

19 July 1985

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen opens the remodernised wing of St Dunstan's Training Establishment, Brighton; later attends a Garden Party given by HMV Britannia at HMS Excellent, Whale Island

Prime Minister attends Chief Whip's wedding, London

Princess of Wales visits Army Staff College Camberley

Japanese Premier Nakasone meets M Delors

Football - designation order, Third and Fourth Division clubs

Minister without Portfolio, Lord Young appears on Channel 4's programme, 'Face the Press'

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STATISTICS

CSO: Institutional investment (1st qtr)

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PUBLICATIONS

HoC: House of Commons Commission annual report (11.00)

SO: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland annual report 1983-84 (11.30)

DTI: 'British Business' - market report on Portugal; producer prices statistics

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PAY

DEM: Electricity supply: managers; (1,600); opening negotiating meeting; settlement date 1.4.85

DEM: NHS pharmacy technicians; (2,800); claim is for substantial pay increase worth about 18 per cent; settlement date 1.4.85

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Motion on the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (NI) Order  
Motion on the Nursing Homes and Nursing Agencies (NI) Order  
Motion on the Gas (NI) Order  
Adjournment Debate  
Funding of voluntary aided and church schools (Mr T Baldry)

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTTOP SALARIES

- Labour and trade union leaders react strongly to large rises - Government's way of dividing society (Hattersley). Owen accuses Government of "humbug". Teachers' employers describe the awards as the deadliest Exocet the Government has shot across their bows.
  - "Qualities" make far more of it than "pops".
  - D/Star P2 - Massive pay rise for top people of up to £24,000 a year; makes a mockery of Government's own pay guidelines.
  - Sun P1 - £25,000 rises for top people. "Staggering" increases spark huge row; according to survey highest earners could be collecting double their present salaries if in industry.
  - Mirror doesn't manage to get its indignation on P1. Only on P2 - Storm over top pay rises (of up to £450 a week); leader says all this at a time when teachers are being denied £9 a week. When Treasury are scrapping minimum wages in already low paid industries, these rises are obscene.
  - Express P2 - Sky high rises for top people start pay row.
  - Mail P1 - £500 a week rise for top people. Tory MPs "incredulous".
  - Telegraph P1 lead: Storm over rises for top people; up to 48% for Whitehall chiefs. Many Conservative MPs swift to register their dismay over political insensitivity of announcing rises day after Wages Council reform.
  - Guardian P1: Uproar as top people get fat pay rises.
  - Times P1: Top Civil Servants get up to 46% pay rise by March; leader headed 'Over the top', says you failed to put principle before the grasping demands of the State's servants. You will pay for it as you did for Clegg Instead of responsible effective management of the public sector, there is unrestrained irresponsibility.
  - FT Hattersley angered by top people's pay rises.
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- Guardian feature by Oxford academic says most parts of the public sector have had a cut in real pay under your Government.

1922 COMMITTEE

- Mirror ignores upbeat speech; continued radicalism comes through strongly.
  
- D/Star: Tory Britain in good shape says Maggie. You're more of a Conservative than when you started. Get out and sell Government's successes.
- Sun: Maggie's pep talk a tonic for Tories.
- Express: Maggie's new reforming crusade. You rally battered troops, pledging yourself to win the next election on more radical and reforming policies than anything seen so far; leader says there is time enough for Tories to repair their political fortunes. How successfully they do it will depend on whether they surge forward with the kind of radical Toryism promised in 1979 and 1983 but which has been sadly lacking except in the last few days. For the country's sake this note of vigorous reform must be developed and sustained.
- Mail P1: Maggie - I'm more Tory than ever.
- Telegraph P1 - We stay radical, says Thatcher. Generally warm reception. Suggest worst of unemployment might be past. You were relaxed.
- Guardian P1: Thatcher promises her MPs more of the same. A defiant end-of-term message.
- Times P1 - We have changed face of politics, says Thatcher.
  
- FT: Thatcher pledges further round of radical reforms.

POLITICS

- D/Star claims an exclusive - you are so determined to bring Cecil Parkinson back that you have made it clear only wholesale resignation from 1922 Committee would stop you.
- Julian Critchley, in Sun, puts Norman Tebbit first, Peter Walker second and Michael Heseltine in that order as favourites to succeed you.
- Kinnock urges Jack Dormand to stand as Chief Whip. Times says Kinnock is backing him.
- Guardian analysis of polls, which have been unusually stable for 3 months, shows little difference between sexes where Conservatives marginally lead, but with Labour clearly ahead among young people.
- Times leader says Labour still has no central answer to the individualism of modern Conservatism - what does it really mean these days as an individual to be a Socialist?

INDUSTRY

- Wedgwood to increase labour force at Stoke on Trent by 300 with sales soaring.
- B/Rail taking NUR to court for blacking its privately built diesel rail bus.
- All Scottish miners, sacked during strike, are to have chance to put their case for reinstatement to local pit managers.
- Mail feature on the men who are making fortunes, having started as small businessmen, by getting quoted on Unlisted Securities Market.
- Select Committee says Government's handling of Michael Heseltine's plan to "privatise" Royal Dockyards has been inept and insensitive.
- Shell to get rid of 700 out of 1200 jobs at Carrington, Cheshire, terminal.
- ABTA fines Horizon Holidays £1200 for breach of tour operators' conduct code on cancellation and re-arrangement of holidays; 14 other operators also accused.
- Guardian leader, commenting on calls for an inquiry into miners' riot charges, says the moral case for justice for wrongfully accused miners is demeaned by calls for a blanket amnesty.

ECONOMY

- Hopes of a deficit reducing compromise in USA collapse; sluggish business growth in April-June.
- Malcolm Baldrige, US Commerce Secretary, wants to see 20-25% decline in value of dollar.
- US Democrats threaten Japan, Brazil, Taiwan and South Korea with trade penalties unless they open up their markets.
- Auditor General raises doubts about the effectiveness of the YTS; says £55m may have been wasted on unfilled places.
- Times expects a big increase in youth employment in hotels and restaurants with reform of wages councils.
- German black economy put at 12%.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Audit Commission, in evidence to Widdicombe inquiry says pressure groups are trying to influence councils into supporting them by abuse, threats of violence etc.

MEDIA

- D/Star raises only half a cheer over planned BBC cuts. A long way to go before it can claim to be giving good value for money. The decision to start up more local radio stations shows they are still well divorced from reality. They should also accept adverts on Radio 1.

AIR INDIA

- Mail says doomed jumbo could have been hit by the remains of a Soviet space rocket; three booster rockets, each the size of a dustcart, were re-entering the Earth's atmosphere almost at the same time on the same latitude.

REAGAN

- Expected out of hospital a day early - on Sunday.
- Sun leader, attacking Benn for his criticism about Reagan, says it feels a deal safer with Reagan, sick, old and temporarily on drugs, than with Brother Benn who only drinks tea!

LIVE AID

- George Gale, in Express, says when Geldof rails against Governments he should realise the reason why the West can raise millions for the starving is that they are better governed than in Africa.
- Mail says Tim Raison will return from Ethiopia with a strong plea to keep the Hercules flights going.
- Guardian leader says the people want the Government to do something (more) to help and this is what it can and should do with our money. reach area
- Times leader says Ethiopian Government does not want food supplies to/ controlled by guerrillas.

LAW AND ORDER

- Deputy Assistant Commissioner to lead new Drugs Intelligence Unit. Mirror welcomes this appointment of a "supremo" which it has been demanding for months. You have heeded Mirror's warnings. Let's now see results. Mail sees appointee as ideal choice and tangible proof of how Home Office views drugs danger.
- You vow to fight racism (Sun) in reference to your answer at Questions about the Ilford arson attack.
- Allegations in Mirror that Winchester school is "riddled" with drug taking.
- Record 48,000 in jail.
- Home Office/Treasury agreement on new 24-hour duty solicitor system to represent suspects held in police custody.

SPORT

- Neil Macfarlane says he is astounded at the FA decision to let off Luton and Millwall after March riot.
- Government decides Rugby League must also bring their grounds up to scratch as well as soccer.

EDUCATION

- Sun welcomes your idea of resurrecting direct grant schools. Why not do it in the cause of equal joy - Labour having killed them off in the cause of equal misery.
- Mail adds that your plan to bring back Direct Grant Schools met with mixed reaction yesterday - Radice said it was "July fantasy"; Independent Schools Information Service welcomed it.
- Mail says teachers' unions are to look again at the pay deal they rejected last week.
- Civil servants are working on plan to create a network of independent schools funded by the Government and parents.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Some health authorities cut down on pregnancy testing because of shortage of cash.
- Claims that some unscrupulous landlords are charging guests on social security more than double those paying their own way.
- Study of private health care says it is a £1billion a year business and is too big to be abolished by a Labour Government.
- Guardian says DHSS is putting forward the idea of cuts in sick pay and invalidity benefit under the guise of lifting the burden on small business.



HOUSING

- All housing authorities warned to check safety of high rise balconies after weaknesses are found in Bradford.

RUSSIA

- Express says spectacular comeback of Marshal Ogarkov is a danger to the West.
- Telegraph says FCO is determined to get new Russian Foreign Minister here later this year.

EC

- The man behind plan to buy up our butter mountain is revealed by Telegraph as Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, former Tory MP.
- FT says a French bid to retain control of Eureka initiative failed.

IRELAND

- Guardian says Martin Galvin, Noraid, is almost certain to sneak into Ulste next month.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DES: Sir Keith Joseph addresses annual conference of the Council of Local Education Authorities
- DOE: Mr Jenkin visits Liverpool
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Sevenoaks rotary club
- SO: Mr Younger speaks at Gaelic College, Skye; dines with Editor Glasgow Herald
- DTI: Mr Tebbit tours North West
- MOD: Mr Stanley takes the salute at the Royal Tournament
- DEN: Mr Hunt opens Energy Efficiency Centre 'Keeping Oldham Warm', Oldham; attends signing ceremony of EEC NW energy study, Manchester
- DHSS: Mr Clarke addresses World Congress on Mental Health, Brighton
- FCO: Lady Young addresses English Speaking Union International Conference
- DTI: Mr Pattie addresses CBI Conference, London; addresses American Bar Association conference, London
- DTI: Mr Lamont visits Four Ashes and Wonbourne Industrial Estates, South Staffs
- DTI: Mr Channon meets Kenyan Minister of Commerce, London
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- OAL: Lord Gowrie visits Spain
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TV AND RADIO

- "What the Papers Say"; Channel 4; (20.00): Hugo Young looks at the week's press
- "A Week in Politics"; Channel 4; (20.15): With Peter Jay
- "Any Questions?"; Radio 4; (20.45): With Esther Rantzen, Rt Hon David Owen MP, Admiral Sir James Eberle, Chris Patten
- "Commercial Breaks"; BBC 2 TV; (22.25): Space Salvage: Update. How the rescue of two satellites in space by American Shuttle astronauts was planned and executed
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