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PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh visit Dundee

150th Anniversary of establishment of General Register Office and of system of civil registration of births, deaths and marriages in England and Wales

Decision expected from Saudi Arabia on purchase of Type 2400 submarines

NEDC

STATISTICS

DEN: Advance energy statistics (May)

HMSO/OPCS: People count - a history of the General Register Office

HMSO: Population Trends No 48

PUBLICATIONS

DTI: OFTEL Annual Report

HMI: Report on Frank Montgomery School, Canterbury

HMI: Report on Haynes Grange Park Junior School, London Borough of Hillingdon

HMI: Report on Balby Carr School, Doncaster

HO: Parole Board Annual Report 1986

HO: Metropolitan Police Commissioner's Annual Report 1986

PAY

Teaching Staff in Colleges of Further Education, Central Institutions and Colleges of Education (Scotland); 9,900

PARLIAMENT

Continuation of the Debate on the Address

Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth; Trade and Industry; Environment

Adjournment Debate: Government regulation of the flammability of domestic furnishings (Mr C Gregory)

MINISTERS _ See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

Maggie against the rest - or as one Irish journalist put it, the universe.

Approving leader in Times. Gloomy view about EC in Telegraph from Jock Bruce-Gardyne.

Mirror runs the VAT scare again on the basis of EC tax harmonisation plans.

Some of the children taken into care on child abuse allegations after High Court ruling go home. Social worker denies MP's allegation that she had plotted with paediatrician in cases to exclude police from investigations. Tony Newton says fresh guidance to be issued to social workers, health visitors and doctors; Cleveland scraps guidelines because police are unhappy about them.

Spain vetoes air fares deal on account of Gibraltar and whole procedure has to start again.

Julian Critchley says you have changed Tory policies so much that they should no longer be called Conservative. John Biffen wants more public spending.

New campaign for televising Commons.

Murdoch buys 'Today' for £38m and installs Editor of News of the World as its editor; new Editor of News of the World a woman.

Postal disruption intensifies in West End after workers reject agreement recommended by union.

Scargill refuses to discuss six-day working with British Coal; says they should be pushing for a 4-day week. Robert Haslam says his attitude could cost 30,000 jobs. Express hopes miners in conference will show more sense than Scargill.

Times: Norman Fowler says Government's Community Programme to be substantially reformed to help long-term jobless.

Guardian says draft report following public inquiry gives go-ahead for nuclear reprocessing plant at Dounreay.

Peter Bottomley attacks public figures, including judges, politicians and police who drink and drive.

£56m scheme to redevelop Covent Garden for Royal Opera House virtually certain to go ahead.

Reports that Terry Waite is alive and well but being held in Iran; Iranian Government officials directly ordered the kidnapping of American journalist, Charles Glass, according to evidence US administration hold.

Unionists to be urged in report tomorrow to start talking to UK Government about an alternative to Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Swiss bank chairman, involved in Guinness, resigns.

Claims that it will be announced today that Prince Charles is to lead a campaign to fight decay in inner cities.

Unemployment in Japan up to 3.2m.

Iran has invited Waldheim to visit Tehran; accusations against him resulting from Zionist pressure.

Fears that former French Justice Minister may have been kidnapped by Right wing extremists to barter for the release of Barbie.

Rift between Government and senior army officers in Turkey.

Three IRA supporters in USA jailed in Boston for trying to smuggle guns and ammunition into Ireland by trawler.

Supreme Soviet gives seal of approval to Gorbachev's new batch of reforms.

EC SUMMIT

Mirror virtually ignores the story.

Star: 'Housewife' Maggie blast by Chirac - he said you were 'nothing but a housewife' - amazing outburst.

Sun: Maggie in Euro cash clash - you took on Europe single-handed to stop more cash being poured into bankrupt EC.

Today: Maggie vetoes Euro-Budget.

Daily News leads with 'Housewife Thatcher'; Chirac attacks her economic policies as Euro Summit collapses.

Express: 'Maggie against the universe'. EC row; Summit ends in

disarray after clash on budget.

Mail P1: Mitterrand pays tribute to Maggie crusade - Britain defiant on Market's food mountains. Won you grudging respect. Mitterrand says you have a very firm character and showed the British virtue known as tenacity.

Telegraph leads with "Lone stand by Thatcher on EC costs - Chirac scorns 'housewife' view".

Guardian: Thatcher's solo stand against EC:

Independent: European Summit ended in disarray last night with you bitterly divided from your European colleagues on strategy and philosophy of EC budgetary reforms. Summit ran into an unscheduled and bad-tempered second night. You adamantly refused to support action programme agreed by the 11 other EC Governments, because it contained commitment to increase spending.

FT: Thatcher holds out for tougher pact on EC budget controls, P1 lead. By the end, all leaders except you gave their blessing to an outline proposal which would seek to impose a system of legally-binding budget disciplines. You will need to be persuaded before reform can take place.

Times: You stand alone among EC leaders over financial reform. Delors surprised by your opposition; Chirac accuses you of lacking community spirit and acting like a housewife; Kohl says summit had been extremely difficult; leader says you appear to be the only one of the 12 leaders prepared to make a serious effort to secure fundamental reforms and that you remain right to stand firm on the principle of CAP reform. The EEC must try harder to cut its coat according to its cloth.

POLITICS

Sun says it has a simple rule in reporting politics: if Shirley Williams is for it, the whole nation will reject it. It forecasts, on this basis, that the SDP will vote overwhelmingly against merger with the Liberals.

Feature in Mail says Militant Tendency are rejoicing because it is enjoying a renaissance and its paper blames Kinnock and Hattersley for Labour's defeat.

Mail says Blunkett and Margaret Hodge (Islington) have pledged themselves to fight the Local Government Bill curbing the use of ratepayers' money for political purposes.

Joe Ashton forms the "horny handed sons of toil" faction within the Labour Party - to qualify you must have left school at the earliest possible age and gone into manual work.

Telegraph says Liberals are ready to manage without the SDP.

Labour Party likely to close its newspaper Labour Weekly and magazine New Scientist because of its post-election financial crisis. 50 staff will be made redundant.

Geoffrey Smith, in Times says unless Alliance is both very careful and very lucky it will find that it has been arguing passionately over the terms of its own suicide note.

Times: David Trippier blames incompetent or downright loony councils for inner city decay.

Guardian leader on TUC in search of a role, says that it can only be a matter of time before the TUC wakes up to find you have won another election. If it doesn't it may find it easier to move its HQ into the British Museum.

CHILD ABUSE

Sun says the Cleveland case is one of the most bizarre to come before the courts. But it is far too easy to criticise the doctor at the centre of the storm. There may well be mothers grateful for her intervention.

Daily News says the experts agree the problem needs tackling in the most sensitive and professional manner available. But the acknowledged best researcher today, Tavistock Centre, has been short of funds for 3 years.

Telegraph leader says child abuse threatens to become a national obsession. The cause of protecting the innocent is not served by exaggerating the scale of the problem. It is regrettable that the NSPCC should have chosen to heighten public anxiety.

NSPCC warns of a backlash because of publicity - children might wrongly be given back to their parents, and experts who saw signs of abuse might be wary of reporting it.

Guardian says there has to be an official inquiry into the Cleveland case.

LAW AND ORDER

Star suggests you are ready to back amendments to Criminal Justice Bill stiffening sentences for rapists and child sex offenders; leader says there is one glaring omission in the Bill to be published today - a refusal to allow the Appeal Court to increase too lenient sentences.

NSPCC reports a 137% increase in child sex abuse cases last year.

Five arrested in crackdown on rent boy syndicates - including one who made allegations against Elton John.

14 held in dawn drug raids in London area.

Case of pregnant woman shot 100 times with pellets in 2 hours of torture by two men for allegedly insulting another woman.

Government ready to introduce legislation on human embryo experiments but there will be free vote; John Moore promises White Paper.

Mail leader: if you want to know why louts swagger while the elderly tremble behind locked doors, you have only to read the boast of a 17 year old youth who assaulted a 57 year old bus conductor: "I'm glad I hit you because nothing will be done about it" - he was given conditional discharge.

EDUCATION

Sheffield LEA apologises to parents after lesbian group, in school talks organised without consultation with governors or parents, shows children video and hands out recruiting literature.

HEALTH

Select Committee claims NHS was short of 5,000 nurses and midwives last year.

Man helping victims of drug Opren to fight their compensation claims through courts revealed as Godfrey Bradman, property millionaire.

Times: GPs reject total ban on surrogacy.

INDUSTRY

London Clearing Banks agree to pay their staff more for living in London and have redefined London to extend beyond M25.

Express leader says part of the answer to the brain drain lies in greater collaboration between industry and universities.

BBC week-long conference opens today on journalism; restrictive practices and union demarcation to be examined.

Independent: Links between South Africa and the isle of Man revealed - De Beers is to process industrial diamonds at the island's freeport.

This is the best year of the decade for graduate employment with vacancies up 8% (Independent).

Times leader discussing the "brain-drain" following Royal Society report, says if Britain expects to hold on to researchers it must compete in that market.

Times: Local firms set to run station buffets as BR invite tenders.

Times: Last-ditch attempt to save van jobs at General Motors Luton plant.

Times: Time off work because of stress-related illness has increased by five times since mid-1950s.

Times: Government may have to cut back on important defence commitment to pay for multi-billion pound European Fighter Aircraft programme.

Peter Jenkins, in Independent, calls on the Government to tackle again the problem of Sunday trading and to give the service economy a staggered 7-day week.

PUBLIC SPENDING

FT: Requests for additional public funds for the inner cities and schools are being submitted to the Treasury this week, in defiance of plans for restraint. The submissions are being made as confusion continued in Whitehall over responsibility for the inner cities. Ministers from separate departments claimed leading roles.

EDUCATION

Times: British Council facing financial crisis which could force it to withdraw from 8 countries.

Times: Growing number of post-graduate science students forced to live off supplementary benefit because grant has expired.

SPORT

FT: EC declares intention to guarantee "free circulation" of footballers in Europe.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DES: Mr Baker attends National Economic Development Council with Mr Jackson; later receives courtesy call from the Nigerian Education Minister and attends National Union of Students Annual Reception (prov) with Mr Jackson
- DTI: Lord Young attends NEDC meeting
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses Association of Civil Defence and Emergency Planning Officers Annual Study, London
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor attends Royal Norfolk Show
- DEM: Mr Lee addresses the English Regional Tourist Authority Annual Dinner, Lavenham, Near Cambridge
- DEN: Mr Morrison opens offshore Weight Reduction Research and Development Conference at BP Headquarters, London
- DES: Mr Dunn launches sixth GCSE Regional Conference for Employers, York
- DES: Mrs Rumbold attends Memorial Service for Mr Terry Casey, past General Secretary of National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT), Westminster Cathedral
- DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale and Mr Moore attend an unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the 150th anniversary of civil registration at OPCS, St Catherine's House
- DHSS: Mr Portillo attends Institute of Directors' summer reception, London
- DTI: Mr Atkins dines with Society of British Aerospace Companies, London
- DTI: Mr Butcher addresses Packaging Saves Waste conference, London
- DTp: Mr Mitchell launches taxi sharing scheme, London
- HO: Mr Patten visits Croydon Crime Prevention Panel
- MAFF: Mr Thompson attends Farming in the Countryside Event, Bolton Abbey Estate, Skipton
- ODA: Mr Patten addresses the Save the Children Fund Alliance Dinner, Cumberland Lodge
- SO: Mr Lang chairs Press Conference in Scottish Development Agency, Glasgow to announce 60 new jobs project for Edinburgh area
- SO: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton attends Press Conference in Scottish Development Agency, Glasgow to announce expansion by OKI (Japanese firm) in Cumbernauld
- SO: Lord Sanderson opens Auldearn Bypass, Nairn
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TV AND RADIO

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00) - no details available at time of diary presentation

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): 'Cure for a Sick Man' - since Mr Turgut Ozal became Prime Minister, Turkey has had a high economic growth under an elected government. Already a member of NATO, Turkey now wants to join the EC

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): Somalia is currently suffering the now familiar cycle of African famine. The drought is over, but the rains have simply brought more deaths from disease. Reporter Graham Hancock believes that this famine could have been prevented

"Witness: On the Margin"; ITV (22.30): Jonathan Dimbleby presents this broadcast from the most deprived area of Nottingham as residents of the inner city come face to face with the people in power. The programme asks what can, should and will be done to bring new life and fresh hope to those confronted by the crisis in Britain's inner cities

"Their Lordship's House"; Channel 4 (00.20)
