

PRIME MINISTER

Main Events:

Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the 4 MNF powers, Paris.

The Queen opens Voluntary Service Overseas scheme silver jubilee exhibition, Commonwealth Institute.

Prince of Wales visits "Project Full-employ", Ludgate Hill and attends Sir Frank Whittle memorial dinner, RAF Bentley Prior.

Princess of Wales opens the West Indian Family Centre, Brixton.

House of Commons debate on the NHS.

Press conference on Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

White Paper on police complaints procedure published.

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White Paper on Independent Prosecution Service for England and Wales, published.

NATO Nuclear Planning Group meeting, Ottawa.

European Parliament, Strasbourg, votes on Community 1984 budget.

Central conference of Chief Constables.

CBI conference on early leavers' pensions.

CBI launches survey of wholesale and retail sectors of the economy.

NCB/NUM talks on miners' overtime ban.

Outcome of Labour Party shadow cabinet ballot.

OPEC monitoring committee meeting, Vienna.

Council by-elections - Barnsbury, Holloway and St Peter's wards - Islington.

Presidential and parliamentary elections, Zambia.

Publication of Nigel West's "MI6".

Statistics:

Overseas travel and tourism (Aug).
Energy trends (Aug).
Quarterly estimate of employees in employment (3rd qtr).
Unemployment and unfilled vacancies (Sept-final).
Employment in the production industries (Aug-prov).
Stoppages of work due to industrial disputes (Sept-prov).
Overtime and short-time working in manufacturing industries (Aug).
1981 Census - national migration.
Deaths by cause, 1982.

Publications:

HMI report on the social work course at Plymouth Polytechnic.
Property Law and Land Registration.
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) quarterly report on selected cases 1983; Vol 14; 1983/84; 2nd report.
Annual report of the New Towns Development Corporation 1982/83.
Commission for New Towns annual report 1982/83.
Statistical Bulletin on Home Care Services, day care establishments and day services 1982.

Pay:

Local authorities/APT and C (non-manual) staff: employers' response to claim

Parliament
Commons

Questions: Treasury, Prime Minister.

Business: Debate on the NHS.
Ways and Means resolutions on oil taxation.

Lords: Occupiers' liability Bill (HL): Committee.
Equal Pay (Amendment) Regulations: Motion for Approval.
Merchant Shipping (Misc. Provisions) Bill(HL): Committee.
Lotteries (Amendment) Bill(HL): Committee.
British Museum Act 1963 (Amendment) Bill(HL): 2nd reading.

Ministers - see Annex

Grenada

- Barbados Premier repeats we were informed of invasion plan last Friday - believes there is a lack of information at the top.
- Mrs Charles, Dominica, says Governor-General asked for invasion - Parliamentary Questions to follow.
- Reagan sends in more troops and gunships as fighting continues, even though Castro says Cuba has given up.
- CND says "What on earth does a Cruise missile veto mean when you can't stop an American invasion?"
- Healey rams home your humiliation - Mirror; Sir Geoffrey won't condemn invasion; US lose 6 dead, 8 missing.
- High Commissioner of Barbados to fly in today with officials to help with departure of Britons; 2 Britons and 59 Americans already flown to USA.

- D/Star says heads look certain to roll in Whitehall over fiasco; Government had to admit US didn't even bother to listen before sending in Marines. Queen furious about lack of information from No 10 and FCO. Questions over Baroness Young and Ray Whitney.
- "My Island Fear by Queen" - Queen told you of her deep concern about US invasion; US says they did not believe Grenadian assurances about safety of Americans. Row re-opens feud between you and FCO that has raged since Falklands. Congressmen call on Reagan to pull out; Reagan is stunned by international backlash from Sweden, France, Holland, China. New Zealand and South Korea support.
- Mirror leads with Reagan sends more troops; Cubans are smashed but island army battles on. But US on verge of taking control. Bishop was afraid of CIA ploy to overthrow him for 2 months before he was killed in coup. West Germany would have advised against if consulted.
- Express. Was Maggie kept in the dark? Officials of FCO accused of not passing on invitation to join invasion force last Friday.
- Mail leads with "The FO got it wrong again". Maggie was kept in dark. Rift with America being blamed by MPs on new FCO blunder. You resent way the affair has been handled by FCO, but you are putting your energies into minimising harm caused to Anglo-US relations; we were urged to send SAS well before invasion.
- Telegraph leads with Cubans in last stand; Grenada jail holding; Governor rescued. Weinberger says operation is going extremely well.
- Guardian leads with Howe pilloried over US 'blunder'. Fierce fighting but Cubans surrender. Whitehall effort to avoid split among western allies. From Washington - few signs Reagan Administration has any idea of thunderous effect of its invasion on British Government.

- Times - Howe refuses to condemn Reagan. Cubans stop fighting. 6 US deaths. Governor asked for help. US begins evacuation. Sir Geoffrey acquitted himself to satisfaction of all but his most hostile hearers on charge of misleading House. Robert Rhodes James abstained in disgust. American gunboat diplomacy Godsend to Kremlin.
- FT - Resistance 'overcome' in Grenada invasion. Six Americans dead. Condemnation mounts. Howe refuses to criticise US. Britain will not publicly condemn USA or support such a resolution at UN - Sir Geoffrey. Queen becoming deeply involved.
- Guardian leader says on the second day it looked no better. You have opportunity henceforth to become more of your own woman. There is a better, freer and more necessary role for you; if Sir Geoffrey had been a West End musical he would have folded after the first night - a shade better yesterday but defending untenable case. But mildest evidence of certainty or conviction missing, in contrast to your performance on Tuesday.
- Times says disagreement must be seen as evidence of need to redouble efforts to bridge broader differences in Alliance.

Comment

D/Star under heading "A sorry state of affairs", says whether Reagan was right to invade depends on outcome - ie. if Army swiftly hands island back to Governor-General. How he is going to mend his fences with Britain is another matter. US put you in impossible position. But even with that excuse Foreign Secretary's explanations remarkably lame.

Sun: Anglo-American partnership will survive family quarrel; we have too much in common and too much at stake to allow lasting damage. This country will always have warmest feelings for people of USA.

Mirror, under heading "Outrage", says USA deceived us. Catalogue of deceit and invasion to conceal an attack on a tiny island in chaos. No evidence any US citizens were in danger. Reagan has embarked on policy of picking off revolutionary governments anywhere remotely near USA; Terence Lancaster says it was another awful day for Sir Geoffrey who refused to criticise invasion.

Express, under heading "The Worst of Both Worlds", says it is not Americans trust or resolution that is in doubt today but our clear sightedness; our resolve; our alertness that look suspect. Difficult to over-estimate how foolish your Government has made itself look. Perhaps there is very good reason for Government's stance, but it has not been advanced so far. "Wait and see" attitude politically disastrous. We must back the US-led invasion force; George Gale says we have weakened ourselves and West - and your Government has weakened itself - in not going in with our chief ally.

Mail, under heading "Ineffectual and Unconvincing", says to put it mildly this has not been your finest hour. Government's response to crisis has been ineffectual. We were not acting but reacting. Why no verbal support for intervention? From your past actions most would have assumed you would have backed military intervention. What were your reservations and doubts? In South Atlantic you showed heart of a lion; in South Caribbean you have behaved like lamb which has lost its way; Andrew Alexander believes Foreign Secretary was on whole marginally worse yesterday than on Tuesday.

Telegraph says Foreign Secretary has extricated himself from serious charge of misleading House, but it may be he was less than frank. One doesn't have to do too much reading between the lines to deduce that the Government is pretty livid especially about snub. But Sir Geoffrey, sensibly forebore any temptation to condemn Americans. Galling, of course, to play such a passive role, but after our withdrawal we have no right to expect to influence events in Caribbean. Inevitable US should have filled vacuum. Difficult to see how differently Sir Geoffrey could have played things; Parliamentary sketch writer says rarely has our modern unimportance in world affairs been so brutally underlined.

FT - Deeply disquieting. Raises profound questions about the confidence that European allies can have in the responsibility of the Reagan Administration. Invasion may be justified on humanitarian grounds but to extent its real purpose was to restore democracy. Americans have been trampling where they have no business to go. More US indulges in ill-considered unilateral actions the more essential it is that European allies should concert their own policies.

Politics

- Labour up 11% in Gallup Poll to narrow Tories' lead to 7% - 42.5/35.5/20.
- Michael Cocks, not Kinnock's favourite, elected Opposition Chief Whip on third ballot.
- Labour Party expels Tariq Ali.

Health

- Mail says Griffiths report and its adoption, promises a sensible course of treatment for NHS and offers hope of improvement.

Economy

- Healthy trade balance in September - with second highest level of exports. British car exports rose £44m to £119m.
- D/Star says unnamed Whitehall experts have warned unemployment could rise by another 250,000 over next 2-3 years.
- Telegraph foresees a smooth run for Chancellor to Budget with fall in inflation rates.
- Sweden slashes welfare in shock budget because of worsening of economy.
- Sir George Young hints (Guardian) that spending on city riot spots may be cut - no promise of exemption.

Industry

- Sun, reporting on classes for good manners for B/Rail staff, say they are still rude.
- Government agrees to allow UHT milk into Britain from Continent.
- Government expected to announce today £250m sale of half its remaining holding in Cable and Wireless.
- Japanese brought in by Swan Hunter to speed up work on replacement of Atlantic Conveyor which is behind schedule.

Defence

- Andropov says Geneva arms talks will be halted by deployment.
- Prospect of early Warsaw Pact Summit in Moscow.
- Guardian says Andropov will insist on unified intermediate and inter-continental talks in future.

- Row in qualities over war reporting rules in exercise in West Germany
- Army officer says rules are unbeyable.

Unions/Pay

- Football will be blacked out this weekend because of dispute.
- Mail highlights the saddest dispute - that involving residential homes staff - and asks who really cares for children in those homes.
- TUC will suspend SOGAT '82 unless it returns EEPTU members in Fleet St within a week.

Labour Law

- Little or no coverage of Trade Union Bill in D/Star, Sun, Express.
- Mirror - Tories unveil tough union curbs.
- Mail - King takes on shop floor militants.
- Telegraph, page 1, with "Union Bill plan for secret strike ballots".
- Shell wins High Court picketing case against workers picketing a refinery with which they were not in dispute.
- Guardian says TUC recoils as Tom King unveils Bill - ill-conceived;
Times - Union Bill emphasises role of secret ballots.

Housing

- Paul Foot, Mirror, says Vivian Bendall MP says he will be protesting about cut in improvement grants.

Arts

- Drastic review being embarked upon by Arts Council.

Race

- Cliff Richard, Rod Stewart join Shirley Bassey, Spike Milligan and Frank Sinatra among 200 entertainers on UN blacklist for performing in South Africa.

Northern Ireland

- Supergrass Robert Lean freed after retracting evidence.

International

Germany: Mail says Bonn is following your lead and selling shares in State industries.

Argentine: Over 1m take to streets to salute end of 7 years of military rule.

Lebanon - Mauroy calls for UN force; Marines under fire as Bush arrives.

Education

- Conservative criticism of proposal to bring back grammar schools in Redbridge.

Law and Order

- Letter bomb for Tom King intercepted by Post Office - Glasgow.
- Police believe murderer of Sheffield family of 3 also killed Burnley solicitor.
- D/Star says police may get SAS-style training after Stephen Waldorf incident.
- Sun commenting on life for London mugger says this shows laws are already tough, what we need are judges tough enough to use them.
- Move to limit jailing of fine defaulters.
- Yorkshire Ripper fails in court to avoid bankruptcy.
- 5 women die in East End factory fire - all Pakistanis from same family.
- Britain accused^{with USSR} by Amnesty International of misusing statements about human rights (in our case over Argentine) for political purposes.

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Ministers

Mr Heseltine attends NATO Nuclear Planning Group meeting, Ottawa.

Mr Brittan, Mr Hurd and Mr Mellor give press conference on the Police Bill.

Mr Walker speaks to House of Commons Energy Committee.

Mr Jenkin presents Carpenters' Awards, City of London.

Mrs Fenner attends Food Additives and Contaminants Committee lunch, London.

Lord Belstead speaks as guest of honour at the annual lunch of the Cake and Biscuit Alliance and the Cocoa, Chocolate and Confectionary Alliance, London

Mr Pattie visits Dean Instruments, Ascot.

Mr Lee meets Governor of Gibraltar.

Lord Avon begins energy conservation tour of South Wales.

Mr Shaw attends Nottinghamshire Coal Board dinner.

Mr Macfarlane speaks at Victorian Society annual general meeting, London.

Mr Raison speaks at Churches and Development conference, Reading.

Mr Mitchell attends Trinity House lunch in honour of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of London.

Mr Newton speaks at Motability AGM followed by presentation of cars.

Dr Boyson hosts reception for Cypriot Minister for Social Security, Admiral Buildings.

Lord Gray opens cheese processing plant, Stranraer.

Mr Stewart meets Gordon Brown MP for talks on fisheries control, London.

Mr Patten visits Yorkshire Regional Health Authority.

Lord Glenarthur visits Farleigh Hospital, Bristol.

Mr Lamont speaks at British Plastics Federation jubilee dinner, London.

Mr Trippier opens new Enterprise Agency, Bromley.

Mr Moore speaks at London Leasing Co Ltd dinner.