

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends State banquet for President of West Germany; gives statement on European Council meeting, HOC

UK Presidency of EC begins

President Von Weizsaecker begins visit to UK (to July 4)

Anglo/Spanish extradition treaty comes into force

Association of Independent Radio Contractors Annual Congress

Domestic electricity prices fall by 3.5 per cent

RESTART programme goes nationwide

Irish Congress of Trade Unions annual conference, Belfast (to July 4)

Official opening of Lindholme Prison

Woman's Hour Charity Auction, Christie's (Prime Minister has donated gift)

Princess of Wales' birthday (25)

National Day, Canada

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PUBLICATIONS

HOC: 2nd Report Education Science and Arts Committee: DES expenditure plans 1986-87 - 1988-89 (08.30)

HOC: 9th Report Select Committee on SIs (11.00)

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PAY

DEM: NHS hospital chaplains; (2,100); £20 per week sought; settlement date 1.4.86

DEM: NHS ancillary workers; (204,700); substantial flat-rate increase sought; settlement date 1.4.86

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Social Services; Education and Science; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Welsh Language (Mr D Wigley)

Conclusion of the debate on a Motion to approve the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1986 (Cmnd 9763) (2nd day)

European Communities (Amendment) Bill: 3rd Reading

Adjournment Debate

The funding of the National Health Service in East Anglia (Mr R Ryder)

PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)Lords

Insolvency Bill (Consolidation): Report

Parliamentary Constituences Bill (HL) (Consultation)  
Committee on Recommitment

Protection of Children (Tobacco) Bill: Third Reading

Forestry Bill: Third Reading

Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and  
Representation) Bill: Third Reading

Gas Bill: Report (1st Day)

Motions for Approval

Family Income Supplements (Computation) Regulations  
1986

Child Benefit (Up-rating) Regulations 1986

Pensioners' Lump Sum Payments Order 1986

Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1986

Supplementary Benefit (Uprating) Regulations 1986

MINISTERS \_ See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

70th anniversary of the Somme today.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Not an issue in Star, Sun and Mirror. Today says Kaunda will leave Commonwealth unless you apply economic sanctions, according to Healey.
- Union leaders in South Africa to hold secret meeting today to review detentions under emergency. 8 more blacks die in unrest.
- South African Ambassador tells Select Committee Mandela would be released when bombings stop.
- Express: "Maggie says: Free Mandela". But he (Mandela) may refuse to see him.
- Mail tiny piece on South African Ambassador warning Foreign Secretary there is no "quick fix" solution.
- Telegraph says Foreign Secretary may make two visits to South Africa; Healey says blacks feel utterly betrayed.
- Guardian P1 lead: Howe set for South Africa front line shuffle; South African Ambassador's praise for you will make your life more difficult with your liberal wing. Leader says Buthelezi's chief problem is credibility in condemning apartheid but opposing sanctions.

SOUTH AFRICA (CONT'D)

- Times: Dr Denis Worrall last night went out of his way to praise you for your "constructive" approach to South Africa's crisis. Tells Foreign Affairs Select Committee your approach more likely to bring about change in his country.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says Foreign Secretary was unenthusiastic about the mission after the EPG's failure. His scepticism appears to have been well founded. But his approach is now whole-hearted.
- FT: Article by Ian Davidson says you have a hundred arguments for doing as little as possible. But when you hold up a mirror to history you may be unaware that it reflects the evasions and escapism of Harold Wilson.

NUM

- Quiet reception for Scargill at NUM conference - and for his call for renewed industrial action - members describe this as "Utterly unrealistic. Also rejects any accommodation with UDM which turns down NUM overtures.
  
- D/Star report says he is facing a major crisis of confidence after his conference speech; leader says he finally appears to be losing touch with reality.
  
- Sun says no one should underestimate Scargill's capacity for self destruction. Drift of miners to UDM will turn into an avalanche. And the problem with the NUM's absurd rules in getting rid of Scargill will will cease if the NUM no longer exists.
  
- Mirror says Scargill must be stark, staring mad. His leadership so far has been an unmitigated disaster and his latest fantasy would make it catastrophic.
  
- Today: Silent miners snub "out of touch" Scargill strike call - by a reporter who is banned from the conference; leader says his speech shows that Scargill has lost none of his foolish and stubborn adherence to unreality; he has learned nothing and understood nothing.
  
- Express: Scargill's new war cry ends in big flop. He is losing his grip on his battered union; leader complains that UDM has received scant help; it is in the country's interests that the UDM be helped to establish itself as a credible haven for moderate miners.
  
- Mail: Scargill's fantasy. Silence greets his call for new warfare in pits; notes that Stan Orme's pledge to reinstate sacked miners could exclude those convicted of violence.
  
- Telegraph: Scargill pit strike call shunned by miners' leaders.
  
- Guardian: Miners' leaders isolate Scargill over fight call.
  
- Times says NUM area leaders immediately made know their disagreement with Scargill's line.

INDUSTRY

- Mirror says thousands of lambs which could have been affected by Chernobyl fall out have been sold. Mail leader says it is up to Russians to compensate farmers.
- Today features the plague - acid rain - which we are "exporting to our neighbours" and forecasts a difficult time for us as presidents of the EC on this account.
- British engineers chosen to design a new Ford compact car for USA.
- British business failures rose slightly during first half of year.
- France's biggest shipbuilder - NORMED - says it cannot meet its financial obligations after subsidies of £623m since 1981.
- FT: European ministers have approved 62 joint development contracts worth about £1.4bn under the Eureka programme.
- Gas consumers will be given a guarantee that standing charges will rise no faster than inflation when B/Gas is privatised in November.
- Large companies are avoiding full disclosure of their results as required by law, according to a survey by the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- IVECO-Ford Truck begins operations today to try to capture a 25% share of the UK truck market by 1988.
- Richards Shipbuilders, of Lowestoft, says the Government gave a ferry order to a Scottish yard even though its bid was £300,000 lower.
- The number of individual BT shareholders has dropped by 95,000. There is a growing concentration of institutional ownership.

MEDIA

- Murdoch considering new talks on Wapping after meeting Eric Hammond, EETPU, in USA.
- Tony Dubbins, NGA, accuses EETPU of being traitors in recruiting people for Wapping in Southampton. Dubbins also calls for an end to violent picketing; Brenda Dean says merger of SOGAT with NGA is essential.
- Yorkshire TV "First Tuesday" programme puts Home Secretary under pressure (Today) to reopen case of 4 jailed for IRA bombing at Guildford pub because of alleged miscarriage of justice.
- EEC appoints commercial director at reputed £80,000 salary - £10,000 more than Director General
- Frustrated radio groups warn that pirating could follow Government's decision to put off community radio experiment.

MEDIA (CONT'D)

- FT: The cost of policing Wapping is £1m so far.

ECONOMY

- £ up to \$1.55 in New York.
- North Sea oil drops 35c to \$11.25 after break up of Opec meeting without agreement.
- Low Pay Unit says Job Restart is a form of job conscription and will fail in its main aim of creating jobs.
- Times leader, assessing President Reagan's plans to cut the top rate of income tax to 27%, says Britain could get the standard rate down to 17%. "The prize of reform is too great to ignore".
- FT: If the Government was prepared to take on the lobbies and embark on a US-style overhaul of taxes it could achieve its objective of lower marginal rates and still please the public with higher public spending.

YOUR SPEECH TO PRESS FUND

- Sun P2: "Quit? Not me, says Mrs T". You have no intention of leaving No 10 and intend to continue your "resolute" approach to Government.
- Mail P5: I have no plans to quit, says Maggie. One of the reasons you have stayed on is to raise our sights.
- Telegraph P2: "Resolute" Thatcher sees bright future.

TRANSPORT

- B/Pail institute inquiry into Darlington accident in which an express runs into local train, delayed by man who had heart attack.
- NUR leader claims D/Rail is planning more job reductions, over and above presently planned 8000, and you are starving railways of money because you believe public ownership is inefficient.
- A start on building the Channel Tunnel is likely to be delayed for up to six months because of petitions against it (Times).
- The law may be changed to allow the Driver and Vehicle Licencing Centre to market attractive car number plates.

EDUCATION

- Schools being urged to take a gentle approach to sex education - HMI document.
- Norman Willis, TUC, wants Labour to make education a key issue at the next election with financial support for 16-18 year olds.

HOUSING

- Government urging householders to take in lodgers to reduce number of homeless.
- Mortgage rates unlikely to be cut this summer.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Royal College of Physicians' report says Britain is one of the sickest nations in the world - once a leader in public health.
- Lords vote to allow people to appeal to tribunal when refused help under new social fund.
- Nurses call for protection by "bouncers" in British hospital casualty ward.
- Times: New government food and drink labelling regulations, which come into force today cover only 300 out of more than 3,800 additives used in processing, according to the Food Additive Campaign team.

LAW AND ORDER

- John Stalker, Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, suspended on full pay pending outcome of inquiries.
- Kaufman says Labour would give more cash and help to victims of crime.
- Mail features on P1 Home Secretary's warning that a section of society - young, hostile and many black - is threatening mayhem in cities.
- The Conservative Study Group on Crime has called for a local experiment in the privatisation of jails (Times).



DRUGS

- D/Star urges all to join in the fight against drug pushers - and notes with approval 4 month sentence of a back street cannabis pedlar yesterday
- Mirror says a sex drug is being sold at a sleazy gay disco at Charing Cross which is part of Richard Branson's empire. (Mr Branson is otherwise generally hailed as a hero).
- Customs seize cocaine worth £1.5m in 16 boxes of roses at Heathrow; man arrested.
- British medicine manufacturers giving £20,000 to charity fighting drug addiction to publicise dangers.

DEFENCE

- Hard decisions ahead because of reduced funding.
- Telegraph leads with "Cuts threat to defence capability - all services hit, Minister warns".

LITTER

- Express says Richard Branson denies he is to become "Mr Litter" - instead he will have a key role in helping young unemployed. He was never planning to do anything about litter.

PEOPLE

- Sun says Argentinian envoy in UK was let off a drink driving charge on Sunday claiming diplomatic immunity - even though we have no diplomatic relations with Argentine; leader says this is an outrage and the man should be expelled.
- Trevor Kavanagh, in Sun, contributes a page on the growing gulf between you and the Queen who, it is said, pokes fun at you.

POLITICS

- Francis Pym told the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee that there had been no review of priorities by your first administration during its entire period in office, from 1979-83 (FT).

RELIGION

- Exchange of letters between Vatican and Archbishop of Canterbury on ordination of women described by Telegraph as marked by a degree of sincerity, candour and mutual charity.

ARTS

- Arts Council to investigate claims that Sir Peter Hall and Trevor Nunn are amassing personal fortunes through their subsidised jobs; leader wonders why taxpayers' money was pumped into productions able to make plenty of money themselves. Telegraph relishes the sight of Sir Peter Hall, who has moralised about heartless philistine Government not helping arts while low and useful instincts of trade flourish in him.
- Guardian says there is no scandal. Just a couple of very talented men who have outgrown their context.

SPAIN

- Express reports at length a meeting with ETA leaders at their HQ; they say British tourists lives are at risk.

BRAZIL

- To send back to Spain John Palmer who is alleged to be involved in £26m Heathrow robbery.

EC

- Fails to agree even on the outlines of a policy for ending airline restrictive practices; John Moore calls for more consumer pressure to bring down air fares.
- Thatcher calls for open EEC markets (your Eureka speech)(Times).

POLAND

- Gorbachev gives Jaruzelski "ringing endorsement" (Guardian).

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling meets New Zealand Minister for Overseas Trade; later attends lunch with the Champagne Bureau, London; attends Farmers' Club dinner, HoL
- DES: Mr Baker visits Sandwell LEA; addresses Law Attaining Project Conference, Warwick University
- DEM: Lord Young presents National Free Enterprise Awards, London International Press Centre
- DEM: Mr Clarke visits Peckham (Sir George Young (DOE) also attends)
- DOE: Mr Ridley launches Royal Fine Art Commission's 'Design in the High Street', brochure, London
- HO: Mr Hurd speaks to Association of Independent Radio Contractors annual congress
- SO: Mr Rifkind meets representatives of MSC; with Mr Ancram lunches with Chairman and Board of CAA
- WO: Mr Edwards attends memorial service to Sir Hugo Boothby, Llandaff Cathedral
- MAFF: Mr Gummer meets Moroccan Foreign Minister, Dr Filali, London
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner visits Royal Show, Stoneleigh; later attends Anglo-Soviet working group reception; attends Shell dinner, Stratford upon Avon
- MOD: Lord Trefgarne gives interview to Panorama on 'DROPS'
- DES: Mr Walden addresses Chichester College's international conference on IT
- DEM: Mr Trippier visits Chelmsford
- DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith addresses British Institute of Energy Economists Conference on "The Future of the North Sea Oil Industry", London
- DEN: Mr Hunt addresses NCB staff college advanced management course, Chalfont St Giles
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave addresses Anglo-German discussion forum, Sussex
- DOE: Mr Patten visits various construction sites, Leicestershire
- DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits the Water Research Centre, Medmenham, Oxford
- FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses European Movement Seminar on the 'Technological Challenge in Europe'

MINISTERS (UK SPEECHES ETC) (Cont'd)

HO: Mr Shaw speaks at lunch of Incorporated Society of British Advertisers

HO: Mr Waddington visits Cardiff

HO: Mr Mellor meets Pakistan Minister for the Interior, Mr Aslam Ahattak

HO: Lord Glenarthur visits Pentonville Prison

ODA: Mr Raison addresses the All Party Parliamentary Group on British Aid Policy in Southern Asia

SO: Mr Stewart opens LTIS/Matra factory, Livingston

DTI: Mr Howard addresses CA seminar on product liability, London

DTI: Mr Pattie opens Alvey Conference, Brighton (Mr Walden (DES) addresses conference)

DTI: Mr Butcher opens "Re-design of design" conference, London

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MOD: Mr Younger attends 70th anniversary of the Somme

FCO: Mr Renton departs Kuala Lumpur for Singapore (to July 3)

FCO: Mr Eggar departs Cayman Islands for Miami (to July 3)

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TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): will Church of England split over issue of women priests?

"First Tuesday"; ITV (22.30): investigation into the case of four young people found guilty of IRA pub bombings at Guildford and Woolwich 12 years ago

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