

7 April 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen visits RAF Brize Norton

Prime Minister meets President Kyprianou of Cyprus

EC Culture Ministers meet, Luxembourg (to April 6)

Opening of local public inquiry into re-application for nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Dounraey, Thurso

London busmen due to begin all-out strike

House of Lords returns following Easter Recess

National Union of Students conference, Blackpool (to April 11)

Public formal investigation into loss of sailing barque "Marques" resumes, London

Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) drugs conference (to April 9)

Mr Raison visits Falkland Islands (to April 12)

IDA deputies meet, Washington (to April 8)

PUBLICATIONS

DES: Teacher Appraisal conference report

HOL: Select Committee House of Lords - televising proceedings of the House (08.30)

PAY

DEM: University computer operating staff; (800); settlement date 1.7.86; claim expected

DEM: NHS maintenance workers - electricians and plumbers; (7,300); settlement date 1.8.86; talks continue on restructuring package including regrading and consolidation of bonus scheme.

PARLIAMENT

Lords Debate on the Report of the Science and Technology Committee on Marine Science and Technology (Second Report 1985-86 HL 47)

UQ on reform of the licensing laws in England and Wales

MINISTERS - See Annex

MAIN POINTS (CONT'D)

- More police injured in Wapping clashes; Murdoch takes advertising space to present his case. Mirror rejects his offer of Gray's Inn Road printing plant to sacked printers as peanuts - it is as imaginative and generous as the three card trick. But Express says Kinnock will urge print unions to accept plant.

- French franc devalues by up to 6% in EMS re-alignment. Times finds hopes of interest rate cut raised. FT says it is too much to hope this weekend events will persuade you to reject theoretical nitpicking and embrace commonsense.

- CBI launches its own Employee Relocation Council to help employers and employees move jobs; also bangs the drum for successful small firms.
- Electricity Consumers' Council calls for electricity price cuts of up to 7.5% because of falling oil prices. Speculation that oil prices will rise \$1 because strike by catering workers shuts down Norwegian oil fields.
- Express claims that the scourge of pyramid selling is sweeping Britain again.
- Milk to be marketed in cans with ring pull openers.
- Manchester University report says stress at work is costing British industry and the NHS a fortune.
- British Steel dismisses 370 Scottish workers who have been on strike since February 15 over survival plan.
- Tory Sunday opening rebels to meet on Wednesday to try to agree on alternative.
- Guardian outlines gathering opposition to sink a new coal mine near Coventry.
- Sir Keith Joseph backs the concept of "Crown" Schools canvassed by Chris Patten; you praise him in letter to Giles Radice. NAS rejects merger overtures from NUT.
- Mirror, with one of its NHS horror stories, claims that a mother expecting premature twins had to wait six hours while doctors in Essex tried to find her a bed - 40 miles away because of cash cuts.

MAIN POINTS (CONT'D)

- Keith Waterhouse, in Mirror, says the yob society is here and now; and he imagines most people would welcome a Whitehall takeover of education.
- TUC claims tax dodgers could, if they paid up, finance an extra £13 on the married pension, or the building of 100,000 new homes or create 86,000 jobs.
- Nicholas Winterton MP describes as 'misguided' plans to give Malawi £4.25m in aid to modernise a fleet of 600 10-year-old Land Rovers. Times leader in favour of a GM takeover of BL - which could go ahead if Government shows some fancy footwork. FT says AF's new Fover luxury car has been hit by further delay.
- Winnie Mandela urges blacks physically to dismantle apartheid; seven more black killed in township riots.
- Garret Fitzgerald planning a referendum on allowing divorce.
- Concorde cuts 10 hours off flight to New Zealand.
- Express says USA is in a state of undeclared war with Libya after bombing of Berlin nightclub; Europe seen as Gaddafi's battlefield and Reagan Administration calls for increased cooperation. Two Libyan diplomats expelled by France.
- Lebanese militia leader helping to negotiate release of three kidnapped Britons says British Government does not want to secure their freedom; you have not shown any interest in their plight.

OTHER POINTSPOLITICS

- Express says a Labour victory in Fulham will obscure Labour's real ills, Fulham Liberal who left to join Labour returns to Liberal fold.
- David Owen follows Kinnock in Star in explaining his policies which he says are warm hearted but hard headed. Believes next election will be in May or June 1987.
- Today feature on Emma Nicholson's efforts to persuade more Tory women to stand for Parliament.
- Ron Brown MP walks out of Vienna Socialist conference when refused permission to deliver a speech attacking you; he is amazed because the conference was backed by Government of North Korea.
- Lords Select Committee says the best way of continuing to televise its proceedings would be to contract it out to an independent company.

LAW AND ORDER

- Mail claims heroin carriers plan to use Moscow and other East European cities to smuggle drug into Britain.
- Insurance pay-outs on thefts from homes and commercial premises rose by 4.4% last year to record £334.5m.
- Sun claims people convicted of drunk driving are paying computer "hackers" to wipe their conviction from records held at Swansea.
- Terrorist supergrass who was given a new life arrested on charges of armed robbery.
- Myra Hyndley reported to have confessed to killing another child with fellow Moors murderer, Brady.
- Bar Council wants change to ancient system of appointing judges, with selection removed from Lord Chancellor's Department.

UNIONS

- West Midlands miners, entertaining Wapping printers on strike in recognition of their help during the coal strike, end up fighting them when printers complain they are not getting the kind of support they gave.
- Ford sack two women in crackdown on militant infiltration.

PEOPLE

- Ian Botham denies drugs and sex allegations on cricket tour; speculation that his career may be finished.
- Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody MP owes £2,000 in restaurant bills at the Commons; faces legal action.
- Express says the FCO has at last sold for £500,000 the spacious flat occupied by our deputy Ambassador in Paris but there's been little saving and he's moved to one worth £450,000.
- Scargill suing South Yorkshire police for alleged false imprisonment and wrongful arrest.
- Bill Boaks, the professional election loser, dies at 81.
- Sir Reginald Eyre MP to retire at next election.
- Bishop of London compiling register of clergy who oppose ordination of women.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DTI: Mr Channon meets Dr Wang of Wang Laboratories; lunches with Standard Chartered Bank, London

MOD: Mr Stanley on Jimmy Young programme

DOE: Mr Patten addresses Tenant Management Co-operative Conference, London

DOE: Mr Tracey interviewed by Leisure Management magazine; meets Monterrey delegation - world cup; later attends FA dinner for Monterrey delegation, London

DTP: Lord Caithness visits Southampton to inspect the vessel "Cardigan Bay"

HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses Leeds Chamber of Commerce

DTI: Lord Lucas visits the Design Dimension project, London

SO: Lord Gray opens James Gray (Merchants) Grain Store, Stirling

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Mrs Chalker departs for bi-lateral talks with Herr Rufas, Bonn (to April 8)

DTI: Mr Clark departs for Luxembourg (to April 8)

DTI: Mr Pattie departs for Luxembourg

TV AND RADIO

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

"Winston Churchill - the Valiant Years"; Channel 4 (14.35): American documentary series based on Winston Churchill's war memoirs

"Horizon"; BBC 2 (20.05): "The Case of the Frozen Addict", in finding a treatment to cure a drug addict who became incapable of speech or movements, scientists have found a major medical breakthrough in dealing with Parkinson's disease

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30): Focuses on the opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement and in particular the efforts of Ian Paisley's deputy, Peter Robinson

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): Examines a scheme in the United States where the unemployed are forced to work for their state benefits

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (23.55): The first in a new series of daily programmes featuring edited highlights of the proceedings from the House of Lords, presented by Glyn Mathias, ITN's Political Editor
