

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister addresses Conservative Party Women's Conference; attends Westminster Dining Club reception

NEDC meets

Statement on the outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease in Stafford in April 1985, HoC

International Labour Organisation conference opens, Geneva (to June 25)

The Derby, Epsom

World Cup: Scotland v Denmark (2300)

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STATISTICS

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

DEN: Advance energy statistics (April)

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PUBLICATIONS

DHSS: 1st Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease in Stafford in April 1985

HO: Report of the Parole Board 1985 (Noon)

HOC: 23rd Report of the Public Accounts Committee - production costs of defence equipment (Noon)

HOC: 2nd Special Report on European Legislation (11.00)

M&MC: Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the supply of white salt (15.30)

NIO: 11th Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on human rights (15.30)

DTI: Annual report of the Director-General of Fair Trading 1985 (10.30)

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PARLIAMENTCommons

Questions: Scotland; Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Business: Remaining stages of the Building Societies Bill  
Motion on the Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment)  
Regulations

Lords: Short Debate to call attention to the current concern about the provision for criminal legal aid and to the need to consider ways of improving the machinery for negotiating levels of remuneration in the future  
Short Debate to call attention on the Nuffield Foundation report on Pharmacy  
Civil Protection in Peacetime Bill: Second Reading  
Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill: Second Reading  
Safety at Sea: Second Reading

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTHIPPIES

- Eviction showdown expected today in the New Forest. Lots of positive coverage for Government.
- D/Star leads with "War on Smellies". Government ready to change law to stop hippy invasions; leader says hippies used to be fun - totally different from the stinking group of unwashed spongers and ne'r-do-wells currently polluting the countryside, wasting policemen's time and taxpayers' money. They should be told their weekly social security is now available on Rockall.
- Sun, p2, Dole fraud squad tail hippy convoy. MPs told of fiddles. John Vincent says large groups who refuse to leave private land when requested should be arrested.
- Mirror, p2, "Maggie's war on 'brigand' hippies".
- Today, p3, "War on the Brigand hippies"; hippy writing in the paper says they're people not animals and just want to have a festival.
- Express, p1, "Maggie to curb brigand hippies".
- Mail, p2, Band of brigands; welfare men force hippies to stop false claims.
- Telegraph p 1 - Hippies "a band of brigands" says Hurd.
- Guardian p1 - Hurd's legal road block may confront hippies; leader accuses the Government of preferring to juggle with the problem rather than solve it. It is a matter of time before someone propos reactivation of Henry VIII's 1531 statute against vagabonds. It

is high time that discussion of the convoy recognised that the hippies have liberties too and that a problem understood is a problem solvable - by giving them a tolerable site for the summer.

- Times p1, Thatcher calls for trespass law review.

#### LAW AND ORDER

- Sun offers £50,000 reward to catch fire bombers of its destroyed warehouse - Brenda Dean objects to slur on printers who are accused of causing blaze.
- Cache of arms found hidden away on Cotswolds farm.
- Search for 54 Libyans "missing in Britain" - ie their permission to stay has expired.
- Theory that RUC (who deny it) have complained to stop inquiry by deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester who has been suspended but doesn't know what he is accused of. Express says it is an affront to most people's notion of national justice that he has not been told what the charges are.
- Mail says two Cabinet Ministers - Hurd and Tebbit - pitched into Kinnock yesterday over his pledges on immigration.
- FT says privatisation of water is at best marginal to the Government's main objective - to improve the economy's efficiency. The Government needs to consider whether the time and effort devoted to this cause will be justified.

#### NHS

- Victor Paige's resignation attracts more attention in qualities than pops. No coverage in D/Star. Small piece on p2 in Sun - "Chief quits in NHS row"; it is believed he became frustrated at interference by some Whitehall and local bureaucrats and politicians. Mirror - 7 lines. Today short piece on p2.
- Express p7 - Outcry as Maggie's man quits NHS job.
- Mail is really the first to take major interest - front page lead says "Whitehall defeats Mr Efficiency; running NHS is too like Yes Minister".
- Telegraph leads with "NHS chief quits in frustration. Others longing to be in the action".
- Guardian p1 lead "Health Service chief resigns. Right to manage row with Ministers prompts departure".

- FT p1 lead: "Chairman of NHS resigns in dispute with Fowler."
- Times p1, NHS chief quits 'untenable job' after differences.

#### PUBLIC SPENDING/TAXES

- Sun tells by spending Ministers lobbying Backbenchers for support to "knock it off".
- Chancellor tells Tory women's conference: cutting taxes is a moral duty. Norman Tebbit says so, too.
- Express Maggie plans new cut in income tax. Top Tories - ie Chancellor and Norman Tebbit - warn off rebels.
- Times leads with Cabinet battle over public spending bursting into the open with speeches by Chancellor and Norman Tebbit.

#### EC

- Today says you are planning a crusade to spread your enterprise culture in Europe.
- Times - Thatcher campaigns to win EC to her vision of enterprise culture.

#### INDUSTRY

- Postal dispute settled. Apparently to mutual satisfaction.
- NALGO now threatening local government strikes after requesting 6%.
- Swan Hunter make \$25 redundant. Telegraph says 21,000 shipbuilding jobs have been lost in North East since 1977.
- Virgin Atlantic plans a one-way trans-Atlantic flight for £56.
- David Mudd, MP reinforces his warning that Government could no longer rely on his support with tin industry facing disaster.
- Guardian regrets GMBTU's decision not to recruit new members from the unemployed. This, it says, deprives us of the opportunity of seeing whether pay negotiations would be conducted in quite different terms if the unemployed were part of the negotiating process. The unions' role on behalf of the unemployed cannot forever be ducked.

#### TOURISM

- Nancy Reagan being invited to Royal Wedding to help attract American tourists.

WELFARE

- Mail leader on case of Islington matron of day nursery who substantially wins her case at an industrial tribunal after being hounded out, says left are forever parading their commitment to caring yet there was more care and commitment in this woman's little finger than the tinpot tyrants could parody in a month of demos.
- Couple, 87 and 84, forced to leave their house after being robbed and beaten 5 times have now been presented with a £1,190 bill after they were forced to stay at a home.

EDUCATION

- Mirror leads with Tory-controlled Bucks council scrapping school dinners for most pupils.
- Today asks who can possibly object to the Government's aim of teaching sex education in schools to considerations of moral and family values? But let us beware of the danger of pinning too much responsibility on schools. The home is where children learn most of their values.
- Express feature on Lady Hooper bringing morality back to the classrooms; another story says the Government is to get tough over the 3 Rs to ensure every child has a proper grasp of vital subjects.
- Mary Kenny in Mail says the Government has its work cut out bringing back moral considerations and family values to the classroom. The rot is deep and widespread within the most respectable sources of authority.
- Telegraph says parental anxiety about education could make itself much better felt if central government had a larger part in the control of education. Government with its "moral" note has taken a step in the right direction.
- Times leader thinks the hasty clause of sex education was introduced with scant concern for context or consequence. Education Bill is primarily about governor and parent power and it should stay that way.

HOUSING

- prices up 5% in last 3 months.

DEFENCE

- George Gale in Mirror, on Gorbachev offer, says if I have one gun and am confronted by a foe with 10 I am not likely to be impressed if he says to me 'Let's each throw one away', but this is what Soviets are proposing to the gullible British Labour Party who would throw our gun away.
- Today says that in the interests of the Alliance and of disarmament Reagan must not step across SALT limits.
- Express says "Labour and Moscow madness puts Europe at risk". Is it really proper for an opposition party to be "negotiating" with a foreign government, let alone one bent on destroying our way of life? Healey now cuts a sadly disreputable figure.
- Guardian says yesterday you put the onus on the Soviet Union for stopping Reagan from abandoning SALT II.
- FT says you back US on SALT.

POLITICS

- Kinnock says Britain is now under America's thumb (D/Star).
- John Vincent, on Kinnock's immigration pledge in India, says what strikes him most is Kinnock's readiness to say what he thinks people want to hear.
- Communist Party claims hard Left are driving many Labour supporters to the Right.

SPORT

- Today says 3 terrorists are believed to be gunning for the England squad at the World Cup.
- Arrests at English soccer matches last season fell by half thanks to Government curbs on alcohol (Today).

PEOPLE

- Anna Neagle dies.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Ian Gow article in Times on "This Union must be forever".

AUSTRIA

- Mirror says Waldheim should not have run, should not be elected and if he is should stand down.
- Guardian says if Waldheim doesn't understand why he should step down the voters should ask themselves whether is is presidential material

SOUTH AFRICA

- Offers to free Mandela provided other countries do not use Government's quelling of demos as an excuse for imposing economic sanctions.

RUSSIA

- Gorbachev proposes international regime to protect the development of nuclear energy.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MOD: Mr Younger gives interview to Sunday Express
- DEM: Lord Young visits CBI Employee Relocation Conference, London
- DOE: Mr Ridley visits Wandsworth to attend demolition of Savona Housing Estate
- DHSS: Mr Fowler speaks to Esther Rantzen - BBC Childwatch, London
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses Pharmaceutical Society dinner
- MAFF: Lord Belstead attends Farming & Countryside events, Cambridgeshire
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner attends National Union of Towns women's Guilds reception, London
- DES: Mr Walden addresses Standing Conference on Educational Development Services in Polytechnics, Teeside Polytechnic; later visits Newcastle and Sunderland Polytechnics
- DEM: Mr Lang visits Grantham
- DEM: Mr Trippier meets winners of Youth Trainee of the Year Award, London
- DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith attends Humbly Grove Oilfield export terminal opening ceremony
- DHSS: Mr Whitney visits Clouds House, East Knoyle; later visits Salisbury Health Authority
- OAL: Mr Luce speaks at presentation of John Player awards
- DTI: Lord Lucas addresses International Council of Tanners, London
- DTP: Mr Bottonley opens Medico Pharmaceutical Forum, TRRL
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DTP: Lord Caithness attends Posidonia Exhibition, Greece (to June 9)
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TV AND RADIO

- "You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00)
- "File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (16.05): repeat of Tuesday's programme
- "Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): investigates anti-American attitudes in Britain
- "Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): a look behind the Labour Party's new marketing package
- "The Africans"; BBC : (21.30): the part the extended family plays in Africa's lifestyle
- "Groundswell"; BBC Radio 4 (21.45): the risk to Britain's offshore marine wildlife
- "Coventry Sent to Coventry"; BBC Radio 4 (21.30): first of a series looks at how Coventry is coping with its problems