

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

Expiry of Mr Nkomo's right to remain in UK.

Iron and Steel Trades Confederation Council meets.

Statement on future of secondary education in Scotland.

Queen Mother opens Bomber Command museum, Hendon.

European Parliament, Strasbourg.

Announcement of Civil Service involvement in Youth Training Scheme.

EC Political Committee, Bonn.

Breakaway railmen's union, Federation of Professional Rail Staff, elects leader.

Statistics:

Building Societies' monthly figures (March).

Provisional figures of vehicle production (March).

Car and commercial vehicle production statistics (March-prov).

Legal Abortions 1981.

Pay:

British Telecom Post Office Engineering Union and Society of Post Office Executive grades.

Publications:

Employment Committee - 5th report: The Commission for Racial Equality.

Parliament

Commons

Questions:

Employment, Prime Minister.

Business:

10 Minute Rule Bill: Children in Secure Accommodation (Scotland).

Miscellaneous Financial Provisions Bill: Remaining Stages

Plant Varieties Bill (Lords): Remaining Stages.

Motion on the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975.

The proposed private minibus service in London (Adjournment Debate).

Select Committees: PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION: Reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. (Witness: Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration)

Lords: Medical Bill (HL)(Consol): Second Reading.  
Water Bill: Report.  
Hire-purchase (Increase of Limit of Value)(Great Britain) Order 1983.

Ministers - see Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

Economy/Election

- Share prices up to record levels and £ stages strong recovery, rising 2c to \$1.5270 strengthens speculation about June election; Mirror says you didn't call Cardiff NW by-election because it is too close to June.
  - Chanceller says family man is 5.5% better off today than 4 years ago compared with fall in take home pay under Labour; Telegraph says he revives June election speculation.
  - Sun leader says make it soon - make it June; Socialists can hardly accuse you of rushing to polls and no longer time to carry forward revolution of Britain.
  - Mail says City is buzzing with talk of June election and Tory triumph; Britain has now turned corner and on way to long term prosperity; quiet confidence in No 10.
  - Mail says bank base rates may come down, very possibly, today.
  - Telegraph, reporting greater take over activity, says share prices have risen 146% since January 1.
  - Guardian says delay in Cardiff NW fuels June election speculation; admitted a tide is flowing for June but it could change; Bank of England again put brake on fall in interest rates because of doubts about strength of £'s recovery.
  - Times says there is a growing belief in a June election among Conservative MPs and Geoffrey Smith plumps for June too.
- ← Express leader highlights the skill shortage; no-one can escape blame; worst evidence is we are training people on traditional lines for jobs that don't expire.
- Most teenagers in 'Loving' magazine survey blame Government for unemployment.
  - NEDO report on economy rejected by CBI as "unacceptably depressing".
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- ← - Central Statistical Office's account of life in Britain - region by region, published today; Mail says gulf between affluent South and poorer North is widening.
- Paul Johnson, Telegraph, says it will be interesting to see how Mr Foot explains away at this year's party conference the French economic disaster; all evidence suggests any such experiment here will be more painful.

### Politics

- Livingstone suffers a set back in bid to become MP for Brent East; Labour Party Committee shelves consideration pending legal advice.
- Jon Akass, Sun, referring to his hunting row over the SW Cambridgeshire candidate, says the Tory face can be very ugly indeed; Mirror leader says Mr Simmonds has been thrown to the dogs.
- Sun examines Enoch Powell's predictions in his Rivers of Blood speech and finds mixed results.

### Industry

- New formula to end BL strike to be put to workers on Thursday, no recommendation, however, from unions.
- United Road Transport Union shows lorry drivers tachograph irksome; and would like to work longer than 8-hour daily maximum.
- £60m takeover bid by Americans for Sothebys brings threat of resignation by 130 art experts.
- Guardian says Ministers and officials are acknowledging that your cuts in Civil Service have made it less efficient.
- BNOC confirms new oil contract prices.
- ← - Government last year paid £224,000 golden handshake to one of co-founder of Inmos which declared loss of £20.4m.

- 700 redundancies for Harland and Wolff in July when 6000 will go on short time.

### Unions/Pay

- Plans for Northern Ireland unions which try to limit right to strike canvassed by official Labour relations agency; unions consider today.
- NUM want legality of Ian MacGregor's appointment as chairman investigated because at 70 he may be unfit to go underground; Executive will acquire 13-12 left-wing majority because of resignation of Durham leader Callan, victim of left-wing coup.
- Geoffrey Goodman, Mirror, says he has never believed relative calm in industrial relations in recent years to be more than a veneer of fear.
- Royal College of Nursing Secretary to exclude other NHS workers from their pay review arrangements.
- Bank union votes to black new electronic office systems without satisfactory pay and conditions deal.
- London dockers employed by private firms vote to end 2-week strike; 2,300 Tilbury men isolated.
- Radio Times and Listener dispute settled; printing returns to Park Royal works.

### Welfare

- Sheffield believes it has found route to 5p TV licence for all pensioners
- employ a dozen wardens to make four visits a year to homes of pensioners who do not qualify.
- Mirror raises doubts about drug Epilim for epilepsy after deaths of children.

### Local Authorities

- New charity set up to investigate perks is to look at hiring of 185 cars for London Transport staff.
- Brent Council withdraws 28 non-police tutors from Hendon Police College to try to secure reinstatement of sacked race relations lecturer.

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er engulfed in flames shot by British sergeant as act of  
report clears British of blame; Keith Stanton MP to ask  
: "I thought one shoots only dogs and horses to alleviate

elts to help country

Princess in Queenslan

Hollywood

- Film 'Gandhi' brings 8 Oscars to Britain.

People

- Jimmy Savile today in the Sun on girls; his agent tells Mail there was a grain of truth in Sun revelations.

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Ministers

Sir Geoffrey Howe speaks at City of Westminster Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Whitelaw speaks at Jewish Community, London.

Sir Keith Joseph speaks at Family education conference, Goldsmiths College, London.

Mr Younger at "Roof of the World" presentation, London.

Mr Waddington meets National Association of Community Relations Councils.

Dr Vaughan speaks at Life Offices Association lunch.

Mr Mellor opens Gerrards Cross fire station.

Mr MacGregor opens Coal Preparation Technology Exhibition (PRETEC '83), Stoneleigh.

Lord Avon opens the Freeman Insulation Seminar, Westmorland Hotel, London.

Mr Macfarlane opens Mapperley recreation area and golf course, Nottinghamshire and speaks at conference of Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas, Nottingham University.

Mr Blaker speaks to Canadian Defence College.

Mr Gray speaks at presentation by the UK Ambassador to the Netherlands, The Hague.