

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister addresses NFU dinner, London (Welsh Secretary also attends)

Scottish Appeal court hears TSB case

EEPTU meets to consider TUC instructions over Murdoch

GLC meets on 'give-away' grants to organisations

Home Office launches 1986 "Magpies" Crime prevention Campaign

STATISTICS

BSA: Building Societies' monthly figures (January)

OPCS: Annual review of communicable diseases 1983

PUBLICATIONS

CAG: Comptroller and Auditor General report. DOE; Scottish Office; Welsh Office: Enterprise Zones (11.00)

HOC: 1st Special Report Select Committee on Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (11.00)

HOC: 1st Special Report Transport Committee 1985/86 (11.00)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill:
Freedom of Speech (Universities and Institutions of Higher Education) (Mr P Silvester)

Wages Bill:
Second Reading and Money Resolution

Atomic Energy Authority Bill (Lords); Remaining Stages

Motion on the Local Government Act 1985 (Police and Fire and Civil Defence Authorities)
(Prescribed Maximum Order)

PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)Adjournment Debate

The refusal of an urban aid grant for the centre for single homeless, Cochrane Street, Irvine
(Mr D Lambie)

Select Committees: EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS
Subject: Achievement in Primary Schools
Witnesses: Association of Educational Psychologists (at 10.30 am); National Council for Special Education (at approx 11.30)

JOINT COMMITTEE
Lothian Region (Edinburgh Western Relief Road) Order Confirmation Bill

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL
Felixstowe Dock and Railway

Lords

Prevention of Oil Pollution Bill (HL) Third Reading

Shops Bill (HL): Report (2nd Day)

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTCONSERVATIVE PARTY

- The fever dies down a bit. Survey of 76 Backbenchers shows an overwhelming majority in favour of you leading party into the next election.
- BBC Newsnight poll in 4 marginals gives Labour a good lead: 38.6/SDF Liberals 33.4/Conservatives 26.7%.
- Sun: Super cool Maggie - I'm here for another five years. Too old to change your style.
- Express: I'll stay PM for another 5 years, declares Maggie. Party chiefs rally to protect you from speculation.
- Mail: Cool Maggie brushes aside Tory pretenders. You have a sharp message for them - I'm staying.
- Telegraph: Thatcher ready to take on all challengers. Tendency to blame over-excitement in the media; Bill Deedes, says it is time Tories got their act together. Select Committees are becoming too opportunist and publicity conscious for their own good. He doesn't want you to be dressed up and told to act like Baldwin. But frightened Tories need a note of reassurance.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY (CONT'D)

- Guardian, in true alarmist fashion, says Newsnight opinion poll that public confidence in the integrity and competence of the Government has been so seriously damaged by Westland affair that it would face disaster in an early general election. In another story, political correspondent says Ministers rally to stop panic in party.
- FT: Such is the uncertainty and doubt among Tory MPs that some "experienced figures" expect your position to come into question again after the Fulham by-election and the May election.
- Guardian then devotes a page to Newsnight analysis of four constituencies under heading "The Tories on the edge of the political abyss".
- Guardian leader moans about your alleged view - public sector bad, private sector good.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, explains why you deserve more loyalty. It is a cataract of allotting triviality - Westland - which has caught you in its path and almost knocked you down. But most Conservative voters would find your removal incomprehensible.
- Times: Tories stick by their leader. Geoffrey Smith says if he were you he would be most worried by John Biffen's weekend comments.
- Times: leader on Trident, says the concern felt by Vickers over the impact of the Trident programme of a Labour victory shows the risks that the Government faces when its unity and resolve fall into doubt.

OTHER POLITICS

- Kinnock under fire for allowing himself to be photographed with Bernie Grant during a visit to Broadwater Farm Estate. D/Star says his visit will be seen as a cautious endorsement of Grant.
 - Sun's headline over picture of the two shaking hands - "Good to see you, pal"; leader says Kinnock must have a death wish.
 - Mirror says Kinnock expressed the hope there would be an early end to heavy policing of the estate. Express: It's the Neil and Bernie roadshow.
 - Mail says Kinnock's handshake appeared more like appeasement than tact. Kinnock, it concludes, has a lot to learn.
 - Guardian: Kinnock visit signals Grant reconciliation.
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- Meanwhile, Labour Party sub committee blocks selection of Militant Pat Wall in Bradford - this seen as a victory for Kinnock. But Militant Tendency pledges an all-out battle against purging of Wall.
 - Mail says Militant Tendency is to hold an alternative Labour Party Conference next month at which they expect 3,000 delegates.
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- Express leader says you would need a heart of stone not to have been moved by the sight of Kinnock on TV solemnly assuring Brian Walden (and Walden Kinnock) that he (Kinnock) was sounding like Roosevelt. But Labour Party is no new deal for Britain. Kinnock is merely the smile on the face of the tiger.

ECONOMY

- Prices of raw materials and fuel for industry continue their fall - down by a record 7.1% over the year; share prices at new peak.
- Express leader says the Chancellor kept his head while a good many around him were losing their's - his refusal to be panicked into raising interest charges. He did nothing and did it very well. His silence was golden.
- Telegraph City Page - oil's slide may pump life into world economy.
- FT: Duetsche Bank calls on Britain to join the EMS urgently.
- FT: TUC leaders come away empty-handed from their talks with the Chancellor.

INDUSTRY

- Plans for £15m leisure, shopping and hotel complex on banks of Clyde at Greenock, employing 700, announced.
- Claim that up to 400,000 second hand cars sold last year with mileage falsified, according to S. Yorkshire consumer protection officer.
- Roy Lynk, UDM, says there is still the remnants of pit strike violence in our mines.
- UDM to acquire own HQ next month.
- We ate more meat last year - 4m tonnes - than at any time since 1979.
- Norman Tebbit, presenting record awards, gives seal of approval (Express to Britain's pop industry as one of our biggest money spinners.
- B/Telecom introduces a new line in dial-a-chat titillation. Mail says it should be de-vandalising its phone boxes, not vulgarising its commercial appeal.
- Fears that 747 Boeing jumbos will be grounded because of cracks.
- New car sales jumped 10% in January to record January total of 173,275. Imported cars down from 56% to 52%.
- Mail says Nissan wants to start car manufacture, as distinct from assembly, 2 years early.
- Vantona announces £734m agreed bid for Coats Patons.
- Guardian says a report by a doctor in Cumbria claiming that some scientific staff at Sellafield were neurotic and unstable, management out-dated and some armed policemen incompetent, has not been acted on in four years.
- Factory inspectors lining up against Government proposals to cut burden on industry by relaxation of safety laws.

WESTLAND

- Sikorsky now thought likely to gain control after Euro-consortium fails with tender offer.
- Sun: Yanks win battle for Westland.
- Sikorsky set for a close victory on Westland vote. (Times).

MEDIA

- Sun leads with "Whopping Blow for Brenda" - SOGAT's assets of £17m seized and union fined £25,000 for contempt. Brenda Dean says she is appalled.
- SOGAT executive holds emergency meeting today.
- NGA to be summoned for contempt on Friday for refusing to lift Times blacking.
- Mirror claims 6m new readers over last 2 weeks.
- Mail leader says nobody could argue a hard case with more sympathetic appeal than Brenda Dean. But even her staunchest friends within the trade union movement must know that the antics to which she has felt driven are self defeating. We are witnessing what looks sadly like the charge of the light brigade.
- Guardian says SOGAT is adopting a Lutheran posture: "Here I stand. I can do no other. There was at least a case for trying a more circuitous route to testing the law.

LAW AND ORDER

- D/Star says Ulster-type armoured cars may be used in Met riot areas; Sir Kenneth Newman wants 12.
- Putney supermarket manager shot dead by 3 blacks as he locks up.

HOUSING

- Telegraph leader wants you to start preparing opinion now for end of rent control after next election.

EDUCATION

- ILEA appoints Ombudsman to deal with children's complaints about their schools.
- Devon County Council's Labour/Alliance controlling group to vote today to get rid of Grammar schools.
- Scottish Church leaders come away from meeting with Mr Rifkind doubtful that any settlement of Scottish teachers' pay dispute is imminent.
England and Wales
- FT: The end of the/dispute could be delayed because the NUT can't agree the ratification date for the agreement of 28 February.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Mirror, predictably, takes up the allegation that a man was refused admission to two hospitals in Manchester, suffering from a heart attack, because of economies. It says you can't rely on the NHS any longer if you are ill. It is one nation with two standards of treatment - private hospitals for the better off and take-your-chance at the others.
- Boots ban hoax slimming pill - Minus-Cal.
- Guardian says savings from the NHS limited drug list may fall £10m short of what is expected.
- FT: The US pharmaceuticals industry is to lobby for trade retaliation against the UK on grounds of action taken by British Government to limit drug industry profits.

SPORT

- Sun leader expresses concern about enmity between Liverpool and Manchester United supporters and wants FA to call both clubs to meeting to end feud.
- Manager of Manchester United says with people milling around with knives you need to think about your life these days when you step off the team coach.
- French footballer says he turned down a chance to play for a British club because he fears our hooligans.
- Express thinks the incident at Liverpool will delay Britain's return to European football - UEFA has read the reports.

PEOPLE

- Harold Macmillan 92 yesterday.
- Graham Greene one of 3 to get OM - seen as belated justice.

BERLIN

- All set for spy swap today, including Scharansky.

IRELAND

- Garret Fitzgerald says IRA might have been defeated by now if successive British Governments had not talked to terrorists.

PHILIPPINES

- More chaos over poll; counting delayed after new charges of ballot rigging; 80 dead so far in election violence.
- FT: President Marcos looks certain to retain power in spite of growing unrest.

EGYPT

- British archaeologist finds Tutankhamun's treasurers tomb. Congratulations says Express.

POLAND

- Lech Walesa due in court today to answer charges of slandering State officials.

MALAYSIA

- New attempt to be made today to save life of Briton under sentence of death in drugs case.

NIGERIA

- FT: Nigeria and Britain are about to exchange High Commissioners, restoring full diplomatic relations for the first time since July, 1984.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling addresses NFU AGM; later attends annual dinner, London Mr Gummer, Lord Belstead and Mrs Fenner also attend
- DEM: Lord Young addresses Institute of Export lunch, London
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses Indo British Association
- DTI: Mr Channon addresses British Institute of Management, London; meets Indian Industry Minister, London
- DTP: Mr Ridley addresses Bus and Coach Council annual dinner, London (Mr Mitchell also attends)
- MOD: Mr Stanley addresses House of Lords all party Defence Group
- DEM: Mr Clark speaks at Dulwich College
- DOE: Sir George Young addresses conference of National Federation of Site operators, Brighton
- OAL: Mr Luce addresses Society of London Art Publicists; later speaks at Museum of Modern Art dinner
- DTI: Mr Pattie launches FT Business Information's new information service, London
- DTI: Mr Butcher addresses Dataguest lunch, London
- DTI: Mr Clark visits East Midlands
- DTI: Mr Morrison attends Data Magnetics Ltd lunch; addresses Electrical Contractors Association dinner, London
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TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): "The New Breadwinners" Roisin McAuley on working mothers in Birmingham fighting exploitation and the black economy

"Medicine Now": BBC Radio 4 (20.00): Geoff Watts on the health of medical care

"The Tuesday Feature"; BBC Radio 4 (20.30): Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

"Nothing But the Best"; BBC 1 (22.55): "Who's Special Now?" on children with 'special educational needs"
