

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets Bishop Tutu and Sir Sonny Ramphal

Prince of Wales attends Commonwealth Development Corporation board meeting, London; Princess of Wales attends Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists luncheon, London

Foreign Secretary visits Bonn

OPEC meets Vienna

NUM to seek lifting of receivership order

Foreign Secretary addresses Foreign Affairs Institute, Bonn

STATISTICS

DEM: Unemployment and unfilled vacancies (September)

DOE: Housing starts and completions (August)

PUBLICATIONS

CRFS: Annual report of Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies (11.00)

PAY

DEM: NHS maintenance workers - electricians and plumbers; (7,300); claim is for parity with Electrical Contracting Industry rates; settlement date 1.8.85

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTLABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

- Inhabited - or haunted - by lions, donkeys and jackals.
- D/Star says the donkeys (Left) won the vote but the jackals (Kinnock & Co) won the jungle war.
- Kinnock loses vote on reimbursement of NUM fines, though is not encumbered with it as mandatory party policy; compromise reached on handling of Liverpool City chaos.
- Kinnock blocks Skinner as chairman of next year's conference.

- Labour claims Kinnock's speech on Tuesday was a tonic for recruitment. Meanwhile, Labour votes to scrap nuclear power.
- Sun says Kinnock yesterday finally smashed Scargill's stranglehold on the Labour Party but also reports Left plotting revenge.
- Mirror says boss man Kinnock turned it on again; Ken Livingstone urges Left to stop their vicious, personal attacks on leader. Reports that Labour moderates are trying to get Hatton expelled from party - AUEW demanding an inquiry into his links with Militants.
- Express notes that Benn launched a full blown counter attack against Kinnock.
- Telegraph reports it straight - Scargill defeats Kinnock in bitter debate on cash for NUM.
- Guardian says Kinnock won the second round of his fight to prepare the party for the next election.
- Times: Scargill wins vote but fails to affect Labour manifesto.
- FT: Kinnock loses vote but reasserts authority.

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCEComment

- D/Star says the Militants were ruthlessly cut down to size and Kinnock has emerged as a leader with real clout; Joe Ashton, in D/Star, says Kinnock not only mugged the loony Left but exposed them for the thugs they are.
- Sun, under heading "Not enough to be brave" says Kinnock's speech was brave and brilliant. The only pity is that he didn't say what he did yesterday during the miners' strike. But for all his guts he is still out of step with union activists and constituency extremists. How do we know whether as Prime Minister he would ever be allowed to be his own master? One speech has changed nothing.
- Mirror says extremists are losing their stranglehold on the Labour Party. This more than anything is Kinnock's triumph. Joe Haines says Scargill blew it yesterday. Keith Waterhouse says however that "Divided we Stand" remains, for many, Labour's motto.
- Express says the NUM issue will not go away - Scargill will see to that. Having bluffed its way to power Labour would start implementing policies which would warm the cockles of Scargill's heart and would put us once more at the mercy of the wreckers.
- Mail: Divided now by a leader determined to drag them screaming and kicking through the next couple of years towards some semblance of political responsibility, Labour do have a chance. Frank Chapple says it's almost as if Kinnock's obsession with power is matched only by militants' determination to prevent him getting it. Irresistible ambition meeting immovable extremism.
- Telegraph, under heading "Back to reality" says two speeches, however courageous, have not changed the realities of his party.
- Guardian says Kinnock has done well this week but the NUM debate can hardly be seen as an undivided triumph for the party and on several occasions it was clear that Labour is still reluctant to face realities. Kinnock can't just wave a wand and transform the party.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says it is good to know Mr Kinnock is a leader. It may not be a sufficient qualification to become Prime Minister, but it is a necessary precondition and until this week it was in doubt.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says no one listening to the conference could doubt that the battle lines within the party have been drawn and Kinnock is fully committed to the struggle. Equally no one can doubt a bitter battle lies ahead.
- Ronnie Butt, in Times, on a flaw Kinnock cannot master, says his belated stand is merely the minimum needed for Labour to stay in serious political business. But he can't change the character of the party.
- Times leader asking whether the Labour Party can change. If Kinnock's struggle is to amount to more than words, Labour constituencies must be won back to democratic politics and removed from control of extremist infiltrators.

ECONOMY

- Hopes of cheaper home loans this year are rising.
- All-party Charter for Jobs says Government should put 500,000 of Britain's long term jobless to work in the community - Professor Layard says economy should be producing 7% more than current level of output.

INDUSTRY

- All people owed less than £50,000 after Laker collapse to be paid in full; Virgin airlines cut £20 off single fare to New York.
- Vote on breakaway miners' union is October 18.
- Mail says Bob Haslam will succeed MacGregor as chairman of the NCB.
- Which? reports that 25% of people who had their windows replaced found the installation unsatisfactory.
- AUEW to defy TUC and encourage their members to vote to take Government money for secret ballots.
- American developers unveil a £1.5bn plan for London docklands creating 40,000 jobs in 10 years.
- Government agrees substantial financial aid to help fund port industry's voluntary redundancy arrangements.

EDUCATION

- Mirror says Ray Honeyford "scuttled" from No 10 last night to avoid a crowd of demonstrators.
 - Morning Star says that by inviting Mr Honeyford you have insulted black parents.
 - Express says Mr Honeyford strode defiantly through a group of chanting demonstrators to No 10. Guardian refers to demonstration against Mr Honeyford; describes the occasion as a private soiree for right wing thinkers.
 - Mail says education experts complained to you about Left wing pressures on heads; even inspectorate becoming politicised.
 - Telegraph says you were told last night authorities such as the ILEA are trying to politicise every minute of the school day.
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- Police have to intervene in Notts when a pupil demonstration against the teachers' strike turns nasty. 20 children arrested.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Consumers' Association says dozens of remedies for the common cold don't work.

HOUSING

- FT says Kenneth Baker is seeking an extra £500m for housing capital expenditure in each of the next three financial years in face of Treasury opposition.

LAW AND ORDER

- Mail says police believe they have foiled a new Arab bomb campaign in Britain on the eve of the Jordanian/Palestinian delegation visit.
- Some small scale trouble in Toxteth last night; Militants blamed for earlier trouble in Peckham/
- Shot Brixton woman paralysed waist-down; may never walk again.
- Mail says police are hunting a rent-a-mob group of agitators led by a Liverpool woman who are using riots to preach political anarchy.
- Telegraph reports division in black community of Toxteth after riot.
- TV takes up the case of a man jailed for 5 years for burglary that never happened.
- Express says there was a record 563 killings last year - a pre-conference jolt for you.
- Frank Chapple, in Mail, says we can't stop riots unless we face up to the criminals and get Britain back to work.
- Master of the Rolls says too many civil appeals doomed to failure are being brought to court.

DEFENCE

- Chief Of UK Land Forces says Britain needs home defence force four times its present size.

POLITICS

- Paul Foot, in Mirror, now attacks ambulance arrangements for Blackpool in an area which is hard pressed, he says, because of cuts.
- Telegraph says the Tory party went all out yesterday to capitalise on Kinnock's defeat at conference. PPB says unions are still in charge.
- Iain Lawson resigns from Tory campaigning group in Scotland over rates a Gartcosh.
- FT leader comes out against rate reform now; it wants a much deeper study and Ministers to get on with something more urgent.

PEOPLE

- Rock Hudson dies of AIDS.
- Princess Anne goes to Toxteth - Express says her visit was entirely right and any cancellation would have handed the rioters a victory.
- Jeffrey Archer elected Tie Man of 1985.
- Ken Livingstone planning to present you with a king size pensioners' bus pass to mark your 60th birthday next week.
- Times profile of Rajiv Gandhi.

SPORT

- 10 Scottish soccer fans arrested in Pamplona.

MIDDLE EAST

- USA tones down its support for Israeli raid on Tunisia.
- One of 4 Russians kidnapped by Islamic extremists shot dead; Gorbachev asks Syria to stop the killings.
- Sun says Israel had every right to go after the evil gangs who have slaughtered many innocent citizens and the EC Foreign Ministers should have kept quiet instead of condemning Israelis.
- Express says Arafat has signed a secret deal with Iraq to mount joint operations against Syria.

ARGENTINE

- David Steel, in Madrid, where he is to meet Alfonsin, says Britain should negotiate over the Falklands.

INDIA has a 40m tonne wheat mountain (Express).

RUSSIA

- We protest over damage to cars of some of our diplomats, one as he prepared to leave under expulsion.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Gummer visits S W Dairy show, Shepton Mallet; later attends Eastern Regions Panel dinner, Bury St Edmunds
- MAFF: Lord Belstead attends reception Korean Embassy to celebrate National Foundation Day
- MOD: Mr Lamont speaks at French Chamber of commerce lunch, London
- MOD: Lord Trefgarne travels down Thames on board HMS Hunter
- DEM: Mr Trippier speaks to Manchester Tobacco Co Manchester
- DEM: Mr Bottomley visits Nottingham to open "Family First" trust community project exhibition (all day)
- DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith opens Energy Centre Symposium on Quality Assurance, London
- DOE: Sir George Young opens elderly persons development, Letchworth
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits NE
- DHSS: Mr Newton addresses Pensions Management Institute, London
- ODA: Mr Raison hosts reception for British Executive Service Overseas, London
- SO: Lord Gray meets Lord Provost of Aberdeen; meets Outlook UK; attends Scottish Development Agency's Seminar dinner, Glasgow
- SO: Mr Ancram visits Housing Rehabilitation scheme, Edinburgh
- SO: Mr MacKay visits State Hospital, Carstairs, Lanarkshire
- DTp: Mrs Chalker opens Ipswich Western bypass
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TV AND RADIO

- "Labour Party Conference"; BBC 1 (09.20; 10.50; 14.00); BBC 2 (15.50); Channel 4 (09.30; 14.00)
- "Any Questions?"; BBC Radio 4; (19.20):
- "The UN - Rhetoric and Reality"; BBC Radio 4"; (19.40): First of four-part series examines the role of the United Nations
- "TV Eye"; Thames; (21.30): Interviews the Prime Minister
- "Rough Justice"; BBC 1; (21.55): Final programme in the present series investigates - who is the victim? Includes interview with Lord Devlin
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