

Friday, July 1, 1983

PRIME MINISTER

Diary

The Queen visits the Scottish Special Housing Association development, Carlton, Glasgow.

Labour Metropolitan Councils plan anti-abolition campaign, Sheffield.

Princess of Wales' birthday.

Announcement of second phase of Hong Kong talks.

EC Parliamentary Assembly, Luxembourg.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton takes over at Bank of England.

Mr Jenkin speaks at annual conference of the Association of District Councils, Scarborough.

Tour de France begins (until 24 July).

Statistics:

Car and commercial vehicle production (May-final).

Publications:

British Business feature on Austin Ambassador road test.

Pay:

Settlement date for: Local Authority, APT&C grades; Industrial Civil Servants; British Telecom; and Water Service staff.

Parliament:

Commons

Business: Debate on London (Motion for the Adjournment).  
Problems of industrial development in North Devon (Adjournment Debate).

Ministers:

Mr Parkinson visits Scotland.

Mr Pattie speaks to Bow Group conference, Oxford.

Mr Younger accompanies HM The Queen on tour of Glasgow.

Mr Gummer speaks to Cambridge ACAS/IPM conference on Industrial Relations.

Mr Butcher visits Birmingham Stock Exchange, and speaks to Touche Ross Midlands regional annual dinner, Droitwich.

Broadcasting - see Annex \_\_\_\_\_

### Videos

- D/Star claims its demand for a clampdown on sale of video nasties was answered swiftly and positively by you and Home Secretary - Private Member's Bill may be method.
- Mail leads with story saying MPs from all parties increased pressure on Government for immediate legislation; Marcus Fox says it would be disgraceful if there were no legislation this Session; feature says head of video subsidiary of Heron Corporation fined last week for 5 offences under Obscene Publications Act; leader says at last Government is waking up to the full depravity of video sadism; welcomes your "admirably firm" commitment to legislation.

### Ripper Report

- West Yorkshire Police Committee release internal report (after Gregory's memoirs) showing how police bungled inquiry; says Gregory advised report should not be published.
- Mirror says bluntly - Ripper squad chief (Gregory) hid blunders of his force.
- Mail on Sunday editor says this is not full disclosure by Committee - issued only 66 of 816 pages of full report; Telegraph says you are to be asked to release in full official Government report.

### Hanging

- Church of England Board for Social Responsibility against hanging; Right Wing MPs hope Cabinet hesitation over date for debate means it will be put off; Times leader says death penalty and all its judicial panoply would be act of ritual violence far out of proportion to threat posed to society.

### Law and Order

- 2 girls found murdered near separate castle in Derbyshire.
- Mrs Lynda Chalker brings computer into play in analysing tachographs to enforce coach drivers' hours and speeds.
- Abortion doctor facing attempted murder charge suspended from work at Luton hospital.
- Bishop of Birmingham says clergymen could revolt and refuse to marry couples in Church if divorce within a year legislation goes through; doesn't believe Church can go on and on with erosion of what marriage is all about.
- Roy Kerridge, writes in Mail apropos of Roach case, about brainwashing of blacks by political activists.

### Mr Pym

- Sun leader says the trouble with Mr Pym is that he thinks he has automatic right to take part in the country's Government; but he was a flop at the FCO and as ready to undermine your stand on Falklands as he was to snipe at election prospects; as out of place in modern realistic Tory Government as a teetotaler at beer festival.
- Express says you should read and re-read Mr Pym's remarkable speech - message was one of caring - of the national comradeship which is in best Tory tradition. You have considerable qualities, but Pym was right

to suggest you allow your deep concern for others to be overshadowed by obsession with hard work and self-reliance. Concern must be seen to be felt and Government should combine realism with vision of truly caring society.

- Mail says nothing has become Mr Francis Pym so well as his dignified distress at having been pushed - something of a Parliamentary tour de force. Now he is poising himself to lead Tory opposition.
- Telegraph says speech was a strong Parliamentary performance but substantially so slight as to defy description - criticism of policy too abstract to carry conviction. He does not seem to have the makings of a rebel and would not be likely to provide much dynamism.
- Guardian says Mr Pym may be a (nice) King of the Wets but that doesn't mean anything is going to happen very speedily or that a zealous faction of the Wets is about to struggle for soul of Tory Party.
- Times asks how much notice you need to take of Mr Pym. He poses potentially more formidable threat than Heath or Gilmour. But it is only a potential threat which will only become actual if you run into trouble. He is not offering alternative policy; merely alternative attitude.

### Politics

- Hattersley pledges to work for one-member-one-vote system of voting for party leadership.
- Gwynneth Dunwoody says Labour Party is dying on its feet and needs re-structuring.
- George Gale, Express, says we need a real Opposition; won't be filled by unofficial opposition in Tory Party whether or not Pym replaces Heath; if Kinnock becomes leader Left will have kept grip on party but lost for good party's grip on country.
- Some Labour MPs predict a breakdown in morale if Meacher elected deputy leader instead of Hattersley.
- Edward Du Cann re-elected chairman of 1922 Committee; Marcus Fox is one of vice-chairmen; Express says Tory MPs voted for man they think can deliver them a £4,000 pay rise.

### Unions/Pay

- Len Murray attacks Scargill for refusal to accept election result - his call for strike against you "plain daft"; Mirror says he opens door for talks with you at No 10; will consider any invitation on its merits. Mirror leader says Len Murray is right to say calling for political strikes is plain daft. No future for trade unions on that road. Like Labour Party, TUC can no longer command automatic loyalty of workers. It has to work for it. Talking sense is a good start; Telegraph says Mr Tebbit yesterday made it clear Government is not deaf to TUC representations but it would be difficult to walk away from manifesto commitments.
- 2,000 Cammel Laird shipyard workers laid off because of allowance strike by 300 welders.
- Paul Routledge, Times, says Labour movement is grinding towards a sort out - ie. industrial trouble - which could come this winter.
- Guardian says APEX white collar union, faces growing revolt against alleged undemocratic control of its political funds.

### Labour Law

- Express says Norman Tebbit has abandoned plans, for the time being at least, of outlawing strikes in essential services; also contracting-out - unions see it has stick and carrot approach.
- Sun invites trade unionists to fill in a form which it reproduces contracting out of political levy.

### Unemployment figures

- Drop below 3m but Government accused of cooking books - Labour says figure exceeds 3.3m.
- Sun says you cooked up a sizzling row over unemployed's standard of living depending on choice of food.

- Mirror - page 2 - The BIG lie (continued); kids lost in jobless tally.
- Guardian says total rose by 63,000 to 3.112m, despite Government's deceptive count; leader says Government appears to be using every means possible to reduce unemployment short of actually providing jobs; untangling unemployment figures no longer a task for mere mortals.

#### ACAS Report/Pay

- Robin Leigh-Pemberton calls for significant reduction in levels of pay settlements.
- D/Star says the ACAS report forecasts a new wave of public sector pay strikes; unions getting tired of small rises to save jobs.
- Telegraph says ACAS report says announcing rigid cash ceilings does not facilitate collective bargaining; can pre-empt negotiations.
- NUR votes for substantial pay increase - with demand between 23 and 32%.

#### MPs' Pay

- Anthony Beaumont-Dark MP says suggestions that MPs should get 30% rise are "stupid".

#### Industry

- EC steel cutbacks could cost 150,000 jobs - but Britain will probably be asked to trim only output.
- Coal stocks up 20% on a year ago to 55m tonnes.
- Peter Carey speaks of his 10 year uphill struggle to persuade Civil Service colleagues of importance of industry to country's economic performance.
- Royal Bank of Scotland to take over Williams and Glyn's 300 branches in England and Wales over 2 years.
- No prosecutions to follow 4 year investigation into Rossminster.

### Economy

- Telegraph leads with story that you and Chancellor are preparing Ministers for toughest public expenditure review since 1979; NATO contribution to be reviewed.
- Spending on NHS will rise average of 0.5% a year in real terms over next decade; Guardian says Fowler slams brakes on NHS growth.
- Bank of England forecasts gradual recovery over year but Times says report shows our growth will lag behind rest of industrial world and won't make dent in jobless over next year or so.
- House prices rising faster than inflation - by average of 6%.

### Local Authority

- Lambeth Council advertising jobs for blacks only for two accounting posts - if not suitably qualified will be given 13 weeks' training.
- Mail says London Marriage Guidance Council, which had GLC financial help withdraw, had an immediate improvement in atmosphere with GLC when it said it also catered for homosexuals living together; thinks it might now get its grant again.
- Government facing demands for legislation to clarify LA rights over fluoride.

### Education

- Express says survey of 2,000 schools shows children at secondary modern schools doing much better in exams than those at comprehensive which come out very badly overall.

### Medical/Welfare

- BMA says NHS is crippled by shortage of money and badly affected by long waiting lists.
- Mail welcomes GMC's second thoughts on ruling doctors risk being struck off for telling parents of girls under 16 who consult about pill; doctors will now have discretion to consult their consciences.

Ireland

- INLA bomb defused in Newry; saves town from devastation and possibly 200 lives.
- Sinn Fein candidate wins City Council by-election in Belfast.

Media

- Hopes FT will print again by Tuesday.
- Cable TV in operation by November.
- Editor of Channel 4, Derrik Mercer, leaves after row.

Falklands

- Tam Dalyell criticises as tasteless souvenir cigarette lighters produced by men who sank Belgrano bearing Conqueror's crest and legend, "Belgrano Anniversary May 2, 1982".
- DeStefanis barred from coming to Britain.
- 14 tonnes of hides, smuggled from Argentina, seized by Customs in Northants.

People

- Tricia Murray to write book on your innermost thoughts during Falklands conflict.

EC

- Euro Parliament votes its displeasure at Stuttgart Summit outcome and on failure to agree positive action to help unemployed; intend to block our 1983 refund unless .....

International

USA: FBI to investigate how President Reagan's staff got hold of Jimmy Carter's briefing book for presidential election debate.

W. Germany: International survey suggests Germans are largest people in Europe.

Yugoslavia: puts share of blame for Zagreb air crash 7 years ago on British Airways Trident crew, so any claim for compensation in Yugoslavia courts is almost certain to fail.

South Africa: continues to be barred from Test cricket by International Cricket Conference.

Gibraltar: You have told Hassan Government will provide £28m to help economic development.

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BROADCASTING - THE WEEKENDSaturday, July 2

LBC	00.30am	<u>Decision Makers:</u> Lord Whitelaw tells Magnus Carter of IRN how he is settling in to the House of Lords, the job he intends to do there and his hopes for the future. (Repeated 1.30pm Sunday).
Radio 4	8.48am	<u>Yesterday in Parliament.</u>
Radio 4	10.05am	<u>The Week in Westminster:</u> Robert Carvel.
Channel 4	6.30pm	<u>7 Days:</u> Ethical views behind the headlines. This week Neil Kinnock and Archbishop Trevor Huddleston.

Sunday, July 3

BBC 1	9.55am	<u>Asian Magazine:</u> Unemployment is highlighted in a feature on a young Asian and his struggle to establish his own business after becoming redundant.
BBC 1	10.25am	<u>The Silicon Factor:</u> The last of three programmes investigating the so-called micro-electronics revolution. "What of the Future"?
Radio 4	1.00pm	<u>The World This Weekend:</u>
Channel 4	2.30pm	<u>Report to the Nation:</u> Racial equality. How effective is the Commission for Racial Equality.
Channel 4	5.00pm	<u>Union World:</u> How the unions are surviving in Northern Ireland.
Channel 4	5.30pm	<u>Face the Press:</u> Live from London. Rt Hon Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, makes his first TV interview since being appointed. He will face David Lipsey, Sunday Times, Peter Jenkins, Guardian and Anthony Howard, Observer.
BBC 1	6.40pm	<u>Home on Sunday:</u> Viscountess Stansgate (86) talks to Cliff Michelmore. Mother of Tony Benn and daughter of a Liberal MP she describes herself as a "professional relative". She has spent a great deal of her life working for Christian unity.
ITV	9.30pm	<u>Rhino:</u> Third of four dramas looking at education. This week - truancy.

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