

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen holds an Investiture, Buckingham Palace

Prince of Wales visits new offices of Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, London W8

Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield food poisoning public hearing opens Wakefield, (10.30)

WINTEX Exercise (to 13 March)

National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers half-day strike

Members of the Environment Select Committee visit Hampton Court Palace

STATISTICS

DTI: Balance of payments current account and overseas trade figures (Jan)

PUBLICATIONS

PAY

DEM: Agricultural Wages Board; (250,000); claim for 57 per cent increase in farm workers' basic wage; settlement date 3.6.85

DEM: NHS Maintenance Workers Builders operatives; (9,400); claim to be presented; settlement date 1.4.85

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Constitutional Reform (Scotland)
(Mr J Home Robertson)
Water Fluoridation Bill: Conclusion of Remaining Stages
Motion on the British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers
Adjournment Debate
The Withdrawal of local authorities facilities from pupils attending independent schools (Mr M Knowles)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

Select Committee EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS
 Subject: Achievement in Primary Schools
 Witness: National Association of Inspectors and
 Education Advisers

JOINT COMMITTEE
 Petition Against Okehampton By-pass Special Procedure
 Orders

Lords Cinemas Bill (HL)(Consolidation): Third Reading
 Highland Region (Kinlochbervie) Order Confirmation Bill: Consideration
 on Report
 Enduring Powers of Attorney Bill (HL): Third Reading
 National Heritage (Scotland) Bill: Committee
 Milk (Cessation of Production) Bill: (Money Bill): Third Reading
 Draft Amendments to Potato Marketing Scheme 1955 Motions for
 Approval
 Potatoes (Assured Markets) Order 1985
 Potatoes (Protection of Guarantees) Order 1985
 UQ on whether HMG are satisfied that the new proposals for the
 control and management of financial and investment services in the
 City of London, set out in their White Paper (Cmnd 9432), will
 promote the interests of individual small shareholders

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTCOAL STRIKE

- Record return to work - 3807; 1312 in Yorkshire; 552 in South Wales doubling number back there; but Scargill says it was a flop.
- Notts vote to end overtime ban immediately - expected to lead to breakaway from NUM.
- Sun says only another 1726 men need to go back to work to pass the 50% mark.
- TUC say it will continue to try to promote a negotiated settlement.
- NUM executive to meet Thursday.
- D/Star - Pits: the boot goes in. Record return hits Scargill; comment: everyone knows the end of the road has been reached except Scargill.
- Sun 3807 - Your number is up at last, Arthur; comment the brightest day of hope since the strike began a year ago. Meanwhile Scargill, like an ageing actress, rushes from one stunt to another to avoid reality. Long since qualified as the bore of the month. Now fast becoming the joke of the year.

COAL STRIKE (CONT'D)

- Mirror: Scargill cornered. Crisis for miners' leaders as 3800 go back; comment: the trickle is turning into a tide. The strike is irretrievably lost. Miners' decision to reject TUC efforts last week was, in effect, a decision to perish alone.
- Express Miners' turning point as record 3807 go back. 49% at work rocks Scargill. Gets his heaviest pounding; comment: return to work a victory for sanity. With another "flop" like this, NCB will have half its workforce back in days, if not hours. With over half back the sheer futility of this exercise in masochism will be clear to all but a handful.
- Mail 3807 back - and Scargill still calls it a flop; comment: MacGregor should be patient. If he - or you - were to play into his hands by giving an impression of vindictiveness in victory, Scargill's mob oratory would be juiced up once again. Chemistry of disillusion should be given chance to work on itself within the NUM.
- Telegraph: Record return to work. 49% of miners now back. Pressure on NUM to end strike. Ministers resist temptation to crow. Expectation in Whitehall is that the strike will continue for some time yet. Banks sympathetic as strikers face mounting debts; comment: the last rites may be upon us but they promise to be protracted. It advocates central guidelines for handling NUM claims for amnesties for those convicted.
- Guardian - Miners get cold comfort from TUC as 3,800 go back to work. No new initiative promised. Scargill leaves Congress House subdued.
- Times reports a growing desire to organise a return to work. If necessary without a final settlement. South Wales likely to discuss this today. Durham official suggests it would be better to go back to work while they still have a union. Notts end to overtime ban brings breakaway nearer.
- FT: Miners' surge back sparks local calls for orderly return.

£/\$/BUDGET

- Dollar drives £ down to new low of \$1.0560 but holds up well against other currencies.
- Inevitable speculation about the one dollar pound, but no signs of Bank panic.
- Sun man finds he has no difficulty paying his way around London in dollars; Mirror fears for home loan rates.
- Patrick McNair-Wilson calls for the reimposition of exchange controls and higher interest rates.
- Guardian says only the Japanese Government tried to resist the tide. Foreign exchange markets have virtually written off the joint intervention agreement.
- Guardian leader says over-valuation of dollar has become a major source of instability for both the USA and the rest of the financial world - if only because the higher it goes the more cataclysmic will be the eventual fall. What is needed now is concerted intervention to give speculators a short sharp shock.
- Times reports dealers as saying there will be dollar/sterling parity within days. FT says central banks stood by powerless and there are differences in Europe on how vigorously they should act.

INDUSTRY

- Holiday tour operators begin slashing Spanish prices to drum up business Express sees this as the beginning of a free market.
- Graduates best chance of getting a job since 1981 - Graduate Careers Advisory Service.
- National Consumer Council wants new legal curbs on directors whose firms go bust owing customers money.
- Vickers reports 58% increase in pre-tax profits.
- Survey says men on dole spend on average £9 a week on beer.
- BP wants reform of Britain's system of setting North Sea oil prices - BNOC should have more flexible list to limit exposure.
- EEPTU to train Chinese students in electronics and computing.

POLITICS

- Militant Tendency fails to get selected at Gateshead, and thrown out of every post at Glasgow Provan.
- But Labour Party trying to find out how two leading members of Militant Tendency - Grant and Taafe - have been given Islington Labour Party cards after being expelled.

HERITAGE

- Telegraph leader finds the rescue of 3 Grade I country houses faced with break-up - Nostell Priory, Kedleston and Weston Park - a very happy ending

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Patrick Jenkin, in ratecapping debate, warns rebel councils to obey spending limits or face surcharges and sack.
- Kenneth Baker says ratecapping will save Labour Party £67,820 in rates in Southwark.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Open heart surgery at Guy's Hospital to be stopped for up to 4 months to save money, Area Health Authority decides.

EDUCATION

- Teachers' 3 day or half day strikes begin today - and one will be Mrs Kinnock who writes on why "enough is enough" in the Mirror.
- Education director of Croydon says teachers should be marked partly on their pupils' exam results; Express says assessment of teachers is urgentl needed and Ministers cannot go on for much longer pleading with teachers to embrace it voluntarily.

LAW AND ORDER

- Mail says a £1m package of new security measures is being considered to protect you, your Ministers and MPs from attack.
- D/Star, which has been conducting a campaign against violent crime, says the single issue which causes most public anger is lenient sentences.
- Cocaine worth £1.5m seized in street ambush in London yesterday.
- Mirror says Cathy Massiter, ex-MI5 "mole" will not be prosecuted; Times prints full list of her phone tap allegations.
- Mail reports an amazing boom in hush hush insurance policies against kidnap.
- Wheel clamp experiment against illegal parking to be extended for 2 years in London.

MEDIA

- Alasdair Milne makes a long "appeal to good sense" for a £65 licence fee in the Times.

IRELAND

- Sun leader says John Hume made a fool of himself by trying to hold a meeting with the IRA. What did he possibly hope to achieve? Guardian says the meeting has wrecked inter-party talks.
- INLA admit shooting former UDR man in Londonderry.
- New York Times criticises your Congress Speech for giving Protestants an "indefinite veto".

ROYALS

- Big row over 2 page interview in Woman magazine by Prince Charles' former valet who says Prince and Princess of Wales only stay together for the sake of the children.

PEOPLE

- Mail prints picture of 8 Kent Terrace which you are supposed to be interested in buying.
- Lord Hailsham ill and Lords postpone a Bill until he is better.
- Times leader thinks Lord Tonyandy's memoirs are unwise.

FALKLANDS

- Troops in garrison to get their own TV service, run by Services Sound and Vision Corporation from new airport.

FRANCE

- 22 miners killed in Lorraine coalmine explosion.

LIBYA

- Gaddafi, in TV message to Moslem convention in Chicago, urges 400,000 black US soldiers to desert and set up a separate army to destroy whites.

POLAND

- Tit for tat expulsion of military attaches by Poland and USA after US Attache accused of taking photos in military zone.

CHINA

- Preparing a high powered welcome for Lord Young's party and ready for British trade deals.

RUSSIA

- Being told Chernenko is still at the helm.

PAKISTAN

- Mail claims an agent for Pakistan's atomic commission bought 50 triggers for nuclear bombs in USA.

NEW ZEALAND

- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says Lange deserves criticism when he comes here, but he will receive sympathy if he is bullied too obviously.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MOD: Mr Heseltine attends Memorial Service for Gen Sir Brian Horrocks
- DOE: Mr Jenkin presents Conservation Foundation Conservation Awards, London
- DTI: Mr Tebbit addresses Institute of Directors annual convention, London
- MOD: Mr Lee attends Gibraltar Heritage Conference, National Army Museum
- DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith visits BP Welton, Newark
- DEN: Mr Hunt attends breakfast energy efficiency seminar, Hull
- DOE: Mr Gow speaks on priority estates project, London
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits Nature Conservancy Council's new offices, Peterborough
- DHSS: Mr Clarke visits UNICHEM Ltd, Chessington
- DTI: Mr Triopier opens Ashdown Arcade, East Sussex
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DTI: Mr Fletcher visits Germany (one-day visit)
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TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; Radio 4; (19.20): Implications of Gillick judgement on under-age contraception

"Mirrors of Health and Sickness"; Radio 3; (20.15); Contemporary medical problems in the mirror of history
