

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends State banquet for King and Queen of Spain; meets schoolchildren to represent Great Britain in Euro International Science and Technology Contest; later attends National Council of Women reception

Possible statement from Sir Geoffrey Howe on the outcome of the Luxembourg talks

Prime Minister's interview for "The Queen and the Commonwealth" programme screened, ITV (2100); and also her interview with Granada

Court of Appeal hears case of two Bristow engineers, Lagos

STATISTICS

CBI: CBI/FT survey of distributive trades (end-March)

OPCS: Electoral statistics - local government 1986

PUBLICATIONS

DES: HMI reports on Cottesmore St Mary's RC aided primary school, East Sussex and Cravenwood Primary School, Crumpsall, Manchester

HO: Police Complaints Authority 1st annual report 1985 (11.00)

PAY

DEM: UKAEA manuals; (4,700); substantial increase sought; settlement date 1.4.86

DEM: BNFL (Non-industrials); (6,800); 10% increase sought; settlement date 1.6.86

DEM: BNFL; (8,700); 5.3% claim submitted; settlement date 1.6.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Employment; Social Services; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Police Complaints (Amendment) (Mr P Pike)

Opposition Day (12th allotted day). Debate "Housing - Putting people first" on an Opposition Motion afterwards a debate on "Transport - Putting people first" on an Opposition Motion

Adjournment Debate

BTR Sarmcol and violations of the EEC code of conduct for companies operating in South Africa (Mr D Nellist)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees: EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Education Expenditure: the public Expenditure White Paper and Estimates 1986-87

Witnesses: Department of Education and Science officials

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Reports of the Health Service Commissioner

Witnesses: Sir John Walton, General Medical Council; representatives from the Medical Protection Societies; representatives from the British Medical Association

Lords Land Registration Bill (HL): Third Reading
 Family Law Bill (HL): Second Reading
 Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill (HL): Third Reading
 Patents, Designs and Marks Bill (HL) Report
 Commission on Disposals of Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1986:
 Motion for Approval

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

The Queen's birthday extensively covered - as is Sarah Ferguson's role in the celebrations. Puts rest in shade.

LIBYA

- Europe finally acts against Libyan terrorism. Libya says EC countries will be regarded as partners in crime with USA if they act against People's Bureaux.
- Hindawi charged in connection with El Al bombing attempt; in court today; another man being questioned. Man arrested in connection with West Berlin disco bombing may be Hindawi's brother.
- Mirror says you are to kick out 15 Libyans today.
- You give warning that Libyan flying students may be expelled; reject Austin Mitchell's call to apologise to Gaddafi for death of his adopted daughter.
- Norman Tebbit blames pro-Libyan TV coverage for initial unfavourable reaction to Britain's role; opinion steadily changing in Government's favour.
- In Washington it is claimed some in Europe wanted an all-out military attack against Gaddafi.

LIBYA (Cont'd)

- Express says Mitterrand would back another US raid if it was guaranteed to oust Gaddafi.
- France joins UK and USA in UN veto on resolution condemning attack on Libya.
- Cluster bombs used in US raids.
- Woodrow Wyatt and Adam Raphael resign from NUJ over NUJ conference resolution expressing condolences with Gaddafi.
- Sun and Times call on US Congress to do Britain a big favour after its help with Libya - pass new extradition laws to close loophole.
- Express thinks Norman Tebbit is right about public opinion coming round. TV authorities gave an unbalanced account of the US action.
- Mail: Defiant Mrs Thatcher insists she was right - reference to your TV interview; Tory MPs protest over cheap EC food for Libya.
- Telegraph: Mrs Gaddafi calls for revenge - wants people of USA and Britain to judge and "liquidate" Reagan and yourself; former Libyan diplomat arrested in Rome in connection with plot to murder American, Egyptian and Saudi Ambassadors there. Gaddafi sacks his chief of security.
- Telegraph leader says any EC sanctions which have the support of Greece are bound to arouse scepticism. They fall short of Britain's and look distinctly meagre compared with Reagan's. They are probably not strong enough to persuade the Americans to think again.
- John Keegan, Telegraph, assesses the strategic implications of the USA's resort to an "old British trick - gunboat diplomacy".
- FT: The EEC's measures fall far short of US demands for closure of People's Bureaux and economic sanctions, but they represent a further hardening in attitudes to Libya; Gaddafi is under a financial squeeze caused by the drop in oil prices.
- The vast majority of Britons in Libya are showing no signs of wanting to leave.
- Most French people supported the US raid, while Britons and West Germans strongly opposed it, according to a Newsweek poll.
- Some of your ministers believe you underestimated the extent of public reaction against your decision. But there are signs that the situation is being retrieved.
- Times: "I had to go through agonies" - quote from your Granada interview. You gave a strong hint that the Government is set to stop Libyan pilots being trained in Britain.
- Denis Healey says the Government is afraid to introduce economic sanctions because it might set a precedent affecting South Africa.
- Businessmen fear a loss of big deals.
- Guardian leads with EC puts "stringent" curbs on Libyans but says there must now be fears that Washington's disappointment at their range could be expressed in another raid.

LIBYA (Cont'd)

- Guardian leader says that after the EC Council the way forward is clear for the US if it wishes not to precipitate a wider fracturing of the Alliance.
- Extensive Guardian coverage of your "vigorous defence" on TV of your decision - "US raid made world safe" is heading; NB story says "safer".
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, sees one substantial benefit from the Libyan affair - all parties - and not least Labour - will now have to tell us what they really mean by their foreign policies. As a result of such a process, with a booming economy behind her. You might even win the election.

POLITICS

- Kinnock to launch a "bright and breezy" campaign today called "Putting people first" - housing, health, education, crime, environment, elderly.
- Norman Tebbit says it is going to be tough to hold seats at local elections.
- Today leader says Labour leaders are beginning to act as if they really believe they can win the next election but it points out while the Tories have failed to deliver on law and order, Labour has a real problem on that subject too.
- Tory Christopher Murphy MP not to stand again in Welwyn Hatfield.
- Jock Bruce-Gardyne wants sleeping dogs to be allowed to lie on dog licences - Mr Baker must stare down the PAC; you must flinch at taking on the dog lobby.

ECONOMY

- Building Societies cut mortgage rates to 11% - lowest for 2 years - and more expected.
- Record retail sales in March.
- Opec votes to raise production ceiling "shifting responsibility for rallying world's crude markets on to other exporters" (Guardian).

INDUSTRY

- Ford Dagenham disrupted after sacking of a woman who made a false declaration on her application form - did not say she was graduate.
- Iveco, Fiat truck firm, and Ford taking 4 pages of adverts to sell their joint product.
- JCB takes space too to press its Land-Rover bid.
- FT: Sales of new cars will fall next year and serious long-term damage will be caused to the used car market because of the decision to move the registration prefix from August to October, says the authoritative Glass's Guide.
- Rolls Royce will be privatised in the first half of next year.
- Only about one-tenth of the 300,000 computer users in the UK obliged to register under the Data Protection Act have done so.
- The twelfth Japanese company to set up its UK operations in north east England opened its premises in Newcastle yesterday.
- British textile productivity is now in many cases well ahead of all European competitors, according to the Textile Confederation.
- FT: The Inland Revenue lost 130 tax inspectors last year. Each had cost £40,000 to train.
- Times: The two shipyards in competition for the contract have agreed to extend their tenders until the end of the month to reach a decision. The Government appears to be moving in the direction of giving one ship to each yard.
- FT: Cummins Engines, the US diesel engine group, has agreed in principle to buy self-changing gears - a BL subsidiary.
- CEBG to build an intermediate level nuclear waste disposal plant at Dungeness to dissolve sludge into English Channel.

SUNDAY TRADING

- Sun leader wants to know what kind of compromise Ivor Stanbrook will come up with and advises him to keep out of it having done enough harm. Government should now announce that an end to all Sunday trading restrictions will be in the next manifesto.

UNIONS

- Economies because of falling membership; some may have to declare redundancies (Sun).
- Engineers Union leader claims employers in Britain can now sack their workers more easily than in any other Western industrial country.
- The chances of averting action by prison officers rests on the content of a letter from the Home Secretary to be delivered today to union leaders.

MEDIA

- Sogat rules out early end to Murdoch dispute.
- Editor of Maxwell's Sunday Mirror resigns.

HEALTH

- Primary health care discussion document published - doctors not up to the job will be forced to retire and in any case at 70.
- Mirror plays on fears with intro "Patients could be charged for routine check-ups by family doctors"; Today's heading: "Tonic for patients in surgery shake-up".
- Mail leader criticises idea, being considered by Birmingham social services leaders, to declare couples who are heavy smokers unfit to foster small children - menacing and muddle-headed. A tyranny of faddists. There are worse things in life than being brought up in a fuggy home.
- FT: Labour and Alliance give a cautious welcome to the Primary Health Care document. The BMA says it is concerned about suggested changes in doctors' contracts but in public confines itself to stressing points of agreement.
- Times: Royal College of Nursing welcomes the proposals.
- Guardian leader suggests Norman Fowler has got cautious and his political discretion has exceeded Thatcher valour.

EDUCATION

- Sun leader on 30% of ILEA exam results below national average, points out it isn't because of shortage of funds. ILEA spends 40% more on average per pupil. It also happens to be made up of Left wing extremists who have their own version of 3Rs - race, riots and rigmarole.
- Mail says a class of 6 year olds in Brent has been sent home indefinitely because a replacement can't be found for a teacher on maternity leave; authority has 155 vacancies.
- FT: Education authority leaders are to seek a meeting with the NUT to try to agree terms for the union to re-enter talks.
- Guardian lists 12 candidates to succeed Sir Keith, from Lord Young 3-1 to James Pawsey 100-1.

LAW AND ORDER

- Jobless youngsters on course backed by Prince Charles wreck a holiday camp at Caister, Norfolk - damage put at £3,000.
- Police Complaints Authority discussing case of Keith Hampson MP who was arrested on Leeds Station on fringe of police controlling soccer fans.
- MPs launch a campaign for family courts.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- British and Irish legal experts have drawn up a checklist to prevent mistakes being made in extradition proceedings.
- Campbell-Savours names a Lloyds syndicate and 2 insurance brokers who, he claims, are doing business in IRA kidnap insurance.
- FT: A meeting of the Intergovernmental conference due to be held in Belfast this week has been postponed indefinitely, says Martin Smyth, OUP MP for Belfast South. It is seen as a helpful sign.

PEOPLE

- Col Carne, of the Glorious Gloucesters, dies, 80.

SPAIN

- General election on June 22.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 5 more blacks, one a policeman, die in violence.

EAST/WEST

- Gorbachev calls for scrapping of NATO and Warsaw Pact.
- More than 100 underground nuclear tests may be needed to perfect SDI devices (Guardian).

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young delivers Stockton lecture, London Business School
- DTI: Mr Channon addresses British Invisible Exporters Council; meets French Ambassador
- DTP: Mr Ridley chairs London Passenger Transport Group Meeting; attends dinner for New Zealand Transport Minister, London
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner attends Central Association of Agricultural Valuers reception, London
- DEM: Mr Trippier announces exercise to simplify employment legislation forms (15.30)
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave opens Healey Dell Nature Reserve for the Groundwork Foundation, Manchester
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits Harwell; later speaks at Countryside Commission Heritage Coast Conference, Lowestoft
- DOE: Mr Tracey lunches with Directors of London Enterprise Agency; later attends British Open Squash Championship finals, Wembley
- FCO: Lady Young addresses opening session of the 24th Plenary Conference of the International Council of Women
- DHSS: Mr Whitney attends Society of Hospital Linen Services and Laundry Managers annual conference, Southport
- DHSS: Lady Trumpington visits Canning Town Social Security Office
- HO: Mr Shaw visits Merseyside Police followed by visit to Granada TV's new News Centre
- DTI: Mr Pattie opens new offices of Touche Ross, Bracknell
- DTI: Mr Howard lunches with Peat Marwick, London
- DTI: Mr Butcher visits Bradford
- DTP: Mr Bottomley addresses "Providing for the Pedestrian" conference, Cheshire
- WO: Mr Robinson tours Cardiff, Newport and Barry Docks

TV & RADIO

- "File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): 'Nicargua - Could it Really Threaten America' examines whether as President Reagan claims, that Nicaragua could become a mortal threat to the entire New World
- "O'Donnell Investigates the Food Business"; BBC 2 (19.30): 'Nothing But the Truth?' looks at how advice on healthy eating often favours the interests of the food manufacturer
- "4 What Its Worth"; Channel 4 (20.30): Includes items on veterinary charges and limited edition plates
- "The Queen and the Commonwealth"; ITV (21.00): Looks at the countries the Queen has visited during her reign and examines the value of the Commonwealth and the role of the Queen as its head
- "Party Political Broadcast - Labour Party"; BBC (21.00)