

PRIME MINISTER

Debate on Westland, HoC

New two-year YTS scheme launched

EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels (to January 28)

OPEC officials meet to develop proposals prior to full OPEC meeting (February 3), Vienna

PUBLICATIONS

HOL/HOC: Eighth Report Joint Committee on SI's (11.00)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Energy; Transport

Business:

Under Standing Order No 10, a debate on "The circumstances surrounding the publication of classified information relating to the future of Westland plc," on a Motion for the Adjournment

Airport Bill: 2nd Reading and Money Resolution

Adjournment Debate

The future of Erith Hospital (Mr D Evennett)

Select Committees:

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: Tuvalu and bilateral country aid programme
Witness: Hon Henry Naisali, Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister, Tuvalu

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE

Subject: The Government's expenditure plans 1986-87 to 1988-89
Witnesses: HM Treasury officials

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject; Northern Ireland (Learfan)
Witness; Industrial Development Board (Northern Ireland)

Lords

Debate on the Report of the Science and Technology Committee on Science and Technology and Local Government (1st Report 1985-86 HL 11).

Debate on the Report of the ECC on External Competence of the European Communities (16th Report 1984-85 HL 236).

PRESS DIGESTWESTLAND

- Mail: "Maggie: I won't be pushed out". You will defend your right to lead the Tories into the next election when you face the heat of the Westland crisis in a Commons vote tonight on your personal integrity. Sir Patrick Mayhew's resignation cannot be ruled out. He feels the way he has been treated is "indefensible".
- Half-page leader (p6) headed: "A woman worthy of loyalty", says: "It must not end like this. The woman who has fought like a lion to restore our country's self-respect and reverse its decline must not be driven from office by this mouse of a crisis". But you must be totally frank and apologise for errors.
- Mirror: "Maggie on trial as she faces the music". You have to answer what you did and what you knew. Full page article (p6) by Joe Haines headed "Thatcher's last stand" says that publicly you will get your triumph but privately your future depends on the answers to the questions.
- Star: "Crisis day for Maggie". Report on your 'Face the Press' interview says you admitted you were "too soft on Tarzan". Article by Joe Ashton headed "The secret rules Maggie quietly forgot" says Labour and the Liberals now think you are their best asset.
- Express: Puts its leader on the front page. "Answers this day! It's time to be totally honest with the nation." Says the issue is about "the credibility of the Government, the credibility of the system and the credibility of the Prime Minister herself".
- "Defiant Maggie ready to tell all as she hits back at critics". You stand alone with your long-term future hanging on how you acquit yourself. David Owen says your position is now very vulnerable.
- According to Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, Stock Market efforts to ensure an American win started in Downing Street and not in the City.
- Telegraph: "Thatcher promises full facts. Morale-boosting speech today". Ministers, led by Douglas Hurd, rally to your defence in broadcasting interviews and statements. Picture of you and Mr Thatcher at Finchley dance.
- Leader says your task this afternoon is to draw a line under a squabble that has gone on long enough and is diverting attention from the really important matters.
- Peterborough says the position would not have arisen had Cecil Parkinson been Trade and Industry Secretary.
- Heseltine will not continue the controversy when he addresses the Young Conservatives annual conference next month.
- Guardian: "Thatcher promises honest answers". Heseltine's friends are furious at your comments on 'Face the Press'. He is not expected to speak in the Commons unless you make a strong personal attack on him. there is confidence that the second Patrick Mayhew letter will become public and cause you more trouble. Inside pages examine the questions that need answering and profile on Channon and Mr Brittan. Ian Aitken says there is 'an outbreak of terror in the Tory ranks'. Leader says: "Everything will have to add up today". You have got to be not merely good, but stunning.

WESTLAND (CONT'D)

- Reports from Alex Brummer in Washington says that the shock Mr Heseltine gave the Pentagon over Westland will not quickly be forgotten.
- FT: P1 lead and full page (p4) devoted to the issue, including the personalities involved. Leader says: "One more prevarication, one more refusal to deal with the facts, would undermine the British Government's credibility to the point of no return". But you can recover if you do well in the House today.
- Mr Channon will have to pass one of his first big decisions as the new Trade and Industry Secretary to another Minister in his Department because of a conflict of interests arising from his membership of the Guinness family.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Mail: Ken Livingstone joined IRA supporters at a rally in Londonderry to mark the 14th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and to attack the Anglo-Irish Agreement.
- Star: Irish police yesterday seized 140 guns destined for the IRA.
- Telegraph: There is confusion over whether the newly re-elected Unionist MPs should withdraw from Westminster after taking their seats tomorrow. The issue threatens to divide the party. Mr Paisley is said to want an early meeting with you to warn you to back-pedal on the agreement or face a withdrawal of the MPs.
- Guardian: Unionists are almost certain to reject a government offer of a system of formal consultation to give them an input to the Anglo-Irish deal. They are expected to meet you this week.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Mail: Pik Botha has warned Botswana that it faces military and economic reprisals if it fails to close infiltration routes of ANC terrorists.
- Express: Bishop Tutu faces arrest on his return to South Africa today.

PRINCE CHARLES

- Express: Charles was guided through the sexual adventures of his bachelor days by Lord Mountbatten.

MEDIA

- Mail: Rupert Murdoch's national newspapers were produced without the cooperation of the big Fleet Street unions for the second time last night at his new Wapping plant.
- Mirror: News International is to take legal action against SOGAT which ordered its Manchester members not to produce 2 million copies of the News of the World. Leader says the Mirror negotiated with the unions; the Sun prefers to destroy them.
- Telegraph: Eddie Shah's Manchester print works are the subject of an arson attack.
- Guardian: Leader says the "Battle of Wapping" may take over from Westland as the big news story.

DRUGS

- Mail: A special 40-strong team of VAT experts is to spearhead a Government drive to seize drug smugglers' assets. HM Customs and Excise Financial Investigation Branch will be ready for action by the summer.

TEACHERS

- Mail: Sir Keith Joseph, in a speech in London, attacks the NUT's refusal to back the agreement supported by the other five teaching unions.
- Mirror: Fred Jarvis warns that unions who did a deal with the Government would face a backlash from their members.
- FT: The CBI says the Government has seriously underestimated the student places that will be wanted in the 1990s and should stop cutting funds for the higher education system.

POLITICS

- Mail: Labour chiefs are faced with a new battle after a Militant supporter, John Bryan, deputy leader of Southwark council, was selected last night to fight the Bermondsey seat in the General Election.
- Labour councillors are on a last-minute spending spree before the Metropolitan authorities they control are disbanded in March. Manchester, for example, is determined to use up £33m.

ECONOMY

- Mail: Petrol prices are plunging, with cuts of up to 3p a gallon expected shortly.
- The Institute of Directors is calling for a £4bn package of tax cuts in the Budget in order to create 500,000 more jobs. They want 2p off basic rate tax and 7p off higher rates.
- Telegraph: Trade sanctions are threatened against Britain and Norway by Iran as OPEC pressures mount for cuts in oil production.
- Guardian: Unemployment is expected to rise by more than 100,000 when the latest figures are released on Thursday.
- FT: MSC have been forced to abandon plans to expand the Community Programme because of Government financial constraints. MSC Commissioners have written to Kenneth Clarke expressing concern.
- Engineering industry sales rose 2.5per cent last year.

RATES

- FT: A Green Paper on the whole system of local government finance will be issued tomorrow.

UGANDA

- Mail: Rebels seized Kampala yesterday after two days of bitter fighting. There are about 1,000 foreigners in Uganda, including 550 Britons. They have been told to remain indoors.
- Express: Terrified British families have barricaded themselves in their homes. So far nobody has been injured.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

- Telegraph: In setting a low rate increase of 12 per cent, Surrey County Council is "gambling" on benefiting from a change in the system of Government grants which could mean a bonus of £9.5m later on.
- Liverpool City Council has left open the possibility of another confrontation with the Government over cash.

FALKLANDS

- Telegraph: The cost of the Mount Pleasant Airport has risen to £430m, an increase of £30m on earlier figures.

ADEN

- Telegraph: The new rulers in Aden have said any other foreigners wishing to leave the country will have to go by air. A British ship waiting to take off 1,000 Indians has to turn back.

PEOPLE

- Mail: Nigel Dempster's diary carries a story about the NSPCC fundraising dinner, for which couples paid £25,000 to attend.

GAS PRIVATISATION

- Telegraph: British Gas is being urged by Ministers to sell off big gas works sites in London and other cities for redevelopment.

CHANNEL LINK

- Mail: City editor, Andrew Alexander, says that if the link hits a snag the governments are not going to leave a tunnel half or three quarters built. They will ask the firms what they need to finish the job and provide it.

LAW AND ORDER

- Star: Article on centre pages chronicles spate of muggings in Clapham. Muggers are said to roam in groups and carry out at least six attacks a day.
- Express: Two armed bandits threatened to electrocute a girl in front of her family.

DEFENCE

- Telegraph: The Royal Navy is unlikely to get a single new warship (apart from two minesweepers) placed on order in the present financial year.

TRANSPORT

- Express: The M25 - the hub of Britain's motorway system - is dubbed the most dangerous road in Britain because of "bully" drivers.

TIN

- Express: Cornish tin miners will march through London this week in protest at their plight.

GCHQ

- Telegraph: The EETPU has warned the Government that most of its members in the power supply industry will strike if GCHQ officials are dismissed for refusing to give up union membership.

SALMONELLA

- Telegraph: Ministry of Agriculture officials believe that the outbreak of Salmonella at Farley's can be traced to a diseased cow on a Cumbrian dairy farm - continuing to supply milk to the plant.

JIM COE

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Lord Young launches YTS 2-year scheme, Barbican

SO: Mr Rifkind hosts reception for Parliamentary Press Lobby and Gallery, Scottish Office, London

DTP: Mr Ridley visits Britannia Airways, Luton Airport

WO: Mr Edwards undertakes Welsh launch of new youth training scheme

MAFF: Lord Belstead addresses Cambridgeshire County National Farmers Union AGM

MAFF: Mrs Fenner dines with Soviet Ambassador Mr Popova, London

MOD: Mr Stanley attends European Atlantic Group dinner

DES: Mr Walden attends Open University Graduate Press Conference

DEM: Mr Trippier lunches with Unquoted Companies, London

DEN: Mr Hunt attends launch of Institute of Energy reference book, London

DOE: Mrs Rumbold meets National Association of Womens Institutes on acid rain, London

DHSS: Mr Hayhoe speaks at Institute of Gerontology, Kings College, London

HO: Mr Waddington visits offices of the Carribean Times

SO: Mr MacKay meets Dr Lamont of the Brooke Advisory Service

SO: Mr Ancram visits Eildon House, Hawick;

DTI: Lord Lucas begins two day visit to the Shoe and Slipper fair, Blackpool

DTP: Mr Mitchell attends Transport Act regional seminar, Taunton

WO: Mr Roberts speaks at launch of two year YTS

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mr Channon (DTI) attend EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels (to January 28)

DEM: Mr Clarke visits Paris (to January 29)

MOD: Mr Lamont visits NATO/SHAPE, Brussels (to January 29)

TV AND RADIO

"Money Box"; BBC Radio 4 (10.00): Repeat of Saturday's programme

"Drugs for All?"; ITV (12.30): "Are they Safe". Jenny Brain asks how safe drugs are, particularly new products

"Open Space"; BBC 2 (19.35): "The Dividing Line". Looks at how black people defend themselves in Newham

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30)

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.20): "The Scout Who Smuggled Heroin". Peter Taylor talks to Hisayoshi Muruyama said to be the world's most successful heroin smuggler
