

Friday, 6 June 1986

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen opens Esso Chemical Ethylene Plant, Mossmoran

Prime Minister meets group of OAPs before they begin charity run to Paris; greets Osaman Al Baz; visits BOC London Computer and Electronics School, London.

Sir Geoffrey Howe visits The Hague; makes Europe speech.

TUC Trades Councils' conference, Swansea (to June 8)

Transport and General Workers' Union rules conference, Aberdeen (to June 19)

World Cup: England v Morocco (2300)

STATISTICS

DTI: Car and Commercial vehicle production (April-final)

PUBLICATIONS

FCO: Treaty Series No 31 (1986). Exchange of Notes between Government of the United Kingdom and Government of the Republic of Turkey Amending UK/Turkey (Amonia) Agreement 1976 (14.00)

DTI: 'British Business' - features ECGD investment assurance - investment protection and promotion agreements for China and Mauritius

PAY

DEM: Local authority chief officers and deputies; (5,400); settlement date 1.7.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Private Members' Motions

Lords Wages Bill: Second Reading
UQ on the expediency of joining the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System

Ministerial visits - see Annex

Radio and TV - see Annex

PRESS DIGESTHIPPIES

- Express: 'Maggie launches convoy task force'.
- A flock of sheep was savaged yesterday by dogs from the convoy.
- Hippies "swarmed like locusts" over a small Social Security office in the New Forest. They even climbed drainpipes to try to get inside.
- Star: P1 picture headlined 'Give us our bread' shows mob clamouring outside Social Security Office waving dole forms. After collecting Giro cheques they loaded a supermarket trolley with cans of beer.
- The Cabinet Committee you have formed will look at a 'workfare' scheme for the hippies.
- Mail: 'Tories work plan for hippies'.
- Today: Article asks whether the hippies really are wastrels and scroungers or if they are just taking the blame for our real problems. We are turning them into "folk devils".
- Telegraph: P1 lead 'Workfare plan for hippies'.
- Guardian: 'Hippy delight as convoy gets week's grace to leave site'.

GENERAL ELECTION

- Express: P1 lead. You are winning growing Cabinet support for a "last minute" election in 1988. The reason is the Chancellor wants two budgets to get the basic rate of tax down to 25p in the £. Also, you have been advised that unemployment will start to fall significantly next winter.
- Mail: Senior Ministers now believe that an election will not be held until 1988. Nigel Lawson wants two more budgets.
- Today: Ministers are preparing tax cuts and higher public spending to tempt the electorate in 1988.
- About 120 Conservatives last night backed a motion designed to lower the temperature in the public spending v tax cuts debate.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

- Express: An article in the Health Service Journal, written before the resignation of Victor Paige, gives him a 'D' grade. He has failed to live up to expectations.
- Mail: Doctors are using babies and older children for research without their parents' consent.
- Mail: Volunteer hospital drivers have had their mileage allowances cut while health chiefs are getting three times as much.
- Guardian: Doctors appealing for funds to save a dying child claim that they were silenced on the orders of Barney Hayhoe.
- The Commons Social Services Committee is on the verge of setting up a special inquiry into Victor Paige's resignation.
- Government plans to save cash by cutting back last year's child benefit rise have misfired. The number of children involved was miscalculated and the DHSS is £26m worse off.
- Ian Aitken looks at why civil servants (the second permanent secretary and the Director of Information) are leaving DHSS.
- Telegraph: Managers rally to defend Tory shake-up of the Health Service.

EDUCATION

- Express: Kenneth Baker says a "modest" amount of extra money will be found for the GCSE.
- Leader praises Mr Baker for his intention to ban political indoctrination in schools.
- Mail: Leader says Mr Baker's first radio interview since becoming education supremo was a masterly performance. He was firm but kind. "It may well be that he is now the Minister who holds the future of this currently unpopular government in the hollow of his hand.
- Today: 'Baker offers give and take schools deal'.
- Guardian: The Government plans to place a new duty on head teachers and governors to take notice of approaches made by police who want access to schools.
- University administrators and lecturers have agreed a salary structure that would add £128m to the pay bill - a rise of about 18%.

LAW AND ORDER

- Express: In a country-wide drugs swoop, armed police, some with sub-machine guns, arrested 43 people yesterday.
- Sun: Kevin Taylor, former Chairman of Manchester Conservative Association says the police are investigating him. He says he is a friend of John Stalker, the suspended Manchester deputy police chief.
- Mirror: Leader says it is time Mr Stalker was told why he had been suspended.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Express: A showdown vote on the US extradition treaty is due today. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is virtually certain to give approval.
- Sun: Leader says the Anglo-Irish Accord is up the creek. A growing number of Tories believe that Ulster should be integrated with the UK like Wales and Scotland. Since everything else has failed it might be worth a try.
- Today: The Dukes of Norfolk and Marlborough were among backers of a Lloyd's syndicate which had helped finance the IRA, according to Campbell-Savours.
- Telegraph: Peter Barry criticises the slow pace of reforms in Ulster following the Agreement. There is growing pressure in the south to see more tangible results.

FUEL PRICES

- Express: 'New deal on power cuts 3½ per cent off bills'.
- Electricity chiefs are to offer £100 rewards to people who "shop" neighbours who are fiddling meters.

TOURISM

- Star: Reporter dressed as Shakespeare walks round New York trying to persuade Americans to come to Britain.
- Mail: MPs on all sides yesterday attacked Americans for not coming to Britain, for the way they have treated Mark Thatcher and for delaying the extradition treaty.

DEFENCE

- Express: The SDP/Liberal split on defence is widening.
- President Reagan is facing a humiliating reversal in Congress over his decision to scrap SALT II.

COMPETITION POLICY

- Telegraph: Leader headed 'Channon's mouse' says that unless the review is prepared to challenge the complacency of its departmental sponsor it will not have been worth waiting all this time for.

TRANSPORT

- Telegraph: The Commons last night gave overwhelming approval for the construction of the Channel Tunnel - a government majority of 265.

NUCLEAR

- Mail: The WI has called for a worldwide halt to nuclear development until the risks are assessed.
- Telegraph: The number of people who may have been resettled as a result of Chernobyl is put at 500,000.
- Guardian: William Waldegrave yesterday circulated a briefing document to MPs on the Panorama programme which argued that Britain's radiation limits were too high.
- Liverpool Airport has been ordered to stop handling flights of plutonium for Dounreay.

POLITICS

- Mirror: Joe Haines says you are indulging in gimics, eg litter; freedom of speech in universities; and the plan to instruct school pupils in morality and sex.
- Mail: Men will be banned from contesting for Labour Bristol City Council's elections next year in order to boost the number of women Labour councillors.
- A Militant lesbian is behind a move to ban photographs of families from Labour election literature.
- Labour chiefs in Hammersmith and Fulham are accused of trying to bully desperate home-seekers into taking cash payments if they drop deals to buy their council home after contracts have been exchanged.
- Today: A poll for Today by Marplan shows the Tories starting to creep back up. The percentages now are: Labour 36, Conservatives 31, Alliance 30. Two-thirds of Tory voters and 62 per cent of Labour say the Alliance is their second choice. Your personal rating has gone up by 2 per cent.
- Telegraph: Ferdinand Mount looks at how Kinnock, giggling with Gorbachev and behaving "like a sailor on shore leave" could lose the battle to bring Labour in from the cold.

UNIONS

- Star: Seven more unions decided yesterday to join the NUR in balloting members on strike action.

INDUSTRY

- Express: British Home Stores to pull out of food retailing with the loss of 2,000 jobs.

AUSTRALIA

- Mail: Article examines how the country's Labour government is leading the nation into something akin to a banana republic.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Today: Lange is said to have told you not to make "exaggerated prophesies" about sanctions splitting up the Commonwealth.
- Telegraph: South Africa yesterday launched a naval attack on a southern Angolan port, sinking a cargo ship and destroying fuel storage tanks.
- Mail: Bishop Tutu has said he will defy the ban on meetings concerned with Soweto remembrance on June 16.

NEW ZEALAND

- Telegraph: 'Thatcher disappointed with Lange' (over the ban on nuclear armed warships).
- Guardian: Lange says London has now adopted a "realistic approach" to New Zealand's defence policies.

EEC

- Telegraph: EEC countries, including Britain, have agreed to end discrimination between men and women in pension and sick pay schemes.

ROYALTY

- Mirror: The Queen has invited Sarah Ferguson's Argentinian father and divorced mother to join her at Ascot.
- Today: Princess Anne has been stopped from going on a tour of Peru because of fears of terrorism.

HONOURS

- Sun: Bob Geldof is expected to get an OBE in next week's Queen's Birthday Honours. You have bowed to pressure. Leader says the paper hopes its report is correct. "There will be an awful row if it's wrong!"

CLERGY

- Guardian: Church of England bishops ruled yesterday that doubts about the virgin birth and Christ's empty tomb were permissible - even for bishops.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling visits Royal Cornwall show

MOD: Mr Younger on BBC Radio 4's "Any Questions"

DOE: Mr Ridley visits Yorkshire

HO: Mr Hurd visits Radio Trent; later visits HM Detention Centre
Whatton

DTI: Mr Channon opens British School of Technology, Bedfordshire; later
guest of honour at West Midlands Industrialist, HoC

DTP: Mr Moore addresses the Alliance International de Tourisme, London

WO: Mr Edwards opens new No 6 'Hot Dip' Coating line, BSC Shotton;
later visits Wrexham Wire Co Ltd

MAFF: Lord Belstead attends Farming & Countryside events, Driffield

MOD: Mr Stanley addresses Oxford University Conservative Association

MOD: Lord Trefgarne addresses meeting at Newbury Town Hall on AWRE
Aldermaston

DES: Mr Walden visits Bath University

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks to Pendle Enterprise Trust, Pendle

DOE: Lord Elton speaks at opening of Stockley Park Business Centre,
London

DOE: Mrs Rumbold addresses Royal Town & Country Planning Association,
Bristol

DHSS: Mr Hayhoe speaks at Hospital Junior Staff Conference, London

DHSS: Lady Trumpington attends "Care in the Community" National Seminar,
Congresbury

DHSS: Mr Newton speaks at NVCO conference, London

HO: Mr Shaw addresses Crime Prevention Conference, Hull

HO: Lord Glenarthur opens Wales Fire '86

HO: Mr Mellor addresses Oxford University Law Society re-drugs strategy

SO: Mr Ancram visits Mallison-Denny Saw Mills; addresses Scottish
Building Industry senior managers

SO: Lord Gray addresses Western Metal Trades Organisation, Edinburgh

DTI: Mr Butcher opens Triman factory, West Midlands

DTP: Mr Spicer attends Airport Consultative Committee meeting, Aberdeen

WO: Mr Roberts present rate reform proposals to Wales CBI, Cardiff

WO: Mr Robinson visits Wales & West Housing Association, Cardiff

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe departs for the Hague (to June 8)

FCO: Mrs Chalker departs Harare for Kinshasa

TV AND RADIO

"Headlines, Deadlines"; BBC Radio 4 (20.20): an interview with David Nicholas of ITN

"Any Questions"; BBC Radio 4 (20.45): with George Younger MP, Secretary of State for Defence; David Steel MP, Leader of the Liberal Party; Helen Liddell, Secretary of the Scottish Council of the Labour Party and the Rev Jack Macarthur, Chairman of the Trustees of Sabhal Mor Ostaig College
