

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends GEC Overseas Club dinner

Duchess of Windsor's funeral

Result of AUEW presidential election expected

Western European Union meeting, Venice (to April 30)

British Electronics Week, Olympia (to May 1)

Tunisian Foreign Minister visits London

Association of Water Officers annual conference, Harrogate (to May 1)

Council of European Municipalities and Regions annual conference, Berlin (to May 3)

STATISTICS

CBI: CBI Industrial trends survey (April)

DOE: Bricks and cement production and deliveries (1st qtr-prov)

OPCS: Infectious diseases (March qtr 1985)

OPCS: Mid 1985 population estimates for England and Wales

PUBLICATIONS

ACAS: Annual Report 1985 (11.30)

C&AG: Comptroller & Auditor General financial control and accountability of Metropolitan Police (11.00)

DES: HMI reports - Institute of Islamic Education, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire; report on North Wheatley Church of England Primary School, Retford, Notts; survey of the education of traveller children in Cambridgeshire; report on aspects of the work of the youth service in Wigan

DEN: Brown Book (15.30)

HOC: Transport Select Committee Report - financing rail services (11.00)

LC: Law Commission Report 156: Law of Contract - implied terms in contracts for the supply of services (15.30)

PCA: Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. 3rd Rpt Session 1985-86 Selected cases 1986 Vol 2 (Noon)

PAY

DEM: NHS RHA and District Works Staff; (7,300); substantial increase sought

DEM: NHS dental therapists, surgery assistants and hygienists (4,400); flat rate of 15%; settlement date 1.7.86

PARLIAMENTCommons

Questions: Social Services; Education and Science; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Greater Employee Involvement (Mr T Baldry)

Finance Bill: 2nd Reading

Motion on the Statement on the New Workers' Scheme

Adjournment Debate

Concessionary coal allowance for redundant miners (Mr P Oppenheim)

Select Committees: EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Subject: Museums and Galleries Funding:

Form of Estimates

Witnesses: officials from the Office of Arts and Libraries

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration

Witnesses: Mr Anthony Barrowclough QC, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Mr Donald Allen CMG, Deputy Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration

Lords Patents, Designs and Marks Bill: Third Reading

Gas Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

Sex Discrimination Bill (HL): Third Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

MAJOR NUCLEAR DISASTER feared in USSR - high radioactivity detected 1000 miles away in Scandinavia. Full consequences unknown.

- Sun says scores are feared dead.
- Express says nuclear cloud is heading for Britain.
- NRPB says the accident poses no threat to UK.
- FT: This is a serious blow to the Soviet Union, whose energy programme depends heavily on a rapid increase in nuclear power over the next five years.

EDUCATION

- Mail says campaign for Homosexual Equality is distributing a leaflet to candidates in ILEA elections says children should be taught that relationships between men and women are not necessarily normal.
- Telegraph on the idea of a new Minister for Education and Training says no amount of bureaucratic organisation will improve children's prospects unless it is accompanied by a change in the attitudes of parents and teachers.

RESHUFFLE

- Sun, Mirror ignore story.
- D/Star P8 - Sir Keith faces axe in school battle. Favourites for job: Chris Patten and Geoffrey Pattie but you could go for Kenneth Baker.
- Today P6 - small piece on your being poised to sack Sir Keith in mini-shuffle - front runners Kenneth Clarke, John Wakeham and Kenneth Baker.
- Express news story on P15 and leader which says you should swing the axe now. Potential successors to Sir Keith seem to be spending more time jockeying for his job than devoting attention to their own. Ridley, Baker, Wakeham, Chris Patten, Boyson, Kenneth Clarke and Moore canvassed in that order.
- Mail says Tories are in danger of being lumbered with electoral blame for the crisis in our schools and the current race to succeed Sir Keith is a rotten way to restore faith in Britain's schools. If you have chosen a successor you should name him this week. We can start talking about better discipline in schools when there is the smack of firm Government. News report on P15 canvasses Wakeham, Pattie, Fowler and Ridley in that order.
- Telegraph P1: "Thatcher ready to replace lame-duck Joseph" earlier than expected.
- FT: You are coming under increasing pressure to bring forward the expected reshuffle. Sir Keith Joseph is likely to remain in the Cabinet in a non-portfolio post until the election.
- Times: Sir Keith is likely to go within weeks; leader says you should make candidates for succession undergo a verbal examination to discover what ideas they would bring to the job. Simply wanting it is not enough.

Guardian says Chief Whip is raising no objection to involving a number of junior Ministers in reshuffle. Messrs Baker and Clarke seen as two favourites but Mr Wakeham is thought by friends to be interested.

POLITICS

- Kinnock says Labour can win West Derbyshire after poll which shows Con 37/SDP/Lib 32/Lab 30.
- But Alliance seen to be closing in both by-elections.
- UDM threatens to break with Labour Party - 15 of 31 collieries in Notts vote to leave.
- Sun leader challenges Kinnock to state whether he is happy with the prospective Labour candidate in Nottingham East who says the police are out of control and on the rampage.
- Today says a Left wing councillor in Liverpool is facing expulsion from Labour Party for standing as Labour against Militant.
- Hattersley appeals to unions to join Labour in an election winning campaign in return for renewed power.
- Labour Party planning attack on second homes, making it impossible for owners to sell them on the open market or renting them to tenants of their choice. Also to extend rating system to farm buildings.

TERRORISM

- Abu Nidal claims it murdered British tourist in Jerusalem in reprisal for raid on Libya.
- Today leader says after Libya, NATO is in disarray. We must find new ways of consulting together and reaching joint decisions. Only then will we find better solutions to problems like Gaddafi than bombing raids by Americans.
- Benelux to expel 7 Libyans.
- Case of Heathrow airport security guard who claims he got through detector machine and on to TWA jumbo with bullet in his pocket.
- Express leader on British reluctance to leave Libya says we must assume that those who stay understand the Government's warnings and have tacitly agreed to suffer the consequences.
- Japan and France have signalled their readiness to seek stronger intervention cooperation in the fight against terrorism (FT).
- Cancellations on transatlantic flights are so heavy that airlines are consolidating three flights into one.

TERRORISM (CONT'D)

- Robert Fisk, reporting from Tripoli, says there has been no coup d'état nor is there likely to be, but there has been a sea change.
- Guardian suggests you have stung Kinnock with your broadcast talk of appeasement.

LAW AND ORDER

- Black woman, 22, jailed for 10 years for using her 4 year old daughter to gain access to home of woman, 72, who was then beaten up and robbed; sister remanded for medical reports.
- Mother of girl 4, who was starved to death by parents, allowed out of psychiatric hospital after 6 months and seeking custody of 2 other children.
- D/Star renews demand for Minister for Children after daughter, 6, of MP is raped. 15 year old brother of friend accused.
- Sun notes Bernie Grant failed to turn up yesterday to Michael Winner's memorial service for policeman killed in Broadwater Farm riot.
- Home Secretary says a ban by Left wing teachers on police visiting schools is endangering children's lives.
- Mail claims upper echelons of Scotland Yard did not want to know about allegations of drug possession by Saudi Arabian prince sent to jail for 3 months.

DEFENCE

- Mirror says American nerve gas and chemical weapons will almost certainly be stockpiled in Britain in a war crisis.
- Denzil Davies says planned defence cuts will hit unemployed areas hardest

ECONOMY

- Sterling at three year peak of \$1.5520.
- Sun thinks that the case of a man, 55, who gave up his job to spend his £100,000 pools win and now is claiming dole money, goes a long way to explaining what is wrong with Britain in 1986.

INDUSTRY

- 1000 tin miners in Cornwall to lose their jobs this summer with RTZ's closure of its operations. Telegraph: Tin mining to end in Cornwall.
- Peace talks between Post Office and union about strike over sacking of postman in Cardiff break down.
- 7000 B/Aerospace workers go on strike in Preston area when managers complete work on two "blackened" Tornados so that they can be flown to Saudi Arabia on time.
- Mirror leader on B/Telecom ending free repair to emergency lines accuses it of making a profit for shareholders out of distress instead of being run, as it was, as a monopoly in the interest of the public.
- Express sees 0% Civil Service pay settlement as a blow to wage restraint
- New round of job cuts in coal industry because of fall in oil prices forecast by Express; Mail asserts Ian MacGregor plans to close more pit
- Royal Worcester Spode bids £148m for Wedgwood.
- The TSB has won the High Court declaration it was seeking to allow its planned £1bn flotation to go ahead.
- About 6,000 oil industry jobs in Scotland could be at risk because of the fall in oil prices, says a Royal Bank of Scotland/EBC Scotland report.

INDUSTRY (CONT'D)

- Japanese cars are gaining ground in Western Europe. Toyota and Nissan have overtaken BMW.
- DTI has launched a crackdown on companies which fail to file their annual accounts.
- The Government is expected next week to give the go-ahead for an £800m BP development plan for two N. Sea gas fields.
- BT is to launch a channel offering new films through cable television this summer.
- BT is planning to reduce charges to leading business customers by 15% in a price war with Mercury.
- Objectors to closure of Carlisle-Settle railway line sense victory (Guardian).
- Freight Transport Association renews campaign to raise maximum weight of lorries to 40 tonnes.

UNIONS

- Moderate Bill Jordan expected to be elected president of the AUEW today.
- The Royal College of Nursing is likely to reconsider affiliating to the TUC.
- Civil Servants who believe Ministers are misleading Parliament should have the right to appeal to a Select Committee and to the Ombudsman. The First Division Association is likely to agree a code next month.

MEDIA

- London Press Club closes with debts of £200,000.
- FT: Eddie Shah is likely to get City backing to launch and expand several national newspapers.

PRISON DISPUTE

- Home Secretary refuses to talk with POA until industrial action is stopped; POA threaten to step it up.
- Guardian leader says nobody should be surprised that the POA is going to allow earnings to be cut in real terms without a fight. The longer it lasts the more the Government will be under pressure to move away from its heavy sentencing policy.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Mail says a second Left wing council - Lewisham - is to gamble with rate-payers' money in the hope that a Labour Government will bail them out of difficulty.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Mirror quotes Royal College of Nursing as saying cuts in NHS now being reported daily by nurses.
- Report claims many old people are humiliated and exploited in private nursing homes.
- Waiting lists at major teaching hospitals have risen sharply in last 6 months (Telegraph)

SPORT

- Government ready to ban tobacco sponsorship.

PEOPLE

- Elton John turns down idea of Carol Thatcher writing his biography.
- Count Nikolai Tolstoy says Harold Macmillan cost 70,000 Yugoslavs and non-Soviet Cossacks' lives.

USA

- American tourists complain that Duchess of Windsor, to be buried today, is not lying in state at Windsor.

AUSTRIA

- Today says Waldheim should not be president. Telegraph writer says that he would not trust Waldheim to run a bus service in view of his behaviour.

WEST GERMANY

- Times: This year West Germany will have a growth rate of 3.5% and inflation averaging 0.5%.

EEC

- Cuts of £320m this year and £640m next will have to be made in EEC programmes to keep spending within legal limits; Nigel Lawson is "horrified" by EEC overspending (Times).

KOREA

- Anti-Government demonstrations by students opposed to compulsory military training take place in Seoul.

UN

- The future of the UN is in jeopardy unless more members pay their budget contributions (FT).

BERNARD LINGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Lord Young attends 'Spring Open 1986', London

DEN: Mr Walker visits GEC centenary exhibition, Wembley

DOE: Mr Baker launches urban programme support to Operation Raleigh's inner city initiative; addresses Countryside Sports Conference lunch

HO: Mr Hurd addresses dinner of London Fire and Civil Defence Authority

DTP: Mr Ridley hosts lunch for German Transport Minister, Dr Dollinger speaks at Building Materials Producers Annual lunch

MAFF: Mr Gummer attends Japanese Embassy reception

DES: Mr Patten attends Young Enterprise AGM

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at AGM of 82 Young Enterprise Area Board chairmen, London

DOE: Sir George Young visits Middlesborough

DOE: Mr Tracey attends reception hosted by Regional Council for Sport and Recreation, London

DEN: Mr Hunt opens new factory for Petrolite UK, Kirkby

HO: Lord Glenarthur gives interview to Thames TV on situation at Holloway Prison

DTI: Mr Pattie addresses Royal Aeronautical Conference, London; launches Community trade marks office campaign, London

DTI: Lord Lucas guest of honour at the British Ceramic Manufacturers Federation annual dinner; opens interclean exhibition, London

DTP: Mr Bottomley attends lunch with the Bicycle Association, HoC; meets representatives of the Pedestrian Association, London

WO: Mr Roberts opens new Geest Windward terminal and new offices, Barry Docks

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe attends WEU meeting, Venice (to April 30) (also Mr Stanley (MOD))

DTI: Mr Channon visits New York (to May 1)

MOD: Mr Lamont visits The Hague

DOE: Mr Waldegrave and Mrs Rumbold visit France to see European Radioactive waste sites

FCO: Mr Renton departs for GDR (to May 1)

DTI: Mr Clark visits Denmark (to May 1)

TV AND RADIO

"Hindsight"; ITV (14.30): National Service. A new series looking back at the main news stories of the last 25 years. This week looks at National Service and whether it is needed today - with General Sir John Hackett

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): looks at whether Britain's water supply and sewers should be privatised

"O'Donnell Investigates the Food Business"; BBC 2 (19.30): investigates how the food industry defends its interests and why the voice of the consumer is rarely heard

"4 What its Worth"; Channel 4 (20.30): includes items on the safety of swimming pools and the cost of housing
