

PRIME MINISTER .

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets HE Dr Kurt Furgler, Swiss Federal Councillor,
Head of the Federal Department of Public Economy

PUBLICATIONS

FCO: Treaty Series No. 27 (1986). International Coffee Agreement 1983
(14.00)

DTI: 'British Business' - includes feature on IT and market report on
Brazil

PAY

DEM: NHS maintenance workers; (24, 400); discussions continuing;
settlement dates 1.8.86 and 1.4.86

DEM: Primary and secondary school teachers in England/Wales; (453,000);
claim is for new pay structure based on main professional scale;
settlement date 1.4.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business:

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL

Infrastructure improvement in the North West (Mr M Thornton)

Policies for Enterprise, Ownership and Choice (Mr M Fallon)

Family Policy (Sir Gerard Vaughan)

Motion on the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order

MINISTERS - See Annex

COMMONS

- Commons privileges committee recommends 6 months ban on Times reporter, Richard Evans, for exclusive on Environment Committee's nuclear report.
- Sun says threat to expel Evans for six months is 'scandalous'. Arrogant nonsense. The whole House must have no hesitation in telling Evans to carry on reporting.
- Guardian says Westminster journalists are planning a protest campaign; Lobby writing to every MP. Chris Moncrieff, Chairman of Lobby, accuses MPs of double standards.
- Guardian leader describes Select Committee's recommendation as pompous and potty. A nauseous nonsense.
- Times, with statesmanlike leader, says the suspicion lingers that the Committee has lashed out in anger. There is time for the full House to take a calmer view.

CHERNOBYL

- Reactor still smouldering; experts underestimate scope of accident. Fears fire may be melting through concrete base into soil.
- Trains arriving in Moscow from Kiev packed with parents and children.
- Chernobyl citizens allowed to stay beneath cloud for several days.
- Worries about exclusion of East Germany from ban on imported fresh food from Soviet bloc.
- Sensitive outdoor alarms at Sellafield activated by Chernobyl cloud, but radiation levels well below danger level; D/Environment reports a continued drop in radiation over Britain.
- Guardian says radioactive fall out in Scotland last weekend was up to 4 times critical levels; leader says Russians are at their wits end how to stop the molten mass from sinking into the ground. Nothing can excuse dilatory Soviet officialdom for delay in evacuating Chernobyl.
- Reports that the Chernobyl fire may have burned through the base of the plant are discounted by British experts.
- Levels of radioactivity in Britain show sharp fall.
- Sweden is prepared to phase out its 12 nuclear reactors if a study shows safety problems.
- FT: An attempt by India to buy two sophisticated industrial cameras in Britain is seen as a sign that India has resumed development of nuclear weapons.

UNIONS

- Sogat gains control of £11m of its £17m assets, at cost of £500,000. Brenda Dean admits 3,000 of their 4,500 members sacked by Murdoch have found new jobs.
- Electricity talks fail to reach a pay settlement; more negotiations to follow.

HOUSING

- General Manager of Abbey National tells estate agents their business is a shambles and that they are going to get their come-uppance when building societies move into the business.

LAW AND ORDER

- Syrians claim diplomatic immunity for man police want to interview in connection with bomb attempt on El Al plane.
- Express says Gaddafi is bad but Assad of Syria is worse - a ruthless, scheming, major league menace. Sooner or later Syrian sponsored terrorism will have to be tackled.
- Scotland Yard foils plot to blackmail Gallaher for £500,000 by contaminating their cigarettes with cyanide.
- No public inquiry is to be held into Wapping police behaviour last Saturday.
- FT: Significant concessions on the way picket lines are policed have been made by the Government following latest violence at Wapping.

EDUCATION

- Telegraph leader says no political decision confronting you is more important or urgent than the choice of successor to Sir Keith. It argues for Kenneth Baker.
- FT: NUT poised for selective strike action next week.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Guardian says over zealous NHS managers have removed 12,000 more jobs than required by DHSS to meet manpower targets.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Guardian says today's expected meeting of the Intergovernmental Conference in London sends signals to Unionists.
- FT: British and Irish ministers will be treading a delicate path between Nationalist expectations and Unionist suspicions at the Anglo Iris Conference in London today.

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