

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

13th July?

ECOFIN, Brussels

EC: Agriculture Council, Brussels (to 14 July)

EC: Political Co-operation, Copenhagen

STATISTICS

Bank of England: Quarterly analysis of bank advances (Mid-Mar)

DTI: Producer Price index numbers (June-prov)

HO: Further analysis of criminal careers of those born in 1953, 1958, 1963

HO: The operation of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Energy; Transport; Wales

Business: Motion for the Summer Adjournment

Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill

Adjournment Debate: Dyslexia and the assessment of children with special learning difficulties (Mr D Amess)

Lords: Channel Tunnel Bill: Report

MINISTERS - See Attached

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

Attorney General sues Sunday Times for criminal contempt for publishing Peter Wright's memoirs - and small thanks he gets from the press. Greville Wynn calls Wright "a pen pusher who doesn't really know what he is talking about"; Campbell-Savours says he will call for an emergency debate today. Telegraph wonders whether book will be banned by Customs.

Kinnock and henchmen fall out over distribution of jobs with Hattersley and Gould at each other's throats over future policy.

Larry Whitty criticises Labour's performance in London as soft Left gains in elections. London Labour Party rejects one-man, one-vote.

Shirley Williams says she will quit as president of SDP if it votes against a merger with Liberals - denies Owen's claim that campaigners for a merger have lost their nerve.

Guardian says Home Office is to announce release of 5000 non-violent prisoners to relieve accommodation pressure.

Mail says the chairman of Middlesbrough Trades Council has resigned and linked his decision with the hard Left activities of the husband of the social worker at the centre of the child abuse case.

Today says miners' leaders have been given information showing that 2 out of 3 pits are still losing money following closure of 72 since strike.

Scargill said to be about to hold 6-day working ballot when 11,000 miners are on holiday.

Mail forecasts another "massive" fall in unemployment, taking us nearer the economic "miracle" forecast by John Butcher.

Search in West End for daughter, 15, of French businessman who vanishes during early morning stroll in London.

Police searching for animal rights activists who have fire bombed stores in Harrow, Luton and Romford.

Reports that Civil Servants in secret communications in FCO and MoD to be offered £2,000 to give up union membership.

Labour Party demands statement on reports that Service personnel have been used in nerve gas experiments.

John Birt, BBC, wants BBC interviewers to stop being rude to guests and to start behaving more like ITV counterparts who are firm but persistent.

Government said to be planning to tax ITV companies' income rather than profits to curb waste and profligacy.

157 Sikhs turn up on Nova Scotia shores as refugees - search for ship which landed them.

IRA kill one man and injure another when they fire on Loyalist crowd in Belfast.

Senator Inouye, presiding over Irangate inquiry, says "I haven't seen anything that would be sufficient grounds to impeach the President".

Telegraph reports Britain expected to yield to strong pressure from EC for resumption of high level contacts with Syria.

Britain's Ambassador to Kuwait reported as saying he felt there would be "no problem" if the British Government were asked to allow Kuwaiti tankers to sail under the British flag.

Bob Hawke wins election for historic third term in Australia.

Soviets hint that travel restrictions in Russia will be gradually eased.

POLITICS

Left/right row over Shadow Cabinet appointments - Hattersley and Gould clash over policy. Distribution of jobs forecast as - Hattersley (Home Office); J Smith (Treasury); Gould (DTI); Kaufman (FCO); Cunningham (DES); Meacher (Employment); Prescott (Energy). Trouble over Denzil Davies.

Express story headed "Opposition torn apart by hatrick winner, Maggie". Labour and Alliance facing mounting turmoil - you have succeeded in dividing and perhaps demolishing the Alliance and splintered Labour into ever more factions; leader contrasts Lange/Hawke Labour approach in the Antipodes with Kinnock. Both Lange and Hawke have long since realised that old time, class ridden socialism and big brother state is no longer a winning recipe.

Telegraph: Labour's unity crumbles amid bruised egos - personal jealousies and friction over policy and style erupt.

Margaret Hodge, Leader of Islington Council, launched a sardonic attack on your understanding of the inner cities, saying that your vision of the future inner city is characterised by "Yuppie" flats in a fortified fastness, insulated from the surrounding poverty - Independent.

Times: Kinnock struggling to complete Shadow Cabinet team amid an unprecedented spate of political back-stabbing and power-seeking, including his most senior colleagues; Labour to cut 50 jobs at HQ.

Times: Owen accused of trying to rewrite SDP history as war of words continues over proposed merger.

FT: Local authorities' spending could fall by more than 30% over the next five years if Government goes ahead with legislation, according to Audit Commission controller, Howard Davies.

ELECTION

Joe Haines, in Mirror, picks up Rodney Tyler book and reports "the day Thatcher nearly lost her grip".

Norman Tebbit, reviewing Tyler's book, says Tyler never spoke to, corresponded with nor heard a single word from "the man responsible over almost two years for the planning, organisation, and execution of the election campaign". It is a 250-page gossip columnist's story which tells little about the events of the campaign and nothing at all about why it was won. It illustrates the truth that those who peep through keyholes suffer a distorted perspective.

Mail leader headed "Red roses for a dog's dinner" says there is nothing like a funeral - and Labour were buried in the election - for enlivening a family feud.

Anthony Bevins, in Independent, says that you "secretly by-passed Tebbit" during the election campaign, in a review of Rod Tyler's book.

MP'S PAY

Star says you have told Backbenchers and Ministers alike; they are setting a terrible example to the public.

PETER WRIGHT BOOK

Mirror leader headed "A lost cause" says this is the sixth newspaper to be proceeded against. But the Government should recognise the battle is lost. There is nothing to be said for Wright - an old man with a grievance. The Government was obliged to do all it could to prevent him blowing the whistle on the secret service, but it has failed.

Daily News says Sunday Times was a bold decision and is welcome because it has forced the Government into yet another set of legal manoeuvrings which ultimately can only prove the futility of attempting suppression.

Mail says Sunday Times caught the Government on the hop by not printing the memoirs in its first edition.

Telegraph leader says the Government's decision compounds an already wretchedly muddled situation. Nobody comes well out of this saga so far and almost everybody concerned has behaved foolishly or dishonourably, or both. But beneath it all the Government is seeking to defend a valid and important principle. The best course now would be to write off the damage done by the affair and the Government should concentrate on preventing this sort of thing from happening again.

Guardian leader headed "The dawn when farce tipped into lunacy" says you should have an inquiry into Wright's allegations and not to do so would fail democracy. But more seriously the case is one of monstrous ineptitude and the Government have succeeded only in boosting Wright's author's fee.

Independent: Attorney General was swift to take action against the Sunday Times over publication of spycatcher extracts. It says the Government has done nothing to stop the book which is being published in the US this week from entering the UK.

Times reports Shadow Attorney General as saying Government's action reminds him of Alice in Wonderland.

FT: The issue seems certain to be raised in the Commons this afternoon.

Today says George Caunt, a Labour Party official now dead, leaked information about MI5 who suspected Harold Wilson

INDUSTRY

Ford ending £3m a year parts distribution contract with B/Rail and turning to road.

Mail reports British industry claiming that it has plugged the high-tech brain drain.

Times: British military equipment so competitive in world market that for first time it has taken second place behind US.

Leader in Times discusses proposed water privatisation, saying it is a perfectly reasonable subject for private provision. Private companies likely to prove more efficient and cost-conscious operators.

Government to spend £4m to promote Job Training Scheme in attempt to counter bad publicity - Times

Times: Bias against girls in "male job" hunt says Young Women's Christian Association.

Times: BT managers accused of either lying to staff or attempting to sell an "anti-radiation" VDU screen to public under false pretences.

FT: European Airbus group coming under pressure from West German government to agree to co-operate with McDonnell Douglas of US.

FT: Joint McDonnell Douglas/British Aerospace Harrier programme in US has become a casualty of House of Representatives cuts. You may take up the issue in Washington.

FT: TUC leaders are proposing a radical re-organisation in the light of the rapidly changing labour market and Labour's election defeat.

ECONOMY

Independent says Treasury Ministers are bracing themselves for a tough round of public spending negotiations, when bids for increased spending are expected total at least £6bn.

Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities warned that spending on schools, social services, police and roads could be cut if Government plans for local council expenditure go ahead - Independent.

FT: Initial estimates of public spending round suggest that Mr Major will be on the losing side. The £154.2bn target could be raised by £2bn or £3bn while still allowing the Treasury to claim a fall as a proportion of national income. The problem is that that would involve breaking cash targets.

COMMUNITY CHARGE

Independent: Study by Newcastle upon Tyne City Council shows poll tax will redistribute wealth from the poor to the rich.

Whole page in Times devoted to community charge showing how much each adult would be expected to pay.

INNER CITIES

Times: First annual award to commemorate the late Charles Douglas-Home is to be the revival of Britain's inner cities. Entrants invited to propose a project for original research on the problems of urban decay and regeneration, culminating in a written work for publication. Winner will receive grant up to £15,000.

Paul Eastham, in Times, looks at the bitterness and tensions facing North Peckham Tas Force. You knew there would be opposition from local authorities when you launched your inner-city initiatives.

UNIONS

Today reports the case of a man who received 14 TGWU ballot papers - and he isn't a member; he left 4 years ago.

EDUCATION

Sun takes weekend reports that Home Office wants difference between right and wrong included in core curriculum as accurate and welcomes move.

Times: A shake-up of school inspectors gaining increasing support among Ministers and senior Conservative MPs.

Times: Heads say English teachers should be encouraged to use TV as a source. T E Utley looks at proposed changes in school worship, saying it should be kept for those who want it.

HEALTH

Report says that some maternity hospitals are so busy that women in labour have had to lie in corridors waiting for a delivery room (Independent).

A matchbox-sized AIDS test, which can show in five minutes whether patient has been infected, is to be tried out in London hospitals later this year (Times).

LAW AND ORDER

Prison Officers delay the opening of Europe's biggest remand centre for youngsters at Feltham over disagreement on manning levels.

Times: Crown Prosecution lawyers seek £2,500 extra from next April to improve morale and tackle staffing shortages.

Times: Home Office says almost a fifth of life sentence prisoners released on licence, are reconvicted.

FT: CPSA reacts to Sunday Telegraph story of extending GCHQ union ban by threatening a fresh campaign of industrial action.

BBC/MEDIA

Sun leader says it is quite possible to be decisive without being rude. Robin Day has proved that for 30 years.

Today leader calls for more competition in ITV especially that of the five main companies.

Scotsman journalists return to work after being dismissed during dispute.

ITN companies react angrily to Channel 4's claim it is running at a profit because they fear it will encourage politicians to float it off.

FT: Channel 4 has cost £750m so far, with a paper deficit of £350m according to Independent Television Companies Association.

FALKLANDS

Times: Prosperity and new faces trouble the Falklands.

JAPAN

Times: King Hussein expected to discuss Middle East, peace and the Gulf war when he meets you today.

MOROCCO

Times: King Hassan arrives day early so that he is on time to meet Queen tomorrow.

RUSSIA

Times: British University research team hacks into experimental network of Soviet space satellites which Russians intend to use from 1991.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler meets with the Prince of Wales, Buckingham Palace

DEN: Mr Parkinson visits the British Coal Staff College, Chalfont, St Giles

DES: Mr Baker meets deputation led by Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley about secondary re-organisation proposals in Gloucester; later meets with Professional Association of Teachers; in the evening attends dinner with David Davies, BBC TV, Mr Burt MP, Mr Kempele and Mr Wilkinson

DOE: Mr Ridley chairs the Consultative Council for Local Government Finance meeting, Marsham Street, London

DTI: Lord Young opens EC Enterprise Research Centre conference on competition policy, Lancaster House; later visited by Mr Zhang Hao Ruo, Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign and Economic Relations on Trade

DTP: Mr Channon and Mr Bottomley attend the National Annual Consultative Committee Meeting, London

HO: Mr Hurd addresses conference of English Speaking Union, London

DEM: Mr Cope meets the Vice President of the Small Business Bureau, London

DES: Mrs Rumbold addresses the 7th GCSE Regional Conference for Employers, Birmingham

DHSS: Mrs Currie attends presentation of Asian mothers video, Newham

DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale addresses Help the Aged conference, London; later meets representatives of Exodus, House of Lords

DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Chelsea College Drugs Unit (prov)

DTI: Mr Butcher launches PROMAT, materials handling, London

DTI: Mr Atkins visits Fords, Halewood and Moss Side City Action Team

HO: Lord Caithness visits Askham Grange Prison and Wetherby YCC

MAFF: Mr Thompson visits Yorkshire

OAL: Mr Luce is signatory for Henry Moore exhibition followed by dinner at British Council, London

SO: Mr Forsyth host reception for Scottish Council for Education and Technology, Edinburgh

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MAFF: Mr MacGregor and Mr Gummer attend Agriculture Council, Brussels (to 14 July)

FCO: Mr Mellor departs for Conference on Disarmament, Geneva (to 14 July)

TV AND RADIO

Education Secretary Mr Baker interviewed by Frederick Heckinger, New York Times

DES Minister Mr Dunn records interview for Radio 4's 'Does He Take Sugar', on special education

DES Minister Mr Jackson interviewed by John O'Leary, THES; later records interview for Radio Oxford

DOE Minister Mr Trippier appears on Tyne Tees 'First Edition' programme

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00): No details available at time of diary preparation

"Comment"; Channel 4 (19.50): A guest speaker puts forward a personal view on a current topic

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30): This week's programme looks at the reasons for the closure of the Health Education Council

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): 'Not in My Backyard'. Waste disposal is very big business. In Britain, it is worth 5 billion a year and, in the United States, it is said to be the fastest legal way to make a fortune. But as environmentalists demand tighter controls, there is a worldwide crisis: no one wants waste in their backyard. Imports of foreign waste into Britain are rising dramatically as European industry takes advantage of our willingness to treat, burn or dump their waste. But are our standards and regulations too weak?

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (00.10): Daily edited highlights of the proceedings of the House of Lords
