

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister hosts Conservative National Golf Tournament reception

EC/ACP Meeting, Brussels

Deadline for firm intentions to bid for BL Trucks and Land Rover

Austin Rover workers lobby Parliament

Edward Heath makes speech on industrial policy

Msg Bruce Kent in court over intent to damage property charge

Eddie Shah's new national newspaper due to be launched

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 35th seminar, London (to March 21)

Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition opens, Earls Court (to March 30)

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STATISTICS

BOE: Capital issues and redemptions (Feb)

CLSB: London & Scottish banks monthly statement (Feb)

HMT: UK official reserves (Feb)

OPCS: Mortality statistics: accidents and violence 1984

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PUBLICATIONS

FCO: Austria No 1 (1986). Supplementary Convention on Social Security between Government of UK of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Austria (14.00)

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Education and Science; Defence; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Scotland (Mr J Home Robertson)

Housing Scotland Bill: Conclusion of Remaining Stages

Salmon Bill (Lords): Second Reading, Money Ways and Means Resolutions

PARLIAMENT (cont'd)

Business: (Cont'd)

Adjournment Debate

Ambulance services in Guisborough (Mr R Holt)

Select Committees:

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Subject: Prison Education

Witnesses: prison Department, Home Office (at 10.40);

NACRO (at approximately 11.40)

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: The Tin Crisis

Witnesses: Hon Alan Clark, MP, Minister for Trade,  
Hon Peter Morrison, MP, Minister of State for Industry,  
officials from the Department of Trade and Industry

JOINT COMMITTEE

Lothian Region (Edinburgh Western Relief Road)

Order Confirmation Bill

Lords:

Drug Trafficking Offences Bill: Second Reading

Law Reform (Parent and Child) (Scotland) Bill: Second Reading

UQ on HMG's reaction to the concern expressed by the Royal College of Nursing over the effects of the reorganisation of the National Health Service on patient care and on the nursing profession.

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

NORTHERN IRELAND

- 34 arrested during 24 hour strike which many papers say turned into an orgy of violence and intimidation.
- Some complaints against RUC for not being active enough against law breakers and Para-militaries.
- D/Star: P2 Ulster in mob terror. Snipers opened fire on police in Belfast.
- Sun P4: Thug law. King slams Ulster's big strike. Orders inquiry into claims that RUC turned blind eye to road blocks; leader headed "King on Trial" says the strike was futile and disgraced by violence and the only damage was to the province and its people. But Tom King has given too much to Dublin in return for too little. His task is to convince Protestant majority that Britain regards her word in the Agreement is a total commitment made in honour.
- Mirror P2: Thugs terror halts Ulster. Mob takes over Loyalist strike.
- Express P2: Ulster shame as demo mob creates havoc. Loyalist protest strike erupts in an orgy of hate.
- Mail P1 lead: The fury of Ulster backlash - an orgy of violence and intimidation; leader asks why "pretty" what happened by calling it a strike. It was a spasm of rebellion. You should be ready to bend - both you and Fitzgerald could keep your mouths shut, which is what suspending the Agreement boils down to, while devolution is discussed.
- Telegraph P1 lead: Rampage by Ulster mob. 24-hour strike erupts into firebomb attacks. King condemns hoodlums. Peter Robinson is key figure behind day of disruption.
- Guardian P1 lead: Violence takes grip as Ulster protest. Paisley and Molyneaux accused of losing grip.
- FT: Unionist leaders fail to control violence. But the incidents were sporadic, short-lived and seemed to occur only when TV cameras were in view. Most businesses were closed and those that opened had few customers. Reports of intimidation were widespread.
- Guardian leader says Unionists have left themselves with little alternative to a mounting campaign of opposition. But it is just possible Protestant population is ready to hear something different if only their leaders can gather enough self confidence to utter it.
- Times P1 lead - Mob rules as strike grips Ulster. RUC accused of standing by in face of violence.

HEATING ALLOWANCES

- D/Star says MPs are contrasting part time salary of £85,000 to new chairman of BNFL with hard line on heating allowances.
- Express asks why it took so long to speed up heating payments and for (Age Concern) to send out survival kits just before the thaw arrives. Better late than never isn't good enough.
- Mail leader says long before next winter we must have a more simple more generous and better publicised system for helping those in need with fuel bills. If that costs rest of us more, so be it. And unemployed youngsters should be used to insulate homes and neighbourhood watch-the-elderly schemes should be introduced.

NUCLEAR

- Worker contaminated by uranium at BNFL, Capenhurst, but allowed to resume work.



INDUSTRY

- Private firm taking over cleaning of DVLC at Swansea to cut pay of cleaners from £27 to £18.75 a week.
- Lord Gowrie to become London Chairman of Sothebys.
- Eight firms interested in building new Dartford crossing.
- You are to fly Concorde to Vancouver to promote British industry.
- TNT, Australian transport firm with close links with Rupert Murdoch, is one of mysterious shareholders in Westland (Guardian).
- FT: Nimbus Records, a small specialist record producer in the Wye Valley is to spend £8m to expand production of compact discs, creating 300 jobs.
- Littlewoods plans to create an extra 2,500 jobs in retailing this year.
- Employers are having to offer incentives, including "golden hellos", to hire the best students because of shortages of high fliers.
- FT: Rings of professionals spanning several City institutions have been carrying out large share transactions on the basis of inside information through their own offshore dealing companies, the Stock Exchange claims.
- FT: Pentagon is investigating whether European companies working on SDI may have to be subjected to security procedures to stop technologies leaking to the Soviets.
- Times says Canary Wharf office project is at risk because of political uncertainties over its rail and Underground link with City.
- FT: Leading article looks at the coal industry one year after the end of the strike and finds it leaner and fitter but with an uphill battle ahead.
- Negotiations are at an advanced stage for India to buy the aircraft carrier Hermes for £60m.

BL

- Leyland Trucks management backs GM takeover - could increase business and investment.
- 10,000 BL workers to be offered shares if management buy out of Land Rover succeeds.
- Telegraph says a foreign company planning to join the bidding for trucks has dropped out. GM expected to be sole candidate. Leader says it is largely the Government's fault that it has to take a decision about BL bids in a mood of seething political unrest by conducting negotiations behind closed doors and the attempted method has also shaken faith in privatisation. The best way is to ask for competitive bids from the word go.
- Today: Land Rover chief David Andrews makes direct plea to all MPs - "Let us stay British". Leader backs the management buy-out.

SUNDAY TRADING

- D/Star says a nasty suspicion of dither and delay now surrounds Government's plans for Sunday trading. But the vast majority of the country is for the changes.
- Telegraph however says there is no overwhelming demand for the proposed change. It would be prudent for the Government to consider making some concessions.

MEDIA

- Kenneth Clark accuses Kinnock of using Wapping dispute as an excuse to surrender curbs on union extremism.
- Lord Rothermere says there will have to be "incredible reductions" in Mail newspapers' staff to meet Murdoch and Shah competition.
- Scottish consortium bids for Maxwell's titles in Scotland.
  
- Rank to take IBA to court over its moves to block a takeover of Granada.
- IBA to examine all types of violence on screen.
- Sir Frederic Bennett MP wins substantial libel damages against Private Eye

UNIONS

- Civil Service unions put in claim for 17% and say they are prepared to ballot on industrial action; also want 35 hour week.
- NUR being forced by certification officer to re-run ballot for NEC after complaints by members.
- UDM sue Ian MacGregor for refusing to pay 7% rise to UDM members who work in pits where NUM is in a majority.
- NACODS to hold delegate conference on closure of Bates Colliery.
- FT: Staff at GCHQ must pay tax on the £1,000 they received for giving up their right to trade union membership, the High Court has ruled.
- Kenneth Clarke denies that employment legislation leaves a loophole for employers to avoid lawful industrial action by setting up "buffer" companies.

POLITICS

- Sun asks how long is Mr Heath going to play the Abominable No Man. If he doubts you have the overwhelming support of Tory MPs he can stand against you.
- Express sarcastically notes Ted Heath's failure three times in an interview to back your leadership into the next election.
- Kinnock's camp says there is no question of concluding pacts with Scottish and Welsh Nationalists or Ulster Unionists to enable Labour to take power on a hung Parliament.
- FT: An article examines several issues which have put devolution for Wales and Scotland back on the political agenda.
- The industrial policy views of Michael Heseltine and Edward Heath were strongly attacked yesterday by Nicholas Ridley, addressing the Tory Reform Group.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- All 30 members of West Midlands Police Committee, including 12 magistrates being sued by police for failing to meet a court deadline for reviewing payment of allowance.
- High Court rejects plea by Conservative Councils to block £105m spending plans of GLC and Great Manchester and West Midlands MCs. Sun's headline: "Carry on Spending! Judge OKs Leftie Councils' spree". Express says Ministers have only themselves to blame because it is their legislation which has allowed these authorities to stagger off on a final binge at our expense.
- However, the issue goes to appeal.

HOUSING

- Mirror features landlord of Haverstock Lodge Hotel in Hampstead who, it says, has grown rich on the backs of the poor who are desperate for a roof over their heads.
- Federation of Bangladesh Associates accuses 5 Left wing London boroughs of racism in housing allocations.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Youtheid alleges that when Social Security Bill becomes law thousands of young people could become homeless if they get behind with rent to landlords.
- Guardian says 5m will have to pay bigger share of their weekly rent and rate as a result of Government's decision to save £500m on housing benefit by 1988.
- Times says prescription charges are expected to rise 10p.

LAW AND ORDER

- Drunken labourer accused of £1.5m arson of Great Missenden Abbey.
- Express forecasts chaos when the new Crown Prosecution Services comes in on April 1 because too few solicitors have been recruited.
- Greek Security and British Special Branch investigating a link between US diplomat held on espionage charges and British diplomat arrested in Athens (Mail).
- Today: MI5 is investigating an American suspected of having replaced KGB master spy Geoffrey Prime in British Intelligence.

EC

- Euro Parliament's £345,000 staff travel allowance for 1986 has been spent on a single trip to Swaziland.
- Sir James Scott-Hopkins claims fact finding EuroParliament missions abroad are being used as sunshine holidays, including girlfriends and wives.
- US Government has told EuroParliament to cut size of delegation (100) because it cannot cope with it.
- FT: Sharp divisions have emerged among European industry ministers on the nature and level of support for shipbuilding.

PHILIPPINES

- 15 police and 4 civilians shot dead in Communist ambush.

AUSTRIA

- Kurt Waldheim, presidential candidate, had Nazi past, according to archives.

EAST-WEST

- Foreign Secretary to discuss our response to Gorbachev with Paul Nitze.

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Lots of colour, but not much news in press to compete with Eddie Shah's first edition of Today, which arrives too late for this Summary.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MOD: Mr Younger gives interview to Sunday Express

DEM: Lord Young speaks at dinner of the Ealing Federation of Chambers of Commerce

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Institute of Directors

HO: Mr Hurd speaks at Horserace Totalisator Board lunch

SO: Mr Rifkind lunches with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lambeth Palace

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Fleetwood

MAFF: Lord Belstead visits Suffolk Sheep Society, Harrogate

DOE: Mr Waldegrave attends Pollution Technology Awards Scheme; later addresses Chemical Engineers Institute annual dinner

DOE: Mr Tracey visits Southborough School, Tolworth

FCO: Mr Renton addresses the All Party Palestine Committee

DHSS: Mr Whitney attends fund raising campaign for School of Osteopathy, London

OAL: Mr Luce addresses launch of Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts Scottish Committee, Edinburgh

DTI: Lord Lucas attends British Phonographic Industry reception, London

DTI: Mr Howard addresses Westminster Industrial Brief; attends RICS dinner, London

DTI: Mr Clark meets Bangladeshi High Commissioner

DTI: Mr Butcher opens Oceanology International Exhibition and Conference, Brighton

DTI: Mr Morrison addresses COMET conference, London

DTP: Mr Bottomley opens Institution of Civil Engineers' conference on primary route network, London; opens Fleet News Motor Show, Wembley; addresses Southern Scrap Association's annual dinner, London

DTP: Lord Caithness lunches with Automobile Association, London

WO: Mr Robinson attends Industrial Soiree with the Royal Society, London

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Mrs Chalker attends ACP/EC meeting, Brussels

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## TV AND RADIO

"Years Ahead"; Channel 4 (15.45): Programme for the elderly includes items on standing charges and disability benefits

"Communities in Crisis"; BBC Radio 4 (16.05): First programme in new series highlights the recovery of Corby from the closure of its steelworks in 1980

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): Reports on Mexico's debt problems

"The Money Makers"; BBC 2 (19.30): 'Japan's super salesman'. Sony boss, Akio Morita, talks about Japan's commercial success and Britain's relative decline

"Medicine now"; BBC Radio 4 (20.00): Geoff Watts reports

"South East Reports"; BBC 2 (20.00): Examines prospects for the arts in London after the GLC abolition

"First Tuesday"; ITV (22.30): Reports on former Rampton Hospital patient Len Harding and on the mood of Kent miners .

"4 What It's Worth"; Channel 4 (20.30): First in new series of consumer advice programmes includes items on a scheme accused of exploiting the unemployed and the dangers of badly identified chemical lorries

"Nothing but the Best"; BBC 1 (22.50): 'Power to the Parents' - A panel of teachers and parents discuss education issues, including the effects of the pay dispute

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