

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Debate on economic policy

Prime Minister attends Greater London Area Woman Chairmen's reception

EC Energy Council, Luxembourg

Foyal Town Planning Institute annual conference, Bristol (to June 6)

UK reserves

World Cup: Northern Ireland v Algeria (1900)

STATISTICS

BOE: Capital issues and redemptions (during May)

HMT: UK official reserves (May)

PUBLICATIONS

HOC: 22nd Report of the Committee of Public Accounts incorporating Royal Ordnance factories - dispersal of posts to Glasgow (Noon)

DEM: Employment growth into the 1990s - A strategy for the Laour Market (a paper to be tabled by Britain, Italy and Ireland at Thursday's EC Council of Ministers)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Social Services; Education & Science; Prime Minister

Business: Opposition Day (14th Allotted Day) there will be a debate on an opposition motion entitled Government Economic Policies and the Level of Unemployment
Motion on the Channel Tunnel Bill (Procedure)
The Chairman of Ways and Means has named opposed Private Business for consideration at seven o'clock

Lords Corneal Tissue Bill: Committee
Insolvency Bill (HL) (Consol): Second Reading
Gas Bill: Committee (5th Day)
Protection of Military Remains Bill: Committee
Forestry Bill: Second Reading

MINISTERS _ See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Arson suspected in Rupert Murdoch's newsprint warehouse fire. Claims that men were seen lobbing "fireballs" into it.

ECONOMY

- Another 0.5% cut in base rates said to be in the air.
- Phillips & Drew call for a "balanced ticket" between inflation and unemployment.
- GMBTU calls on a future Labour Government to create 1m jobs in its first 2 years.
- Paul Potts, Express, says you are personally trying to encourage private firms to invest in Middlesbrough and that you are anxious to go there. Your idea centres around the 1% Club.
- Andrew Alexander in Mail, says joining the EMS would signal a loss of nerve.
- Six oil ministers from leading OPEC states have reached an understanding that their immediate target should be to stabilise prices at between 17 and 19\$ a barrel.

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

- Express leader comes down in favour of tax cuts in the argument over public spending. The Tory Party is in danger of forgetting its own wise words during the 1979 election - wealth creation must precede distribution. The message is as valid now as it ever was. You should battle on for tax cuts.
- Today says a growing number of Tory Backbenchers are concerned that a wrangle over public expenditure will put the Government in a bad light and they will today call on Ministers to cool it.
- Times says Government got control of public spending for the first time last year. Now pressures for relaxation are being felt, but it would be undesirable for the total to be breached. Ministers should not dilute their tax cutting plans.

INDUSTRY

- Swan Hunter expected to announce 1000 redundancies today.
- TUC claims 28 young people have died and 1000 have been injured in YTS schemes since 1978.
- Geevor tin mine to close after DTI refuses aid (Mirror).
- Jim Slater, NUS, accuses you of "criminal negligence" for allowing the merchant fleet to shrink to point where country's defences are threatened.
- New restrictions on high pressure doorstep selling to be introduced next year.
- People Express wants to offer £66 flights to New York.
- Walter Marshall calls on Russians to permit an internationally assisted study of Chernobyl; TV programme last night alleges that last year Dounreay came close to serious explosion.
- Telegraph feature of union muscle flexing in anticipation of general election reports companies feeling they have a year left to complete basic changes.
- MAFF orders a leak inquiry after disclosure that officials tried to interfere with an independent report on badger killing.
- Environmental groups want CEEB to reduce pollution - not its prices.
- FT: Ministers will next month be asked to consider a 10-year plan for Britain's space activities involving a rise of 50% to about £100m in the civilian space budget.
- British and Japanese contractors are linking up to build a £230m dam in Sri Lanka.
- Geoffrey Pattie says businessmen should become more involved publicly in political debate.
- Hattersley attacks plan to link pay with profits.

POST OFFICE

- Threat of a national strike if talks being held today fail - Today says hopes of avoiding strike are fading.
- D/Star makes the point that while the deal requires dramatic changes in work pattern it also includes wage increases and job security. Any postal strike would be another classic example of the dinosaur wing of the Labour movement refusing to face up to realities.
- Guardian says Government threats to lift the GPO monopoly injected urgency into the search for a settlement.

MEDIA

- D/Star claims 234,000 new readers in last 6 months and the highest percentage of young readers of any national daily.
- Today puts up its price 2p to encourage newsagents to sell it.
- Peacock says BBC should sell Radios 1 and 2.
- Press Council says Sun improperly misled readers on the mental state of Benn in way calculated to influence outcome of Chesterfield by-election.
- Maxwell issues trespass writs against 170 NGA members at Bristol plant picket.

UNIONS

- David Warburton, GMBTU, tells his conference "Often unions look and sound fuddy duddy, old fashioned and out of date. Often display a sanctimonious arrogance."
- Union leaders representing 600,000 local government white collar staff have rejected a 6% pay offer.

EDUCATION

- Telegraph makes 'campaign on moral revival' its front page lead.
 - Mail leads with Government starting its fightback against the permissive society by demanding children, in sex lessons, should also be taught the ideals of love and marriage.
 - Report raises serious doubts about financial management of University College, Cardiff.
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- Mail leader on the anarchical education system revealed by the Poundswick, Manchester, case where the LEA reprieves children who besmirch authority and punishes teachers who struggle to maintain discipline.
 - Kenneth Baker forced to shelve plans to protect by law freedom of speech (Sun); John Carlisle MP says it is an act of cowardice and in Mail describes yesterday as disastrous for free speech.

HIPPIES

- Sun leader says the West Country hippies represent a menace and a crying injustice for us all and they aren't hippies at all. They want to live without the inconvenience of work - cadgers and layabouts who believe that in the Welfare State they have it made. How long are they going to get away with it?
- Today leader says hippies' right to lead the life they choose if subject to two important provisos - they must not interfere with other people's basic rights and they must conform to the law. Firm action needs to be taken against the convoy. Why are police taking no action against vehicles which must be unroadworthy?
- Paul Potts, Express, says you aim to crack down on workshy party wreaking havoc across the country; you have started a major rethink on effectiveness of welfare payments; another feature on the hippies says "this convoy of rebels" has ridden over the law.
- Telegraph says the roaming hippy convoy seeks escapism on the road.

WELFARE

- Today reports National Consumer Council claim that 24,000 people are prisoners in their own homes because the Government has failed to provide wheelchairs.
- MSC chairman admits a stripper and a seedy massage parlour received financial support from MSC - "slipped through net".
- Guardian says Lord Young has asked DHSS to consider scrapping 2 year old regulations controlling private nursing homes.

HEALTH SERVICE

- Jimmy Savile "astonished" at decision to close 12 beds at Stoke Mandeville because of shortage of nurses caused by low pay and low unemployment rate in the area.

LAW AND ORDER

- Police begin drive to recruit more blacks in Brixton.
- Dole fiddlers in the North East said to be plundering coal trains which stop at a level crossing.
- Sun leader attacks Clare Short and Alf Dubs for attacking Metropolitan Police Commissioner for accusing Left of stoking up hostility against the force - biggest menace to Britain is the attempt to undermine respect for the law.

LITTER

- Guardian leader on Government's sudden discovery that Britain is an untidy place says most of the mess is of course your own fault. John Edmonds, GMBTU, is right to complain that if you had not forced councils to lay off 150,000 workers Branson's services would not be so urgently required.
- Times leader says the Branson idea looks to be a gimmick but it may be no worse for that if he can effect the change of attitude which is required if we are to be a tidier country.
- Feature on how the world's capitals keep clean. All seem to be much better than London, which has acquired an unenviable reputation (FT).

AFRICA AID

- Guardian leader on UN agreement says it is long on rhetoric and short on cash. Greatest danger is that richest governments will regard Live Aid and Sport Aid as an excuse for doing less.
- Telegraph leader notes African countries have not pledged a main change in the ideologies which direct some of their economies. To this extent donor nations at the UN have signed a large blank cheque.
- Leading development agencies criticise the UN recovery plan for Africa (FT).

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Molyneaux says security is degenerating into crisis.

POLITICS

- Hatton will not attend next week's Militant hearing by Labour Party NEC - will be on holiday; Express describes it as a snub for Kinnock.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, urging the Labour Party to think immigration law through, says only a well prepared party could pull off such a mandate. Only a serious party is entitled to raise hopes of genuine intention to lead Britain towards non racialism. Is Labour such a party?

SPORT

- Much anger over the failure of Mexican technology which is failing to send pictures of the World Cup to subscribing countries.
- 5 fans "terrorise" Gatwick to Houston flight; arrested.
- Pretoria has ruled out an early dialogue with the ANC, further dampening hopes that the EPG can bring the two sides together.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Bishop Trevor Huddleston, in Today, accuses you of propping up regime.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says in your private correspondence with Botha you have thought it necessary to warn him that he cannot hold the line on economic sanctions for ever.

AUSTRIA

- World Jewish Congress president says Waldheim is "a moral and unrepentant liar".

JAPAN

- General election July 6.

SPAIN

- Tim Eggar flying to Spain for talks about hotel bombing campaign.

FALKLANDS

- Mirror continues to try to make trouble out of Falklands War, claims lies and cover ups by MoD over shooting down of helicopter by one of our ships; leader describes MoD's behaviour as a disgrace - "a lying machine".

RUSSIA

- Shevardnadze expected to visit UK soon.
- Express says Russians appealed to you to intercede with Reagan for peace; stop Reagan breaking SALT II; Mail leader says it is a poor waif of an agreement but it's all the world has got and it would be provocation of the Americans to ditch it. The harsh American tone may not intimidate the Soviet Union but it sure unsettles America's friends.
- Soviet authorities allow 35 families to go to USA on day Mrs Bonner returns home.
- Times leads with "Britain urged to help deter US on Salt II"; Gorbachev has written to you about Chernobyl outlining a list of issues which should be studied by IAEA.
- David Hart, in Times, explains why Reagan is right.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MOD: Mr Younger visits HQ UKLF Wilton; later attends 'Beating the Retreat'
- DEM: Lord Young attends Young Enterprise Reception organised by Sir Angus Ogilvey, London
- DEN: Mr Walker addresses CBI energy conference, London
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses Conservative Womens Conference; later addresses Pharmaceutical Society dinner
- HMT: Mr Lawson addresses Sacher Industrial Group
- WO: Mr Edwards visits National Garden Festival, Stoke-on-Trent
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner visits Bossinton Farm, Winchester; later addresses Agriculture Committee of International Fertilizer Association, Maidenhead
- MOD: Lord Trefgarne speaks at a meeting of 'Families for Defence through NATO', HOL
- DEM: Mr Trippier meets CBI smaller firms council, London; later judges BBC Radio 4 enterprise awards, London
- DOE: Lord Elton opens 'Building Northwest' exhibition, Manchester
- DOE: Mr Patten opens AMA exhibition on pre-reinforced concrete homes, London
- DOE: Sir George Young visits Birmingham to attend Local Government News Seminar and visits Urban Programme projects
- DOE: Mr Tracey speaks at the English Basketball Association dinner, London
- FCO: Mr Renton addresses Middle East Association
- HO: Mr Waddington visits Cardiff
- OAL: Mr Luce speaks at opening of Crafts Council exhibition; later speaks at Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme reception
- DTI: Mr Butcher addresses NEDO AMT exhibition, London
- DTp: Mr Mitchell opens telephone enquiry booth at Waterloo Station
- DTp: Mr Bottomley addresses Cleveland Constabularies HAZCHEM symposium dinner, Middlesbrough

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DTI: Mr Channon visits Paris
- DEN: Mr Goodland attends European Nuclear conference, Geneva
- FCO: Lady Young departs for WEU meeting, Paris

TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): a report from Uganda on AIDS