

23 June 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen hosts reception for delegates to the Commonwealth Conference of the Royal Life Savings Society

Prime Minister gives interview to 'Woman' magazine also 'The Star'

Prime Minister of Dominica begins visit to UK (to June 25)

Home Secretary chairs Crime prevention seminar, Downing Street

EC Internal Market

Announcement on new Occupational Health Service for the Civil Service

British Army Equipment Exhibition opens (to June 27)

Iron and Steel Trades Confederation annual delegate conference, Jersey (to June 27)

Confederation of Health Service Employees delegate conference, Blackpool

Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management annual conference, Harrogate (to June 26)

All England Lawn Tennis Championships begin, Wimbledon (to July 6)

STATISTICS

CBI: CBI Monthly Trends Enquiry (June)

CSO: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (May)

HO: Statistical Bulletin: Immigration from the Indian Sub-Continent 1985

PUBLICATIONS

HOC: 5th Special Report Trade & Industry Select Committee - The Tin Crisis (11.00)

HOC: 20th Report European Legislation Committee (11.00)

PAY

DEM: NHS medical technician; (11,000); claim for £20 per week; 4.7 per cent rejected 1.4.86

DEM: NHS RHA staff; (7,300); £20+ per week; 4.7 per cent rejected; settlement dates 1.4.86 and 1.6.86

PARLIAMENTCommonsQuestions: Transport; WalesBusiness: Opposition Day (11th allotted day) (2nd part)

Debate on "The Privatisation of the Water Authorities"

Rates Support Grants Bill: 2nd Reading

Motion on the Lord Chancellor's Salary Order

Motions on the Representation of the People Regulations, the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations and the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations

Adjournment Debate

New hospital facilities for Bolton (Mr P Thurnham)

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Vehicle Excise Duty Evasion

Witness: Sir Alan Bailey KCB, Permanent Secretary,
Department of Transport

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE

Subject: International Credit and Capital Markets

Witnesses: The Bank of England

Lords

Civil Protection in Peacetime Bill: Third Reading

Road Traffic Regulation (Parking) Bill: Committee

Social Security Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

Airports Bill: Third Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Terry Waite risks arrest by naming bishop detained by police in broadcast; due back in London today.
- You have called a meeting of Ministers today to draw up a programme of action.
- South Africa tightens restrictions on reporting after weekend bomb attacks.
- Mirror says we are importing 30,000 tonnes of cheap South African coal each month which is being sold to firms who think it is British coal.
- Sun leader hopes Foreign Secretary goes to South Africa; thanks to your stand against sanctions South Africa may listen to his advice.
- Mirror refers to your "last stand" against sanctions this week; feature says Africans; now their time will come in years, not decades.
- Today says Tesco's store in Bristol has withdrawn South African produce by popular demand; leader says you are right to be sceptical about blanket economic sanctions but you are losing the political argument. But you could exploit your position as the Western leader least hostile to Botha through a Foreign Secretary visit.
- Express says you are ready to go along with two limited measures to try to head off growing pressure for sanctions - a ban on all new investment and uranium imports. But no cutting off of our flights or ban on fruit and vegetable imports; leader says you could find yourself on the slippery slope.
- Mail says to judge from Waite's remarks, he has despaired of negotiations. But the Foreign Secretary should go. Your refusal to be stampeded into economic sanctions will only carry conviction if it is accompanied by a positive drive to bring British influence to bear on South Africa.
- Telegraph: No 10 plays for time on sanctions, with Foreign Secretary peace mission as a possibility.
- Guardian: Government is expected to make its first gesture of flexibility when a Foreign Minister meets Tambo this week.
- Times says you are to adopt a two-pronged strategy involving new economic measures and a peace initiative led by Foreign Secretary.
- FT writer says Germans are preparing to abandon us at the EC over sanctions.

LAMB

- Claims that MAFF knew about high radion in sheep 5 weeks before releasing news - with some being sold in shops as a consequence.
- Michael Jopling says there had been evidence of radioactivity for some weeks but ther is no danger to consumer.
- D/Star says too many -uestions remain unanswered about causes and consequences of Chernobyl and there is plenty of evidence British Government has been less than candid.
- Mirror leader rails against alleged delay over releasing news and "secrecy".
- Telegraph says Mr Jopling's reluctance to act was eminently understandable for we could live off an exclusive diet of Cumbria lamb for a whole year and suffer no more radiation than obtained from a dental x-ray.

TAX/PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

- Michael Heseltine wants money to be spent on cleaning up inner cities instead of on reducing taxes and follows Leon Brittan in calling for development agencies for England.
- Guardian says Marplan poll shows an overwhelming preference among Tory voters for a boost in public spending rather than tax cuts; Chancellor is preparing to slash revenue to make room for selective increases in spending.
- FT says Messrs Baker and Fowler have linked their spending bids to Government's electoral position.

PAY

- BMA may seek to overturn in court the delay in implementing review body award.
- CBI say lower pay settlements and lower interest rates are key to more jobs, but brightest price outlook for 19 years.
- About 3000 NUM members in Notts and S. Derbyshire are receiving a pay rise won for them by UDM - but not UDM members in NUM-dominated areas.

NUCLEAR

- Peter Walker, in speech this week, will stress need for more nuclear power stations world-wide.

MEDIA

- Today serialises Jeffrey Archer's novel "A Matter of Honour".

ECONOMY

- Telegraph says Kenneth Clarke is to announce today a major programme to tackle unemployment in inner cities, especially among black and Asians.
- Association of Industry to stage advertising campaign before next election against Labour Party's economic policies.
- London Business School predicts growth will slow to 2% this year and unemployment stick at 3.1m.
- Charles Goodhart, LSE professor, says EMS full membership is no cure for British disease of poor performance and present enthusiasm needs thoughtful reconsideration.

DEFENCE

- Reports that Saudi Arabia no longer able to meet terms of £5bn Tornado deal.
- Guardian leader says the SDP/Lib dispute about defence is a symptom of its failure to show what it really stands for in the party contest.

LAW AND ORDER

- Result of independent inquiry into Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester's behaviour to be announced today; Cecil Franks MP for Barrow, says it has gone on long enough. Dr Fitzgerald wants early action on Stalker's report on RUC.

- Follow-up crime prevention seminar to be held today - Giles Shaw says coin gas and electricity meters should be phased out to foil thieves; nearly half certain's council tenants live in constant fear of being burgled.

- US Justice Department says hard porn leads to sex crimes; Mary Whitehouse to renew demands for Home Office crackdown.

- Robert Kilroy-Silk MP in Mail, attacks plan to raise limit from £400 to £1000 as qualifying level for criminal injuries compensation.

- DPP studying a report alleging perjury by Scargill.

DRUGS

- D/Star says you have ordered a new crackdown on drugs after Olivia Channon's death; Chancellor to release cash for drive against them.

- Mail says a cheap, highly potent heroin called Black Tar selling at 10% of price of normal heroin is resulting in a commercial war between supply syndicates in Europe. MPs call for ban on a Monopoly-type drug dealing board game.

EDUCATION

- Director General of Centre for Caribbean Studies in North London, in report to Kenneth Baker, says West Indian children's dialect is preventing teachers from understanding them and causing them to fail; Telegraph leader says the acceptance of equal rights by minorities must entail a willingness to adapt to the society that confers those rights.

PEOPLE

- Telegraph uses picture of your visit to Porthcawl lifeboat station.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Left wing councillors to recommend new posts with Knowsley Council for Derek Hatton, now suspended from his present job.
- Adam Smith Institute says public libraries should charge for membership, levy hire fees and sell advertising space on library tickets, books etc.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- £200,000 worth of West German carpets fitted in Redditch hospital - critics "disgusted".

SPORT

- England out of World Cup, defeated 2-1 by Argentina, with Argentine captain being accused of cheating with first goal.
- "Agries get their own back on us" - Sun.
- Richard Tracey says "Express" crusade to save the Commonwealth Games is a "tremendous boost for British sport".

EC

- £150m programme to clean up UK beaches to meet EC standards.
- Paul Johnson, in Times, is against political union.

LIBYA

- Express says that after the Libyan raids you said their success or failure would become evident in months rather than weeks; your judgment is proving correct. Gaddafi's hold on his country has been undermined.

MALAYA

- Mother of Briton accused of drug smuggling to see son in death cell today.

SPAIN

- Socialists win General Election.

1 VISITERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MOD: Mr Younger opens British Army Equipment Exhibition

DES: Mr Baker meets Italian Ambassador

DEM: Mr Clarke makes inner-city visit to Birmingham

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Wandsworth Conservative Group Euro meeting

HO: Mr Hurd chairs crime prevention seminar, Downing Street (Mr Ancram (SO) attends); meets Australian Minister of State

DTI: Mr Channon addresses Association of British Insurers (Lord Lucas attends)

MAFF: Lord Belstead addresses National Farmers' Union Country branch, Suffolk

MAFF: Mrs Fenner meets Dominican Prime Minister; later attends Geest dinner, London

MOD: Lord Trefgarne and Mr Freeman attend reception for BAEZ participants, London

DES: Mr Patten at BTEC Continuing Education launch

DEM: Mr Lang speaks at Federation of Recruitment lunch, London; visits Peckham

DEM: Mr Trippier launches Lancashire Rosebud Fund, Preston

DOE: Mrs Rumbold addresses Nature Conservancy Council's launch of guideline on-shore oil and gas development, London

DHSS: Mr Major visits the Clare Trust, London

SO: Mr MacKay meets Health Board Chairmen, London

DTI: Mr Pattie addresses Office Automation & Business Efficiency, London

DTI: Mr Butcher addresses Movement in International Trade Conference, London

DTp: Mr Bottomley launches driving test video; lunches with IPC women editors; participates in "Nightline"

DTp: Mr Mitchell meets Chairman of Transport 2000, HoC

WO: Mr Robinson attends official opening of Grundy Computer Services, Newport

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MAFF: Mr Jopling meets American Agriculture Secretary, Mr Lyng,
Luxembourg

MOD: Mr Younger visits USA (to June 28)

DTI: Mr Clark attends EC Internal Market, Brussels

HMT: Mr Brooke visits Paris

TV AND RADIO

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30): Mexican TV network making massive profits because it is charging unprecedented facility fees

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): Message to Maggie. Cut taxes or more public spending? Includes Michael Heseltine, Jeffrey Archer and various constituency party members

"The Eleventh Hour"; Channel 4 (22.45): Will new developments in broadcasting lead to abandonment of public service principle?
