

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen attends Service of Thanksgiving for Her Majesty's 60th birthday; later receives birthday greetings from schoolchildren, Buckingham Palace; attends "Fanfare for Elizabeth" Royal Opera House

Prime Minister meets Australian Premier; gives interview to Granada TV; later attends performance in honour of HM The Queen's 60th birthday, Covent Garden

Queen's Awards for Export and Technology published (0001 hours BST)

EC Political Co-operation Ministerial Meeting, Luxembourg (Foreign Secretary attends) (to April 22)

EC Agriculture Council, Luxembourg (to April 22)

EC Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg (to April 22)

Energy Secretary begins visit to Moscow (to April 24)

Commons all-party Energy Committee visits Sellafield

Scottish TUC annual conference, Aberdeen (to April 25)

Meeting of permanent correspondents of Pompidou Group on drugs (to April 23)

International Acid Rain week begins

Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers National Committee, Blackpool

STATISTICS

DTI: Retail sales (March-prov)

PAY

DEM: University technicians; (13,300); substantial increase sought; settlement date 1.4.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Transport; Wales

Business: Opposition Day (11th allotted day) First Part: Debate on Education

Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill (Lords): Remaining stages

Proceedings on the Statute Law Repeals Bill (Lords)

Social Security Bill: Ways and Means Resolution

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Adjournment Debate

Oxford Polytechnic (Mr S Norris)

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Arrears of work at tax offices

Witness: Sir Lawrence Airey, KCB, Chairman, Inland Revenue

Lords Airports Bill: Second Reading

Debate on EEC Agriculture Reports on cereals policy, milk production and farm prices

MINISTERS - See AnnexPRESS DIGESTLIBYA

- Extensive security for Queen's 60th birthday celebrations; no bowing to terrorists.
- 35 Britons rescued from West Beirut, but about 30 left there - now out on their own; 154 arrested in demos in Britain.
- We are to press EC today to take firmer measures against Libyan terrorism.
- Foreign Secretary refuses to rule out any future American use of British bases against Libya.
- Big search in Britain for 3-man gang of Libyans. Times says second man held.
- Soviets take a close interest in F111 shot down over Tripoli: Mail says highly sophisticated plastic explosive supplied by Russia to Syria and Libya for covert operations was used in abortive bomb attack on El Al 'plane at Heathrow.
- Complaints that subsidised beef is being shipped from UK to Libya - "outrageous." (Sun).
- Gorbachev says he is still prepared for a Summit.
- D/Star says Britain should be taking the lead in the second line of attack against Libyan terrorism - a diplomatic push, including a trade embargo. CND this weekend showed themselves as naive beyond belief in much the same way the NUJ blackened the name of an honest trade and made a mockery of the idea of a free press.
- Today says your personal experience of terrorist attacks was a key factor in your decision to back the US raid.

LIBYA (Cont'd)

- Mail leader, on beef sales, says if many fear the consequences of Reagan's actions the EC makes us cringe with shame. You agreed to use of our bases more to bridge chasm between USA and Europe than you were convinced of the raid's effective answer to Gaddafi. Let no one belittle a Prime Minister who hazards her own and her party's popularity for safety of Western Alliance. That is statesmanship.
- Telegraph notes that Gaddafi, in lying low, is behaving uncharacteristically and in marked contrast to his reaction to the Rome and Vienna outrages; also reports possibility of a Fleet Street rebellion over NUJ conference resolution sympathetic to Gaddafi. (NB: NUJ officials tone down final message.)
- Washington Correspondent says America is gearing up for a new move against Libya after murder of US hostage in Lebanon.
- Telegraph leader wonders whether those who attend NUJ conferences ever read the newspapers they are supposed to write - only looks like more evidence of the British Newspaper industry's determination to shoot itself in the foot.
- Times leaders says EC Ministers should certainly veto Commission's absurd decision to sell subsidised butter to Gaddafi. But so far the only Euro policy is founded on lowest common denominator - fear.
- FT says Conservative MPs have reported considerable apprehension and uncertainty among party supporters over our use of our bases for the operation.

ECONOMY

- 6m home owners expected to cheer today when mortgage rates go down 1% (Mail).
- Guardian supports US Treasury Secretary's call on other nations to expand their economies.
- Institute of Directors wants Chancellor to formalise target of 25% tax rate in MTFs.
- Times says Government committee cannot lead interest rates down because industry is throwing away its reward in excessive pay settlements; elsewhere Times says the pressure for another cut in base rates is on.
- Goldman Sachs thinks Chancellor is preparing sterling for early entry into EMS.

LAW AND ORDER

- Missing Morley girl, 10, found murdered in River Trent in Notts; police chiefs to hold conference today on possible links between 15 child killings and travelling funfairs.
- Mail uncovers the scandal of a massive network of door to door sales gangs, recruited from unemployed, who earn the equivalent of a weekly dole cheque in a day.
- Claims that DTI civil servant accused of passing information to Czechs has not been seen for a week.

NORTHERN IRELAND

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- Guardian expects Unionists to respond favourably to your offer of talks about talks.
- 14 police hurt in new Loyalist violence at the weekend.
- Loyalists' next threat - a rent and rates strike.
- Times claims Loyalists are planning a murderous summer.

INDUSTRY

- Peter Walker flies to Moscow with businessmen to promote trade.
- Richard Branson, of Virgin Atlantic, says air fares could be halved and airlines could still make a profit - to start competing in Europe.
- Nearly half of Britain gas cut off by caterers' strike in Norwegian oil-fields. Government expected this week to announce 10th North Sea licensing round.
- Mail profile of new president of AUEW, moderate Bill Jordan.
- Communist husband and wife team hoping to take over CPSA.
- BNFL about to sign English and Scottish contracts to reprocess spent electricity generating fuel.
- Guardian claims CIA is being used by USA to check that British companies which buy American computers do not export or resell them without a US licence.
- Civil Servants likely to accept 6% pay offer.

SUNDAY TRADING

- Mail finds some of the biggest names in retailing defy the Sunday law yesterday and cashed in on a flood of shoppers.

POLITICS

- Labour to mount challenge to Government as law and order party - and drops red flag in publicity.
- AUEW to call on Kinnock to expel all Militants including 2 MPs, at their conference this week.
- Unions may accept pay restraint for 2 years if Labour comes to power - hints at STUC (D/Star)
- You are being urged by senior Conservatives to take a closer interest in the party organisation and to persuade Norman Tebbit to take a less strident tone (Telegraph).
- Viscount Cranborne not to seek re-election because of Government's support for Anglo-Irish Agreement.

MEDIA

- Child Poverty Action Group says Emmerdale Farm, TV soap opera, gives a false view of life in the countryside because it fails to show rural poverty.
- Eddie Shah considering launch of new national newspapers over the next 12 months.

EDUCATION

- UGC says 3 or 4 universities will be forced to close unless Govt funding is increased.
- National Council for Educational Standards criticises below average performance of London comprehensives.
- Telegraph says white students continue to complain of increasing difficulties in finding poly and university places. 1100 places remain unfilled - mostly in science.
- Guardian offers a 'form guide' to 11 runners to replace Sir Keith Joseph in tomorrow's paper.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Labour Party to end use of private contractors by NHS.

PEOPLE

- Ian Botham furiously denies fresh allegations of drug taking in New Zealand.
- Jeffrey Archer has sold rights to his latest thriller to Stephen Spielberg for 1m dollars.
- Wyn Roberts, PUSS, Welsh Office, in Welsh Language demo; protestor breaks arm and leg when he falls off the bonnet of Minister's car.
- Pete Murray knocked down by car outside Football Association HQ - head cut, legs bruised.

AFGHANISTAN

- FT says timetable for possible Soviet withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan is to be negotiated in Geneva next month.

MANILA

- 20,000 demonstrate for return of Marcos.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young visits MSC, Sheffield and Enterprise Express
- DTI: Mr Channon meets Saudi Arabian deputy Commerce Minister
- MAPP: Mrs Fenner attends Food Wholesale Distributors annual conference, Harrogate
- DEM: Mr Trippier addresses National Market Traders Federation annual conference, Blackpool; launches Enhanced Enterprise Allowance Scheme, Newcastle
- DEM: Mr Lang visits the National Garden Festival, Stoke-on-Trent
- DEN: Mr Goodlad visits Fiddlers Ferry Power Station, Cheshire
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits radioactive waste sites Sth Killingholme, Humberside and Fulbeck; opens and addresses LAMSAC National Conference
- DOE: Mr Patten speaks at 1986 Building & Industry Convention
- DOE: Mr Tracey visits Wakefield
- DOE: Sir George Young opens Brent Asian Professional Micro-Electronics project
- FCO: Mr Eggar addresses the Royal Commonwealth Society Briefing Session
- DHSS: Mr Whitney visits Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey
- HO: Mr Shaw visits Metropolitan Police public order training centre
- SO: Mr Ancram addresses Planning Conference - rates green paper, Glasgow
- DTI: Mr Morrison speaks at CBI Conference
- DTP: Lord Caithness opens Safety at Sea and Marine Electronics Exhibition and Conference
- WO: Mr Roberts presents prizes, BP "Running the Welsh Economy" Competition, Cardiff
- WO: Mr Robinson visits Land Authority for Wales, Cardiff
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling and Mr Gummer attend EC Agriculture Council, Luxembourg (to April 23)
- DEN: Mr Walker begins visit to Moscow (to April 24)
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe or Mrs Chalker attends Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg
- MOD: Mr Stanley visits USA (to April 23)
- DTI: Mr Clark attends EC Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg (to April 22)
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TV AND RADIO

- "Money Box"; BBC Radio 4 (10.00):
- "Happy Birthday Your Majesty"; ITV (15.30)
- "The Queen's Birthday"; BBC (16.00): Britain's children pay their special tribute to the Queen as she celebrates her 60th birthday
- "Happy Birthday Dear Ma'am"; BBC 1 (19.35): A colourful portrait of the Queen
- "Fanfare for Elizabeth"; ITV (20.00): Coverage of special event at the Royal Opera House in honour of the Queen's birthday
- "Horizon"; BBC 2 (20.10): "The Men Who Bottled a Cow". How a research station in the African Bush has found a way of eliminating the tsetse fly
- "Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.10): 'Radiation - How Safe is Safe?' looks at safety standards for levels of radiation and whether they are stringent enough. Includes interview with Barney Heyhoe MP
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