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Weather: Sunny spells

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Cash-crisis battle to woo the viewers



Guinness: Prize role



Rigg: Greek drama



Mirren: Signed up



Bastedo: Adventure

By James Murray

THE B.B.C. has raided its dwindling piggy bank to produce a spectacular £12 million challenge to the rich commercial TV companies.

And leading the cash-starved Beeb into the autumn ratings battle is Sir Alec Guinness.

The actor who made £1 million from "Star Wars" is taking B.B.C. peanuts for a prized role - spycatcher George Smiley in "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy."

He will star in a major seven-part

series based on John Le Carre's novel, the jewel in the B.B.C.'s line-up.
Other big names like Leonard Rossiter, Diana Rigg and Michael Crawford, are also signed up . . . and B.B.C. bosses will need them.

will need them.
For IT.V. has already plundered its top stars, Bruce Forsyth and Morecambe and Wise, as well as luring away off-screen talent like former B.B.C. 1 Controller Brian Cowgill.

RECORD

But the B.B.C., going for broke, has given its head of drama Shaun Sutton a record £12 million budget. "We could

do with twice as much," he said.

Mr Sutton added: "We can still get the big guns because they know they get quality when they work for the BBC."

Diane Cilento stars in a 13-part series called "Tycoon" about the widow of a wealthy industrialist digging into her husband's past.

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There's a nother Mediterranean
adventure from Michael Jay Bird,
author of "Who Pays the Ferryman."

The new one, called "The Aphrodite
Inheritance," is set in Cyprus and stars.

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Funnyman Michael Crawford turns up in a straight role and Leonard Rossiter is the infamous American lecher, Frank Harris with Susan Pen-haligon in the multi-roles of some of his thousands of girl friends.

There is also a strong team of women

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Father banned from proxy baby

By Maureen Knight

THE MAN who hired a vice girl to have his baby was yesterday banned from seeing the child again.

Three Appeal judges decided the 21-year-old girl should be free to bring up her year-old son alone.

The ruling overturns a court order last month which allowed the 29-year-old father and his wife access to the child for two years.

The father had offered the Fast

The father had offered the East London vice girl—Miss C—£3,000 to have the baby by artificial insemination when he found his wife was unable to have children. But the girl changed her mind and decided she wanted to keep the child.

Marry

Lord Justice Ormrod said yes-terday that it was almost certain that the mother would eventually marry and have other children. The best thing for the boy would be to become part of that family.

He said the boy must never be told the truth of his origins. He

suggested the mother say the father died at sea.

The judge said the father's "most extraordinary plan" showed grave defects in his character. He criticised everyone involved in the affair, particularly the doctor who performed the operation.

The best way to pick up the pieces was to let the mother lead her life without interference from an obsessive father who had shown extraordinary determination to get

control of the boy.

Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce
said the girl, who was 19 when she
entered the "guilty bargain" had

bitterly regretted it ever since.

Mr Lionel Swift, Q.C., for the mother, said the father was obsessive to the point of fantasy and had been willing to part with his house and car to get the child.

The father was ordered to pay the costs of the appeal.

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From chemists

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By Barrie Devney

THE JOBLESS total has soared back over the million-and-a-half mark for the first time since February.

This month's figure, announced yesterday, is 1,585,811—nearly 140,000 up on June.

But despite it all, Employment Department officials are convinced that underlying trends point to a brighter future.

It was pointed out in Whitehall that almost almost 196,000 of the 139,750 who joined the dole queues between June and July were school leavers.

There are now 243,422 youngsters on the jobless register, but Ministers are confident that the figure will be below 100,000 by

The Government is taking heart from the fact that 371,000 of the work-less total have been without jobs for less than a month.

High

The figures show that 66 per cent of the working population are now unem-ployed.

The number of reported job vacancies—standing at 246,900—is down on the previous month, but is high compared with figures of earlier years.

Excluding school leavers, the hard-core of adult unemployed now stands at 1,342,389.

The increase since last month—41,881—was 6,600 higher than is normal at this time of year.

And 332,000 have been without work for 12 months or more.

Employment Secretary Mr Albert Booth said he did not believe the figures meant an end to a gentle decrease in the jobless total

But he added: "The increase is there and it is a problem."

He said the problems brought about by school leavers seeking jobs each year would continue for another four years.

'Appalling'

Mr Jim Prior, Shadow Employment Secretary, said the figures were appalling and they pro-vided "a telling and tragic commentary on the com-placency of Mr Callaghan and his Government.

"It is clear to just about everyone else except the Government that their policies are simply not working," Mr Prior said.

Opinion: Page 10.

By Chapman Pincher and John Warden

WITH the Prime Minister Mr James Callaghan facing the most critical period of his career, his election strategy on wages and taxation was denounced yesterday as a recipe for disaster.

The condemnation came just as the Govern-

ment decided to go ahead with tough new pay limits next year, ignoring eleventh-hour pleas from the powerful T.U.C. lobby.

In a damning report by the politically independent Economic Research Council Mr Callaghan's economic policy was largely blamed for inflation. The Prime Minister, it said,

WRONG to claim that wage increases were the main cause of inflation.

of inhation.

WRONG to authorise massive spending by Whitehall and local government.

WRONG to maintain such a

high level of taxation.

Report slams pay policy as Jim ignores unions and pushes for tougher curbs

WRONG to borrow to finance

further spending.

It was this "gross over-spending," which was the prime cause of inflation, said the report. And "excessive taxes" were being levied to pay for

Responsible

The council's analysis of Treasury figures indicates that during the last six years the Government's borrowing to enable it to live beyond its means has been responsible for half the inflation.

"When the Government has free reign to borrow, inflation always follows," the report

said Labour had exploited infla-tion as an excuse to increase taxes on earnings to keep

spending down. Widespread unemployment was the result. Only: massive tax cuts can

create jobs and increase the productivity that will bring down inflation permanently, said the report.

"The basic cause of our malaise is the excessive portion of the national cake grabbed by the State."

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Last night T.U.C. General Secretary Mr Len Murray strongly urged the Government to have confidence in the unions and not to go daft when the Stage Three limits expire at the end of the month.

But union chiefs acknowledged after last night's 90-minute meeting with the Prime Minister that he is determined that wage increases must be pegged at a lower level than the present 10 per cent.

No figure was mentioned during last night's talks, but the Prime Minister is known to have in mind a limit of

to have in mind a limit of between five and seven per cent—if he can get away with it.

• The Managerial Profes-The Managerial Professional and Staf Liaison Group—representing doctors, dentists, engineers and dons—last night warned that they would not co-operate with further pay curbs. Past incomes policies had unfairly discriminated against them, they said. they said.

BBC's Star War expected to raise about £3-From Page One

in the drama line-up with Diana Rigg, Claire Bloom, Sian Phillips, Billie Whitelaw, Helen Mirren and Flora Robson all in a trilogy of Greek plays.

Meanwhile the B.B.C. turns to money-making plans. Many of the new programmes will be co-productions with foreign television networks.

And overseas sales are Election.

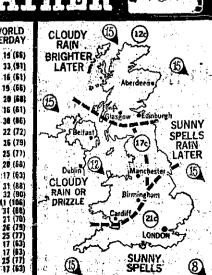
million in the next year, though that goes into general B.B.C. funds.

To avoid a deficit which may be £30 million by December, the B.B.C. says it needs an increase in licence fees of about £9 for colour (from £21 to £30) and £1 for black and white from £9 to £10.

But the Government is expected to delay an increase until after the General Election.

AROUND THE WORLD AT NOON YESTERDAY AMSTERDAM fair 19 (66) ATHENS SUR BARCELONA cloud 16 (61) BERLIN fair

19 (GE) BRUSSELS fair 28 (68) COLOGNE cloud . 15 (61) FLORENCE syn 38 (86) GEMEYA cloud 22 (72) LAS PALMAS cloud 26 (79) LISBON sun LONDOM Elaud 20 (68) LUXEMBURG cloud :17 (63) MADRID sun MALAGA SUB MALTA SUB MUNICH Tair' MFW YORK SUB HICE Cloud OSLO FAIR PARIS Cloud ROBE SUB ROME SUN Stockholm (air



TODAY'S FORECAST.—London, South East England, East Anglia, Central South England, Midlands: Mainly dy, rather cloudy Sunny spells. Max 20C (68F). East England, Central Northern England, North East England: Cloudy, light rain, sunny spells, Rather cool, Max 17C (63F). Channel Islands, South Wales: Cloudy, sunny spells, Max 18C (64F). Morth Wales, North Wates, England, Lake, District, isle of Man: Cloudy, light rain, cool, Max 17C (63F).

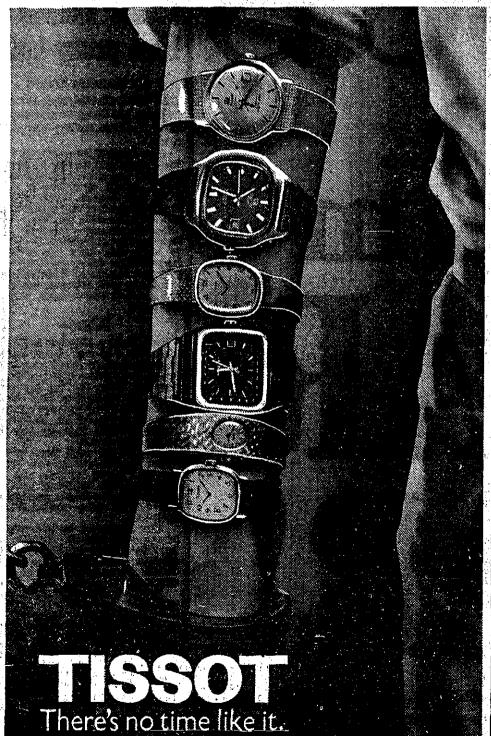
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Moon rises 8.17 p.m., sets 4.24
a.m. tomorrow. Sun sets 9.08 p.m., rises 5.05 a.m. tomorrow. Lightingup time: 9.38 p.m., to 4.37 a.m. tomorrow. High tide at London Bridge: 1.57 p.m. and 2.24 p.m.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO 6 P.M. YESTERDAY.—
Warmest place in Britain: Clacton (Essex), 23C (737). Coldest: Eskdalemuir. (Dumiries) 5C (41F).

AROUND THE RESORTS:—
SCARBOROUGH cloud 63; CLACTON sun 73; FOLKESTONE sun 68:
HATSINGS cloud 68; HERNE BAY sun 06; EASTBOURNE cloud 70; WORTHING cloud 70; BRIGHTON: cloud 70; HERNE BAY sun 66.



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