

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets UN Secretary-General; later meets Chinese Minister for Foreign External Relations and Trade

Mr Channon makes a Statement on shipbuilding

Mrs Chalker makes Commons Statement on the outcome of the EC FAC decision to ban imports of food from East European countries

Scottish Conservative Party conference opens, Perth (to May 16)

EC Political Committee, The Hague (to May 15)

NUM receivership hearing, High Court

Fire Brigades Union annual conference, Bridlington (to May 16)

National Association of Co-operative Officials annual meeting, Hinckley

Institute of Water Pollution Control annual conference, Heathrow Penta Hotel (to May 15)

Mr Lee visits Westlands

FAC Report on Anglo-Soviet Relations published

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STATISTICS

WO: Statistics of Education in Wales 1985

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PUBLICATIONS

DES: HMI report on History in service education in West Germany

DES: Teacher intake figures 1987/89

DES: Engineering Employers Federation

HOC: 2nd Report Foreign Affairs Select Committee - UK/Soviet Relations Vols I & II (11.00)

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PAY

DEM: British Shipbuilders - all grades; (40,800); unions have claimed substantial unspecified increase in rates; settlement date 1.4.86

DEM: NHS admin and clerical grades; (103,500); claim is for flat-rate increase of £20 a week worth up to 27 per cent, substantial restructuring, move towards 35-hour week, 30 days annual leave and right to unilateral arbitration

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PARLIAMENTCommonsQuestions: Trade and IndustryBusiness: Remaining stages of the Wages Bill. Debate on EC documents relating to equal treatment for men and womenSelect Committees: FOREIGN AFFAIRSSubject: FCO and ODA Supply Estimates 1986-87; UK relations with the countries of South East Asia  
Witness: Overseas Development Administration

## ENERGY

Subject: The Coal Industry  
Witness: Associated Heat Services; Boots plc; Domestic Coal Consumers' Council; Chamber of Coal Traders

## DEFENCE

Subject: The Statement on the Defence Estimates 1986  
Witness: Rt Hon George Younger, TD, MP Secretary of State for Defence

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Meteorological Office; Torpedo Programme and design and procurement of warships (at approximately 5.15 pm)  
Witness: Sir Clive Whitmore, KCB, CVO, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence;  
Mr P K Levene, Chief of Defence Procurement, Ministry of Defence (at approximately 5.15 pm)

## ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments  
Witnesses: The National Trust

## TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Westland plc  
Witness: Sir John Cuckney, Chairman of Westland plc

## DEFENCE

Subject: The Statement on the Defence Estimates 1986  
Witness: Rt Hon George Younger, TD, MP Secretary of State for Defence

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: UK relations with the countries of South East Asia; ODA bilateral country programmes  
Witness: British Council

## JOINT COMMITTEE

Consolidation, &c, Bills  
Subject: Northern Ireland orders in council relating to companies legislationLords:

Short debate to call attention to the importance of preventing disability in the United Kingdom and in developing countries

Short debate to call attention to agricultural research and development

Disabled persons (Services Consultation and Representation) Bill

UQ on Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong



CONSERVATIVE PARTY

- D/Star: Defiant, you say you are going for an election hat-trick. At your most resolute as Pym and Heseltine join demand for changes.
- Sun: Maggie aims for treble. Scorns Biffen's call for more balance.
- John Vincent, in Sun, say Tories, faced with two parties representing well meaning woolliness, should respond by stating clearly what they intend to achieve.
- Mirror, in leader headed "Chaos, crisis, confusion" says the rot is eating into the Government. Half the Cabinet doesn't know whether it will be coming or going in the next reshuffle. It claims that the Government's policies have been put over so well that everyone understands them - hence the mess.
- In a news story Mirror says "a badly rattled" Mrs Thatcher tried to convince her MPs that she can lead them to a third victory.
- Today: Thatcher acts to soothe cuts fear. You order a new campaign to trumpet the success of your spending record in health and education; it names Peter Walker, Geoffrey Howe, Norman Tebbit, Douglas Hurd, Kenneth Baker, Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine in that order of betting as candidates to succeed you.
- Express P2: Icy Maggie still steady as she goes. You come out resolute and fighting; Peter Hitchens says what is baffling you and Cabinet is that everyone seems to think there are huge spending cuts when no Prime Minister has ever spent so much.
- Telegraph reports a strained relationship between you and Mr Biffen who is upset about No 10's critical reaction to his remarks. Meanwhile you were in ebullient mood.
- Guardian reports Norman Tebbit signalling his intention to press for a radical manifesto - "Tebbit demands Thatcherism at a faster pace".
- Times heading "No 10 acts to counter splits" an intro which says divisions within Tory Party widened. Some amazement in Biffen camp over Downing Street vilification of him and that its "shooting from the hip" had only served to aggravate the party's difficulties. A hint that Mr Biffen might resign rather than change his views.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says the electors are not calling for a general spending spree; only in selected areas - schools and hospitals.



LABOUR PARTY

- George Gale, in Mirror, says that while Kinnock is making Labour Party fit for TV he is a long way from making it fit for Government and electorate has evinced no desire for a return to Labour Government.
- Mirror says private study of local election trends shows three Militiant supporters - Heffer, Fields and Loyden - face defeat at General Election.
- Express says Labour is gapingly split on public spending, with Hattersley infuriating the Left by demanding tough restrictions.
- Mail says Labour Party ended the nuclear debate last night defeated, divided and embarrassed.
- Guardian says the row over nuclear policy threatens Labour's rise in popularity.
- Times: A deep split in Labour Party over future of nuclear power exposed.

SDP/LIBERALS

- Peter Kellner feature in Telegraph on "the mould breakers who can only do it at by-elections".

CHERNOBYL

- Gorbachev on TV today about the disaster.
- Crippled reactor to be sealed in concrete; more of same design to be built.
- John Vincent, in Sun, says that faced with only the mildest of Chernobyl-induced emergencies we couldn't cope. Too many cooks in nuclear kitchen.
- Row between NRPB and scientists at Barts who reject claims that washing green vegetables makes them safe from radiation contamination.
- Nuclear task force from Scotland offers Russia help.
- West German Government giving £300m in aid to farmers by way of compensation for effects of disaster.
- Guardian leader says none of our major political parties is very green. Conservative position is relatively straightforward. Labour is wriggling and Cunningham might do better with a different portfolio.
- Times says Moscow admits that a second disaster at Chernobyl was barely averted and that Sweden has found traces of plutonium in fall-out.



ECONOMY

- Sun leader welcomes idea of profit sharing with tax incentives. But it must not get in the way of basic rate tax cuts - 4p off next March and another 4p in 1988. With basic rate down 21p and inflation zero a third return ticket for you should be no problem at all.
- Today leader gives profit sharing a resounding welcome, too, because they give employees a sense of real involvement and because it will ease wage rigidities and create more jobs.
- Express says Nigel's good idea can profit us all. It comes as a relief after Biffen's weekend diversion to hear a Government Minister seriously tackling some of the country's underlying problems.
- Mail gives the plan a welcome, too. Giving men and women a vested interest in the commercial success of their companies has to be a dynamic way both of increasing national prosperity and competitiveness.
- Times suggests greater tax inducement to encourage profit sharing and says there is a need to lodge the issue securely in the logic of the Government's pre-election strategy.
  
- Telegraph features a big crackdown on dole scroungers; all long term unemployed to be interviewed.
- Mail says Chancellor wants to get the public spending round out of the way by July.
- Norway breaks with Britain and invites OPEC to enter into closer cooperation to stabilise oil prices.



NORTHERN IRELAND

- Tom King appeals to US politicians to approve extradition treaty.
- Express says it is sad a British Minister should find this task necessary but American law makers seem to have a blind spot. Reagan's crusade against international terrorism logically and honourably requires that his country gives neither comfort nor sanctuary to terrorists.
- Mail leads front page with Tom King getting tough with US politicians
- Telegraph thinks Tom King won few converts.
- Peter Robinson wants opposition to Anglo-Irish Agreement stepped up and warns of trouble this summer.
- FT leader says the time has come for US Senate to pay less attention to the views of the Irish/American Lobby and more to those of the Irish Government and the US Administration. In the face of world-wide scourge of terrorism there can't be two standards - one for Libyans and another for the IRA.

INDUSTRY

- Ford report £100m profit - after £14m loss in 1984.
- Harrods get it in the neck from the Sun for being "petty tyrants" in trying to stop Henry Harrod from trading under than name in New Zealand after 33 years.
- Nicholas Ridley admits M25 may need an extra lane along part of it.
- Advertising Standards Authority concerned about level of complaints against B/Telecom. Labour Party considering ways of returning BT to public control.
- Alex Henney, ex-member London Electricity Board, writing in Times, says area electricity boards should be privatised with a clear interest in buying cheap power and generating countervailing power to CEGB. Boards also should be compelled to promote combined heat and power.

SHIPBUILDING

- Redundancies of 3,500 today confidently predicted.

EDUCATION

- Robin Squire MP, in Times, suggests ILEA is the ideal place to try out proportional representation.

RAIL

- B/Rail undergoing another trial by media ordeal. D/Star joins Today's campaign against "British Snail"-refers to a "dismal catalogue" of late or cancelled trains, overcrowding, lack of cleanliness.

UNIONS

- AEU and EETPU to discuss merger.
- Urgent talks today to try to avert overtime ban in electricity supply industry.
- Post Office union to consider slightly improved 4.8% offer today.
- Times reports evidence of increasing infiltration of the Wapping dispute by groups of Left Wing activists.



HEALTH/WELFARE

- Poorest families will have heating costs increased by up to £6.70 a week by Income Support replace for SB (Mirror).
- Mirror, continuing its efforts to denigrate the NHS, claims that Addenbrookes Hospital at Cambridge has only one life support machine suitable for children.
- Consultants from 11 London teaching hospitals express their fears for future of NHS.
- Plans for biggest shake up in nursing since Florence Nightingale unveiled by Central Council of Nursing.

LAW AND ORDER

- Ron Brown MP for Leith, cut with a knife and robbed near his home in Stockwell; says he doesn't rule out a Middle East connection.
- Report claims that Britain's prison service is a chaotic ramp built on the exploitation of overtime.
- Prison Officers' Association claims victory in negotiations with Home Office.



DEFENCE

- Grumman, US company, offers £400m alternative to NIMROD.

PEOPLE

- Today: High Court writ claims that Sir Peter Emery MP, as Chairman of PR firm for Bophuthatswana, "wrongfully converted" £75,000 to his own use.
- Gwyneth Dunwoody MP warns Spitting Image producer at Montreaux Festival that he may be pushing politicians too far - he'd better watch out.

FALKLANDS

- Helicopter crash kills three Servicemen.
- Express says police raided Argentine Navy offices in Hamburg yesterday after claims that the staff have buying arms illegally throughout Europe.



ISRAEL

- Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet call off visit to Israel because of fears of terrorism.

AUSTRALIA

- Opposition unveils Thatcherite trade union policy.

BERNARD INGHAM



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAPP: Mr Jopling addresses Dairy Trade Federation lunch, Dorchester Hotel
- DEM: Lord Young launches Shell Enterprise Loan Fund, Shell-Mex House
- DOE: Mr Baker speaks at Brick Development Association annual dinner
- DOE: Mr George Young visits Scotland (two day visit on Property Services Agency matters)
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits Wessex (Environmental and Local Government issues)
- DTP: Mr Ridley addresses Franco/British Council, London
- MOD: Mr Lee visits Westlands to see roll-out of EH101
- MOD: Mr Stanley lunches with TV South
- DES: Mr Walden visits University College, London
- DES: Mr Dunn opens new wing of Ursuline Convent Independent School, Westgate, Kent
- DEM: Mr Trippier presents DTI/Fidelity Marketing Services Awards, Laindon, Essex; speaks at BMAC, High Holborn; launches Women in Enterprise, at General Council for British Shipping EC3
- DEN: Mr Walker opens new Geo Adams factory and tour Rosbington, Lincolnshire
- DEN: Mr Hunt addresses Efficient Energy Utilisation Conference, Stockton on Tees; launches MONERGY metro train, Newcastle
- DOE: Sir George Young visits Scotland (to May 15)
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits Wessex
- HO: Mr Shaw meets Australian Minister of Communications - Mr Duffy
- SO: Mr MacKay attends royal opening of new conference centre, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh
- DTI: Mr Howard addresses Law Society Company Law Committee dinner, London
- DTP: Mr Bottomley tours the route of the Bedford bypass

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MOD: Mr Lamont addresses Atlantic Institute, Paris



TV AND RADIO

"The Cost of Caring"; BBC 2 (19.20): Second programme on St James' Hospital, Leeds

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00)

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (16.05): Repeat of Tuesday's programme

"In Business"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20)

"AIDS"; ITV (22.30): Case study approach to the problem of the disease

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): The Costs of Higher Education Sir Keith Joseph is interviewed

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): Child abuse

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