

PRIME MINISTERMAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister opens British Travel Centre, London; records Channel 4 News interview

Prince of Wales presents 1986 Times/RIBA Community Enterprise Scheme Awards, London

EC Eureka Ministerial Conference, The Hague

EC Culture Council, Luxembourg

World Cup: Scotland v. Uruguay (1900)

STATISTICS

BSA: Building Societies monthly figures (May)

BSC/BISPA: Usable steel production (May)

CSO: Tax and price index (May)

DEM: Retail prices index (May)

DOE: Construction - output (1st-qtr)

PUBLICATIONS

DTI: 'British Business' - market reports on Mexico, China and Mauritius

PAY

DEM: UKAEA; (4,700); Substantial increase sought; 5.6% rejected; settlement date 1.4.86

DEM: NHS admin and clerical grades; (130,500); up to 27% sought; settlement date 1.4.86

PARLIAMENTCommons

Business: Debate on Enterprise and Deregulation on a Motion for the Adjournment
Adjournment Debate
 The motor trade and changes in the date when a new prefix comes into operation (Mr D Hogg)

Lords

Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations 1986)
Child Benefit (Up-rating) Regulations 1986)Motions
Pensioners' Lump Sum Payments Order 1986)for
Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1986)approval
Supplementary Benefit (Up-rating) Order 1986)

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

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SOUTH AFRICA

- Seen to be on the brink of a blood bath. Pressure now growing on you to take measures against South Africa which clamps down in advance of Soweto anniversary on Monday.
- US Administration condemns South Africa's repressive new measures.
- Sun says you sparked off a storm by turning down a barrage of calls for sanctions; you say you need time to consider EPG report; reports Terry Waite, Archbishop of Canterbury's man, is flying to South Africa on fact finding mission; leader says you are right to turn down calls for sanctions - they have never worked in the past and even if they did what would they achieve?
- Mirror says the last chances are slipping away in South Africa. The key is effective sanctions. Ineffective sanctions made a farce of British action against Rhodesia.
- Express: Defiant Maggie holds out against sanctions. Paul Johnson, in Express, says by opposing sanctions you incur heavy political costs both at home and abroad. But you also know they are morally wrong in principle and inexpedient in practice.
- Mail leads with "The Iron Fist" and Botha locking up more than 1000 black leaders and white dissidents under a new state of emergency; leader says you should not be moved by EPG's urging of moderate economic sanctions - past experience suggests any markets we sacrifice would quickly be filled by less high minded rivals and besides sanctions may have the opposite effect intended. Better to do nothing than to rush into measures which may do more harm than good.
- Mail feature says that if South Africa hit back against sanctions the results in neighbouring African states could be chaotic. This is why you are absolutely right to oppose them.
- Telegraph leads on the emergency and defiant Botha refusing to "crawl before anyone". You will not be rushed; leader says the issue is no longer which concerted sanctions would induce South Africa to end its colour bar but when it will yield to the majority. We should pause before applying sanctions and ask the right question: who is to rule?
- Guardian says you are under strong pressure to accept the need for sanctions. Most Ministers think you cannot sustain your outright opposition.
- Guardian leader says you now have a useful opportunity to grasp the initiative. If not Britain will be tainted with the bloodshed. Whatever the material risk attached to adopting sanctions, they are nothing as compared to the long term risks of not doing so.
- The rand sank below 20 US cents at one point.
- Britain is prepared to consider further measures against South Africa but only as part of an international agreement involving the Commonwealth the EC and the main industrial nations. (FT)

SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd)

- FT leader says the arguments in favour of further measures are compelling. The aim should be not to cripple the South African economy but to persuade Mr Botha to think again. But before new measures are imposed their impact and practicality must be carefully assessed.
- Times: Leader says there is every likelihood that sanctions would harden South Africa's internal policies by removing an incentive for moderation and reducing the political cost of bringing in a garrison state.
- All foreign embassies and consulates will close on Monday for the day because of security fears on the 10th anniversary of the Soweto rising.

LABOUR PARTY

- Derek Hatton expelled 12-6 by executive; two others also go. But Hatton says he will continue as deputy leader of Liverpool Council and as party member.
- D/Star says Kinnock should realise he has probably acted too late.
- Sun in feature describes Hatton as a loudmouth who craves the spotlight and quotes a "soft left" MP as saying he hasn't got the brains to realise he is stupid.
- Express makes the point that Wall has views every bit as extremist as Hatton. Paul Johnson, in Express, says endorsement of Wall exposes Kinnock's purge as a farce.
- Mail leader says the disciplinary hearings are not a serious attempt to root out the Militant Tendency - they are meant to lull electors into believing that Labour is moderate.

- Left wing MPs accuse the late Lord St Oswald, Tory peer, of funding Ben Ford's stand as independent Labour candidate against Pat Wall - Ford rejects allegation.

SDP/LIBERALS

- Joe Haines, in Mirror, says their defence dispute doesn't matter a damn, and neither does Polaris in the global nature of things.

TERRORISM

- Fears that IRA will make Royal Wedding a target - Royal Marines on special protection duty - in reprisal for Brighton bombing convictions.
- Four jailed for life in Droppin' Well disco bombing case in Northern Ireland.

TOURISM

- Mail picture of you meeting U S tourists over tea in No 10 - no coverage in D/Star, Sun, Mirror, Today, Express. Telegraph has a picture story. Small news piece in Guardian. Times uses picture.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Dissolution of Assembly and major US step to make extradition to Britain easier announced on same day, but subject largely ignored by pops.
- D/Star, Sun and Mirror ignore decision to dissolve Assembly. Today scarcely notices it.
- Mail says America took the first formal step last night to close the loophole which allows IRA killers to escape extradition. Telegraph says the decision was followed by approval of a \$20m economic aid package.
- Guardian says that while Tom King put the Government's hopes for devolution on a long term withering of Unionist opposition to direct talks your drive for a stronger extradition treaty with the US took a giant stride forward.
- Guardian leader guesses that the Unionists will eventually meet you with Hillsborough intact but before then they will suffer from more self imposed agony. The Unionists must learn to live with a changed perception of their on the mainland.
- FT: A Senate Foreign Relations Committee member is quoted as saying that the chances of the treaty being ratified by the full Senate next week are "pretty good".
- FT: Leader says it was always known that the Anglo-Irish Agreement was going to be a long haul. But there is no alternative. Scrapping the Assembly was inevitable.
- Times: IRA reprisals are expected in the wake of the Magee trial.

OLIVIA CHANNON

- 3 students, including her cousin and best friend, in court on drug charges. Her death puts the spotlight on Oxford which is said to be "awash with drugs".
- Sun says she was killed by a cocktail of champagne, heroin and cocaine.

ECONOMY

- Jobless down and pay up - D/Star. Jobless blow for Maggie - Sun. Mirror: Jobs, its gloomy. Today highlights the widening gulf of those in and out of work - and the need to reduce costs. Mail: jobs gloom - but wages are booming. Telegraph: Jobless trend is still up.
- Express says runaway pay rises threaten hopes for jobs; leader, headed "Bosses must keep pay rises in check", says RPI today will show pay rises are running 3 times ahead of inflation. Unfortunately they are not being covered by productivity. This raises our costs and so our competitors' unemployment will continue to be better than ours.
- Christopher Fildes, in Telegraph, says that if today's RPI figure took account of house prices instead of mortgage rates the triumph would be muted.
- Guardian says Government's economic hopes were hit yesterday by figures showing underlying growth in unemployment and earnings; those in work have enjoyed the largest spurt in living standards since Labour's 1978-79 pre-election boom.
- FT: France's inflation rate is down to 2.3%.

INDUSTRY

- BL changing its name to improve its image to the Rover Group.
- First and second class post to go up 1p to 18p and 13p in October.
- D/Star leader on "a very nasty piece of extortion" being perpetrated in our High Streets - sky high credit card interest rates. All praise to the National Consumer Council for revealing this. Sun leader says the banks are greedy.
- Sealink buys Hoverspeed.
- Westland helicopters developing a wider base in Europe - higher pre-tax profit for half year.
- Guardian says CEGB has been given until next year to solve corrosion problems in Hinckley Point Magnox Station.
- FT: Leyland Bus is to be sold by tender to one of 3 rival bidders. The sale is expected to trigger a new round of rationalisation in the bus industry.
- Research by the Institute of Manpower Studies shows that over the next 5 years the loss of some 600,000 jobs in production industries will be balanced by the creation of 540,000 jobs in services.

INDUSTRY (Cont'd)

- The Employment Select Committee wants the Government to give the MSC an extra £20-25m for adult training.
- DTI strongly defends its handling of the tin crisis after criticism by the Trade and Industry Select Committee.
- Times: Further job losses at Westland.

UNIONS

- FT: Offer of 5.5% pay rise for NHS ancillary workers is rejected.
- So is 5.25% for postal workers.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

- Commission for Racial Equality says Liverpool's Militant black race relations adviser is "ineffective and unqualified."

MEDIA

- Tiny Rowland comes to rescue of Eddie Shah with £23.5m. Shah's shareholding rises to 51%. Rowland takes 35%, subject to DTI's approval.
- Future of paper now described as "certain". Staff applaud Shah's announcement.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Guy's Hospital runs out of cash for child heart surgery and patients, including emergency cases, are being turned away (Mirror).
- Report suggests that women who smoke double chances of their children getting leukaemia.
- Telegraph says NHS is having to recruit doctors from abroad because of a lack of applications from British trained doctors for hospital posts.

EDUCATION

- Now NAS/UWT drops opposition to GCSE.
- Telegraph cites examples of political bias in maths exam.

LAW AND ORDER

- D/Star highlights the fact that the guiltless survivors of the Brighton bombing have yet to receive compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, while relatives of the bombers became entitled to social security from the moment of arrest; gross injustice from a blinkered board.
- Today leader hails the brilliant work of the police in bringing the Brighton bombers to justice.
- Express leader says the Select Committee which has criticised six Civil Servants who bungled prison industries and cost £20m is rightly furious that they have merely lost their jobs. Such leniency will do little to ensure such Whitehall negligence is discouraged.
- Times: The Government's law and order policies, set to become a significant issue at the General Election, suffered a serious blow yesterday with the publication of Home Office figures showing a 7% increase in recorded crime in the first quarter of the year and an 18% rise in robberies.
- The Commission for Racial Equality says most of the conditions that led to last year's inner city riots remain.

PEOPLE

- Paul Johnson, in Express, says award for Geldof is a lamentable piece of pandering to clamorous hacks of pop music industry.

DEFENCE

- FT: MoD hopes within a few weeks to agree contracts worth £25m for SDI research.

EEC .

- FT: Britain has softened its opposition to EEC industrial pollution controls.
- Hopes of an early sign of collaboration between Britain and France over a new generation of space launches have receded following a rejection by Rolls Royce of a French suggestion of cooperation over the motors for the vehicles.

LIBYA

- FT: Gadaffi is considering strengthening links with Moscow. He wants an alliance similar to that which the USSR has with Syria and South Yemen.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MOD: Mr Younger visits CINCFLEET, Northwood; gives interview to Channel 4 News

DES: Mr Baker addresses Unit for the Development of Adult Continuing Education (possible)

DOE: Mr Ridley addresses the Institute of Housing Conference, Brighton

WO: Mr Edwards attends Wales CBI meeting, Cardiff

MAFF: Mrs Fenner visits Morrison's supermarkets, Bradford; later addresses Management Studies dinner, Leeds

DEM: Mr Trippier attends opening of British Travel Centre, London (Mr Rifkind (SO) also attends); opens Voluntary Services Employment Project, Shipley

DEM: Mr Lang visits Chesterfield

DOE: Lord Elton visits Hampshire

HO: Lord Glenarthur visits Askham Grange Prison

DHSS: Lady Trumpington addresses Royal Society of Medicine Complementary Medicine Colloquium, London

SO: Lord Gray hosts reception for Agricultural Attaches, Edinburgh

SO: Mr MacKay visits N Lothian College of Midwives, Edinburgh

DTI: Mr Clark speaks at CBI/UNICEF conference

WO: Mr Roberts co-hosts garden party for exchange teachers, London

WO: Mr Robinson opens new consulting room at BUPA hospital, Cardiff

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DEM: Lord Young visits Brussels

OAL: Mr Luce attends EC Cultural Ministers' meeting.

TV AND RADIO

Headlines, Deadlines" BBC Radio 4 (2020): interviews Angus MC Dermid of the BBC on his foreign assignments

"Any Questions?"; BBC Radio 4 (20.45) with David Nickson, President, CBI, Sir Edward Cu Cann MP, Tom Burke, Director, Green Alliance and Dame Judith Hart MP

"Caring in the Community" Channel 4 (2230): the quality of life of disabled people
