

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen pays a State visit to Nepal (to February 21)

Prime Minister gives live interview to Panorama

Prince of Wales begins visit to Texas to mark 150th anniversary of Texas' Independence (to February 21)

Prime Minister of Turkey Mr Turgut Ozal arrives (at the start of his visit)

EC Signing of Constitutional reforms

Result of National Association of Head Teachers ballot on midday supervision

Argentine politicians begin visit to United Kingdom (to February 21)

ECOFIN Council, Brussels

EC Informal Meeting Employment Ministers, The Hague (to February 18)

EC Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg (to February 19)  
(Mrs Chalker attends)

European Parliament Plenary Session, Strasbourg (to February 21)

Education Secretary delivers Royal Society lecture

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STATISTICS

DTI: Retail sales (January-provisional)

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PAY

DEM: Municipal airport manual workers; (2,300); claim for comparability with British Airways which is up to 12% pay increase; settlement date 1.1.86

DEM: NHS maintenance workers; (15,600); agenda to be set for discussions; settlement date 1.8.86

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Energy; Transport

Business: Gas Bill: Consideration of a Timetable Motion

Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill (Lords) 2nd Reading, Money and Ways and Means Resolutions

Adjournment Debate

Her Majesty's prisons at Acklington and Castington (Mr A Beith)

Select Committees: ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Planning

Witnesses: Department of the Environment  
Planning Inspectors

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: 1. Programme for provision of prison places (HC 135)

2. Property Services Agency new works statement

Witnesses: 1. Sir Brian Cubbon, GCB, Home Office, Mr G Manzie, CB, Property Services Agency

2. Mr G Manzie, CB

Lords

Motion to approve the First Report from the Procedure Committee.

Debate on the Report of the EEC on Income Taxation and Equal Treatment for Men and Women (1st Report 1985-86 HL 15)

UQ on what steps are being taken to safeguard the Law Centres which are not threatened with closure.

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

WAPPING

- Woman police officer among 1000 required to control violent crowd outside Murdoch plant on Saturday.
- Outside agitators blamed for violence, came solely to attack the police with assortment of weapons.
- Sun says nail bombs were used and blames rent-a-mob Trot thugs.
- 61 arrested, only half a dozen printers; 8 police and two passersby injured.
- Brenda Dean says the thugs are "sabotaging" SOGAT's protest.
- Murdoch reports most successful Sunday print run since transfer to Wapping.
- Confusion over whether NGA is or is not blacking Murdoch publications in line with court order.
- Sun leader says those who are in profession of sniping and sneering at the police should have spent a little time outside Wapping plant over last 2 weeks. It offers its thanks to the police and says the nation too should be grateful for the thin blue line which stands between the rule of law and the rule of the mob.
- Mirror features an arsenal of sinister and frightening weapons used against police by extremists.
- Express: War at Wapping - arsenal of terror blamed on thugs; leader says the weekend violence was disturbing but it merely ensured that public opinion has become even more hostile to those on the picket line. Sheer self interest should warn the unions that picket line violence must be avoided if their arguments are to commend a hearing with the public.
- Mail P1 lead - Wapping war on police. Features the "arsenal of hatred" leader says it was not picketing or a mass demonstration; it was an assault by the irregulars of the hard Left on the police. Why should Murdoch have new PR consultants when the violent trouble makers are doing such an effective job for him?
- Telegraph P1 lead: Agitators led Wapping violence; union condemns fringe people.

ECONOMY / BUDGET

- CBI says any spare cash in Budget should go to job creation rather than tax cutting; claims that pay settlements, while running ahead of last year; are beginning to edge down.
- Lower inflation canvassed by Mail at the end of this week, partly because of slide in oil prices. Gas industry cutting its prices to large industrial consumers.
- Economic adviser to Barclays wants Government to restore MLR to control bouts of nervousness in money markets.
- Government considering a major extension of Job Start programmes.

INDUSTRY

- Hanson expected to raise offer for Imperial today; Government ready to rebut claims that his bid was allowed through by DTI as a pay-off over Westland.
- Hattersley seeks assurance Government will not privatise Rolls-Royce aero and marine divisions.
- Mirror reports a campaign to keep Land Rover and BL bus divisions in British hands; Mail leader asks if Tiny Rowland is genuinely pitching for Land Rover or out to discomfort the Government. There is a case for auctioning this prestigious asset.
- Several papers feature 2,000 happy workers - shareholders in National Freight Corporation, who turned up cheering at its annual meeting. Profits up 70%.
- New row over Sellafield with disclosure that radioactive discharge in 1950s incident was 40 times greater than so far conceded; Elack report to be reworked; Mail says there is to be a major shake up of top management at the plant to head off growing pressure to shut it down.
- Express says Philips Electrical has offered to put up the capital cost of lighting 80 miles of the M25 to improve safety. They offer deal on an annual charge per mile basis; Express leader, headed "Seeing the light", welcomes the offer and says the Government should accept it without delay since lives are at stake.
- Emlyn Williams, S. Wales NUM leader, wants NUM to merge with TGWU to give it more power; ORAC report leaked to Guardian says communications between management and employees at NCB worse than found in any other survey.
- Culham lab. of UKAEA wins SDI contract.

SUNDAY TRADING

- Mirror lists 61 groups of workers who have one thing in common - they work Sundays. So why do Keep Sunday Special Campaigners, Church, Unions and some MPs declare the British Sunday will be destroyed if shop assistants are asked to work on the Sabbath?
- Express says over 70 MPs, mostly Tory Backbenchers, have spoken against measure.

MEDIA

- Mary Whitehouse says BBC investigation in to violence on TV by academics is a whitewash.
- Guardian speculates that Alasdair Milne is likely to step down as Director General, EBC, at the end of the year for family reasons.

POLITICS

- You are to appoint a second PPS.
  - MORI weekend poll shows Tory support holding - Labour 37/Con. 33/SDP/Lib 28%.
  - D/Star says Kinnock is to expel Derek Hatton and Mulhearn, plus about six other Liverpool Militants; Sun publishes Mail on Sunday's list of top drawers of expenses in local government - Hatton ranks 4th.
  - Sun says tonight you will hammer home an "I'm in charge" message to viewers.
  - Express says tonight you will show you are in full control and mean to stay that way.
  - Express says you will attempt to lift morale tonight.
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- David Hart, in Times, on why you much have Thatcherites, wants those of your staff who got you into Westland trouble replaced when the dust settles. He also wants you to get rid of Peter Walker, Michael Jopling, Lord Hailsham, Keith Joseph (at DES and John Biffen.
  - T E Utley's money, placed in Telegraph, is on you to survive to next election.
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- David Steel says that on balance he favours an SDP/Lib merger after next election.
  - Sun leader, on Michael Heseltine's saying he is open to offers from Tories, says the only offer he is likely to receive would be Mafia-style, and he would be wise to refuse it.
  - Shirley Williams claims SDP/Libs are now the only national force in Britain; Labour and Tories regional parties.
  - Guardian says right wing Labour MPs are to campaign for withdrawal of Labour Whip from Militant MPs Nellist and Fields.

LAW AND ORDER

- 200 Civil Servants fingerprinted in Glasgow after drugs worth £150,000 disappear from Procurator Fiscal's office where they were being held as evidence.
- Mail feature on Customs and Excise war against drugs.
- Times says Home Office is to abolish protection on identification of rape defendants (as distinct from victims) after growing criticism.

SPORT

- Barry McGuigan retains world featherweight championship in Dublin.
- Police investigating dangerous spraying of crowd and Manchester United team at Liverpool a week ago interviewing man after tip-off from taxi-driver.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Express features violence in Britain's hospitals with drunks, drug addicts and warring gangs directing a wave of terror against medical staff trying to help them; leader says unfortunately for hospital staff violence is becoming a fact of, and occasionally a threat to, their working lives. They deserve all the protection they can be given.
- World Health Organisation attacks modern maternity care. Mail says it is very much in line with Mrs Wendy Savage, the consultant who is in the dock arguing that there is too much emphasis on hi-tech in childbirth.
- Norman Fowler promises in Times to tackle schizophrenia problem.

EDUCATION

- Headteachers to tell Sir Keith Joseph today he is irresponsible in pressing ahead with GCSE; schools are not ready for it.
- Vice-Chancellor of Durham University writes to parents and guardians of his 4,800 students to point out hardships facing students.
- Telegraph leader says it is now up to the Government to shame or force the universities into doing their duty to uphold free speech. DES has been strangely silent on the matter.

HOUSING

- Opposition is convinced, according to Guardian, that Government is to launch new legislation to lift rent controls on some private tenancies.
- John Patten to step up pressure on Councils with £200m owing in council house rents across country.



IRELAND

- Sun leader wants to know, in advance of your meeting with him this week, when Dr Fitzgerald is going to honour his promises in the Anglo-Irish agreement - action against IRA terrorists who shelter in the Republic and drop claim to sovereignty over North.
- Telegraph says you are expected to press Dr Fitzgerald to use his good offices with SDLP.
- Police report into 3 shooting incidents involving an RUC under cover unit recommends prosecution of 3 officers.
- Guardian leader tries to put some urgency behind an Anglo-Irish Parliamentary tier.

PEOPLE

- Some papers assert Princess Anne is expecting a baby.
- Sakharov could be released in summer as part of swap, according to German paper.

NEW ZEALAND

- Russian ship sinks on rocks; all but one crewman out of 740 on board safe.

FALKLANDS

- Argentine MPs in London make clear sovereignty of Islands is top of their agenda.
- Times leader welcomes delegation.

TURKEY

- Bans Tony Benn from giving a public lecture tonight on peace and democracy.

PORTUGAL

- Soares achieves a remarkable come-back victory in presidential election

USA

- Refuses to admit Baby Doc, ex-Haiti.

EC

- New row over plans to give away food mountain.
- British Euro MPs want inquiry into Mediterranean sunshine homes racket.

PHILIPPINES

- Mrs Aquino, who claims she was cheated in presidential election, calls for general strike.

SINGAPORE

- Lee Kwan Yew Jnr to join father's Cabinet.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling visits south west region including Scilly Isles (to February 18)

DES: Sir Keith Joseph meets deputation from British Science

DTI: Mr Channon attends Philips lunch; meets Turkish Prime Minister, London

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits McKeys Foods & Meat & Livestock Commission plant, Bletchley

MOD: Mr Lamont addresses Bow Group on SDI

DES: Mr Walden visits NERC Swindon

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at Coventry Chamber of Commerce and Industry course in Coventry; later speaks at London Chamber of Commerce and Industry course, Greenford.

DOE: Sir George Young presents British Board of Agreement certificates

HO: Mr Shaw visits Tottenham police

HO: Mr Mellor attends presentation of result into research of drug abuse

DHSS: Mr Newton attends Faculty of Actuaries sessional meeting, Edinburgh

SO: Mr Stewart attends briefing session on Career Development loans scheme, Aberdeen, later visits Scottish Development Agency's office; visits Aberdeen Press & Journal office, Aberdeen

SO: Mr MacKay meets Chief Constable of Strathclyde police, Glasgow

DTI: Mr Pattie meets Greek Minister of Transport & Communications

DTI: Mr Howard attends Arbuthnots Securities Ltd, lunch

DTI: Lord Lucas visits Bristol

DTP: Lord Caithness attends Canary Wharf exhibition, HOC

DTP: Mr Spicer hosts official lunch for Mr Papadimitriou, Greek Transport Minister

WO: Mr Robinson opens housing scheme, Lampeter

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MOD: Mr Younger visits BOAR and RAF Germany (to February 18)
  - DEM: Mr Clarke attends EC Informal meeting, The Hague (to February 18)
  - MOD: Mr Lee departs for Asian Defence Exhibition Conference, Malaysia (to February 20)
  - FCO: Mr Eggar to UN, New York
  - DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits radioactive waste processing plant, Mol, Belgium
  - FCO: Mrs Chalker departs for FAC meeting, Luxembourg (to February 18)
  - DTI: Mr Butcher attends investment lunch, Stuttgart, Germany
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TV AND RADIO

- "Hospital Watch"; BBC 1 (during "Breakfast Time"; 17.35; 20.10): Follows a week in the life of two big NHS hospitals
  - "Money Box"; BBC Radio 4 (10.00): Repeat of Saturday's programme
  - "Micro Live"; BBC 2 (17.30): Repeat of Friday's programme
  - "Food for Thought"; Channel 4 (17.30): On food packaging labels and relevant EEC regulations
  - "On Your Farm"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): Repeat of Saturday's programme
  - "Open Space"; BBC 2 (19.40): On the opposition of CROWD (Campaign for the Right of Assembly and Dissent) to the new Public Order Bill
  - "Science Now"; BBC Radio 4 (19.45): Peter Evans reports on research at the MOD Royal Signals and Radar Establishment and how far it can be applied to industry
  - "World in Action"; ITV (20.30): 'On Your Bike' - programme follows unemployed young Northerners who cycle to High Wycombe in search of work
  - "Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): The Prime Minister is interviewed by David Dimbleby at No 10 Downing Street
  - "The Eleventh Hour"; Channel 4 (23.00): Sheffield Film Co-op production concludes series on 'The State of Welfare' with mothers criticising Government priorities
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