

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister begins regional tour of Western Area

Princess of Wales visits Bristol

National Consumer Council conference, Newcastle upon Tyne
(to April 13)

STATISTICS

BSA: Building Societies' monthly figures (March)

BSC/ Usable steel production (March)
BISPA

DTI: Provisional figures of vehicle production (March)

DTI: Car and commercial vehicle production (Feb-final)

PUBLICATIONS

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL
Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation)
Bill: Remaining Stages (Mr T Clarke)

Drainage Rates (Disabled Persons) Bill: Committee (Sir G
Vaughan)

Greater London County Hall Bill: Second Reading (Mr S Hughes)

Adjournment Debate

Government policy towards the guidelines outlined by
University Vice Chancellors and College Principals on
freedom of speech (Mr J Carlisle)

MINISTERS - See Annex

MAIN POINTS

- Labour wins Fulham; statistics worst for Alliance (Telegraph).
- Guinness wife kidnapped in Dublin but still no word from kidnapers.

LIBYA

- US fleet "on battle alert" steaming towards Libya. Express says Reagan has approved 'surgical and proportional' raids on military targets. David Owen calls for a UN or Allied blockade of Libya; Lord Carrington also backs retaliation.
- Mirror, noting Reagan appears ready to strike at Libya, says any military act is to be regretted. So is any threat to life but you can't deal with the Mad Dog of the Med by patting its head.
- Sun applauds Reagan's judgement in calling Gaddafi a mad dog; it wonders whether he reads the Sun.
- Express says airline pilots should impose a boycott on Libya; says Gaddafi is moving arms, troops and advisers into Sudan.
- Times says Syria and not Libya is at the root of terrorism but USA seems anxious to avoid a confrontation with Damascus.
- Times leader rehearses reasons for US retaliation.

ECONOMY

- Bank of England says fall in oil prices could cut unemployment by 275,000 over next 2 years.
- Today says profit sharing is just the kind of bold stroke we need to stir life into a sluggish economy. Why are the Unions so blinkered about it?
- Robert Millar in Express says we've never had it so good and the last two decades have changed our lives out of recognition.
- Guardian renews its calls for an incomes policy.
- Chancellor in Washington, expects another world-wide cut in interest rates before the end of the year but is cautious about immediate moves in the UK.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Wave of attacks on police homes seems to be receding.
- You are firm on the Agreement - it must go ahead.
- George Gale in Express says we must direct our efforts to removing our governing presence there.
- Sun attacks Lord Whitelaw for his alleged doubts about the wisdom of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.
- Mail: you are right to offer talks to Unionists. Jaw jaw is better than war war.
- Telegraph says it would be a great mistake for the Government to withdraw from the Agreement: Unionists should accept your offer of talks.
- NI Police Federation says attacks of RUC homes could be reduced if Sir John Hermon stayed away from Anglo-Irish Conference.
- FT says Ulster needs a leader but suggests Ministers and MPs could do with going over to Northern Ireland to show that the alienation is not yet complete.

MOTOR INDUSTRY

- Communist shop steward, newly elected, leads 600 out of AR, first strike for 2 years, over a teabreak.
- FT says BL may decide to retain Land Rover and that GM Bedford has not lost interest in a deal with BL, but that any move would have to come from Government.

WESTLAND

- Alan Bristow sold a share in the company at a £1.5m loss.

OTHER INDUSTRY

- Mail says Japanese are running into trouble on Bosphorus bridge project - as Cleveland Bridge said they would.
- Australia's biggest bank buys Johnson Matthey Bank.

CHANNEL FERRY

- Townsend Thoresen officers and 40 Dutch crew take over ferry, occupied and strike-bound by 21 seamen, and sail it to Holland. Shop stewards outraged.

WHITEHALL

- John Hoskyn's report wants teams of political advisers in every Govt Dept.

HOUSING

- Barclays cut mortgages by 0.5% to 11.75%.
- Nationwide obtains order for possession of Gwyneth Dunwoody MP's £70,000 house in Crewe, the repair of which, she says, has got her into her financial mess.

SUNDAY TRADING

- Sun accuses you of a U-turn by allowing a free vote after Second Reading.
- Express says it is excellent you have pushed for a 3-line whip for Second Reading and Tory rebels should examine their consciences - they will see honour demands they fulfil their pledge to the British people.
- Guardian says you are right to try to change the law but the Bill goes too far in two respects - takes deregulation too far and denies the case for any kind of Sabbatical protection. It wants the Bishop of London's ideas picked up by the Government.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Solicitors tell Liverpool Militants they will no longer act for them unless they pay a £40,000 bill.
- Mail says it is unlikely the citizens will respond a second time to the begging bowl; the Militants have been rumbled.

ENERGY PRICES

- Sun says electrical charges are set to be frozen for at least 2 years with plunge in oil prices.
- Mirror says you put more miners' jobs in peril yesterday by supporting demands for a cut in the price of coal.

EC

- Sells off 100,000 tonnes of butter at 10p a pound.

SPORT

- Ban on alcohol in executive boxes at football matches to end.
- Future of London Marathon under threat by withdrawal of County Hall facilities by Government.
- FA launches campaign to make good behaviour at soccer matches fashionable and to isolate and deter hard core hooligans.

MEDIA

- D/Star says TV is a powerful medium and everyone has a duty to make it a power for good.
- Today cutting its advertising rates by 20%.
- Murdoch's journalists told by NUJ they face expulsion.

LAW AND ORDER

- Humberside vicar appears in court on 28 child sex charges.

NORWAY

- Times says they hope to persuade you to join the "30% anti-acid rain club" when you go there in September.

PAKISTAN

- Benazir Bhutto returns in triumph.

USA

- Tests nuclear device; Soviets now expected to resume theirs.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Lord Young visits Alton Towers (all day)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses conservative association, Wessex

DHSS: Mr Fowler attends Corporation of Insurance & Financial Advisers seminar; later visits St Giles Hospice, Whittington, Staffs

HO: Mr Hurd visits Dartmoor Prison

SO: Mr Rifkind meets Church leaders forum - teachers; later attends Gala Charity luncheon by ABTA for Save The Children Fund

DTI: Mr Channon visits West Midlands

DEM: Mr Lang visits Glasgow

DEM: Mr Trippier visits Accrington skillcentre, Lancashire

DEN: Mr Hunt visits Glasdon Ltd (Plastics), Blackhorn

DOE: Mr Waldegrave opens Woodland Trust Offices, Grantham

DOE: Sir George Young visits Building Services Research & Information Association, Bracknell

DTI: Mr Pattie addresses Symposium Creating wealth in the '90's, London

DTI: Mr Morrison visits East Midlands; addresses Manchester Bow Group

SO: Mr Stewart visits Women's Training Roadshow for Scotland, Glasgow

SO: Mr Ancram addressed closing session of Scottish National Housing and Town Planning Council, Peebles

SO: Mr Stewart opens National Measurement Accreditation Service regional seminar, Glasgow

DTP: Mr Spicer addresses Royal Aeronautical Society's International Conference, Manchester

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe departs for FRG for bilateral meeting with Herr Genscher (to April 12)

TV AND RADIO

"Any Questions?"; BBC Radio 4 (20.45): With the Rt Hon Tom King MP, the Rt Hon Denis Healey MP, the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins MP and Bel Mooney, journalist

"Omnibus"; BBC 1 (22.25): "Huw Wheldon: by his friends". Omnibus pays tribute to Sir Huw Weldon