

13 May 1987

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight to mark the 200th anniversary of the departure for Australia of the First Fleet

Scottish Conservative Party Conference, Perth (to 15 May)

Experimental gilts auction

PUBLICATIONS

DES: HMI Report on St Thomas Moore RC School, Harringay

DES: HMI Report on Bishop's Dawn County Primary School, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

DES: HMI Report on Galeskeal Technical College, NAFG

HoC: Defence Committee Report on Expenditure on Major Defence Projects: Accountability to the House of commons

PAY

National Health Service Administrative, Clerical and Secretarial Grades; 130,900:1 April

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Scotland; Foreign and Commonwealth; Trade and Industry

Business: Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Abolition of Domestic Rates etc (Scotland) Bill
Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill
Committee and Remaining Stages of the Consumer Protection Bill (Lords)
Committee and Remaining Stages of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Bill
Motion on the Lord Chancellor's Salary Order
Motions on the Channel Tunnel Bill, the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Bill and the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Bill

Select Committees:

EMPLOYMENT

Subject: The Manpower Services Commission Corporate Plan 1987-91

Witness: The Manpower Services Commission

HOME AFFAIRS

Subject: Regulation of DBS and Cable Television

Witnesses: IBA; British Satellite Broadcasting

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees (Cont'd)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Incorrect Payments of Social Security Benefits; Unemployment and Social Security benefits - fraud and abuse

Witnesses: Mr Christopher France, CB, Department of Health and Social Security, and Sir Michael Quinlan, KCB, Department of Employment

SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Problems associated with AIDS

Witness: Rt Hon Norman Fowler MP, Secretary of State for Social Services

JOINT COMMITTEE CONSOLIDATION and BILLS

Subject: Conveyancing Services Bill (Lords)

Witnesses; Mr P F A Knowles, Deputy Parliamentary Counsel, Mr C B Berkeley, Assistant Parliamentary Counsel, Mr P L Jacob, Senior Legal Assistant, Lord Chancellor's Department

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

UNOPPOSED BILLS

1. London Underground (Goodge Street) [Lords]
2. British Railways

Lords:

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill: Committee and Remaining Stages
 Landlord and Tenant (No 2) Bill: Second Reading and Remaining Stages
 Black Country Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1987: Motion for Approval
 Tyne and Wear Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1987: Motion for Approval
 Teesside Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 1987: Motion for Approval
 Definition of Capital Expenses (Scotland) Order 1987: Motion for Approval.
 Crossbows Bill: Committee and Remaining Stages
 AIDS (Control) Bill: Committee and Remaining Stages
 Debate to call attention, in the European Year of the Environment, to the case for measures to protect the countryside and environment and to case for all-party support for environmental protection
 Motor Cycle Noise Bill: Second Reading and Remaining Stages
 Protection of Animals Penalties Bill: Second Reading and Remaining Stages
 Prescription (Scotland) Bill: Second Reading and Remaining Stages
 Access to Personal Files Bill: Committee and Remaining Stages

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

- Kinnock's "triumph" in killing off Left's attempts to put unpopular measures in manifesto which Sun describes as a smokescreen. Mirror: "Triumphant Kinnock crushes Left".

- Mirror: Norman Tebbit attacks "absurd" Alliance dream of power.

- Deirdre Wood reselected by one vote in Greenwich.

- Star leads with Glenys Kinnock being effectively gagged for the election campaign because of fears she would attract her own media circus.

- Sun advertise for questions for your interview with them today.

- Alliance say they will not claim back 2p tax cut; will borrow instead; Express says Tories emerge as the one party pledged to keep its hands off pay packets.

- Healey tries to laugh off his claim that Kremlin is "praying for a Labour victory". Mail says you can hardly believe your luck over his gaffe.

- Mail leads with its interview with you - Startling plans for State to put its money behind parents so that they can send their children to the school of their choice to be unveiled next week; and two page leader page spread inside

- Plenty of references to the Opposition shouting frit at you because you won't debate publicly with Kinnock.

- Prescott accuses you personally of throwing 1m on dole.

- Today identifies a lot of dirt beginning to fly and its diary adds a bit by suggesting that your dissolution audience with the Queen was icily formal.

MAIN NEWS (Cont'd)

- Star attacks all four parties for putting their petty little differences above the welfare of children and refusing to allow provisions in Criminal Justice Bill allowing for video evidence. Mail leader regrets loss of provisions in Bill but says the good news is that a Tory election majority will see these anti-crime measures given top priority.

- Mail says Alliance would spend £66bn more than existing expenditure plans over the next 5 years.

- Gwyneth Dunwoody MP arrives home to find bailiffs have removed much of her furniture from her flat because of unpaid rent.

- Ernest Saunders gets £500,000 bail - from Tiny Rowland and Swiss businessman - and vows to expose the guilty men.
- Campbell-Savours publishes an Order Paper Cathy Massiter affidavit which describes how security service applies for telephone tap warrants

- Case of a woman, 69, beaten almost beyond recognition for £3 by Birmingham mugger.

- Allegations that a Royal Marines instructor hit recruits with a big mallet.

- Trouble at IRA funerals; masked and uniformed terrorists carry out coffins from homes; Express feature on IPA rejoicing in the shadow of death.

- Thousands of voting papers in CPSA elections disappear - are 1 in 8 branch votes lost in post?
- SCPS conference accuses Sir Robert Armstrong of becoming increasingly involved in political action on behalf of the Government (Guardian).
- Express says America is offering to strengthen its nuclear bombing force in Britain to reassure Europe about its nuclear shield.

MAIN NEWS (Cont'd)

- Express says Libya lost an ally when Malta ditched Labour after 16 years; Mrs Aquino set for a huge election victory in Philippines.

- James Angleton, CIA man alleged to have suspected Harold Wilson, dies, 69.

ELECTION

- Sun: What a cynical bunch the Labour Party now show themselves to be. Manifesto will be a watered down version of what the Party stands for. What a disgraceful state of affairs when the main Opposition party is ashamed and afraid of its own policies. Instead of a red rose as its symbol, Labour should now have a white feather.
- Mirror feature describes Kinnock as a real man of the people - caring, compassionate with deeply held beliefs and wants to apply them for the good of all and not just the rich and powerful.
- Express leader highlights Wall Street Journal's editorial yesterday on the forthcoming election choice - Kinnock's defence policies helped your recovery and his vows to build up Britain's conventional forces have all the credibility of Gary Hart's assurances that Donna Rice was just a friend. On the economy Labour has been even worse. Things have come together for the Tories.
- Jean Rook, in Express, says your reported comment on Kinnock - He's a nice person but no leader - must be one of the most crushing put downs in political history.
- Telegraph says Conservatives are producing a video version of their manifesto.
- Guardian suggests that Douglas Hurd is one of Cabinet determined to emphasise their commitment to quality of public services.
- Guardian leader remains preoccupied that Conservatives remain a minority in the land and it says that with 60% of the voters against you you must not act too cockily.
- Independent: Streamlined Labour manifesto agreed but Left won a number of concessions, including a pledge for a wealth tax; manifesto is 8,500 words, same size as last two Tory manifestos.
- Independent: Healey, on return from Moscow, said Gorbachev had been unable to meet him for personal reasons "which will be known on Thursday".
- Conservative manifesto will suggest more reading and writing tuition in future employment schemes, according to Independent - 20% of jobless have difficulty reading, writing or doing simple arithmetic, according to a confidential survey by the MSC.
- Independent leader says it was a shrewd political gimmick by the Alliance to ask consultants to study their expenditure proposals. The Alliance package should prove popular to the large number of people who are ambivalent towards the Government's preoccupation with cutting income tax and its low priority with the needs of industry and the unemployed.
- Peter Jenkins, in Independent, says beneath the surface of this election campaign, beyond the reach of economic statistics or opinion surveys, a profound transformation of the political culture is in progress. The old order continues to crumble, the new struggles to be born at the south edges northward.
- FT: Labour hopes Healey initiative will defuse defence controversy as he plans to make a major defence speech early in the campaign. Edward Mortimer discusses why many who come of age in 60s found it impossible morally to oppose Socialism and how this has changed.

ELECTION (Cont'd)

- Times: Lord Hailsham may stay on until end of year as Lord Chancellor if Conservatives win election. They look at a number of names to replace him.
- Times: Election page has following headline: "Thatcher will field her team of winners again"; "Tebbit's early planning has built a formidable electioneering machine"; "Kinnock support team is named"; and "Opposition hopes high as the Tories face losses north of border".
- Times leader discusses how the economy has changed since 1983. The economy has been growing, inflation is under control, and unemployment is falling. Electorate this time in better position to judge effect of your policies in practice. They will have to decide whether inflation, growth and jobs are safe with you or whether the alternative policies of Labour and Alliance offer a faster route towards those objectives.
- Dennis Kavanagh in Times, writes that if Kinnock becomes Prime Minister his Government would be one of the most inexperienced in modern times.

LABOUR

- Sun leads with Camden's Lefties putting a ban on staff making jokes about wives lest women workmates feel 'sexually harassed'.
- Eric Hammond, EETPU, warns Left candidates they won't get any of the union's £200,000 election contribution to election funds; being directed specifically at constituencies.
- Liverpool's Lefties decide to do away with Lord Mayor a second time.

EDUCATION

- Express says Sir John Kingman's inquiry into English teaching has found schools failing to teach pupils to read and write properly.
- Mail reports that a shortage of primary school teachers has forced whole classes to be off school for 2 months in Hackney; Tower Hamlets and Southwark also short.
- Mail: 2 page feature on (another) brilliant headmaster in Islington who was broken by ILEA because he preferred to run his school his own way.

LAW AND ORDER

- Police investigating fighting at Sikh temple in Kent on Sunday, are complaining that the Police and Criminal Evidence Act forced them to release 40 of the 49 people arrested before their inquiries were complete (Independent).
- Independent: Prison staff seek compulsory AIDS testing of inmates.

HOUSING

- Independent: Tower Hamlets Council was forced to rethink decision to evict Bangladeshi families. The eviction had been given full support of the council's housing chairman. They have been condemned by Peter Shore and embarrassed the Liberal leadership.

HEALTH

- Drugs training director for Mersey Health Authority gives school-children tips on Granada tonight on how to sniff glue properly and how to inject heroin when veins in their arms have dried up.
- Guardian claims that Middlesex Hospital has stopped buying AIDS drug because of shortage of cash.
- Times still trying to stand up their claim of link between AIDS and smallpox vaccine with story that a young US soldier who died of AIDS might not have developed disease had he not been vaccinated.
- Times: Doctors offered £15m hi-tech help in return for access to patient data suitable for use by Government and drug companies.
- Times: You ask for details of cases where children may have suffered because of overlapping responsibilities of Government departments.
- Times: Government study of NHS clinical support services could save £30m a year.

UNIONS

- CPSA calls for an end to vetting of homosexuals for sensitive Government jobs; want discrimination against queers made illegal.
- Leaders of council workers rejected pay rise of 10.6% because of disagreements on overtime payments for weekend working.

INDUSTRY

- Civil Servants moving to South East to be given housing allowances equivalent to an interest free £30,000 mortgage.
- Independent: Leading retailers have decided to appeal to the OFT to block the introduction of a new form of bank card Barclays plan to introduce in all stores as part of the Visa/Barclaycard network.
- Independent: Owen Oyston, Lancashire multi-millionaire committed a significant sum of money to the radical tabloid, News on Sunday.
- Times: BP wins battle to take over 45% of Standard Oil it does not already hold.
- Times: Oxford graduates turning backs on industry and doubling starting salaries in City.
- Times: Nuclear Installations Insepectorate admit staff shortages could cause Sellafield risk.
- Times: Factory costs hint at higher inflation.
- Times: Nissan poised to step up pressure on British fleet car market.

- FT: Thailand decides to lease Japanese, German and South Korean buses, dashing Leyland hopes.
- FT: Murdoch considers launch of middle market national daily.
- FT: Professor Roland Smith, ex House of Fraser, is to be new head of British Aerospace.

USA

- A \$10m donation to the Contras from the Sultan of Brunei, which disappeared after being given to help Reagan's efforts to fund the rebels, has been traced to a Swiss bank account (Independent).

MIDDLE EAST

- FT: Secret plan agreed by Israel and Jordan to hand back "wide tracts" of the West Bank; editorial says Peres is right to recognise that some form of Arab sovereignty remains a minimum price for peace.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEN: Mr Walker, guest of honour at Indo-British Association 10th Anniversary Dinner, London

DES: Mr Baker gives toast at IBA dinner on 30 years of educational broadcasting

HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses the Public Finance Foundation; later addresses the Association of Economic Representatives in London

HO: Mr Hurd addresses the National Association of Prison Visitors AGM

MAFF: Mr Jopling visits European Poultry Fair, Stoneleigh; later dines with the Board of Tourists Authority, Brookes Club

WO: Mr Edwards open British Petroleum Bitumen Plant, Llandarcy

DEM: Mr Lee opens factory in West Horton, Greater Manchester; later opens Digital Designs International premises for JTS

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at Hotelier of the Year lunch, Hyde Park

DES: Mr Dunn attends launch of the Advancement of Jewish Education Trust, London; later speaks at Industrial Society, Manifestos for Education, Conference

DTI: Mr Pattie hosts reception for BioTech '87 Delegates, London

DTI: Mr Howard addresses the Jewish Blind Society, London

DTI: Mr Shaw visits Humberside

DTp: Mr Spicer attends meeting of the Transport Users Committee, Holborn, London

DTp: Mr Bottomley addresses the Institute of Road Safety officers course, Exeter University

FCO: Mr Renton addresses Royal United Services Institute

HMT: Mr Brooke attends the Business Expansion Scheme awards ceremony, London

MAFF: Mr Gummer opens Regional Farming Diversification Conference, Rochester

MAFF: Lord Belstead visits Darlington to focus on Oilseed Rope, Near Darlington

MOD: Mr Hamilton visits DMA Exhibition, Brighton

OAL: Mr Luce speaks at opening of exhibition of Scottish landscape painting, London

WO: Mr Roberts addresses Micro-Electronics In Schools conference, Cardiff

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DES: Mr Walden attends European Community Conference for Education Ministers, Brussels (to 14 May)

DOE: Lord Skelmersdale visits channel fixed link sites in Calais, France

DTP: Mr Mitchell visits channel fixed link sites in Calais, France

TV AND RADIO

Education Secretary Mr Baker interviewed for the Jimmy Young Show, BBC Radio 2, (11.50 to 12.50); later interviewed by John O'Leary, Times Higher Educational Supplement and Stephen Castle, Sunday Telegraph

Mrs Currie interviewed by Health Living Magazine, London

Mr Mellor interviewed on Channel 4 Media show on IBA Franchise System

"Pillars of Society" BBC Radio 4 (11.00): Simon Jenkins looks at Oxford University

"The Making of Britain"; Channel 4 (18.30): Dr David Daybedeen argues that the British empire was built on the slavery and poverty of the colonial people abroad and the industrial workers at home. Their share in the glory of empire is said to have been "futile rebellion and brutal repression"

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe in conversation with Ian Davidson

"Victorian Values"; ITV (19.00): This week's programme, in the series presented by Bamber Gascoigne, looks at local government and how in three years between 1873 and 1876 Joseph Chamberlain, Mayor of Birmingham, changed the face of a great Victorian city

"Comment"; Channel 4 (19.50): A Labour politician speaks in the weekly alternative to the party political broadcast

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30)

"Gold"; BBC 1 (21.30): The story of the £26 million gold bullion theft from the Brink's-Mat warehouse

"Secret Society"; BBC 2 (22.20): Duncan Campbell this week looks at the "secret" control centres which have run Britain's radar defences and the early warning aircraft

"Their Lordship's House"; Channel 4 (00.30)
