

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen attends tea party to mark the sesquicentenary of the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund

Prime Minister addresses the 1922 Committee

Prince and Princess of Wales begin visit to Shetland Islands (to July 25)

Defence Select Committee Report on Westland published (11.00)

EC Internal Market Council, Brussels

Commonwealth Games open, Edinburgh (to August 2)

Treasury press conference on personal equity plan guide (12.30)

Association of Local Authority Valuers and Estate Surveyors, summer meeting, Leicester (to July 25)

Cricket: England v New Zealand, Lords

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STATISTICS

CSO: Consumers' expenditure (2nd qtr prov)

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PUBLICATIONS

BOIR: Board of Inland Revenue report for year ended 31.12.85 - 128th Report (11.00)

CO: Government response to Treasury & Civil Service Select Committee Report on "Civil Servants and Ministers: Duties & Responsibilities"

MOD: Review of MOD police review committee (Broadbent) (15.30)

DHSS: Report of General Practice Finance Corporation for period 1.4.85 - 31.3.86 (14.30)

HO: IBA report and accounts 1985 (15.30)

HOC: 3rd Report Defence Select Committee: The Defence Implications of the future of Westland Plc (11.00)

HOC: 4th Report Defence Select Committee: Westland Plc - the Government's Decision Making (11.00)

HOC: 4th Report Public Accounts Committee - NHS level of charges for private resident patients (Noon)

HOC: 3rd Report Home Affairs Select Committee on "Racial Attacks and Harassment" (11.30)

HOC: 47th Report Public Accounts Committee - Arrears of work at tax offices (Noon)

SO: Parole Board for Scotland annual report 1985 (11.30)

DTI: 14th Annual Report Mineral Exploration and Investments Grant Act 1972 for year ended 31.3.86 (14.30)

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PARLIAMENTCommons

Questions: Home Office; Northern Ireland; Prime Minister

Business: Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill: All Stages  
Motion for the Summer Adjournment  
Building Societies Bill: Consolidation of Lords Amendments

Adjournment Debate

Waste disposal sites, Down District (Mr J E Powell)

Select Committees: SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL

Lords Social Security Bill: Consideration of any Commons Message.  
Public Order Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

THE WEDDING - Front page coverage.

- Star: Wow - that's what Andy said when he saw Fergie at the Abbey - and so said all of us.
- Sun: Their bliss is a 3-second kiss.
- Mirror: Unfergettable.
- Today: A colour picture of the couple immediately after wedding.
- Express: Fabulous Fergie.
- Mail: The kiss - with pictures.
- Telegraph: Day of high spirits and pageantry. Married on a tide of joy.
- Even the Guardian admits across top of front page "Family wedding triumph for Royals".
- Times: "A Royal marriage of pure theatre"; world-wide audience of 500m applauds the finale.
- FT rather lets the side down though it does get a wedding picture on the front page. Instead it leads with "Brazil squeeze on consumers tougher than expected!"
- All note Prince Andrew got a £600-a-week pay rise when he married. Willie Hamilton MP hopes today to ask you the cost of this "bloody jamboree"; Michael Shea says it has been met mainly out of Civil List.

- After 18 pages of the wedding in the Star ... 15 in Mail... 13 pages in Sun... 12 pages in Today and Express.... 7 pages in Mirror... and then the other news squeezed between more of the wedding.
- Viewers in South Africa were not allowed to hear the choir and orchestra in Westminster Abbey because of a ban by the British Musicians' Union.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

- Foreign Secretary says "the wind of change is shaking South Africa to its roots" but doesn't seem to get much change out of Botha in candid, courteous and substantive talks.
- TUC calls on workers to take industrial action against South African goods.
- Leaders of world free trade unions seek a meeting with you next week.
- George Shultz reiterates US opposition to punitive economic sanctions.
- Commonwealth Games Federation to consider punishing boycott nations with heavy fines; Bermuda 31st nation to pull out.
- Sun heads its small coverage of talks "Botha's Snub for Howe".
- Mirror: "Meet me. Howe urges rebels" - ie ANC.
- Mail says Foreign Secretary faced an uncompromising Botha; in another story a former US intelligence officer is reported as saying that Britain and USA spied on black activists for South Africa. Washington official denies allegation.
- Telegraph says Edinburgh Council voted to withdraw your invitation to visit Games. Chamber of Commerce says this "supercilious rudeness" is one more dent in the city's now battered reputation.
- Guardian says Foreign Secretary is still in the dark over Pretoria's plans left guessing whether Botha will respond.
- Times: Foreign Secretary's itinerary leaves the inescapable impression that he is finding difficulty occupying his time, mainly because black leaders won't see him.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd).

- President Reagan's defiant rejection of punitive sanctions has set him on a direct course for confrontation with his own party in Congress. Senate leaders are now determined to pass a sanctions bill which, while it has scant chance of becoming law, will greatly embarrass the President.
- FT: "Howe tells Botha that apartheid must end". His conciliatory tactics in Pretoria will endear him even less to the front-line states.
- Oliver Tambo says he would be "honoured" to meet Sir Geoffrey.

- The black National Union of Mineworkers has threatened massive industrial action if coal mines sack workers in response to a reduction in exports caused by sanctions (FT).

PALACE ROW

- Mirror says Tory chiefs are convinced Michael Shea was responsible for leaking the Sunday Times story, part of a set up job to damage you. The story loses some of its force when it says I went to Buckingham Palace to confront Mr Shea.
  
- Angus Maude, in Telegraph letter, says the next logical "leak" to discredit you is one from the Vatican saying the Pope finds your actions and attitudes "unchristian".

WESTLAND

- Telegraph says Labour MPs are planning a full-scale attack on you after publication of the report to damage your reputation.

POLITICS

- Kinnock attacked for revealing plans to end most curbs on unions on Royal Wedding Day - Kenneth Clark says he was trying to hide the fact.
- Express leader, amid all the Royal Wedding coverage, says Benn has performed a public service by confirming what many have long suspected: the general image of Kinnock is the sheep's clothing disguising the hard Left Wolf. In a splendidly candid speech he promised vigorous campaign for Kinnock adding: "The crisis we shall inherit will demand radical solutions which go far beyond what is likely to be in our manifesto". We have been warned.
- Telegraph makes a similar point. It is helpful when the authoritative hard Left - Heffer and Benn - disprove Labour's sanitised sales talk.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, reports a disagreement between Owen and Bill Rodgers over defence policy; suggests Owen's strategy on defence is to leave SDP free in the event of hung Parliament to bargain with Conservatives.
- Times: Tonight you will deliver your most critical rallying speech to Conservative MPs since the last general election. A senior minister close to you says the government has made up much of the ground it lost at the turn of the year.
- Geoffrey Smith says there has been a lasting change in the country's attitude to you and doubts if you can recover your hold on the electorate unless there is another national crisis. But there is not the slightest sign that the criticism has broken your spirit and there is still everything to play for.
- Times leader on the prospects for the Alliance says it may well be incapable of surviving beyond an election. The two-headed animal seems odder still when the heads are snapping at each other.
- Peter Riddell, FT, examines the options for ministerial changes and concludes that overall the broad shape of the Cabinet and government will not change, although there may be a few moves at junior levels.

PUBLIC OPINION

- Gallup poll shows 80% are glad to be British, but two thirds believe pride is on the wane.
- The British think of themselves as friendly, polite, hard-working, fun-loving folk who inhabit a country in irreversible decline, according to the Gallup Survey of Britain. The 1960s is seen as a golden age. Of different groups, the Prime Minister is thought to have the greatest influence on what happens to the country.

ECONOMY

- Andrew Alexander, in Mail, says the good news is that the oil industry is talking of oil dropping to \$6-8 a barrel to a 15-year low; the bad news is that there are many who will not recognise the good news.
- FT: Nearly 80% of senior executives in the leading market economies believe unemployment will get worse, or remain static, up to 1990.
- Paul Volcker tells Congress only increased international policy coordination, not faster US growth or rapid decline in US\$, offers the prospect of sustained non-inflationary growth.

INDUSTRY

- Contentious privatisation deals to be announced today - Leyland Bus to management consortium and ROF at Leeds to Vickers.
- B/Telecom makes informal pay offer of under 5%.
- GEC, Hughes Aircraft of the US and AEG of West Germany are to develop the advanced radar for the Eurofighter aircraft.
- Times: Britain has again been omitted from a list of countries in which foreign businessmen are recommended to invest. But the International Business Environment Risk Information group said it came nearer to inclusion than at any time in the past 5 years.
- Gerry Grimstone, a key Treasury civil servant in the privatisation programme, is leaving to join the private sector (FT).
- News International's Wapping plant was closed to all traffic for 2 hours yesterday during a mass picket by 1,200 dismissed workers. A lorry driver was attacked and cars damaged.
- No compensation likely to be paid to residents living near the 4 planned nuclear waste dumps in Essex, Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire and South Humberside, according to the Government's response to the committee on radioactive waste report (Times).

EDUCATION

- Some Tory MPs hope the Lords will overturn anti-caning vote so Commons can have a rerun. Guardian: Britain has finally exorcised the ghost of Wackford Squeers
- Telegraph says teachers have been informally offered a pay deal costing £2.5bn over a period and raising lowest pay by 42%.
- Times: Teachers unions and education authorities welcome the ban on caning

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Author of a book on pain says more than half Britain's adults are forced to live with pain as a constant companion.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Telegraph leader on RSG says Nicholas Ridley's acceptance of a fait accompli of persistent overshooting of the Government's targets looks like a watershed, whether this represents realism is open to question.



LAW AND ORDER

- Millionaire, who is said to be mastermind behind Heathrow gold bullion robbery - and who escaped a murder charge - found guilty of handling stolen gold. Hopes jury dies of cancer.
- PAC says Metropolitan Police's £900m budget is unjustified; it wants urgent action on manning and overtime.

DRUGS

- Count von Bismark, friend of Olivia Channon, charged with drug offences.
- All-party group of MPs protests at India's refusal to allow British Customs Officers to be posted to Delhi and Bombay. You have personally appealed to Gandhi to allow them in, according to Telegraph.

DOG LICENCES

- Go quietly, though Today briefly reports an outcry from councils because they are to get no extra cash for policing dogs.

SPORT

- Times: Sunday racing and betting proposals are being discussed by a Jockey Club working party. New legislation would be required.

PEOPLE

- Bob Geldof at Palace today for his honorary Knighthood.
- MoD refuses to act on PAC recommendation that an accountant who helped to recover £400,000 in excess profits from his former company should be compensated for redundancy.

SPAIN

- Express says drunken orgies by teenage louts on holiday in Spain are bringing shame on Britain.
- ETA says France could become an enemy of the Basque people if it continues to deport alleged terrorists to Spain.

TURKS AND CAICOS

- Chief Minister says he won't resign.

MIDDLE EAST

- Peres/Hassan talks fail.

FRANCE

- The French Government is forging ahead with its privatisation plans, giving Cabinet approval to a Bill to replace the decree of denationalisation rejected last week by President Mitterrand.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MOD: Mr Younger lunches with Philip Webster of The Times; Jim Naughty of The Guardian and Sue Cameron of Today

DEN: Mr Walker opens 25th London International Youth Science Fortnight, London

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses EC Colloquy

HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses Bromsgrove Conservative Association Patrons Club

MOD: Lord Trefgarne receives AEW briefing from Grumman

MOD: Mr Freeman visits 10 MCM Squadron, Pool of London

DES: Mr Patten addresses College Employer Links Project (CELP) conference, Trowbridge

DEM: Mr Trippier visits Bury St Edmunds and Cambridge

DOE: Mr Tracey attends Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh (to August 2)

DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits National Radiological Protection Board, Didcot

DOE: Sir George Young visits St Katherine's Dock, London E1

DOE: Mrs Rumbold visits London Docklands

FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses meeting of UK and EC Road Safety Experts

DHSS: Mr Hayhoe visits Harefield Hospital

DHSS: Mr Whitney attends ISHM Conference, Portsmouth

HO: Lord Glenarthur visits Brixton Prison

OAL: Mr Luce addresses Museum Association Conference, Aberdeen

SO: Mr Ancram opens new private sector housing development, Edinburgh

SO: Mr MacKay meets Scottish GMC

SO: Mr Stewart visits Scottish Team at Games Village

DTI: Mr Pattie addresses European IT Conference

DTI: Mr Howard addresses Hughenden Foundation Seminar, London

DTp: Mr Spicer opens British Caledonian lounge, Gatwick Airport, visits British Island Airways, Crawley

WO: Mr Robinson attends Royal Welsh Agricultural Show, Builth Wells

WO: Mr Roberts speaks at opening of Welsh Development Agency Business Development Centre, Treforest

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DTI: Mr Clark chairs and Lord Lucas attends EC Internal Market Council, Brussels

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TV AND RADIO

"Commonwealth Games"; BBC 1 (18.30): The Opening Ceremony

"All the Prime Minister's Men"; Channel 4 (20.00): The Shape of Things to Come. Includes Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary; Neil Kinnock; David Steel; David Owen and Michael Heseltine

"Brass Tacks": BBC 2 (20.20): Will use of plastic bullets become a turning point in policing we will live to regret? Audience discussion with Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midlands

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