

PRIME MINISTER

Prime Minister attends reception to commemorate Salvation Army Centenary; later attends State visit banquet

Prince of Wales visits HMS Vincent, London

EC Standing Employment Committee, Luxembourg

ACP/EEC Council, Barbados

Home Secretary attends Trevi Ministerial meeting on terrorism, The Hague

Michael Spicer holds meeting on aviation security (?)

STATISTICS

BOE: Institutional Investment (4th qtr)

CSO: Preliminary estimate of consumers' expenditure (1st qtr-prov)

PUBLICATIONS

HOL: 9th Report Select Committee on European Communities - European Maritime Transport Policy (08.30)

PAY

DEM: University Clerical Consortium; (18,000); claim to be presented 1.7.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Home Office; Northern Ireland; Prime Minister

Business: Housing and Planning Bill: Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate

The National Advisory Body's 1987/88 planning exercise (Mr M Fisher)

Lords Gas Bill: Committee (1st Day)
Child Resistant Packaging (Safety) Regulations 1986: Motion for Approval
Surrogacy Arrangements (Amendment) Bill (HL). Further consideration in Committee.

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTLIBYA

- President Reagan warns Libya no-one can kill Americans and brag about it; Gaddafi's Information Minister warns of imminent terrorist outrage in Europe.
- Reagan urging Congress to pass extradition laws to reward Britain for her support in fight against terrorism.
- Confusion over whether Western journalists are being kicked out of Libya.
- Reports that we can't get rid of our deportees because there are no flights to Libya.
- Revolution by Organisation of Socialist Moslems in Beirut claims it has killed Alec Collett and releases a video showing a body dangling from a noose.
- Britain to press for EC ban on sales of cheap food to Libya.
- NUJ officials representing Fleet Street and broadcasting members' dissociate themselves from union's conference condolences with Libya.
- Today reports a backlash against our tourist trade by Americans who are cancelling visits for fear of retaliation.
- Today leader says Europe has tightened its grip on Libya but has not done nearly enough. Libya must be isolated and squeezed until the Western message sinks in.
- Mail leads with Libya's new terror warning and Reagan's reply. Reagan makes point that nowhere has the slaughter of Moslem people been greater than in Afghanistan where Gaddafi allies himself with the perpetrators of these crimes.
- Mail leader goes for American firms who might be tempted to run for cover for fear of terrorist backlash in Britain (as ATT did yesterday before revising its decision to pull out of an exhibition at Olympia). Mail asks what kind of friends would they be who praised you for "walking tall" and then got out of town fast to avoid the shoot out to come.
- Telegraph highlights point made by Ambassador Price that British people don't seem to understand how strict the US rules of engagement were - so strict that they jettisoned bombs because they could not guarantee hitting targets.
- Telegraph leader says you have acted wisely in refocusing attention on the running sore which has fed the disease of Arab terrorism - the fate of Palestinian Arabs.
- FT: Bonn yesterday ordered 22 people at the Libyan People's Bureau to leave and reduced its diplomats in Tripoli to 19; Douglas Hurd at Trevi Group will urge the more reluctant EEC partners to follow Britain's example to expel Libyan subversives.
- The Government does not want to be asked again by the US to agree to the use of F111s from British bases for an attack on Libya. A sizeable group of senior ministers feel let down by the bombing of civilian areas.
- Times: Gaddafi fears a new American attack; Libya says Israel and the US are to carry out bombing operations in Europe to discredit Gaddafi.

LIBYA (Cont'd)

France has approved new measures to combat terrorism, including re-introducing hotel registration forms.

- Guardian says you have failed to defuse Tory fears; deep unhappiness, according to senior Ministerial source, about number of civilian casualties in Tripoli; Guardian leader says British Government bent when the Libyan question was put to it. Other Governments have bowed since. But when they are asked to bend over Central America, everyone should begin standing straight again.

- The voters of West Derbyshire are more interested in a footpath by the George and Dragon in the village of Tansby than in Libya (FT).

ECONOMY

- Paul Channon flying to USA next week to try to avert US/EC trade war.
- One third of unemployed are not actively seeking work, according to Government's labour force survey.
- Jock Bruce-Gardyne, in Telegraph, thinks that economically we are flying by the seat of our pants.
- FT: The US has stepped up pressure on West Germany to cut interest rates and boost the economy. Reagan is approaching the Economic Summit in the belief that the world political and economic climate has not been so favourable for many years.

Conservatives recover 4% according to Gallup - Labour 38/Con 33.5/Alliance 26. Your personal popularity improves 3% but 64% still disapprove of Libyan raid. Sun leader on Labour's new image, asks which people Labour will be putting first? Libyan? Russian? Argentines? - anybody but the British?

Frank Chapple, in Mail, can't get over Labour Party dropping Red Flag and red symbols for grey. But perhaps grey sums up the party these days - sad, sombre, dull and grizzled.

Telegraph doubts whether Labour in office would be able to sustain this facade - not all delegates to the Labour Party conference are social democrats yet.

The Alliance will scrap Trident but keep a nuclear deterrent, says David Steel.

Hugo Young, in Guardian after the adman's presentation of Labour's programme, wonders whether Labour will stop at nothing to get elected and as a manipulator of words, a wizard of all purpose mushiness, Kinnock is an adman's dream.

FT: Hattersley wants tougher controls on mergers and takeovers.

Times leader says you are entitled to feel gratified if Labour is so impressed by the popularity of the Government's freedom policies that it wishes to plagiarise them.

INDUSTRY

New survey suggests there are twice as many shareholders in Britain as we thought. Express says people's capitalism is seen to be running wide and deep.

NCB give Scargill a week to accept same pay deal as UDM - or lose his men back pay.

Sun leader acclaims Lord Young's condemnation of the class division in British industry.

Kinnock promises to reinstate miners sacked by NCB in the strike who have since won industrial tribunal cases but refused their jobs back.

Nearly a quarter of country's workforce sometimes work on Sundays.

FT: BL's Leyland Trucks Division is increasing its sales. But the managing director says that a takeover by GM is still the best thing that could happen to it; up to 1,500 workers at Eedford's, Dunstable plant start a three-day lay-off tomorrow.

MEDIA

- Austin Mitchell MP in trouble with Sun whose readers he regards as yobos with a letter written ⁱⁿ Schoolboy scrawl, full of blots and spelling mistakes.
- News Internationa rejects further talks over sacking of 5000 print workers until unions change their demand for recognition at Wapping.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Liverpool's militants refused legal aid for appeal against High Court surcharge ruling.
- Mail says Islington is to mortgage the future by raising £38m from the City to defy the Government's spending curbs.
- John Cunningham says Labour will go for full time local politicians paid as well as Ministers.

HEALTH

- Jack Ashley MP pressing DHSS to secure right for British families to sue Debendox manufacturers in USA.
- Geoffrey Dickens MP wants inquiry into why another sex offender is to be freed from Park Lane mental hospital, Liverpool, in spite of Home Office objections; Express leader says the review tribunal should reconsider; it has enough on its conscience.
- Mail on profiteering by drugs firms (this time with an anti-cancer drug priced £84 for something a professor says can be made for £3) says NHS should not hesitate to use its drug purchasing muscle to knock prices down.

EDUCATION

- FT: The NUT is expected to ask the High Court to stop talks on a new teacher contract and salary structure going ahead without them.
- Times: Headteachers are protesting about a move by ILEA to ban News International newspapers from London's schools.

HOUSING

- Guardian says Housing and Planning Bill is likely to open floodgates to council estate privatisation.

TRANSPORT

- Peter Bruinvels' idea of a photo on driving licences commended as sensible by D/Star.
- FT: A House of Lords Committee report says the Government should strongly consider new measures to halt the decline in the UK shipping and ship-building industry.

LAW AND ORDER

- Lord Hailsham admits Government has failed to get on top of violent crime but says public's worry is much worse than the actual risk of being mugged or raped.
- Guardian is worried that physical violence is apparently an increasingly common source of complaint against the police.

NORTHERN IRELAND

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- Unionists call province-wide rates strike but say they are prepared to resume talks with you.
- Police inspector murdered by IRA; Express leader says this murder of a hero reminds us who the enemies of Ulster really are and should shame those Loyalists who are making the PUC's job more difficult.
- IRA claims the murder was carried out under UN Article 51 in self defence.
- FT: The Irish Republic strongly condemned the IRA for killing.
- Times: Leader says that in spite of the protests, Paisley and Molyneux are anxious to hold more talks with you.

SPORT

- More than 150 drunken Scottish soccer fans arrested in London before international with England; Scots fan stabbed after match.
- Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh short of £3m according to Today.
- Sun comes out in favour of taxing sportmen's benefits.

PEOPLE

- Jim Laker, cricketer, dies.
- Otto Preminger, Hollywood film director, dies.
- Terry Coleman profile of George Younger in Guardian.

SPAIN

- King Carlos hopes we can find a formula for harmony and cooperation over Gibraltar; Sun says there is no problem over Gibraltar - it's British and there is no question of giving it back.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Pass laws to go, but sweeping powers given to Law and Order Minister.

GERMANY

- Overseas allowance for BAOR cut by £20m because of fall in German inflation.

USA

- NASA, space agency, accused of wasting billions through bad management.

FALKLANDS

- FT: The Falklands Islands Development Corporation will soon seek more funds for projects, including a network of roads and a ferry linking east and west Falkland.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling, Mr Gummer and Mrs Fenner attend reception, Spanish Embassy, London (Mr Channon (DTI) also attends)
- DEM: Mr Clarke presents EITB awards, London
- DOE: Mr Baker speaks at Europe World Forum (EWF), London
- SO: Mr Rifkind and Mr Ancram meet Mr Stanley Clinton Davies (Duich Moss), London
- DTI: Mr Channon meets Mr Park, POSCO
- MAFF: Mr Gummer addresses DEOs Conference, Malvern; later attends Grain and Feed Trade Association of Master Bakers, Confectioners and Caterers banquet, London (Mrs Fenner attends)
- DEM: Mr Trippier attends opening night of medieval banquet, Pilgrims Restaurant, London
- DEM: Mr Lang visits Sainsbury's HQ, London
- DEN: Mr Goodlad visits Whessoe, Darlington
- DEN: Mr Hunt addresses LAMSAC Conference, "Managing to Compete", Eastbourne; addresses Backbench Energy Committee on Energy Efficiency Year, HoC
- DOE: Sir George Young speaks at Knowsley Borough Council Conference re-housing; later opens housing scheme, Manchester
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits Leeds/Bradford on urban programme (to April 25)
- DOE: Mr Tracey attends All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club annual dinner, Wimbledon
- DHSS: Mr Hayhoe speaks at Registered Nursing Homes Association AGM, London
- DHSS: Mr Whitney visits Brompton Hospital
- DTI: Mr Clark meets Tunisian Foreign Affairs Minister; hosts lunch for UAE Chamber of Commerce
- DTI: Mr Pattie visits Shepperton film studios
- DTI: Mr Morrison attends one-day seminar, Plymouth
- WO: Mr Robinson attends Wales Association of District Councils' reception, Cardiff

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- HO: Mr Hurd attends TREVI Ministerial Meeting, The Hague
- ODA: Mr Raison visits Barbados for ACP/EC Council of Ministers; then Dominica and St Lucia
- DTI: Mr Howard meets Commissioner Carfis, Brussels

TV AND RADIO

"Worldwide Reports"; Channel 4 (20.00): 'Town and City: An examination of pollution in Britain's towns compared to those of Stockholm

"Brass Tacks"; BBC 2 (20.20): "Cloudburst". As a follow-up to last week's programme, on the threat faced by many communities from possible escapes of toxic gas from chemical plants, there is an examination of the responsibilities of chemical manufacturers

"TV Eye"; ITV (21.30)

"Question Time"; BBC 1 (22.10): With the Rt Hon John Moore MP, John Edmonds and Alex Carlile MP
