

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister gives interview to Central TV

Mr Walker announces details of the pricing regime, capital structure and employee share scheme for privatised British Gas

National Association of Health Authorities annual conference, Newcastle upon Tyne (to June 20)

World Cup: England v. Paraguay, Mexico City

STATISTICS

CSO: Index of output of the production industries (April)

PUBLICATIONS

DES: Engineering Council report 'A Call to Action' on continuing education and training

FCO: EC No 14 (1986). Framework Agreement for Scientific and Technological Co-operation between EEC and Swiss Confederation (14.00)

FCO: EC No 15 (1986). Agreement between EEC and the Government of the Republic of Senegal Amending for Second Time Agreement on fishing off the coast of Senegal (14.00)

FCO: EC No 16 (1986). Co-operation Agreement between EEC of the one part and the countries party to the general treaty on Central American economic integration (14.00)

FCO: EC No 17 (1986). Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between EEC and the Swiss Confederation on trade arrangements for soups, sauces and condiments (14.00)

HO: Report of HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary 1985 (14.30)

HO: Ethnic monitoring of the prison population

HOC: Report of the Electoral Office for Northern Ireland 1985/86 (14.30)

HOC: 27th Report of the Committee of Public Accounts - housing benefit scheme: Industrial action at the Newcastle Central Office (Noon)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Trade and Industry; Environment

Business:

10 Minute Rule Bill: Child Benefit (Up-rating) (Sir B Rhys Williams)

Debate on Foreign Affairs

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Adjournment Debate

Economic and social effects on local communities of the UGC decision on the funding of the universities in Scotland (Mr E Ross)

Select Committees:

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: ODA Bilateral Country Programmes
Witness: Department of Trade and Industry

WELSH AFFAIRS

Subject: The Ambulance Service in Wales
Witnesses: Welsh Office, Association of Welsh Health Authorities

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: British Shipbuilding Monitoring Enquiry
Witness: British Shipbuilders

ENERGY

Subject: Coal Industry
Witness: HM Chief Inspector of Mines

SCOTTISH AFFAIRS

Subject: Hospital Provision
Witness: Melville Dundas and Whitson Ltd

HOME AFFAIRS

Subject: Rules for Redistribution of Seats
Witness: Boundary Commission of Scotland

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Private Patients' Charges
Witness: Mr L H Peach, Acting Chairman, National Health Service Management Board

TRANSPORT

Subject: Financing of Rail Services
Witnesses: Strathclyde Regional Council, London Regional Transport

ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments
Witness: Church of England General Synod

Lords:

Debate on the case of greater public investment in housing and the need to reduce the waiting time for applicants for Local Authority housing

Debate on the need to protect our urban and rural environment against current threats to it

Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill: Committee

Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Bill: Committee

Town and Country Planning (NIREX) Special Development Order 1986: Prayer to annul

UQ on health and family planning in developing countries.

MINISTERS _ See Annex

PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Not front page "pop" news, but all qualities lead with it.
 - 15 Conservatives reported to have abstained in vote on Commons debate.
 - Kinnock, Owen and Steel line up to call for economic sanctions.
 - South Africa say 11 more blacks have died in new outbreaks of violence; 200 arrested in church.
 - Mystery South African said to be recruiting British ex-policemen for riot duty.
 - Brent Council hauls down Union Jack and flies ANC flag - row brewing.
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- D/Star: New Thatcher peace plan - leading on a story about the search for measures which will overthrow apartheid but not cripple the South African economy.
 - Sun: Kinnock aims a torrent of abuse at you. You get an earful; John Vincent, columnist, says Britain can't settle the South African question. We stopped ruling it in 1910.
 - Mirror: You were warned of disaster ahead as you rejected tough economic sanctions. George Gale says there is a dark paradox lurking in our response to South Africa: there are far worse governed countries in the world which arouse no moral anger in us, possibly because we feel some residual guilt for South Africa. He claims we expect South Africa to behave better because it is run by whites; thus our approach to it is racist.
 - Today: Thatcher stands firm against sanctions fury.
 - Express: Maggie fights to stop a Tory split on sanctions; feature from Johannesburg says Botha's pitchforking of South Africa into a police dictatorship proved remarkably successful. But what South Africa needs is not sanctions but direct investment and a moral commitment by the West to support outright reform, according to a timetable.
 - Mail says you have been set a deadline of a week for deciding new steps against South Africa - ie EuroCouncil. Any idea you could play for time to August has been abandoned.
 - Telegraph: Thatcher fights off sanctions. Botha rebuffs Reagan's personal appeal for restraint in dealing with violence.
 - Guardian leads with "Divided Tories stonewall over sanctions". "Passionate Healey upstages lacklustre Howe"; leader fulminates about press censorship and says that those who ask why South Africa is singled out when there are so many other ghastly regimes in the rest of the world now have their answer.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd)

- Times P1 lead: Howe avoids big revolt on sanctions. Reports a three-fold increase in number of British citizens returning home from South Africa.
- Times leader says newspapers and television must ensure that South African restraints on press freedom do not succeed.
- FT leads with South Africa acting to revive economy and restoring confidence; elsewhere says Howe keeps Government's options open.

ECONOMY

- Sir Colin Buchannan, planner, says Chunnel will widen Britain's two-nation divide.
- PSBR figures reassure City.

UNIONS

- MacGregor planning to offer Scargill 1% in place of 5.9% rejected last November; Government to legislate to enable UDM to sit on consultative committees with NUM.
- Claims that Yorkshire NUM has broken with tradition by not inviting Scargill to address their gala.
- Sun leader on UDM conference decision to set up a political fund says it serves Labour right that the money will go to MPs who represent their interests, irrespective of party and serves Labour right for its hostility.
- Mail leader says it is a disgrace UDM still does not have full bargaining rights. The Government must deliver its promised legislation soon.
- NALGO to try to get privatisation of water ruled illegal by courts; president of this supposedly politically neutral union calls on all its members to vote against Conservatives to save their jobs.
- Moderates accuse Militant of "dirty tricks" in trying to win control.

INDUSTRY

- Express says Britain's gas workers are to be given free shares when industry is privatised.
- Marlborough engineer wants toolmakers at £150 a week and can't get enough after 6 months' advertising.
- Plans to privatise Royal Ordnance Factories shelved. FT says George Younger was right to call it off; Govt should reconsider gas sale to increase competition
- Jeffrey Archer says Britons could help create an extra 580,000 jobs if only they would spend £5 extra each week on home made goods.
- One docker in 7 paid to stay at home last year because there was no work for him.
- Threat of industrial action among air traffic controllers as CAA announces 385 job reduction (14%).
- Times says SDP/Libs are now heading for a clash on nuclear energy policy with Libs calling for phasing out.
- FT says survey shows workplace ballots bring a bigger turnout than postal votes.

TOURISM

- Ex-president Jimmy Carter, on holiday in Britain, reinforces call to Americans to "come on over" for a break. "There is no danger at all" he says.

MEDIA

- 18 arrested in new demo at Wapping - attempt to break through fence. One policeman slightly hurt.
- Today leader says perhaps Labour now better deserves title of the Snobbish party for while it endorses Pat Wall it won't deal with Murdoch journalists. (Moreover it won't deal with the UDM.) Kinnock needs to revise his list of friends.

GEOFFREY PATTIE

- Sun, Mail (partly) and Telegraph sympathetic to his remarks. But Mirror virulent.
- Chairman of the AMA says Mr Pattie's views on housing are "mad, bad and dangerous". David Winnick MP wants you to sack Mr Pattie.
- Sun leader says everyone knows there is a lot wrong with our council estates. Yet when a Minister says so the Commons gets a fit of vapours. If telling the truth loses elections, heaven help Britain.
- Mail says Mr Pattie is absolutely justified in inveighing against the billions wasted on building blocks of flats but it says we should go on investing money in repairs and modernisation because people live in them. He seems to be ignoring the human dimension. Elsewhere Mail reports an adverse reaction from council tenants in Mr Pattie's constituency, but Times says he had support there, too.

GEOFFREY PATTIE (Cont'd)

- Mirror says that even in a Government composed mainly of people with two homes, Pattie's views on council tenants are outrageous. Number of slums is unnecessary not because of tenants but because Government has virtually ceased to build council houses.
- Today feature says Mr Pattie might have a point. The answer must be more public investment rather than less, though self help is an important part of the recipe.
- Telegraph says it is only to be expected that the Labour Party has heavily criticised Mr Pattie because he has told an unpalatable truth about a cherished socialist ideal.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Labour controlled Newham Council planning to boycott Queen's opening of new Town Hall next week; leader says they would rather have had Kinnock.
- Mail says hard Left is plotting to keep Derek Hatton on pay roll of Knowsley Council; leader of council is being pressed to make Hatton his personal assistant.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Express leader on "why the NHS is far healthier than it looks" replies to Ted Heath's criticism. In capitals it says "The Health Service has not been cut" and rehearses the facts. It is an important issue and too important to be debated without reference to the facts.
- Mirror with another "horror" story from our hospitals - claims that sick children in London's Maudsley hospital have lost a chocolate biscuit treat to cut costs.
- Graham Turner, in Telegraph, wants Mr Fowler replaced at DHSS by Kenneth Clarke in tandem with Roy Griffiths to transform NHS.

EDUCATION

- Claims that applicants for job of a headmaster in Bicester were interviewed by pupils and asked politically loaded questions; teacher who organised it may be disciplined.
- Kenneth Baker to announce review of student benefits today.
- Kinnoek calls for substantial new investment in schools.

LAW AND ORDER

- Today leads with a report that a fanatical animal rights campaigner will make a BBC 2 Brass Tacks broadcast tomorrow night calling for the killing of scientists; leader says that if they are caught practising what they preach, animal rights campaigners should be severely dealt with. Guardian says BBC has ordered some cuts in programme.
- Express says thousands of pounds donated to save animals has gone to a group responsible for terrorist attacks.
- Today says Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester is to take legal action to get back to work and may seek damages.
- Chain of Christian bookshops bans a leading religious magazine "Buzz", as being "too blue" in series on 20th Century sex.
- France planning to open its first privatised prison (Mail).

DRUGS

- Princess Diana's brother comes in for some stick from D/Star for saying picture of Oxford as a drug taking champagne swilling place is unreal.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- John Vincent, in Sun, on dissolution of Assembly and Ulster politicians' withdrawal from Westminster, says Northern Ireland no longer has anywhere for its politicians to rant. We may as a consequence have blundered on the right way to run Ulster.
- Gaddafi's deputy reveals Libya is to renew aid to IRA.
- Only 'qualities' cover meeting of Anglo-Irish Conference.
- Guardian (having done its best to create it) says there is now so much fog around the Stalker affair that only an inquiry superior to all those now taking place can carry credibility.

PEOPLE

- Henry Weston, Englishman running all the way round the world for charity, continues after all his belongings are stolen in New York with help of millionaire.
- David Puttnam, film producer, negotiating to become head of production of Columbia Pictures.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling visits Lincoln Show

MOD: Mr Younger attends Defence Manufacturers' Association seminar on European Defence Collaboration

DHSS: Mr Fowler speaks to Engineering Employers, Federation Management Board, London

HO: Mr Hurd addresses Wood Street Crime Prevention Association

DTI: Mr Channon addresses CBI/AIEI Seminar, London

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits South Eastern region

MAFF: Mrs Fenner meets leader of Hungarian Joint Commission delegation; later attends Ciba Geigy plc reception, HoC

MOD: Mr Stanley lunches with the Council of British Shipbuilders

DES: Mr Patten addresses Annual Conference of Diocesan Directors

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at IPM employees involvement conference, London

DEM: Mr Lang visits York including visit to Equal Opportunities Officers Conference

DOE: Lord Elton addresses RIBA conference on "Who Plans London Now", London (Mr Pattie (DTI) also addresses conference)

DOE: Mr Patten speaks to House of Commons home improvements back bench Committee

DOE: Sir George Young visits Bristol task force area

DOE: Mr Tracey visits Southern Regional Council for Sport and Recreation, Milton Keynes

FCO: Mr Renton addresses Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) AGM

FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses East Africa Association AGM

FCO: Lady Young addresses William & Mary Tercentenary Trust meeting

HO: Mr Waddington addresses Mintel Conference on Sunday Trading, London

SO: Mr MacKay and Mr Ancram visit Royal Highland Show, Ingliston

SO: Mr Ancram opens new part of Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Penicuik

DTI: Lord Lucas attends International Rubber Group reception, London

HMT: Mr Lamont addresses City Dialogue

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DTP: Mr Moore attends EC Transport Council, Luxembourg (to June 19)

FCO: Mrs Chalker departs for Rome (to June 19)

DTI: Mr Howard addresses USA/UK Chamber of Commerce, USA

TV AND RADIO

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00)

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (16.05): Repeat of Tuesday's programme

"In Business"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): What British companies are up to in Japan

"Caribbean Focus"; BBC Radio 4 (19.45): Can new ventures compensate for the loss of sugar markets?

"Analysis"; BBC Radio4 (20.15): Hungary's programme of reform is 18 years old

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): John Redwood, former head of Mrs Thatcher's Policy Unit argues that the Government has far from run out of ideas

"The Africans"; BBC 1 (21.30): The European "scramble for Africa" a century ago.
