

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

Your interviews for ITN, BBC-TV, German TV and COI Radio.
Your dinner with the Association of American Correspondents.
The Pope visits Cardiff and celebrates Mass at Pontcanna Fields.
President Reagan visits Paris.
Non-aligned Movement meets in Havana.
CBI Employment Policy Committee.
ILO Annual Conference, Geneva.
Co-operative Movement Congress, Brighton.
National Association of Head Teachers' Conference, Bournemouth.
Public Inquiry opens into Perth train derailment.
One-day stoppage in Kent coalfield.
BR Chairman talks with Union leaders.
Hong Kong delegation talks with EC on textile agreement, Brussels.
Mass meeting of Wandsworth dustmen on new agreement.
The Derby, Epsom.

Statistics

UK official reserves (May).
Overseas travel and tourism (March).
Advance energy statistics (April).
Capital issues and redemptions (during the month of May).

Publications

Inner City Disturbances Survey.

Ministers

Mr Walker opens new extension of H H Collins (Broadway) Ltd,
Broadway, Worcs.
Sir George Young speaks at race relations sub group of Hilden
Charitable Fund of the United Oxford/Cambridge University Club.
Mr Finsberg opens the annual conference of the College of Radiographers,
Solihull.
Mr Raison visits Interskill, Birmingham's scheme for unemployed
youngsters.

TV/Radio

Mr Brittan on BBC TV Outlook (Manchester).

PRESS DIGEST

- Main news in populars is Argentina's use of napalm; qualities more cautious about this and tend to highlight our forces poised for Stanley battle or 250 Argentine dead at Goose Green.
- Pope goes into the inside pages.

Treatment

- D/Star: Napalm horror attack; troops discover huge stockpile.
- Sun: Our paras braved napalm bombs.
- Mirror: Apart from personal stories about the bereaved, napalm bombs threat.
- Express: Gateway to victory; we seize vital hilltops; napalm dump is found.
- Mail: Napalm used on paras; horror weapon discovered at Goose Green; Stanley in sight as Mount Kent falls.
- Telegraph: Troops seize vital peak; 250 Argentine dead at Darwin; battle build up 10 miles from Port Stanley.....very much secondary - "napalm cache" found.
- Times: 250 Argentine troops dead in battle for Goose Green; attack on Port Stanley soon, Argentines told; some way to go still before Falklands recaptured - Mr Parkinson.
- Guardian: Forces poised for Stanley bombardment; Thatcher warns of last chance to surrender; Argentine dead at Goose Green put at 250; napalm "was used against British troops".
- FT: News blackout on Stanley; Government underlines tough stance on withdrawal; Argentines had napalm stored at Goose Green.

Comment

- D/Star: Under heading "This evil weapon" it says napalm is most evil, fiendish weapon devised by men's tortured minds; by stooping to its use Argentina stands before bar of world opinion disgraced and shamed; air force commander who ordered its use must be brought to account.
- Sun: says you are caught up in two battles - one to get Galtieri's troops off British territory; the other to put more backbone into Mr Pym who should get one thing clear - appeasement died at the FCO when Lord Carrington packed his aristocratic bags. Mr Pym should stop making a nuisance of himself - he owes the country wholehearted dedication to task of restoring freedom to British possession.
- Mirror: Looks as if Argentine occupation will soon be over. Aims of removing invader and proving aggression does not pay are being accomplished. But what next? Magnanimity is need now. If we don't talk again soon we shall have to fight again later and that would be madness.
- Express: It is in its way meet and seemly for men who have died in the Falklands to be buried there. If the Government decides to bring home the bodies, all well and good. But if not, verdict ought be to accepted. Sailors have gone down in ships; airmen have plunged into the sea; no fitter resting place for soldier killed in action than field where he fell; on jailed journalists it says Britain should insist on their release when it comes to arranging return of Argentinian prisoners.

- Mail: In these hazardous weeks of pride and sacrifice - as Spring has turned to blazing Summer - all the dreary years of enfeebling neurosis have slipped away from our country...our soldiers could do more than free Port Stanley; they could free Britain from self doubt. On bodies, it says, it is an honourable and practical military tradition for those who are ^{killed} to be buried near the field of battle; it is good that the War Cabinet does not intend to be hidebound; 8,000 miles is a very long way for grieving relations to go and pay respects. If they want their men buried in Britain you are not one to refuse them.
- Telegraph: Baldly presented, news of mass burial must have come as a shock to relatives; perhaps some of the anguish could have been avoided if MoD had made clear they would be reburied in separate, marked grave. It is custom for fallen soldiers to be buried on battlefield and there is a War Grave at Port Stanley. It would not be an imposition on Exchequer to take families there. But not all fatalities will be commemorated by graves.
- Times: records history of development of War Graves but makes the point that Falklands will never be as accessible as Flanders. Barring tragedy, it should be possible for all those families who request it for bodies to be brought home. Best thing would be to let families choose.
- FT: Both sides need urgently to consider what happens next. Time has come for another statement of aims from British - one short term to facilitate Argentine withdrawal; the second laying down longer term thinking about Islands' future. Needs to make it unmistakably clear it is not seeking return indefinitely to status quo ante. No realistic way in which Islands can be run as British territory if countries in region are hostile to it.

Military

- Fears that large stocks of napalm could be in Port Stanley; 2 bombs dropped but missed.
- British troops on Mount Kent, gateway to Stanley; Sun says we could be in Stanley on anniversary of D-Day, June 6; 8,000 British troops now massed there.
- Menendez said to be ready/until Galtieri orders surrender. to fight on
- Band of Argentine Commandos, parachuted to spy on British forces, rounded up at Teal Inlet.
- You share feelings of families over burial; Cecil Parkinson says Government would be happy to consider bringing home bodies if families feel strongly.
- Argentines ran up white flag and then shot at paras - at least one British officer killed.
- Telegraph says Argentine pilots have been ordered to destroy a carrier before Stanley battle is over.
- Argentine journalist says Argentine will continue conflict even if Port Stanley falls.
- Argentine Dozo, of junta, says country has received no offer of Soviet military aid.
- National Public Radio in USA claims USA intervened to stop British bombing of Argentine mainland.

Diplomatic

- You will have talks with Reagan before Summit; Reagan hopes no more blood will be shed but supports principle that armed aggression should not succeed.
- Foot, Owen and Williams, in their own ways want us to re-assert peace terms before final battle.
- Max Hastings in Mail says only outcome of this war that would cause great bitterness among soldiers is any peace that gives Argentine a share in Falklands Government.
- Strong speculation that Mrs Kirkpatrick may be forced to resign - or fall into line; Telegraph leader describes her as insubordinate, conceited and myopic - in short like so many academics, a clever fool.
- Costa Mendez in Havana today for non-aligned talks.

Political

- MORI poll for Express shows more people satisfied with Government than at any time since you became Prime Minister - 49% satisfied; jump of 15%.

Media

- FT says there is a major news blackout on news of fighting around Port Stanley.
- ITV scraps full coverage of opening ceremony of World Cup and only highlights of ^{opening} match - Belgium and Argentina - will be shown; thousands of Argentine fans cancel trip to Spain because of devaluation.
- Film to be made of Falklands epic by producer of The Wild Geese.
- Argentine threatening to hold 3 British journalists as hostages for return of Astiz.
- Bill Deedes, Telegraph, tries to get media/Government relations in perspective and says that, contrary to John Pilger, it is the only war running from which dispatches can be filed.

In Falklands

- Allegations that Falklands Island company sold equipment to Argentine; chairman of company sees nothing wrong in getting Argentinians to sign for what they take.

In Argentina

- Ford Motor Company donate 60 trucks to Argentine war effort two days after Sheffield was sunk.
- Pope expected to meet Galtieri in Argentina according to Vatican.

Welfare

- South Atlantic Fund nears £1m.

International

- Head of Argentine Grain Board in Moscow to discuss grain sales.

Pay and Disputes

- NUR will draw back from industrial action over workshop closures. BR may put off closures while it tackles other issues. Guardian leader supports the BR decision to confront a range of restrictive practices together.
- Dustmen in Wandsworth will decide today whether to end the strike over plans to privatise refuse collection.
- Many hospitals are admitting only emergency patients ahead of the two 24 hour strikes planned for next Friday and next Tuesday.
- NHS workers in hospital-owned accommodation face rent rises this month averaging £2.50 a week.
- Kent miners meet today to consider proposals for all-out strike over NCB plans to shut pits.
- Public sector unions planning joint action next winter in pursuit of wage claims.

Economy

- The dollar rose sharply yesterday against most foreign currencies but sterling held its ground. The FT 30-share index closed unchanged.

Industry

- Mercantile House to buy the US Oppenheimer Holdings for £91m.
- Stirling International shares in Nigerian contracts for Government railway construction.
- Brazil and Britain have agreed on project, involving British companies, to replace the £280m Santa Cruz power station deal cancelled in March.

Local Authorities

- According to CIPFA, local authorities plan to spend 9% more cash than last year - 7% above the Government targets.
- Lothian Regional Council say that further cuts in line with Government demands would mean 3,000 redundancies in addition to the 1,500 jobs already going.

Law and Order

- Young men interviewed by Home Office research team blame unemployment, boredom and copying what happened in other inner cities for the rioting in Handsworth, Birmingham last year.
- Home Affairs Select Committee likely to recommend extra independent supervision of handling of complaints against police.
- Delegates at the Northern Ireland Police Federation Annual Conference reject the European Parliament Resolution against the use of plastic bullets.
- Lord Denning apologises for reference in his book to the jury in the Bristol riots trial.
- Lord Chancellor to table amendment to Legal Aid Bill which will enable Government to introduce legislation to provide some recourse against refusals of legal aid in magistrates courts.

Race

- Black people still suffer discrimination in employment according to report from the Research Unit in Ethnic Relations.
- Advance figures from the 1971 General Household Survey suggest that nearly one in 20 of British population is coloured.

Education

- Head teachers have declared a collective dispute with Manchester City Council after its decision to abolish the cane. They want special units in schools to contain particularly disruptive children. They have asked for urgent talks with Mr Rhodes Boyson on the problem generally.
- Teachers said to be angry at TUC decision to lobby Sir Keith Joseph against use of cane.

Summitry

- There are a number of curtain raising features on Versailles and Bonn. Peter Jenkins in the Guardian concludes that they could mark an important stage in coming to terms with the widened Atlantic. The partnership is more difficult because it is more equal and because the super power relationship is also more equal. In Britain's case, let us hope the Prime Minister's attendance will serve as useful encounters with the real and wider world. Ian Davidson in the FT mentions inter alia "it is hard to believe that the Falklands crisis will not cast a long shadow over the political discussions".
- The Times concludes a long leader saying that Reagan is still in pursuit of the same aims but with more caution and realism. His administration has listened with creditable sensitivity to the advice and concerns of its European allies. It has consulted, learned and adjusted. Mr Reagan should therefore be more warmly welcomed in Europe than he would have been a year ago.
- Telegraph report says that Versailles has been turned into a gold-plated fortress. No expense has been spared by the socialist regime. Arrangements for the press however are not so opulent.

EEC

- Agricultural experts forecast a big rise in EC farm output and the support costs could rise by as much as £1,000m.
- A group of consultants are examining the personal accounts of MEPs after allegations that they had been fiddling expense accounts.

International

- South African spokesmen admits to some atrocities by its troops against civilians in Namibia.
- Danish Government at risk from vote of confidence this week.
- GuLD States implicitly back the removal of Saddam Hussein to try to head off extension of war.
- The Italian national employers federation unilaterally revoke wage indexation agreement threatening major industrial disruption.
- Nigerian oil production reaches the ceiling establish by OPEC.

Defence

- Guardian leader supports, with qualifications, the new report of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues which advocates a 300 km wide nuclear free zone in central Europe.
- Soviet Union builds up publicity effort to impress opinion about the seriousness of its wish to negotiate an arms agreement.

Pope's Visit

- Pope John spent yesterday at a series of engagements in Scotland including a Papal Mass for 250,000 people in Glasgow. There were a number of anti-Catholic demonstrations and 26 arrests made.

Your Salary

- A new book compares your relatively low salary with that obtaining for other world leaders.