

**THE SANCTIONS ROW**

**RECORD VIEW**

# THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE

## Time to take on Botha

**THE Cabinet will consider sanctions against South Africa today.**

For Sir Geoffrey Howe is now convinced there is no choice.

The Foreign Secretary flew into London from Pretoria yesterday after a humiliating rebuff from President Botha.

### That's Howe's grim message to Mrs T

And he is in no mood to keep up the pretence of negotiating with the defiant South African government.

His EEC peace mission collapsed in ruins when Botha insultingly rejected every plea and

suggestion for a policy shift towards ending apartheid.

Mrs Thatcher is expected to go on resisting the imposition of sanctions.

But many MPs believe

Sir Geoffrey will be forced to resign if the Premier does not give way now.

Massive new pressure was building up last night in support of sanctions, and an all-party committee of MPs

unanimously agreed that there is no point in further delay.

They also warned that any delay now could smash the Commonwealth, whose leaders will meet in London early next week to discuss the crisis.

The Labour Party's national executive yesterday approved a motion calling on Mrs Thatcher to back sanctions.

**ATTACK**

And former Australian Premier Malcolm Fraser said in London yesterday that sanctions are "the only way to persuade black leaders that the West is on their side."

Meanwhile, in South Africa yesterday, three policemen and four civilians died in an attack on a police station in Transkei homeland.

In Kwanderbele homeland, local Home Affairs Minister Piet Ntuli was killed by a car bomb.

**SOUTH AFRICA went about as far as it could to humiliate Sir Geoffrey Howe without bullwhipping Nelson Mandela in front of him.**

By doing her best to fend off pressure for economic sanctions, Margaret Thatcher has enraged many of Britain's friends.

State President P. W. Botha's idea of gratitude is to treat her Foreign Secretary to a clip round the ear as if he were some houseboy who has forgotten his place.

He will do nothing to dismantle apartheid. He is not prepared to let black people have a say in how their own country is run. He says it's none of our business.

That being the case, Britain now must do less business with him.

**DEMAND**

It is no longer enough for the Government to say that of course it opposes apartheid.

It must show that it is prepared to do something about it by agreeing to effective sanctions.

The Commonwealth summit will demand them this weekend. Most of the Common Market wants them. America is heading in the same direction. There may never be a better chance for common action.

Mr Botha almost seems to revel in the prospect of sanctions. Like most Boers, he has a siege mentality which glorifies standing alone.

He has defied the world to do its worst on sanctions.

The world should not disappoint him.

**Pipers march back**

**THE World Pipe Band championships WILL be back in Glasgow next month.**

This ends a row which has simmered since 1984 when Glasgow District ordered the expulsion of a South African band. The band eventually

withdrew, but the row so upset the World Championship Committee they boycotted the city last year.

But on August 16, the pipes and drums will sound around Bellahouston Park once more.

**Demo for Maggie**

**PREMIER Margaret Thatcher will face a mass picket when she visits the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh tomorrow.**

The demonstration is being organised by the anti-apartheid movement. Dozens of council-

lors from Edinburgh District and Lothian Region will take part.

And last night Lothian Labour leader John Mulvey said: "We are planning to give Mrs Thatcher a good old Edinburgh un-welcome."

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## CURB ON RED KLONDYKERS

**SOVIET klondykers are facing a crackdown.** For at the start of the next mackerel season, two Russian-speaking immigration officers will be stationed at Ullapool.

And their orders will be to keep a special check on the movement of the Eastern bloc visitors to Wester Ross. This means the klondykers won't be able to come and go through Ullapool without permission when they sail in in September.

The crackdown was confirmed by the Home Office last night after complaints during the last fishing season that the fishermen could enter Britain without proper port control.

There were also rumours of Russian agents being landed at Ullapool and moving south to spy for the Kremlin.

**Anchor**

The officers will remain on duty in the port for about four months. They will leave after the klondykers have sailed away.

Up to 50 Eastern bloc fish factory ships can be anchored in Loch Broom, off Ullapool, during the herring and mackerel seasons.

The ships buy herring and mackerel catches from Scottish purse-seiners and trawlers and process them on board.

## Victory for the Wets!

**WEATHERMEN** last night smiled triumphantly ... as Scotland squelched towards the end of July.

For the Met men are claiming victory over the country's amateurs who

forecast a scorching summer nationwide.

Last night a spokesman at Glasgow Weather Centre said: "The amateurs stuck their necks out with their pet theories and prophesied a

scorcher. Boy were they wrong!" The victory of science over folklore is unlikely to be celebrated outwith the walls of the Met offices. For there is no sign of a let-up in the unsettled weather.

**WEATHER**

**AFTER** a wet start, and sunny intervals and showers will spread to all but North-east areas. Moderate or fresh winds. Outlook: Sunny intervals and showers. More general rain spreading to all Scottish districts on Saturday.

**HOTSPOTS**

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| Aberdeen.....    | Rain   | 14  | 57 | Algarc.....      | Sunny  | 27  | 81 |
| Ayr.....         | Rain   | 14  | 57 | Amsterdam.....   | Fair   | 20  | 68 |
| Blackpool.....   | Rain   | 16  | 61 | Athens.....      | Fair   | 32  | 90 |
| Bournemouth..... | Cloudy | 19  | 66 | Barcelona.....   | Sunny  | 29  | 84 |
| Dumfries.....    | Rain   | 12  | 54 | Corfu.....       | Sunny  | 31  | 88 |
| Dundee.....      | Rain   | 13  | 55 | Ibiza.....       | Fair   | 27  | 81 |
| Edinburgh.....   | Rain   | 14  | 57 | Lisbon.....      | Sunny  | 23  | 73 |
| Glasgow.....     | Rain   | 13  | 55 | Los Angeles..... | Sunny  | 17  | 63 |
| Inverness.....   | Rain   | 14  | 57 | Majorca.....     | Sunny  | 30  | 86 |
| Jersey.....      | Sunny  | 20  | 63 | Malaga.....      | Sunny  | 27  | 81 |
| London.....      | Sunny  | 20  | 68 | Malta.....       | Sunny  | 31  | 88 |
| Morecambe.....   | Rain   | 14  | 57 | Miami.....       | Fair   | 28  | 82 |
| St. Andrews..... | Rain   | 13  | 55 | New York.....    | Cloudy | 23  | 73 |