

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister hosts Industry Year reception

EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (to March 25)

Fourth Round of Anglo/Soviet maritime talks open

OECD Economic Policy Committee meeting (to March 25)

Royal Assent for Local Government Bill

Last day for Vickers share buying

First Tristar refuelling tanker delivered to RAF

Outcome of Judicial Review of Barristers' fees expected

Announcement of formation of Ministerial Group on Crime Prevention expected

Electrical Power Engineers Association delegate conference, Bournemouth (to March 26)

Association of District Councils, Transport Managers' meeting, Southampton (to March 26)

INFO - Information Technology and Office Automation Exhibition opens, Olympia (to March 27)

Academy Awards announced, Hollywood

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STATISTICS

CSO: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (February)

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PUBLICATIONS

HOC: 2nd Report Transport Committee - tolled crossing Vol III (11.00)

HOC: Education, Science and Arts Select Committee - achievements in primary schools (11.00)

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PAY

DEM: Scottish local authority engineering craftsmen; (1,700); substantial increase sought; settlement date 1.3.86

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Wales; Energy

Business: Conclusion of the Debate on the Budget Statement

Museum of London Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Motions on the Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payments Schemes) Order and on the Coal Industry (Limits of Payments in respect of Redundant Mineworkers) Order

Adjournment Debate

English Estates (Mr M Fallon)

Select Committees:

HOME AFFAIRS: SUB-COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND IMMIGRATION

Subject: Bangladeshis in Britain

Witness: Sir George Young, Bt, MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: Overseas Development Administration Bilateral Country Programmes

Witness: Overseas Development Administration

Lords

Drug Trafficking Offences Bill: Committee.

Professions Supplementary to Medicine (Winding up of Remedial Gymnasts Board) Order of Council 1986: Motion for Approval.

Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill (HL): Committee (2nd Day).

Broadcasting (Local Sound Broadcast Programme Contractors' Additional Payments) Order 1986: Motion for Approval.

Marriage (Prohibited Degree of Relationship) Bill (HL): Third Reading.

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTGLENHOLMES AFFAIR

- Home Secretary to make a statement today.
- Watch kept at airports and seaports because it is feared Glenholmes will flee to USA.
- UK DPP blamed for mix-up over warrant; new warrants being sent to Dublin.
- D/Star: Maggie fury at IRA girl fiasco. You have called for a report. Leader says quite rightly one hell of a row is on. Not for the first time the British authorities have made a total mess of trying to prise a prime suspect out of a safe haven abroad.
- Sun leader says it was a black day for justice when Glenholmes was freed. Irish police not to blame, but Irish Government are not lilywhite. The law in Dublin is their law and they should have given guidance so that the warrants succeeded. Had they possessed the will the judges could have allowed time for warrants to be corrected. But real guilt rest with DPP - may be the sacking should start with the DPP himself.
- Mirror says her freeing is a disgrace to Ireland and Britain and has given the IRA a major propaganda coup. The Anglo-Irish Agreement, in its first major test, failed pathetically.
- Today says the debate does not deserve to become a cause of rift between Governments. Home Secretary should today try to defuse the dispute. The Anglo-Irish Agreement is too precious to be allowed to disintegrate over a silly, though irritating, incident like this.
- Express P1: Who blundered? Row grows over bomb case girl court fiasco. She will be offered a new life, probably in America, under protection of grinning IRA chiefs; leader on "an ill-judged decision" says some people have clearly been guilty of gross carelessness. But the fault does not lie entirely with the British authorities. Many people will wonder if Irish judges did not stick too closely to letter of law and ignore its spirit.
- Mail P1: Heads to roll in IRA row; leader says if it had been scripted by the IRA, the farcical freeing of Glenholmes could not have done more to mock justice. Why isn't a top Irish law officer flown over to advise on extradition warrants? What is the point of an Anglo-Irish Agreement if it does not take the grit out of the extradition wording?
- Telegraph P1 lead says the blunder has put a strain on the Irish accord. Irish Government outraged by 'incompetence'.
- Telegraph leader says what must be clear is that if anything can go wrong in this kind of situation it will go wrong. But who did the planning to ensure they didn't?
- FT: The Irish Government blames the DPP. So does Scotland Yard; leader says it is up to the Governments to employ good lawyers and not make silly mistakes.
- Times: Sir Thomas Hetherington, DPP and his staff today face Scotland Yard's fury.
- Guardian says the British side of the case has yet to be heard but the burden of administrative rectitude hangs heavier on the DPP in Irish cases than in any other.
- Times leader says Saturday's farce in the courts and the streets of Dublin was a frightening illustration of the problems faced by civilized societies in bringing terrorism to book.

BL

- BL Board backs the GM bid. Talks with GM break down. Management buy-out for Land Rover now expected to go through. Mail says 8000 jobs are now at risk.
- Sun: No Yanks! Maggie turns down BL bid.
- Mirror say a major political crisis faces you over your decision to stop the GM takeover.
- Sue Cameron, in Today, says the affair has demonstrated either the hypocrisy (over market forces) or incompetence of a Government that officially has no overall industrial strategy.
- David Andrews, in Today, outlines his hopes for Land Rover under management buy-out. Government has only itself to blame for the embarrassing mess. It came to office against interventionism but now it is up to its neck in detail over a sell-off. Government should have kept its nerve and its nose out of it.
- Telegraph does not expect a decision about BL until after Easter; leader worries about whether the Government is, as a consequence of this, beginning to dabble in an industrial strategy.
- Guardian says pressure rises for management buy out of Land Rover.
- FT: Senior ministers last night appeared confused and ill-informed. They could not confirm or deny that Government had withdrawn from GM talks. Late last night some people were convinced that a conclusion to the talks was imminent. GM insists the negotiations are over.
- Times: Ministers will today review the wreckage of their plans for the sale of BL. Some Ministers refuse to believe a deal is completely off. The loss of the GM deal will be a severe blow to you because you put your personal weight behind it.
- Guardian says short term confidence could speedily return if the Government would forget about instant privatisation and concentrate on re-building faith in the enterprise. That will need cash and courage. But the trouble is that no such impulses are discernible in Whitehall.

YOUR SHARES

- Owen, Hattersley wax indignant over allegations that you have been dealing in shares as Prime Minister.
- D/Star P8: Maggie faces quiz on share dealings; forecasts you will have a tough time. Some MPs want a personal statement on your alleged share dealings.
- Sun P5: Maggie in quiz over her shares. A personal political crisis, even though no one suggests you have broken any rules.
- Mirror P2: Storm over Maggie's 'shares trading'.
- Today small piece P6: Thatcher 'must come clean on share dealings'; leader says you have put your money where your mouth is; in shares. No scandal in dealing in them. You did not try to hide the transaction nor offend against the official guidelines. No question of conflict of interest. But it does raise an issue of your judgment - and provides yet another example of your failure to appreciate the reaction of ordinary people.
- Express P2: You are to consult your advisers on how much you should reveal. Whitehall is relaxed. Innuendo dismissed as a smear.
- Mail leader says the report that you made a £2000 profit on the Australian shares is reassuring evidence that you who preach enterprise are no slouch at it yourself. But there is a convention that Ministers do not personally indulge in share dealings. So you should clear up the matter at the first opportunity.
- Telegraph: You are expected to make a statement; Downing Street relaxed.
- Guardian predictably forecasts sustained pressure from Opposition to explain.
- Times: Roy Hattersley says you must make a full statement today to protect your own integrity.

POLITICS

- Polls give Labour 8-9% lead in Fulham; SDP a poor third.
- Michael Heseltine says the absence of an industrial strategy has caused us to offend the USA over Westland and BL.
- Sun leader, on idea of Kinnock disbanding Young Socialists, says they are no worse than their Bennite elders who now dominate the Labour Party. If Kinnock wants to get rid of the spectre of Marx he will have to disband the whole party and start again.
- Campaign Group ask Kinnock to oppose the expulsion of any Militant supporters.
- FT: Labour Party and trade union leaders will today consider a proposal for the removal of all civil law restrictions on strikes.
- FT: Cabinet Ministers in charge of the big-spending programme are prepared to challenge the Treasury by putting in bids for substantial extra expenditure in the run-up to the General Election.

MEDIA

- NGA leader, Dubbin, charged with obstructing the highway at Wapping on Saturday night; 53 arrested in total.
- Maxwell reaches agreement with unions in Scotland - SOGAT agree they will not interfere in editorial views.
- Mail feature on the harrassed Professor John Vincent who, it says, has had his work sabotaged and his wife in hospital because of persecution but who refuses to bow to terror.
- Television technicians vote to ban adverts for South African goods.
- Kremlin spends £620m a year in jamming radio broadcasts from the West - what frightened people they must be! (Sun).
- Television programme 'Spitting Image' under fire from IBA for 'subliminal images' - transmission of fleeting glimpses of characters.

PETROL PRICES

- Mirror feature finds a 30p price gap; Today claims that EC Commission is to prosecute chemical companies, including ICA and Shell, for alleged price fixing after dawn raids on offices.
- Virgin to announce cuts in trans-Atlantic fares because of falling oil prices.
- Express says shop around drivers fight rises.
- Mail gloomy about rebounding (higher) prices for petrol if an OPEC agreement to cut production 20% can stick.
- FT: A weekend survey by the AA found prices varying between £1.58 and £1.85. In many areas the "big five" petrol firms were forced to limit their rises to 2p-5p. The Government may still order an inquiry into alleged price-fixing. Leader says the Chancellor should stop his little game and let the oil companies get on with the business of operating in a free market.

INDUSTRY

- Sun, Express and Times say Chancellor is hoping to net £5-6bn by a quick sale of water authorities.
- Mail claims the first election for co-opted members of TGWU executive will show an unprecedented swing to moderation.
- White collar workers in gas industry have rejected NALGO call to strike against privatisation.
- Guardian names Peter Witham, Oxford Instruments, as Young Businessman of the Year.
- FT: Rolls Royce is preparing to return to the private sector between the autumn and next spring.
- FT: Increasing part-time employment is helping to mask the loss of full-time jobs, according to Durham University research.
- Times: Swan Hunter called an emergency board meeting yesterday amid fears of 2000 job losses because of £120m contract from MoD may have gone to Harland and Wolff.
- Times: Sweden is to protest to Britain that discharges from Sellafield have contaminated fish in Swedish waters.

SUNDAY SHOPPING

- You are continuing to advocate complete de-regulation - your letter to Consumers' Association.



EDUCATION

- Head teachers say additional money and two training days is still not enough to make schools ready for new GCSE exams.
- Sun, on the crisis in our schools, with Tory MPs lining up with Labour to demand something be done.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Mirror says white women have given birth to black and Asian children after artificial insemination slip ups.
- Express reports that a hard up hospital in Nottingham is taking in washing to make money.
- Guardian says a 17% cut in social work training, with low priority for child abuse courses, has been recommended for colleges.

LAW AND ORDER

- Solicitors involved in child care cases will have to have special training, Law Society decides after Jasmine Beckford case.
- Claims that police had a rehearsal on containing a riot on Broadwater Farm Estate, Tottenham, a few weeks before real riot.
- Prison Officers to ballot on industrial action over alleged spending cuts.
- Gang rape of 16 year old girl in London by 8 Asian youths from Dorset alleged.
- Mail reports a £2m plan to put the Commons behind security bars.
- Times: The Government is to establish a high powered organisation charged with the detection, investigation and prosecution of fraud.

SPORT

- EuroMps, in report to Assembly, want tougher controls for boxing, with a ban on all punches to the head.

PEOPLE

- Edwina Currie MP reveals in her declaration of interests she gets free supply of tights from Courtaulds.

INDIA

- Union Carbide agrees to pay £350m damages to victims of Bhopal gas leak.

EC

- Bitter Anglo-French row over farm prices forecast by Express.

GREECE

- Case of British couple, injured in Athens bomb blast, who lost £13,000 in wages while they recovered and have yet to receive a penny from Greek Government; case taken up by Euro MP.

RUSSIA

- Expected to re-start nuclear testing in April.

ZIMBABWE

- Nkomo, Telegraph says, has joined a new campaign to end security problems in troubled Metabelaland.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MOD: Mr Younger gives interview to Jane's Defence Weekly
- DEM: Lord Young opens EITB conference, London
- SO: Mr Rifkind meets Scottish TUC; later inaugurates Edinburgh/Bathgate passenger railway, Edinburgh
- DTI: Mr Channon meets Mexican Ambassador
- DTP: Mr Ridley opens Great Yarmouth Bypass
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner attends Gin Rectifiers and Distillers Association lunch, London
- DEM: Mr Trippier visits PICKUP project, Brunel University
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave hosts reception for Royal Society of Nature Conservation, HoC
- DOE: Mr Patten lunches at Trafalgar House
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold attends Channel Fixed Link meeting, Folkestone
- DOE: Mr Tracey gives interview to Leisure Management Magazine, London; later attends Gala Boxing evening, London
- SO: Mr MacKay meets Scottish TUC to discuss NHS funding, Edinburgh
- SO: Mr Ancram attends news conference to announce re-appointment of Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Scotland's Travelling People, Edinburgh
- SO: Lord Gray visits Stirling University including Aquaculture Centre, Stirling
- DTI: Mr Butcher addresses Careers Research and Advisory Centre Conference, Cambridge
- DTI: Mr Clark meets industrial representatives on GEC Internal Markets Priorities, London
- DTP: Lord Caithness visits Heathrow Airport
- DTP: Mr Mitchell attends meeting on Fixed Link with Freight Transport Association, Tunbridge Wells; later attends Fixed Link Joint Consultative Committee
- DTP: Mr Bottomley addresses London & South East Section of Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors annual lunch Surrey

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling and Mr Gummer attend EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (to March 26)
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold departs radio active waste site visit, Hamburg (to March 26)
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TV AND RADIO

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

"Kaleidoscope"; BBC Radio 4 (16.30): Examines the future of the Arts after April 1 and the abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan Counties

"Open Space"; BBC 2 (19.40): A report on sacked miners who see themselves as victims of unjust anti-union trends

"World in Action"; ITV (20.00): "The President's Private War". One hour special on the Contras in Nicaragua and why the President is so anxious to provide military support. Former Contra leader, Edgar Chamorro, explains Contra tactics

"Horizon"; BBC 2 (20:10): "Aids: A strange and deadly virus", examines how society will have to cope with this epidemic

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): "Uganda - Children of the Terror", examines the future of Uganda under her new President

"Eleventh Hour"; Channel 4 (23.00): "Don't Eat Today or Tommorrow", examines Argentina's economic and political future after the Falklands

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