

25 June 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen visits the Royal Norfolk Show

Prime Minister meets Prime Minister of Dominica; gives interview to Forbes magazine

Labour Party NEC

TUC General Council

EC Fisheries Council, Luxembourg

Association of District Councils annual conference, Eastbourne (to June 27)

Manchex '86 - annual Anglo/French search and rescue/counter pollution exercise (to June 26)

STATISTICS

DOE: Construction - new orders (April)

PUBLICATIONS

DES: University Grants Committee Academic Survey 1984/85 (14.30)

DES: Circular on 1987/88 grants

HOC: 2nd Report Defence Select Committee - Statement on Defence Estimates 1986 (11.00)

M&MC: Monopolies and Mergers Commission report - White Salt - a report on the supply of white salt in UK by producers of such salt (15.30)

DTI: Report of Director-General of Telecommunications 1.1.85-31.12.85 (15.30)

PAY

DEM: NHS scientists; (4,200); claim for 16%; settlement date 1.4.84

DEM: Gas supply senior staff; (52,000); 10% claim; settlement date 1.6.86

DEM: NHS hospital pharmacists; offer of 6.25 per cent under discussion

PARLIAMENTCommonsQuestions: Environemnt; ScotlandBusiness: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Registration of Special Fissile Material (Mr F Cook)

Opposition Day (17th allotted day): Debate on "Mortgage Interest Payment Protection for the Unemployed"

Debate on "Higher and Continuing Education"

Motion relating to the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order

Adjournment Debate

The proposals in the Government's White Paper "Intellectual Property and Innovation" as they affect artists' copyright (Mr A Howarth)

Select Committees: ENERGY

Subject: Combined Heat and Power

Witness: The Lead City Consortia; The National Combined Heat and Power Liaison Group; the Electricity Council

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Post Office (Monitoring Enquiry)

Witness: National Federation of Sub-Postmasters

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Management of work at Ministry of Defence Research Establishments

Witness: Mr P K Levene, Chief of Defence Procurement, Ministry of Defence

Joint Committee

CONSOLIDATION, &c, Bills

Subject: Parliamentary Constituencies Bill [Lords]Lords

Motion to take note of the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1986.

UQ to ask HMG whether they have now considered proposals, including those put forward by Trinity House, for achieving the aims of the Green Paper on Maritime Pilotage without the need for legislation.

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DICESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Much coverage of Lynda Chalker's meeting with Tambo who refused to condemn ANC terror.
- Denis Healey gets a banana "welcome" from students on arrival in South Africa after saying the country was in danger of becoming a banana republic; South Africa stops him seeing Mandela.
- At least 18 injured in bomb attacks on a Wimpy bar and a hotel in Johannesburg.
- D/Star leading with your interview, heads its story - Botha must talk, Maggie tells Star. You have issued a stark warning: "You will have to change the way you run your country".
- In Sun John Vincent points up differences between those who do all the talking and the silent majority in attitudes to South Africa - with majority opposing ban on sporting links and air travel.
- Express: Stop the violence, FO tells South Africa rebel (Tambo); Mail: Maggie's signal to South Africa - that there must be changes.
- D/Star leader says there are plenty of strong arguments against sanctions but the major nations are poised to send South Africa into the wilderness unless it listens to reason.
- Express features tensions building up between No 10 and FCO over sanctions. FCO believes in the inevitability of further measures. You want FCO to show a bit of backbone. And the Right's guns are trained on you if you are led further down the sanctions road.
- Mail leader says the central thrust of Government's policy is more consistent than critics will allow. It is inconsistent to wish upon South Africa a dialogue if we ourselves are too squeamish to talk to both sides. You are too wise a stateswoman to elevate sound instinct, against talking to terrorists, into moral absolute.
- Guardian: ANC man fails to convince Chalker; leader says allowing FCO Minister to see Tambo is an important change of policy - a heartening shift.
- Times says Foreign Secretary is planning an EC "troika" mission to South Africa.
- Times leader says it would be better if a mission to South Africa were handled by one pair of hands - Geoffrey Howe's - rather than three.
- FT leader says the time has come for UK Government to recognise that the policies of Pretoria Government have finally made sanctions unavoidable. UK should take a positive lead rather than reluctantly submit to the inexorable. Nothing will be achieved by a Howe mission. The purpose of external pressure cannot be to compel change but to tilt the balance of argument within the whole community over the feasibility of their present course of action.
- Parliamentary sekctch writers note your springing the trap on Hattersley and Steel in Questions yesterday. Colin Welch (Mail): It's a knockout. Telegraph: Hattersley is delivered to your table as cold roast pork, and the House falls about over it.

YOUR INTERVIEW WITH D/STAR

- Apart from front page lead, it devotes 2 pages to a series of stories - the main one being the evils of unemployment and violence and the legacy of change you will be proud to leave behind.

POLITICS

- John Golding MP leaves Parliament to run union; by-election July 17; His wife to defend seat.
- Kenneth Clarke accuses Labour Party of trying to con the unemployed with phoney promises.
- Kinnock at steelworkers' conference, objects to EC internal market plans; says some countries will gain at the expense of others.
- Today leader on Labour Party's "fatal obsession" with nationalisation. The model for common ownership in the future must be B/Telecom with 1.58m shareowners.
- Mail says Labour is hoping to scare off B/Gas sharebuyers by threatening to buy it back on the cheap.
- Express says Healey has been landed with the job of selling Labour's defence policy to the voters even though he doesn't agree with it.
- Labour's plans to appoint a police Ombudsman may give him power to award damages to public (Telegraph).
- John Biffen seen to be trying to get "onside" with speech saying there is no desire or case for a Tory philosophic U-turn.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Paisley, carted out of Assembly by police, tells Northern Ireland to prepare for Civil War.
- Tom King says Paisley's outburst is "utterly reprehensible".
- UDA denounce Paisley's call to mobilise.
- Mirror says Paisley is a hate-filled rabble rouser who is part of the disease of Northern Ireland. He says he supports law and order but only apparently as long as it supports the Protestant cause.
- Express says Paisley has now thrown away any shreds of political decency and must be condemned as an enemy of peace.
- Mail says there are signs Paisley and DUP are rapidly becoming politically isolated.
- Guardian portrays Paisley as struggling to retain some control over events after the collapse of his struggle to prolong life of Assembly; leader on Paisley's problems of keeping up with Robinson.
- Cecil Franks MP claims Deputy Chief Constable Stalker has become a victim of "a flagrant breach of the principles of natural justice".

INNER CITIES

- Telegraph leader says if Governments issue contracts not on value but on ethnic composition of the workforce it smacks a little of controlled economy. But Kenneth Clarke is faced with a desperate problem. In doing something constructive to alleviate the worst symptoms he is reducing incentives to cause unrest, and it is up to them to respond.

INDUSTRY

- B/Rail claimed to be hostile to equality of opportunity for women by Equal Opportunities Commission.
- Institute of Directors wants us to sell off our energy industries, including British Coal and close down the Department of Energy.
- Britain wins £9.5m contracts for work on SDI research.
- Today feature claims that you are allowing the VAT-man to crucify free enterprise.
- Times feature says this year the Government is setting the worst possible example over pay settlements.
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HEALTH/WELFARE

- BMA overturns its policy on the promotion of alcohol - now supports sensible drinking.
- Guardian says you are to overturn Lords' amendments on social security.
- Times says Government is planning to increase the number of hospital consultants and to introduce a new lower grade of specialist to solve manpower "crisis".

LAW AND ORDER

- Police criticise refusal of Wimbledon authorities to report players found to have been taking drugs; Mail describes this as "limp-wristed leniency".
- Peter Bruinvels MP says juries should be required to take a loyalty and morality test to prove they back law and order.
- George Gale, in Mirror, says the right punishment for terrorism is death.
- Row over adequacy of escorts for Broadmoor patients on outings after woman killer with a hit list absconds from trip; Express says there has been an appalling error of judgment. Mail: MPs demand an end to mad policy of giving killers a day out.

PEOPLE

- Sir Frank Whittle gets OM.
- Harold Macmillan ill.

- Barry McGuigan, boxer, may retire after defeat.

- Death threats to Harvey Proctor MP.

- Mail suggests Rupert Birley, missing 30 year old son of socialite Mark Birley, may have been lost on MI6 spying mission.

EAST/WEST

- Gorbachev letter to Reagan raises hopes of 1986 Summit.

MALAYSIA

- Telegraph leader on 2 men awaiting death sentence for drug smuggling says diplomatic interventions should end with formal appeals for clemency.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker visits Ealing local education authority; meets education correspondents

HO: Mr Hurd attends Church Commissioners AGM

MAFF: Lord Belstead attends Royal Norfolk Show

MAFF: Mrs Fenner attends Anglo-Israel dinner, London

MOD: Mr Stanley meets Deputy Prime Minister of Egypt

MOD: Mr Lee visits BAEE (possible)

DEM: Mr Lang visits Melksham and Bath

DEM: Mr Trippier presents Radio 4 Enterprise Awards, Birmingham; visits Courtaulds Small Business Scheme, Coventry

DOE: Mrs Rumbold addresses the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) conference, Bournemouth

DOE: Mr Patten speaks on water privatisation in Institute of Civil Engineers' debate, London

DTI: Mr Clark attends Lloyds Merchant Bank lunch, London; addresses Arab-British Chamber of Commerce, London

DTI: Mr Butcher launches endpoint demonstration; addresses Plastic and Rubber Institute dinner, London

DTp: Lord Caithness attends MANCHEX '86

DTp: Mr Mitchell meets Dover Chamber of Commerce Channel Tunnel Sub-Committee

HMT: Mr Stewart opens 19th Association of Professional Recording Studios Exhibition, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MAFF: Mr Jopling and Mr Gummer attend EC Fisheries Council, Luxembourg

DEM: Mr Clarke visits Brussels (to June 26)

FCO: Mr Renton departs Manila for Singapore

HO: Mr Waddington speaks on inner-city problems, "The British Perspective" to Institute Royale des Relations Internationales, Brussels

HMT: Mr Brooke visits Brussels

TV AND RADIO

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

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): What are the chances of Scots getting their own Assembly?

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): Is Ireland being too hasty in legalising divorce?

"The Africans"; BBC 1 (23.30): Problems caused by boundary lines