

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Liverpool City Council considers appeal court decision on surcharges etc

Four policemen appear at Bow Street magistrates Court over assault on youths in Holloway

Prime Minister to meet Mr Abdul Haq, Afghan Resistance Commander

Mr Eggar addresses the British and Overseas Residents Association

British Nationality Fees Regulations laid

Mr Luce makes major arts speech, Wells

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STATISTICS

BOE: Provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (mid-Feb)

BSA: Building Societies' monthly figures (Feb)

CLSB: London and Scottish banks' monthly statement (Feb)

HO: Control of Immigration statistics (4th qtr) 1985

OPCS: Legal abortions - September quarter 1985; cancer survival: 1978-80 registrations

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PUBLICATIONS

DES: HMI Reports on aspects of provision for the young unemployed adult; Nunnery Wood comprehensive school, Worcester; a survey of health education in some primary and secondary schools in Wigan, Greater Manchester; St Paul's RC (Aided) Primary, Hyde, Tameside, and Forge Lane Infants School, Hanworth (LB of Hounslow)

NAO: National Audit Office - off-shore petroleum installation facilities account 1984/85 (11.00)

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Redundant Churches and other religious buildings (Mr R Freeman)

Debate on a Motion to take Note of EC documents relating to a Common Policy and Liberalisation of Shipping

Motion on the Local Government (Temporary Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order

Motion on the Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order



PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)

Select Committees: EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS  
 Subject: Achievement in Primary Schools  
 Witness: The Catholic Education Council

Lords Incest and Related Offences (Scotland) Bill (HL):  
 Third Reading  
 Marriage (Wales) Bill: Committee  
 Sex Discrimination Bill (HL): Committee  
 Surrogacy Arrangements (Amendment) Bill (HL):  
 Second Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTLAW AND ORDER

- Much concern today about sexual violence. Mail says sensibilities are bludgeoned by the incessant reports of savage rape. It should be treated as a plague. We pride ourselves in this country on our physical hygiene but mentally we are descending to the sewers.
- 2 jurors weep when, after clearing a man of murdering a 7 year old girl, discover he had confessed to a string of sex crimes; this was kept from the jury to ensure he had a fair hearing. Mail asks if they wept for shame.
- Mail says detectives are investigating a horrific catalogue of rapes and sexual attacks throughout Britain.
- D/Star pursues its demand for a Minister for Children after report of a girl of 8 mixed up in the vice trade, a report shows 37 child drinkers receiving treatment in Nottingham were under 7 and with soaring juvenile violent crime and drug addiction.
- Robin Corbett MP says Sun should be prosecuted for using a front page photo of the Ealing vicarage rape victim. Mirror praises the girl's courage and devotes a page to a whole series of rapes and sexual assaults since the Ealing incident.
- Press Council to conduct inquiry into reporting of Ealing rape.
- B/Rail running special trains, with only police on board, to swoop on vandals.





NORTHERN IRELAND

- Unionist leaders seek new talks with you.
- NI Police Authority accuse Paisley and Molyneaux of trying to use political pressure to influence RUC members.
- Telegraph says hopes of renewed Government-Unionist contacts rose last night.
- FT: The Government is today expected to confirm its stand against Unionist calls for a suspension of the Anglo-Irish Agreement by hosting a Ministerial meeting in Belfast. Molyneaux describes it as provocation.
- Times says Unionists ask for talks on devolution.

POLITICS

- Sun, commenting on reports that you and Mr Tebbit are to exclude "wets" from work on "radical" Tory manifesto says if this is correct you are dead right. They don't want Walkerism, Pymism or Heathism but Thatcherism Part 3. It can be a three times winner.
- Guardian says Mr Tebbit tried to head off criticism that you and he were trying to produce a manifesto by excluding less abrasive colleagues. He says work on manifesto has not started; leader says the drift of Conservative aspiration is clearly towards Hurd, Howe or Biffen.
- Harold Wilson, in Woman's Own interview, says you are thoughtful and caring but don't apply these qualities to Government. But Tories will drop you as soon as they can if things go wrong.
- Mirror has its version of the interview headed "Maggie I feel sorry for you", but the intro says Wilson had some unexpected praise for you about your "caring side"; Express, referring to Wilson's claim that you talk too much and take too much on yourself, comments: "There's a man who knows what he's talking about".
- Express notes Wilson says he feels very sympathetic towards you because you are in a lot of trouble. He likes you personally.
- Mail: Maggie's caring side - by Wilson.
- Telegraph: Wilson warns Thatcher - ie about your being abandoned if Government's problems worsen.



POLITICS (CONT'D)

- Labour Party to put 12 Liverpool Militants on trial on March 26 - not enough evidence against another 4; Pat Wall fails to secure endorsement without appearing before organisation committee. Express leader says when it comes to respect for the law, the Labour Party is like a weak-willed old lag; its reference to Kinnock backing the idea of a relief fund for councillors who have broken the law.
- Express says Kinnock refused retrospective indemnities for councillors yesterday but Left are claiming he left the door open.
- Mail says Kinnock's drive against Militant extremists took a series of body blows with the Militant supporters being endorsed, the buck on Pat Wall being passed and Right Wingers predicting he would be endorsed, and decision to drop charges against 4 Liverpool Militants.
- Telegraph says confusion broke out last night over just how far Labour had gone in recommending support and eventual exoneration for Liverpool and Lambeth councillors. Kinnock the only member of the NEC to vote against retrospective indemnity.
- British Communist Party attacks trade union leadership as undemocratic and corrupt.
- Michael Foot profile of Tony Benn in Guardian - gradually Benn came not to be trusted, he says.
- Professor of Politics at Nottingham, in Times, suggests a major about turn in Conservative politics is on its way.

ECONOMY

- More good raw material price figures boost Government's hopes of cutting inflation. Telegraph leads with the good news.
- Tory Reform Group want Chancellor to put jobs before tax cuts - want more spending on housing, education and health.
- David Basnett says a future Labour Government would need a pay deal with unions if it were to cut unemployment.
- SDP/Lib Alliance presents alternative Budget designed to cut dole queue by 750,000 in 3 years with high investment and without "accelerating inflation".
- FT: Saudi Arabia has postponed for five months the publication of a 1986-87 budget because of the uncertainty over oil prices and their impact on revenue.

INDUSTRY

- 300 miners walk out of Betteshanger Colliery on anniversary of ending pit strike, demanding reinstatement of 47 men.
- Planners in City of London reverse decision and want to encourage fresh office development in "Square Mile"-
- National Association of Port Employers says its members are being forced by the Government to work with some of the worst restrictive practices in the country because Ministers fear confrontation with dockers.
- The pace of change in the City, including the Government's self-regulating proposals, are "dangerously rapid", says Sir John Baring of Barclays Bank.
- Pilkington is set to become the world's largest producer of flat glass following its purchase of the glass-manufacturing division of Libby-Owens-Ford of the US.
- In the six months to February the typical pay increase of company directors was 10 per cent, indicating a slowing down in rises.
- Guardian reports a further delay in Sizewell report; reports claims that 7 demolition men were exposed to contaminated metal at Windscale in spite of repeated assurances.



BL

- GM takes full page adverts to explain its commitment to Britain for over 60 years - Labour MPs attack its bid after news GM plans to lay off 10,000 in Detroit.
- BL board to consider rival bids today.
- Strong feeling of compromise plan being worked out after news that Paul Channon saw several bidders yesterday.
- FT: Roy Horrocks, BL's director in charge of cars, who is expected to leave the Group in changes planned by Graham Day, will have a chance to air his views before the Trade and Industry Select Committee tomorrow.
- There has been considerable dismay within Austin Rover about some of Mr Day's comments on the day his appointment was announced
- A compromise to retain a central role for UK management in the running of Land Rover within an agreement with GM will be explored further this week.
- Leader says the Government must decide its policy for the motor industry and stick to it. The present uncertainty is very damaging.
- But Guardian says Ministers are no nearer a compromise.
  
- Michael Grylls, in letter to Times, supports GM option.

MEDIA

- Maxwell says future publication of his Daily Record in Scotland is in doubt; it won't appear again until a Scottish SOGAT official apologises for trying to censor leading article.
- Two sides in Wapping dispute to meet this week under arrangement made by Norman Willis (TUC).
- FT reaches agreement with print unions on productivity and technology.
- FT: News International plans to turn the Sunday Times into a 200-page newspaper, rivalling the New York Times in size.





EDUCATION

- National Association of Head Teachers to close schools for lunch on Thursday in protest over inadequate resources made available by Government for supervision.
- David Owen says performance of head teachers should be reviewed every five years; many are burned out; he also advocates pay rises for teachers on merit - this astonishes and disappoints unions.
- Mail says you are under pressure to replace Sir Keith, now regarded as a lame-duck. John Moore and Kenneth Clarke canvassed; Norman Tebbit said to be pushing Peter Walker.
- FT: Talks to end the Scottish teachers dispute take place today with union leaders hopeful of a higher settlement than that in England and Wales.
- Article by Peter Riddell says education is now the big issue. All ministers are talking about it.

EAST-WEST

- Maggie tells Moscow - no deal - Mail report of your letter to Gorbachev.
- Sun wants to know why Russians should want and need 270 diplomats at UN since it holds the UN in contempt. It is part of their world-wide network of espionage. We all want East-West talks but not at the price of offering open house to spies.
- Times Gorbachev arms deal rejected.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 9 killed in Zulu tribal battle.

SPORT

- Mail says a British Left wing activist who joined an anti-apartheid demonstration against England cricket team in Trinidad is being deported for entering illegally.

DEFENCE

- FT: High-level political intervention in attempts to win US military contracts, like your action during the fight for a battlefield communications deal with the US Army, can be counter-productive, says Jim Ambrose, US Under Secretary for the Army.

EC

- Is considering legal action against UK for dirty beaches, according to Mail.



LEBANON

- Terrorists release picture of what they claim to be body of one of four kidnapped TV crew.
- Guardian says the killing has shaken France.

AUSTRALIA

- Reports that the Queen was "treated to a strip show and stream of four letter words" (Mirror) in send-up of Lewis Carroll; but she seemed to enjoy it.

ZIMBABWE

- Woman whose son, 33, has been held without trial for 4 years appeals to you for help.

NIGERIA

- FT: Barclays Bank has been asked by Nigeria to chair a committee of commercial banks due to meet government officials in London on 26 March for the first round of talks about rescheduling Nigeria's £4.7bn debt.

TV AND RADIO

"Communities in Crisis"; BBC Radio 4 (16.05): looks at the effect of the oil industry on the Shetlands

"Film on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): asks 'Can "people power" bring democracy to the Philippines?'

"South East Reports"; BBC 2 (20.00): asks whether the Green Belt has outlived its usefulness

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

"4 What It's Worth"; Channel 4 (20.30): includes items on a computer software 'rip-off'; credit cards; and artificial limbs

"The Tuesday Feature"; BBC Radio 4 (20.30): "A Labour of Love" - portrait of Baroness Bacon

"Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Party"; BBC 1 (22.00); ITV (22.00); BBC 2 (22.45)

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MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DES: Sir Keith Joseph addresses Vith formers at Moulsham High School, Chelmsford
- DEM: Lord Young gives Barnet lecture on inner city enterprise, London E1
- DEM: Mr Clarke addresses tourism conference, Stratford on Avon
- DOE: Mr Baker opens housing scheme, Wandsworth
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Conservative Industrial fund lunch
- SO: Mr Rifkind meets Messrs Nicholson and Calder of the MSE, London
- DTI: Mr Channon visits Manchester; opens Stock Exchange
- MAFF: Lord Belstead attends 'National Parks Awareness Campaign; HOC
- DEM: Mr Trippier meets National Council for Voluntary Organisations, London
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave attends launch of book "Healthier Profits"
- DOE: Mr Pattie addresses British Constructional Steelwork Association 50th anniversary dinner
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits Leicester; later visits Lincoln
- FCO: Mr Eggar addresses British and Overseas Residents Association
- OAL: Mr Luce gives major arts speech, Wells, Somerset
- SO: Mr Stewart holds MSC quarterly review meeting, London; interviewed on BBC Radio Scotland "Jimmy Mack" programme
- DTI: Mr Morrison visits BP HQ - views film on industry education
- DTI: Mr Howard addresses the Society of Country Trading Standards Officers annual dinner, London
- DTP: Mr Bottomley attends 'open day', Yeading HGV/PSV testing station
- DTP: Mr Spicer addresses the Airfields Environment Federation Conference, London; addresses Worshipful Company of Carmen dinner, Mansion House

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MAFF: Mr Gummer visits European Parliament, Strasbourg
- DTI: Lord Lucas visits Spain (to March 14)
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