

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Possible statement from Sir Geoffrey Howe on South Africa

Princess of Wales visits Royal Mint to open Precious Metals Unit and to commemorate the Royal Mint's 1,100 years of minting, Llantrisant

Treasury press conference on profit related pay (11.30)

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STATISTICS

DOE: Housing loans by local authorities (England and Wales)

DOE: Housing and Construction statistics (Part 2 No 25 March quarter 1986)

OPCS: Live births, stillbirths and deaths: registrations 26 April - 30 May 1986

DTI: Index of output of the production industries (May) (11.30)

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PUBLICATIONS

DEM: Retail Prices Advisory Committee report

HOC: 3rd Report Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration - local government cases enforcement of remedies (11.00)

HO: HM Chief Inspector of Fire Services annual report (1530)

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PAY

DEM: NHS dental therapists and hygienists; (4,400); £20 per week claimed; 4.7% rejected; settlement date 1.7.86

DEM: NHS ambulance officers; (3,700); claim for restoration of differentials; settlement date 1.4.86

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence, Employment; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Housing Condition Survey (Scotland) (Mr A Kirkwood)

Opposition Day (18th allotted day): "Defending the UK High Technology Industries"

Motions on Orders and Regulations relating to drivers' hours

OPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS  
Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill

Adjournment Debate  
Designation of Wedholme Flow as a site of special scientific interest (Mr D Maclean)



PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)

Select Committee: SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: The Tin Crisis

Witnesses: Rt Hon Paul Channon MP, Secretary of State  
for Trade and Industry, and Mrs Lynda Chalker MP,  
Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

Harwich Parkeston Quay

Lords

Social Security Bill: Report (2nd Day)

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions)  
(Amendment) Order 1986: Motion for Approval

Functions of Traffic Wardens (Amendment) Order 1986

Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Order 1986.  
Motion for Approval

Draft Hovercraft Civil Liability Order 1986. Motion  
for Approval

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- India stops athletes leaving for Commonwealth Games pending decision on boycott by Black Africa.
- English Commonwealth Games Council who sanctioned Zola Budd's selection may challenge her exclusion in courts; Freedom Association offers to pay Zola Budd 20% of legal fees in any court challenge.
- Robert Maxwell, Chairman of Games, says if countries want to have a go at you do it at the Commonwealth Conference, not at the Games. Sebastian Coe, at fund raising lunch, says two previous games were massively affected by boycotts; these will go on.
- Malaysia decides tomorrow; Gambia to compete.
- Sir Leslie Smith, Chairman of British Committee on South Africa, says Iron Curtain countries will help to bust any sanctions.
- Norman Willis, TUC, to fly to South Africa this week in effort to see jailed union leaders and calls on members to boycott South African goods.
- Mail in P1 lead says India's action sent shudders round Whitehall since India is the cheerleader of the new Commonwealth. But you are dismissing threats that the issue could lead to the break up of the Commonwealth as mere huffing and puffing. Threat of split in Tory Party is growing. One MP (unidentified) says "We can't have Prime Minister at loggerheads with the Queen in the run-up to an election".
- Another Mail story says the South African air force is about to unveil its answer to sanctions - its home-designed and built jet fighter to replace Mirages.
- Mail leader under heading "Sacrificial Gazelle" says Zola Budd and Annett Cowley are being sacrificed to appease black African States and the Games Federation has bowed to blackmail.
- Andrew Alexander, in Mail, poses the question "The end of the Commonwealth and answers it with "No such luck". It embraces every sort of dictatorship from tinpot to massive.
- Times leader says Commonwealth countries which try to pressurise Britain must be worried that they have chosen the wrong track on which to run. They risk slighting the Queen, damaging the hopes of their young athletes and not doing anything to help the main task in hand.
- FT: 'Thatcher senses sanctions victory'. You believe you have succeeded in shifting the terms of the debate against general sanctions. Expectations for the Commonwealth Summit have been scaled down. Attention will concentrate on the nature of any special measures.
- A BBC Newsnight poll of more than 100 Conservative MPs shows 78% back you 11% are against and 10% undecided. But several senior Tories still feel you may be isolated.



SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd.)

- Telegraph detects hint of a compromise by you.
- Guardian reports that US may send a black Ambassador to South Africa and that you are moving towards the limited use of sanctions.
- Guardian leader says the demise of the Commonwealth would not bring the end of the world but it would be a grey day for Britain. It is a powder keg of your making. If it goes off it will be a needless and foolish betrayal of decades of endeavour.
- Hugo Young says your stance has begun to cause great alarm in the Tory Party with your headstrong - and incompetent - personal assertiveness
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Black pupils drifted back to school yesterday under strict new regulations designed to weed out troublemakers.
- The call by trade unions for a day of protest against the detention of union officials met with only a limited response from black workers.



COMMONWEALTH GAMES

- Star, Express launch a £100,000 competition to raise money for Edinburgh Games.
- D/Star leader says it is sad that athletes from some countries will be deprived of glory.
- Mirror leader says no one comes well out of the banning of Zola Budd, including those behind her - ie Mail and Home Office in rushing through her citizenship. Now they are reaping what they sowed, though the capitulation of the Games Federation was pathetic.
- Express leader says the less reliance there is on Governments for Games the less likelihood there is of political differences interfering.
- Australia's sports minister says the boycott would not have occurred if you had indicated you would consider increased action against South Africa.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Much violence overnight in sectarian clashes; Tom King condemns hooligans.
- Sun says the mob who smashed up Catholic homes disgrace the very name of patriotism and the people of Britain surely accept no ties with them. It would be a blessing if they could all disappear into the Irish Sea.
- Today alleges that the National Front is playing a major role in the wave of Loyalist violence; two leading NF extremists flanked Paisley in his takeover of Hillsborough; leader on "Cowardly Loyalists" says Loyalism has become a movement for thuggery and its targets encompass anything and anyone considered to be in favour of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. For Paisley to throw in his lot with NF is disgraceful and deeply offensive to basic standards of civilised behaviour which an MP is supposed to observe.



NORTHERN IRELAND (Cont'd)

- Express says a mobile Protestant bullyboy squad who terrorised Catholic village is being hunted by police.
- The Irish Republic has complained to Britain about the handling of parades in the nationalist areas of the north and attacks on Catholics.
- Times leader says Government should determine to live through the marching season without launching serious political initiatives but without retreating from the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Government is to allow a massive increase in local authority spending in major policy switch (Telegraph)
- Guardian makes "Ridley wins a bonus billion before election" its main front page lead; report says the "giveaway" is to soften up public opinion for a general election in June or October next year and should be sufficient to keep average rate increases at zero next April.



STALKER

- Mirror leads with allegation that a tape made by MI5 of events leading up to shooting of a 17 year old in an Armagh barn has vanished; only transcript now exists. Stalker demanded copy of tape but Chief Constable Hermon refused him.
- Manchester police monitoring committee calls for reinstatement of Stalker unless investigation into him is completed by the end of the month.

SHEVARDNADZE

- You are to fly to Moscow for Summit with Gorbachev after invitation from Shevardnadze.
- Kremlin invites "Iron Lady" - Express; you are delighted and a considerable boost for your role as international power broker.
- Mail says you are now acknowledged as an important bridge builder.
- Telegraph says observers see the invitation as a sign that Gorbachev not only wants to do business with you but is willing to give you a helping hand at next election; leader says the invitation is a political prize of some price.



BRANSON UK 2000

- Launch gets good coverage - big interview in D/Star; picture in Sun of him at Halifax Conservation site. Also in Express.
- John Prescott says it is little more than a publicity exercise.
- D/Star leader says Britain is fighting back with this scheme and instances an early success in clearing up a beauty spot. The scheme is modest but better than sitting back and moaning.
- Mirror: Minister of Litter unveils job plan.
- Express: "Operation clean up!" - unemployed in call up for an army of 5000; leader says pride is the name of the game of UK 2000. The whole thrust of the operation to clean up Britain is to lift up our hearts. Nothing but good can come from it.
- Times: "Branson takes helm for clean-up".
- Mail "The pick axe tycoon", with a picture of him wielding one. He says "If I'm going to inspire youngsters to get work that's important".
- Guardian: Branson new broom for job creation.
- Telegraph: Show biz start to Branson clean up drive, with picture.

POLITICS

- Benn and Heffer fight Labour's plans on Social ownership and trade union law. Mail: Kinnock routs Left in secret ballot clash.
- Today feature on state of British politics says Tories have not done what they were twice elected to do; and we should not under-estimate Kinnock.
- Mail says a Labour Party campaign to raise money with T-shirts and badges has flopped with the loss of £18,000 in six-months. Woman behind failure is appealing for unfair dismissal.
- David Steel and David Owen last night called on the EBC to publish the procedures it uses to ensure fair treatment in its news coverage between political parties; drops legal action.
- Collins sign up Germaine Greer to follow you around at next election for an instant book about it.
- Paul Johnson, in Telegraph claims Parliament lost its sense of priorities over Westland.



ECONOMY

- Concern about £ as oil prices drop below \$9. 2.5c knocked off value of £ and £4.4bn off shares. Prospects of an interest rate cut ended.
- Meanwhile the £1.50 gallon of petrol is in prospect.

INDUSTRY

- Tourists spent £10bn in England last year - £1bn up and English Tourist Board says American tourists are now returning.
- Marplan poll shows 51% are convinced manufacturing is key to our survival, but most parents would prefer their children not to work in factories.
- The Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign wants night flights banned.
- The 2,500 skilled workforce at Swan Hunter have rejected a pay and conditions deal, damaging their prospects of winning a Type 23 frigate order.
- The electricity industry is likely to seek planning permission early next year for 2 big coal-fired power stations in the South and South West.
- Mercury is to introduce its first local telephone service in London next month.
- Construction output will rise by 10% in real terms over the next 3 years, say analysts.



INDUSTRY (Cont'd)

- Management buy-outs worth £930m occurred in 1985.
- Big industrial users of electricity have accused the Government of failing to honour a pledge that tariffs would be cut to reflect the drop in oil and coal prices (FT).
- Stocks of unwanted beef flooding into the Community's storehouses have reached new crisis levels, underlines the need for urgent reform of the sector.

TOURISM

- The Royal Wedding is failing to boost tourism to Britain (Times).



UNIONS

- John Macreadie, CPFA, locked out of his office by executive pending High Court ruling.
- Local authority chief officers reject 5.5% pay offer.

LAW AND ORDER

- Home Secretary promises to make extradition easier in next Session.
- Justice, the all-party reform group, is to lodge a protest with the Attorney-General over the failure of guidelines requiring the prosecution to disclose its evidence to the defence.
- Conservative Peer, Lord Stanley of Alderley, has tabled amendment to the Public Order Bill to make it a criminal offence to drive on to private land without permission and to cause damage or harassment.
- Lord Hailsham will announce tomorrow his final decision on pay increases for lawyers doing criminal legal aid work.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- The Government's plan to cut mortgage interest payments to unemployed home-owners will increase the number of homeless, says Shelter.
- The Newcastle Centre Against Unemployment has released details of a drive by the Department of Employment to test whether jobless people are genuinely looking for work (
- Health Advisory Service calls for closure of Tooting Bec mental hospital for sloppy approach to mental care.



TERRORISM

- New York Times says there have been fewer international terror attacks since US raids on Libya, but US intelligence expects more soon.

EDUCATION

- Sun leader on Labour's appointment of a punk heroin addict, 24, as governor of a Southwark school says this anarchist has all the qualities the crackpot Left admire and would make a splendid leader of the ILEA. Mail says the man has not been to any meetings of governors and will lose his seat in August.
- Mirror quotes man as saying the strongest thing he has had is aspirin.
- Chris Patten tells teachers that schools are sloppy in handling high fliers and Britain is shot through with false egalitarianism; NAS says Government policies are depriving gifted children of best teachers.
- Telegraph says teachers are still raking guerrilla warfare in schools in many areas by refusing to take classes for absent colleagues.

DEFENCE

- The Public Accounts Committee has criticised the delays and cost increases running into millions of pounds which blight MoD projects.



SPORT

- Police say success in curbing violence on terraces of ground has meant thugs have moved outside in search for trouble.

PEOPLE

- John Biffen hit by large brown envelope thrown from Strangers' Gallery during Question Time; woman is questioned.- an unusual way of delivering a petition, according to Mail.

SPAIN

- 8 Civil Guards killed and 40 injured in Madrid by ETA bomb.

USA

- NASA says next shuttle launch will be delayed until 1988 because of redesign work.



PORTUGAL

- 2 killed in blast at apartment, believed to be handling explosives.

FRANCE

- Mitterrand blocks Chirac's privatisation of 65 enterprises - refusing to allow foreign firms to allow plants vital to France.

BERNARD INGHAM



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses European Atlantic Group

HMT: Mr Lawson addresses Conservative Industrial Fund

WO: Mr Edwards attends Engineering Assembly Forum, University College, Swansea

DES: Mr Patten opens Bexley Vith form conference

DES: Mr Walden visits Medical Research Council and addresses Natural Environment Research Council international symposium, Cambridge

DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith attends presentation of Queen's Award to Brown and Root

DOE: Mr Patten and Sir George Young meet German Minister for Planning, Building and urban development

DOE: Mr Waldegrave opens Thames Heritage Trust Conference, Isleworth

DOE: Mr Tracey attends Regional Council for Sport and Recreation Chairmen's meeting, Lilleshall Hall

HO: Mr Mellor takes part in TVS conference on drug misuse, Brighton

ODA: Mr Raison addresses joint World Bank/ODA reception on "Small Scale Enterprise", London

DTI: Mr Butcher attends "Design for Recovery" seminar, Middlesborough

DTI: Lord Lucas opens Warmold, Mather & Plath new factory, Slough

DTp: Mr Bottomley chairs Greater London Consultative Committee meeting

DTp: Lord Caithness visits Newhaven; opens Southern Port Services' container terminal

HMT: Mr Lamont addresses High Flyers Conference

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TV AND RADIO

"File of 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): The John Stalker affair

"Questions of Defence"; BBC 2 (19.30): History of NATO - "You had to have Germany"

"Sayonara Pet"; ITV (22.30): 25 team leaders for Nissan's new British car plant find out about Japanese way of working

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