

10 June 1986

PRIME MINISTER

Aspirin for children

MAIN EVENTS

EC Research Council, Luxembourg

SDP/Liberal Alliance Defence Commission report on nuclear deterrent

NATO Defence College begins visit to UK (to June 15)

United Nations Development Programme Council Meeting, Geneva

Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen annual assembly of delegates, London (to June 18)

Home Secretary addresses Annual conference of ACPO in Torquay

Association of Sea and Airport Health Authorities annual conference, Staines (to June 12)

Institute of Housing annual conference, Brighton (to June 13)

Institute of Wastes Management annual conference, Bournemouth (to June 13)

STATISTICS

BOE: Provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (mid-May)

CLSB: London and Scottish banks' monthly statement (May)

HO: Control of Immigration; statistics (1st qtr 1986)

PUBLICATIONS

C&AG: Comptroller & Auditor General's report - NHS level of charges for private resident patients (11.00)

PAY

DEM: University computer operating staff, (800); substantial increase sought; settlement date 1.7.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Education; Defence; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Football Betting Levy Board (Mr T Pendry)
Education Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading and Money Resolution
Motion on the Northern Ireland Appropriation (No 2) Order
Adjournment Debate
Smith houses in Leicester (Mr G Janner)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

Select Committees: COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS

County of South Glamorgan (Taff Crossing)
 London Docklands Railway (City Extension)
 British Railways (No.2)

Lords

Airports Bill: Report
 Armed Forces Bill: Report

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTHIPPIES

- Police clear New Forest camp, then 120 walk to Dorset Village where local farmer offers them use of a field.; 42 arrests; 129 vehicles compounded. Sniper rifle with telescope sights found in one vehicle.
- Today features the 'Exodus' with hippies roaming the roads as police break up their camp; leader says they deserved their fate. It hopes the police have learned that the only way to deal with concerted action, like the convoy, is to enforce the criminal law firmly and immediately and not pass the buck.
- Mail praises John Duke, Chief Constable of Hampshire, for his handling of the break-up - better by far this country commonsense than hysterical urban cries for extra powers.
- Telegraph leads with "bedraggled hippies dispersed".
- Guardian: Convoy scatters after police raid; says extra restrictions on single or emergency payments to SB claimants are contained in new draft regulations; leader describes yesterday's police operation as "overkill"; not remotely proportionate to the problem which could have been solved weeks ago by the provision of a site.

AUSTRIA

- Labour MPs said to be planning protests over your message to Waldheim. Israel withdraws Ambassador to Vienna and Austrian Chancellor resigns because his party backed Waldheim's opponent.

- D/Star says your decision to send congratulations to Waldheim was hasty and politically irresponsible and it would be a national disgrace if the Queen followed suit because he failed to tell the truth.

- Sun says Queen sent a message on your advice; leader says Austrians have cocked a snook at the civilised world.

POLITICS

- Pat Wall, described as former Militant, endorsed as Labour candidate after interrogation by Kinnock; pledges loyalty to Labour Party and to have nothing to do with organising Militant.
 - Sun quotes him afterwards as saying he is a Marxist. Today says one of the founding fathers of Militant quit for Kinnock. Express: Kinnock supports Marxist. Mail: Kinnock backs Militant-founding father, making the point that Wall said only last January he was 100% behind Militant.
 - Mail says Kinnock faces another humiliating setback in his drive to rid Labour of Liverpool Militants - Hatton is to boycott hearings this week because he has more important things to do.
 - Telegraph says a great legal battle over expulsions from Labour Party is in prospect after the NEC voted by majority of one to eject 3 members of Hattersley's constituency; Hattersley's vote decisive and defendants say this was contrary to national justice.
 - Times leader says the truth about the reality beneath Labour new slick party political broadcasts refuses to stay hidden. Kinnock would be unwise to suppose that the voters will not notice.
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- Trevor Kavanagh, Sun, on SDP/Alliance split, says "Owen will jump in bed with Tories". Those closest to him have long suspected he is a closet Tory. Express says Owen decided to speak out because Norman Tebbit was turning on the heat on Alliance defence policy.
 - Telegraph says Owen increased tension by reiterating his commitment to retaining a nuclear deterrent; leader says Owen is right and either Owen will join Steel in damage limitation or the breach will become complete. The impact of Owen's forceful personality on this fragile union could alter the face of politics.
 - Richard Ryder in Telegraph understands why lightweight Steel is tiresome chore for Owen and invites him to cross the floor to add to his reputation and do Britain a good turn.
 - Hugo Young, in Guardian, says the merit of the Alliance approach is to fill a gap in the debate polarised between Conservative and Labour.
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- Sun leader says Kaufman's attempt to calm voters' fears about Labour's immigration policy won't work; Labour's failure to realise that good race relations depend on immigration controls will cost it dear.

POLITICS (Cont'd)

- City University Business School says Labour's spending plans could see income tax raised to 50p; Express contrasts this with your plans for 25p tax rate.

MEDIA

- Journalists on Sun vote 94-80 against continuing to work at Wapping; 56 don't vote.
- SOGAT delegates use superglue to jam up doors of 16 newspaper shops in Scarborough selling Murdoch newspapers; other local newsagents have their parcels of papers thrown into harbour. Brenda Dean hits out at 'wrecker within SOGAT.
- Mirror leader says unions' decision to reject Murdoch's offer is a bold one. They could end up with nothing. And Wapping violence has damaged their cause. They will only win popular support by persuasion.

- Rumours of a takeover bid for Eddie Shah's 'Today'; a shake-up for Today is imminent (Times).
- The Government will next month give its response to the Peacock report. Ministers have been surprised by the scale of the inquiry and its radical proposals (Times).


ECONOMY

- Hopes of a further cut in base rates running strongly.
- Sun says we are heading for a boom - on evidence of industrial raw material costs figures yesterday and inflation later this week; but higher petrol prices on the way.
- Mail City Page says you are digging in your heels against joining the EMS.


INDUSTRY

- - Guardian says B/Airways is planning to buy £700m worth of aircraft engines from USA in preference to Rolls Royce.
- Sun says BL cars are selling well in Spain.
- Tory Euro MP Christopher Beezley trying to get EC to save Geovor.
- - Crumbling washers threatening closure of troubled Dungeness B only 3 years after producing its first electricity.
- President of Country Landowners Association says the cereals surplus would be solved if farmers created 20,000 golf courses.
- - Industry and commerce across the south east are suffering from a growing shortage of skilled workers (FT).
- At talks on the Bermuda 2 agreement in Washington tomorrow Britain will demand a big expansion of the operations of British airlines in the United States.
- The Water Industry Suppliers Group fears that privatisation will hit investment in the industry. Water companies may depress capital spending in the short-term to show good financial performance to a watching public (FT).
- The Government has told the coal industry it will receive no more public money in the present financial year in spite of the big cut in the price of coal to power stations announced last week (FT).

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Sun says it is bad enough nurses' pay rise has been frozen for 3 months; the revelation that NHS managers will get increases backdated 5 months is a scandal. It (wrongly) alleges that Norman Fowler slipped the backdating through in a circular.
 - Consultants from leading hospitals tell Lord Ennals that there are no more efficiency earnings and money can only be saved now by reducing services; claims cuts have caused 20 hospitals and 2500 beds to close.
 - Claims that leukaemia among young people living near Dounreay is 10 times expected level.
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EDUCATION

- Express says the pressure on MPs to eliminate political bias from the classroom is mounting.
 - The NUT and the NAS/UWT are preparing to drop their boycott of the GCSE (Times).
 - University funding has been cut by up to 43% in real terms since 1980-81.
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Haringey's dustmen refuse to have council's first equal opportunities officer - a woman - on their premises.
- Local authorities and unions have adopted a joint consultation paper bringing closer the introduction of performance-related pay in local government.

LAW AND ORDER

- Assistant Chief Constable of Manchester given details of allegations against him but these are not made public.
- Today continues its campaign against puppy farming.
- || Glue sniffing youngsters crawl "like human spiders" across the outside of high rise flats in Smethwick to avoid arrest.
- A fierce dispute involving the Home Office, magistrates and boards of visitors is threatening to undermine plans by the Prison Department for fundamental changes in the way inmates are disciplined.

DEFENCE

- George Younger tells SDP/Libs it is time to make up their minds on defence.
- Royal Navy to get new radar after HMS Sheffield sinking.
- Times: Speaking in Budapest, Gorbachev urged Britain to give up its independent nuclear deterrent in return for Moscow reducing its arsenal.
- Negotiations to sell 40 British, West German and Italian Tornados to Turkey have come to a standstill because the three suppliers cannot agree how to finance the deal (FT).

PEOPLE

- Prince Philip 65 today.
- Prince Andrew expresses his fears before City audience about moral pollution from TV violence, drugs and drink.
- D/Star on the endless outpouring of Prime Minister Lange - virtually no subject on which he is not prepared to deliver a sanctimonious sermon.
- Roy Lynk, UDM, recovering in hospital from rupture.

SOUTH AFRICA

- 5 killed in black fighting in Crossroads squatter camp.
- Today says the City is remakably relaxed about the possibility of sanctions.
- Express says there is no point in sanctions against apartheid and you should resist the pressure. You are right.
- Telegraph says if we are driven to sanctions the best we can do is to choose those which are demonstrably enforceable internationally.
- Guardian says EPG has concluded only concerted action - ie swift and major sanctions - can avert the terrible fate that otherwise awaits South Africa.
- The Rugby Football Union have barred all English clubs, players and referees from visiting South Africa.

Pretoria refuses to comment on leaked accounts in London of the EPG report which is said to conclude that there is no chance of meaningful negotiations between South Africa and black leaders; Times leader says of reports that Kaunda has warned the Queen about the danger of the Commonwealth breaking up: "It is an interesting gambit - albeit one played with almost monotonous regularity by Third World politicians anxious to use their Commonwealth clout to force stronger nations to do their bidding"

- Over 900 leading South African businessmen have endorsed wide-ranging political and economic reforms to ensure the survival of the free-enterprise system in post-apartheid South Africa (FT)

USA

- Strong criticism of NASA over fateful Challenger launch.

EC

- Only one British town in top 25 and 10 in last 15 of Euro centres listed in order of prosperity and attractiveness; Norwich our best.

CHINA

- Mail thinks our wooing of Mr Hu is far more than courtesy; it is a wise investment.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Mail says idea of dissolving Assembly is to be put to Cabinet on Thursday.
- Member of NI police authority resigns after IRA death threats.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker meets local authority associations

DEM: Lord Young meets Korean Minister of Labour

DEM: Mr Clarke meets Maltese Minister of Labour

HO: Mr Hurd addresses ACPO, annual conference

SO: Mr Rifkind opens 'meet the Buyers 1986' exhibition, Glasgow

WO: Mr Edwards launches 'Good Food from Wales' campaign, London

MAFF: Mrs Fenner visits Three Counties Show, Malvern

DEM: Mr Tripper speaks at Careers Conference, London; visits PICKUP projects, South Bank Polytechnic and Brunel University

DEM: Mr Lang meets Belgian State Secretary for Environment and Social Emancipation, London (Mr Waddington (HO) also meets State Secretary)

DOE: Lord Elton holds press conference to announce proposals for the restoration of lime trees at Hampton Court

DOE: Sir George Young visits Thamesmead to open housing scheme and visit Thamesmead Trust

FCO: Mr Renton addresses Conservative Middle East Council

DHSS: Lady Trumpington visits Cambridge ALAC unit

DHSS: Mr Whitney attends opening of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead

HO: Mr Mellor addresses Leamington Spa Conservative Law and Order Conference re drugs misuse

OAL: Mr Luce accompanies Chinese Communist Party Secretary General on visit to Stratford and Oxford

DTI: Mr Butcher addresses Institute of Waste Management Conference, Bournemouth

DTI: Mr Morrison visits English Estates, Gateshead

DTP: Mr Mitchell addresses the opening of BR's London and South Eastern sector

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe departs for Paris

DTI: Mr Pattie attends EC Research Council, Luxembourg

DTI: Mr Clark in The Hague for EC bilateral trade talks

TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4: examines the implications of the Irish Republic's referendum on divorce.
