

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prince of Wales attends EC Agriculture informal meeting, Cumbria

IAAS Building Surveyors Conference, Dover (to October 3)

First episode of "First Among Equals" to be screened, ITV; (2100)

Anglo/Swedish conference on primary education, Bournemouth

Business Sponsorship Brochure launch by Mr Waldegrave, Banqueting House

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STATISTICS

DTP: New vehicle registrations (August) (11.30)

OPCS: Communicable disease statistics, 1984

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PUBLICATIONS

OPCS: Census guide 1984: Britain's households

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PAY

British Shipbuilders offer skilled workers (9,700) £158 pw

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

LABOUR PARTY

- Healey in trouble for suggesting Labour might just allow the Americans to have nuclear weapons on our soil; Left want him sacked.
- Militants expelled after refusing to take advantage of opportunity to address the conference.
- Express P1 report on Labour's vote to take over private schools.
- Telegraph notes that a convicted IRA bomber was given a standing ovation by Labour delegates at a fringe meeting after saying strife in Ulster would not cease until British troops were withdrawn.
- D/Star says Hatton's day is over but it is a pity it has taken Labour so long to root out a cancer that has threatened its very life. But there are too many signs Labour is going to sit back in smug self satisfaction thinking the threat is over.
- Sun feature says that almost any election result will mean a Parliamentary Labour Party dominated by the sinister wing.
- Heffer expected to be replaced by Dalyell on NEC.
- Sun: Healey drops bomb - sack him fury as he defies Kinnock over nuclear bases. "Weak Hatters gets a mauling" from Left for "inventing ineffective economic policies as he goes along." Leader says what does it matter the party has expelled a few Militants when there are still 6900 left with 3 times as many organising agents as the party itself.
- John Vincent, Sun columnist at Blackpool, says it is follow my leader into the election graveyard - "First Liberals now Labour". Defence as the main issue is a Labour blunder. Kinnock's defence policy is far more extreme than Foot's.
- Today: Hatton beats a fast retreat. Kinnock says that "when it came to it they (Militants) didn't even have the spine to speak for themselves. But another piece is on the "history of the Militants with a tendency to keep growing". Leader says Militants can now be in no doubt that the Labour Party means business, but Kinnock knows much remains to be done before he can face the next election without the hazard of Militant extremism.
- Express: A Mad Hatter's spree - Roy plans bonanza payouts to State firms. Leader headed "Hattersley plan taxes all reason" believes Chancellor and David Blunkett are correct in saying Labour would have to raise taxes to finance its programme. At least we know Chancellor Lawson believes in tax cutting and he must act bravely to get the standard rate down to 25p.
- Mirror: Fury over Healey's A-base gaffe. Leader - At last the Labour Party has rid itself of Hatton. Liverpool should be free of him soon. Good riddance to bad rubbish. It is good news for millions who need a Labour Government but for whom Militant was the democratic and unacceptable face of the party.
- Mail: Labour fury as Healey backtracks on defence; leader says Labour sought yesterday to give the impression that Militant Tendency problem was over. On the contrary, there is much evidence to suggest this party within a party is stronger than ever.

LABOUR PARTY (Cont'd)

- Telegraph: Divisions within Labour leadership over defence policy sharply underlined last night by Healey.
- Telegraph leader says Kinnock's defence statements introduce a grave new dilemma in the national political debate. It represents one of the most conspicuous breaches with established government policy made by an Opposition leader within memory. Kinnock says simply: "We are contracting out". But it seems highly doubtful that the British public will now fall prey to grand delusion on this issue.
- Guardian: Healey hints at Labour retaining US missiles. Radice, Education spokesman, insists party policy will not be changed in spite of vote to take all private schools into public ownership; leader claims Labour has promised what is by far the most balanced and best law and order policy of any party in modern times.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, takes the lid off the ruthless organisation of the Labour Party, but he wonders whether even this will be enough to win the General Election.
- Times: Healey throws Labour into disarray over defence policy.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says Conservatives would be unlikely to win next election simply with a programme for lower taxes, but the Opposition parties could lose with plans for higher taxes.
- Times leader says Kinnock has no right to be displeased with Weinberger. The British public are entitled to as much evidence as they can get on the life or death matter of defence. The US would not oblige Kinnock by going non-nuclear and he knows it. That is why his policy is dishonest either because it relies on the Americans not indulging in his kind of morality or because he is willing to put his country and Europe at the mercy of Moscow without saying so.
- FT consigns conference to back page with Hattersley resisting exchange controls.

BBC

- Row over cancellation of play about Falklands ventilated; BBC says the play has been postponed to avoid it clashing with the election.
- Sun: BBC told author to lie about Falklands; he refused to give it a Left-wing bias.
- Today: Storm over BBC Falklands drama; Tories attack anti-Maggie bias as film series is axed. Ian Gow and Neil Hamilton attack BBC.
- Express: Bias storm as BBC axes Falklands play. I was told to harden Maggie's image, says writer. You have called in Norman Tebbit to help choose a strong man as BBC Chairman, and campaign is developing to replace Alasdair Milne. Lord Chalfont says if the allegation of bias is true the BBC needs a chairman who will confront the feeble executive with the need to take firm managerial and editorial control.
- Mail: The BBC "tried to distort Maggie role in war play". But the BBC is going ahead with another play about the Falklands with an entirely different political slant; leader headed "BBC out of control" says like the disgraceful recent presentation of The Monocled Mutineer this episode shows how much the BBC has fallen under the control of extreme radicals and subversives. It must swiftly be wrested from them.
- Telegraph: Big piece headed "BBC accused of Falklands play censorship".
- Guardian: BBC was "biased in Falklands play ban".
- Times: BBC postpones a Falklands play - "unacceptable dramatic risk" in run up to election.

ECONOMY

- Fears of 2% rise in interest rates - Telegraph leads with speculation.

INDUSTRY

- Small investors will do best out of TSB flotation. TSB has shown the acceptable face of Thatcherism - Today. "City giants lose out in TSB scramble".

Mail: Closure of Weymouth as Sealink port expected today.

- Y K Pao retires at 67 as chairman of his conglomerate.

UNIONS

- Press coverage of Ian MacGregor's book concentrates on his allegation that Scargill is like Hitler.
- Michael Eaton replies to MacGregor's book who says it is no surprise the book is full of self justification, explaining why everyone was to blame except him. (Express)

TRANSPORT

- Plans for new road bridge across Thames at Dartford widely reported. A bridge to beat motorway jams (Mail).
- Private cash bridge to relieve Dartford Tunnel (Telegraph).
- £80m bridge to relieve tunnel jams - Times.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Sun on Lambeth Council wanting to help the disabled by employing a "lifesaver" who must be disabled. "Didn't we tell you" it adds "that competition would be hot to name the barmiest council of 1986".

EDUCATION

- Sun hopes you and Kenneth Baker are indeed intending to bring back Grammar schools.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- NSPCC report fears that the much bigger problem of child neglect will be overlooked because of the attention on abuse.

LAW AND ORDER

- Sheffield man, accused of murder of woman and girl, arrested in Amiens after being coaxed down from turret of cathedral; mob then threaten him.
- NACRO claims racial discrimination in the criminal justice system.
- Banks from today can tip off police if they suspect they are holding drug smugglers' profits.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Amnesty International calls for independent inquiry into the killing of terrorist suspects.

EAST-WEST

- Daniloff freed; Americans insist there is no deal; Soviets expect release of Sakharov. Path to Summit cleared (Guardian).

SPORT

- Leeds United urges FA to ban its fans from away games unless they hold membership tickets.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Reagan comes up with softer package of sanctions to try to head off Congress.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DHSS: Mrs Currie visits National Childrens Homes and National Institute of Social work, London (16.00)
- DHSS: Baroness Trumpington opens Geriatric and Rehabilitation Unit, Park Hospital, Manchester (11.45)
- DES: Mr Baker addresses NUT conference on primary education, London
- DTP: Mr Bottomley opens highway engineering seminar, London (10.00); attends launch of "No Need to Speed" campaign (11.30); and meets European Cycling Federation (17.30)
- DOE: Lord Skelmersdale visits Ordnance Survey, Southampton
- DEM: Lord Young addresses National Institute of Fresh Produce, London
- DEM: Mr Trippier opens British Caledonian Office; ICA Seminar; addresses young entrepreneurs, Leicester
- WO: Mr Robinson visits Welsh Development Agency regional office, Newport
- HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses small business meeting
- DEN: Mr Walker visits Milton Keynes Energy Park
- DTI: Mr Pattie announces site for proposed Community Trade Marks Officers
- OAL: Mr Luce visits Birmingham to make arts business sponsorship awards.

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DTI: Mr Clark makes two-day visit to Finland

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TV AND RADIO

- Education Minister Angela Rumbold gives BBC radio interview on GCSE
- Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley appears on 'What's New in Architecture', Radio 4 (16.05)
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