

15 April 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

CSCE Experts meeting on Human Contacts, Berne (to June 10)

BL deadline for Land Rover Bids

Scottish Computer Show opens Glasgow

National Institute of Adult Continuing Education, annual study conference, Sheffield (to April 18)

Committee of Directors of polytechnics Conference, Leeds Polytechnic

White Paper on Intellectual Property and Innovation

Prime Minister meets Sir Stanley Rous

PUBLICATIONS

CBI/BIM: Joint Study on Management and Business Education

DTI: Intellectual Property and Innovation (11.30)

PAY

DEM: NHS medical laboratory scientific officers; (17,700); claim is for 11.6% increase on basic salaries, restructuring and other payments; settlement date 1.4.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Leasehold Reform (Flats)
Consideration of Timetable Motion on the Social Security Bill
National Health Service (Amendment) Bill: 2nd Reading and Money Resolution
Opposition Prayers on Legal Aid and Advice Orders and Regulations
Adjournment Debate: Upgrading Work at Chorley Hospital (D Dover)

Lords Lothian Region (Edinburgh Western Relief Road) Order Confirmation Bill, Third Reading

Education Bill (HL); Committee (2nd Day)

(If necessary) Patents, Designs and Marks Bill (HL): Committee (2nd Day)

MINISTERS - See Annex

TV AND RADIO

"Tuesday Call"; BBC Radio 4 (9.05): 'Another Countryside'. Discusses whether the British countryside is about to undergo drastic change in terms of landscape and use

"O'Donnel Investigates the Food Business"; BBC 2 (19.30): Investigates why fresh fish and the industry which catches it have so long been neglected

"Medicine Now"; BBC Radio 4 (20.00): Report on the state of medical care

"4 What It's Worth"; Channel 4 (20.30): Includes items on mail order companies; children's adventure holidays and car tyres

SUNDAY TRADING

- Shops Bill surprisingly defeated by 14 votes in Commons.

OTHER MAIN POINTS

- Home Secretary says he regretted the case of man sent to prison for 6 years for attacking 2 women six months after being released on advice of psychiatrists from life sentence for murder.
 - Sun says the psychiatrists should see a psychiatrist themselves; they need their heads examining.
 - Mirror, making the point that the right of Ministers to veto medical opinion was removed at the behest of the EuroCourt on human rights, says this wasn't one of its wise judgments. The Government should take back the powers to keep sick men in safe keeping.
 - Mail says 9 psychiatrists said the man was no longer a danger - there could be no more telling testimony to the fallibility of experts.
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- Case of teacher jailed for molesting 12 pupils who subsequently became head of village school - on indecency charges again.

OTHER MAIN POINTS (CONT'D)

- Chancellor predicts inflation will soon be down to 3.5%; input prices down nearly 11% over the year.
- The Bank of England Governor has suggested that the proposed 5% ADP tax is too high.

- Rolls Royce won record £300m worth of civil orders in first quarter of this year.

- Mail says MoD oiler order to go to Harland & Wolff.
- Prospect of cheaper telephone bills for British business (as distinct from householders) with launching of Mercury competitor for B/Telecom.

- Three bids for Land Rover before EL board today - management buyout, Lonrho and JCB; leading importer of cut price cars, ETL Services, Swansea, shut down by DTI after complaints by customers owed £1m in deposits.
- Mail against the nanny state behind the move to give legal protection against non-bargains offered by tricksters - teaching customers value for money is the best defence.
- A rights issue by Saatchi will give it a market value of £1bn.

- In Geneva OPEC is expected to abandon any attempt to fix output levels. It will agree a share-out of likely demand in the second half of the year.

- NUT excluded from ACAS talks (because it has refused to call off industrial action) at request of employers.

- Police who raided the home of black woman who died prior to Broadwater Farm Estate not to be charged. More black police recruits sought in Tottenham.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says Govt is prepared to find an olive branch for the Ulster Unionists to draw them back into talks provided it can do so without actually saying so.
- Rumours that the family of Mrs Guinness are preparing to pay a kidnap ransom.
- Guardian says suspension of the Anglo-Irish Agreement is not on. The Unionists have not read the terms of the British guarantee which does not say that nothing can happen without the consent of the majority.
- Ulster faces another strike (for 20 minutes) today in protest over death of Protestant hit by plastic bullet in riot at Easter.
- FT: Harold McCusker, deputy leader of the OUP, says Ulster Unionists must toughen up their tactics of withdrawing consent from the Government in protest against the Agreement.
- FT: The Chequepoint finance group plans to launch a new London evening newspaper before the end of the year. It will be a colour tabloid aimed at a younger readership than the Standard.
- Eddie Shah planning to launch a new quality daily newspaper.

OTHER MAIN POINTS (CONT'D)

- MP protests against Inland Revenue's taxing of lifeboat men's earnings at source.
- Community Programme to be investigated after reports that some on it are fraudulently claiming unemployment or SB.
- Chairman of Criminal Injuries Compensation Board comes under further media fire for refusing to pay compensation to victims of Brighton bomb pending trial (D/Star).
- Today praises Lord Chancellor's inquiry into speeding up the course of justice.
- Sun attacks recruitment policy of Lambeth Council which is to give jobs only to disabled from May 1. Should you be white, male, able-bodied and sexually normal, what's your only hope? - on your bike.
- You are under attack from Harriet Harman MP for not putting more women into positions of power.
- Case of baby allegedly still alive after hospital abortion who died because there were no facilities to save her - DPP considering evidence.
- CND 'peace chapel' at Molesworth demolished in early morning operation to improve access to base.
- The momentum for Birmingham to host the 1992 Olympics is gathering pace, according to the city's organising committee (FT).
- Claims that 10% of 23,000 London Marathon runners are wealthy overseas visitors who have been guaranteed places by purchasing expensive package tours.
- Keith Hampson MP says he will fight any charges against him after being arrested on Leeds Station while police were handling soccer fans.
- Peter Riddell, in FT, says all but a handful of polls over the past year have implied a hung Parliament. But, given past mid-terms and the uncertainties of 3-party politics, a Conservative majority is equally plausible.
- Tory poster campaign points finger at Labour's £24bn additional spending plans.
- The Green Party will field 480 candidates in the local elections (FT).
- Frances Morrell, Chairman ILEA, calls for return to basic 3Rs teaching for primary pupils after survey of 50 schools. Better a late conversion than none (Express).
- Telegraph leader asks whether CAP is worth preserving when it defies all efforts to curb its excesses.
- The NUJ executive decided by one vote yesterday not to take disciplinary action against 600 journalists working at Wapping in defiance of a union instruction.
- DTI investigating Ansbacher merchant bank when it made heavy losses under Labour peer, Lord Williams.

OTHER POINTS

- Jimmy Milne, general secretary STUC, dies suddenly.
- Sir Ronald Gould, ex general secretary NUT, dies at 81.
- Simon de Beauvoir, authoress, also dead.

ISRAEL

- Corin Redgrave calls for a culture boycott of Israel and plunges Equity into a big race row.

USSR/CHINA

- Soviets suggest a Gorbachev-Deng summit to improve relations.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 14 blacks killed in new flare ups. Tutu named Archbishop of Capetown.
- Mail sees the reputation of Winnie Mandela being consumed by the flames of hate.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling opens Apple & Pear Development Council "Day in Parliament", HOC; later attends United Newspapers informal lunch, London (Mrs Fenner attends)
- DEM: Lord Young gives training loans launch, London
- DEN: Mr Walker presents EMILAS awards, London
- DES: Sir Keith Joseph attends CDP Conference dinner
- DTI: Mr Channon meets Chinese Ambassador
- DTP: Mr Ridley makes opening speech at Institute of Electrical Engineers Road Traffic Control Conference, London
- MAFF: Lord Belstead attends Apple & Pear Development Council dinner, HOC
- DEN: Mr Goodland attends Energy Efficiency breakfast special, Crawley
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave attends presentation by CEGB on options for the dry storage of nuclear fuel
- DOE: Sir George Young speaks at Campaign for Racial Equality conference, London
- DES: Mr Patten addresses Avon Association of Junior Head Teachers; later visits Bristol
- DHSS: Lady Trumpington opens Unit for Mentally handicapped, Normandy and Grindon Hall
- SO: Mr Ancram launches Career Development Loans press conference, Aberdeen; later addresses Bus and Coach Council
- SO: Mr Stewart opens Scottish Computer Show, Glasgow
- DTI: Mr Pattie launches Copyright White Paper
- DTI: Mr Butcher attends inner city initiative, Leicester
- DTI: Mr Clark addresses UK Pakistan Chamber of Commerce dinner, London; lunches with Middle East Association
- DTP: Mr Bottomley addressed ROSPA's Course on Road Safety dinner, Bournemouth
- DTP: Lord Caithness visits Newcastle Airport
- DTP: Mr Spicer performs inaugural ceremony at start of work at Stansted Airport's new terminal
- HMT: Mr Moore addresses Highflyers Conference, London
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PRESS DIGESTLIBYA

- Reagan attacks Libyan terrorist targets with aircraft using British bases; France refuses overflying facilities.
- Earlier a limited response from European Community.
- Express says European Foreign Ministers demonstrated why many US observers and plenty in Europe too doubt that a determined collective Western action against Gaddafi is possible. A wretched message from Europe.
- Telegraph: Defence Correspondent pursues Telegraph's idea that best policy would be to let poverty, arising from fall in oil prices, cut Gaddafi down to size; news report says Government is convinced from its own intelligence sources that Libya was directly involved in recent acts of terrorism.
- Times says the EC's measures will seem minor to US opinion and if they a the last word on the topic the American view will be correct. Either Europe must propose something more effective or accept the Americans will be entitled to solve the problem in their own way.