

2 July 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen opens new building of the Royal Society of Medicine, London

Prime Minister meets President of West Germany followed by lunch; meets representatives of British School Technology bus

NEDC meets

President of West Germany addresses both Houses of Parliament

Metropolitan Police Commissioner publishes Public Order Review and holds press conference at noon

CPSA meets on air traffic controller job cuts

Foreign Secretary addresses Foreign Press Association on British Presidency of the EC

STATISTICS

BOE: Capital issues and redemptions (June)

BOE: Quarterly analysis of bank advances and acceptances (mid-May)

DEM: Overseas travel and tourism (April) (11.30)

DEN: Advance energy statistics (May)

HMT: UK official reserves (June)

PUBLICATIONS

DES: "Working Together" - Education and Training White Paper (1530)

HO: "Public Order Review: Commissioner's Report" - Metropolitan Police Publication

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Scotland; Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Customs Consolidation (Amendment)
(Mr C Smith)

Motions on Social Security Regulations

Housing (Scotland) Bill: Lords Amendments

Airports Bill: Money Resolution and Lords Amendments

Drug Trafficking Offences Bill: Lords Amendments

Adjournment Debate

Government policy towards support of charitable funds established following disasters (Mr S Hughes)

Select Committees: SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL
Subject: Petition of West District Council

ENERGY

Subject: Combined Heat and Power
Witnesses: The Tariffs Forum of the National Combined Heat and Power Liaison Group and Mr David Hunt MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Post Office Monitoring Enquiry
Witness: National Federation of Sub-Postmasters

HOME AFFAIRS

Subject: Rules for the Redistribution of Seats
Witness: Rt Hon Merlyn Rees MP

TRANSPORT

Subject: Financing of Rail Services
Witnesses: Central Transport Consultative Committee; Transport 2000

ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments
Witnesses: Association of County Councils; Association of District Councils

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: ODA's bilateral country programmes
Witness: The Independent Group on British Aid

COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS

Pontypridd Markets Fairs and Town Hall Bill

UNOPPOSED BILLS

British Railways (No 2); Alcoholics Anonymous (Dispositions) (Lords); Clifton Suspension Bridge (Lords)

Lords

Agriculture Bill: Report

Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No 2) Order 1986; Motion for Approval

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Little coverage of the issue in pops but those who do report issue unanimous over your demolition of Healey and your success in the House.

- South African miners vote to strike against detention of 10 senior officials.

- John Carlisle MP fears some black African countries will boycott Edinburgh Commonwealth Games because of our stand on sanction.

- Mirror says British Consulate has had 20,000 white applications for passports and renewals in last 6 months; foreign embassies say the number of whites waiting to enter their countries is soaring.

- Sun's John Vincent accuses Healey of a touch of racial condescension in ignoring Zulus and South African Government during his visit.

- Today says Crossman diaries haunt Labour.

- Express P2: Denis Healey once backed the sale of weapons to South Africa; you stopped the Commons in its tracks. Labour badly disappointed to see their most effective Commons champion put down. Your aides believe you have won the sanctions argument internationally, and in the Commons.

- Mail sketch writer says Dick Crossman's body lies a mouldering in the grave but his mischievous soul goes marching on; news story says Foreign Secretary will fly out next week provided he gets a signal from two African Governments.

- Telegraph P1 lead: Thatcher mauling for Healey. Sanctions "ambush" bolsters Tories. Left Labour front bench in confusion. Tory MPs regarded it as one of your most effective Commons performances for months; Jo Grimond, in feature, says you should take the initiative. But he believes the handling of the issue will add to the Government's growing reputation for incompetence and indecision and to confirm the view you have lost your touch. Sketchwriter describes Healey as "out of intensive care but rather poorly" having walked into an anti-personnel device laid by you.

- Guardian: Thatcher's SA balancing act. You maintain your grip on the Tory Party's warring factions. Healey claims you took the quote from the Crossman diaries out of context.

- Guardian sketchwriter's report headed "Why RRS doesn't RIP".

SOUTH AFRICA (CONT'D)

- Times P1 lead: Thatcher wins over Pretoria trip doubters, raises Conservative morale. One of your most confident performances for many months. You have won a breathing space to prevent internal party tensions getting out of hand. The undoing of Healey united Conservative benches in glee; Helen Suzman, in feature article, explains where the EPG is wrong; says it is harbouring misconceptions if it believes a sharp dose of sanctions will bring down Government. And effective sanctions would wreck the economy and destroy the inheritance that blacks will undoubtedly share in the near future.
- FT: Howe likely to pay two visits to South Africa.
- FT leader says you gave the Commons the best explanation so far of British and European policy to South Africa. If the South African authorities comply it will be an enormous diplomatic triumph but if they do not, you are committed by your own words to join in economic measures.

INDUSTRY

- Land-Rover lands £50m contract with Australian Army. Mail: How exhilarating to find "British is best" restored.
- Michael Howard announces ban on upholstery which gives off lethal fumes.
- Youthaid claims Government is exploiting teenagers by encouraging a massive increase in part time work.
- Labour Party, via Hattersley, promises B/Rail a massive injection of money, with private investment getting a stake.
- First class post up 1p from October 1, but 4p cut in cost of letters to EC.
- Britain's farmers condemned for their safety record.

NUCLEAR

- MPs said to be alarmed that Nuclear Installations Inspectorate is stretched - you have given approval for 20 more inspectors and a pay review.
- BNFL launches £2m TV and press advertising campaign inviting public to visit Sellafield.

ECONOMY

- Glowing Express leader on Britain's condition says prospects would be even better if taxes were cut further. You want Britain to start winning again and for people to believe in themselves and their country. You will not lack support when your Government is seen to be purposefully finishing the job they were elected twice to perform.
- Hopes of interest rate cut revived by strength of £ and pressure for cut in US discount rate.
- Guardian worries about our being lulled into a sense of false security by OPEC's failure to implement effective production quotas.
- Treasury prepared to see some limited increase in public spending on health and education (FT).

HOUSING

- Average home loan over £29,000.

UNIONS

- CPSA to conduct inquiry into conduct of election of Militant Trot as General Secretary to succeed Alastair Graham. Guardian says it will add to Kinnock's difficulties.
- Telegraph leader thinks there is a danger that we shall not take Scargill seriously after his speech this week. But it suits him to be regarded as a figure of fun.
- Scargill gets further rebuff - NUM pay claim resolution to leave out any reference to industrial action.

POLITICS

- MORI poll puts Labour 6 points ahead 40/Con 34/Alliance 23.

MEDIA

- Eric Hammond, EEPTU, arrives back from talks with Murdoch in USA with "high hopes" for new talks on Wapping. NGA to seek expulsion of EETPU from TUC.
- IBA bans Chunnel adverts because Bill is still going through House and issue is therefore political.

EC

- Gives £1m to BBC to help with a scheme to train unemployed.
- Sun leader on excessive air fares in Europe, says we should go to the EuroCourt; meanwhile BA and B/Cal should slash their fares; Today leader headed "Smash this costly air fares cartel", says Euro air fares are a farce and a disgrace. Unfortunately there is no scope for unilateral price reductions because air travel depends on mutual collaboration. But the EC should act against recalcitrants.
- FT suggests EC and USA are close to a settlement of agriculture dispute.

EDUCATION

- Government to give parents right to appeal to independent tribunal against expulsion of child from school.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- DHSS purge on Mexico World Cup dole scroungers.
- Another Mirror horror NHS story about an invalid who has had five heart attacks and has to wait 14 months for surgery.

LAW AND ORDER

- Goldsmith, wanted for questioning in connection with £26m Heathrow robbery, decides to fly back to Britain from Brazil.
- Two men in custody after discovery of rocket launchers in lock up garages at Trowbridge, Wilts. IRA terrorist plot foiled (Mail).
- John Stalker criticises Greater Manchester Police Authority for telling public he was suspended before it told him.
- D/Star says it is open to question whether the Home Secretary was wise to be so candid about the threat of disaffected minorities in our inner cities. But he is right to say poor race relations are at the heart of the problem.
- Sun takes Oxford magistrates to task for sending a 59 year old man to jail for failing to pay fine for not having a dog licence.
- Mirror leader on Press Council criticism of it for identifying Brixton rapists as black and victims as white, says it is absurd to say colour wasn't relevant to the case. Press Council's rulings on this issue pander to those who believe that by ingoring uncomfortable facts they will go away.

LAW AND ORDER (CONT'D)

- Review of security training standards at British airports.
- 2000 police jobs said to be at risk in West Yorkshire because the authority loses attempt to get High Court to ease its spending limit.

PEOPLE

- Sir Iain Sutherland, our former Ambassador in Moscow, collapses and dies.
- Peter Bruinvels MP wants Argentinian diplomat who escaped a drink driving charge to be expelled.
- Frank Chapple gets a Free Enterprise Award; so does Lady Porter.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- 4 UDR soldiers jailed for life for sectarian murder of unarmed Catholic.
- Dutch Supreme Court throws out IRA man's appeal against extradition but orders a fresh hearing on one aspect of his case.
- Paisley says threat of civil war has receded.

MALAYSIA

- Tim Renton says he has asked Government to commute death sentence on Anglo/Australian drug trafficker.

EAST-WEST/DEFENCE

- Gorbachev claims to have made a new proposal to reduce arms mountain; Soviet officials confirm they have proposed a meeting between Shultz and Shevardnadze.
- George Gale, in Mirror, says Reagan, in ending his New Zealand defence obligation, is telling Britain that if you elect a Government which denies US its nuclear bases he may have to end our NATO defence obligation to us.
- Express feature says cutting defence spending does not come easy to Tories, but it is politically much easier than taking an axe to health, social services and education.

FRANCE

- Police searching for what is believed to be a Gaddafi-backed death squad after murder of exiled Libyan businessman in Paris.

AFGHANISTAN

- Freedom fighters shoot down military plane carrying 100 soldiers.

RUSSIA

- Mail heartened by rehabilitation of Pasternak.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling meets Belgian and Portuguese Agricultural Ministers; later hosts International Wheat Council reception, London (Mr Raison co-hosts)
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Greater London Area Conservative Political Centre
- SO: Mr Rifkind speaks at dinner of Scottish Design Show, London
- DTI: Mr Channon visits Institute of Directors; holds press reception, London
- HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses Parliamentary Club dinner
- MAFF: Mr Gummer visits South Sussex
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner meets GDR Deputy Minister for Agriculture
- DES: Mr Walden visits Goldsmiths College
- DES: Mr Dunn visits Shoeburyness Primary School
- DEM: Mr Trippier visits Sherwood and Newark Enterprise Agency
- DEN: Mr Hunt appears before Energy Select Committee on combined heat and power inquiry; later attends ACE Energy Efficiency year reception, London
- DEN: Mr Goodlad attends Electricity Council Research Centre's 20th Anniversary celebrations, Capenhurst
- DOE: Mr Patten views housing and urban regeneration, Liverpool
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave opens Lonon Wildlife Trust exhibition, HoC
- DHSS: Mr Hayhoe opens primary health care conference, London; opens Dacie Ward, Hammersmith Hospital
- DHSS: Mr Newton visits South Ockenden Hospital, Essex
- HO: Mr Shaw addresses Conference on Future of Television in Europe, London
- DTI: Mr Butcher attends Glass conference
- DTI: Mr Howard addresses Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Centenary lunch, London
- HMT: Mr Lamont addresses Westminster and City programmes conferences on "New developments in venture capital"
- HMT: Mr Brooke addresses Small Business Bureau
- WO: Mr Roberts attends official opening of Commonwealth Holiday Inn, Cardiff

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DOE: Mrs Rumbold departs for Hanover to view radioactive waste sites (to July 4)
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TV AND RADIO

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (22.00)

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): Repeat of Tuesday's programme

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): Discussion on European perception of USA post-Libya raid

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): Stonehenge - sacred site or tourist attraction?

"The Africans"; BBC 1 (21.30): In search of stability
