

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Princess of Wales attends a performance of High Society in aid of Help the Hospices at Victoria Palace, London

EC: Agriculture Council, Brussels

EC: Research Council, Brussels (to 24 February)

TUC: Finance and General Purpose Committee

House of Commons Adjournment Debate on the Sizewell report

Lobby of Parliament by Teachers

Point of Ayr pilot coal liquefaction plant to be approved

Right to Buy advertising campaign launched

HMG response to unionist petition calling for referendum on Anglo-Irish Agreement (prov)

Sports Minister meets football authorities on membership schemes and hooliganism

STATISTICS

CBI: Monthly Trends Enquiry (Feb)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Transport; Wales; Energy

Business: There will be a debate on the report of the Sizewell B public enquiry on a motion for the adjournment of the House

Adjournment Debate

Redundancy provision at 38 REME Workshop
Chilwell, Nottinghamshire (Mr J Lester)

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Subject: Adult Training Strategy
Witness: Mr B H Nicholson,
Manpower Services Commission

Lords: Advocates' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Order Confirmation Bill:
Third Reading
Chevening Estate Bill: Third Reading
Local Government (Finance) Bill: Committee (1st Day)
Debtors (Scotland) Bill: Third Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

- Optimistic economic forecast from CBI - best outlook for 25 years.
- Group of 5 draw up plans to halt the fall of the dollar.
- French trap their most wanted terrorists in a farm house.
- Loyalist gang being questioned after Northern Ireland's biggest arms raid was foiled.
- Syria takes military control over Beirut to keep the peace. - raises hopes for Waite's release.
- Reagan under seige as he faces his severest test in the week in which the Tower Commission reports.
- Tension remains in Wolverhampton after death of black man in struggle with police.

TRURO

- Labour name a 33 year old teacher as their candidate.

ECONOMY

- Government awaits reaction to G5 agreement before countenancing cut in interest rates.
- Chancellor has rejected idea of cutting special car tax which would knock £600 off family car - would only increase imports.
- Telegraph leads with Chancellor giving a clear hint of tax cuts but cautious on scope for interest rate cut after G5 agreement.
- Times: Economic summit in Venice may not now take place following Italy withdrawing from currency talks in Paris. If summit does not take place it could have domestic political implications in Britain. You are thought to benefit in the polls when seen in company of other world leaders.
- Times: Manufacturers: 37% expecting to raise output against 8% expecting a fall.

GREENWICH

- Star has Alliance bandwagon rolling as campaign gets dirtier and Labour candidate's alcoholic father is brought into it.
- Sun says Labour candidate was described as a hypocrite last night for living in a council flat for 2 years while owning a £150,000 house and opposing sale of council houses; Alliance within 500 votes of winning; leader accuses Mrs Wood of hypocrisy.
- Mirror says the vicious smear campaign against Deirdre Wood backfired yesterday and even the Tory candidate said the News of the World's intrusion into her private life was indefensible.
- Express: Deirdre's wave of sympathy. Mail leader says News of the World's reopening of an emotional wound was too much and Mrs Wood has their sympathy.
- Independent: You are to be asked to condemn "dirty tricks" journalism by a group of prominent women.

GENERAL POLITICS/LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Today comes out for tactical voting and a coalition.
- Haringey council, £500m in debt, advertising for an animal rights officer at £10,900.
- Telegraph says county rate rises average 75%.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says a Labour overall majority at General Election is least likely. He looks at various possible results.

CONSERVATIVES

- CBI's best picture for economy in 25 years seen as a big boost.
- Harris poll puts Conservatives 2 points ahead; and ahead in marginals, according to Weekend World.
- Norman Tebbit to launch a national drive against Labour's unilateral policies this week.
- Express says the Chancellor has an embarrassing show of riches for his Budget prepared against a background of unparalleled economic confidence.
- Paul Johnson, in Mail calls on you to delay an election until October or next spring.
- CCO relaxed about Michael Heseltine's book - presenting his alternative strategy - to be published on March 9.
- Guardian has skeletons rattling in your cupboard - allegations that Reagan aimed to kill Gaddafi; Westland issue returning; and Peter Wright case. Campbell-Savours also claims he has evidence of a new dirty tricks campaign by MI5 against Labour and Conservative politicians in 1970s.
- Independent: Senior ministers have dismissed Michael Heseltine's calls for an overhaul of industrial and employment policies.

LABOUR

- Mattersley announces plans to cut unemployment by 1m in 2 years: to revitalise manufacturing; more spending on roads, sewers, housing and community services. Telegraph sees it as a Budget spoiling package.
- Campaign for Labour Party Democracy wants MPs to choose Cabinet - not a Labour Prime Minister.
- Larry Whitty, general secretary, rules out a coalition.
- Labour Party's proposal to scrap Britain's nuclear deterrent and remove all American nuclear bases is becoming less and less popular among its own supporters, says MORI poll in Times. Only 33% of Labour voters give support, a drop of 6% since last November.
- Science-based industries will receive big boost in state funding if Labour wins next General Election.
- Labour Party and TUC set to end boycott of Wapping journalists.

ALLIANCE

- Shirley Williams accuses you of getting others, from Norman Tebbit downwards to do your dirty work for you.
- Activists urged to attack Labour in its traditional heartlands by Shirley Williams.
- Exclusion of Kinnock from decisions affecting Britain's nuclear deterrent would be a key condition in any post-general election coalition between Labour and Alliance, David Owen said last night (Times).

INDUSTRY

- Sun says head of Vauxhall is facing a pay cut of £70,000 because of losses.
- Travel firms adding £10 surcharge because of rise in cost of aircraft fuel.
- Government to ban auto-fouling paint on boats on environmental grounds. Medical experts to meet next month on reports that man made insulating fibres could be a cause of cancer.
- Industrial Society says a growing number of firms are moving away from the traditional 8-hour day or 40-hour week to a 1760 hour year.
- Proposals for expansion of Britain's space programme, including a tripling of the Government's investment in research, are to go before the Cabinet this week. The economic committee chaired by you is expected to adopt new national space plan - Times.
- Times: Government was bracing itself last night for embarrassing Commons row over new rescue plan for Westland. Ministers expected to announce order for new batch of helicopters.
- Government to relaunch its community radio scheme in Green Paper to be published on Wednesday - Times.
- Independent: Profile on Simon Gourlay who is a realist and quick on his feet. He concedes that NFU is not the natural voice of the small farmer.
- Independent: Red brick graduates outnumber Oxbridge for the first time in entry into Civil Service fast stream.
- Independent: You are considering MoD proposals that Westlands should be given a bail out order for helicopters.
- Sir Ian MacGregor expected to be named this week as chairman of Scottish airline.

UNIONS

- NUPE members persuade Bickerstaffe to allow them a secret ballot in executive elections - one of the last unions to move in this direction.
- Claims that union officials stood by and allowed frightened teenage nurses to be sexually blackmailed at Hull hospital.
- Times: Declining membership has left some trade unions unable to meet Labour Party demand for money for an election campaign.
- Civil Service unions believe Government will open pay talks today with offer at least the rate of inflation now running at 3.9% - Times.
- Independent: Youngsters think Unions are irrelevant, boring, outdated and run by elderly officials with scant interest in young people's problems.

CHUNNEL

- Mirror leader says you are sacrificing the Tunnel because only one thing matters to you, winning the election. Government should use its influence to raise the money.
- Times: Final agreement with trade unions for construction on Channel Tunnel to be signed this week. Line of tunnel settled last week.

EDUCATION

- Express feature on Jordannahill College School, Glasgow (1020 pupils) which wants to become a direct grant school with a difference - it would be run by a company dominated by parents; is this the school of the future?
- Mail says Scientologists are trying to recruit members outside schools - children as young as 6 being enticed.
- Times: Senior teachers queuing to leave profession for jobs in management and finance. Advertisements in TES in recent months attracting hundreds of applicants.
- Dons voted to accept 16% pay increase backdated to last December and a further 7% in March 1988 - Times.

AIDS

- B/Cal to set up blood banks for staff in high risk AIDS areas.
- Message getting through; research shows 85% of people interviewed felt they now knew enough to avoid risks.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Private locum agencies to freeze pay rates after fears of Government intervention over locum doctor fees - Times.

LAW AND ORDER

- Sun leader on the "incredible" old boy network which has allowed a tax inspector to get away completely without prosecution or sacking for collecting illegally unemployment benefit.
- Independent editorial on the cost for some immigrants to be registered as British citizens. It is too high and should be lowered to £5.
- NACRO says 10,000 community jobs for ex-prisoners will be cut this year because of lower Government funding.

USA

- Sun leader, on claims that Reagan intended to assassinate Gaddafi in Tripoli raids, says putting down the Mad Dog seems an excellent aim; pity it didn't happen.
- Mail never doubts the aim was to get Gaddafi - what is shocking is the shambolic conduct of US foreign policy.
- Mail feature has Nancy Reagan taking her revenge on Regan.
- Telegraph says it would be hard for Reagan to survive any allegation by Tower that he was not telling the truth.
- Independent editorial wants America to have a competent executive with real care for the Atlantic Alliance, close ties with UK and a clear idea of the limits and responsibilities of its power in the world.

EC

- Foreign Secretary warns EC that any changes in Budget must reduce instead of increase Britain's burden.

CANADA

- Independent: Mulroney's government wracked by scandals.

IRELAND

- Haughey refuses to make deal with Independents who hold balance of power.
- Sun says police are trying to find out how the IRA got hold of a super plastic explosive found in Cheshire.
- Independent: Teddy Taylor denies allegations that he acted as a go-between for MI5 and a former army officer.

FRANCE

- Doubts about French government sincerity over promises not to make deals with terrorists as the trial in Paris of Georges Abdallah opens (Independent).

PEOPLE

- Lloyd Honeyghan retains world welterweight title.
- Andy Warhol, artist, dead, after operation.
- Mirror attacks you for saying in Universe interview you didn't have enough cash to furnish your first home properly.
- Sir Peter Newsam ready to stand down after 5 years as chairman of Commission for Racial Equality.

RELIGION

- John Gummer and Peter Bruinvels threaten to leave Church of England if it allows women to become priests.
- Mail says Queen may be involved in this, the worst Church of England row since the reformation.
- Guardian: Anglican exodus threatened.
- Times adds John Gummer to list of MPs who say they would fight the ordination of women in Parliament and quit Church; Times leader discusses women priests; looks at how Bishops are appointed and says that it may become necessary for the guardians of the conventions - Her Majesty and yourself - to convey as pointedly as necessary that there are limits beyond which the General Synod had better not try to step.
- Independent: "Tearing at the Church's heart" explains the arguments.

SOUTH AFRICA

- John Carlisle MP, in Telegraph, on how his views on South Africa have moderated and now backs power sharing.

TERRY WAITE

- Thirty-four days after disappearance of Terry Waite, those professionals concerned with his safety appear disconcerted over silence of his fate - Times.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young visits BBC News, London
- DEM: Mr Clarke opens Job Club and visits Vocational Education and Training Group, Nottingham
- DES: Mr Walden visits Cambridge Science Park, Trinity College and Cavendish House
- DES: Mr Dunn launches Clearvision initiatives at the Royal Institute of the Blind, London
- DOE: Mr Tracey chairs football working group meeting on membership schemes, London
- DTI: Mr Pattie launches National Educational Resources Information Services educational database, London
- DTI: Mr Shaw visits Ravenscraig and Dalzell works, Glasgow
- FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses European Government Business Relations Council, London
- FCO: Lady Young addresses European Atlantic Group dinner, London
- HO: Mr Hogg launches new Maggie Crime Prevention Campaign, London; later meets members of football league on football hooliganism, with Mr Tracey, London
- MAFF: Mr Thompson attends National Association of Master Bakers centenary banquet, Guildhall, London
- OAL: Mr Luce speaks at National Art Collection Fund dinner for Lex Services, Admiralty House, London
- SO: Mr Lang and Mr Shaw visits Ravenscraig, Dalzell Works and Clydebridge Heat Treatment Works, Lanarkshire; later address annual dinner of Motherwell District Business Group, Motherwell
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling and Mr Gummer attend EC Agriculture Council, Brussels
- MOD: Lord Trefgarne visits Norway (to 25 February)
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TV AND RADIO

DHSS Minister Mrs Currie interviewed by Victoria McKee of the Daily Mail, Farringdon Road, London.

"The Week in the Lords"; BBC 2; (08.55): Repeat of Sunday's programme

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (09.30)

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30)

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (23.45)
