

27 April 1987

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Duke of Edinburgh opens James Clerk Maxwell Radio Telescope, Mauna Kea, Hawaii

The Duchess of York visits the University Hospital of Wales Children's Centre and the Llanishen Leisure Centre; later attends a Royal Gala Performance at Cardiff Ice Rink

Western European Union Meeting on East-West relations and arms control, Luxembourg (to 28 April)

EC: Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg (to 28 April)

EC: Agriculture Council, Luxembourg (to 29 April)

EC: Trevi Group, Brussels (to 28 April)

National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport officers biennial general meeting, Harrogate (to 30 April)

Civil Service Union biennial conference, Blackpool (to 1 May)

TASS Representative Council Conference, Bournemouth

Zeebrugge investigation opens, London

Launch of Brundtland Report, "Our Common Future" at QEII Conference Centre, London

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STATISTICS

HO: Domestic and care proceedings in Magistrates' Courts 1986

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PUBLICATIONS

DEM: Annual Report of the Certification Officer 1986

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PAY

Water Service: Craftsmen; 4,972. 1 April

British Nuclear Fuels Ltd: industrial grades; 8,750; 1 June

Post Office: Postal supervisors, executives etc (CMA grades); 15,000; 1 April

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PARLIAMENTCommons

Questions: Wales; Energy; Transport

Business: Until about seven o'clock, Second Reading of the Consumer Protection Bill (Lords)  
Afterwards Second Reading of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Bill  
Motion on the Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order.

Adjournment Debate: The Monitoring of the operation of codes of practice for tour operators (Mr P Fry)

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Internal Audit in Central Government;  
Internal Audit in the National Health Service  
Witnesses: Sir Peter Middleton, KCB, HM Treasury; Mr C H Peach, Department of Health and Social Services

## TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE

Subject: Supply Estimates

Witnesses: Treasury and other Chancellor's Department.

Lords: Banking Bill: Third Reading

Criminal Justice Bill: Second Reading

PRESS DICESTMAIN NEWS

- Independent prints extracts from manuscript of Peter Wright's spy book.
- Telegraph looks ahead to "longest fortnight in British politics for years" until, a fortnight today, you go, as expected, to the Palace to declare a general election.
- Institute of Directors' two-monthly survey shows marked increase in business optimism.
- Your security stepped up after IRA killing of Northern Ireland judge who booked holiday in his own name. Express says security forces are on red alert for attacks during general election. Mail leads with "Checkpoint Chequers".
- Star leads with Prince Charles in crisis - serialisation of Penny Junor's book on how he is sad and lonely, drifting away from Princess Diana, how an old mystic guides his life, why he's selfish and spoilt etc.
- In other outbursts of Royal mania by pops, Sun claims Princess Diana came face to face with police killer Winston Silcott on visit to Broadwater Farm and that her detective drew his gun; and Today poll claims to show that one in three think the Queen should make way for Prince Charles the prelude to an analysis this week of Prince Charles' character.
- Mail records seventh separate holiday for Charles and Diana in a year.
- Visit of Chirac ignored by pops; Telegraph: Deterrent must stay, say Chirac and Thatcher  
FT: Both stress need for continued US presence in Europe.



## MAIN NEWS (Cont'd)

- M. Chirac, in personal view, says Mr Gorbachev's offer "may be dangerous". No substantial difference between British and French views (Times).
- Norman Tebbit calls on electoral troops to go for another landslide victory.
- Labour claims British Gas has lost 1.25m shareholders since privatisation culling public stake from 60-28%.
- Ron Keating, Post Office, attacks idea of splitting up and privatisation of Royal Mail; and Philip Jones queries whether privatisation will improve efficiency of electricity.
- Builders alleged to be raising house prices by £1000 a week in South East.
- Benn calls for a relaunch of Labour to give more power to minor groups (Today).
- Caterpillar sit-in ends.
- Robin Cook to call today for inquiry into Westland share dealings.
- Today says a Belgian judge is to bring criminal charges over the Zeebrugge ferry disaster just as the British inquiry gets under way.
- Row between NU Seamen and West Glamorgan Labour council for introducing a Wales-Cork ferry service manned by Poles.
- Edward du Cann says we could not again fight a Falklands-style war, because 95% of our fleet sails under foreign flags.
- John Silkin dies suddenly of heart attack, 64.
- Sharon Atkin, black Leftist, begins £12,000 job as community worker in Woolwich.
- Much coverage in 'pops' of interview given at the weekend by Sonia Sutcliffe, Yorkshire ripper's wife.
- Glenys Kinnock denies she ever gave an interview to the News of the World yesterday; to make a complaint to Press Council - Mirror says the Tory dirty tricks department came unstuck after trying to smear Mrs Kinnock.
- Bryan Gould challenges Kenneth Baker to explain why he refuses to send his children to State schools.
- William Casey, ex-head CIA, critically ill.



IRISH JUDGE

- Tom King calls meeting of security chiefs after murder of Northern Ireland judge after his security lapse.
- Speculation that electronic device in judge's car triggers off explosion.
- Star asks who "left judge at IRA's mercy" in the no man's land between the borders,
- Sun says "suicidal security slip" by judge in using his own name and titles in arranging holiday.
- Mirror: "Bunglers" fury over judge's murder; leader says it is time for Tom King to go because he has presided too long over the gross failure of the security services. He should resign at once.
- Today: Murdered judge in ferry blunder.
- Daily News: Who betrayed Ulster judge? King recalls RUC Chief Constable from USA for crisis talks; leader says this was precisely what cross border cooperation was intended to prevent.
- Express on the gravest crisis Tom King has faced - whether to stand by Anglo-Irish agreement or back down; leader says in a perverse way the IRA's onslaught is a tribute to the steady success of the Anglo-Irish agreement. But once the thugs have got the message that you, Haughey or any successors will not be moved, real progress is possible.
- Mail: Blunder aided IRA; leader says the judge's killing is not only another IRA atrocity but a security scandal. Why is there a no man's land?
- Telegraph leads with "Stupid lapse" by murdered Ulster judge; leader says the IRA traditionally exercises its evil in the run-up to a general election in Britain. The crisis is the strongest test yet of the agreement and if the RUC cannot police the border effectively it should say so.
- Guardian leads with RUC 'lapses' opened way for bombing; another story says the Government is believed to have engaged in secret negotiations with representatives of the IRA during the Northern Ireland hunger strikes of 1980 and 81.
- Guardian leader says Unionists feel entitled to say the Anglo-Irish agreement isn't delivering. Yet it is in danger of delivering too well from their point of view and that is the reason for the new crescendo of violence.



POLITICS

- Jon Akass, in Express, says Labour Party has not had a new idea since about 1964.
- Paul Johnson, in Mail, on the class warriors who are caning Kinnock - in the teachers' unions, for example. Kenneth Baker has one overriding - and popular - aim: to de-politicise education.
- Guardian says Tories believe you are ready for a June election.
- John Hoskyns, Institute of Directors, proposes a system of mini-cabinets for Ministers to improve Governmental efficiency.
- FT: Council tenants' right to opt out of local authority ownership is expected to be included in Conservative election manifesto.
- Times: When you and your most trusted advisers meet at Chequers on May 10, Midland local election results will be at forefront of consideration.
- Times: Alliance makes Labour key target in opening round.
- SDP today faces question of whether to expel Nevill Sandelson.

BRENT

- Daily News leader says HMI report is desperately depressing but reaction to it of Brent and Kenneth Baker are worse - Mr Baker's for putting a Conservative Party gloss on it.
- Daily News says Brent may assign a race adviser to Maureen McColdrick's school.
- Rhodes Boyson, in Telegraph, says a stranger to Brent would think he had strayed into Gulliver's Travels.
- Guardian leader says Kenneth Baker's treatment of the HMI report is pretty tawdry opportunism.
- Times leader looks at HMI report on Brent and says it is the strongest possible justification for the Government's planned Education Bill. Centrally administered system will escape vagaries and crippling inefficiencies of third-rate local councils paralysed by complacency or lurid politics.

EDUCATION

- Sun leader on Rastafarian from approved school and Borstal who is expected to become Cambridge poetry don, asks if this is the kind of man parents would wish to have teaching their children. Daily News says Cambridge needs a jolt.
- Today claims Kenneth Baker is to give in to pressure for early talks about new pay machinery for teachers.
- Telegraph reports a Campaign for Real Education to lobby for an end to politicised schooling and a return to traditional principles has been formed by parents from 14 local authority areas.
- Independent: Tories considering direct funding option for schools. Conservative Party sources confirmed that the plan described as a return to direct grant status was being floated for possible inclusion in the general election manifesto.



UNIONS

- Sun, noting £90,000 golden handshake for CPSA official defeated in ballot who is walking into a £25,000 job, says unions constantly complain about the size of pay offs yet see how they behave themselves.
- Express says one of the biggest weights around Labour's neck is their commitment to bring unions back into Government. The CPSA's "absurd decision" highlights the problem. How on earth can you let any organisation near the levers of power when it cannot run even its own affairs properly?
- Government's 9% pay offer to nurses will go down well with sympathetic public sector unions, says \_\_\_\_\_ in Times feature. Nurses offer has "blown lid off public sector pay".
- APEX, clerical workers union, may vote at annual conference in June to give the go-ahead for detailed merger talks with the General Municipal and Boilermakers' Union which is emerging as a key "Centrist" force within the TUC.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Conservatives want Camden Council prosecuted for "displaying gay sex leaflets in public libraries."
- Claims that leaflets advertising a lesbian and gay event have been sent to 400 North London youth clubs by Haringey Council.
- Today records doubts over future of Canary Wharf - shortage of tenants.



HEALTH

- One third of Britons say they suffer from a long-standing illness or disability, according to one of the most comprehensive surveys ever undertaken; demands for you to take charge of campaign to improve health.
- Oldham Health Authority has set up charitable trust to take advantage of the Government's new pay-roll giving scheme where employees can gain tax relief on regular donations deducted from their pay. Scheme is condemned by TUC - said that authority ought to demand more money from Government for health care - not try to fill the gap by charitable donations from own employees.
- Times: British breakthrough in treating heart disease.
- Times: National Opinion Poll shows more GPs would "support euthenasia for AIDS victims".

ECONOMY

- FT: £400m contingency reserve cut to meet nurses' pay award fuels doubts that Government can meet public spending targets.
- FT: Plunge in value of dollar is threatening the capacity of the World Bank to tackle Third World debt crisis.
- Times: Foreign exchange markets expected to start week nervously after strong pressure on dollar ahead of weekend.
- Independent: Peter Kellner feature on the aim of "Hands Across Britain", says it is to arouse the concern of the public and the conscience of Government on unemployment. Half-million expected to link hands to form human chain from Liverpool to London.

LAW AND ORDER

- Times: Drugs ring trap ruined by bungling and increasingly bitter rivalry between police and customs.
- Times: Drivers escape as traffic wardens disappear from streets.



JAPANESE TRADE

- FT: US Treasury Secretary, James Baker, cancels trip to Australia in order to be in Washington for Nakasone. Foreign Ministry officials in Tokyo view the visit as one of the most difficult undertaken by a post-war Japanese premier.
- FT: European Commission wants Japanese car producers to moderate their car exports to Europe.
- Times: Britain effectively withdrawn threat to deny Japanese institutions entry to City. Tokyo moves to open exchange.

INDUSTRY

- FT: Rolls Royce shares are likely to be priced at between 160p and 180p.
- FT: Channel Tunnel parties deny talks are on the point of collapse.
- FT: Ferranti may cut 500 jobs in computing systems division.
- FT: Office costs in London are higher than in New York, according to survey by The Economist Publications.
- Times: FDA general secretary says Top Salaries Review Board is "doing Government's dirty work".
- Times: Private home-building reaches highest level for 15 years in first quarter of 1987.

MEDIA

- FT: Independent local radio stations Red Rose Radio and Viking Radio propose merger.



EC

- FT: Belgium will today launch a new effort to break farm price deadlock.
- FT: Britain and West Germany expected to press for joint European motion against illegal immigration, during two-day TREVI meeting.
- Ankara polishes its image in its quest for EC membership - to improve his country's image, Mr Ozal will this week begin a laborious parliamentary process designed to lift the ban on Turkey's best known political figures taking part in political life.

SPIES

- Independent leader - "When the Security Service turns to treason", claims their decision to publish material from Peter Wright's book is because it is in public interest that facts about MI5 known to aid debate on supervision of the Security Services; recent revelations indicate that Security Service has not improved since Wright retired; nothing less than institutional reform will improve the Security Services; Independent recommends a secure oversight body consisting of Privy Councillors drawn from both houses of Parliament and committed to bipartisanship on security issues.

BERNARD INGHAM



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEN: Mr Walker presets EMILAS Awards, London

DTp: Mr Moore addresses the Chartered Institute of Transport Lunch, Cafe Royal, London

SO: Mr Rifkind launches site for Parkhead Forge Shopping and Leisure Complex, Glasgow; later, with Mr Ancram, attends meeting with Confederation of Scottish Local Authorities, Edinburgh

WO: Mr Roberts attends Freight Transport Association dinner, London

DEM: Mr Lee visits Wakefield and attends Enterprise in YTS Conference

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at Best Western Hotel Third European Convention, QE II Conference Centre, London

DEN: Mr Hunt opens London Energy and Employment Network Conference, Kensington

DEN: Mr Goodlad visits Sullom Voe

DES: Mr Walden addresses Society for Research into Higher Education, University of London Institute of Education

DES: Mrs Rumbold visits Oldham (to 28 April)

DTI: Lord Lucas attends Freight Transport Association annual dinner, Hilton, London

DTI: Mr Pattie dines with Business Equipment Trade Association, Institute of Directors, London

DTI: Mr Butcher visits Robinsons of Chesterfield

DTp: Mr Mitchell visits Southampton

DTp: Lord Brabazon attends Freight Transport Association annual dinner, Hilton, London

FCO: Lady Young addresses Pakistani National Defence College, London

HMT: Mr Brooke opens exhibition of Plain English, London

HMT: Mr Steward visits Scotland

MAFF: Lord Belstead meets Mr Barbosa, Philippines Deputy Minister of Agriculture, London

MAFE: Mr Thompson visits Frozen Food Federation, Humberside

OAL: Mr Luce speaks at English Estates reception, Royal Festival Hall

SO: Mr Lang addresses Seminar of Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations: International Agreements on Women's Rights, Edinburgh; later visits Scottish Record Office and Department of Registers for Scotland, Edinburgh

WO: Mr Roberts attends Freight Transport Association Dinner, London

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

HO: Mr Hurd attends Trevi meeting, Brussels (to 23 April)

MAFF: Mr Jopling and Mr Gummer attend Agriculture Council, Luxembourg (to 23 April)

MOD: Mr Stanley attends Western European Union Ministerial Meeting, Luxembourg

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TV AND RADIO

Mr Baker interviewed for TVAM, ITV

"Only One Earth"; BBC 2 (19.00): New series of films to mark the publication of the Brundtland Report on the future of the world's environment. Presented by Sue Cook, this week three documentaries that look at why the world of humans and the world of nature are out of balance

"Watching You Watching Us"; ITV (19.00): Julian Pettifer asks how six viewer families see television news, seeking to find out whether it is trusted, whether it is a cause of arguments and what is thought about it.

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30): This week looks at the safety standards of roll on/roll off car ferries in the wake of the Zeebrugge disaster

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): Scientology - The Road to Total Freedom?

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (12.20 pm): Return of daily edited highlights of events in the House of Lords presented by Mark Webster

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