

PRIME MINISTER

PRESS SUMMARY - SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

No one story dominates the front pages this morning.

The Express and Star lead with stories that the Duchess of York may be expecting a baby; the Mirror on Prince Edward's former tutor advising him that he should leave the Marines. The FT, Mail, Telegraph and Times all share the story of Mr. Saunders "standing aside" as Chairman of Guinness. Today leads with huge lead line "Parkinson's daughter's sex shame".

Other stories which have wide coverage are: EMS meeting in Brussels; Mr. Baker urging a national curriculum for our schools; the release of the Barlinnie hostages and the early end to the seige anticipated; Barclays bank in secret talks with the ANC; Kinnock in Gateshead warning you of "the fractured nation" peril; President Reagan's problems compounded by the release by the White House of a report confirming a "hostages for arms" deal; John Stalker to join Mersey Television.

Later editions of the pops include more references to the Parkinson story and The Mail says that the Party is to investigate stories of a split between you and the Chairman. Mr. Tebbit accuses the Guardian of distortion. Frank Field MP for Birkenhead thinks you will win the next election because of his party's ban the bomb policy. British Rail fares up by 5% tomorrow.

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