

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Princess of Wales opens a new special unit for deaf, visually handicapped children at Whitefield School, Macdonald Road, London

BA share prices announced

President Reagan's State of the Union Address

M. Delors visits The Hague

Mr Gorbachev's first Plenary Session of Soviet Communist Party

Islamic Conference, Kuwait

Commons debate on showing of BBC film

The Lord Chancellor and housing Minister Mr Patten publish consultation paper on housing litigation

Vienna CSCE follow-up meeting reconvenes

STATISTICS

CSO: Social Trends 17, 1987 edition

CBI Industrial Trend Survey (1st qtr)

PUBLICATIONS

MAFF: Annual Review of Agriculture 1987

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Pensioners' Right to Fuel and Communications

Government Motion on Parliamentary regard for national Security

Motions relating to the Dockyard services (Devonport) (Designation and Appointed Day) order and the Dockyard services (Rosyth) (Designation and Appointed Day) order

Adjournment Debate

The case of Mrs E B Hutchinson killed in a car accident in Spain (Mr B Conlan)

Select Committees: FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: ODA Bilateral Aid Country Programmes

Witness: Mr Christopher Patten,
Minister for Overseas Development

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

South Yorkshire Light Rail Transit

Lords: Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

Animals (Scotland) Bill

PRESS DIGESTWAPPING

- Home Secretary promises tougher laws on demonstrations and rejects independent inquiry. Kinnock joins condemnation, but still gets criticised by some papers, eg Sun, Mail.
- Star: You order a crackdown on mob rule; police will be given extensive powers in next few weeks to stop thousands of protestors gathering if there is a danger to life.
- Sun: Home Secretary announces plans to give police tough new powers to curb size of demos and move them on; leader says it is to the credit of Kinnock that he disowned Skinner's crude attempt to replace rule of the ballot box by rule of the thugs but the appalling truth is that Skinner is more typical of the modern Labour politician than Kinnock, and his threat is not just to Wapping but to our freedom of rule of law.
- Mirror: Kinnock hits at 'hideous' Wapping violence.
- Express: New police curbs to prevent another battle; Kinnock lashes at "outcasts" who perpetrated violence; Norman Willis slams demo thugs; Yard launches probe into police brutality. Leader says Home Secretary is right to resist calls for public inquiry. While Kinnock's condemnation of mob violence is welcome, the call to embroil police in a public defence of their tactics is not. Kinnock must turn his attention to the organisers of the march and their allies.
- Mail says the violence was whipped up by revolutionary fanatics intent on discrediting the police; leader headed "Our police are their target" says the political hijackers got what they wanted: a pitched battle with the police. It was the street theatre of revolution. But the real outrage of Dean and Dubbins is reserved for the police. Some credit may be given to Kinnock for his forthright condemnation but beneath his surface resolve there remains appeasement. This latter day Labour Party is unsound in law and order and Kinnock is an equivocator.
- Telegraph: Tempers frayed in Commons as Home Secretary refuses inquiry, roared on by Tory MPs.
- Independent: Police to be given wide new powers after Wapping violence. Home Secretary will bring into effect powers from the Public Order Act covering demonstrations.
- Times: Leading politicians from all parties, and Norman Willis, have united in condemning the violence; senior police officers have defended the use of horses as the alternative to using plastic bullets or CS gas.
- Telegraph leader says if we can nail leading rioters on football grounds we can nail ringleaders who seek to shed blood at Wapping.
- Guardian P1: Hurd pledges to speed up public order changes.

CITY

- Governor of the Bank of England pledges to use all its powers to crack down on wrongdoers.
- Halpern, of Burton, claims he's victim of a smear gang - and stories of a second affair.
- Sun leader on Ted Heath's criticism of what has happened to City since he was in power, says what of the ruinous property boom, insurance scandals and rising inflation when he was in office?
- FT: Robin Leigh-Pemberton said last night that the Takeover Panel may have to be replaced by a statutory system.
- Independent: Halpern may refuse £2.5m incentive in advance of Thursday's shareholder meeting.

INDUSTRY

- Hotels and restaurants in London are crying out for trained staff and 5,000 well-paid, full-time jobs are going begging, says the Hotel and Catering Training Board.
- FT: The Caterpillar plant resumes production today under workers' control
- B/Airways will be valued at £900m; offer price fixed at 125p a share.

ECONOMY

- FT: Business confidence surged in the North-West in the final months of last year, according to a Manchester Chamber of Commerce Survey.
- FT: Bank mortgage lending increased by 50% last year.

SIZEWELL

- General welcome, but Star and Today cautious.
- Star: It will be a major surprise if the PWR is not built but there must still be some serious doubts - whether water cooled is safe and whether AGR is not safer and more efficient; after Chernobyl it is vital no hasty decisions are taken.
- Sun says Kinnock faces a pre-election showdown with you over Sizewell.
- Mirror: Go-ahead will be given in the next few weeks.
- Today says even such a thorough report as Layfield's does not make the worries go away. The nation needs an efficient supply of power but not at any cost.
- Express: All clear for Britain's most controversial nuclear plant; environmental groups warn: Remember Chernobyl; leader says there is no real reason to delay. Chernobyl should not freeze our judgement.
- Times: A Government decision to build the PWR is expected in 6-8 weeks.
- FT: The contracts would be worth tens of millions but they are unlikely to have much impact on employment because plants are at present grossly under-loaded.
- Times leader says Sir Frank's report sets the nuclear issue in a rational and much-needed perspective. It leaves the Government free to press ahead and build a PWR.
- FT: leader welcomes report's conclusions that it is in the national interest to build a PWR. A prompt decision on the report is needed. At last the nuclear industry can be put on a sound footing.
- Mail: 'Safe' Sizewell gets the green light.
- Telegraph 21 lead: Battle ahead on Sizewell. Nuclear power at heart of debate next month; devotes 2 pages to report.
- Independent: Government is expected to go ahead. Layfield report says it can be built safely and provide cost effective energy in the 1990s. 2 pages devoted to report and comment; leader says case for nuclear power in general and the PWR in particular is, in contrast to UK energy requirements, unambiguous.
- Telegraph: Gavin Laird feature on case for Sizewell; leader thinks there is no case for delay, notwithstanding surge of Greens in W Germany. If the political temporisers near you prevail, the cost will be borne by consumers.
- Guardian leads with decision - national need overrides local interest; villagers see worst coming true; leader says the inquiry was about one power station not Britain's living future.

LIBERAL/SDP RELAUNCH

- The Time has Come is their theme; gold their colour. Not much of a pop story - all inside page.
- Star says the time has come to find out exactly what Steel and Owen offer the nation. Their document is a mish mash of compromise. But the public is in the dark over who leads the Alliance; news story: Golden Alliance one to rock the Tories.
- Sun: Norman Tebbit points out that the slogan comes from Lewis Carroll's nonsense poem.
- Mirror: Golden Alliance goes for Silver - ie not to win but to become junior partners in coalition.
- Today, by contrast, has the Alliance going for gold.
- Express: Alliance gets in tune to a fanfare of Purcell's trumpets.
- Mail: Alliance is going for gold but may settle for silver.
- Independent: 'Partners in Time' caption for photo of SDP leaders' launch of new policy document.
- Times: The Alliance yesterday fired the opening shots of the general election by publishing its joint policy programme; unveiling a new campaign colour (gold); and announcing a new theme tune.
- The Alliance recomitted itself yesterday to integration of the tax and social benefit systems.
- Telegraph P11: Trumpet heralds Alliance package .
- Guardian P1: Going for gold with Purcell.

SPY SATELLITE FILM

- Mail: The Government knew for months that Zircon project was known outside Whitehall and by BBC - your answer yesterday.
- Times: Police have been ordered to continue their hunt for documents relating to the Zircon project. There are fears that Duncan Campbell possesses technical information about how the satellite would work.
- Whitehall sources have confirmed that the Government knew about the problem as far back as last June. They were tipped off by Mod's then chief scientific adviser, Sir Ronald Mason.
- Geoffrey Smith, looking to today's debate, says if Labour MPs are too intemperate in their protests against the Special Branch raids they will obscure the impression of a party with a reasonable concern for national security. No party can win power if it is thought to side with the antis against established authority.
- Telegraph says Campbell claims that he was in touch with an unnamed Minister about the programme; Kinnock pulls out of agreement that MPs should not see film.
- Independent: Government 'negligent' over spy satellite leak. Attorney General says DPP would consider criminal proceedings against some of Campbell's contacts. Opposition MPs will vote against today's motion.
- Guardian: Ministers seek permanent ban on Zircon film.

POLITICS

- Sun features Kinnock's Top Ten "loony tunes" - from Hilary Benn to Bernie Grant, and it says if he ever makes it to No 10 he will find himself leading an army which has drawn up mutiny plans.
- Mirror leader on your TV experiments programme and tries to use it, by way of light relief, for an attack on you. "Britain's chief cook and bottle washer has proved she can give us all a good life and she is looking up the recipe to give us another drenching this year."
- In Today Shirley Williams says Hattersley's new book reveals great confusion in Labour thinking and claims he is roving towards the SDP.
- Derek Hatton, at press conference to mark start of Lords appeal by disqualified Liverpool councillors, attacks Kinnock for his failure to support them.
- Telegraph says Kinnock yesterday defended the incident outside the Ealing restaurant with two youths as strengthening his claims to be Prime Minister; it underlined his credentials to defend order and normal good manners.
- Independent: You hint at election later this year at '92' group dinner for right of centre MPs.

- Annual poll of Tussaud's visitors puts you top of political pops; Kinnock nowhere.

BRITISH TELECOM

- Claims that deliberate acts of sabotage have worsened the trouble caused by strike. Superglue poured into locks of telephone exchanges in City of London. Talks last night got nowhere.
- Rotherham and Keighley emergency services affected for a time.
- Mail leads with a story about saboteurs putting lives in danger as automatic exchanges were sealed with superglue and trunk cables were sawn through.
- Times: Talks between BT and the unions broke down last night, with no progress being made; disabled exchanges are, on average being restored to normal working in 2-4 hours.
- Sales of mobile 'phones are soaring.
- Independent: 34,000 clerical staff joined the dispute after talks with BT and unions fail to produce compromise.

CIVIL SERVICE

- FT: A compromise formula has been devised by Ministers with the aim of resolving disagreement between the Government and backbenchers of all parties over the accountability of civil servants to select committees.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Haringey Council giving teenagers a card telling them what to do if they get picked up by the police: keep silent, stay cool and contact a lawyer. Tory Chairman says it's like a credit card to encourage crime. -

EDUCATION

- Angela Rumbold challenges industry to stop criticising educational standards and do something to improve them by helping to fund inner city techs.
- Independent editorial says that the Inner London Teachers Association's Luddite opposition to redeployment is a grotesquely unprofessional restrictive practice recalling Fleet Street and British Rail at their worst.

AIDS

- Mail says Government expects a 9-fold rise in cases next year, according to DHSS Chief Nursing Officer.
- RCN's AIDS expert says £60m is needed to treat patients in community.
- Times: The Royal College of Nursing wants £60m and thousands of extra nurses for community-based services for people suffering from AIDS.
- A move will be made tomorrow to block the Bishop of Birmingham's Abortion Bill because of concern for pregnant women whose unborn babies may have contracted AIDS.
- FT: France is to lift the ban on TV advertising of condoms.

LAW AND ORDER

- Dangerous prisoner who escaped, with help of gang, on way to wedding in Wandsworth recaptured after a policeman shot in East End.
- Fraud Squad launched full-scale investigation into TGWU cooperative in West Country which lost more than £300,000.
- Times: Home Office ministers are urgently investigating ways of stemming a dramatic increase in the number of refugees seeking asylum in Britain.
- Independent: Greater Manchester Police Authority has limited choice on Anderton's future at meeting today.
- Some Manchester Conservatives trying to persuade Anderton to stand as candidate.

PUB OPENING HOURS

- BMA launches campaign against longer opening because they fear too many youngsters will abuse relaxation.
- And Schools Health Education Unit finds more and more children are starting to drink.
- A firm comitment to the relaxation of pub opening hours is certain to be in the Conservative election manifesto. You and Mr Hurd favour it.

PEOPLE

- Times: Sir Roy Strong is to resign as director of the V & A.

IRELAND

- Harold McCuskey MP jailed for a week for non payment of fine.
- Republic's RTE faces a public row after inviting Ian Paisley's daughter to host a chat show.

ZAMBIA

- Sun takes FCO to task for keeping a low profile over arrest of a Briton on a trumped up charge and contrasts that with German warning, in similar circumstances, to Zambia that all aid would be cut off.

EC

- Proposes each country sets a common retiring age for men and women.
- Times: America is threatening to raise tariff barriers against the European Airbus unless the consortium agrees to increase the price of its jets.
- Dairy farmers in England and Wales face possible fines totalling over £10m in the next 3 months.
- EEC foreign ministers are pleased with the outline deal to prevent a trade war with US.

BEIRUT

- Hints that the USA may strike against Lebanon.
- Still doubts about whereabouts and security of Terry Waite.
- Two more kidnapped yesterday, as students go on strike in protest against abduction of 4 professors.

BEIRUT (CONT'D)

- Kissinger proposes attacks against Iranians in retaliation against kidnap gangs, on Iraqi border.
- Times: Terry Waite reported to be under house arrest by hostage-takers.
- Independent: Reagan vows not to deal with terrorist kidnapers.

PHILIPPINES

- Attempted coup failed; 300 rebel troops crushed.

MIDDLE EAST

- Independent: Egypt returns to the Arab embrace after 8 years in the cold as Mubarak addresses Islamic summit in Kuwait.

USSR

- Times: Important changes in the Politburo hierarchy are expected to result from a crucial and mysteriously delayed plenary session of the Central Committee which opens in Moscow today.

GULF

- Iran will end war if Iraq agrees to pay £210bn damages.

GERMANY

- Independent: Johannes Rau renounced his claim to leadership of the Social Democratic Party after his defeat.

FALKLANDS

- FT: The US is continuing to try to diffuse tension between Britain and Argentina when the conservation zone comes into effect.

AUSTRALIA

- Independent: Britain's gift to Australia the sailing ship Young Endeavour costing £1.7m pictured.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DES: Mr Baker visits City University and later lunches with the Education Correspondents Group
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses International Institute of Strategic Studies
- HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses the Bow Group and later the AMDEA Association
- DEM: Mr Trippier opens "Flying Start" exhibition, Granada TV, Manchester and later speaks at ITEC conference, Liverpool
- DEM: Mr Lee makes inner city visit to Leeds
- DEN: Mr Goodlad addresses Breakfast Special, Leeds
- DHSS: Mrs Currie attends Spastics Society New Year reception, Park Crescent, London
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave addresses annual dinner of the Planning and Communications Committee of the City Corporation, Old Library Guildhall
- DOE: Lord Skelmersdale addresses Town and Country Planning Association conference at Regents College, London
- DOE: Mr Tracey attends the launch of Football Association Education Programme for young people, to help combat football violence, Aston Villa Leisure Centre
- DOE: Mr Patten takes part in press conference on Lord Chancellor's Civil Justice Review, London
- DTP: Mr Bottomley chairs the North Western Regional Annual consultative committee meeting, Chester
- DTP: Lord Brabazon hosts lunch and has discussions with Premier Swan, Lancaster House
- FCO: Lady Young addresses Pace UK, House of Commons
- MAFF: Mr Gummer attends Regional Panel Dinner, Tillingham Hall, Stafford.
- MAFF: Mr Thompson addresses Food and Drink Federation, Whitbread Brewery, Chiswell Street; later attends Combined International Harvesters launch of their new tractor unit, Excelsior Hotel

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling addresses Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg
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TV AND RADIO

Employment Minister Mr Lee accompanied around his constituency by BBC Breakfast Time camera team for film on North-South divide

"Gharbar"; BBC 2 (09.00): Examines a victim support service in Wandsworth

"Call Nick Ross"; BBC Radio 4 (09.05)

"Years Ahead"; Channel 4 (15.45): Robert Dougall presents the programme for the over-60s. This week examines how the elderly can protect themselves against crime. It also looks at victim support schemes and financial help

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): With Stuart Simon

"Moneyspinner"; Channel 4 (20.30): Alison Mitchell looks at Scottish investment clubs, safeguarding children's savings, repaying a mortgage with the help of investments and house insurance

"The 20th Century Remembered"; BBC 1 (10.50): Len Murray, former General Secretary of the TUC, talks about his life

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (00.30)
