

2 July 1987

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister has tea with Capitol Radio children

Prime Minister is the host at a reception at No 10 for "Childline"

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh attend a service of installation of the Knights of the Thistle in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh

Annual Conference of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes (to 4 July)

The Duke and Duchess of York visit Inverness (to 3 July)

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STATISTICS

BOE: Capital issues and redemption (June)

DOE: Housing starts and completions (May)

HMT: UK official reserves (June)

HO: Immigration from the Indian Sub-Continent

HO: Immigration Statistics 1986

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PUBLICATIONS

HMI: Report on St Patrick RC Primary School, Coventry

HMI: Report on Castleford Park Middle School, Wakefield

HMI: Report on Moulton County Primary School

HMI: Report on St Mary's CE Nursery and Infants School, Tameside

HO: Redundant Churches Fund Annual Report and Accounts

HO: Church Commissioner's Annual Report

HO: Domestic Proceedings in Magistrates Courts

LAW COMMISSION: Choice of Law Rules in Marriage

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PARLIAMENT

Continuation of the Debate on the Address

Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Treasury; Prime Minister

Adjournment Debate: The inner and outer city problems of Liverpool  
(Mr E Heffer)

Lords: Channel Tunnel Bill: Committee (1st Day)

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

Remains found near Oldham in search for more victims of Moors murderers.

Row over lenient sentence to Geoffrey Collier, Morgan Grenfell man convicted of insider trading - fined only £25,000 with suspended sentence.

MPs furious over Government's accepting Murdoch bid for 'Today' and some newspapers critical of Lord Young's acting before Rowland's deadline. Today says there was a big welcome for the deal. Labour secures debate on takeover.

Parents who keep children in fear and misery face jail for up to 10 years under new Criminal Justice Bill.

Cleveland inquiry starts, and DHSS officials to make Government's own inquiry.

Allegations that big criminals are spending millions bribing and threatening juries, according to Scotland Yard Assistant Commissioner.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner warns that cash cuts and lack of manpower have left his force sapped of energy and enthusiasm.

Mail reports increasing concern about the activities of supermarket blackmailers and fear that they might start indiscriminate poisoning of food.

Regional Trends show that people in the South are richer, better educated and live longer than Northerners (Sun) - treatment of statistics accentuates N/S divide. Guardian's heading: London's riches spread east and west.

Postal strike in West End settled.

Steel goes for all or nothing merger with SDP - not prepared to accept only closer links.

Social workers rule that a mentally handicapped woman, due to give birth, will not be able to cope with the baby and that it should be taken away from her.

Star says you have asked Prince Charles to play a role in reviving inner cities and to hold meetings with you on them. Prince "appalled and startled" by living conditions in East London.



Express claims crisis in Prince and Princess of Wales' marriage is causing concern to Cabinet.

Shultz and Shevardnadze expected to firm up a deal on INF in Washington this month.

Tony Benn sells a batch of his memoirs to Sunday Telegraph - said to be for £70,000.

Americans agree to Sarah Brightman performing there in quid pro quo for US stars.

Iranian officials deny reports that Terry Waite and two American hostages have been secretly smuggled into Iran (Times).

#### MEDIA

Star under heading "Victory for blackmail" says the Government has always boasted it would never give in to blackmail but it did yesterday in the most shameful way. What was the sudden new crisis on Today? We shall never know because the Government was too frightened to ask.

Express says the manner of the decision was bound to be greeted with disquiet. Ministers, it seems, snapped to Murdoch's attention. The Government has been bounced and easily. A proper explanation must be made.

Parliamentary charges of political pay-off and corruption were levelled against the Government (Independent).

Independent leader says Murdoch's acquisition of Today takes his share of the total readership of national dailies from 28% to 30.3% - seen all over the world as a crucial point when measuring market control. Under Murdoch, Today is bound to vote Tory, leaving only three newspapers outside the ranks of Conservative supporters.

Richard Holt MP calls for sacking of Peter Snow, Vincent Hanna, Sue Lawley, Jonathan Dimbleby and Adam Raphael for political bias.



### INSIDER DEALING

DTI considering 11 more cases of insider dealing (Telegraph).

Sun says penalty imposed on Geoffrey Collier was "ludicrously low"; why can't we take a leaf out of the American system where assets are seized?

Mail leader says Collier was unprincipled and greedy. This was the pioneering prosecution with an opportunity to show there was not one law for the yuppie and another for suburban man. That chance has been missed. An example should have been made of Collier and he should have been sent to prison for at least six months.

FT says Collier's conviction is DTI's most spectacular success since insider dealing was outlawed in June 1981.

Guardian thinks the sentence will have them laughing all the way to the champagne bars.

### CHILD ABUSE

Times: BMA pass emergency motion calling on Government to set up national inquiry into child sexual abuse after claims that medical staff being pressed by police and social workers to report abuse even if there is inconclusive evidence.

Times leader under heading "The Cleveland Children" calls for establishment of common set of procedures which will protect children at risk while giving a more uniform national picture of the problem.

### NEDDY

Sun sees cutting back of Neddy meetings as "humiliating blow" to unions. Today says Chancellor freezes unions out of any say on the economy.

Express says TUC is "seething" about this "latest snub". Mail says Norman Willis was "stunned".



The TUC angry over Government proposals to curb NEDC role (Independent).

Times says big argument broke out yesterday between Government and trade unions when Chancellor announced surprise plans to downgrade drastically the work of NEDC.

Telegraph reports strong protests by union leaders. Willis says he won't be provoked into leaving.

Guardian: Many will see Chancellor's plans for small scale NEDC as penultimate blow to 'Sixties and 'Seventies style of corporatism.

FT: Lawson signals that Government has abandoned any lingering support for tripartite approach towards encouraging the economy.

Guardian says the effective end of 25 years' solid, patient work was over with a brusque slap in the face.

#### INNER CITIES

Mirror, on Prince Charles's visit to East End, says it has been demanding action for years. You are only now talking about doing something.

Times: Norman Tebbit warns of danger of no-go areas facing Conservative Party if Government fail to bring hope to deprived inner cities.

FT: RIBA President claims collective apathy in inner city communities is holding back their inhabitants.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Ridley tries to rally poll tax support from backbenchers - Independent. Ridley plans separate electoral and community charge registers (FT).

Telegraph says unless Labour councillors in Camden agree tonight to £12m cuts they face surcharge and disqualification.



EC

Sun thinks you can be proud of Chirac's charge that you practice the economics of the housewife. A dose of good housekeeping is exactly what the Market needs.

Express says you had a hollow victory over food prices. Oil and fats tax will come back on the agenda.

Mail leader says you speak, on the EC's budget, for all consumers and taxpayers in the EC. If anyone has the will and authority to achieve the necessary reform it must be you, now the senior statesman of Europe. Thank heaven you do bring the mentality of the housewife to these problems. Chirac, did he but know it, was paying you the choicest of compliments.

Richard Owen in Times describes how you avoided being bounced at EC Summit, saying that, faced with sudden pressure, you angrily refused to cave in, and the Summit headed downhill into a bad-tempered impasse.

Kinnock accused you of not pressing home your negotiating advantage of the Community cash crisis to secure reform of the budget and farm support policy (Independent).

Times: EC farm package will put up British food prices and may make a nonsense of our call for Common Market spending controls.

More than £70m of EC aid to Ulster and the Irish Republic has been delayed for more than a year by Britain's opposition to increases in the Community budget - Independent.

Independent leader, on Chirac's comment, says the disciplines of the housewife and the prudence of a nation of shopkeepers were very appropriate to the Summit. You are right to count our pennies but you are in some danger of alienating those without whose support European reform will be impossible.

FT says there was a surprising degree of accord at the Summit. The document the eleven others actually agreed could practically have been agreed by your advisers. Leader, headed "A minority of one", argues that it was rather sad that you should have felt obliged to stage a repeat of Fountainebleau. Your behaviour could most charitably be explained by tiredness and by preoccupation with your domestic agenda, especially inner cities.

Telegraph says Denmark took over what was described as the worst mess for years. The Belgian press call you "impossible" but Britons in Brussels applauded you with grudging admiration.



Telegraph leader says it is a mistake to attribute your stand simply to the whims of a tiresome housewife. A majority of the 12 expect to take a great deal more out of the budget than they put in. This points to the need, as you assert, to pull the budget off its perilously slipperly slope.

Guardian says you are out on an EC limb, but remarkably few grimaces on the faces of your fellow Summiteers. Feeling you may have miscalculated. But far more progress made than lurid headlines suggest; leader says it is regrettable that you have been identified again as a negative force. But if you succeed in slimming CAP everyone will have cause to thank you. Whatever your lack of vision, you are addressing the inescapable problem.

#### GIBRALTAR

Sun says that when you next buy an airline ticket you'll know who to blame for its high price - the Spanish. What a selfish bunch of bull-baiting seniors they are.

Times leader discusses EC air fares row calling Spain's attitude a scandal. The collapse of negotiations is a good thing if it emboldens EC[Bo make good its threat to take national airlines to the European Court.

Express leader says Spain's stand is spiteful. For the sake of Europe's travellers and the Community's own ideals the Spanish must be made to see the error of their ways.

#### LAW AND ORDER

Today leader on Commissioner Newman's complaint about resources says his report is like that of a nationalised industry chairman about heavy losses with much the same next year; there is a prospect of improvement only if the Government throws more money at its problems. The taxpayer is entitled to be sure the police are giving value for money.

Daily News says Newman's report plays on the Government's nerves.



POLITICS

Geraint Howells, Cyril Smith and Russell Johnston - Liberal MPs - to seek meeting with Owen to try to heal the rift.

NUPE report admits Labour's election result was a disaster and wants to curb Left.

Ken Livingstone admits in Daily News Parliament is a difficult transition from local government and that several senior Labour MPs have suggested he would do better to keep his head down.

Times: Steel tries to win over Owen supporters by saying new party would not be dominated by traditional Liberal policies.

Times: Labour left heavily out-scores centre-right in first test of strength in post for chairman of Parliamentary Party.

Ronald Butt, in Times, asks "who will follow the SDP?". If vote is for merger, the Owenites will depart, perhaps to extinction, leaving what will be a glorified Liberal Party. If vote is against, the SDP will probably be harried into a total break.

Michael Ancram, in Times, discusses the call for Scotland's devolution and says the question Labour must answer is whether it would be prepared to see Scotland's industry and Scottish jobs put at risk merely for the sake of creating what it sees as a new political power base.

Peter Jenkins, in Independent, says that you have got your third wind. You were incorrigibly yourself in Brussels and any idea that you may have been chastened by the things said about you in the election campaign was belied by your unrepentant reappearance at the Despatch Box. You see the cities as primarily a political problem which you propose to solve by breaking the last bastions of socialism. It is in this spirit that you set out.

Joe Ashton attracts 18 horny handed sons of toil to his inaugural meeting of the truly working class section of the Labour Party. Some point out he earns £60,000 a year.



## INDUSTRY

Times: Birmingham University scientists make Britain's first electronic device using ceramic superconducting material.

Friends of the Earth is to challenge the Government in court over decision to build Sizewell.

Treasury has warned Civil Service unions planning a 48-hour strike starting today that Government is not prepared to negotiate under threat of industrial action.

Times: First private sector Ombudsman appointed under Building Societies Act 1986.

Times: Companies in difficulties over VAT repayments because of Civil Service strike should consider delaying PAYE and national insurance charges, says CBI.

Alastair Graham, ex-CPSA, urges TUC to drop its boycott of YTS.

## EDUCATION

Polytechnic directors call for 'A' levels to be more vocationally directed to encourage more pupils to get them - Times.

Caroline Cox in Times warns of the forces outside the Commons mustering to oppose educational and other reforms.

FT: University College, Cardiff accepts merge with UWIST to resolve financial problems.

## HEALTH

FT: Scotland chosen for £108m private hospital catering for foreigners. Staff of 1,800 will be required on Clydeside.



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker meets NUT and NAS/UWT, London

DTI: Lord Young attends 20th anniversary of News at 10, ITN, London

DTI: Mr Clarke lunches at Conrad Foundation, Work at Butlers Walk and Industrial Design, London

DHSS: Mr Moore attends ITN reception, Banqueting House, Whitehall

DEN: Mr Morrison addresses Management of Resources Centre, London

DES: Lady Hooper addresses European Atlantic Group, on British and European education, London

DES: Mrs Rumbold attends Local Authority Associations meeting, London

DHSS: Mr Newton visits Essex FPC, later with Mr Moore attends reception at No 10, in celebration of Childline

DHSS: Mrs Currie visits a hospital in Northern region to see a cervical/cytology call/recall scheme

DTP: Mr Mitchell launches Rural Transport Video, London

DTP: Mr Bottomley lunches with Laings, Portland Place, London

HO: Mr Hogg attends 50th Anniversary Reception of the Civil Defence College, London

MAFF: Mr Thompson visits Marks and Spencers, Baker Street, London

OAL: Mr Luce visits the Isle of Wight Festival

WO: Mr Grist attends Childline Reception, No 10 Downing Street

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TV AND RADIO

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (11.00): First broadcast on Wednesday

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00): An audience of health watchdogs quiz a panel of experts about the state of the NHS.

"Any Answers?"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20)

"Comment"; Channel 4 (19.50): Another guest speaker gives a personal view

"Hong Kong - The Countdown"; BBC 1 (20.00): The first in a series of films documenting the handover of the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong to the Peoples' Republic of China. Written and narrated by Simon Winchester

"This Week"; ITV (20.00): 'Pearlygate' - a report from the USA on a scandal which might be bigger than Irangate, that of TV evangelist, Jim Bakker

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (00.25)

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