Infantry supporting gun positions.

They are showing great caution, however, and to avoid anti-aircraft fire they are flattening out at several thousand feet above their targets.

Our guns are steadily pounding both the enemy's forward positions and his tank and transport concentrations behind the lines. Our 25-pounders and medium artillery are doing considerable damage and causing many casualties.

AIR BATTERING

The defeat of Rommel's latest counter-attacks and the near and long-range air strikes of the enemy are described in today's joint communiqué. It says:—

During Thursday night and yesterday a number of enemy counter-attacks against our new positions were beaten off with losses to the enemy.

Allied air superiority in the desert was maintained, and during Thursday night and yesterday our aircraft continued on forward landing grounds and other targets.

been only of a local character.

A Rome radio commentator, however, admitted that the British had won some ground and considered it in spite of Axis counter-attacks. They had also made a number of infiltrations into the Axis lines.

BIG ATTACK ON AXIS AERODROME

U.S. Planes Raid Crete

WESTERN DESERT, Saturday.

The Allied air forces are still holding their umbrella over the Eighth Army.

Yesterday, as on the previous eight days of the offensive, they went out over the lines to bomb, blast and strafe the battered and keep his fighting forces in action.

One of the most important raids was on El Adem, a long-range fighter raid, in which considerable numbers of grounded aircraft were set on fire. At least four Ju-52s were left in flames.

BLACK SCORPIONS

U.S. planes, including those from

DAYLIGHT RAID ON CANTERBURY

GERMAN "REPRISAL"

11 NAZI PLANES DESTROYED

As Canterbury's streets were thronged with shop-goers hurrying home in the fading light early last night bombs crashed down on the city in the biggest daylight raid carried out by the Germans since the Battle of Britain.

It was a "lightning" raid, and the bombs were raining down even before the people could reach shelter, smashing shops and houses. It is believed that about 50 planes were employed and nine of them were destroyed.

If the attack on Canterbury was intended as a reply to the R.A.F.'s Le Cross and Mian massive scale day-attacks it was nothing more than a poor imitation—both numerically and in result.

An official report by the Air Ministry issued last night reads:—

"Late this afternoon a number of enemy aircraft attacked Canterbury where damage was done and there was a number of casualties. Elsewhere bombs were dropped this morning in East Anglia, and this afternoon at a few scattered points in South-East England. These did little damage and the number of casualties was small."

The enemy aircraft were destroyed, six by our fighters and three by ground defences. Two of our fighters are missing.

These planes are known to have been flying over the city of Canterbury. Most of the casualties were caused by a bomb which dropped near a bus, which was killed and other passengers injured. But the driver escaped.

Another bus was attacked and the driver was killed.

ON such an occasion we think it well to put the policy of The Observer.

The number, published on December 4, 1791, in a period, like our own, of vast social upheaval, this journal explained its arrival in "the present extraordinary era which opens upon an astonished world."

There is certainly no less cause for astonishment today. Old boundaries of every kind have been over-run, old standards and loyalties have melted, new orders and borders arise.

MID this chaos the existing nature of the existing and alignments between them are obvious, while the permanence of principles is more and more precious.

Over this The Observer has a Party paper, and to no group, no sect, no interest. It belongs to no line of journals. Its dependence is absolute. But it is to stand alone, changing and bracing as that attitude may be, is not only a duty but a necessity.

One must also stand for a system of ideas and for a pattern of conductive reform. Not to be bound by Party or personal ties makes it more difficult to declare principle of the more necessary.

THE OBSERVER'S war-policy is to prosecute the war with loyalty to all our Allies until complete victory over the dictatorships has been won. There must be no negotiated peace with the present régime of the Axis Powers. Not only the Dictators, but also their whole scheme of life must be overturned. In the prosecution of the war there must be no uncritical respect of persons or reputations, but a searching search for the best possible machinery of war, and for the younger, fresher mind which is so much needed to cope with the rapid change of technique in all of fighting and production.

This war must be unified above rivalries of and personalities is reality, that strategy be the global is another.

Problem of the Serbs or of the civilians, now to be regarded. That demands the

THE NEW "OBSERVER"

A Paper and a Policy

By THE EDITOR

TODAY The Observer appears in an altered form. The chief and most recent news will now be printed on the front page. The fresh arrangement of the contents will serve economy as well as convenience. It will help to make the utmost use of every inch of paper at a time when this raw material of journalism has to be severely rationed. The quantity of matter in the new Observer cannot, unlike the war lasts, be great. The quality, it is hoped, will not suffer. The alteration is not being made to meet any lack of present favour, but to suit the pressure of the time and to improve the service which a newspaper seeks to offer.

IT is inexorably opposed to Dictatorship in any form and will stress the need for increasing vigilance to prevent all those forms of political and social corruption which lead the way to a violent autocracy. Our democratic institutions, both national and regional, need many reforms. But they must be made by democrats.

There are signs that the approaching winter is forcing the Germans to increasingly desperate action. They are making one last enormous effort to reach the Black Sea, and to force the issue with the British and the United States. They are making one last enormous effort to reach the Black Sea, and to force the issue with the British and the United States.

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The Germans, failing to break through from Moscow, have been forced westward, and thus "compulsory" Wehrmacht which is lacking in strategic importance.

JAP CRUISER BOMBED

Heavy Attack in Solomons

General MacArthur's air forces have bombed a big warship—a heavy cruiser or battleship—at the Japanese naval base at Buin, in the Solomons. Yesterday's communiqué, describing this success, said:—

"Allied medium and heavy formations executed three night attacks against enemy shipping in the harbour, dropping over twenty-seven tons of explosives. Of the Australian offensive in the Owen Stanley mountains, New Guinea, the communiqué said:—

"The Owen Stanley mountains (near Kokoda), forward elements are continuing to advance."—Reuter.

U.S. LOSE A CARRIER

Crew Taken Off

The U.S. Navy Department last night announced the loss of an aircraft-carrier in an engagement last Monday near Santa Cruz Island, 500 miles north of Guadalcanar.

It was being heavily damaged when it was taken in tow, but a second attack caused further damage, and her personnel was then removed by helicopter.

Reports to date, says Reuter, indicate that there were few casualties.

This carrier and the U.S. destroyer Porter were the only U.S. vessels lost in the above engagement.—Reuter.

This is the fourth U.S. aircraft-carrier to be lost since the start of the Pacific war.

MRS. ROOSEVELT

Tea with Duchess of Kent

Mrs. Roosevelt had tea with the Duchess of Kent at the Coppins, Iwer, Bucks, yesterday, and met for the first time Prince Michael Franklin, the President's godson, who was born on July 4.

The Duchess gave Mrs. Roosevelt a photograph of the young Prince, taken with her and the late Duke.

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PREMIER AND THE MINERS

"We Were Told the Facts"

—Mr. Will Tait

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▼ Picture perfect

For the first time, the Observer was also able to show news-related images on the front page. While photographs were still only featured inside the paper, this hand-drawn map helped to illustrate the war-time story. Notably, however, captions were not yet used.



towns throughout Unoccupied France, according to a British United Press correspondent on the 31st.

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NEW CRISIS IN DENMARK

Nazi Coup Feared To-day

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(BBC-TV and ITV stay on the air through tonight in case the landing is earlier than expected.)

Apollo 11 rockets into moon orbit

from GERALD LEACH: Houston, 19 July

THE APOLLO 11 spacecraft went into a lunar orbit today in readiness for tomorrow's first attempt to put men on the moon. The long, arduous journey from Earth to the moon was completed at 11.05 a.m. on July 19, when the spacecraft, launched from the Kennedy Space Center, entered a 111,000-mile orbit around the moon.

Eleven minutes later the spacecraft cut behind the moon and cut off contact with Earth for the first time, leaving such a long trail of radio waves that it took 1.3 seconds for the signal to reach Earth. The spacecraft, Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin, were all set to fire Apollo 11's third main engine for 15 minutes and two seconds behind the moon to put the ship in an orbit 60 miles by 190 miles.

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The mission continued to run smoothly under the leadership of Armstrong and Aldrin in the lunar module on Sunday.

Nigerians down five aircraft
by COLIN LEGUM our Commonwealth Correspondent

THE NIGERIAN Air Force claims to have shot down at least five aircraft making night flights into Biafra within the last fortnight.

Chief Anthony Enahoro, Nigeria's Federal Commissioner for Information and Labour, told me in London yesterday that, since October, the Biafrans had lost five aircraft.

Some army aircraft, he thought, were being flown through to Biafra.

"But," he added, "our air intercept operations are now so much more effective that almost no plane can be seen getting through to Biafra. Within a matter of months we will be able to ensure that only aircraft approved by the Federal authorities will be able to get through at all."

He attributed this improvement to more interception aircraft and better radar.

It was helpful that the new relationship between the Federal authorities and the International Red Cross would bring early resumption of relief flights into Biafra. The only problem was that all flights into Biafra would be "humanitarian" in nature.

He said it would be impossible to exercise effective control from an airfield outside Nigeria.

The Red Cross, he said, had already been given permission to fly three aircraft loads of urgent medical supplies into Biafra.

News on a Sunday

Being a Sunday paper meant the Observer wasn't always able to get the big story of the week. In this case, the Observer provided a comprehensive guide to watching the moon landing on TV, but they would not be the newspaper to break the news of Neil Armstrong's first words on the moon as that wouldn't happen until Sunday evening.

Girl in Kennedy's car

EDGEMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, 19 July

A CAR, driven by Senator Edward Kennedy, ran off a bridge and plunged into a pond, drowning a woman passenger. The Senator escaped injury.

Police identified the dead woman as Miss Mary Jo Koppelman, 29, of Westborough, an ex-secretary of his brother, Robert, Senator Kennedy.

Later, Mr. Kennedy and the girl had dived, despite the fact that the car was overturned.

Grandmother's baby 'a hoax'

THE 58-year-old grandmother who claims to have given birth to a baby boy, was admitted that the child is not her own.

She said the child was a hoax, and that she had been deceived by a man who had promised her a baby.

£2m cross-Channel car racket

by COLIN SMITH: Birmingham, 19 July

CAR THIEVES are taking advantage of relaxed Customs rules to smuggle cars across the Channel.

Smuggled cars are being sold in the UK for up to £2 million.

Recent evidence for this was supplied by the Midlands regional office of the Customs and Excise.

What was inside?

Crossman: 'We won't wreck pension plan'

by IVAN YATES

MR. RICHARD CROSSMAN, Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday repudiated allegations that the Government's plan for wage-related pensions 'put forward by the National Association of Pension Funds and by Sir Paul Chambers, the industrialist, and the amount by which the contribution to the pension scheme will be increased.

Some people have tried to build a great deal out of the fact that the Government's plan for wage-related pensions 'put forward by the National Association of Pension Funds and by Sir Paul Chambers, the industrialist, and the amount by which the contribution to the pension scheme will be increased.

Mr. Crossman also admitted recent criticism from the men who run the private pension funds and the big insurance companies that the State scheme was too ambitious and would mean a direct threat to the millions of members of private pension schemes.

£25,000 winner

THE weekly £25,000 premium prize, announced yesterday, was won by HEB 30778. The winner lives in Yorkshire.

Fairfax rows the Atlantic

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, 19 July

John Fairfax, the British-born owner of the Fairfax newspaper, is rowing the Atlantic.

He is rowing the Atlantic to raise money for the Red Cross.

Papyrus boat left to drift

THE storm-battered papyrus boat left to drift in the Atlantic, and was found by a British ship.

With his crew he is in the expert hands of the British ship.

Two men in a boat

Two men in a boat were found by a British ship.

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As the Apollo 11 astronauts approached the critical phases of the moon landing mission, Jodrell Bank's big radio dish in Cheshire kept watch on the enigmatic Soviet Luna 15 probe orbiting the moon 30 to 110 miles up. The world's other two largest steerable radio telescopes, in Australia and California, are both closely involved in the Apollo programme.

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IS ZAC GOLDSMITH SO ANGRY?
Well, for a start, he wants to save the planet
MAGAZINE, PAGE 14

Saddam's weapons chief surrenders to US forces

- General named as 'most wanted' gives himself up at Baghdad hotel
- American troops claim nerve agent found in missile at Iraqi airbase

A little more detail

By this point standfirsts, which give extra information not in the headline, were commonplace.

With the surrender of the former dictator's chief scientist, who could unlock the secrets of Iraq's chemical weapons programme.

General Amer Hamoudi al-Saadi, who was educated in Britain, gave himself up to American forces in Baghdad less than 24 hours after being named as one of 55 members of the Iraqi dictator's inner circle.

Al-Saadi, who oversaw the country's chemical weapons programme and is believed to have vital knowledge of other key arms developments, was accompanied by a German television crew as he gave himself up to US forces, protesting that he felt 'no guilt'.

With allied forces preparing to strike at Saddam's home town Tikrit and scenes of violence in Baghdad, the surrender was hailed as a major coup for the United States and Britain, which are hoping he will lead them to the 'smoking gun' proving that Iraq had a covert programme of developing weapons of mass destruction.

Al-Saadi is also believed to have key information about where Saddam's coterie of senior advisers are hiding. He was taken into Ameri-



A US soldier tries to calm an Iraqi during a rally in Baghdad yesterday calling for law and order.

Photograph by Gleb Garanich/Reuters



Al-Saadi said he did not know where Saddam Hussein was.

He was also a key figure responsible for rebuilding Iraq's arsenal of weapons after the 1991 Gulf war. In 1992 al-Saadi announced that his country had succeeded in rebuilding the war on the Syrian border had been used to en-

richment from phosphate ore and for the manufacture of chemical weapon precursors.

Before the current conflict, al-Saadi acted as Saddam's key liaison man with the

standing practice of insisting that Iraqi officials be present at meetings between the inspectors and Iraqi scientists for fear that their remarks might be distorted. He has repeatedly insisted that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction and has also said that the Iraqi regime had no relationship with al-Qaeda.

After US Secretary of State Colin Powell's presentation in the UN Security Council in February, al-Saadi suggested that monitored Iraqi conversations played by Powell were fabricated, that defector informants were unreliable, and that satellite photographs 'showed nothing'.

BATTLE FOR IRAQ



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New threats of action against Syria

BY ED VULLIAMY
WASHINGTON

THE UNITED States has pledged to tackle the Syrian-backed Hizbollah group in the next phase of its 'war on terror' in a move which could threaten military action against President Bashar Assad's regime in Damascus.

The pledge is part of Washington's efforts to persuade Israel to support a new peace settlement with the Palestinians. Washington has promised Israel it will take 'all effective action' to cut off Syria's support for Hizbollah.

implying a military strike if necessary, sources in the Bush administration have told The Observer.

Hizbollah is a Shia Muslim organisation based in Lebanon, whose fighters have attacked northern Israeli settlements and harassed occupying Israeli troops in the point of forcing an Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon three years ago.

The new US undertaking to Israel to deal with Hizbollah via its Syrian sponsors has been made over recent days during meetings between administration officials and Israeli diplomats in Washington and Americans talking to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem.

It would be part of a deal designed to entice Israel into the so-called road-map-to-peace package that would involve the Jewish state pulling out of the Palestinian West Bank, occupied since 1967. Sharon has so far rejected the road map initiative - charted by the US with its ally Britain - which also

reforms. The American guarantee would be to take armed action if necessary to cut off Syrian support for Hizbollah and stop further sponsorship of the group by Iran.

'If you control Iraq, you can affect the Syrian and Iranian sponsorship of Hizbollah, both geographically and politically,' says Ivo Daalder of the Brookings Institution 'think-tank' in Washington.

'The United States will make it very clear, quietly and publicly, that Baathist Syria may come to an end if it does not stop its support of Hizbollah.'

The undertaking dovetails conveniently into 'phase three' of what President George W. Bush calls the 'war on terror' and his pledge to go after all countries accused of harbouring terrorists.

It also fits into calls by hawkish inside and aligned to the administration who believe that war in Iraq was the first stage in a wider battle for American control of the region. Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz - regarded as the real architect of the Iraqi war and its aftermath - said last week that 'the Syrians have been ship-

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OBSERVER SALES RISE AGAIN

Observer sales rose once again in March to an average of 455,387. This was a 1.4 per cent increase on March 2002 - a rise of 7,186 copies per issue. Our six-monthly figure - regarded as the most reliable indicator of sales - was also up to 465,414. We were the only Sunday broadsheet which

What was inside?

- A lot of news articles and features about the Iraq War, which Britain had at this point been fighting in for nearly a month. Much of this suggested the war was nearly over, but the war actually went on for 8 more years.
- An article about how people in the UK wanted to "follow New York" in banning smoking in public places.
- A mix of colour and black and white. While the front page, and many pages inside, were in full colour, some only had one colour picture while others were entirely black and white.

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■ Lib Dem leader bows to inevitable and says 'I put the party first' ■ Menzies Campbell stands for top post

Kennedy resigns

by Ned Temko
and Lorna Martin

CHARLES KENNEDY – in a public act of surrender marked by the grace and humour that has made him one of the most gifted British politicians of his generation – yesterday bowed to an open rebellion by his MPs and resigned as leader of the Liberal Democrats.

Speaking at party headquarters near the House of Commons – in the same room where, 48 hours earlier, he had dramatically confessed to being an alcoholic – Kennedy said that he was convinced he still had the support of ordinary party members, but recognised that he could no longer count on his 62 MPs.

Declaring that he had been in politics for far too long to be overly sentimental about this sort of moment, he said: 'The interests of our party have got to come first. That is where my personal, my political and my constitutional duty lies. I am stepping down with immediate effect.'

He had been leader for six years, taking the party to its most successful election performance last May in nearly 100 years. 'I'm very proud of him, what he has achieved for the party,' his wife Sarah Gurling, said last night.

With the party in shock, Kennedy's deputy and shadow foreign affairs spokesman Sir Menzies Campbell expected to take over as interim leader. The party's president, Simon Hughes, said plans would now be put in place for a ballot of the party's 72,000 grassroots members to choose a permanent successor – a contest which party sources said could have a crucial effect on when

'I'm very proud of him, what he has achieved'

HIS WIFE SARAH GURLING

'The process that led to his resignation is regrettable'

LEMBIT OPIK, MP

the party tacks to the left or right at a time when a major policy review is already under way.

with the Commons due to resume work tomorrow, Hughes asked him to see if they might find a compromise formula to resolve the crisis. Instead, Kennedy decided to go on his own terms.

Within minutes of his statement, Hughes criticised the way in which Kennedy had been forced out. 'This wasn't our most glorious moment and I have spoken about this privately to some colleagues. Many people will have regrets about Charles standing down. Many think he was badly treated.'

Lembit Opik, the party's shadow Northern Ireland spokesman, who spent much of the last two days in media appearances supporting Kennedy, said: 'The sharks have been circling around him – even this morning and even after he said he wanted the weekend to reflect on things. He was a tremendous leader and I think there are some people in this party who don't fully appreciate what he achieved. I think the process that led to his resignation is truly regrettable. There are elements of the parliamentary party that have inflicted enormous damage to the unity and credibility of the Liberal



What was inside?

- Significant discussion about the Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy resigning (as seen on the front page). At the time, the party had 62 MPs in parliament.
- The launch of the New Horizon's spacecraft, the first man-made object destined for Pluto. The robot reached Pluto in 2015, and should continue exploring ever farther reaches of space until its battery dies in the 2030s.
- An interview with then-Prime Minister Tony Blair. He had been Prime Minister for 9 years at the time and would step down the following year.



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A new format ►

This was the first Observer to appear in the Berliner format, which was smaller than its previous broadsheet format and an unusual size for a UK newspaper. The Guardian had adopted the Berliner format the previous year.

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Behind the Headlines

4 June 2017 - Late breaking news

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GENERAL ELECTION

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Will the Skyline and then some ▶

For big events, the Observer has had a tendency in recent years to stretch out their skyline. While this one, for the 2017 General Election, was graphics-heavy, they have also printed large, all-text excerpts from their opinion pieces on recent political events like Brexit that take up most of the front page.

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Twin terror attacks strike London on eve of election

■ May abandons campaign and returns to take charge after 'terrible incident'

by James Tapper and Kate Lyons

More than one person died and several more have been seriously injured in two terrorist incidents in central and south London, police confirmed last night.

Theresa May abandoned political campaigning to return to Downing Street following what she called a "terrible incident". She will chair a meeting of the government's emergency Cobra committee later today.

Shortly after 10pm, a white van swerved to hit "five or six" people on London Bridge, leaving several people injured. Police searched the Thames for pedestrians who were believed to have fallen into the river during the incident.

At Borough Market, a short distance away, armed police were called to deal with three men after reports of a stabbing at bars. Eyewitnesses told the Observer that armed officers had shot the men.

The white van was driven at high speed along London Bridge, then veered into pedestrians on the northern side of the bridge, according to BBC reporter Holly Jones, who was nearly hit.

"A white van driver came speeding – probably at about 50mph – and veered off the road into the crowds of people who were walking along the pavement," she told BBC News. "He swerved around me and then hit about five or six people. He hit about two people in front of me and three behind. I'd say there are about four severely injured people. They all have paramedics assisting them."

◀ Five stars

This shows that this was the 5th edition of the paper printed on the morning of 4 June.

◀ Late edition story change

The five stars in the bottom left of the paper suggest that this is the fifth edition of the paper, printed in the early morning of Saturday 4 June. Previous editions featured a story about the election and a photo of then-Prime Minister Theresa May. However, this tragic attack on London Bridge happened late on Saturday evening, meaning the Observer could update the story for the final printing of the paper. Papers destined for Scotland or Northern Ireland would have already been sent off with the picture of Theresa May, but newsagents closer to London who get the final edition of the paper would see this version.

The scene at Borough

She said: "He turned with several of me and several out of the way." Jones said police within two minutes by ambulances. Police searching the river for people who may have fallen off the bridge.

She said that among the injured was a French woman who told her she did not know the man who hit her. She said she told me that she was one of those who were hit. She said she was one of those who were hit. She said she was one of those who were hit.

he witnessed the incident at Borough Market. "There were three guys with what looked like explosive belts. I didn't believe that it was real, that it was going to blow up. I'm still here," he said. "There was one policeman who was there and dealing with them, and then more police showed up. There were lots of other people around but they didn't

"And then [it seemed like] hundreds of people were coming inside. The bouncers did a really good job. They shut the doors and locked everyone inside. There was panic – it seemed like it was literally outside the door. "People were saying that they had

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Labour will cut VAT in move to help poor families

by Toby Helm and Michael Savage

Labour will aim to help tens of millions of people who are struggling on lower incomes by cutting the rate of VAT if it wins the general election, the shadow chancellor John McDonnell has told the Observer.

The new pledge to use the proceeds of future growth to reduce VAT from its current 20% level came as Theresa May and her senior ministers appeared to be at loggerheads over the Conservatives' own tax policies, adding to an impression that the Tories are suffering a bout of late campaign jitters before polling day on Thursday.

As the parties prepared their final pitches amid signs that the polls continue to narrow, a confident McDonnell reiterated his message that 95% of people would face no rises in their income tax bills under a Labour government.

But in a high-stakes move, he went on to say his priority would be to deliver a "fair tax system" under which income tax rises for the highest earners would be followed by VAT reductions for all, when economic growth allows. Such a reduction, he said, would give the greatest proportionate benefits to those on low and middle incomes.

"Fairness is at the heart of everything we do," the shadow chancellor said. "If I can reduce the burden of

which is published in today's Observer. On the timing of a VAT reduction, McDonnell said: "We will see how the economy grows. There are two ways we can share the benefits of prosperity. One is by making sure people get decent wages and the other is making

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Behind the Headlines

18 May 2018 – A deep investigation

Regular content inside! ▶

While the rest of the front page looks dramatically different to the Observer's usual look to highlight the significance of the Cambridge Analytica story, the skyline stresses that the usual content, such as sport, food, and comedy, will still appear inside.

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In sport



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In the New Review



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- ▶ Tech giant suspends controversial data firm

Carole Cadwalladr
& Emma Graham-Harrison

The data analytics firm that worked with Donald Trump's election team and the winning Brexit campaign

taken without authorisation in early 2014 to build a system that could profile individual US voters, in order to target them with personalised political advertisements.

While most front page news is important events from the day before, sometimes the newspaper will choose an important piece of investigative journalism instead. This story revealed that Facebook data had been used by the company Cambridge Analytica to target ads to voters in the 2016 American Presidential election. It took years of the reporters researching and checking the legal implications of the story before they were ready to publish. Stories like these can have large legal, political, and social consequences.

it failed to alert users and took only limited steps to recover and secure the private information of more than

In black and white

The unusual colours on this front page speak to the fact that this was a dramatic and revelatory news story, and the layout would have been planned farther in advance than regular editions of the Observer.

A little bit smaller...

In 2018, the Observer moved from using the Berliner format to the Tabloid format. While tabloid is sometimes used as a derogatory word for newspapers seen as not being serious, it actually refers to the size of the newspaper.

What was inside?

- Several more pages going over the details of the Cambridge Analytica scandal.
- Stories on the UK's relationship with Russia - at the time, there had been prominent poisonings in the UK of ex-Russian spies which were being investigated.
- A story about an eight year-old Iranian weightlifter who fought and won the right for women and girls to be allowed to compete in sport in Iran.

Behind the Headlines

7 June 2020 – A lot more inside

Gardens special

How Nigel Slater created his perfect sanctuary

▲ Fan favourites

The kickers advertise contributions by people the Observer team know are popular with readers, like chef Nigel Slater (talking here about gardening instead of cooking).



Deeper reflections ▶

The kickers on the Observer are often for features – longer news stories where writers use their personal experience or expertise to reflect on news more deeply, such as historian David Olusoga on racism in Britain following Black Lives Matter protests.



Samira Ahmed

The woman who shamed the BBC

In the New Review

David Olusoga
Britain too is disfigured by pervasive racism

This section



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PM told: dump the rhetoric and plan for a new wave of Covid

Enticing images ▶

While photographs traditionally accompanied the big splash on the front page, they are increasingly being used to highlight an event that is written about in more detail inside the paper. This allows a greater number of important stories to be featured on the front page.

have issued an urgent plea for a comprehensive plan to tackle a second wave of coronavirus infections, as Boris Johnson continues to lose public confidence in his handling of the pandemic.

Amid persistent fears among scientists that the virus remains too prev-

open debate about Britain's plight. They also warned of a "dramatic" drop in capacity at NHS hospitals.

The Observer spoke to organisations including the Royal College of GPs, the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, the Royal College of Anaesthetists, the NHS Confederation and NHS Providers on how ministers should plan for a potential second wave. They called for:

● An "aggressive public health campaign" to boost flu immunisation to stop the NHS having to deal with flu

Heavyweight support



Champion boxer Anthony Joshua joins the Black Lives Matter protest in his home town of Watford. Addressing a rally, he called racism 'a virus that has spread across the world'. (UK protests, pages 2-3) Paul Childs/Reuters

Cabinet split over U-turn on US trade talks

Michael Savage
Policy Editor

Downing Street has been accused of reopening the door to imports of chlorinated chicken and hormone-treated beef, after a leaked memo

to reflect" the fact that the UK was to have no policy position on animal welfare. The revelation will raise more concerns about the government's commitment to upholding "high environmental protection, animal welfare and food standards".

of a US deal and appears to suggest UK regulations could be changed to accommodate an agreement. It also makes clear that talks were to be used to "maximise leverage" in trade negotiations with the EU.

"Consultation and agreement

Coronavirus

News special p4-13

Kenan Malik p21

World p24-25

Focus p34-35

Observer comment p38

What was inside?

- Three two-page spreads focused on Black Lives Matter protests, plus several pieces of feature writing about racism, some touching on specific aspects such as racism in sport.
- Several COVID-related stories, including one suggesting there was a lack of government plan for a second wave and another about GCSE students not all having access to laptops.
- Some lighter stories too, including one about how the families of some actors and comedians were starting to get involved with their lockdown television appearances.

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8 November 2020 – Biden the time



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▲ Just the masthead?

For a huge news story like Joe Biden's victory in the heavily contested Trump vs Biden 2020 US presidential election, the Observer dropped its typical layout of a skyline and front page articles in favour of a commemorative front page.

*"I will be a
president for
all Americans"*

IT'S JOE

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Andrew Rawnsley page 53



Sunday Best

Though the Observer often misses big, breaking news stories by virtue of publishing only on Sunday, the 2020 US election results were finalised on a Saturday, allowing the paper to create this special front cover to announce Biden's victory.

What was inside?

- Nineteen pages of US election coverage. Some of this would have been pre-planned to publish anyway, some would have been changed in a hurry on Saturday when the results came out.
- Features on loneliness and how it impacted both the young and old throughout the pandemic.
- The food section of the magazine that comes with the Observer, in this edition, celebrated Britain's love of pot noodles!

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EIGHTH ARMY STRIKES AGAIN

"Attack Resumed Early Yesterday"—Berlin

INFILTRATION INTO AXIS LINES

General Montgomery's Eighth Army resumed its attack on the El Alamein front in Egypt early yesterday morning, according to a German News Agency message last night.

This report said that no news was yet available of the progress of the attack, for which, it declared, General Montgomery had brought up reinforcements, especially of artillery and tanks, from the southern and central sectors of the front.

From Cairo it was officially announced yesterday that the Allied forces had beaten off several further counter-attacks against their new positions.

The Allied air forces maintain superiority. It was stated last night that since the Allied attack began our night bombers have dropped approximately 781 tons of bombs in the battle area and have shot down seventy-one enemy planes.

ALLIED GAINS HELD

Lufthaffe More Active From 10 SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CAIRO, Saturday.—The second week of General Montgomery's offensive operations today with our troops steadily holding the new positions they have won and with the Allied air forces maintaining their superiority. Rommel is reacting vigorously, but all his counter-attacks have been beaten off, and the Eighth Army has been able to consolidate its gains.

Allied infantry have beaten off four counter-attacks in one day in two of these attacks on Thursday Axis tanks took part, but were driven off.

The Lufthaffe is showing more activity, and fierce dog-fights are taking place over Montgomery's advanced positions.

MORE DIVE-BOMBING
Rommel has begun to make rather more use of his Stuka dive-bombers for attacking Allied infantry supporting gun positions. They are showing great caution, however, and to avoid anti-aircraft fire they are flattening out at several thousand feet above their targets.

Our guns are steadily pounding both the enemy's forward positions and his tank and transport concentrations behind the lines. Our 25-pounders and medium artillery are doing considerable damage and causing many casualties.

AIR BATTERING
The defeat of Rommel's latest counter-attacks and the near long-range air strafing of the enemy are described in today's joint communiqué. It says: "During Thursday night and yesterday a number of enemy counter-attacks against our new positions were beaten off with losses to the enemy."

Allied air superiority in the desert was maintained, and during Thursday night and yesterday our attacks continued on forward landing grounds and other targets.

Our heavy bombers attacked Crete. Long-range fighters operating against enemy transport in the coastal area shot down a Ju 52 and attacked a landing ground.

There was some enemy dive-bombing activity yesterday, during which our fighters shot down a Ju 88 and at least three fighters, in addition to damaging many others.

Our two-engine fighters attacked the aerodrome at El Adem and destroyed at least four enemy aircraft. From these operations three of our aircraft did not return.

The comparative lull over Malta continues, and the communiqué reports that our fighters shot down an enemy aircraft in crossing the coast of the island.

DAYLIGHT RAID ON CANTERBURY

GERMAN "REPRISAL"

11 NAZI PLANES DESTROYED

As Canterbury's streets were thronged with shop-goers hurrying home in the fading light early last night bombs crashed down on the city in the biggest daylight raid carried out by the Germans since the Battle of Britain.

It was a "lightning" raid, and the bombs were raining down even before the people could reach shelter, smashing shops and houses. It is believed that about 30 planes were employed and nine of them were destroyed.

If the attack on Canterbury was intended as a reply to the R.A.F.'s Le Cresset and Milan massive-scale day-attacks it was nothing more than a poor imitation—both numerically and in result.

An official report by the Air Ministry issued last night reads: "Late this afternoon a number of enemy aircraft attacked Canterbury where damage was done and there was a number of casualties."

"Elsewhere bombs were dropped this morning in East Angles, and this afternoon at a few scattered points in South-East England. These did little damage and the number of casualties was small."

"Nine enemy aircraft were destroyed, six by our fighters and three by ground forces. Two of our fighters are missing."

"The people are known to have been killed and others injured in Canterbury. Most of the casualties were caused when a bomb exploded near a cinema, which was machine-gunned at the same time. The conductor and his passengers were killed and other passengers injured. The driver escaped."

"Another bus was attacked and the driver was killed."

SHOPPERS SURPRISED
An eye-witness to the attack on Canterbury says that the raiders came in the form of a V-formation, which consisted of as many as 30 planes. They were seen to be crowded with shoppers. The raid was carried out in a very quick manner, and many people had no time to get to their shelters."

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THE NEW "OBSERVER"

A Paper and a Policy

By THE EDITOR

TO-DAY THE OBSERVER appears in an altered form. The chief and most recent news will now be printed on the front page. The contents will serve economy as well as convenience. It will help to make the utmost use of every inch of paper at a time when this raw material of journalism has to be severely rationed. The quantity of matter in the new OBSERVER cannot, while the war lasts, be great. The quality, it is hoped, will not suffer. The alteration is not being made to meet any lack of present favour, but to suit the pressure of the time and to improve the service which a newspaper ought to offer.

ON such an occasion we think it well to put the policy of THE OBSERVER before the public. In its first number, published on December 4, 1931, in a period, like our own, of vast social upheaval, this Journal explained its arrival in "the present, extraordinary situation which opens upon an astonished world." There is certainly no lack of cause for "astonishment" to-day. Old boundaries of every kind have been over-run. Old standards and loyalties have vanished, new orders and disorders arise.

AMID this chaos the transition of the world from the old to the new is being made. Parties and alignments become obvious, while the permanence of principles is denied. The new order is being built, but the old order is still in being. The new order is being built, but the old order is still in being. The new order is being built, but the old order is still in being.

TO unify the past functions of the two centuries, liberation and control, is THE OBSERVER's social policy. Those who work to this purpose will be supported with distinction between political parties. For the young, opportunity must be equal for the old and infirm. Security must be equal for all others a proper standard of working and living must be upheld. But these objects are pursued, the achievement of a wide-spread victory over the dictatorship is allowed to dull the initiative of the individual, to depress the spirit of adventure, or quench the creative flame.

THE first task is to end the mad competition of nations by a world-wide control, a control not static but susceptible always to necessary changes and evolutions of national need and desire. The second is to destroy the social injustices of an ill-balanced society without creating a sluggish conformity and dull inertia. In our rebuilding we shall drive at the old Athenian ideal of seeking beauty without extravagance while pursuing new ways of efficiency and of mastering the machine which has so often been the oppressor rather than the liberator of mankind. That, in broad outline, must be the ideal of a dynamic democracy. It is also the policy of this paper.

EVERY problem of the Services or of the civilians has now to be regarded afresh. That demands the

CONGRESS POLL THIS WEEK

Little Swing Likely Against President

The mid-term elections in the United States fall on Tuesday. The voters will choose a new House of Representatives and a third of the Senate.

Our Washington Correspondent in his cable on page 5 says it is not likely that President Roosevelt's hold on Congress will be very much diminished.

GENERAL SMUTS

General Smuts spoke in Dutch to the people of enemy-occupied Netherlands and Belgium from Radio Orange and Radio Belgium last night.

His broadcast is reported on page 5.

NAZI COUP FEARED

A crisis is looming in Denmark. Nazi coup feared today.

Stockholm messages say it is feared that to-day may bring some sort of coup by the Danish Nazis, or at least violent incidents against the Germans may erupt.

The Danish Nazis are boasting "The hour is near when our year-long struggle will end in victory." They have organised rallies in all important towns. Their chief, Fritz Clausen, will speak at the Copenhagen Forum and, it is said, will also visit the British Red Cross prisoners of war camp at St. Mary's Palace, and it might elicit unexpectedly at the time.

Police all over the country have been told to be ready for disturbances.

SOVIET REPEL ALL ATTACKS

STREETS RETAKEN IN STALINGRAD

From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

STOCKHOLM, Saturday.—German assaults on the factory area of Stalingrad seem to be easing off, at any rate for the time being, and once again the Russians have repelled all attacks.

Today's reports from Moscow say that the defenders have even been launching fierce counter-attacks, in which they have retaken a number of houses, streets, and a factory.

The midnight communiqué from Moscow stated: "In the Stalingrad area our troops repelled enemy attacks."

"In the area of Malokh stubs, North-west of Stalingrad, our units fought off several enemy attacks."

BATTALION WIPED OUT

A supplement states that in one day the function of the whole battalion of German infantry were destroyed. The Germans were killed, and the rest of the battalion were taken prisoner.

"Towards the end of the day the Germans launched a fierce attack with very considerable force and broke through the outskirts of an inhabited locality."

NAZIS' DILEMMA

There are signs that the German Government is becoming more desperate. It is impossible to winter in the Caucasus. Therefore they are making a last desperate attempt to break through the valley running between the Black Sea and the Caucasus.

The Germans, failing to break through from Moscow, have been forced to retreat, and are now being forced westward, and are now being forced westward, and are now being forced westward.

JAP CRUISER BOMBED

Heavy Attack in Solomons

General MacArthur's air forces have bombed a big warship—a heavy cruiser or battleship—at the Japanese naval base in Buin, in the Solomons. Yesterday's communiqué, describing this success, said: "We destroyed a big warship."

"Allied medium and heavy formations executed three night attacks on the Japanese base in the harbour, dropping over 100 tons of bombs and causing many casualties."

The Australian offensive in the Owen Stanley area in New Guinea is continuing to advance. "Our ground forces have secured a series of victories over the Japanese, and are now continuing to advance."

U. S. LOSE A CARRIER

Crew Taken Off

The U.S. Navy Department last night announced that the aircraft-carrier USS *Reuben James* was sunk Monday near Santa Cruz Island, 250 miles north of Guadalcanar.

After being heavily damaged she was taken in tow, but a second attack caused further damage, and her personnel was then removed to the survivors.

Reports to date, says Reuter, indicate that there were few casualties.

This carrier and the U.S. destroyer Porter were the only U.S. vessels lost in the above engagement—Reuter.

It is the fourth U.S. aircraft carrier to be lost since the start of the Pacific war.

MR. ROOSEVELT

Tea with Duchess of Kent

Mrs. Roosevelt had tea with the Duchess of Kent at the Coppins, Iwer, Bucks, yesterday, and the first time Prince Michael Franklin, the President's godson, who was born on July 1, 1939, was taken with her and the late Duke of Kent.

Earlier in the day Mrs. Roosevelt visited the British Red Cross prisoners of war camp at St. Mary's Palace, and it might elicit unexpectedly at the time.

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PREMIER AND THE MINERS

"We Were Told the Facts"—Mr. Will Lawther

A FRANK TALK TO 3,000

By OUR LABOUR CORRESPONDENT

Miners, many of them straight from the coal face, came to London yesterday and listened to a frank talk on the fuel situation from Mr. Churchill.

There were 3,000 representatives of the coal industry at the meeting, where only five speeches were delivered by the Prime Minister, General Smuts, Major Lloyd George (Minister of Fuel and Power), who presided, Sir Evan Williams (President of the Mining Association) and Mr. Will Lawther (President of the Miners' Federation).

The conference lasted just over two hours. The Prime Minister, who left by a side door with Mrs. Churchill and General Smuts, was

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UNANIMOUS

The meeting was 100 per cent. in favour of putting everything into the war effort.

Mr. Churchill's appeal made the biggest impression on the miners, and almost without exception they were pledged to secrecy—they declared afterwards that they would not let the national leader, or the Government, know what they were going to do.

The delegates afterwards said that the Prime Minister's speech had created a great impression. "It was a wonderful speech, mainly political in character," The Prime Minister said, "but on the whole optimistic."

One of the men who went back to the collieries and tell their mates that they must start every effort to give the country the coal it needs. The Prime Minister has given us a great deal of encouragement, and it was well worth while bringing us to London."

General Smuts also delivered an address, in which he said that the Prime Minister's speech was a "great encouragement" to the miners, who spoke at the end of the meeting. The delegates then adjourned on page 5, column 2.

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Apollo 11 rockets into moon orbit

from GERALD LEACH: Houston, 19 July

THE APOLLO 11 spacecraft went into a lunar orbit today in readiness for tomorrow's first attempt to put men on the moon. Permission by mission control at Houston for a braking manoeuvre to put the spacecraft into the moon orbit was given at 6.2 p.m. British time.

Eleven minutes later the spacecraft slid behind the moon into contact with control for the first time since leaving earth orbit on Wednesday.

The astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin were all set to fire Apollo 11's thrust engine for six minutes and two seconds behind the moon to put the ship in an elliptical orbit 69 miles by 196 miles. Mission control did not know until the spacecraft reappeared from behind the moon whether the burn had taken place on schedule and for the right length of time.

If the engine had fired for too short a time the craft would have swung wide of the moon or gone into an unstable orbit. In either case there were 'short' plans to get the astronauts back safely. If it had fired for too long a time it would have dipped Apollo into orbit too low to allow Armstrong and Aldrin to make tomorrow's descent in the landing module to the moon's surface.

In the event the main engine firing was described by the crew as 'just perfect'. The control room was tense and quiet for the three-quarters of an hour while the astronauts made contact before the burn, the control room went quiet and began to fill up with astronauts, including American veteran John Glenn and the Apollo 8's Jim Lovell and Bill Anders. A few seconds after 6.45 p.m. BSR Apollo came round from behind the moon and into radio contact.

As the master clock reset the time for the acquisition of a signal, the ground station in Madrid reported that it was receiving signals from Apollo 11.

Several minutes later, after the astronauts had aligned the main antenna, Armstrong's voice could be heard repeating the word 'Houston'. In fact, he had been talking to the moon that he could see at the bottom of one window in the lunar module. It was the proposed landing site property.

The Apollo 11 astronauts are now quite likely to take their first steps on the moon after ten days in space. The mission continued to run smoothly today, but the launch of Armstrong and Aldrin in the lunar module on Sunday will take

place at 9.14 p.m. British time, 4 min. 39 sec. earlier than planned.

Plans that the moonship will also be brought forward were strengthened when the astronaut physician Dr Charles Berry said that he did not now expect the two men to go to sleep on the moon.

They have been sleeping so well on the trip out, he said, that when they come to the planned four-hour sleep period before their moonwalk they will probably just relax.

If they want to sleep, he said, he may order them to take several, a quick-acting sedative that wears off after four hours. But if not, he will let them alone.

Armstrong, the mission commander, may well argue that they should jump the gun and start their moonwalk early rather than sit looking at the moon through the craft's windows.

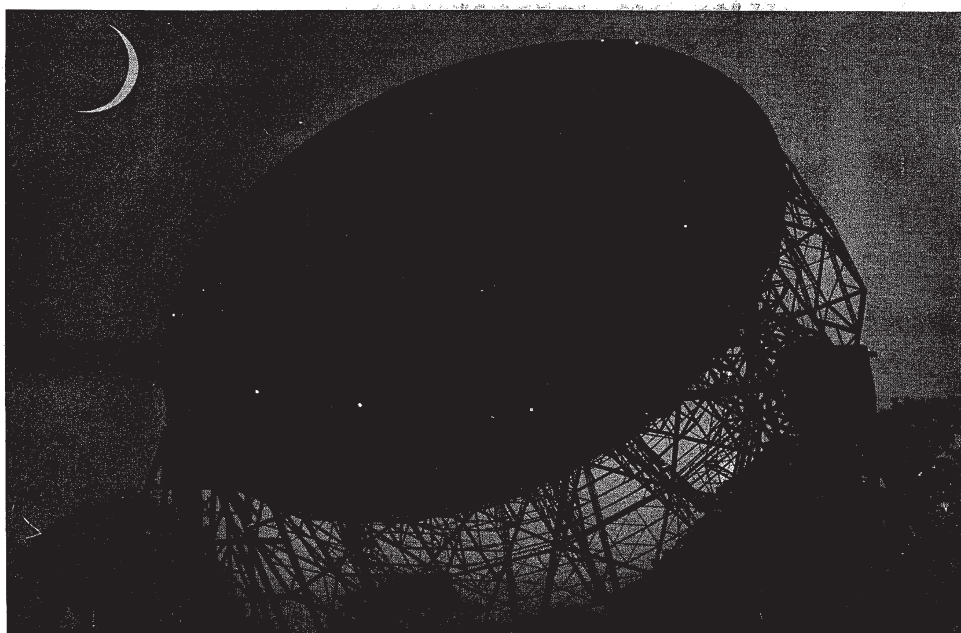
At this end, the mission controllers are playing it tight. All they say is that the decision on when the moonwalk step will be made at the time and that the second moonwalk plan is not an unbreakable rule book for event 'out of orbit'.

For Americans, there is also the matter of the moonwalk. It is now scheduled for the very early morning of the 21st, but two or three hours would practically bring it into the middle of the day.

For viewers in Britain, this would mean getting up at 4.55 clock on Monday morning to see the first pictures of the men on the moon.

British and European television will be as good as won once the Apollo 11 goes into orbit. The first pictures of the moon landing will be seen by millions of people in Britain and Europe.

Meanwhile, back on the pad, the next mission is being planned. Tomorrow's Cape Kennedy test launch of the new Atlas III satellite is expected to be the first of a series of launches. The test launch is scheduled for 10.30 a.m. on Sunday.



As the Apollo 11 astronaut approached the critical phases of the moon landing mission, Jodrell Bank's big radio dish in Cheshire kept watch on the enigmatic Soviet Luna 15 probe orbiting the moon 39 to 110 miles up. The world's other two largest steerable radio telescopes, in Australia and California, are both closely involved in the Apollo programme.

Girl in Kennedy's car drowns

EDGEMOUNT, Massachusetts, 19 July

A CAR driven by Senator Edward Kennedy plunged into a pond, drowning a woman passenger. The Senator escaped injury.

Police identified the dead woman as Miss Mary Jo Koscene, 29, of Washington, an ex-secretary of his brother, Robert. Senator Kennedy apparently crawled out of the window on the driver's side and escaped unhurt. The girl's body was in the rear seat of the car, which was partially submerged.

Later, Mr Kennedy said the girl had drowned despite his repeated pleas she get out. He was exhausted and the car was stuck in the mud. He said he was not sure if the car was stuck or if the girl was stuck.

Mr Kennedy's car had just left down a narrow country road when it reached the island bridge. Police said the car was stuck in the mud. The girl's body was found in the rear seat of the car, which was partially submerged.

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Crossman: 'We won't wreck pension plan'

by IVAN YATES

MR RICHARD CROSSMAN, Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday repudiated allegations that the Government's plan for wage-related pensions put forward by the National Association of Pension Funds and by Sir Paul Chambers, the industrialist.

"I find their ideas totally unacceptable," he said. But those who were hoping for a "prolonged" gladiatorial clash between myself and the pension interests in the State scheme and the private pension schemes might find what happens "a sad anticlimax".

The statement, he said, would mean the complete scrapping of the Government's plan for linking the two nations (rich and poor) in old age. But this was done on British cars. The plan was to link the two nations (rich and poor) in old age. But this was done on British cars.

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IN CELON
BY Kelvinette

THE storm-battered papyrus boat Ra, abandoned by its crew, has been left to drift in the Atlantic and may eventually reach one of the Caribbean islands. It is equipped with a small steering ruff. Mr Thor Heyerdahl, the Norwegian explorer, hopes to track its course by plane, he said yesterday.

With his crew he is in the escort ship Sienkowsky. They expect to reach Barbados tomorrow. He added: "We have established that papyrus does not sink in salt water after two weeks, and that it was possible for the ancient Egyptians to sail to the New World in such a ship."

The expedition left Liss, Morocco, on 25 May hoping to prove this theory. The Sienkowsky, the international crew, repairing the vessel, which is made of 20,000 papyrus reeds bound together.

DAVIS CUP WIN
GRAHAM STEIN won the Davis Cup for Great Britain and Ireland, 6-3 at Bristol yesterday in the final. The winning lead of 3-1 in the semi-final.

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Nigerians down five aircraft

by COLIN LEGUM
our Commonwealth Correspondent

THE NIGERIAN Air Force claims to have shot down at least five aircraft making night flights to Biafra within the last fortnight.

Chief Anthony Enahoro, Nigeria's Federal Commissioner for Information and Labour, told me in London yesterday that since neither the Biafrans nor Inter-Church Aid had announced these losses it was impossible to say whether they were carrying relief supplies or arms.

Some arms aircraft, he thought, were still getting through to Biafra's last airfield, Lili.

"But," he added, "our air interception operations are now so much more effective that already no plane can be sure of getting through to Lili. Within a matter of months we will be able to ensure that only flights approved by the Federal authorities will be able to get through to Biafra."

Lost cobra found

THE COBRA which escaped from a farm at Saffron Walden, Essex, last Monday was recaptured last night—only eight feet from its cage.

It was found by its owner, Mr Robert Balfour, 20.

A large two-day police hunt had failed to find the deadly cobra. Police posted advised people to keep away from long grass and scrubland, and 3,000 children were warned about it.

The pet box constructor thought to have escaped from a car at Esher, Surrey, on Thursday, was found yesterday curled up in the car's boot system.

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£2m cross-Channel car racket

Birmingham, 19 July

ANALYSIS for his part in the operation. He pleaded guilty to receiving £38,000 of British and West German cars in less than six months.

Once a car had a registration number, he said, it was a traditional "ringing" — car thieves along for the medicinal chain of crime, chassis and body shell numbers. But this was done on British cars.

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Briefly

Spending boost
Public expenditure in the 1990-91 financial year will be as a proportion of Britain's gross national product for the first time since 1984-85, the Chancellor, John Major, will reveal in his Autumn Statement to Parliament on Wednesday. Whitehall departmental bids have totalled some £15 billion more than originally budgeted and economic growth is expected to slow to below 2 per cent of GDP (Business, page 19).

Heart mother dies
Dorothy Leonard, the world's first heart and lung transplant patient to have a baby, has died aged 24. It was disclosed that the baby, 5lb 14oz Jonathan, was born in February last year. Dorothy, of Drighlington, near Bradford, West Yorkshire, had her operation four years ago.

Terrorism charge
A couple are to appear before a Belfast court today charged with having documents likely to be useful to terrorists. Police said they gave the names of judges, Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers, police and prison officers.

Baker's blues
Conservative Party chairman Kenneth Baker was ordered outside with other guests at a hotel at Shurdluff, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, when staff received an anonymous late night hoax call that a bomb was in the building.

Namibia all-clear
Meril Antila, head of the UN task force in Namibia, said that voting in the pre-independence election, which ended yesterday after 97 per cent of voters turned out, had been free and fair (Report, page 14).

Arts cash crisis
With the Arts Minister, Richard Luce, due on Thursday to announce any revisions to the Arts Council's grant, major arts houses face their worst financial crisis in years as a result of grants not keeping pace with inflation (Report, page 9).

Going to pot
Two men were arrested after cannabis resin worth more than £500,000 was found by Customs officers in a lot of pot plants on the A34 near Stone, Stafford.

Britain great again
Test series triumph at home in 24 years. Great Britain beat New Zealand 10-6 at Wigan (Report, page 32).

The weather
Mostly cloudy; rain or showers in parts (Details, page 2).

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A nation floods West



Hammering at the gateway to the West: An East Berliner on the Wall as Germany's day of liberty dawns. Photograph by Bill Robinson.

Berlin erupts as it witnesses the largest movement of European people ever recorded in a single day

MORE than a million East Germans are expected to cross to the West this weekend, celebrating the opening of their borders in an explosion of joy. With the East German cities of Potsdam and East Berlin like ghost towns, immense queues formed yesterday at all the crossing points from East to West Berlin, in spite of the rapid creation of new checkpoints in the Wall and the reopening of a long-closed underground station.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, speaking after an emergency meeting of his cabinet, said he was convinced that when East Germans were given the right of self-determination they would want Germany to be reunited. But East German leader Egon Krenz insisted, after talking to Kohl by phone, that reunification was not for discussion.

Meanwhile, traffic jams more than 30 miles long formed at the Helmsdorf crossing point into West Germany as people waited to cross, some taking as much as 11 hours to get over.

Eventually, the West Berlin transport authority halted all bus traffic through the centre of the city and closed entry to several underground stations. But people continued to pour into the city through new crossing points in the Wall, while more came across the Glienicke Bridge, which joins West Berlin with Potsdam. Crowds gathered on the bridge to cheer cars and pedestrians through, waving goodbye and shouting 'see you again' to those going back.

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Chancellor Kohl told a press conference yesterday that he would go to East Germany 'soon' to meet Krenz. A senior aide is expected to visit East Berlin tomorrow to begin making arrangements for the meeting.

Kohl said Bonn wanted to determine how it could 'sweepingly improve the material living conditions' of the East German people. The Cabinet had supported aid for East Germany, but he refused to be drawn on how much. First the political reforms must come and then, he said, East Germany must show it was starting to introduce a market-based economy.

Krenz, meanwhile, continued to talk of reformed socialism. He told a West German newspaper that his party envisaged a socialism for everyone. The East German regime yesterday published plans for free elections, independent courts, economic reform, a free press, autonomous trade unions and scrutiny of the security police.

Mr Thatcher is expected to make her first speech on events in Germany to the Lord Mayor's banquet tomorrow at Guildhall. She is expected to say that a period of calm is vital before free elections in East Germany.

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Exposed: Nuclear costs cover-up

Exclusive
Robin Meikle
Science Correspondent

FINANCIAL advisers in the City and Whitehall specifically warned Mr Cecil Parkinson, the then Energy Minister, more than a year ago that the sale of nuclear plants and the construction of new reactors was an unacceptable component of electricity privatisation.

In the summer of 1988, he was told several times that the costs of decommissioning existing reactors and the capital costs of building new ones would be so high that no finance house would support their inclusion in the privatisation package.

Yet Mr Parkinson refused to act on the information. Afraid of enraging a virulently pro-nuclear Mrs Thatcher, he delayed taking action. Then in July, he was made Transport Minister.

As a result, withdrawal of nuclear plants from the privatisation of the electricity industry was held back for a considerable period and was left to his successor, Mr John Wakeham. This has severely disrupted the Government's plans as the deadline for privatisation approaches.

The decision to axe Britain's new reactor programme and to withdraw all existing nuclear plants from privatisation was announced by Mr Wakeham last Thursday. Two weeks ago, The Observer exclusively revealed that cancellation plans were about to be implemented.

Further investigations have revealed that major financial problems, arising from the soaring costs of the country's nuclear industry, will still beset electricity privatisation.

In particular, The Observer has learned that the decision to save Sizewell B, the only one of Britain's new generation of pressurised water reactors (PWRs) to survive last week's cancellations, will still cripple privatisation. It will cost British electricity users an extra £200 million a year.

Following a abandonment of the other three PWRs — planned for Hinkley Point in Somerset, Wylfa on Anglesey, and another at Sizewell, it will no longer be possible to spread costs over the family of four power stations, making Sizewell B the most expensive.

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£3m rescue scheme saves Mappa Mundi

Martin Bailey

THE priceless medieval Mappa Mundi is to be saved from the auctioneer's hammer. Under a £3 million rescue plan to be announced tomorrow, a special library is to be built in Hereford to display the document, along with the cathedral's collection of chained books.

Agreement has been reached for the Dean and Chapter to donate the thirteenth-century map of the world to the Hereford Cathedral Mappa Mundi Trust, committed to preserving and displaying it in the city. The rescue plan has been financed by the National Heritage Memorial Fund and philanthropist John Paul Getty III.

A series of discoveries during

the past four months has shown that Mappa Mundi is not only the greatest surviving medieval map, but also that it once formed the centre of a typicall altarpiece. Auctioning Mappa Mundi would now be even more controversial.

Although the £3 million rescue package will ensure the future of Mappa Mundi and the chained library, it still leaves the cathedral £4 million short of what it needs for essential repairs, endowment of its choir foundation and safeguarding its ministry. A public appeal for the £4 million is to be launched next year.

The Mappa Mundi controversy began last November when it was announced that the map was to be sold at Sotheby's



Part of the medieval map.

to ease the cathedral's financial crisis. After a public outcry, the Dean and Chapter opened discussions with the National Heritage Memorial Fund, which offered to provide £2 million along with a further £1 million from Mr Getty. This original proposal failed because of terms attached to the offer.

Last Tuesday negotiations with the National Heritage Memorial Fund were reopened, and new terms have been agreed.

VAT set to hit air, rail and bus fares

Paul Routledge

RAIL, bus and domestic air fares in Britain are likely to rise by between 4 and 9 per cent under European Commission plans to impose VAT on public transport.

The proposal, part of the harmonisation of taxation across Europe by 1992, was greeted with dismay last night by transport watchdogs, who predicted a fall in leisure travel and more road congestion.

British Rail said: 'We are assuming it will come in at some stage in the next couple of years. Our working assumption is that VAT will be imposed at the lower end of the scale.'

Transport Secretary Cecil

Parkinson, faces questions on the issue when he addresses the Central Transport Consultative Committee next month.

Mr Bob Fenton, the CTCOC spokesman, said: 'Imposition of VAT would seriously affect the leisure market. It would be a massive blow to people, particularly old age pensioners. If fares become subject to VAT, some people will simply not travel by train.'

The National Union of Railwaysmen forecast that passenger traffic receipts, which totalled £1.78 billion in the last financial year, would fall by up to 7 per cent. Rail fares are already set to rise by an average of 9 per cent in January.

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Nags line up to challenge Thatcher

Nicholas Wapshott
Political Editor

THE GREAT Westminster Autumn Handicap got off to a poor start last week. As the corridors and lobbies buzzed with rumours about a 'stalking horse' candidate to compete with Mrs Thatcher in a Tory leadership race next month, the named runners declined to confirm they would even reach the saddle.

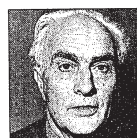
Downing Street sources poured scorn on the notion of a challenger emerging. 'I'd like to see the colour of this nag,' said an insider. 'Are any of his showings?'

In a reference to Sir Anthony Meyer MP, both the favourite and a risk outsider, the source joked: 'Not exactly Desert Orchid, is he?'

Tory MPs have until the end



Still undecided: Sir Ian Gilmour (left), Sir Anthony Meyer (centre) and David Howell.



of next month to find a plucky malcontent to try their luck. Among those most often mentioned in Westminster last week were David Howell, the former Energy then Transport Secretary, and Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Foreign Office Minister, both of whom were unceremoniously sacked by the Prime Minister. Both, however, deny

that they will allow their names to be put forward.

But the race is too early to call. There are at least two weeks before any candidate need declare their intentions. As one MP put it: 'Whoever it is will receive so much flak that it will be a relief to keep that period of flak to a minimum.'

The likelihood that this year

will see a race for the Tory leadership — which has been uncontested since 1975 — was made more likely by the Prime Minister's revelation last week that the next general election will be her last.

At first this was thought likely to head off any challenge, but increasing numbers of Tory MPs have concluded

that she is now a lame-duck. One former Minister explained: 'It was thought any show of disloyalty would be suicidal as it would damage her and the chances of us winning the next election. Now she is seen as an electoral liability. If a vote showed at least 80 MPs against her, she would be forced to stand down next year, allowing a new leader who could win at the polls.'

All the serious candidates are therefore keeping mum, for fear that their eagerness for a contest will reveal them as ambitious to the point of disloyalty. Some believe a race will only confirm Mrs Thatcher's unassailability. However, since Mr Nigel Lawson resigned, with the Prime Minister insisting that his position as Chancellor was always 'unassailable', nothing can now be taken for granted.

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Saddam's weapons chief surrenders to US forces

● General named as 'most wanted' gives himself up at Baghdad hotel
 ● American troops claim nerve agent found in missile at Iraqi airbase

BY PETER BEAUMONT AND PATRICK GRAHAM
 BAGHDAD
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 LONDON

THE HUNT for Saddam Hussein and his inner circle took a dramatic twist last night with the surrender of the former dictator's chief scientist, who could unlock the secrets of Iraq's chemical weapons programme.

General Amer Hamoudi al-Saadi, who was educated in Britain, gave himself up to American forces in Baghdad less than 24 hours after being named as one of 55 members of the Iraqi dictator's inner circle who were wanted dead or alive by the American-led coalition.

Al-Saadi, who oversaw the country's chemical weapons programme and is believed to have vital knowledge of other key arms developments, was accompanied by a German television crew as he gave himself up to US forces, protesting that he felt 'no guilt'.

With allied forces preparing to strike at Saddam's home town Tikrit and scenes of violence in Baghdad, the surrender was hailed as a major coup for the United States and Britain, which are hoping he will lead them to the 'smoking gun' proving that Iraq had a covert programme of developing weapons of mass destruction. Al-Saadi is also believed to have key information about where Saddam's coterie of senior advisers are hiding.

He was taken into Ameri-

can custody hours before CNN reported that preliminary tests indicated traces of a nerve agent had been found on a missile warhead discovered at a military airbase. Soldiers from the United States 173rd Airborne Division discovered what later tested positive as a nerve agent on a warhead described as being as long as a baseball bat and wide as a can of beans.

The troops called in experts whose initial examinations 'did test positive as a nerve agent', said Major Rob Gowan of the 173rd. But when a second test was conducted, there was no trace.

Pentagon officials told *The Observer* that nothing could be officially confirmed until the warhead had been secured and broken open. 'There's a going to have to be a lot more checks before we come to any hard and fast conclusions,' said a spokesman.

The potential significance of yesterday's discovery was revealed following the American identification and discovery of the former commander of the airfield. The commander, who had been held in a jail, went to the airfield and told US officers that 24 of the 120 warheads under his command had been equipped with chemical munitions.

The dramatic developments emerged as Al-Saadi, a one-time Minister of Military Industrialisation, was taken for questioning at an undisclosed location. He helped to build up Iraq's weapons programme over the past 20 years, played a key role in Saddam's weapons development programme during the Iran-Iraq war in the Eighties and was in charge of enhancing the regime's Scud missile programme.

He was also a key figure responsible for rebuilding Iraq's arsenal of weapons after the 1991 Gulf war. In 1992 al-Saadi announced that his country had succeeded in rebuilding the war-damaged Al-Qaim industrial complex on the Syrian border which had been used to extract ura-



US soldier tries to calm an Iraqi during a rally in Baghdad yesterday calling for law and order.

Photograph by Gleb Garanich/Reuters



Al-Saadi said he did not know where Saddam Hussein was.

nium from phosphate ore and for the manufacture of chemical weapon precursors. Before the current conflict, al-Saadi acted as Saddam's key liaison man with the United Nations weapons inspectors. He denounced the inspections before war broke out and defended Iraq's long-

standing practice of insisting that Iraqi officials be present at meetings between the inspectors and Iraqi scientists for fear that their remarks might be distorted. He has repeatedly insisted that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction and has also said that the Iraqi regime had no relationship with al-Qaeda.

After US Secretary of State Colin Powell's presentation in the UN Security Council in February, al-Saadi suggested that monitored Iraqi conversations played by Powell were fabricated, that defecting informants were unreliable, and that satellite photographs 'proved nothing'. On his surrender, he told German broadcaster ZDF that he did not know where

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New threats of action against Syria

BY ED VULLIAMY
 WASHINGTON

THE UNITED States has pledged to tackle the Syrian-backed Hizbollah group in the next phase of its 'war on terror' in a move which could threaten military action against President Bashar Assad's regime in Damascus. The pledge is part of Washington's efforts to persuade Israel to support a new peace settlement with the Palestinians. Washington has promised Israel it will take 'all effective action' to cut off Syria's support for Hizbollah – implying a military strike if necessary, sources in the Bush administration have told *The Observer*.

Hizbollah is a Shia Muslim organisation based in Lebanon, whose fighters have attacked northern Israeli settlements and harassed occupying Israeli troops to the point of forcing an Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon three years ago.

The new US undertaking to Israel to deal with Hizbollah via its Syrian sponsors has been made over recent days during meetings between administration officials and Israeli diplomats in Washington and Americans talking to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem.

It would be part of a deal designed to entice Israel into the so-called road-map-to-peace package that would involve the Jewish state pulling out of the Palestinian West Bank, occupied since 1967. Sharon has so far rejected the road map initiative – charted by the US with its ally Britain – which also calls for mutual recognition between Israel and a new Palestinian state, structured according to US-backed

reforms. The American guarantee would be to take armed action if necessary to cut off Syrian support for Hizbollah and stop further sponsorship of the group by Iran. 'If you control Iraq, you can affect the Syrian and Iranian sponsorship of Hizbollah, both geographically and politically,' says Ivo Daalder of the Brookings Institution think-tank in Washington.

'The United States will make it very clear, quietly and publicly, that Baathist Syria may come to an end if it does not stop its support of Hizbollah'.

The undertaking dovetails conveniently into 'phase three' of what President George W. Bush calls the 'war on terror' and his pledge to go after all countries accused of harbouring terrorists.

It also fits into calls by hawks inside and aligned to the administration who believe that war in Iraq was first stage in a wider battle for American control of the region. Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz – regarded as the real architect of the Iraqi war and its aftermath – said last week that 'the Syrians have been ship-

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■ Lib Dem leader bows to inevitable and says 'I put the party first' ■ Menzies Campbell stands for top post

Kennedy resigns

by Ned Temko
and Lorna Martin

CHARLES KENNEDY – in a public act of surrender marked by the grace and humour that has made him one of the most gifted British politicians of his generation – yesterday bowed to an open rebellion by his MPs and resigned as leader of the Liberal Democrats.

Speaking at party headquarters near the House of Commons – in the same room where, 48 hours earlier, he had dramatically confessed to being an alcoholic – Kennedy said that he was convinced he still had the support of ordinary party members, but recognised that he could no longer count on its 62 MPs.

Declaring that he had 'been in politics for far too long to be overly sentimental about this sort of moment', he said: 'The interests of our party have got to come first. That is where my personal, my political and my constitutional duty lies. I am stepping down with immediate effect.'

He had been leader for six years, taking the party to its most successful election performance last May in nearly 80 years. 'I'm very proud of him, what he has achieved for the party,' his wife, Sarah Gurling, said last night.

With the party in shock, Kennedy's deputy and shadow foreign affairs spokesman Sir Menzies Campbell, is expected to take over as interim leader. The party's president, Simon Hughes, said plans would now be put in place for a ballot of the party's 73,000 grassroots members to choose a permanent successor – a contest which party sources said could have a crucial effect on whether

'I'm very proud of him, what he has achieved'

HIS WIFE SARAH GURLING

'The process that led to his resignation is regrettable'

LEMBIT OPIK, MP

the party tacks to the left or right at a time when a major policy review is already under way.

For much of yesterday, Kennedy and the dwindling circle of MPs still backing him had hoped he could still turn back the tide of the rebellion against him. But

with the Commons due to resume work tomorrow, Hughes asked him to see if they might find a compromise formula to resolve the crisis. Instead, Kennedy decided to go on his own terms.

Within minutes of his statement, Hughes criticised the way in which Kennedy had been forced out. 'This wasn't our most glorious moment and I have spoken about this privately to some colleagues. Many people will have regrets about Charles standing down. Many think he was badly treated.'

Lembik Opiik, the party's shadow Northern Ireland spokesman, who spent much of the last two days in media appearances supporting Kennedy, said: 'The sharks have been circling around him – even this morning and even after he said he wanted the weekend to reflect on things. He was a tremendous leader and I think there are some people in this party who don't fully appreciate what he achieved. I think the process that led to his resignation is truly regrettable. There are elements of the parliamentary party that have inflicted enormous damage to the unity and credibility of the Liberal Democrats.'

But MPs who had joined in the growing pressure to get him to step down also rushed to praise him for having decided to do so. Shadow chancellor Vince Cable – who with 10 other shadow cabinet ministers drafted a letter urging him to quit – said: 'I feel very sad for him that it's happened this way. I think there is a sense of relief that this episode has been brought to an end.' He paid tribute to Kennedy's reign, especially his decision to oppose the Iraq war. 'He got it right and showed courage in doing so,' Ed

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Charles Kennedy and his wife, Sarah, leave their home in Kennington on the way to his resignation speech at Lib Dem headquarters. Photograph by Stephen Hird/Reuters



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Twin terror attacks strike London on eve of election

■ May abandons
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by James Tapper and Kate Lyons

More than one person died and several more have been seriously injured in two terrorist incidents in central and south London, police confirmed last night.

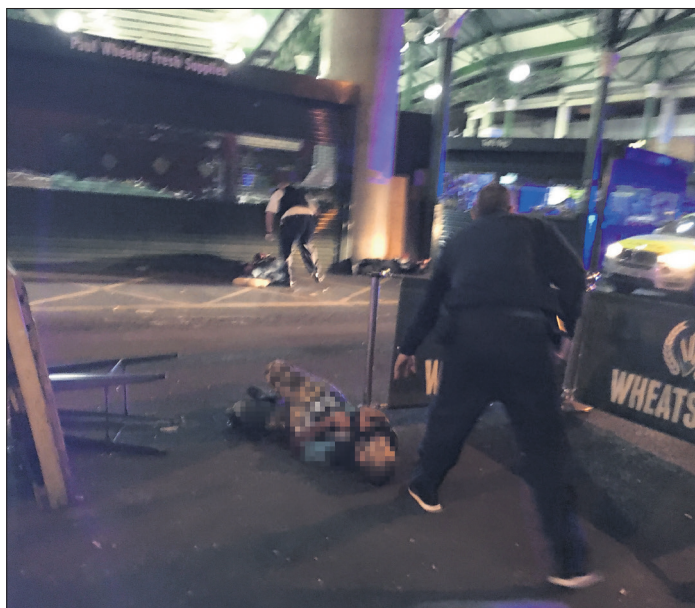
Theresa May abandoned political campaigning to return to Downing Street following what she called a "terrible incident". She will chair a meeting of the government's emergency Cobra committee later today.

Shortly after 10pm, a white van swerved to hit "five or six" people on London Bridge, leaving several people injured. Police searched the Thames for pedestrians who were believed to have fallen into the river during the incident.

At Borough Market, a short distance away, armed police were called to deal with three men after reports of a stabbing at bars. Eyewitnesses told the *Observer* that armed officers had shot the men.

The white van was driven at high speed along London Bridge, then veered into pedestrians on the northern side of the bridge, according to BBC reporter Holly Jones, who was nearly hit.

"A white van driver came speeding – probably at about 50mph – and veered off the road into the crowds of people who were walking along the pavement," she told BBC News. "He swerved around me and then hit about five or six people. He hit about two people in front of me and three behind. I'd say there are about four severely injured people. They all have paramedics assisting them."



The scene at Borough Market, in an image taken by Gabriele Sciutto, who said he saw men with what looked like explosive belts.

She said: "He turned into the pavement with several pedestrians in front of me and several pedestrians jumped out of the way."

Jones said police were on the scene within two minutes, quickly followed by ambulances. Police boats were also searching the river – apparently looking for people who may have been thrown off the bridge.

She said that among the injured was a French woman who told her she did not know where the two people who had been with her were. "She told me in French, 'I don't know where those two other people are'. So the police are checking the Thames," Jones added. "They were right near the edge of the

bridge. It looks potentially as though they could have been thrown over."

At Borough Market, Scotland Yard said it had responded to reports of stabbings, with armed officers responding at the scene. Shots were fired, according to police.

Gabriele Sciutto, a 25-year-old documentary-maker, told the *Observer* he witnessed the incident at Borough Market. "There were three guys with what looked like explosive belts. I didn't believe that it was real, that it was going to blow up. I'm still here," he said. "There was one policeman who was there and dealing with them, and then more police showed up. There were lots of other people around but they didn't

seem to know what was going on. The police pushed them into a side street. Then they shot them."

Will Orton, 25, told the Press Association: "We were in the pub. Basically, lots of people came running inside, we didn't really know what was going on. We thought maybe there was a fight or something outside."

"And then [it seemed like] hundreds of people were coming inside. The bouncers did a really good job. They shut the doors and locked everyone inside. There was panic – it seemed like it was literally outside the door."

"People were saying that they had

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Labour will
cut VAT in
move to help
poor families

by Toby Helm and Michael Savage

Labour will aim to help tens of millions of people who are struggling on lower incomes by cutting the rate of VAT if it wins the general election, the shadow chancellor John McDonnell has told the *Observer*.

The new pledge to use the proceeds of future growth to reduce VAT from its current 20% level came as Theresa May and her senior ministers appeared to be at loggerheads over the Conservatives' own tax policies, adding to an impression that the Tories are suffering a bout of late campaign jitters before polling day on Thursday.

As the parties prepared their final pitches amid signs that the polls continue to narrow, a confident McDonnell reiterated his message that 95% of people would face no rises in their income tax bills under a Labour government.

But in a high-stakes move, he went on to say his priority would be to deliver a "fair tax system" under which income tax rises for the highest earners would be followed by VAT reductions for all, when economic growth allows. Such a reduction, he said, would give the greatest proportionate benefits to those on low and middle incomes.

"Fairness is at the heart of everything we do," the shadow chancellor said. "If I can reduce the burden of taxation on middle and low earners, I will do it as we grow the economy."

Asked what he had in mind, he added: "VAT is a real problem for many people. When we come out of Europe there is more flexibility on VAT, particularly in terms of the lower levels."

The commitment is bound to be attacked by the Tories as further evidence that Labour lacks economic credibility and that Jeremy Corbyn and his team are making promises the country cannot afford. Last night, McDonnell sought to address concerns over Labour's economic competence by releasing a letter signed by 129 economists, backing its manifesto plans, which is published in today's *Observer*.

On the timing of a VAT reduction, McDonnell said: "We will see how the economy grows. There are two ways we can share the benefits of prosperity. One is by making sure people get decent wages and the other is making

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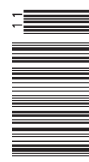
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The data analytics firm that worked with Donald Trump's election team and the winning Brexit campaign harvested millions of Facebook profiles of US voters, in one of the tech giant's biggest ever data breaches, and used them to build a powerful software program to predict and influence choices at the ballot box.

A whistleblower has revealed to the *Observer* how Cambridge Analytica – owned by the hedge fund billionaire Robert Mercer, and headed at the time by Trump's key adviser Steve Bannon – used personal information taken without authorisation in early 2014 to build a system that could profile individual US voters, in order to target them with personalised political advertisements.

Christopher Wylie, who worked with a Cambridge University academic to obtain the data, told the *Observer*: "We exploited Facebook to harvest millions of people's profiles. And built models to exploit what we knew about them and target their inner demons. That was the basis the entire company was built on."

Documents seen by the *Observer*, and confirmed by a Facebook statement, show that by late 2015 the company had found out that information had been harvested on an unprecedented scale. However, at the time it failed to alert users and took only limited steps to recover and secure the private information of more than 50 million individuals.

The *New York Times* is reporting that copies of the data harvested for Cambridge Analytica could still be found online; its reporting team had viewed some of the raw data.

The data was collected through an app called thisisyourdigitallife, built by academic Aleksandr Kogan, separately from his work at Cambridge University. Through his company Global Science Research (GSR), in collaboration with Cambridge Analytica, hundreds of thousands of

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PM told: dump the rhetoric and plan for a new wave of Covid

- Medical chiefs urge public health campaign
- Faith in government virus strategy slumps

Michael Savage, James Tapper & Robin McKie

Senior figures from across the NHS have issued an urgent plea for a comprehensive plan to tackle a second wave of coronavirus infections, as Boris Johnson continues to lose public confidence in his handling of the pandemic.

Amid persistent fears among scientists that the virus remains too prevalent

to ease the lockdown further, the prime minister has been urged to ditch "cheap political rhetoric" that risks eroding the public's adherence to lockdown measures in the months ahead.

Health chiefs say there should be no further easing before a comprehensive test and trace system has been proved to work, as NHS figures accuse the government of lacking a strategy and dodging an "honest and open" debate about Britain's plight. They also warned of a "dramatic" drop in capacity at NHS hospitals.

The *Observer* spoke to organisations including the Royal College of GPs, the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, the Royal College of Anaesthetists, the NHS Confederation and NHS Providers on how ministers should plan for a potential second wave. They called for:

- An "aggressive public health campaign" to boost flu immunisation to stop the NHS having to deal with flu as well as Covid-19 outbreaks this winter.
- The retraining of more hospital staff so that they could be a "reserve"

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Heavyweight support



Champion boxer Anthony Joshua joins the Black Lives Matter protest in his home town of Watford. Addressing a rally, he called racism 'a virus that has spread across the world'. (UK protests, pages 2-3) Paul Childs/Reuters

Cabinet split over U-turn on US trade talks

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Downing Street has been accused of reopening the door to imports of chlorinated chicken and hormone-treated beef, after a leaked memo instructed ministers to have "no specific policy" on animal welfare in US trade talks.

The letter from No 10 states that the ministerial mandate for the US negotiations was "being updated

to reflect" the fact that the UK was to have no policy position on animal welfare. The revelation will raise more concerns about the government's commitment to upholding "high environmental protection, animal welfare and food standards".

The note, seen by the *Observer* and dispatched at the start of last month, gave approval for the US trade talks to go ahead and set out the conditions of engagement. It reveals serious cabinet unrest over the shape

of a US deal and appears to suggest UK regulations could be changed to accommodate an agreement. It also makes clear that talks were to be used to "maximise leverage" in trade negotiations with the EU.

"Consultation and agreement from relevant colleagues is sought before agreeing to change domestic policy or regulations as part of the negotiations," it states. "In the con-

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