

10 July 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen gives Garden Party, Buckingham Palace

Prime Minister test drives new Rover 800

Royal Institute of British Architects annual conference, London
(to July 12)

Chemical Defence Establishment, Porton Down, "Press Day"

STATISTICS

DTI: Provisional figures of vehicle production (June)

PUBLICATIONS

CO: ACARD report on medical equipment (10.30)

HO: Annual Report of the Data Protection Registrar (15.30)

HOC: 31st Report Public Accounts Committee - Financial Assistance to the
Lear Fan Aircraft Project (Noon)

PAY

DEM: Local authority APT and C grades: (634,200); 12% claim submitted;
settlement date 1.7.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries & Food; Treasury; Prime Minister

Business: Estimates Day (1st allotted day, 2nd Part)

Debate on Estimates relating to the Budget of the European
Communities

European Communities (Amendment) Bill: Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate

The future of the University College, Swansea (Mr A Williams)

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

AGRICULTURE

Subject: The effects of pesticides on human health

Witnesses: Poisons Reference Centre; Occupational
Health Service; Advisory Committee on Pesticides

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

British Railways (Stansted) Bill

PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)Lords

Public Order Bill: Committee (1st Day)

Dockyard Services Bill: Third Reading

MINISTERS - See AnnexPRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Nigeria and Ghana pull out of commonwealth Games but Kenya intends to compete and no sign of Zambian or Zimbabwean withdrawals. Express says games will go on.
 - Foreign Secretary gets chilly reception from Kaunda who bitterly criticises your attitude. ANC refuses to see him.
 - South African TV praises your stand on sanctions.
 - Labour-controlled Bristol docks to ban import of South African goods; SDP/Libs say this is "potty" and will cost jobs.
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- D/Star says Nigeria has long been one of the awkward squad around the world with a deplorable record on human rights; so no surprise it is pulling out of the games. Good riddance - a sentiment, it says, it is hard to argue with.
 - Lord Chalfont, in Express, tells the bitter truth about what is going on in black nations trying to bring South Africa to its knees - under heading "The dark side of Africa". Only 15 of 51 African countries in UN have a semblance of democratic government.
 - Mail P1 lead says the Commonwealth Games boycott has put the heat on you. Your interviews have left the FCO more depressed about the outcome of Sir Geoffrey's diplomatic safari.
 - Telegraph says fears of a major Commonwealth split are leading to concern at Westminster.
 - Times says boycott of the Commonwealth Games represents the biggest blow yet to the government and increases the chances that next month's Commonwealth Conference will break up.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd)

- In diplomatic circles it is widely believed that your series of interviews on Tuesday and your 'Today' broadcast in which you rejected sanctions and called them immoral were behind Nigeria and Ghana's decisions.
- Times leader says to damage the Commonwealth Games is to damage the Commonwealth itself and those who contemplate it should consider the consequences. If damage is done it will not be Britain's fault.
- In a reversal of policy the South African Government has announced that trade unions had been mistakenly included in a ban on the holding of indoor meetings.
- Bob Hawke of Australia has made his strongest call yet for sanctions and forecasts a possible clash with you at the Commonwealth Conference.
- Article by Bruce Anderson says the whites now understand the need to take account of black power. The blacks now need to recognise the strength of the whites position.
- Privately, a few Tories believe that your recent remarks in interviews have undermined Sir Geoffrey's mission. But Right wingers are delighted (FT).
- Guardian: Zambia derides Foreign Secretary's proposals for a new attempt to set up negotiations; leader, somewhat hopefully, says there is just a sense that Southern Africa may prove your nemesis. But it admits some of your points have substance. Economic sanctions will not bring South Africa to its knees. They will mean black children starve; the desolation of South African economy would be a tragedy for all Africa; deceitful nation may well make a mint out of trade. Even so... Old alliances like the Commonwealth must surely disintegrate under the strain. You have made your choice.

DRUGS

- Heroin worth £330,000 seized by police in Oxford - two Indian men and women being questioned.
- Boy George in clinic being treated for drugs; 4 in court accused of conspiracy.
- Richard Branson, who sells his records, has arranged for him to have free medical treatment.
- Sun leader says that on the face of things we ought to be a contented society but the biggest news story yesterday was Boy George's drug addiction and what is lacking today is a code of values by which we live our lives.
- An Iranian drug smuggler who faces deportation from Britain may be executed for political reasons if he is returned to Iran.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- 2 soldiers killed and 2 seriously injured when booby trapped lorry blows up in Crossmaglen; follows closely on killing of RUC off-duty in Co Fermanagh in front of his son, 12.
- Today says Loyalist hardliners are thought to be planning a series of rocket attacks on soldiers and police this weekend.
- Paisley urges police to defy orders to act against Loyalists.

INDUSTRY

- Lots of publicity for new Rover you are to test drive.
- FT tells print unions it wants to make more than 25% redundant in move to new plant in docklands.
- EC takes first step in drive to force airlines to cut fares with threat of going to court if agreements are not abandoned.

WESTLAND

- Telegraph says Government is more jittery than it would wish to admit about the Westland report which is to be finalised today.
- A highly critical report on your handling of the affair is likely to be published just before the recess (FT).
- Guardian says the report will include the most damning criticism of Government's behaviour and serious abuse on the conduct of business at No 10.

ECONOMY

- Money Advice Association conference says Britain is heading for a debt nightmare - average indebtedness for household now £1500. 2m in court each year for debt.
- Petrol prices tumbling again - cheapest £1.45 in North West.
- Sir Raymond Lygo at centre of new storm - for suggesting, the Express says, that the dole queue army should be turned into a brigade of chars; servants should become a tax perk.
- Shares bounce back.
- Sir Terence Beckett, CBI, tells Neddy that unless we get pay settlements down we shall lose more jobs. Norman Willis, TUC, calls this "a bloody cheek".
- The growth in jobs between now and the end of the decade will be concentrated in managerial, technical and health care occupations, says Warwick University.
- FT: Crude oil prices drop to lowest level in 12 years. 9.65\$ a barrel.
- Sterling is likely to come under severe pressure between now and the General Election, says Lloyds Bank.
- Guardian says the Government is to withhold the full fruits of the formula which links MPs pay and allowance to Civil Service pay; to go up by only 6%.

TOURISM

- Mirror says American tourists are flocking back to Britain for the wedding, led by Nancy Reagan.

UNIONS

- Frank Chapple, in Mail, on why John Macreadie's election stinks. Only 39% voted in an allegedly secret workplace ballot - significantly fewer than in comparably sized unions; 68 branches didn't vote at all.
- One of the ^{GCHQ} staff defying the ban on union membership has been given 21 days unpaid leave to attend meetings of her national executive committee (FT).
- Only 1 in the 1061 people arrested at Wapping so far are printers, according to Government.

PRIVATISATION

- Express, on the EuroCourt 'victory which could cost the Tories dear', says the extra compensation should be paid, if only to establish the principle that the State cannot take its citizens' property with impunity.

POLITICS

- Labour Party and TUC agree national statutory minimum wage of £80. Mail describes it as a job killing proposal.
- Today says they have to hand it to you - you stick to your guns. If the next election were to be won by the strength of the party leader's convictions you would already have it in the bag.
- Express, referring to your BBC 'Today' broadcast, says you admitted your message is not getting across and promise a package of exciting new policies.
- Telegraph also carry your broadcast; says you urged your Ministers to shout the facts, especially about health.
- Guardian takes up the same theme - you press Ministers to 'sell' policies.

EDUCATION

- NUT accuses Kenneth Baker of encouraging moonlighting for suggesting maths and physics teachers should take up consultancies during the school holidays. Mr Baker also calls on top 100 firms to help solve the chronic shortage of specialist teachers.
- Today attacks the "crazed egalitarian logic" which is drawing traditional sports like cricket and football out of our schools. Britain needs winners in every walk of life and ignoring children's instincts does no one a service.
- Jobless doctors from the Continent are filling hospital posts rejected by Britons - Coventry has taken on 5 German doctors and Thanet 2 Dutch.
- NHS plan to create 2000 extra consultants announced.

HEALTH SERVICE

- Mirror leader calls Ray Whitney "a liar". In a leader/open letter to him replying to a letter to them that there are "no shortages, no sufferings and no scandals in our hospitals" it claims its shock, horror reporter is accurate, honest and scrupulous and Mr Whitney the opposite in denying her allegations.
- And Miss Palmer adds another story to her collection - the case of a film body scanner lying idle in Great Ormond Street hospital because of Government cuts.
- Lord Hailsham has sent a note on sexual definition to you and to other members of the Cabinet. He is concerned about the text of the AIDS advertising campaign (Times).
- Britain's old people need a national figure such as Bob Geldof to campaign on their behalf, a conference at the Royal Society of Medicine was told yesterday.

HOUSING

- David Alton MP claims millions of taxpayers' money is ending up in the pockets of landlords exploiting housing benefit.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Dick Tracey is said to be deeply depressed after a tour of rundown areas of the South Yorkshire coalfields (Times).
- Times: Devon's Alliance-run County Council has ruled that Conservative MPs planning to visit schools must clear their movements with County Hall and set foot on the premises only if accompanied by a Liberal or Social Democrat council member.

PEOPLE

- Express feature At Home with Cabinet wives.
- Hugo Young's second instalment of his interview with you is headed "Why the lady's fundamentally right".

LAW AND ORDER

- Legal aid costs rise 4 times rate of inflation in last 4 years.
- Hearing continues today on Murdoch's court case to get Wapping picketing banned.
- Manchester police morale said to be at rock bottom because of Stalker inquiry.
- Peter Bruinvels MP wants crackdown on drink-driving diplomats - more than 150 have been breathalysed in last 5 years.
- RSPCA says crossbow crime is getting worse.
- Appeal Court judge likens Derek Hatton to a Viking bent on pillaging taxpayers' money and Patrick Jenkin to Ethelred the Unready.
- Reform of jury system wins support for Tory MPs. Telegraph says those who wish to conserve historic institutions must also be willing to reform them. And the professional middle class are far too ready to escape jury service. Times leader also supportive. Guardian says the system is under attack from its enemies and its friends must make themselves heard.
- A strong attack on the government's policy of restricting legal aid was made yesterday by the Chairman of the Bar.
- Stalemate has been reached in the Risley remand centre dispute.

DEFENCE/EAST-WEST

- Reagan tells New York Daily News that the latest Soviet arms control proposals are unprecedented in that they are talking of actual percentages.
- George Younger hoping to win Cabinet approval to order at least one more Type 23 frigate this year, making 5 in all.

WEST GERMANY

- Siemens industrialist killed when Red Army faction blows up his car on way to work.

RUSSIA

- The Soviet and French governments are to hold regular talks on how to combat terrorism.

AUSTRIA

- Robert Rhodes-James MP claims there is "very considerable" evidence to prove Waldheim's involvement in the execution of 7 British Commandoes.

PARIS

- Terrorists bomb police HQ killing one policeman and injuring 20.

FALKLANDS

- Families of service victims may take legal action to get hardship money from South Atlantic Fund.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling attends Royal Garden Party, Buckingham Palace

MOD: Mr Younger lunches with ITN (Glyn Mathias)

DES: Mr Baker meets Councillor Lobenstein re Jewish schools

DOE: Mr Ridley addresses RIBA conference, London

DTI: Mr Channon addresses Institute of chartered Accountants; later addresses Design Council dinner, London

MOD: Mr Stanley takes Salute at Royal Tournament

DEM: Mr Trippier visits ICA Small Practitioners Committee, London

DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith attends inauguration of new catalytic cracker Humber Refinery

DEN: Mr Hunt addresses launch of NEA Guide to local authorities, London

DOE: Mr Patten meets representatives of Cement Makers Federation to discuss imports of subsidised Greek cement

DOE: Sir George Young views housing and urban regeneration, Hull; visits Leeds

FCO: Mr Chalker addresses FCO seminar on Afghanistan

DHSS: Mr Newton opens new wing Ada Lewis Women's Hostel, London

DHSS: Mr Hayhoe gives interview to BBC World Service

HO: Mr Mellor visits Coventry Reparation Scheme

DTP: Lord Caithness attends exhibition entitled "Safe Sea Midlands" Warwickshire

TV AND RADIO

"All the Prime Minister's Men"; Channel 4 (20.00): First among unequals (first of three programmes)

"TV Eye"; ITV (21.30): Evictions over non-payment of mortgages
