

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen opens National Garden Festival, Stoke-on-Trent (Environment Secretary attends)

Prime Minister makes statement on Tokyo Economic Summit; later meets Sri Lankan Prime Minister, Mr Premadasa

Prince and Princess of Wales begin visit to Japan (to May 13)

Ryedale and W. Derbyshire by-elections

Local elections (including ILEA elections)

US/USSR Arms talks resume, Geneva

Results of electricity workers' ballot on pay expected

Royal Windsor Horse Show, Home Park, Windsor (to May 11)

STATISTICS

DEN: Detailed analysis of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators

PUBLICATIONS

DES: Final report on Review of Vocational Qualifications (RVQ)

DEM: Employment Gazette

DHSS: SI 1986/751 - Occupational Pension Schemes (Revaluation and transfer values) Amendment Regulations 1986

PAY

DEM: Electricity supply manuals; unions balloting on industrial action after 5.4 per cent offer rejected; results expected on or before 8 May

DEM: Scottish local authority electricians; substantial increase sought 1.4.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Treasury; Prime Minister

Business:

Debate on Crime Prevention on a Motion for the Adjournment

Adjournment Debate

Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong (Mr I Wigglesworth)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees:

AGRICULTURE

Subject: The effects of pesticides on human health

Witnesses: Food and Drink Federation; Food Manufacturers' Association;
Farm and Food SocietyLords

Public Trustee Bill: Second Reading

Gas Bill: Committee (3rd Day)

Drainage Rates (Disabled Persons) Bill: Second Reading

MINISTERS - See AnnexPRESS DIGEST

- Concern about Princess Diana's health after her faint in British Columbia
Sun claims she has fainted 4 times this year; Express says twice.
- Telegraph leads with court case which opens up actions for damages by
travellers disrupted by rail strikes against rail unions - a landmark
decision.
- In by-election Times reports polls: West Derbyshire - Tories 39; Alliance 34; Labour 27.
Ryedale - Con 39; Alliance 47; Labour 14.

CHEFNOBYL

- Frightened parents scrambling to get their children out of Kiev; NRPB say
our radiation levels are low. Our radiation levels said to be past their
peak. IC to agree on ban on Soviet bloc imports.
- Sun says the use of its hot-line for advice shows that people have not
been reassured by Government statements.
- Our radiation levels said to be past their peak
- Express notes that Moscow still continues to announce that life in Kiev is
normal.
- Mail says nuclear cloud returned to Britain yesterday but scientists said there was no
danger.
- Frank Chapple, in Mail, says it would be a big mistake to scrap our nuclear industry.
- Telegraph says Peter Walker, on visit to Sellafield expressed confidence in the nuclear
industry and pledged the removal of secrecy.
- Channel 4, according to Telegraph, is to set out the benefits of nuclear power in a 3-pa
documentary next month.
- Telegraph reports British environmental groups claiming that British reactors could be
less safe than Soviet's.

CHERNOBYL (Cont'd)

- Telegraph says it was sensible for the Government to set up a single information centre. Performance of Britain's politicians in facing up to the challenge has not been wholly convincing. If the consequence of Chernobyl and the "Green" factor in politics were to produce overwhelming public pressure to halt or dismantle nuclear energy it would be serious and careless.
- NRPB says more radioactive material may fall on Scotland.
- Times leader says Russia's measures are "too little, too late".
- FT: The IAEA says the Soviets are now being very cooperative.
- Guardian says the Dutch Government has shelved plans to build at least 2 more nuclear plants and will probably abandon its nuclear expansion programme.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says many people do not believe what British Ministers are saying. Nuclear history is one of successive Governments declining to trust the public. Is it any wonder that when the crisis comes mistrust is rife?

SUMMIT

- FT: Nakasone is on the defensive. The Japanese press think he has been outmanouvred.

LOCAL ELECTIONS/BY-ELECTIONS

- Labour accuses Government of a "cynical" touch in handing out £628m on eve of elections to careful councils.
- D/Star: If you have not put a cross on the voting paper you've little excuse to complain once you are landed with a loony council.
- Mirror says this is your day of reckoning. If Labour can't triumph now it never will.
- Today advises voters to spot the loonies before they vote. Labour councils are most grievously at fault on overspending.
- Express says most people do not want the Labour Party in its present state and with its present policies but there is one way in which its success could be made possible - by voting Alliance.
- Mail: If discontent with Government results in Labour taking control of many councils, many will rue the day when its spendthrift habits are translated into higher rates. Don't wantonly throw away all the real achievements of the Thatcher years; report says Tories are fighting the "Libyan liability" in by-elections.
- Times: Defeat in either by-election to the Alliance could lead to calls for reconsideration of the whole Norman Tebbit campaign strategy. His over-abrasive style is already under attack from senior Tories.
- Ronald Butt, in Times, says the Government could lose the General Election if it cannot find the political imagination to understand why many of its natural supporters begin to look elsewhere and why admiration for you is turning to irritation.
- FT: An exciting photo-finish seems likely.
- Guardian claims Labour will win control of between 10 and 20 councils.

POLITICS

- New row over Derek Hatton's failure to pay back to council expenses paid on job with other authority; gets round 75% payback rate.

UNIONS

- Scargill loses action for wrongful arrest against S. Yorks police and ends up with £100,000 costs; he says it won't cost the NUM a penny and that he will pay £15000 himself; he is now to pursue 23 libel actions against the media. Sun says Scargill should tell us where the money is coming from. Express says perhaps Scargill will now understand he is not above the law.
- B/Rail passenger who was strike bound wins £53 damages claim against NUR and Aslef; may open the floodgates to disrupted travellers. Mail says the man has brought home to the unions the lesson that the customer counts.
- FDA rejects 6%.

INDUSTRY

- Yorkshire NUM calling for national ballot on industrial action over withdrawal of pay offer and back pay.
- Talks today to try to avert industrial action by power workers.
- Manchester Airport shut for 24 hours by pay strike.
- Prison warders being balloted on end of industrial action; moving towards settlement.
- FT: Many large employers are likely to oppose the Government's plans to promote employee profit sharing.
- Ford is to halve the workforce at its Bridgend engine plant.
- Senior managers' pay rises are likely to average 8.9% this year - about the same as last
- Nearly £5bn wiped off shares yesterday after money supply figures.
- Guardian welcomes ACARD report on applying science to commercial success as long overdue start to vital job of providing an industrial strategy.
- Teddy Taylor MP wants Government to cut electricity prices because of cheaper oil.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- D/Star says Government's new "charter for children" - guidelines against abuse - should be implemented immediately but who is going to supervise the supervisors. It remains a total mystery why you have such a blind spot about a Minister for Children.
- Mail features the Brigadier who resigned as Chief Executive of Central Birmingham Health Authority - recruited under Griffiths reforms - because of waste and difficulty of getting to grips with it; political opponents against business pragmatism.

EDUCATION

- TV actress Anna Carteret, who took part in a Labour Party political broadcast, is a hypocrite, says Jim Pawsey MP, because she sends her daughter to private school. Sun says top Socialists have always been good at devising rules for others and ducking them themselves when inconvenient.
- Times: A confrontation with peers and MPs faces the Government in refusing to give up its fight against a ban on caning in schools.

HOUSING

- Building Societies Association chairman warns against lowering of lending standards and taking greater risks in mortgage war with banks.
- Times: Roy Cox, Chairman of the BSA, says there is a 50/50 chance of the Building Societies Bill being delayed for 4-5 months after 1 January 1987 when it is scheduled to come into force.

LAW AND ORDER

- Sun leader on dissident Judge Pickles who speaks up for P3 girls, says he should not be gagged by Lord Hailsham; he talks more sense in 5 minutes than Lord Chancellor in 5 years.
- Mirror says Murdoch's sacking of 5000 cannot excuse the violence at Wapping; if the printers can't hold a peaceful march they shouldn't march at all.
- Syria may have played a key role in West Berlin disco terrorist attack (Express).
- Director of US Chamber of Commerce in Britain says Americans who boycott Britain through fear of terrorism are acting like a bunch of frightened schoolchildren and playing into Gaddafi's hands.
- Times: President Reagan says that at the Summit extra measures against terrorism were agreed but not included in the statement.
- FT: The US has kept open the option for further military action.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Protestant woman shot dead in bed with Catholic husband who is seriously wounded.
- David Atkinson MP claims Irish farmers are giving food to Libya in return for arms for the IRA.
- Sun leader asks why the Government doesn't listen to Unionists for a chance since the Agreement is a failure; and why don't Unionists produce realistic proposals for the future?

DEFENCE

- Lord Carrington says a Soviet attack with chemical weapons would force NATO to respond with nuclear weapons.
- Times: Cruise missiles may have to be reprogrammed and bomber pilots re-trained because Marconi has perfected a technique for "bending" radar waves.
- Israel has joined the SDI programme.
- Britain is ready to encourage joint venture investments to help offset the £4.6bn Tornado sale to Saudi Arabia.
- CIA says Reagan Administration is contemplating criminal prosecution of several news organisations for publishing stories on US Intelligence operations.

LIBYA

- Guardian says Pentagon evidence about reasons for wanting to use British bases show you misled the House, according to Tam Dalyell; bombers from Fleet equally accurate

CHINA

- Times: British and Chinese officials are holding the first round of high level talks in Peking in a bid to resolve British claims against China, many of which pre-date Communist revolution of 1949.

WEST GERMANY

- Times: Inflation has fallen below zero.

SRI LANKA

- 10 killed, 100 injured, by bomb in telegraph office in Colombo.

PEOPLE

- Lord Shinwell dead.
- Gaston Defferre, Mayor of Marseilles, dies at 75.

ALASKA

- Big earthquake in Aleutian Islands; fears of tidal wave.

IRAN/IRAQ

- Gulf war flares again; Iraq claims to have taken Iranian territory.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MOD: Mr Younger gives interview to World Tonight Programme

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Coningsby Club

HO: Mr Hurd addresses Chief Constables' Club annual dinner

DTI: Mr Channon addresses Savory Milln Conference on Financial Services, London

MAFF: Mrs Fenner attends RSPCA reception, HoC

MOD: Mr Lee visits MEL Company, Crawley

DOE: Mr Waldegrave speaks at launch of 'Wild Flower Week', London

DOE: Mr Patten addresses Nottingham branch of British Institute of Managers 'Finance for Housing'

DHSS: Lady Trumpington visits Institute of Biological Standards and Control, London

DTI: Mr Clark attends Sino British trade council dinner; earlier addresses East/West trade symposium, London

DTI: Mr Howard speaks at Euromoney Capital Markets Conference, London

DTI: Mr Pattie gives Herchel Smith lecture on copyright; visits Wang UK, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MAFF: Mr Jopling visits West Germany

TV AND RADIO

"Tomorrow's World"; BBC 1 (20.00): A look back at the predictions of 1965.

"Nuclear Issues"; Channel 4 (20.00): A look at community concerns around Sellafield, Dounreay and Winfrith Heath

"TV Eye"; ITV (21.30)

"Question Time"; BBC 1 (22.00): With Bill Morris, Suzanne Reeve, Ian Wriggleworth MP and Lord Young

"Brazil, Brazil"; BBC 1 (23.00): The possible solutions to drought, unemployment and infant mortality

"Open Space"; BBC 2 (20.15): Documentary on Chile
