

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen visits DTI to mark BOTB bicentenary

Prime Minister meets Secretary General of Arab League

Dr Kurt Waldheim's inauguration as Austrian President

EC Budget meeting (to July 9)

Foreign Secretary presents Presidency programme to European Parliament, Strasbourg

CPSA executive meets on allegations of election ballot rigging

Eurocourt hearing opens into seven shipbuilding and aircraft companies seeking improved compensation for nationalisation

Motherwell train derailment formal inquiry opens, Glasgow

Education, Training and Personnel Development exhibition and annual conference, Birmingham (to July 10)

Lobby of Parliament by approximately 2,000 people on civil nuclear disarmament

Society of Local Authority Chief Executives annual conference, Bristol (to July 11)

International Musical Eisteddford, Llangollen (to July 13)

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STATISTICS

BOE: Provisional estimates of monetary aggregates (mid-June)

CLSB: London and Scottish banks monthly statement (June)

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PUBLICATIONS

DES: Report of the Working Party on criteria for pre-vocational courses pre 16

DES: Synopsis of CELP (College Employer Links Project) final report

HOC/  
HOL: Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills - 6th Report (11.00)

HOC: 3rd Special Report Social Services Committee - Reform of Social Security (11.00)

HOC: 33rd Report Public Accounts Committee - Arrangements for intervention commodity stock holding in UK (Noon)

HO: Equal Opportunities Commission annual report (15.30)

WO: Wales Tourist Board accounts for 1985/86 (11.00)

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PARLIAMENTCommons

Questions: Education & Science; Defence; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Scottish Bank Notes (Mr D Canavan)

Finance Bill: Progress on Remaining Stages and Ways and Means Resolutions

Patents Designs and Marks Bill (Lords): Remaining Stages

Debate on a Motion on EC Documents relating to Agricultural Structures

Adjournment Debate

The provision of expenses for people attending Immigration Appeal Tribunals (Mr D Clelland)

Select Committees: SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL  
Subject: Petition of East Sussex and Kent local authorities

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: the situation in South Africa

Witness: Mr Len Abrahams (Vice-President, South Africa Foundation)

## COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

British Railways (Stansted) Bill

Lords

Wages Bill: Report

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Telegraph and Times report South Africa as saying no snub to Foreign Secretary was intended and Times says it insists he is still welcome.
  
- Church of England Synod votes overwhelmingly for effective economic sanctions.
  
- All restrictions on Winnie Mandela lifted by South African authorities.
  
- D/Star P2: "Botha snubs Howe mission for peace"; you are fuming over the way Foreign Secretary is being humiliated; leader asks if black and whites want peace in South Africa or whether they are hell bent on civil war. All the current evidence suggests they are on suicide course. How else can one explain their refusal to talk to Foreign Secretary on a totally honourable mission?
  
- Sun P2: Howe calls off his South Africa visit - Botha refuses to break off his holiday on a remote farm; leader says Foreign Secretary was doubtful about the trip from the start and should never have agreed to go. He should stay at home.
  
- Mirror P2: Howe peace trip is snubbed. Botha would face criticism from South Africans if he rushed back from holiday.
  
- Today P1: Howe sets off on trip doomed to failure; Christopher Monckton feature on how Sir Geoffrey manages to be his own man.
  
- Express P1: Howe defies Botha brush off. Your patience with Botha is running out fast; leader says that with friends like these (South African Government) you don't need enemies. The South African regime can count its political friends abroad on the fingers of one hand yet it has just publicly snubbed two of them - you and Sir Geoffrey. Botha is cutting the ground from under his own feet as well as from under yours. If he were sensible he would be doing everything he could to bolster you - your stand is entirely correct.
  
- Mail P1: on "Howe's deadline for Mandela release" gives South Africa three weeks to make up its mind about freeing him. West German paper suggests Mandela is to be released in return for an end to Sakharov's internal exile.
  
- Telegraph P1 says your strategy of holding sanctions at bay was dealt a damaging blow when Botha rejected your appeal to see Foreign Secretary this week. And because of the possibility of South African reprisals UK has shelved sale of £50m stockpile of strategic measures. Conservatives closed ranks behind Foreign Secretary. Commons sketchwriter says Foreign Secy was utterly unflustered yesterday - would he notice if a crisis hit him between the eyes?
  
- Times: "Pretoria visit delay fails to deter Howe". FCO is now considering dates given by Pretoria for a visit next month. You are believed to have sent President Botha a personal message.
  
- The TUC will push for sanctions and intends to make an approach to you before the Commonwealth Summit.
  
- FT: The delay is a setback but it has not scuttled the mission.



SOUTH AFRICA (CONT'D)

- Telegraph leader says it may not be a bad thing the visit to South Africa has been slowed down. To suppose that the problem of 40 years standing can be satisfactorily unravelled in a few weeks calls our own sense of proportion into question.
- Guardian P1: Howe's "faltering" mission goes on. Sir Geoffrey admits 'difficult task'.
- Guardian leader says Foreign Secretary is condemned this week to potter around the peripherals of the problem. Everyone knows, including possibly himself, that the European mission lacks substance and relevance. Rather it is a means for Bonn and you of staving off sanctions. Why do you degrade him so abjectly?



MALAYSIAN HANGINGS

- Little media sympathy for Briton and Australian hanged yesterday.
- Sun says uncle of Briton thinks he got what he deserved - all drug offenders in Britain should be hanged, too.
- Another Briton awaiting trial accused of drug smuggling.
- 2 heroin pushers in Britain get 9 and 13 years imprisonment.
- Mirror leader says execution is a barbaric practice and Britain is a cleaner place without it. Who wants the macabre Malaysian sight back here?
- Mail sympathises with hanged Briton's family but there was no reason why the Malaysian Government should have made an exception for whites. Hard drug dealers are dealers in human suffering and death. It hopes the man's untimely death will bring home to those who dabble in drugs just how lethal they can be.
- Times leader says a general, if recent, repugnance in Britain towards hanging should not mislead us into thinking that it was unjust in this case.
- Telegraph feature says hanging may be the only deterrent to those who deal in death.
- Guardian says surely no one who protests about the sentences on the two men will disagree that the law should be colour blind. On the scale of offences drug trafficking in heroin now ranks very high in public condemnation, as high perhaps as cold blooded murder.
- A grandmother aged 69 was sentenced to death yesterday in Malaysia for trafficking in 3lb of opium; and the government has announced plans for whipping those convicted of minor drug offences.

INDUSTRY

- First Nissan car to be produced in Britain will roll off Washington line today.
- B/Airways suffered £80m fall in revenue in first quarter. Telegraph questions the wisdom of privatising B/Airways before regulation of airways is settled.
- Ray Horrocks resigns from BL - Sun says after a row with you over proposed sell-off to Ford.
- Shares in B/Telecom dropped 18p yesterday on reports that Labour would renationalise at cost price; Express leader says the Labour Party does not have to wait for the next election to see what the public thinks of its plan to grab back BT.
- Mail story on two brothers, recruited by Maidstone businessman who could not find labour in South East, who have quit after a fortnight to return to North East and dole - homesick for friends and beer.
- Mail says BL may have to ask for more Government money to stay alive - with its operating loss trebling last year to nearly £40m.
- State handouts to seven big nationalised industries have been cut by £2.75bn over the past five years, says John MacGregor.
- FT: First half sales in the UK tractor market fell by 26% compared with the same period in 1985.



UNIONS

- J Macreadie, CPSA, says he will take legal action if there is any attempt to overturn his election.

CIVIL SERVICE

- Times: The number of fully-trained tax inspectors who have resigned has leaped from 34 to 130 in the past 3 years. The Inland Revenue is now refusing to answer inquiries from accountants and solicitors at its technical division.
- The SDP/Liberal Alliance says you should give up your responsibility for the Civil Service to a new independent commission (FT).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Sun offers the deepest sympathy to children and parents of Bernie Grant's Haringey where the council have ordered that courses in homosexuality should be introduced in schools.
- Express picks up yesterday's FT story about a £400m plan to revamp inner cities by by-passing local authorities and channelling funds through UDCs
- County Council leaders called yesterday for an extra £3bn spending power on top of the £22bn planned by the Government for next year (Times).
- FT: The Government is close to announcing two important inner city initiatives in which private sector companies will play a pivotal role in regenerating derelict urban sites.
- Guardian says Government is to review fees collected by local authorities and a scale of charges for some school activities and passing on the cost of fire and library services are being considered.

EDUCATION

- Former teachers in shortage subjects being urged to return to classroom.
- Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools have called for a national inquiry into the teaching of English (Times).
- The NUT has reached an agreement with Liverpool City Council on contractual guarantees of class size and non-teaching time.



HEALTH/WELFARE

- Jill Palmer, the Mirror's NHS horror specialist, says Brompton Hospital was forced to turn away six seriously ill heart patients in one day because there weren't enough nurses to care for them.
- Mystery virus on liner Canberra strikes again.

LAW AND ORDER

- "Independent" report by Lord Gifford on Broadwater Farm riot criticises police handling and failures. Mail leader says the extreme bias of the report makes it worthless.
- Home Secretary to bring in changes later this year in control of police firearms.
- Mirror leads with sentence of 8 years on vicious attacker jailed for 8 years - and could be out in 5 - for kidnapping and raping two women shoppers at knife point. It says judge, who said the degree of violence was comparatively small and that no perversion was involved, is an ass.
- Today leader campaigns for right of Servicemen to take their employers to court for compensation for injuries; the discrimination against them is indefensible, it says.
- Express reveals plan to allow over-65s to sit on juries, if they want to.
- Mary Whitehouse says porn, violence and obscenity are more fundamental evils than world starvation - "astonishing" says Express.
- Ex-CIA agent accused of being a Russian spy freed after court hears he fooled KGB and British Intelligence.
- Mail says a major row is looming over compensation for Brighton bombing; Lady Sarah Berry has received only £24,000 and is calling for an inquiry.
- Random breath tests would reduce the number of road deaths by 30% and save £700m a year, says the Campaign Against Drunk Driving.
- Leaders of the Manchester Police Authority will see Giles Shaw on Thursday to press for a speeding up of the Stalker suspension inquiry.



LAW AND ORDER (CONT'D)

- Telegraph says Manchester police authority is now to seek clarification of the relationship between the Chief Constable and Kevin Taylor, the businessman linked with suspended John Stalker.

POLITICS

- Express feature on the declining fortunes of Norman Tebbit. It claims there is pressure in the 92 Committee to get rid of him as chairman. But he is not going to let a few old gossips do to him what the IRA failed to do, according to a friend.
- Robin Oakley, in Mail, says you have started to become "a tease" over the date of the next election.
- Professor Weitzman, in lecture, says the Government's claim that people with jobs have never had it so good is at best a half truth. The other half of the truth is that everyone could gain significantly, including those with jobs, if the unemployment rate could be reduced and those out of work paid taxes.
- TUC and Labour Party preparing incomes policy to cover 9.5m low paid workers.
- Guardian says the next election will see the biggest influx of new Labour MPs since 1945 and most of them will be Left.
- Hugo Young, in the Guardian describes the Government's decisions on water and community radio as caprice.

DEFENCE

- Times: 7 companies yesterday submitted bids to MoD to provide the PAF with an airborne early-warning system. One surprise scheme proposes the use of airships.



NORTHERN IRELAND

- Canada bans Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein, from flying there to address a meeting.

EC

- The European Community will work its way out of its economic crisis by spending more - particularly on agriculture (FT).

SPORT

- Spanish president of International Olympic Committee says Birmingham site is more impressive than he thought.

NEW ZEALAND

- France pays New Zealand £4.5m in return for its 2 Greenpeace bombers being released to a remote French supply depot island in Pacific for 3 years. New Zealand butter and lamb chops are part of the deal.



AUSTRIA

- Today says fresh evidence has been found linking Waldheim, to be inaugurated as president today, with deportation of Jews.

LEBANON

- British diplomats hinting that kidnapped Briton, Alec Collett may be alive.

JORDAN

- Hussein closes 25 offices of Arafat's Fatah guerrilla group and expels a number of PLO personnel.

JAPAN

- Nakasone returned with landslide in general election.

RUSSIA

- Zamyatin, before Select Committee, says we jam Russian broadcasts.

USA

- 61 point fall in one day on Wall Street. White House and Senate put pressure on Federal Reserve to cut discount rate.



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling visits Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate

MOD: Mr Younger gives interview to Falklands Newsletter

DEM: Lord Young meets Chairman of Spanish CBI

HO: Mr Hurd speaks to National Council for Voluntary Organisations

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Rothwell, Lincolnshire

MAFF: Lord Belstead attends signing ceremony for Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International Treaty, London

MAFF: Mrs Fenner meets Niger Minister for Agriculture

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks to Selective School Industry Conference, Ramsgate; speaks at Thanet DC lunch

DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith visits NERC, Swindon

DEN: Mr Goodlad visits Hartlepool power station

DOE: Mrs Rumbold opens Templars Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Dartford

DOE: Mr Tracey visits Birmingham Olympic sites; later attends Third Test Match, England v India, Edgbaston

FCO: Mr Renton addresses Women and Families for Defence Group, London

DHSS: Mr Whitney attends presentation of certificates to GPs, St Georges Hospital, SW17

DHSS: Mr Major speaks at dinner with Peterborough Development Corporation

HO: Mr Waddington addresses English Tourist Board lunch, London

OAL: Mr Luce opens MPs' art exhibition, HoC

DTI: Mr Morrison addresses COMMET conference, London

DTI: Mr Butcher launches RSA/DTI Young Designer press evening, London

DTP: Mr Mitchell opens Royal Oak taxi depot for London Cab Company

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffery Howe addresses European Parliament, Strasbourg

DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits Sweden (to July 9)

FCO: Mrs Chalker departs for Strasbourg

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TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): looks into use of nitrogen fertilisers in agriculture

"Questions of Defence"; BBC 2 (19.30): first of six episodes on the history of NATO

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