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PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister returns from Israel

Aer Lingus 50th Anniversary - Taoiseach makes anniversary flight to Bristol

UN General Assembly Special Session on Africa (to May 31)

Institution of Building Control Officers annual conference, Harrogate (to May 30)

National Association of Head Teachers Conference, Cardiff (to May 30)

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PUBLICATIONS

DES: Circular on responses to circular 8/83 on the curriculum

HO: HM Chief Inspector of Prisons on Usk and Kingston

HOC: 3rd Report Select Committee on SI's (11.00)

NAO: Trustee Savings Bank Account 1981, fund for the banks for savings accounts 1984/85 (11.00)

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MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

SO: Mr Rifkind visit Dalzell Works/Ravenscraig

DTP: Mr Moore opens RAC/FIA Round Table Conference, Bournemouth

HO: Lord Glenarthur chairs meeting of Central Fire Brigades Advisory Council

SO: Mr Stewart visits Armitage Shanks Ltd, Barrhead

DTP: Mr Spicer attends Aer Lingus 50th Anniversary celebrations, Bristol Airport

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TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): Interviews John Patten MP about the sale of council property

"4 What It's Worth"; Channel 4: includes items on the doubling of consumer complaints against BT and a bath-spraying con

"After Chernobyl - Our Nuclear Future?"; BBC 1 (21.30): A special investigation into nuclear safety

"Viewpoint '86: Victims"; ITV (22.30): How the cases of victims of crime are dealt with

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ISRAEL

- Sun: 'Keep your nose out of our war, Maggie'. Israelis claim you are meddling and the Arabs blame you over Libya. But Peres thanks you for the "goodwill" you bring to the region.
- Mirror: 'Israel snub to Maggie'. Rabin dismisses your "naive views" on peace.
- Express: 'Israelis' anger over Maggie's plan for peace. Votes plea is snubbed. The PLO joins Rabin in an attack on you.
- Star: "Maggie humiliated over plan for peace". You are said to be furious after your peace proposals were shot down within hours of being unveiled. Rabin humiliates you.
- Mail: "Maggie returns empty handed". You return little wiser about how the Palestine deadlock can be solved. Politically, the visit has been a winner, but diplomatically a major disappointment.
- Today: Very supportive leader says war forever threatens in the Middle East and you are right to do whatever you can to prevent it.
- Telegraph: "Jerusalem Rebut for Thatcher". Rabin's hard-hitting comment made so soon after your speech to the Knesset, have dealt a serious blow to your hopes of a peace initiative. But Israeli officials say the visit is a great success.
- FT: Disagreements with Rabin mar an otherwise harmonious visit.
- Guardian: Despite the lack of practical advance you feel you have further bolstered your reputation as an influential leader interested in solving the Palestinian problem.
- Hugo Young says the visit was a rather self-indulgent pilgrimage. It has not advanced Britain's interests.

LORD YOUNG'S REMARKS

- Sun: Article examines Sunday's claim by Lord Young that "we've never had it so good" and finds that in terms of wages, food, entertainment, cars and travel and health, he is right. But on jobs and drugs he is wrong.
- Mirror: It is Lord Young who has never had it so good. His "lavish lifestyle" is examined, including luxury homes, yachts and servants. Many backbenchers are said to be furious at his remarks.
- Express: "Tories blast jobs 'gaffe'".
- Mail leader says: "To slip on a fresh banana skin may be accounted unfortunate. To select one of the great banana skins of yester-year, carefully place it under your right foot and then fall flat on your face looks like compulsive ineptitude."
- FT: Kaufman says the remarks were typical of the "arrogance and complacency" of your Government.

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

- FT: Nicholas Ridley is to reconsider a preliminary request for an extra £3bn of housing and local authority expenditure for next year which was submitted by Kenneth Baker.

EDUCATION

- Mail: A book out tomorrow claims that impressionable teenagers are being debased by new propaganda in schools. Pupils are actively learning a distaste for mainstream moral and cultural standards.
- Telegraph: More than 21,000 parents are to be mobilised to fight Labour's plan to abolish independent schools.
- Times: Civil Servants were responsible for blocking the scheme for education vouchers, according to the magazine Economic Affairs.

INDUSTRY

- Sun: Leaders of industry in the UK lack new ideas and skills and are not dynamic enough say a British Institute of Management report.

TOURISM

- Sun: BA say bookings from the US are already picking up.
- FT: BA expects the transatlantic routes to be normal by mid-summer.

UNIONS

- Sun: Rupert Murdoch offers print workers £50m cash to end the dispute.
- FT: The Institute of Directors wants the Government to issue a White Paper setting out more changes in trade union laws.

LAW AND ORDER

- Mail: In an interview Judge Pickles accuses the Lord Chief Justice of being scared to say anything which might offend the Government. He now faces the sack but may refuse to accept the Lord Chancellor's authority.
- A man suspected of being a police informer was murdered by IRA "executioners".
- Telegraph: German-made water cannon are to be tested again to see if they are suitable for use in Britain.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Guardian: The Government is considering dissolving the Northern Ireland Assembly within the next month to avoid the need for fresh elections in the highly charged political atmosphere.

TRANSPORT

- Telegraph: The CBI wants the Government to launch a campaign to explain the benefits of the Channel Tunnel.

STATISTICS

- FT: The Government is considering altering the way its average earnings statistics are calculated because it feels this may no longer reflect accurately earnings movements in the economy. A row with Labour is likely.

TAM DALYELL MOTION

- Guardian: Dalyell claims you have chosen John Stanley to defend you in a debate next week because you dare not discuss your conduct with more inquisitive ministers.

HEALTH

- Telegraph: Family doctors are not fully reporting unpleasant or unwanted side effects of drugs, says the Centre for Medicines Research.

NUCLEAR

- Sun: The Chernobyl death toll has risen to 19.
- Express P1 lead: Gorbachev's "nuke cuts offer" is said to have split the all-party delegation.

WHITELAW/MOSCOW

- Sun: Gorbachev last night told the group led by Lord Whitelaw that he would cut Russia's nuclear arsenal if Britain scrapped all its nuclear weapons.
- Mail: Leader says that behind the scenes you seem to have done something to revive the momentum for another Reagan/Gorbachev summit.
- Telegraph: Gorbachev says he will put his proposals formally in his reply to your letter.
- FT: Gorbachev plans to deliver wide-ranging proposals for conventional force reductions in Europe during the Warsaw Pact Conference in Budapest next month.

MRS SAKHAROV

- Telegraph: Speaking in Paris, where she is meeting French ministers, Mrs Sakharov said she has terrible fears for her husband who is forced to live in complete isolation in Gorki.

ROYALTY

- Star: An economist has called for the Royal Family to be privatised.

SPORT

- Mirror: Every England player will be guarded by four police with machine guns during the World Cup in Mexico - the most heavily protected team.

SPORT AID

- Star: More than £5m is pledged in Britain and worldwide the organisers expect to raise £100m.
- Today: Western leaders are set to fend off demands to match the Sport Aid millions pouring into Africa.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Telegraph: Pretoria yesterday drew up its response to the latest set of proposals made by the Eminent Persons Group. No details were given but sources hinted that South Africa would not "derail" the Commonwealth initiative.

FALKLANDS

- Sun: The Falklands will be won back by Argentina if Labour wins the General Election, Sir Rex Hunt said yesterday.

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