

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister travels with Richard Branson on Challenger II; attends return banquet hosted by President of West Germany

Home Secretary's Statement on the Peacock Reprot

Henley Royal Regatta

Cricket: England v. India, Edgbaston (to July 8)

STATISTICS

DEM: Detailed analysis of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators (April)

DOE: Housing starts and completions (May)

PUBLICATIONS

DEM: Employment Gazettee (July)

HO: Report of Committee on financing BBC (Peacock Report) (10.30)

HO: Redundant Churches Fund annual report 1985

HOC: 30th Report Committee of Public Accounts NI Appropriation Account 1984/85 (Noon)

SO: Crofters Commission annual report 1985 (11.30)

PAY

DEM: NHS maintenance workers; (8,800); substantial increase sought; Settlement date 1.4.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Northern Ireland; Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister

Business: Debate on the Outstanding Reports of the Public Accounts Committee to which the Government has replied

Outer Space Bill (Lords): Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate

The consequences of the recently announced redundancies at Bedford commercial vehicles (Mr D Madel)

PARLIAMENT (cont'd)

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

Lords Insolvency Bill (HL) (Consolidation): Third Reading

 Company Directors Disqualification Bill (HL)
 (Consolidation): Third Reading

 Family Law Bill (HL): Third Reading

 Building Societies Bill: Committee

 Lord Chancellor's Salary Order 1986. Motion for
 Approval

 Crown Agents (Amendment) Bill: Second Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- 800 detained during emergency to face criminal charges.
- Kenneth Kaunda writes to the Times on the sanctions issue and claims he has not been in touch with the Queen about the matter. The Times in accusing him of involving the Queen in sanctions has "created anguish in my heart, soul and mind".
- Sun leader on the 'sad clown' - Denis Healey who "lameley" claims it was all 20 years ago when he wanted to sell military equipment to South Africa. But what has changed? The answer is the catastrophic change in the Labour Party - a wild Marxist ragbag. The one difference between Healey and Kinnock is that Healey knows he is being daft. Express under heading "What a silly Billy" says it is surprising so clever a tactician as Healey should have led the attack on the Government so rashly. People will suspect him of opportunism.
- Paul Foot, in Mirror on the Thatcher connection - your visit in 1973; DT visit as director of Quinton Fazell in 1984; and Mark started his business career there.
- Times: The country's biggest trade union has warned that unless its minimum demands for black workers are met by July 10, it will take "effective measures" to achieve them.
- Article by Bruce Anderson, writing from Johannesburg, quotes senior official as saying: "You are sending the wrong person. If you want to move the old man, they you should send Mrs Thatcher".

UNIONS

- NUM wants £15 increase but spurns Scargill by refusing to threaten industrial action. Scargill to return to TUC General Council to succeed McGahey.
- NUM appears more divided than ever on UDM.

- D/Star on the price of apathy in the CPSA - election of Militant general secretary; 61% of membership failed to vote; Sun claims the election is to be re-run because of allegations of ballot rigging; Today says the election shows Militants have the tenacity and commitment to go after the votes. The case for postal ballots is now stronger.
- Express suggests Government could refuse to deal with new Militant leader because security rules say Ministers can deny negotiation rights to subversive officials; feature on the "enemies within".
- Mail says Peter Bruinvels MP has a point in calling on Government to purge Militants from Civil Service; they create mayhem wherever they settle and positioned at the heart of our Civil Service they are a threat to our democracy.

- Mail news story says Militant Tendency is within striking distance of the whole Government and State machine; another story says Whitehall is split with MPO confirming rules which ban subversive groups and Treasury saying Macreadie's election means business as usual.
- Telegraph says CPSA is in turmoil over ballot rigging claims.
- Times says Macreadie's win has jolted Labour's hopes of winning the Newcastle-under-Lyne by-election. Leader says that sooner or later Macreadie will, like Scargill, go a strike call too far and find himself stranded by union members who prefer a quiet life.
- Guardian says Kinnock now has to cope with embarrassing questions about his attitude to the democratic election of a Militant.

INDUSTRY

- Britain's latest fighter plane crashes, killing test pilot, in front of potential buyers.
- D/Star, commenting on dearer post in UK and cheaper letters in EC, says that like air fares it is odd arithmetic.
- Maxwell shuts Purnell's printing plant at Bristol because of dispute with NGA. Loss of 544 jobs.
- Today reveals the case of the British champagne maker who plans to sell the stuff to the French.
- £30m development announced on Glasgow's Drumchapel estate where one third of men are out of work; will bring 1300 jobs.
- Official figures show that American tourists fell 20% in April because of fear of terrorism.
- Britain had worst strike record in world in 1984, according to Telegraph, but five out of every six days lost were in coal industry.
- Dixon's bid for Woolworths fails.
- Post Office unions fear that changes introduced allegedly to improve efficiency will pave the way for privatisation.
- Singapore Bus Services is to buy a further 100 Leyland buses (FT).

EC

- Mirror on EC's failure to slash air fares this week, says you should use presidency to persuade French and German Governments to obey the Eurocourt's ruling; it claims Commission is ready to take France and Germany to court.

EC (Cont'd)

- Concession on agricultural imports avoids trade war with USA.

MEDIA

- Some previewing of Home Office statement on Peacock.
- Telegraph says Cabinet is ready to back pay-as-you-view.

ECONOMY

- Christopher Monckton, in Today, on the virtues of tax cutting, says slashing taxes will help the poor as well as rich and claims that two jobs are lost every time the State creates one.
- UK reserves show largest monthly rise since 1981.

TVEI ANNOUNCEMENT

- Star, Sun and Mirror ignore it. Today on a new £900m learn and earn national training scheme. Express: Students are to be taught a new lesson in school - how to earn a living.
Mail: £900m plan to teach children "real life".
- Telegraph: £900m plan to train pupils for work; leader says that unless the Government tackles the questions of minimum wages and rent controls no significant progress will be made in reducing the numbers of unemployed.
- Guardian; Young extends manpower role into education; leader says the Government has at last realised extra public spending can help to solve problems such as a lack of teachers but vocational training cannot be divorced from the rest of the education system.

POLITICS

- Today's poll of polls gives Labour 5 point lead 39/34/24 - Tories have their best month this year.
- Hattersley promises an economic summit with unions and employers if it wins next election.
- Today says Foreign Secretary last night staked his claim to succeed you - apparently because he made a general political speech and not just one on foreign policy! Telegraph says he set out a strategy for the 1990s.
- Norman Tebbit sets up special CCO unit to monitor political bias in news bulletins after complaints from MPs. Hugo Young, in Guardian, describes Mr Tebbit's complain to BBC campaign as dirty tricks.
- Liberals to appoint a spokesman on race relations.
- Ronald Butt, in Times, says the Government must do more to emphasise its conviction that individual responsibility can be the basis of a new morality. It must also show that what the state continues to manage will be handled generously and effectively. "It will only have itself to blame if it is condemned as hard-hearted".

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Which? criticises quality - and price variation - of spectacles on sale to public; compulsory standards recommended.
- And another Mirror NHS horror story about patients being forced to sleep in corridors at the overcrowded Maudsley Hospital.
- Mrs Gillick launches new round in her campaign for parents to have the power to decide if under-age girls should go on the pill - a form for parents to give instructions to doctors.

HOUSING

- House prices rose 4 times the rate of inflation last year, but Times says rise is slowing.

EDUCATION

- Times: The Government is running into trouble again over corporal punishment in schools. The anti-caning lobby is angry at alterations made to the House of Lords proposal to abolish caning.

DEFENCE

- The Government is expected to place an order for the next £110m type 23 frigate with Swan Hunter and the third and fourth type 23 will go to Yarrow's.
- Guardian also says Government is expected to order 3 frigates - 2 from Yarrow and one from Swan Hunter.

SPORT

- Belgian authorities seeking to have 26 English supporters extradited over Heysel stadium tragedy.

PEOPLE

- Von Wiesacker gets some good reviews for his speech.
- Fears for Harold Macmillan's health, suffering from infection.
- George Howard, ex-chairman BEC, leaves £25m.
- Queen to visit Berlin next year for its 750th anniversary.
- Molotov reappears after 20 years - at age of 96.

FRANCE

- Mail says a close friend of Mitterrand and former Cooperation Minister is being asked to explain how £6m for starving Africans vanished in high living and on a chateau.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Times: Unionists launched an alternative to the Assembly yesterday. Loyalist youths acted as messengers and a Democratic Unionist councillor was the self-appointed clerk when proceedings opened in Belfast City Hall.
- Now Paisley says it would not help anyone in NI to resort to violence - in advance of July 12 march in Portadown.

RUSSIA

- The Soviet Union has designed a unique hermetically-sealed tractor to work on farms which have reopened in the contaminated region near Chernobyl.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling meets Mr Murakhavsky; later attends dinner hosted by Lord Whitelaw

MOD: Mr Younger gives interview to Armed Forces Journal

SO: Mr Rifkind attends Scottish Arts Council, Edinburgh

DTI: Mr Channon addresses SBAC annual dinner, London

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Royal Show, Stoneleigh

MAFF: Mrs Fenner addresses British Wood Preservers Association annual conference, Cambridgeshire

MOD: Mr Lee attends British Aerospace Companies dinner

DEM: Mr Lang speaks at 300 Group debate on parental leave, HoC

DEM: Mr Trippier opens tank museum, Wareham; interviewed by Janice Long BBC Radio 1 on self-employment

DEN: Mr Goodland visits Sellafield

DOE: Sir George Young opens new office of Notting Hill Housing Trust

DOE: Mr Tracey opens Gymnastic Centre of Excellence. Essex

HO: Lord Glenarthur visits Newbold Revell Prison Service College

OAL: Mr Luce speaks at a reception for EC cultural attaches

SO: Mr Ancram meets local authority associations about housing benefit, London

DTI: Mr Butcher visits south west region

DTP: Mr Mitchell visits New Scotland Yard to see urban traffic control system

DTP: Mr Mitchell attends Transport Users Consultative Committee (Midland Area), Stoke on Trent

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DTP: Mr Spicer addresses Fourth Transatlantic conference of the Bow Group, Paris

TV AND RADIO

"Too Hot to Handle"; Channel 4 (20.00): Final programme in series. Explores attitudes to risk and to radiation

"TV Eye"; ITV (21.30)
