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Labour Party sacks education spokeswoman Long-Bailey

London.— British opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer sacked his education spokeswoman Rebecca Long-Bailey yesterday after she shared an article online which included a reference to what he called an “anti-Semitic conspiracy theory”.

Long-Bailey, who came second to Starmer in the race to become Labour leader earlier this year, was a close ally to previous leader Jeremy Corbyn and one of the few remaining

links to the party’s hard left. “The article Rebecca shared earlier today contained an anti-Semitic conspiracy theory,” a spokesperson for Starmer said.

“As leader of the Labour Party, Keir has been clear that restoring trust with the Jewish community is a number one priority.”

Under Corbyn, Labour was repeatedly criticised for not doing enough to stamp out anti-Semitism within the party ranks.

● King Felipe and Queen Letizia heard yesterday about the difficult situation facing tourism in the Balearics.

During meetings with business and union representatives, emphasis was placed on the need for measures to reactivate tourism and for an extension to ERTE.

● The King and Queen went for a walk along the promenade at Arenal beach and stopped to talk to the small numbers of residents and holidaymakers on the beach – mainly Spanish, but some German. *See Pages Three and Four.*

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Government reaches deal to extend furlough scheme

Madrid.— Spain’s government has reached an agreement with unions and the country’s main employers’ association to extend national furlough schemes, known as ERTEs, by three months until September 30, sources told Reuters yesterday.

Originally due to expire on June 30, the current system of public aid had been linked to Spain’s state of emergency over the coronavirus, which ended on June 22.



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