

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

Parliament resumes.

Ford; BL dispute talks.

University Grants Committee announce 312 new university places in Information Technology
Mr Fitzgerald initiates meetings on forum for a new Ireland

3-man inquiry into Ford dispute opens

European Parliament, Strasbourg

Nr Tindemans meets Mr Gromyko, Moscow.

PUBLICATIONS

HOL/

HOC: Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments - 17th Report

PARLIAMENT

Commons:

Questions: Wales, Industry

Business:- Data Protection Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading, Money Resolution and
Ways and Means Resolution.
Ports (Reduction of Debt) Bill: Remaining stages.
Matrimonial Homes Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading. (Consolidation
Measure).
Mental Health Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading. (Consolidation Measure).
Pilotage Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading. (Consolidation Measure).
The future of the tourist industry (Adjournment Debate)

Lords: Housing and Building Control Bill: 2nd Reading

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES, ETC)

HMT: Sir Geoffrey Howe speaks at Conservative Party "City Forum"

SO: Mr Younger and Mr Fletcher attend annual meeting of Scottish
Development Agency and the locate in Scotland steering group meeting,
Glasgow

DEM: Mr Morrison speaks to employer members of area manpower boards at the
CBI conference, Centre Point (10.00 am), and presents National
Supervisory Awards for the National Examinations Board for Supervisory
Studies, Park Lane Hotel

DOT: Dr Vaughan launches Direct Mail Services Standards Board, London

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES, ETC) (Cont'd)

DOI: Mr MacGregor visits West Midlands

HO: Mr Mellor speaks at "Fire Magazine" annual lunch, London

DHSS: Mr Clarke speaks to District Health Authority Chairmen, Wessex RHA, Winchester (10.45 am)

MOD: Mr Pattie and Mr Stewart visit Marconi Torpedo Research Establishment, Portsmouth and attend Defence Manufacturers Association reception

DOE: Mr Stanley opens Laing's housing estate, Hornchurch

DOE: Mr Shaw speaks at Royal Society of Chemistry, Lancaster 1.30 pm

MAJOR VISITS

DHSS: Lord Trefgarne returns from Kenya.

MOD: Mr Wiggin speaks to US National Defence University

TV/RADIO

DEN: Mr Lawson on BBC TV "Panorama" Programme (8.10 pm) - The future of the British coal industry

PRESS DIGEST

Middle East

- || In political turmoil after collapse of President Reagan's peace initiative King Hussein abandons attempt to secure a joint approach with Arafat; Reagan blames radical elements in PLO; Times says Israel plans 57 more West Bank settlements.
- PLO moderate gunned down at Socialist International in Portugal; hard-line Palestinian guerrilla group, Abu Nidhal, claims responsibility.
 - Telegraph says we edge closer to PLO recognition with agreement by Mr Pym and Mr Hurd to meet Khaddoumi for bilateral talks.
 - Times says death of Reagan plan ^{any} to Sartawi all very tragic.

Law and Order

- D/Star MORI poll reveals that public opinion is swinging in favour of arming the police - 47% say police should be armed more often while 44% say no; but D/Star leader supports views of Sir Kenneth Newman who in interview opposes idea of armed police roaming city and stands by Home Office guidelines.
- Bow Group canvasses idea of a third-force police, between regular and special constabularies to help combat rising crime.
- London's fire prevention officer warns of the fire hazard in specially strengthened double-glazing.
- Professor of local government at Nottingham in report says local council police authorities are ineffective; Mail says it is tempting to let sleeping dogs lie but better these bark than others replace them to bite police.
- Leeds clergyman refusing to marry police officers or christen children because of their dishonesty and offensive behaviour; complains of police harrassment.
- Police seize several vehicles including truck painted in Security Express colours investigating £7m robbery.
- BMA condemns Data Protection Bill - could lead to breaches of doctor/patient confidentiality. →
- Final Home Office decision expected tomorrow on whether to deport Czech family - flood of protest from British churches.
- FT says Date Protection Bill will not of itself make a great deal of difference to our liberties. ←

Economy

- Cut in base rates expected this week - hopes of 9% by end of year.
- Manpower organisation says employers are now seeking urgently skilled craftsmen but most of unemployed are young or otherwise unskilled.

- John Butcher MP made "Minister for W.Midlands" to restore battered economic base.
 - Housebuilders' Federation calls for release of Green Belt land for building.
 - Left wing MPs to attack idea of YTS training in Armed forces on voluntary basis; Canavan says scheme must be stopped now.
 - James Capel, stockbrokers, suggest PSBR this year may overshoot by £2bn.
 - FT says NEDC predicts there will be no increase in jobs in 1980s; in many areas employment will continue to fall.
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- France eases currency restrictions to facilitate package holidays.

Industry

- Sun says B/Rail is making a recovery; Parker expected to predict profits by end of this year in May annual report.
- Ford warn Halewood workers that their jobs are at risk if they strike next week over introduction of new working methods.
- B/Airways says it is ready to join new cut price fares war over Atlantic; and unveils Saatchi and Saatchi new advertising campaign.
- Rolls Royce knocks off up to £12,000 on American prices at start of income tax deadline week when Americans see how they can pay less in tax.
- Research scientist with CEGB says he has become marked man since he raised questions about use of civil plutonium in nuclear weapons.
- British oil pollution team expected to be called to Gulf soon to tackle spill.
- Times says Ministerial split could halt expansion of Cable TV.
- OECD to consider East-West trade on May 9 in run-up to Williamsburg.
- B/Rail to order major equipment from private sector for first time in 20 years.

Unions/Pay

- Sam McCluskie, general secretary NU Seamen and chairman of Labour Party, refused entry to Malta.

- Sit-in Timex workers in Dundee launch nationwide campaign to save watch-making in Britain.
- National union leaders force local officials into BL Cowley talks; STC and BSC meet to try to end South Yorkshire steel strike over redundancy.

Labour Law

- Sun leader says it does not believe there would be mass defiance if Government introduced anti-strike measure in essential services to protect public; union bosses value their funds more.
- Conservative trade unionists call for statutory grievance procedures before strikes possible.
- Guardian leader says in return for their privileges unions have obligation to conduct their affairs in open representative and democratic manner and in the ultimate State has a duty to see that democracy rules within unions

Media

- Brian Cowgill canvassed to rescue TV-AM; IBA asks TV companies to come up with rescue plans.
- A "Voice of the Listener" society formed to enable BBC radio audience to make its views known.
- Press Council says sacking of Manx editor in row over Lord Cockfield was improper.

Politics

- Tory election machine being geared up for possible June election; you are to give pep talk to 100 candidates on Friday.
- Hattersley says June election would be running for cover before prices record collapses.

- SW Cambridgeshire Tory candidate at risk because his wife is against fox hunting; Telegraph leader says their behaviour is thoroughly ungentlemanly; Times worries about free plan of prejudice in selection conferences.
- Labour Party expected to make further moves today to put Militant Tendency expulsions on backburner, pending election.
- Livingstone runs into legal and political obstacles in trying to replace Reg Freeson in Brent East.

Welfare

- Government halves grant to CABs; controversy over Joan Ruddock's CND work for bureau in Reading; but Dr Vaughan says he has not halved it - only paid them for 6 months, pending their putting their home in order.
- Peter Bauer and Basil Yamey, in Times, claim aid has done little or nothing to help poorest people in aid receiving countries; third world grants committed to improving material standards of life are rare; FT says India is to receive £100m development aid for specific industries from UK.

Spies

- Sun says you have ordered the purge on KGB agents to be stepped up.

Food etc

- We are the world's biggest potato eaters and last year we consumed 307m litres of ice-cream - more than any year since 1976 heatwave; we eat average of 25.5lbs of apples a year; last year cigarette sales fell 7.5% on top of 9% in 1982.

Weather

- Lifeboat similar to that in Penlee tragedy turns turtle in Channel but rights itself and one crew overboard rescued; ships in trouble off South Coast.

Sport

- Only half £4m required to buy and develop Grand National Course so far raised with only 6 weeks to go - Mirror thinks it strange that there is such a struggle to raise in total less than one firm of bookmakers took on the race on Saturday; but Express says race is safe because money will be raised; Mail advocates interest free loan from Government out of bets tax.

Defence

- Express says CND demonstrators in West Germany who are carried away by police for obstruction are to have to pay £10 per head towards police costs under new Bill - we ought to have similar law here.

Northern Ireland

- One soldier killed; another seriously injured in booby trapped car.
- IRA striving to make Omagh unsafe for British garrison; warns traders to stop dealing with forces.

Falklands

- Coverage of memorial service at San Carlos dominates papers, and especially pops.
- Destefanis says he is planning to hire a Russian vessel for visit of Argentine relatives.

People

- Jimmy Saville reveals his violent past in Sun interview; but he denies he was once Godfather figure.
- Explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes says the Trans World Expedition has left him broke.

International

Zimbabwe: Prince Philip to visit next month for short time as part of Royal Agricultural Society tour; Express says he should tell Mugabe killings have to stop; Nkomo to remain for further month; Telegraph thinks it might be better for Lord Carrington to go to see results of handiwork.

Thailand: Vietnam protests over USA arms airlift.

Brunei: Our High Commissioner returns home after reports of strained relations with Sultan.

USANDA: Amin threatens to return to lead guerrilla faction against Obote.

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