

31 July 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen gives Garden Party, Holyroodhouse (Scottish Secretary and Mr Stewart attend)

Prime Minister visits Edinburgh

House of Lords rises for summer recess (to October 6)

MORI poll on schools published

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STATISTICS

CSO: UK balance of payments - overseas earnings of the City (1985)  
(11.30)

DEN: Energy Trends (May) (11.30)

DEN: Digest of Energy Statistics

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PUBLICATIONS

CO/(CSO)/OAL: Regional Trends 1986 (0001)

HOC: 8th annual report House of Commons Commission 1985/86 (11.00)

HOC: 5th Report Energy Select Committee - Crude oil prices and relationship to retail petrol prices (11.00)

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PARLIAMENT

Lords Rate Support Grant Bill (Money Bill): Second Reading and Remaining Stages

European Communities (Amendment) Bill: Second Reading

Motion that this House takes note of the Report of the ECC on the Single European Act and Parliamentary Scrutiny in the House of Lords (12th Report, 1985-86, HL 149)

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Kinnock proposes a six point motion backed by Labour's NEC, claiming mission has damaged Commonwealth and given comfort to apartheid regime.
- Owen urges Foreign Secretary to resign if you do not give way to sanctions.
- Commons Select Committee says danger of disintegration of Commonwealth as a result of differences in policy towards South Africa not to be dismissed lightly.
- D/Star P2: Maggie facing a U-turn on South Africa. You can either make a humiliating U-turn or be remembered as the Prime Minister who broke up the Commonwealth; leader says demands for sanctions will be harder to resist this weekend after Sir Geoffrey's failed mission. How can anyone hope to mediate with a Government that stubbornly refuses to listen?
- SunP4: A trade ban on the way - Foreign Secretary says sanctions are now inevitable. You are under intense pressure from all sides, including the Palace, to abandon your stand on sanctions. But another story says 250,000 British workers could lose their jobs if sanctions are imposed and 100,000 black workers would be put out of jobs.
- Sun leader is headed; "Sanctions: It is still No". It says brother Kinnock's party, which weeps buckets of tears for the unemployed, backs sanctions.
- Mirror P2: "Give in, Maggie" warning by Howe; sanctions only choice left. Leader says you have come to the end of the road and can no longer dodge sanctions. Only course now open is for West to unite on effective financial and economic sanctions. You need to make a daring, imaginative leap in thinking.
- Today P1: Thatcher on the rack on sanctions clamour. Black African nations have threatened to hit British jobs if you continue to resist sanctions. Bishop Huddleston says Government should take measures or go; leader, headed "A mission of shame" - "yesterday the most shameful day in British diplomacy since Munich" - says you must learn to listen to other voices than your own; to all those who are advising the strongest action against South Africa's white supremacists.
- David Spanier, a well known FCO watcher, in Today, says if the Foreign Secretary is ever to climb back into public esteem and regain Britain's reputation as a serious diplomatic power he had better start speaking up for himself and say "No" to you.
- Express P2: Maggie moves a step nearer to sanctions. Select Committee report, however, says sanctions would send Britain's prices and unemployment soaring.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd)

- Express devotes P8 to a leader against sanctions and a feature headed "Who the hell needs the Commonwealth?". The leader says there is little doubt you will be obliged this weekend to concede Britain and Europe must now embark on sanctions. But we must be careful - in trying to stamp out apartheid we must not destroy South Africa. Sanctions will not induce a change of heart. On who wants the Commonwealth, it says there is not one democracy among the new Commonwealth nations of "that violent continent" Africa.
- Mail P2: Only question is which sanctions. Leader says against your better judgment you and Reagan will be constrained by Commonwealth, Western politicians and US Congress to concede further economic measures. But sanctions for Botha will be like water off a rhino's back. They may soothe some consciences in the West but they will not break the Boers. If anything sanctions will serve to render more stark and bloody the confrontation in South Africa. Ask yourself why the latest opinion poll shows a revival of Tory fortunes. Our guess is that it reflects your thoroughly realistic refusal to be stamped.
- Telegraph P1: Ministers to review sanctions - stronger policy urged by Howe. Downing Street continued to put a brave face on Sir Geoffrey's failure. In another story it says South Africa has resigned itself to intensified international sanctions.
- Telegraph leader finds it hard to draw crumbs of comfort from Foreign Secretary's mission. On balance he was right to go. But it leaves a depressing impression of our ineffectiveness. If you accept the European road is the right one, then your course this weekend is clear, to keep up the pressure on South Africa for change. Certain additional measures may have to be taken now; total sanctions will simply absolve South Africa from further internal action. The seige will begin. None will gain. The Commonwealth must be brought to accept that.
- Guardian P1: Prime Minister must agree to sanctions - Howe. Cabinet meets today on risk to Commonwealth split. You are reluctant to change your passionate opposition to sanctions.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says Botha may have defused the sanctions argument before it resumes, leaving the British Government no option but to agree to some concerted action. Botha has probably been good for Commonwealth unity and if so has done the Queen a favour, too.
- Times P1 lead: Howe to urge action on South Africa; tells you firm measures are inevitable.
- Geoffrey Smith says that although the public don't much care about the Commonwealth, if it did break up their attitude would change and they would see it as yet another thing that the Government had got wrong.
- Times leader says sanctions are as perverse and fruitless today as they were before Sir Geoffrey's mission. But you may have little choice but to agree to some selective measures.
- Sonny Ramphal argues the case for the Commonwealth and Lord Beloif the case against.



POLITICS

- Robert Kilroy-Silk MP plans to resign in autumn after three very difficult and very miserable years fighting Militant who are driving him out of politics.
- Sun: Labour whizz kid toppled by Trots.
- Kinnock describes Kilroy-Silk's claims that Militant had driven him out as rubbish.
- Mirror: Kinnock rages as 'traitor' MP quits. Militants force new poll crisis.
- Today: Liverpool Militants drive star Labour MP to resign.
- Express P1: Militant made me quit, says MP.
- Mail P1: MP quits - I'm hounded out by Militants.
- Telegraph P1: "Driven out" Labour MP resigns.
- Guardian P1: MP in fight with Militant quits.
- Times P1: Militants force Labour MP to leave politics.
- Telegraph says Labour yesterday showed first sign it is worried by the Government's attack on its ambitious spending programme. Guardian says Labour drops plan to soak rich.

PEOPLE

- Times: Neil MacGregor, editor of "The Burlington Magazine" is to be the new director of the National Gallery.

REGIONAL TRENDS

- Labour MPs said to be infuriated by publication of Regional Trends during Recess - blatant attempt to limit damage.
- D/Star says/<sup>gap</sup>between North and South has never been so wide or deeply depressing.
- Sun: Life's so super in the rich South!
- Mirror says the biggest boom business in Britain is crime - and it pays.
- Express: Two nations - higher wages, better job prospects spark another big exodus (South from North).
- Ulster is the most law-abiding place in the UK.
- FT: "Exodus from poorer of Britain's two nations". More people are getting on their bikes to leave the depressed North and North-West for the South.

INDUSTRY

- Mail says Mobil lorry drivers who have just won an £18,000 a year wages deal are warning the Labour Party they won't vote for it if it commits itself to a huge spending programme financed by all-round tax increases.
- Opec fails to agree on production cutbacks - more reductions in petrol prices expected.
- Telegraph says there were 40% fewer US visitors in May.
- Milk Marketing Board approves 43% increases in payments to 18 board members.
- Sales of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars are soaring in Britain and Europe.
- Observer likely to get rid of 500 printing jobs next spring; journalists oppose printing moves.
- Times: The marketing campaign for the sale of British Gas began yesterday, with the organisers hoping to attract more than the 2.3m people who subscribed to BT.
- Company profits should grow by 17% this year say Phillips & Drew.
- FT: Senior ministers are alarmed by the growing number of doubts being expressed at Westminster and in the City over the Financial Services Bill. Lord Whitelaw and Paul Channon are looking at the problem.
- ITN plans a 24-hour news and current affairs channel.

PALACE ROW

- Today quotes Michael Shea as saying he had not been asked to resign.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says the truth is that the Queen did not intervene and did not authorise any courtier to feed the story to the press.
- Kinnock says the Queen is a wise experienced head of state who would not become engaged in political toing and froing.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Liverpool City Council, facing £27m deficit this year, negotiates rescue with Japanese bank.
- Mail reports Audit Commission attacking Left councils who produce inferior services which cost more money.
- Manchester City Council bans masonic organisations from using town hall.

EDUCATION

- Today says you are faced with a stark choice: pay £2.9bn teacher deal or face further disruption in schools this winter.
- Sun says the deal would be worth the money if it were accompanied by a n strike clause.



HEALTH/WELFARE

- Mirror covers part of front page with "Whingeing Whitney admits it - the Mirror was right, 'of course' - forced to agree the paper was right on a sick baby being shuttled around hospitals.
- MSC giving £40 a week to lonely hearts club for homosexuals in London; it says it believes the owner wants to help people form stable relationships.
- Mirror trying to whip up controversy over your private hospital treatment while NHS patients have to wait up to 2 years for the operation.
- Telegraph says up to 100 children in Lambeth's care are unsupervised and some services are on the verge of a breakdown because of the council's failure to fill 1000 vacancies.
- The National Consumer Council wants government plans to allow the irradiation of food to be postponed for up to 3 years to allow adequate safety checks.
- Britain's medical profession is being urged to help fight a whooping cough epidemic which is due to reach a peak this autumn.

LAW AND ORDER

- Artists impression of man believed to have kidnapped woman estate agent in Fulham.
- Kenneth Erskine, 23, charged with murdering 2 pensioners in Stockwell area.
- Sun claims judge who let off Boy George with a £250 drugs fine has a stepson who was jailed for cocaine smuggling.
- Civil Service Union, campaigning for more staff, claims £250m in VAT is deliberately being held back by crooked traders.

USA

- Legislation to allow President Reagan to run for a third term has been introduced into US Congress.
- Trade deficit heads for record \$168bn.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Guardian says Tom King acknowledged last night that Dublin will have a say over future Orange parades.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker addresses 11th World Congress on reading  
DTP: Mr Moore visits Dartford  
MOD: Mr Freeman visits UKLF HQ  
DEM: Mr Trippier visits Hacknell Chamber of Commerce, Nottingham  
OAL: Mr Luce visits Imperial War Museum airfield, Duxford  
DTP: Mr Bottomley presents the Design Council's "Safe Scene"  
Competition awards, London

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MOD: Lord Trefgarne visits Bonn (to August 1)

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TV AND RADIO

"Inside Castro's Cuba"; - BBC Radio 4 (11.00): Repeat of Wednesday's programme

Caribbean Focus '86; BBC Radio 4 (19.40). A report on the Caribbean Communities in Britain introduced by Trevor McDonald

"Equinox"; Channel 4 (20.00): New series on technology and science starting with the engineering development of Formula One racing

"Workout"; ITV (21.30): Scenes of Unemployment - second in the series on the effects of unemployment

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