

PRIME MINISTER

Main Events:

King and Queen of Tonga begin official visit to the United Kingdom.

EC plenary session of the economic and social committee, Brussels.

Mr Prior begins visit to USA.

Preparatory meeting for the Conference on Disarmament in Europe opens, Helsinki.

House of Commons debate on the British Gas Corporation's disposal of offshore interests.

Labour Party shadow Cabinet ballot begins.

Labour Party Chief Whip announced.

CBI seminar on UK/Soviet trade, City University.

CBI/BIM survey on British management and the recession published.

UNESCO General Conference opens, Paris.

International Broadcasting Equipment Exhibition opens, Tokyo.

Princess Anne attends "Women of Achievement" lunch, Dorchester Hotel, in aid of the Save the Children Fund.

Lords Graham of Edmonton and Peyton of Yeovil introduced to House of Lords.

B/Telecom draft license published.

Statistics:

Bricks and cement production (3rd qtr).

New vehicle registrations (Sept).

Deaths from accidents and violence (March qtr 1983).

Publications:

Memorandum on 9th Report of the HOC Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1982/83 on Northern Ireland Departmental issues.

HMI reports on schools in Cornwall, Lancs and Essex.

Law Commission report No 123 - Criminal Law Offences relating to Public Order.

Griffith Report on Management in the National Health Service.

Betting Licensing statistics 1982/83.

Parliament

Commons:

Questions: Education and Science, Prime Minister.

Business:

Criminal Law Act 1977 (Amendment) 10-minute rule Bill.

Tenants' Rights etc (Scotland) Bill: 2nd reading.

Opposition Prayers relating to the British Gas Corporation etc and the further disposal of offshore interests.

Parliament contd.

Statements: Mr Fowler on NHS management inquiry (Griffith Report).
Mr Jenkin on nuclear waste dispersal.

Lords: Debate on a motion to take notice of the Statement on the
Defence Estimates 1983.

Announcements:

Appointment of new chairman of Enterprise Oil.
Changes to Consumer Credit Acts.
New Dean of Manchester.

Ministers - see Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Lebanon

- Death toll approaches 300; Italian contingent will stay - Cabinet reaffirms
- Mitterrand and Reagan refuse to be beaten by terrorists and US sends in more Marines; Foreign Ministers of MNF 4 to meet, perhaps to widen base of force; we send General Kitson to review our security.
- Denis Healey says our men are just sitting ducks; MPs from all sides call for pull out and pressure mounting on Reagan.
- Our troops help bomb victims.
- Sun says Reagan promises revenge against Ayatollah; considering dropping neutrality in war with Iraq.
- Mail says it all seems gruesomely familiar - we know what it is like because we have our own Lebanon - Ulster - on our doorstep. One difference: Americans have been there for 14 months; we for 14 years.
- Jon Akass, in Express, says that as a result of blast we are all a little less human than we were and to this extent are all victims of assassins.
- Telegraph - Parliamentary sketch writer says Foreign Secretary went to dispatch box yesterday without answers to burning question - what on earth are we doing in the Lebanon?
- Lebanon reconciliation conference due to open in Geneva next Monday; Guardian lead with story about Lebanese factories deploring bombing.
- FT says if MNF is to stay, it cannot as ally of one party in Lebanon's long running Civil War. It can only be justified if it is in support of a mere broadly based Government and Reagan should press for this.

Grenada

- HMS Antrim standing by as precaution.
- US helicopters reported to have landed on nearby islands - as part of options being built up.
- Caribbean Community split over joint military intervention; Grenada military regime says it is willing to fight to last man.

Falklands

- D/Star says garrison is sore about Army's new super boot.
- New social provisions promised for troops - Sun's report on Government reply to Select Committee.
- Hardship pay ruled out for the moment - Mail.
- Guardian leader says we are ploughing billions into sodden t *wf* for want of anything we could call a policy.

Defence

- Guardian says Government orders a leak inquiry into its story about Cruise arrival and deployment.

Russia says she is preparing to target new nuclear missiles on Western Europe in East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

- Express says 16 Cruise will be delivered to Greenham Common in 3 weeks' time, but they could become immobile, trapped by public opposition in concrete bunker - except, of course, at a time of conflict.
- More than 1,100 arrested in anti-nuclear protests in USA.
- Telegraph leader continues to press for dual key.
- Journalists restive over restrictions, including censorship, on trial exercise.
- Times says immediate task is to hold the line but while that is being done political leaders have to decide what line is being held and whether it is tenable, militarily or politically.

Industry

- Jaguar in £80m robotics link-up with Japanese firm; Rolls Royce workers at Crewe on strike over 4% pay offer.
- B/Rail told to speed up savings.
- D/Star says instead of widening campaign against privatisation POEU should drop its monopolies; always resist change but why shouldn't competition improve efficiency in this case?
- POEU claims sell off will leave our system at mercy of foreigners; decision on whether to sack 19 disruptive engineers put back to November
- Mail leader says if Ian MacGregor (NCB) is tough he is also straight without bluff or haggle.
- Miners know they will be only ones to suffer from overtime ban. Any pitman worth his productivity bonus can see militancy is an uneconomic seam.
- Guardian says two new sites for dumping nuclear waste - Billingham and Beds - will be announced today.

- Harland and Wolff to announce new co-operative agreement with Japanese shipbuilder.
- Crown Agents admit they have informed staff, some earning £25,000, to stay home because there is no work following loss of Brunei contract.
- Isle of Man to open freeport on November 9.

10,000 pints of long life milk held at Portsmouth since September 6; Consumers' Association wants changes in court to allow it in.

- British Airways may be sold a year earlier than planned - Times.
 - Professor Gower expected to recommend self regulation to protect investor
- Public Expenditure/Economy

- Express leader suggests that hiding behind skirts of a "Star Chamber" title is rather an un-Thatcher-like thing to do - especially one comprising Messrs Whitelaw, Younger and Biffen; not heartened by late addition of Mr Tebbit. Commends Truman's motto - "The buck stops here".
- Mr Lawson tells Brussels we are close to our target spend for next year of £126.4bn - no reason to doubt decision will be fulfilled.
- Five leading West German economic research institutes cautious on growth next year - Telegraph.
- ITEM forecast in Guardian however forecasts boom consumption producing 3.75% growth in 1983 which will fade slowly; inflation below 6%; continui rise in unemployment.
- Peter Hennessey in Times notes William Plowden as saying that by killing Think Tank you have turned clock back 61 years to 1922 when Lloyd George left No 10 with garden suburb.
- Inland Revenue to close 164 provincial offices.

Local Government

- Row rumbles on over exclusion of press from Water Authority meetings.
- Islington Council drops, at Government insistence, pressure on firm receiving grants to require employees to belong to union.
- Local authorities to appeal today to residential workers to end dispute

Housing

- Mirror says cheaper mortgages are on the way; top building societies set to cut rate by 1% next month; Abbey National to lead on December 1.
- Times says pressures on societies to cut rates is certainly mounting.

Education

- Sun attacks as mean and nasty call by Left wing teachers at Wandsworth comprehensive for pupils to sneak on those who tell racist jokes.
- Express on DES call for employers to help teach numeracy says responsibility of teachers is to teach; trying to spread responsibility for failure won't help.

NHS

- Sun feature on NHS - should it be cut? Shows we are low in table of spending on health - figures not disputed by Kenneth Clarke.
- Family doctors accused of running up a large part of £2bn a year drugs bill by wildly extravagant prescriptions.
- Hospital catering official in Pontefract jailed for 2 years for £21,000 food and drink theft.

Law and Order

- 18 year old girl spared by killer of father, mother and brother in Sheffield house after wedding of other daughter.
- Trial opens of Dennis Nielsen who is alleged to have admitted 16 killing
- Charles Richardson, former gang leader, back in jail after taking a longer weekend off because, it is said, he fell ill - Express says he has hangover.

- Mr Brittan orders inquiry into prison discipline.
- London Commissioner says high unemployment among young can give terrorists fertile ground for cultivation; and speaks of difficulties of policing multi-racial areas.
- 7 police officers, including some cracking down on late drinking, found in 2am raid on bar in Manchester.
- Confusion over whether police think body in Suffolk is that of wife of Essex doctor - some papers say police are sure it is woman's body.
- Trial of De Lorean postponed indefinitely after CBS shows on TV film of his arrest.

Northern Ireland

- 7 men cleared after IRA supergrass withdraws evidence; Attorney General in Written Answer defends use of supergrasses.
 - Part-time soldier killed in terrorist ambush on his farm.
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Police and Criminal Evidence Bill

- D/Star - while Home Secretary is about it, what about protecting child victims of assault from court ordeal.
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Media

- BBC postpones decision to sack 9 disruptive technicians in expenses row; now seeking freelancers to do camera work at outside broadcasts.
- TUC warns SOGAT 82 that it faces expulsion for its defiance in electricians' row in Fleet Street.
- Telegraph says Cabinet Office rebuffs First Division Association's plans for less secrecy.

Race

- West Indian families leaving Britain at rate of 300 a month, according to black Birmingham magistrate - "racial prejudice has risen sharply".

Politics

- Sun urges MP in court case accusation of sex scandal photos to speak up.
- Sun leader wants Government to be even handed over political levy and include companies/shareholders in legislation.
- Tribune Group removes John Silkin from list of approved candidates.
- Frank Joberson, in Times, commenting on House's new green carpet and Labour's new green leader, says both will be much walked over in the months ahead.

Cenotaph

- David Owen furious because he will not be allowed to lay wreath on Cenotaph - "petty and partisan".

People

- Mrs Gerry Fitt gets Women of Courage Award from Woman's Own today.

Spain - 5 holidaymakers from Barnsley, accused of street fight in Benidorm, held in jail for 5 days; want FCO inquiry.

Iran - says it has launched second phase of its new offensive against Iraq who says this will be last battle of Gulf war.

Vatican - Law employees threaten to strike for first time in history.

Ministers:

Mr Jopling speaks at the Bacon and Meat Manufacturers' Association annual lunch, Savoy Hotel.

Mr Heseltine attends Headmasters' conference, RAF Cranwell.

Mr Newton launches British Disabled Sports Council, Royal Commonwealth Society.

Mr Patten visits Brompton Hospital.

Mr MacGregor lunches with British Starch Association.

Mr Brooke visits City of London Polytechnic.

Mr Shaw speaks at the British Nuclear Forum, Sudbury House.

Lord Gray attends meeting of agriculture Ministers and NFU on HLCA, London.

Mr Fletcher speaks to Security Industry Council on self-regulation, London.

Mrs Chalker gives interview to Market Research Survey on seat belts and attends Motor Agents' Association annual dinner, Dorchester Hotel.

Mr Moore speaks at Unit Trusts Association annual dinner.

TV/Radio:

'Utopia Limited' - Channel 4: "Food for All" - first of 4-part examination of Third World issues (1830).