

TUESDAY 22 MARCH 1983

MAIN EVENTS

State visit of President Kaunda (until 25 March) and banquet at Buckingham Palace

Prime Minister at European Council Summit, Brussels

EC Economic and Social Plenary, Brussels

Commons debates on Railway Workshops and on Anderson Strathclyde

Labour Party NEC on Manifesto

EXPOSHIP '83 Exhibition, London

NATO Defence Ministers meet, Lisbon

USA/Europe talks on shipping protectionism, London

Ulster Assembly debates Kincora affair.

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PUBLICATIONS

DHSS: The Welfare Food (Amendment) Order 1983

OPCS: Population estimates 1981

DOE: EC lead-levels survey

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PARLIAMENT

Commons:

Questions: Education and Science, Prime Minister

Business: Ten Minute Rule Bill: Emphysema (Compensation).  
Debate on Railway Workshops, on an Opposition Motion  
Debate on Anderson Strathclyde, on an Opposition Motion  
Motions on the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal  
(Payments Schemes) Order, and on the Mineworkers' Pension  
Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order  
Job losses in the steel industry in North Lanarkshire  
(Adjournment Debate)

Select Committees: ENVIRONMENT  
Subject: Problems of Management of Urban Renewal  
Witnesses: Department of the Environment officials

TRANSPORT  
Subject: Road safety  
Witnesses: Department of Transport officials

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION  
Subject: Reports of the Health  
Service Commissioner  
Witnesses; Department of Health and Social Security;  
Scottish Office; Welsh Office

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Lords: Conwy Tunnel (Supplementary Powers) Bill: Third Reading  
 British Fishing Boats Bill: Committee  
 Marriage Bill (HL): Third Reading  
 Divorce Jurisdiction, Court Fees and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill:  
 Committee  
 UQ on conditions in HM Prisons following the resignation of the  
 Governor of Wormwood Scrubs Prison

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MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES, ETC)

DES: Sir Keith Joseph at launch of "Computer Software", Chelsea college (11.00)  
 SO: Mr Younger visits Territorial Army, Grantham  
 MOD: Mr Stewart visits Vickers Ltd, Barrow-in-Furness  
 DOE: Sir George Young at opening of Southwark County Court  
 DTp: Mrs Chalker opens Heston motorway service area (11 am)  
 DEN: Mr Lawson visits BNFL's Sellafield plant, Cumbria  
 MAFF: Mr Buchanan-Smith opens 2nd International Fish Farming Conference,  
 Brighton  
 HO: Mr Mellor visits Fire Service college, Gloucester  
 DOT: Mr Sproat opens SEATRADE conference, London  
 DEM: Mr Morrison speaks at the Careers Research and Advisory Council  
 conference, Cambridge, on employment and training policies for the 1980s.  
 DHSS: Mr Finsberg visits Hillingdon Borough Council social services department  
 (10.00 am)

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MAJOR VISITS (INWARD AND OUTWARD)

DOT: Lord Cockfield hosts lunch for Mr Skauge, Norwegian Minister for  
 Commerce and Shipping, London  
 DOT: Dr Vaughan meets French Minister for Consumer Affairs, Paris (until 23  
 March)  
 ODA: Mr Raison meets Senhor Silvino d'a Luz, Cape Verde Islands

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PRESS DIGEST

Mixed bag of major stories - EEC/EMS, Keith Joseph's White Paper, rape treatment guidelines Darlington, and the PM's TV interview for Laurens van der Post.

EMS/EEC

- With help from "honest broker" Howe seen as "a triumph" by Mail Ministers achieve compromise on realignment of EMS. Generally seen as a victory for "Community solidarity" but the money markets are sceptical and the Pound drops to new low against the Dollar. Guardian thinks another realignment will be necessary and a number of political commentators draw attention to the "French lesson" of Mitterrand's socialist experiment which has cost them much.
- PM issues budget warning to EC saying they must agree new cash rebates for UK by early June. Mail comment urges her to "fight, fight, fight".

POLITICS

- Latest Darlington poll (Tyne Tees TV) gives Labour 40%, Alliance 34%, Conservatives 25%.
- Labour and TUC agree "partners in rebuilding Britain" economic/Labour wages policy document based on annual economic assessment.
- FT says compromise deal agreed on Stevas audit Bill.
- Register of Members' Interests reveals increase in MPs' extra-Parliamentary business and Ted Heath leader in "most travelled" stakes.
- Guardian pursues latest family policy group leak and leader writer says the group allows PM to shut out wets from crucial policy decision.
- Lord Shawcross, former Labour Attorney General, joins SDP.
- Keith Hampson chosen for new Leeds NW constituency.

PAY/EMPLOYMENT

- Agricultural Wages Board agrees to bring forward pay review from November to July. Farm workers to submit new claim 11 April.
- Ford, Halewood peace talks collapse amid fear of strike spreading. It is Halewood's 9th unofficial strike this year and has cost £42m in lost production.
- BR to offer 2 year deal to Rail Unions. Longer term deals have "full backing of Ministers". Formal announcement James Knapp to succeed Sid Weighell.
- Times notices Town Hall-Whitehall job switch with Houndslow Chief Executive going to DOE for 2 years in exchange for Head of Inner Cities Directorate.
- NUM won't name figure in their pay claim but a conference motion proposes "total non-co-operation" with MacGregor.
- Scottish shipyard workers to fight any closures or redundancies.

OVERSEAS

- Israel to build more West Bank settlements according to FT.
- President Kaunda arrives today for State Visit but is unlikely to meet Nkomo.

- Swaziland's Prime Minister dismissed but confusion emerges from fascinatingly colourful reports.

#### BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

- Lord Sieff to give up as Chief Executive and Managing Director of Marks and Spencer but remains as Chairman. Lord Rayner takes over.
- London Transport turns in £1m surplus according to preliminary figures. New fares structure due in May.
- FT sees Government frustration over British Gas Corporation's failure to dispose of its share in Wytch Farm and resistance to pressure from Lawson.
- Times notices Government has been sitting on Alvey Report for 6 months.

#### LAW AND ORDER

- Probation Officers to strike 27 April in protest against decision to cut trainee pay by 25%.
- New Home Office guidelines on rape case treatment emphasise need for tact and sympathy generally welcome.
- Asylum seekers: Whitelaw defends decision on the Rumanian but has heard rumours that Rumania doesn't want him. Director of British Refugee Council in letter to the Times points to "quirk in the Immigration Act" and wants equal treatment of asylum seekers.
- John Akass lines up with 55 bishops against Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

#### EDUCATION

- Wide coverage for Keith Joseph's White Paper on teacher training generally seen as a welcome plan to "ditch the bad teachers". Times leader wants more "vitality" on expansion of in-service training.

#### DEFENCE

- FT notes NATO nuclear planning group meeting in Portugal today attended by US Defence Secretary Weinburger and Heseltine making his debut.
- Express says Heseltine has decided to scrap the idea of a £1m advertising campaign.

#### ECONOMY

- Pound suffers against Dollar in wake of EMS.
- Latest CSO figures show GDP rose 1% last year and volume of consumer spending is up.
- RICS survey conducted before the Budget shows house prices rose - 8% in some parts.

#### PRIME MINISTER

- "The woman at No 10" an hour long TV interview with the PM to be shown next Tuesday is previewed widely.