

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh give a garden party at Buckingham Palace

EC: Environment Council, Brussels

Musicians Union Biennial Delegate Conference, Loughborough (to 23 July)

Sale of Government shareholding in British Gas plc published

STATISTICS

OPCS: Infectious Diseases (March Qtr 1986)

PUBLICATIONS

DEM: HSE Report on the Bradwell Nuclear Power Station

DES: HMI expenditure report on LEA provision for education and the quality of response in schools and colleges in England 1986

DES: Non Advanced Further Education Efficiency Study

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Employment; Social Services; Prime Minister

Business: Motion on the Channel Tunnel Bill (Procedure)

Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Channel Tunnel Bill

Motions on Ministerial Salaries and Members' Pay and Allowance

Adjournment Debate: The case of the late Corporal Michael Owen (Mr P Thompson)

Lords: Western Isles Islands Council (Vatersay Causeway) Order Confirmation Bill: Consideration on Report

British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers Bill: Second Reading and Remaining Stages

Building Societies Investor Protection Scheme (Maximum Protected Investment) Order 1987. Motion for Approval

Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations 1987. Motion for Approval

Meat and Livestock Commission Levy Scheme (Confirmation) Order 1987. Motion for Approval

Supplementary Benefit (Requirements and Resources) Amendment Regulations 1987. Motion for Approval

Pensioners' Lump Sum Payments Order 1987. Motion for Approval

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

Lords (Cont'd)

UQ on Inner Urban Areas

UQ on whether HMG are satisfied that the Broadcasting Authorities discharged their statutory responsibilities during the period leading up to the General Election

MINISTERS -See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

UN Security Council unanimously calls on Iran and Iraq to cease fire immediately; further steps threatened if they don't withdraw to their borders. Express says Iran scorned the call.

British Navy given shoot to kill orders if attacked by Iran or Iraq in Gulf.

Fears of rise in interest rates after retail sales soar.

House prices rocketing as people rush to take advantage of cheaper mortgages.

Yorkshire unofficial coal strike looks like ending today; wildcats of Frickley frozen out by NUM leaders.

B/Caledonian spurns bid by Intasun for its short haul domestic and European business.

Government intends to raise £8bn through sale of BP shares (Telegraph).

Attorney General denies being influenced by you in seeking an injunction banning Sunday Times publishing extracts of Spycatcher.

State schools to be allowed to seek cash sponsorship from local businessmen, Kenneth Baker announces.

Thamesmead council estate of 7,100 homes to be sold to residents at knockdown price of £2.5m under Government legislation

Government turns down random breath testing - Mirror says if the Government means business it should bring in tough new laws, if not it shouldn't throw more money away on campaigns.

Claim that six deaths have been "positively linked" to regime of cruelty at Camberwell home for elderly; councillor at centre of row resigns.

Stuart Bell MP warns parents to seek legal advice before taking their children to hospital; call for Select Committee inquiry into child sexual abuse.

Robin Butler's dog's pet hate is Scargill to whose name it reacts violently.

Pictures of Mr Thatcher at golfing engagement with Nick Faldo, British Open champion.

THE GULF

Sun says British warships have been told to shoot to kill if they are attacked by Iran and Iraq.

Times leader discusses the problems facing Britain over Iran and the number of Iranians in this country. The world is having to live with the despot Khomeini and his fanatic band with whom it is best to have as little to do as possible. The practical disengagement adopted by the FCO should now be pursued by Home Office.

Mail says Khomeini, the terrible old zealot, still poses grim threat to global stability. It adds that if the confrontation in the Gulf is settled by Iranian rockets being fired at US ships and American bombs landing on Iranian military targets, Gorbachev will not send messages of congratulations to Reagan - he will exploit the situation for all it offers to increase influence in Iran.

Telegraph leader says Iran has painted itself into a corner but continues to behave like a regional and lawless superpower. If a real superpower now explodes its pretensions the result will be of benefit to the Gulf.

France warned its shipowners not to send their vessels into the Gulf (Independent).

Guardian says the Gulf now has the air of a major crisis waiting to happen.

ECONOMY

Today says we are living on a time bomb of credit.

Times: City fears Britain's economy is growing too fast for comfort.

John Harvey Jones, in Telegraph, is cautiously optimistic about the economy. We have still to get a lot of things right but we now have the best chance and the sharpest awareness of what needs to be done for many years.

Independent: Bank of England and retail sales figures showed that consumer borrowing and spending is booming underlining the buoyant

state of the economy. But the news also raised fears of a new surge of imports and increase in inflation unless Government steps in to cool the demand for credit.

Guardian leads with speculative piece headed "Lawson's windfall for the wealthy" - a cut in top rates and on tax on unearned income.

FT: Surge in bank lending and rise in retail sales figures unsettle financial markets. Gilts closed down one-and-a quarter points.

FT: Mr Rifkind tells Scottish TUC that Government is not contemplating major changes in regional policy.

FT: UK 2000 celebrates first anniversary, having created about 4,000 jobs under Community Programme at a cost of £22m.

COAL DISPUTE

Express leader makes the point that the code against which Frickley miners are rebelling, in the words of the UDM, "does no more than state that British Coal has the power which it always had to dismiss or discipline its employees." Scargillism is deliberately whipping up excitement.

Times leader says NUM's new stirrings have less to do with work practices or disciplinary procedures than with things altogether more timeless - hurt pride and revenge.

Telegraph says B/Coal yesterday hit out at the pit anarchy and claimed that the Yorkshire dispute had been orchestrated.

Independent: NUM workers will meet today to decide whether they can "fight this battle alone or return to work".

Independent leader says there is widespread conviction that management, having sacked several hundred men during the 1984-5 strike, is continuing to flex its muscles. Scargill is attempting to demonstrate the supposedly aggressive nature of British Coal's management as part of his campaign against proposed changes in working practices.

Telegraph leader says a struggle is looming between the Coal Board and NUM and Yorkshire miners are in dispute over how the struggle is best conducted. The outcome of the ballot on the disciplinary code could well be an overtime ban.

Guardian says the problem is the enduring failure of the Board and the NUM to normalise their relations.

INDUSTRY

Times: Three senior TWA officers taken off duty and flown back to US after a big air disaster was narrowly averted at Heathrow.

Times: B/Caledonian hints that crisis of confidence might develop over its future if planned merger with BA is delayed by reference to MMC.

FT: Electricity manual workers accept 5.6% pay offer.

FT: GEC wins £50m gas turbine contract from General Electric of US.

R & D

Times: You are to take personal charge of Government's plans to boost R&D effort. Lord Sherfield says White Paper is "a good beginning" and Dr John Mulvey, secretary of Save British Science Society, says other countries have left us standing in terms of the national wealth we invest in R&D; Times leader says you have been slow to recognise your responsibilities over R&D but yesterday's White Paper is the first sign that you are now doing so. Welcoming the more powerful organisation, it says weaknesses are likely to be identified sooner.

Independent: Scientific research in Britain's universities and polytechnics faces far-reaching and controversial change if proposals outlined yesterday become Government policy.

FT P1 lead: Thatcher to supervise sweeping changes in research programme. Leader says new proposals are welcome evidence of fresh thinking in Whitehall about the management of public-funded R&D.

LAW AND ORDER

Sun attacks black woman judge from Massachusetts who says PC Blakelock murder trial was unfair; this nosey lady should keep out of our business.

Probation service claims that millions of pounds of taxpayers' money could be saved by putting thousands of criminals on probation instead of gaoling them.

Today features man selling Spycatcher to queuing motorists in London; claims to have sold 20 to Hendon Police College.

Weisenthal Centre tries to increase pressure on Government to start a war crimes investigation into a 71 year old retired mining engineer living in Edinburgh.

MEDIA

Today says ITV and BBC may be forced by law to accept more TV programmes made by independent producers; attempts to get voluntary agreement foundering.

Independent: British courts are in danger of becoming a laughing stock over the Wright affair, it was claimed in the High Court yesterday.

POLITICS

Times: SDP leaders agree to set up independent inquiry into allegations of misconduct during the ballot on whether to merge with Liberals.

Independent: Data Protection Registrar looking into claims of improper use of SDP list.

INNER CITIES

Times: CBI says tax cuts and new development incentives needed if private industry is to join your crusade to revive run-down urban areas. This response likely to disappoint you as you have told Cabinet colleagues that the state alone cannot regenerate decaying areas.

Times: Lord Young says Government has been inundated with offers from some of the biggest companies to participate in the inner cities revival programme. He denies rift between departments over control of programme.

FT: Welsh Development Agency's micro-approach to industrial regeneration might become the model for plans being worked out by Lord Young and his team. Last December, WDA Chairman, David Waterstone, was called to 10 Downing Street and Brian Griffiths has kept an eye on Welsh affairs since then.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Bitter Sun leader on death of another soldier at hands of IRA says the Anglo-Irish agreement has not proved worth the paper it was written on. There is only one permanent solution - the permanent integration of Ulster into UK with a no-man's land on the border.

HEALTH

NHS to get 100 more consultants over 2 years - Tony Newton announces.

Times; Noise complaints grow sevenfold - most caused by inconsiderate neighbours.

Times survey finds telephone chats with family doctor can do some patients as much good as a home visit and may play growing role in medicine.

Times: Voluntary organisations call for greater legal protection for old people after alleged mistreatment of residents in London home.

Independent: Nurses who complain about staffing shortages or lack of resources are under pressure to keep quiet or face disciplinary action.

EDUCATION

Times: Detailed proposals for giving schools more control over their budgets have turned out to be less radical than LEAs feared.

Mail leader says nobody in recent years has had it more rough than school heads but relief is in sight in the reforms proposed by the Government which will liberate and strengthen head teachers.

Independent: Local education authorities could lose their powers over the curriculum and over teaching appointments under Baker's consultative proposals issued yesterday.

EAST/WEST

Express leader says your intervention after your visit to Washington is a shrewd move for it highlights the fact that the Soviets and not Western leaders are responsible for deadlock.

Guardian says you plan to warn Gorbachev that US, with Nato's full support, has made sufficient concessions on INF negotiations.

EC

Independent: Morocco yesterday applied to join the EC but Danish Presidency of Community told the Moroccans that they are unlikely to be invited to join, if only by virtue of their geographical position.

MIDDLE EAST

FT: Egyptian Foreign Minister, visiting Jerusalem, says there is now "a unique opportunity" to convene an international peace conference.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- HO: Mr Hurd meets Liverpool MP's on Heysel Stadium disaster, House of Commons
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor visits Malaysian Prime Minister, Hyde Park Hotel, London
- SO: Mr Rifkind and Lord Sanderson open engineering assembly, Herriot Watt University, Edinburgh
- DES: Mrs Rumbold addresses 8th and final GCSE Regional Conference for Employers in London
- DHSS: Mrs Currie launches Keep Fit Campaign, Pineapple Studios, South Kensington, London
- DHSS: Mr Newton visits Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, Harrogate, also visits Harrogate and Bradford
- DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale visits Brook Advisory Centre, Brixton, London
- DTp: Mr Bottomley attends opening ceremony of the A500 Barthomley Link, Cheshire
- HO: Lord Caithness visits Askham Grange and Wetherby
- OAL: Mr Luce addresses Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme reception, London; later addresses launch of joint Library Information Services Council and British Library report on the roles of public and private sectors in providing library services
- WO: Mr Roberts attends Royal Welsh Agricultural Society Show, Builth Wells

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DOE: Lord Belstead attends Environmental Council in Brussels

MINISTERS (MEDIA INTERVIEWS)

- DTI: Mr Butcher interviewed by Electronics Times and Electronics Weekly

TV AND RADIO

"You and Yours", BBC Radio 4 (1200) looks at income support for parents with young children.

"Today in Parliament", BBC Radio 4 (2330).

"Their Lordships' House", Channel 4 (0025).
