

28 November 1985

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends Diplomatic Corps reception, Buckingham Palace

Committee on Financing the BBC - one day conference - how should broadcasting be financed?, Church House, London SW1

EC Environment Council, Brussels

Bradford City Football fire disaster - appeal fund makes payments

Paymaster General appears on BBC TV 'Question Time'

BBC annual report and accounts published (15.30)

STATISTICS

DEM: Overseas travel and tourism (September)

DEM: Employment Gazette published

DEN: Energy Trends (September)

HO: Control of Immigration Statistics (Q3)

DTp: New vehicle registrations (October)

PUBLICATIONS

HO: BBC Handbook and Accounts 1984 (15.30)

HO: Research and Planning Unit Report: 'Managing Criminal Justice'

LCO: Council on Tribunals Annual Report 1984/85 (15.00)

PAY

DEM: NHS - London weighting; (210,730); negotiations to commence; settlement date 1.7.85

PARLIAMENTCommons

Questions: Treasury; Home Office; Prime Minister

Business: Housing (Scotland) Bill: 2nd Reading and Money Resolution

Adjournment Debate

The future of Matthew Brown following the Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry (Mr D Campbell-Savours)

Lords Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill (HL): Second Reading

Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill (HL): Second Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTLIVERPOOL

- Labour Party suspends Liverpool Party pending inquiry into it. NEC votes 21-5 in favour of move; also suspends candidate selection in Knowsley N.
- Kinnock says Militant Tendency is a maggot in the body of the Labour Party.
- Militant leaders of Liverpool Party vow to go ahead with business as usual.
- Mirror leader says at last the party is hitting back. Militant is a conspiracy which lies, manipulates and twists. It is a cancer which if not destroyed may destroy Labour.
- Mail says Kinnock gets tough, across its front page; but its leader says that while it is convinced Kinnock is out to get Hatton and a few others, it wonders whether he has the stomach or the support in the NEC for a thorough-going purge.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Unionists start to resign after overwhelming endorsement of Agreement by Commons.
- FT says the first meeting of the inter-governmental conference is expected within the next fortnight.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says people of Ulster have two new considerations: the feelings of the mainland British if the agreement is rendered unworkable and the fact that in you they have met a leader who can last as long as them.
- Garret Fitzgerald's article on the Agreement in the Times on "the Ulster risk we have to take."

PRINCE CHARLES' SPEECH

- Clare Short MP says Prince does not know what he is talking about. John Cunningham MP adds that "It's a lot of bloody nonsense".
- Express leader says Prince Charles is right in saying we must become more hardworking, confident and venturesome if we are to be anything better than a fourth rate nation. But he should not be so pessimistic about rekindling ambition in view of our job creation record over the last 2 years and the huge increase in self employed.
- Guardian leader says while the Prince has already been criticised for making a speech that could easily have come from you it begs the question why six years into your experiment the lesson needs to be read at all. It concludes Britain is a very difficult country to move.

ECONOMY

- £ up to \$1.4745.
- D/Star story of the 34 families in Tees Street in Birkenhead all of whom are out of work apart from one man who is blind.
- Ted Heath attacks Government over unemployment and its failure to tackle situation; not far short of a national emergency; says proceeds of sales of assets have not been spent on investment but consumption, including benefits for unemployed. Tax cuts paid for by sale of assets will be insult to jobless.
- FT says figures produced by the CBI show that unit labour costs are rising sharply.
- FT says Government statistics show that in 1984 bankruptcies reached highest level for 10 years.

INDUSTRY

- Taxi drivers boycotting Heathrow in protest against a 50p toll.
- 70% of lorry drivers admit breaking speed limits because of boredom.
- 400 redundancies at Warren Lambert Pharmaceuticals, Eastleigh, Hants because of "NHS cutback".
- More than 66% of women in favour of Sunday shopping, according to new poll.
- Mail says legislation to facilitate Sunday trading will allow those on the dole to get casual jobs and boost their income legally.
- Lowest number of strikes this year for last 10 years. Telegraph wonders gloomily if we have simply swapped job destroying strikes for over generous job-destroying pay deals.
- Commons Industry Select Committee to have emergency inquiry into tin crisis.
- MAFF PUS forecasts 30% fall in farm incomes this year.
- David Mitchell tours Kent trying to allay fears about consultation over Channel link; meets indignant protests.
- Senior executives of French, West German and Italian helicopter industries are due to meet Michael Heseltine tomorrow to try to find solution to Westlands' problems, says FT.

INDUSTRY (CONT'D)

- The Government, says the FT, intends to grant wider powers to fraud investigators in legislation planned for regulating the financial community.
- FT says Gas Bill is likely to cause arguments over whether regulatory powers envisaged by the Government are too feeble.
- First privately financed underground railway for 50 years to be built between Tower Hill and the Bank.
- FT says a new committee set up to advise DTI is worried by low priority given to research and development by British firms.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- FT says CBI has given strong hint that the Government has abandoned its plan to end SERPS.
- Times leader says that in the face of the overwhelming medical evidence on the danger of smoking the tobacco industry should be dying more quickly, not its customers.

UNIONS

- Sun says Ron Todd, TGWU, is facing a barrage of calls from moderates for an inquiry into the Left and jobs for the boys moves disclosed by the Sun.
- Sun leader, headed "Temper, temper" says Todd is in a permanent bad temper because of its exposés. What has he got to hide?
- TUC to hold special conference next year to reverse policy on taking Government money for ballots.
- Government offers special pay rises of up to 26% to Civil Service engineers and technicians because of recruitment difficulties.

GERMAN SUMMIT

- Express says you joined with Kohl in killing off hare-brained Commission plans for tax harmonisation.
- Mail says you predicted yesterday a massive Christmas bonanza for British research firms with SDI contracts.
- FT says the Anglo-German talks ended in a large measure of agreement on several aspects of European Community reform.
- Guardian says Kohl was confident Luxembourg would make modest progress towards European unification.

POLITICS

- Frank Chapple, in Mail, agrees with Head of Labour Party research who doesn't think Labour will win the next election.
- Telegraph says Labour Party yesterday dealt itself what could be a considerable blow to its election chances in Notts by barring UDM branches from affiliating to constituency parties.
- Telegraph says D/Employment spokesmen were trying hard to extricate Peter Bottomley from a political minefield after he had urged industry to recruit more young blacks.

MEDIA

- D/Star leader on BBC's profligacy - says at the Geneva Summit the Beeb's task force threatened to outnumber the delegation from the two major powers and at the UK snooker championships there is a commentary team big enough to do justice to Olympics. Proper management of existing resources is the biggest contribution the BBC can now make to stop a further rise in licence fee.
- Row between Maxwell and Brenda Dean, SOGAT, over Mirror leader this week on the ending of the Fleet Street party.
- Derek Howe wins £3000 libel damages but his share of £200,000 costs leaves him massively out of pocket.

SPORT

- Victims of Bradford soccer fire will share £2.6m this weekend; club refused £300,000 to rebuild stadium.

LAW AND ORDER

- Sun reports praise from Kenneth Warren MP for its action in revealing security lapse at Heathrow; its leader accuses BAA of a pompous reaction and says if they are unwilling or unable to put things right they should all be sacked.
- 10 hand grenades seized by police investigating Broadwater Farm riot.
- Mother and daughter stabbed to death in Fulham house; grandmother, 76, taken to hospital with wounds.
- Professor Terence Morris JP, writing in New Society, says Britain should have special riot squads like the French CRS to prevent public alienation with the ordinary police.

RACE/IMMIGRATION/HIJACKS

- Mail leader says we have to be more brisk in saying no to people who want to come here and showing the door to those who are not British citizens and would abuse our hospitality and tolerance.
- Frank Chapple, in Mail, wants to know what possessed the Government to allow Tanzanian hijackers to settle here and enjoy a college education. He's fed up with fleecers, bent politicians and extremist trouble makers turning our country into a dustbin.
- Mail feature on the Nigerian Chief whose family of 22 are still living here on tick.

HOUSING

- Express says Government is to bring in bargain prices - less than a third of market values for long term tenants - to encourage people to buy council flats.

EDUCATION

- Ray Honeyford looks as though he is going to take early retirement - announcement expected tomorrow. Family friends say his wife is near breaking point.

EAST/WEST

- Gorbachev claims Reagan's refusal to yield on SDI wrecked hopes of an arms control agreement at Geneva; relations won't change until America scraps SDI.
- Express says that once back in Moscow Gorbachev clearly thinks it politic to stop smiling. We are going to need limitless amounts of patience and resolve.
- Guardian quoting Duncan Campbell, New Statesman, says Britain does not have enough plutonium to make Trident warheads.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Warns it will send troops into Zimbabwe if there are more raids across the border.

EC

- Agrees grants totalling £94m for 141 job creation projects in UK.

FALKLANDS

- Mail says we were humiliated in the UN with more than 100 countries - including France, Italy, Spain and Greece - voting for new Argentine negotiations with Britain.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DOE: Mr Baker records interview for LWT's "London Programme"
SO: Mr Younger speaks at St Andrew's Day dinner, London
DTp: Mr Ridley addresses Parliamentary Transport Committee,
House of Commons
MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Northern Region
CO: Mr Luce begins official visit to South west (to
November 29)
MOD: Mr Lamont attends British Aerospace dinner
MOD: Lord Trefgarne meets Council of Electronic Engineering
Association, London
DEM: Mr Clark visits Derby to see Community programme and
VPP schemes; attends MSC Conference on regional
employment managers and operation managers
DEM: Mr Bottomley addresses 'Business in the Community'
conference on disabled people, London
DEM: Mr Trippier addresses Taunton Chamber of College lunch
DEN: Mr Hunt attends presentation by McAlpines, London
DOE: Sir George Young visits Middlesbrough
DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits South West
DOE: Mr Patten has lunch with Federation of Civil
Engineering Contractors
DHSS: Mr Whitney attends British Effluent and Water
Association lunch, London
DHSS: Mr Major addresses NE Regional Managers Conference,
Harrogate
DHSS: Lady Trumpington visits Spastics Society, London
SO: Mr MacKay attends launching of Scottish Cancer
Incidence Atlas, Glasgow
DTI: Mr Howard addresses Society of Investment Analysts
Conference, London
DTI: Mr Pattie addresses Real Time (Computer) Club, London
DTI: Lord Lucas begins visits to Yorks and Humberside (to
November 30)

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DOE: Mr Tracey attends European Regional Development Fund
meeting, Brussels
DOE: Mr Waldegrave attends EC Environment Council meeting,
Brussels

TV AND RADIO

"Any Answers?"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20)

"Brazil, Brazil"; BBC 2 (19.20): first of four films reporting on the people, problems and potential of the world's fifth largest country

"Soviet Television: Fact and Fiction"; BBC 2 (20.10): second of two programmes about Soviet television and Soviet society

"Profile"; BBC Radio 4 (20.40): features Jeffrey Archer

"The Elect and the Elected"; BBC Radio 3 (21/15): A B Halsey discusses the role of the Churches in contemporary politics with the most Reverend Derek Worlock, the Reverend Dr Edward Norman, the Rt Hon Lord Rawlinson of Ewell and Alan Ryan

"TV Eye" ITV (21.30): investigates the unemployment problem in Liverpool

"Question Time"; BBC 1 (21.55): Sir Robin Day's guests are the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke, Professor Jean Millar, Giles Radice and Dafydd Elis Thomas
