

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh visit the Joint Service Defence College, Greenwich

The Duchess of York presents the 1986 British Press Awards, Savoy, London

The Prince and Princess of Wales attend a Lionel Ritchie Concert, Wembley Arena

Prime Minister meets President Chissano of Mozambique, later is host at a dinner in his honour; meets Mr Nathan Sharansky at Downing Street (photocalls)

NEDC (87): 5th Meeting

Defence White Paper

South African Election

Mr Fowler attends World Health Organisation conference on AIDS, Geneva

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STATISTICS

DEM: Overseas travel and tourism (Jan/Feb)

DEN: Advance energy statistics (Mar)

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PUBLICATIONS

MOD: Statement on the Defence Estimates: Volume one

MOD: Statement on the Defence Estimates: Volume Two

HMT: Treasury minute in response to First and Fourth to Seventh Reports 1986-87 from the PAC

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PAY

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority: Manuals; 4,600; 1 April

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Environment; Scotland; Foreign and Commonwealth

Business: Debate on the security situation in Northern Ireland, on a motion for the adjournment of the House

Motion on the Police (Northern Ireland) Order

Motion on the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

Adjournment Debate: Strip-search procedures employed by H M Customs at Glasgow Airport (Dr N Godman)

Select Committees: FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
 Subject: FCO/ODA Supply Estimates 1987-88  
 Witness: Foreign and Commonwealth Office

## ENERGY

Subject: The Work of the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate

Witnesses: Mr E A Ryder, H M Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations, Policy Branch, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate

## TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Motor Components Industry

Witnesses: Mr Giles Shaw, MP, Minister of State for Industry, and Mr John Butcher MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry

## HOME AFFAIRS

Subject: Regulation of DBS and Cable Television

Witness: Home Office

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subjects: Arrears of Work; Inland Revenue Department: Appropriation Accounts, 1985-86; Treasury Minutes on Life Assurance Premium Relief and Mortgage Interest Relief at Source

Witness: Mr A M W Battishill, Board of Inland Revenue

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Problems associated with AIDS

Witnesses: National Union of Teachers; National Union of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers; National Association of Head Teachers; AIDS Liaison officers: Terry Cotton, Hammersmith; Carl Miller, Oxford

## ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Pollution of Rivers and Estuaries

Witness: Mr William Waldegrave MP, Minister of State, Department of the Environment

## TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE

Subject: Civil Service Recruitment, Training and Career Management and Public Sector Manpower

Witnesses: Council of Civil Service Unions; Association of First Division Civil Servants

## JOINT COMMITTEE

## PRIVATE BILL PROCEDURE

Witness: Open Spaces Society

## COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

## UNOPPOSED BILLS

1. British Waterways Board
2. Bexley London Borough Council



PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

Lords: Debate on the state of post-school education

Crown Proceedings (Armed Forces) Bill: Second Reading

UQ on the draft EEC Directive on broadcasting

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

- Tory confidence boosted by 14% poll lead, strong £ and prospect of lower interest rates after huge rise in reserves.
- Express says you have decided, against all precedents, to make an election announcement one way or the other, next Monday to end uncertainty. Telegraph says you have ordered a revamp of the manifesto
- Kinnock claims that 99% of Labour backs him - his retort to Left attacks on his race policy.
- Benn says tactical voting could destroy Labour in many constituencies and criticises Labour's NEC for its attacks on miners, blacks, Militants, lesbians and gays.
- And more trouble for Labour: Sharon Atkin says she will stand in Nottingham; and Frances Morrell deposed as chairman of ILEA by NUPE man - for not being Left enough, says Sun; too autocratic (Mirror); a matter of style (Express).
- Daily News feature on Neville Sandelson (SDP) who is going on the campaign trail to get SDP members to support you.
- Guardian says Labour MPs hope to exploit "your poll tax slip".

MAIN NEWS (Cont'd)

- LEAs told not to close rural schools simply because they have too few pupils; Mirror: U-turn on schools by shamed Tories. Today says "Suddenly the Tories can hear... about nurses, rural schools etc." Express: Top marks Mr Baker; Mail: Educationally politic and environmentally wise.
- A deputy head, 56, at Highbury Grove School to follow Lawrence Norcross into early retirement.
- Much coverage of trial of couple who starved and abused 4 year old girl to death in London.
- Tory MPs attack Campbell-Savours for naming MI5 men in alleged plot under cloak of privilege and without a shred of evidence. Guardian says a former Minister, now in the Lords, would be revealed as a London agent of the CIA if a inquiry were ordered into MI5. Signs Callaghan is close to calling for an inquiry.
- Leader of South Wales miners says NUM is suffering from narrow ideological thinking at the top.
- House prices in South East up 25% last year in SE.
- Daily News leader says it is time the kind of soft treatment accorded to nurses was extended to other groups of public servants, like Social Security clerks.
- Today says Tom King will today report 1000 extra troops being sent to Northern Ireland.
- £50m improvement programme to Sellafield announced.
- Independent leads with MoD claim that defence spending will outstrip planned budget by £8bn over 10 years unless costs are reduced.
- National Aids Trust launched with Robert Maxwell in charge of fund raising - aim £50m.
- Express says prison officers are set to vote to accept "Fresh Start" package.
- Irangate hearing: Major General Secord says he feels betrayed by Reagan; his actions had been approved by the Administration. British aircrew asked to gun run.



MAIN NEWS (Cont'd)

- Gary Hart in trouble overtime he spent with blonde.
- Royals: Star says its readers, by a majority, think Prince Charles should have a proper job until he becomes King.
- Sir Hugh Fraser, ex-Harrods, dies, aged 50.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Express leader on Brent's decision to close 2 colleges for part of today so that the staff can attend a seminar on anti-racism while students prepare for important exams, says it is disgraceful, but not surprising.
- FT: Lord Glenarthur tells Lords that supplementary benefit levels would be raised to offset all or part of the 20% community charge in Scotland

LOCAL ELECTIONS

- Sun says they are very important and even if you don't normally vote, this is the time to show loony Labour councils what you think of their antics. Vote Tory and say go ahead Maggie.
- Times: Conservatives hopes high in Manchester local elections.

EDUCATION

- Independent: Baker to unveil £4m technology centres, linking employers with universities and polytechnics, today.
- Kenneth Baker announces Autumn Green Paper on consultations on teachers pay.
- Times: Hull University to lose 90 staff by July 1989 to save bankruptcy
- Times: Kenneth Baker launches nationwide campaign to persuade industry to support GCSE exams.



POLITICS

- Star endorses aim of Children's Legal Centre in calling for votes at 16.
- Julian Critchley, reviewing Michael Leapman's biography of Kinnock, says Kinnock is not so much the captain of his ship, more the boy on the burning deck - a boy sent on a man's job. He contributes eloquence without wisdom. His task is beyond his capabilities.
- Independent: Editorial says it is a measure of a healthy political party that it listens to minority groups but does not abdicate to them.
- Independent: Peter Jenkins says it really ought not to be too difficult for the educated middle classes to learn to live without Socialism.
- Independent: No Opposition MPs turned up to contest BNFL's extra £500m.

SECURITY/MI5

- Times: You are under pressure from within Whitehall to change mind and hold an "in camera" inquiry into MI5 allegations.
- Times: Scotland Yard report to DPP names of at least three in Zircon leak.

GENERAL ELECTION

- Mirror leader headed "A bribe a day" says the latest practitioner is smoothie chops Baker. To keep their jobs Cabinet will promise anything to anybody at any time until polling day.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says we have all been waiting for months for local elections to decide date of General Election. But things have changed and results would now have to be very bad to prevent June election.
- Timothy Raison, in Times, writes that main aim of your first two Governments have been the economy and the nation's security. The third will most likely deal with social policy and the relationship between central and local government. He looks at what is happening in local government and says the crucial point is how best to get local people to tackle their own problems and make their own decisions.
- Times P1 lead says MPs are certain you will pick 11 June for election and announce date next Monday. Senior Conservatives say you should end uncertainty as soon as possible. Hattersley repeats claims that if you are re-elected there will be massive increases in VAT, a punitive poll tax, cuts in health service and privatisation of large parts of NHS.
- Times: Lord Young has been charged with finding "twenty-first century" way of presenting and launching Party's manifesto.

ECONOMY

- Express says there is no good reason for the Bank's caution over interest rates.
- Independent: Treasury Minister concedes that the proportion of earnings most low paid people pay in tax has risen since Conservatives came to power.
- Independent: Sarah Hogg studies the three parties' differing approach to industry, jobs and inflation.
- FT: Lex argues interest rate cut might come sooner or later as intervention in the foreign exchange markets is clearly not sufficient to hold the pound down.



INDUSTRY

- Times: Sun Life denies merger with Pearl Assurance.
- Times: Chairman of Northern Ireland Electricity Board and five directors threaten to quit if ordered by Government to take electric power from private power stations.
- Times: Guinness identifies recipients of £25m and want money returned.
- Times: Firms report building boom.
- Times: Conservative MEPs press Government to end crisis over EC research programme before General Election.
- FT: Rolls-Royce offer faces forms shortage.
- FT: Experimental auction of gilts, consisting of £1bn of 8% Treasury loan stock, will take place on May 13.
- FT: Payments to hill farmers whose sheep were contaminated by Chernobyl fall-out are likely to rise by 25% following Government's latest review of compensation.

UNIONS

- Independent: CPSA say travellers have to wait 15 weeks for a passport as clerical workers are paid £900 for three days work to clear backlog.
- Independent: Two banking unions unite for strike action over pay which could disrupt High Street banks this summer.

MEDIA

- Times: BBC to step up recruitment of women and ethnic minorities to correct imbalance in production and management staff.

EAST/WEST

- Times: Soviet Union says US proposals for long-range nuclear weapons would rule out the chances of a strategic weapons pact between super-powers.
- Times: Lord Carrington says the "denuclearisation" of Europe as envisaged by Soviet doublezero offer would be "absolutely fatal".
- Independent: Chancellor Kohl brushed aside Moscow's offer on SRINF because the weapons could be put back in place at short notice.

ARGENTINA

- Times: Britain and Argentina edge forward on fishing around the Falklands.

NORWAY

- Independent: Mrs Bruntland hedges her bets on joining EC.

IRAN/IRAQ WAR

- Independent: US efforts to isolate Tehran and bring an end to the Gulf War have begun to pay off.

MIDDLE EAST

- Independent: Shamir accedes to Peres in allowing Middle East conference to be discussed in Israeli inner cabinet.



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Clarke joint host of Action for Jobs Breakfast Presentation, Glasgow

DES: Mr Baker opens the Centre of Communication Studies at the Polytechnic of Central London

DOE: Mr Ridley addresses the National Contractors Group lunch, London

HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses the Institute of Taxation Annual Finance Bill Conference; later addresses the Eton College Stockton Society

MAFF: Mr Jopling opens Meat and Livestock Commission's Meat International Conference, Heathrow Penton Hotel

SO: Mr Rifkind joint host of Action for Jobs Breakfast Presentation and later attends Travel Trade Fair, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow

DEN: Mr Goodlad attends the Three Professions Energy Management Spring Event, Reading

DES: Mrs Rumbold visits St Pauls Girls School, London

DHSS: Mrs Currie opens Emergency Delivery Suite, St Thomas's Hospital, London

DHSS: Mr Newton visits Brighton Health Authority, Royal Sussex County Hospital

DTI: Lord Lucas addresses North East Export Club, Middlesbrough

DTI: Mr Howard attends International Markets Conference, London

DTP: Mr Mitchell visits Department of Transport South Regional Office, Dorking

HO: Mr Hogg visits Cumbria police

HO: Lord Caithness visits Nottingham police

HO: Mr Mellor addresses Cambridge Union debate on drugs

MAFF: Mr Thompson visits Dairy Crest, Alfreton; later visits Thorntons Chocolates, Belper

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DHSS: Mr Fowler attends World Health Organisation Conference, Geneva

DES: Mr Walden leaves Helsinki and visits Sweden on student support review (to 7 May)

DTP: Lord Brabazon attends EC Maritime Symposium, Antwerp

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## TV AND RADIO

Education Minister Mrs Rumbold appears on TVAM 'After Nine'

Party Political broadcasts by the Labour Party: BBC 1 (21.00); BBC 2 (22.50); ITV (22.00); BBC Radio 4 (13.35)

"The Making of Britain"; Channel 4 (18.30). Dr Roy Foster argues that during the 19th century Britain's inability to understand the essential differences between Ireland and the rest of Britain precipitated the break-up of the Union of Britain

"Victorian Values"; ITV (19.00). This week's programme in the series presented by Bamber Gascoigne looks at education and tells the story of the long battle for working class education

"Comment"; Channel 4 (19.50). Another guest speaker gives a personal opinion on a current topic

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30). Stephen Gardner reports from Oldham and London on the implications of the selling off of old housing estates by cash starved local authorities for people who depend on being able to rent a home. He also interviews John Patten, Housing Minister, and asks just how far the privatising revolution should be allowed to go

"Secret Society"; BBC 2 (22.20). Duncan Campbell this week looks at the Association of Chief Police Officers and reports on the outlook, accountability and hidden influence of the Chief Constables' "club"

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (00.20)

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