

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets President of Korea; attends reception for Board of Deputies of British Jews

EC Political Committee, The Hague (to April 10)

Foreign Secretary addresses Lord Mayor's Easter Banquet

Chancellor of the Exchequer attends IMF/IBRD meetings, Washington (to April 11)

Prison Officers to ballot on industrial action over spending cuts

STATISTICS

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

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

DEN: Advance energy statistics (Feb)

PUBLICATIONS

WO: Government response to Welsh Affairs Committee - coastal sewage pollution (11.00)

PAY

DEM: NHS admin & Clerical grades; (130,500); settlement date 1.4.86; claim is for a flat-rate increase of £20 per week (worth 27% on rates), substantial restructuring, move towards a shorter working week and annual leave entitlement of 30 days and the right to unilateral arbitration

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Trade and Industry

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Ownership of the Media (Mr T Lloyd)

Airports Bill: Progress on Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate

Basildon Development Corporation (Mr D Amess)

PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)

Select Committees: TRANSPORT

Subject: Financing of Rail Services

Witnesses: British Rail Board Officials

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: (i) Legal Aid;

(ii) Memorandum Trading Accounts

Witnesses: (i) Sir Derek Oulton, KCB, QC, Permanent Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Law Society; (ii) Mr CHA Judd, Treasury Officer of Accounts, H M Treasury

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE

Subject: The Budget

Witnesses; Officials from the TUC: Officials from the CBI.

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

Great Yarmouth Outer Harbour Bill

Lords Debate on the case for constructive co-operation between Government and manufacturing industry to achieve economic recovery in the United Kingdom and the question of the relevance of the privatisation programme to this end

Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms Bill (HL): Report

UQ on miscarriages of justice and the media

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

- USA calls off nuclear test; Reagan and Russian Ambassador pave way for Summit this summer (Express).
- Hopes of yet another fall in interest rates after yesterday's 0.5% cut, but no immediate fall in mortgages. Pound up 2 cents to \$1.4730.
- D/Star reports a Loyalist plot to assassinate RUC Chief Constable; John Hume MP claims Unionist MPs are master minding the violence against the police. Peter Robinson MP accused. Part-time member of Ulster Defence Regiment is blown up and killed by IRA.
- Man charged with attempted murder 'sprung' from London hospital by four masked men carrying iron bars and a shot gun who beat up prison officers guarding prisoner.
- Family and friends die in birthday treat helicopter trip which ends in crash.
- Investigation by Attorney General into claims by Alan Bristow he was offered a Knighthood as a bribe in the Westland affair. Mirror says the peers named are Lord King and Lord Forte.
- D/Star claims Norman Fowler has told his officials that no nurses must be evicted and no court action to force them to leave their homes must be taken.
- Austin Rover to become Honda's European car production centre.
- Talks aimed at averting industrial action in prisons continue today; Guardian warns Home Secretary to reduce prison numbers.
- Express, commenting on launch of HMS Coventry in the middle of the night speaks of a death wish on the Tyne but on the brighter side finds hope in management's determination.
- Former chairman of English Tourist Board says scruffy Britain is becoming a real turn off for tourists.
- Cornwall County Council considering giving £950,000 of ratepayers' money - equivalent of 2p rate limit on help of this kind, to support full employment in tin mining industry, pending application for Government aid.
- EL claims controversy over its future has cost car sales worth £200m.
- Standard Chartered rebuff Lloyds' merger bid.

MAIN NEWS (CONT'D)

- Mirror, commenting on death by hanging of 10 year old boy after seeing attempted suicide on TV, says it is not good enough that the IBA is delaying its investigation into the effects of TV violence on children. And it is not good enough that the BBC has hardly even trimmed the number of its violent programmes.
- Express calls for abolition of rent control to help people move to the South East.
- Sex change father of 5 who now describes herself as trans-sexual is to fight an election as Labour candidate to succeed Red Ted Knight in Lambeth.
- Times reports steps by District Auditor which could end the surcharge and disqualification of 300 Labour councillors in Greenwich, Camden, Southwark, Hackney and Islington.
- 40 Labour MPs to retire at the next election (Telegraph).
- Police investigating Johnson Matthey Bank affair says DPP has decided there is no evidence to justify charges on 4 of Sedgemore's allegations.

ULSTER

- D/Star notes there has hardly been a whisper of condemnation of violence from Unionist MPs and the repeated refusal of Enoch Powell to condemn the violence is utterly deplorable.
- Mail links the tragedy of Ulster with that of Enoch Powell. His argument that you are responsible for the violence is the argument of apologists for the IRA and the logic of those who blame the Government for every kind of savagery.
- Guardian says that to follow Enoch Powell down the semantic labyrinth of his interview on World at One yesterday is a treacherous exercise itself because it could so easily end in murder or civil strife on a larger scale. He was in effect telling attackers of police homes there is no ethical content to what they are doing and are not individually responsible for it because it is dictated by some law or historical inevitability.

MEDIA

- Today hopes print unions will take up the offer of Murdoch's printing plant, start their own newspaper and let competition rip.

ECONOMY

- Times reports G5 ready to agree to cut world interest rates.
- FT says Bank of England is concerned about the tendency of the market to interpret every piece of news in its most favourable light.
- Sun, commenting on the Japanese Government's 'take it easy' message to its workers, says we used to have the same virtue of hard work when we were the richest country. And unless we are willing to accept we must work for our place in the sun we shall next century merely be an island qualifying for food parcels from Tokyo. Times leader says Japan has succeeded to excess by sticking to Victorian values.
- Mail says your Ministers have an exasperating weakness for rubbing public opinion up the wrong way, but on the fundamentals they are turning the country round.

EDUCATION

- Sir Keith says it is plain stupid for NUT to refuse to teach new GCSE courses.
- Mail reports disturbing evidence that education is rapidly becoming the lame duck issue among Tory supporters.
- John Vincent, in Sun, canvasses John Moore, William Waldegrave or Chris Patten as new Secretary of State for Education.
- Times leader against cuts in poly's intake and calls for questioning of deeply entrenched assumptions about the use of academics' time - ie more efficient use of resources.
- FT says education has reached the top of the British political agenda - and about time, too. There is possibly more consensus over what needs to be done than meets the eye - to raise standards primarily within the state system. You should make your intentions clear about Sir Keith.

PEOPLE

- Cheshire painter claims Gwyneth Dunwoody MP owes him £1,480 for work on her home; Mail reports her claiming she is the victim of a far Left smear.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling visits Muck '86 Stoneleigh

DEM: Lord Young addressed CBI Conference; Coherence of Education & Training Provision 14-18 age group

DES: Sir Keith Joseph and Mr Patten meet Association of University Teachers

PCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Lord Mayor's Easter Banquet

HO: Mr Hurd visits Dewsbury Refugee Centre

DEM: Mr Trippier addressed ADC tourism conference, Stoke on Trent

DEM: Mr Lang lunches with Swedish ambassador, London

DEN: Mr Hunt visits Cadbury Typhoo to open land fill site, Moreton, Wirral; visits B & Q retail store to unveil plaque to commemorate sales of loft insulation, Wallasey

DOE: Lord Elton presents civic trust awards, Birmingham

DOE: Mr Patten visits Erewash, Derbyshire

DOE: Sir George Young opens housing scheme for the elderly, Redhill

DOE: Mr Tracey visits Edinburgh (Commonwealth Games organisation)

DES: Mr Patten gives interview to World Service

DES: Mr Walden visits Queen Mary College 'open day', London

DHSS: Mr Whitney attends British Transplantation Society meeting, Birmingham University

DHSS: Lady Trumpington opens Malpeholme - home for the elderly, Birkenhead

HO: Mr Shaw speaks at NACRO conference Nottingham

SO: Mr MacKay attends British Council Seminar on breast cancer, Edinburgh

DTI: Mr Clark attends reception for Korean Minister

DTI: Mr Pattie visits Richard Goodwins film studio, London

DTI: Mr Morrison addresses the luncheon of 'en-route' caravaning awards, London

DTI: Mr Butcher opens Candy Domestic Appliance factory, Liverpool

DTP: Mr Bottomley launches TRRL's motorcycle braking film, London

WO: Mr Robinson opens NHS waiting list workshop, Cardiff

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DTI: Lord Lucas departs for Belgium & Luxembourg (to April 11)

TV AND RADIO

"Flashback"; Channel 4 (18.30): "The Bioscope goes to war 1899-1902", looks at the media treatment of war and pacifism through the 20th Century

"MOD"; BBC 1 (20.10): "Keepers of the Threat". An insight into the management of Britain's defences

"China: On the capitalist Road?"; Channel 4 (20.30): An examination of the long-term effects on China of its increasingly westernised life style and consumer boom since the Cultural Revolution

"Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party"; BBC 1 (21.00)

"Viewpoint '86": The Four Horsemen"; ITV (21.00): Shows how both the Western Allies and the Eastern Bloc supply arms to the many wars being fought today in the Third World
