

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen attends London Symphony Orchestra gala, Barbican

EC Transport Council, Brussels

EC Internal Market Council, Brussels

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STATISTICS

BOE: Provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (mid-Apr)

CLSB: London and Scottish banks monthly statement (April)

HO: Statistical Bulletin: Immigration from the Indian Sub-Continent  
1985

OPCS: Live births, still births and deaths: registrations 1-28 March  
1986; mortality statistics: childhood, 1984

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PUBLICATIONS

CO: Advisory Council of Applied Research and Development study on  
'Promising Areas of Science'

HOC/HOL: 19th Report Joint Committee on SIs (11.00)

DES: HMI booklet on inspection procedures

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PAY

DEM: NHS MSLD; (17, 700); claim is for 11.6 per cent; 1.4.86

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Education and Science; Defence; Prime Minister

Business:

10 Minute Rule Bill: Concessionary Television Licences for State  
Retirement Pensioners (Mr A McKay)

Debate on the situation in HM Prisons on a Motion for the Adjournment  
Motion on the Statement on the New Workers' Scheme

Finance Bill: Committee Stage (1st day)

Adjournment Debate

The state of the power plant engineering industry in Gateshead  
(Mr B Conlan)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees:

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE  
 Subject: Supply Estimates (1986-87),  
 Class XIX, Vote 2  
 Witnesses: HM Customs and Excise Officials

Lords

Industrial Training Bill: Committee.  
 Animals (Scientific Procedures) Bill (HL): Consideration of Commons  
 Amendments.  
 Agriculture Bill: Second Reading.  
 UQ on gliding in the Upper Heyford area.

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTSUMMIT

- Sun: 'Maggie's Gaddafi triumph'. You are jubilant after winning agreement from world leaders to bring Libya to heel.
- Star: 'Maggie wins the battle to outlaw Gaddafi.'
- Mirror: 'New rocket strike alert to Summit'. Terrorists in the next 24 hours say they will blow the summiteers to pieces.
- Leader describes the statement on terrorism as "strong words - weak action".
- Mail: "Libya win for Maggie". America tells Gaddafi - "You've had it pal".
- Leader says the declaration came as a welcome surprise in its firm commitment. Much credit must go to you.
- "Thatcher warns Japan: cut tax on scotch or else".
- The US House of Representatives passes a resolution thanking you for assistance with the Libya raid.
- Express: Big seven turn screw on Gaddafi. "Dogged Maggie wins terror deal".
- Leader headed "The magnificent seven unite over bombers", says you are to be congratulated.
- "Maggie at war with Japan over scotch tax".
- Today: International trade will emerge as the most important economic issue at the Summit and is the area which has led to most disagreement.

SUMMIT (Cont'd)

- America has ordered all its oil firms in Libya to pull out.
- Times: "UK leads Summit in drive against terror".
- "Thatcher wins the day".
- Leader says the task now is to translate signatures into effective action.
- "Summit paves the way to more interest rate cuts".
- Guardian: "PM bullies Summit into tougher line". Leader describes the agreement on terrorism as a modest achievement.
- FT: President Botha has sent a personal letter to each Summit leader urging them to acknowledge publicly that significant reform is taking place in South Africa.
- "Thatcher's tough image kept alive".
- Sign of disharmony on exchange rates.
- Telegraph: Thatcher praised by Shultz. "You are great", he says.

CHERNOBYL

- Sun: Nuclear experts warn country folk not to drink rainwater.
- One reactor shut down after blaze at Heysham nuclear power station. No atomic release.
- Fallout from Chernobyl is 2000 times stronger than from the Hiroshima bomb.
- Star: "New atom scare hits UK plant" (Heysham). The NRPB admits Britain is not over the worst yet. Children in Scotland may be advised to stop drinking milk if radiation levels go much higher.
- Mirror: John Cunningham says the public should have been told about the accident at Dungeness power station in March.
- Mail: Weathermen expect the atom cloud to be carried back into the southwest today. Austria bans fresh vegetables. West Germany may demand reparation from Russia. Holland forbids the grazing of cattle in the open.
- Express: "Worried mothers demand safe milk pledge". Russia says radiation around Chernobyl is diminishing.
- Today P1 lead: "How safe is safe?" Ministers are facing growing demands to come clean over the levels of radiation in Britain caused by Chernobyl.
- The Alliance would stop Sizewell. They would not become dependent on nuclear power but would develop a safe energy strategy.
- Leader says the authorities have a duty to tell people what risks they run - now and in the future. Assurances without facts are not enough.

CHERNOBYL (CONT'D)

- Times: "Britain 'off guard' over nuclear risk". Sir Richard Body, Conservative Chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Agriculture, accuses MAFF of not being prepared to deal with the Chernobyl disaster. There is confusion over some radiation readings.
- Guardian: Europe fears continuing high radiation.
- FT: "Stronger economic cooperation agreed at Tokyo Summit".
- Telegraph: Public concern is mounting as the radiation cloud blows back to Scotland.
- The Home Office is to issue a replacement for the 'Protect and Survive' booklet.

TOP SALARIES

- Sun: 'Anger at Toffs' £5,000 rise. Tory revolt over wages'. You are facing a massive backbench rebellion over TSRB recommendations.
- Star: You are facing a massive backbench revolt over top salaries. You could have a crushing defeat.
- Mirror: "Tories revolt on VIPs' pay".
- Times: You are expected to call for Cabinet consideration of the report. Hattersley describes the recommendations as intolerable.
- Guardian: "Tory revolt looms on £100 top pay rises".
- Telegraph: 'Top peoples' pay rise may stir revolt'.

POLITICS

- Mirror: All children of three and four will go to nursery school under a Labour Government, says Giles Radice.
- The Labour Party has finally found its feet again, says John Biffen. It has the confidence and vigour to carry it to No 10, he warns in a speech to Tory Party workers at Matlock.
- Mail: 'Tories alarmed by Biffen warning on new-look Labour'.
- Times: The SDP is proposing a shares give-away under which all adults would receive an equal stake in privatised companies.
- Hugo Young says Labour leaders are still in an age when the conduct of politics was marked by the vagaries of the promise. "In seven years of Thatcherism some of us have grown up."

LOCAL ELECTIONS

- Today: Tory canvassers agree that the Libyan factor has boosted Labour's chances.
- Times: Labour is likely to emerge with even more influence over local government in London than when it ran the GLC.

BY-ELECTIONS

- FT: Close results are expected in Ryedale and West Derbyshire.

LAW AND ORDER

- Sun: Irishman, Patrick Magee, is charged at Old Bailey today with murdering five people in the Grand Hotel bomb explosion.
- Star: IRA bomber, Gerard Kelly, will be freed by an Amsterdam court today. Britain's extradition appeal will fail.
- Mail: Britain faces an alarming upsurge of violence from the recruitment of an army of volunteers trained in 'Rambo-style' survival techniques.
- Express P1 lead: Animal terror gang threaten Royal Family. Express reporter is claimed to have infiltrated fanatics posing as animal lovers who want to kidnap a Royal.
- Guardian: Senior officials of the Lord Chancellor's department are to study transcripts of BBC radio programmes in which a circuit judge discusses the law governing prostitution, drugs and sentencing policy.

PRISONS

- Sun: Wardens at Gloucester jail agreed yesterday to suspend industrial action pending national talks.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Times: The Unionists are preparing for talks with the Government deeply divided on strategy and on their ultimate objectives.

DEFENCE

- Guardian: The diary of a naval officer on board HMS Conqueror during the Falklands war must not be produced in court lest national security suffer, George Younger will claim today.

UNIONS

- Sun: Arthur Scargill may lose his seat on the TUC Council because the NUM membership is now too small to qualify for automatic representation.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Mail: A Brigadier who quit his top job with Birmingham Health Authority tells of massive "waste" in the NHS.
- Times: Coventry and Warwick Hospital has decided to advertise for English speaking doctors in Europe in an effort to overcome staff shortages.
- Guardian: Abused children will have to share a clinic with health offenders because of cuts by the North East Thames regional health authority.

ECONOMY

- Mail: Managers and workers are increasingly confident about Britain's economic prospects, according to a survey by Epic Industrial Communicators.

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- FT: Austin Rover has negotiated a £200m loan.

TRANSPORT

- Express: Britain's bus services are facing massive cuts, according to the TGWU. They say 8 million route miles will be axed in October, with rural areas hardest hit.
- Guardian: The D/Tp is accused of a cover-up over the disappearance six years ago of an iron ore ship.

PEOPLE

- Express: "Manny Shinwell goes home to die".

US

- Times: The Senate is considering cutting the top rate of tax from 50% to 27%.

JIM COE

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling visits Hillside Holdings, London

DEM: Mr Clarke visits Basildon including disabled exhibition (all day)

DOE: Mr Baker and Mr Tracey host reception for England World Cup Squad, London

HO: Mr Hurd addresses Road Haulage Association dinner

SO: Mr Rifkind visits CBI HQ, London

MAFF: Mrs Fenner opens Women Farmers Union Conference

CO: Mr Luce speaks at Rank Xerox prize giving, London

MOD: Mr Lee visits Catton Company, Leeds

DEM: Mr Trippier visits Sanshaws Ltd, Breckenden, Herts; later addresses Institute of Chartered Accountants, London

DOE: Mrs Rumbold attends Channel Fixed Link meeting with Shepway Council, Kent

FCO: Mr Eggar addresses Luxembourg Society

HO: Mr Shaw visits Thames Valley police

HO: Lord Glenarthur addresses Monday Club

SO: Lord Gray hosts ADA reception, Edinburgh Castle

DTI: Mr Morrison speaks at Construction News dinner, HOC

DTp: Mr Mitchell visits Shepway DCs all party Fixed Link Executive Committee, Folkestone (Mrs Rumbold (DOE) also attends); later addresses dinner hosted by Folkestone Chamber of Commerce

DTp: Mr Spicer launches Vehicle Excise Duty Campaign, Central London

DTp: Mr Bottomley launches Bus & Coach Council's code of practice

HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses Institute of Taxation Conference on the Finance Bill

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DHSS: Mr Fowler addresses World Health Assembly, Geneva (to May 7)

MOD: Mr Lamont visits SHAPE (to May 7)

DTI: Mr Howard attends EC Consumer Council, Brussels

DTI: Mr Clark attends EC Internal Market Council, Brussels

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TV AND RADIO

"Hindsight" ITV (14.30): The Lambton affair of 1973

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4; (19.20): Reports on the prospects for racial cooperation in South Africa

"4 What It's Worth"; ITV (20.30): A special report on drinking water

"Ideas Unlimited"; BBC 1 (23.25): Repeat of Sunday's programme

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