

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen starts the Commonwealth Games Relay Message from Buckingham Palace; later attends reception to mark 50th Anniversary of The Queen's Flight

Prime Minister attends European Council (to June 27) (Foreign Secretary also attends)

EC European Council, The Hague (to June 27)

STATISTICS

BOE: UK banking sector statistics (2nd qtr)

BOE: Financing of the Central Government borrowing requirement (2nd qtr)

BOE: Money stock (2nd qtr)

CSO: Personal income expenditure and saving (1st qtr)

CSO: Industrial and Commercial Companies (1st qtr)

DEN: Energy Trends (April)

HO: Statistics on breath tests, England and Wales 1985

DTI/
CSO: Balance of payments current account and overseas trade figures
(May)

DTp: New vehicle registrations (May)

PUBLICATIONS

DES: Good practice in crime prevention in schools (15.30)

HO: Consultative document on Fire Safety and Safety at Sports venues

HO: Church Commissioners' annual report 1985 (10.30)

PAY

DEM: Scottish further education teachers; (9,900); 20 per cent increase sought; settlement date 1.4.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Home Office; Northern Ireland; Prime Minister

Business: European Communities (Amendment) Bill: Continuation in Committee

Adjournment Debate

The working of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Act (Mr R Jenkins)

Lords

Family Law Bill (HL): Report. Ld Chancellor

Insolvency Bill (HL) (Consolidation): Committee

Company Directors Disqualification Bill (HL) (Consolidation): Committee

Wages Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

Horticultural Development Council Order 1986: Motion for Approval.

Protection of Children (Tobacco) Bill: Report

Surrogacy Arrangements (Amendment) Bill (HL): Third Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Mirror: The decision to call the South African Ambassador to the Foreign Office to express Britain's disapproval of apartheid was a clear signal to the rest of Europe in advance of the Hague meeting. Although you remain strongly opposed to sanctions you want to demonstrate that Britain is ready to exert other pressure.
- Sun: You ditched your "softly softly" approach yesterday and gave a clear message to President Botha - free Nelson Mandela. The new tough line was thrashed out at a Cabinet meeting where you announced that you would back some sanctions.
- Star: 'Thatcher to stand firm on sanctions'. You are determined not to give an inch.
- Express: At the European council you intend to take the leading role and dictate what measures would be most appropriate.
- Mail: You will be staying apart from the other leaders in the Hague for security reasons.
- You will offer a carrot in the form of a new peace mission to Pretoria and a stick in the way of a ban on investment, a boycott of South African fruit and vegetables and an end to uranium imports.
- Today: You will fight calls to sever air links and ban fruit and vegetables, but go along with an investment ban.
- Feature article by Christopher Monckton, describing sanctions as "feeble, futile, foolish".
- Guardian: You are ready to make gestures to governments pressing for sanctions but are still determined that Britain should not take the lead in the economic isolation of Pretoria.
- The Methodist Church calls for world-wide sanctions.
- South Africa's state of emergency will not be lifted before the end of June and may be prolonged indefinitely, President Botha warns.
- The Cabinet has ordered a further crackdown on press reporting.
- Denis Healey had meetings yesterday with Winnie Mandela and Bishop Tutu.
- Leader says "Once again (with unnerving imbecility) the Government is saying something unpopular and doing something rather different".
- Hugo Young says the long drawn out history of your resistance to meaningful sanctions means that the most niggardly measure will now have more dramatic impact than it deserves. This is the new management game now being played.
- Black African members of the Commonwealth are moving towards collective diplomatic and economic sanctions against Britain unless you take more radical measures.
- Times: If Zola Budd and the swimmer, Annette Cowley (South African born but with a British passport) take part in the Commonwealth Games there could be a black boycott of the Games.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd)

- Times: Dr Boesak, leader of the Dutch Reform Church, says the position in South Africa is far worse than the world realises. He would be happy to meet British ministers during his visit to London.
- Telegraph: The TUC yesterday issued a list of 105 trade unionists arrested in South Africa which it has sent to the Foreign Secretary with a demand that the Government secure their release.
- 34 leading British companies backed by the CBI have expressed outright opposition to economic or financial sanction.
- FT P1 lead: 'Commonwealth may penalise UK over South African sanctions'. Discussions have been going on in the past few days between the Secretary-General and a number of leaders.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Sun: BMA is to press Parliament for medical records to be exempted from the provisions of the Data Protection Act.
- Express: Margate Hospital has started advertising in Holland for doctors because of the number of operations it is having to cancel.
- Today: Full-page special report headlined "Breadline Britain", based on a report by the Low Pay Unit. The Government is accused of holding back figures showing that three million more people have hit the poverty line since you came to power.
- Times: Poverty has increased more than 50% since the Tories came to power (Child Poverty Action Group and Low Pay Unit report).

LAW AND ORDER

- Mirror: A man has been charged with supplying heroin to Olivia Channon.
- More calls from MPs for the Home Secretary to intervene over the decision by Wimbledon chiefs not to report players caught taking drugs.
- Sun: The Broadmoor woman patient who escaped and had threatened to kill the Queen's gynaecologist, has been caught.

DEFENCE

- Times: Britain is resigned to not achieving one billion dollars of SDI contracts.

ROYALTY

- Mirror: Leader says that by visiting Handsworth, the scene of some of last year's riots, Prince Charles has shown that he cares about the plight of his people. Unfortunately the Government and local councils don't.
- Extensive coverage of the visit to Ulster by Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson.
- Today: Charles pledges to Rastafarians "I'll be back to make sure you get the help you need."

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Times: Paisley's attack has exacerbated the split in the Unionists over what to do next.

POLITICS

- Star: The by-election to replace Labour MP John Golding will be held on 17 July.
- Express: Leader says Kinnock thinks he has the answer to the problem of presenting Labour's defence policy to the nation - he will put Denis Healey in charge of selling the policy when it is re-launched in the autumn. But the voters won't be fooled.

WATER PRIVATISATION

- FT: A substantial write-off of water authority debts prior to privatisation was foreshadowed yesterday by the senior civil servant responsible for the flotation.

HOUSING

- Express: Your drive to turn Britain into a nation of owner-occupiers still has some way to go, according to a report by the Building Societies Association. Owner-occupation has risen from 59 to 63 per cent but you need a third term to get it to 70 per cent.

MALAYSIA

- Mirror: Condemned Eriton, Kevin Barlow, won a last-minute reprieve from the gallows yesterday. The Pardons Board now meet on Saturday to decide his fate and that of an Australian.

STALKER

- Mirror: John Stalker has demanded his job back because he says a police inquiry has collapsed. An official report no longer talks of allegations or complaints against him.
- Star: Leader says the silence on Stalker must end. The smell is becoming overpowering.

FALKLANDS

- Mirror: In a humiliating climbdown yesterday the Government apologised for trying to cover up the killing of four British soldiers by a Royal Navy missile in the Falklands war.

TAXES

- Express: Leader says you must follow America's lead and get the tax rates down dramatically. Otherwise our best young people will flood across the Atlantic for more money.

INDUSTRY

- Mail: American dealers have rushed to buy up 10 months' production of the new Rover 800 before it is even launched.
- Jim Prior warns that if you and George Younger buy a US "Nimrod" you will destroy the British electronics industry and put 2,500 of the country's most highly-skilled engineers out of work.
- When the Cabinet decides defence spending next month there could be a storm among the military top brass if there are big cuts.
- Today: Warrington MP, Doug Hoyle, says the Government is holding secret talks with GM about the future of BL and Land Rover. DTI and GM deny it.
- Guardian: Ministers are considering plans to abolish legislation restricting the hours and times of work of young people aged 16-18.
- Telegraph: Fifteen shipbuilding and engineering unions have endorsed a strategy to oppose 4,300 redundancies and yard closures.

NUCLEAR

- Times: Britain exploded a large nuclear device beneath the Nevada desert yesterday with American help.
- Professor Walker will today, in a speech, deliver one of the strongest declarations yet of government commitment to the nuclear industry.
- Times: Efforts are being made to organise an EEC-wide claim for damages caused by Chernobyl.

EEC

- Telegraph: Butter that the Common Market paid £2,000 a ton to buy and store to shore up European dairy farmers' milk prices is to be sold off at £200 a ton to help feed the cows that produced it in the first place.
- Conservatives opposed to the EEC are threatening an all-night filibuster tonight over the European Communities Amendment Bill.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Lord Young speaks at Placemakers Luncheon Club, London

DEN: Mr Walker addresses AGM of Engineering Employers Federation, London

MAFF: Mrs Fenner visits Express Dairies, Bristol

DES: Mr Walden visits Coventry Consortium, Warwick University and Lancaster Polytechnic

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at CRAC Conference, Cambridge

DOE: Sir George Young speaks at 'Urban Design Group' seminar, Polytechnic of Central London

DOE: Mr Waldegrave opens first Northumberland Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Link farm; addresses Audit Commission dinner, Milton Keynes

DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits London Wildlife Trust

DOE: Mr Tracey attends Minet Holdings plc reception to launch Sport Aid Foundation, London

DHSS: Mr Major visits Disabled Housing Trust, Sussex

HO: Mr Mellor visits ADFAM HQ (Aid for addicts and families)

SO: Mr Ancram attends opening ceremony - rebuilding of sea wall at Luss

DTI: Mr Howard addresses Trading Standards Administration conference, Torquay

HMT: Mr Brooke opens British Association of Women Entrepreneurs Trade exhibition

TV AND RADIO

"Too Hot to Handle"; Channel 4 (20.00): Traces events from Hiroshima to Chernobyl

"TV Eye"; ITV (21.30)
