

PRIME MINISTER

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Main Events:

You meet Moderator of the Church of Scotland.

Your statement on the European Council.

7th round of Sino-British talks on the future of Hong Kong begin, Peking.

NALGO 1-day strike in support of residential social workers.

NEDC meets.

NATO Defence Planning Committee meeting, Brussels.

Breathalyser print-out Appeal Court hearing.

Quadripartite Berlin meeting, Brussels.

Western and Japanese consortium meets to discuss aid for Pakistan, Paris.

OPEC Ministerial meeting, Geneva.

Prime Minister of Uganda, Mr Allinadi, begins visit to UK.

Prince of Wales visits Moorside School and the Washington Waterfowl Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and opens new Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Sub-Centre, Tynemouth.

Princess of Wales visits Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Activities Centre, Southampton, and attends performance of Carmen by the Welsh National Opera Company, Dominion Theatre.

World Communication Year Conference opens, London.

FIFA draw for 1986 World Cup, Zurich.

Sir William Rees-Mogg opens Members' Art Exhibition, House of Commons.

Statistics:

Provisional Energy statistics.
UK balance of payments (3rd qtr).

Publications:

Public Accounts Committee - Financial effects of strike action by civil servants in HM Customs & Excise - VAT.
Report on NHS pharmaceutical supplies.

Pay:

Local Authority APT&C staff: discussions on London weighting to continue.
Engineering Construction Industry/AUEW, TGWU, GMWU manuals: further negotiating meetings.

Parliament

Commons

Questions: Foreign & Commonwealth Office; Trade and Industry.

Business: 10-Minute Rule Bill: Powers of Criminal Courts (Amendment).
Second Reading of the Town and Country Planning Bill.
Debate on European Community documents on Fisheries.
Motion on EC documents relating to noise at work.
The dismissal of a nursing sister at Falkirk Royal Infirmary (Adjournment Debate).

Select

Committees:

HOUSE OF COMMONS (SERVICES) COMPUTER SUB-COMMITTEE: Information Technology - Members' requirements. (Witnesses: Dr Jeremy Bray MP, Mr Paddy Ashdown MP).
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: Memorandum from the Comptroller and Auditor General - Manpower control; reviewing the need for work. (Witnesses: D/Environment - Sir George Moseley KCB, Permanent Secretary; HM Customs & Excise - Mr Angus Fraser CB, Chairman; Mr Stuart Gilbert, Director).

Lords:

Debate on the situation of the ethnic and religious minorities in Great Britain.
Female Circumcision Bill: Committee Stage.
Debate on ethnic and religious minorities.
Question on psychiatric hospitals, Epsom.

Ministers - see Annex

PRESS DIGEST

EC Athens fiasco and mounting Middle East concern capture most column inches.

EC

- All papers report the collapse of the Athens Summit with no agreement reached on anything. The Community likely to run short of money next Autumn. Euro Parliament may well block next year's budget or at least freeze UK's £457m refund. Times leader "no further on" says PM may be tempted to sit back and wait but she should take a "more active conciliatory line". Mail headlines "market of muddlers" and John Ellison in the Express says "Maggie de Gaulle is the only leader with courage to save Europe". Guardian leader says for once time is on Mrs T's side. Mirror sees the Community as "a dream divided". Labour Party says "withhold payments"; David Owen says "stand firm". Some feeling that the prospect of Community bankruptcy will drive Members to the negotiating table.

MIDDLE EAST

- Papers report mounting pressure for UK to pull out its 110 troops. Italy to decide tonight. Luce returns early from Middle East. Biffen says Lebanon will figure in PM's Commons Statement today and Kinnock wants troops home by Christmas. Times leader says calls for withdrawal are "understandable but wrong" - British and Italians doing a job which is appreciated by "almost all parties in Lebanon". Express opinion is that it is "not the time to pull out". Mail comments no unilateral withdrawal but thinks France, Italy and Britain have common cause to warn Reagan. Mirror picks up BBC claim that attack on British Forces last Friday was "kept secret" but MoD denies cover up. Star thinks "our troops should stay" but see "danger from trigger happy Reagan". Guardian sees US diplomatic effort to repair damage over lack of consultation and military "stepping up" as Reagan's special Middle East envoy, Donald Rumsfeld, comes to London today. Shultz agrees to Italian request for Foreign Ministers to meet in margins of NATO tomorrow. FT leader says we "must have some say in policy".

DEFENCE

- Guardian and Times note Heseltine's request to IBA to appear after the film "The Day After" to redress the balance of the film's political message. Heseltine invited to take part in Yorkshire TV post-film discussion programme and IBA sees no role for itself in negotiations between MoD and YTV.
- Telegraph reports Thatcher's reply to Andropov letter was delivered to the Kremlin yesterday.

POLITICS

- Papers note Prior joining Pym in "internal debate"/Thatcher blast in article for Oxford Union Conservative Association. He calls for national leadership, action to tackle unemployment and is against tax cuts at the expense of welfare spending.

ARGENTINE

- Star sees crisis ahead as US decides in principle to resume sales of weapons to Argentine.
- Telegraph reports FCO pressing for message of support to be sent to new Argentine government and resumption of diplomatic relations.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Mirror has centre page spread on "the widow-maker" armalite rifle used in at least 22 Ulster shootings. The gun was made in America where IRA sympathisers raised £3m a year in donations.
- Guardian draws attention to Sir John Herman, RUC Chief, admitting to there being an inquiry into the Dowra Affair.

ENERGY

- Times says Ministers have been told by Electricity Council that they can meet their EFL without putting up prices before next autumn and then by less than 1%.
- Yamani expects today's OPEC meeting in Geneva to be quiet with no

change in prices or production quotas.

CIVIL SERVICE

- Times notices pamphlet "making ends meet" published by CSU and the Low Pay Unit emphasising need to protect/help the low paid Civil Servants - one in four have incomes of less than £100 a week.
- Guardian and Times focus on SCPS conference on the implications of the lie detector. Opposition mounts and letter from MPO ruling out further talks with staff on the plans for pilot scheme for GCHQ lie detector tests is revealed.

GRENADA

- Times draws attention to departure of Anthony Rushford - Attorney General in interim administration - without telling Governor General. Some members of the administration apparently upset by Rushford's assumption of spokesman role. Star wonder "who's in charge" and quotes Rushford saying Scoon appointed himself "saviour".

TRANSPLANT BREAKTHROUGH

- Lars Ljungberg, Swedish sports journalist, gets Britain's first lung and heart transplant at Harefield Hospital.

LAW AND ORDER

- Wide coverage for Mervyn Russell convicted killer freed by Court of Appeal after 7 years in jail whose case was taken up by BBC television series "Rough Justice".

PM

- American panel vote PM into second place to find "world's most impressive lips".



ROMOLA CHRISTOPHERSON

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DHSS: Mr Fowler speaks at the British Chamber of Commerce Economic and Industrial Committee, Cafe Royal (19.00)
- HO: Mr Brittan speaks at City of London Police lunch, Guildhall
- WO: Mr Edwards visits Royal Smithfield Show (10.45)
- DTI: Mr Tebbit launches World Communication Year Conference, Royal Lancaster Hotel, London
- SO: Mr Younger visits Royal Smithfield Show and dines with ICI directors, London
- DTp: Mr Ridley lunches with Central Transport Consultative Committee, Charing Cross Hotel (12.45)
- DES: Mr Brashe gives keynote speech at Young Blood conference, Barbican (11.00)
- DEN: Lord Avon addresses BNF Metals Conference, Sheffield
- HO: Mr Hurd speaks to Queen Mary College Conservative Society
- DTI: Mr Baker launches IT and Retail Industries Mobile Van, Royal Garden Hotel, London
- DTp: Mr Mitchell attends Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fisherman lunch, Durrants Hotel (12.45)
- DTp: Mrs Chalker opens Chertsey to Wisley section of M25 (am); and addresses Greater London Group of Conservative MPs on heavy lorries, House of Commons (17.30)
- DOE: Mr Gow visits Barratt's Regency Retirement Apartments at Oaklands Development, Waterlooville
- DOE: Sir George Young opens de Montfort Housing Society Scheme, Leicester
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor and Mrs Fenner visit the Royal Smithfield Show, Earls Court
- DHSS: Mr Newton visits Portsmouth Artificial Limb and Appliance Centre (09.30)
- ODA: Mr Raison meets Ugandan Prime Minister, Mr Allimadi; and attends Royal Commonwealth Society colloquium on the Report; "Towards a New Bretton Woods: Challenge for the World Financial and Trading System"
- DTI: Mr Trippier visits Production Engineering Research Association of Great Britain, Melton Mowbray
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MAJOR VISITS

- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe attends NATO ministerial meeting, Brussels (until 9 Dec)
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TV AND RADIO

"The Reith Lectures 1983"; BBC Radio 4; penultimate Reith Lecture given by Sir Douglas Wass (19.45)

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4; "Health and Mr Fowler"; includes interview with Mr Fowler about the Governments policy towards the NHS (20.45)
