

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen visits Grenada

Prime Minister meets Hungarian Party Secretary, Mr Kadar followed by dinner

Unemployment figures announced (11.30)

Central Conference of Chief Constables meet

Institute of Public Relations conference, London (to November 2)

Booker Mr Connell prize for fiction announced

Weightman Cup, Williamsburg

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STATISTICS

DEM: Unemployment and unfilled vacancies (October)

DEN: Energy trends (August)

DTI: Overseas travel and tourism (August)

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PUBLICATIONS

DEM: Employment Gazette

DOE: New Towns Act 1981 - reports of the Development Corporation (11.00)

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PAY

DEM: Police - London Weighting; (25,500 affected); claim expected; settlement date 1.7.85

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTINDUSTRY

- Agecroft colliery votes to join UDM.
- Michael Edwardes says over half the unemployed either don't want a job or work in the black economy.
- Church leaders mount opposition to Sunday trading, but most MPs are in favour. Mail leader backs you in wanting it.
- Train drivers and airline pilots may have to take breath tests under new D/Transport plans.
- Bargain holiday offers causing chaos.
- Ford production men at Dagenham walk out after Ford chief says British car workers are the laziest in the world.
- You will visit Sellafield tomorrow in an effort to "rehabilitate" the plant after prosecution.
- Tin trading remains suspended as ITC fails to solve crisis (FT).
- Britain to subsidise China trade loan, Channon tells journalists: £25m from aid budget towards £100m commercial loan.
- EC Ministers agree strict regime (FT).
- US urges Japan to set import targets (FT).
- Euroroute plans to raise £7.2bn for Channel link (FT).
- FT editorial: need for positive but not euphoric thinking on Channel link.
- TSB letter, copied to Prime Minister by SNP MP, shows doubt on liabilities to Scottish depositors.
- Agreement reached on pit review procedure (FT).
- BT share irregularities doubted (FT).
- Tebbit criticises Lords' trade report.
- Brittan urges US trade deficit action.
- Lawson attacks CBI for high pay increases (Telegraph).
- Japanese secret is better organisation not harder workers.
- GEC and THF join Euroroute Channel consortium.

LAW AND ORDER (CONT'D)

- Prior report on prison discipline system recommends a new criminal offence of prison rioting and the setting up of independent tribunals to replace boards of visitors.
- Guardian leader urges Home Office to do something pre-emptive rather than re-active in prisons in the light of the Prior report which should be treated as a priority.
- Royal Assent given to Administration of Justice Act which will enable licensed conveyancers to compete with solicitors.
- Giles Shaw warned 12 local authorities which have not drawn up emergency plans in the preparation of war that the Government will not hesitate to compel compliance.
- Birmingham City Council's inquiry into the Handsworth riots will be independent, pledge council.
- Home Secretary spells out new code of conduct to encourage international cooperation on terrorism.
- Survey of Asian families shows they think English youngsters have too much freedom, don't care about education and are workshy-
- The Lord Chancellor's Department has attempted to stop the fight between solicitors and barristers over rights of audience before the High Courts by announcing that it tends to legislate in favour of solicitors
- John Alderson, former Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall says the deployment of riot police and horses against the mass picket of miners at Orgreave worsened the violence.
- Douglas Hurd announced extra £8m for Metropolitan Police to meet recent pay award costs.

PAY/EMPLOYMENT

- Pay rises "have cost 1m jobs" - Kenneth Clarke (FT).
- Lord Young jobless claim backed by DE Gazett.
- NALGO claims 12%.
- FT Editorial commends the recent pay deal for ambulancemen.

POLITICS

- Workers Revolutionary Party split by tales of founder Gerry Healy's sexual antics.
- Bernie Grant's mistress gets job at Marriage Guidance Council.
- Robert Kilroy-Silk in Commons scuffle with Jeremy Corbyn.
- Guardian leader says Robin Cook emerged as the most intriguing figure in the Shadow Cabinet elections, strengthening the position of the centre-left and heralding good news for Kinnock.
- Mr Baker announces possible moves to curb council extremists (Telegraph)
- Mr Hatton hits back at Mr Kinnock over report on Liverpool's financial crisis.
- FT: Shadow defence switch expected.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Two British firms alleged to be involved in a trade using aborted fetuses in laboratory work on cosmetics.
- Express continues its campaign against dirty hospitals.
- Tony Newton gives personal assurance that thousands of under-privileged residents in homes will have their benefits maintained.
- SSAC urges Mr Fowler to reconsider his plans to abolish SERPS. Institute of Directors backs abolition (Telegraph).
- BMA, RCN and Institute of Health Services Management call for £100m a year increase in NHS spending to enable NHS to meet its demands and improve services.
- High Court orders increased fees for NHS opticians - Mr Fowler's cuts ruled illegal.
- Telegraph leader on board and lodging urges reform.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Ken Baker plans blitz on Left wing councils who staff town halls with sympathisers and use rates to subsidise picket lines.
- Mr Kinnock supports a scheme announced by Liverpool City to provide a £5m package of loan sanctions.
- Kenneth Baker hints that Council may soon be prevented from standing for election to a local authority.
- Team of local authority finance experts devise a range of "ingenious accountancy tricks" to solve Liverpool's budget crisis.
- Proposals for new rating system in Scotland will be announced in the New Year says the Guardian and should ease local Tory disquiet.

ECONOMY

- Express splashes on new Government crackdown on dole cheats.
- Government to step up sales of state assets - Lawson (FT).
- Thatcher will intervene to settle spending plans. Public spending Cabinet possibly November 7. November statement possibly November 12.
- IEA study urges constitutional curb on state spending.
- Lawson rules out interest rate cut.

TRANSPORT

- Transport Bill receives Royal Assent - end of bus monopolies.
- Nicholas Ridley gives assurances that Transport Act deregulating bus services will no; lower safety standards.

DEFENCE - SDI

- The Times reports as its lead story that Lord Carrington has solidly lined NATO up behind President Reagan's summit stance on SDI and arms control. President Reagan's interview with the BBC is given wide coverage with particular attention drawn to his offer to let the Russians have a share in SDI research.
- The lack of an agreement on British involvement in SDI research following meetings in Brussels between Mr Heseltine and Mr Weinburger is reported in spite of bullish comments from the Americans.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Sir Geoffrey Howe's candidature for the Commonwealth mission is considered less likely and Sir Anthony Parsons' name is widely quoted as a possible substitute.
- President Botha faces a setback in elections. A far right party, the HNP has won its first seat in South Africa's parliament but the ruling National Party held with reduced majorities in four other seats.
- National Union of Seamen backs the ban on oil shipments to South Africa

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Dr Paisley and Mr Molyneux's call on you together with their joint press conference is the main Irish story. Mr King's interview in which he says that an agreement would in no way affect the sovereignty of Northern Ireland is also quoted.

TERRORISM

- Three Russian Embassy officials are released by their kidnappers in Beirut.

INTERNATIONAL

- Gorbachev eager to repair Soviet image in Israel.
- Hungarian leader begins visit to Britain today.
- Craxi coalition expected to resume office.
- Honk Kong elected legislature opened.
- UK unions threaten action on oil supplies to South Africa.

PRESS OFFICE

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young opens new design office for Michael Peters Group, London
- DTI: Mr Brittan attends British Alcan Aluminium Ltd lunch, London
- DEM: Mr Brooke attends Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of UK Universities Conference, London
- DEM: Mr Trippier attends National Small Business Efficiency Award presentation, London; later attends Local Enterprise Agencies AGM Wellcome Foundation, London
- DEM: Mr Bottomley visits Alton Towers
- DEM: Mr Clark makes regional visit to Exeter; addresses Electronics West '85 conference
- DOE: Mr Patten visits Hull to view housing
- DOE: Mr Tracey visits Ashfordby mines, Leicestershire
- DOE: Sir George Young visits Middlesborough; addresses National Home Improvement Council 10th anniversary dinner, London
- DHSS: Mr Major visits Bloomsbury Social Security Area office
- DHSS: Lady Trumpington opens first bungalow for mentally handicapped children, London SE9
- DHSS: Mr Newton attends National Home Improvement Council dinner
- HO: Mr Shaw speaks at West Yorkshire police seminar on drugs; visits Manchester United FC
- ODA: Mr Raison meets Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Van Eekelen, London
- SO: Mr MacKay attends pharmaceutical conference, Southern General Hospital, Glasgow
- SO: Mr Ancram hosts dinner for French Prefects, Edinburgh Castle
- DTI: Mr Pattie visits Baker-Perkins, Peterborough; address British Computer Society annual dinner, London
- DTI: Mr Howard attends Cockspur (Insurance Brokers) lunch, London
- DTI: Mr Pattie opens NEDO AMT Seminar, Leicester
- DTI: Mr Butcher launches appeal to Industry for training and research support, Hatfield Polytechnic and visits DTI's Warren Spring Laboratory, Stevenage

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DOE: Mr Baker visits USA (to November 4)



TV AND RADIO

"Any Questions?"; BBC Radio 4: (19.20):

"Abuse of Trust"; BBC Radio 4; (19.40): investiages child sexual abuse

"Tomorrow's World"; BBC 1; (20.00) Surveys the three main contenders for the Channel Tunnel

"Brass Tacks"; BBC 2; (20.05): "A Fair Degree of Force?" inquires into police behaviour

"TV Eye"; ITV; (21.30): Housing policy in the UK

"Question Time"; BBC 1; (22.00): Sir Robin Day's guests are Frances Morrell, Chris Patten, David Penhaligan and Ruth Wishart

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