

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Princess of Wales visits Courtaulds Leisurewear Design Studios, London

John Lloyd/Martin Adeney book on miners' strike published

"The Enemies Within" by Sir Ian MacGregor published

Peter Robinson, DUP Deputy Leader in court in the Republic

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STATISTICS

DOE: Housing starts and completions, August (11.30)

HMT: UK official reserves, September (14.30)

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PUBLICATIONS

SO: Main report on Scottish teachers' pay

HMT: UK Official Reserves

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

LABOUR PARTY

- Labour promises to phase out nuclear power. Peter Walker says electricity price would soar - 100,000 would be made redundant. Union leaders at odds over vote.
- Kinnock to be party chairman in 1988 to stop Skinner having job in possibly election year.
- D/Star: Labour turned its back on nuclear age.
- Sun leader says the Labour Party advanced fearlessly into the 19th century yesterday. Naturally enough Scargill was one of the prime movers. He still has vision of a country held permanently to ransom by politically motivated men.
- Mirror: Kinnock's nuclear fade out; leader says the effect of the resolution is that Kinnock would do something about nuclear power stations but not yet. So the party can change its mind on a form of energy which, controlled and safe, would be a blessing to mankind.
- Today says it was perhaps unfortunate news of the Summit coincided with Kinnock's speech; it also brings Labour's unilateralist policy into sharper focus. The public may take some convincing Kinnock's go it alone policy can bring better results. Conference report headed: "It's King Coal for Kinnock."

LABOUR PARTY (CONT'D)

- Express says George Younger urged every NATO country to join campaign against Labour's plan to close American nuclear bases and said Labour moderates like Callaghan had a duty to speak out against banning the bomb.
- Express conference report headed "Switch off N-Plants. Rely on the miners and windmills to fuel Britain, Kinnock told"; leader asks if safety was really the main motive behind yesterday's successful resolution since Scargill drafted and moved it. He and his allies, including many in the Labour leadership, see nuclear power as the main long-term threat to the miners' ability to clamp a hand round the nation's throat.
- Mail says Labour fury over Reagan's intervention in its unilateralist policies threatens to explode on the conference floor today; conference report headed: "Nuclear switch off - vote to go back to coal is big boost for Scargill".
- Telegraph: Decisive Labour vote rejects nuclear power.
- Guardian: Kinnock wins time to close N-plants - margin of 24,000 votes prevents Party from committing next Labour Government to close down nuclear power stations in first five years.
- Times leader says the tortured debate over nuclear power, and its outcome so far, afford a classic example of Labour's attempt to reconcile the real world with its passionate hopes. In nuclear energy; as in nuclear weapons, a unilateralist country has no bargaining power.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says he suspects there is still too much confusion among the public after Chernobyl for the subject to swing many votes, unless there were some new development or Labour policy were to contribute to a general impression of lack of realism.
- Ronald Butt, in Times, says: "Kinnock and his friends are front men for forces they know the public does not want and which must be camouflaged. Is it possible that the electorate will not see through it?"
- Robin Oakley, reporting in Times, says: "The problem for Kinnock is that the men and women who will make up his parliamentary force if he does win his way to No 10 are the ones who are touring those fringe meetings cheering every call for the release of jailed miners, for surcharges to be lifted from the Lambeth councillors and for the troops to be withdrawn from Northern Ireland". Men like John Cunningham are becoming bogeymen to the rank and file.
- FT: Peter Riddell says one shadow cabinet member described the decision to phase out nuclear power as "a satisfactory fudge".
- Guardian says Labour's nuclear policy is far from settled, though the thrust is clear. This means that policy and Shadow Minister Cunningham don't fit and he should be transferred.
- Sun says 2 Labour MPs - Stuart Bell and Clare Short - defied Kinnock last night and appeared at same meeting as convicted IRA terrorist.

LABOUR PARTY (CONT'D)

- Frank Chapple, in Mail, worrying about the Labour Party, says anyone who wants to govern this country has got to have more in common with you than with Eric Heffer - and Hattersley says he's more in common with Heffer than Owen.
- Mail says anti-terrorist squad is compiling a dossier on a group of Left wing British activists who took part in a revolutionary conference with Gaddafi.

POLITICS

- Times: Conservative party leaders are pinning their hopes on a sophisticated new marketing strategy to transform the Bournemouth conference into a springboard for a hat trick of election victories.
- FT: Malcolm Rifkind is leading a drive to woo voters back to Toryism in Scotland. Hopes are pinned on the reform of the rating system.

BBC CHAIRMAN

- Labour MPs say appointment of Duke Hussey is provocative and crass; Kaufman says a Labour Government would remove him. Alan Sapper says the appointment is a disaster.
- D/Star: "Duke" in top BBC storm.
- Sun: Storm over "Iron Duke" for BBC - surprise boss named. You have told him to restore BBC's political impartiality and give viewers better value for money.
- Mirror: Row over Maggie's new boss for BBC.
- Today: Labour fury over new chief at BBC. Brian MacArthur, editor and ex-Times, describes it as an "inspired" choice and wonders if Kaufman devoted even a few seconds thought before uttering his knee jerk action.
- Express: "We'll sack Duke - Labour fury over new BBC chief"; feature headed "Maggie goes for the grand old Duke" says he is a persuasive man, acknowledged to be a winner.
- Mail: Flak begins for new BBC boss. Appointment shook the BEC and Westminster establishment. Probably a shrewd choice. Reputation as conciliator and fixer.
- Times: Mr Hussey's appointment is seen to go some way towards Conservative demands for tighter control of the BBC.
- Generally supportive article on the inside pages says the BBC has become a stone in the collective foot of the Cabinet. William Rees-Mogg is full of praise for the appointment.
- FT background article says that in dealing with the media on the day his appointment was announced, Mr Hussey has already showed an adroit touch. Harold Evans welcomes the decision.
- Telegraph: Attack over new BBC chief who is widely held to be responsible for 12 month shut down of Times newspapers. Cartoon shows someone on your behalf handing Mr Hussey a can of worms. Leader thinks the appointment will turn out to be foolish. His reputation is of a man lacking steel and his credentials are unlikely to command respect at Television Centre.
- Guardian: An astonished Duke chosen to lead BBC; feature makes it clear a lot of people simply don't know what to make of it.

INDUSTRY

- B/Aerospace gets big boost with £2.3bn order for 100 A320 Airbuses from America's North West Airlines.
- Number of American tourists coming to Britain early this year fell from 1.45m in 1985 to 840,000.
- Bob Haslam, British Coal, tells miners not to rock the boat; the world is 'awash' with cheap oil and coal.
- Alan Sugar's Amstrad electronics group raises profits from £20.2m to £75.3m. Telegraph says Sugar is living proof you don't have to be Japanese or part of a multi-national group to succeed in large markets.
- Threat of all out Sealink strike in protest over suspension of Channel Islands ferries.
- Jobs of 1500 at Renault truck plant at Bedford at risk.
- B/Rail signs £35m contract for 31 new electric locomotives from GEC.
- FT: The new breed of drug stores which started to move into the UK high streets about 10 years ago has captured 20% of the markets for over-the-country business traditionally sold by chemists.
- Times: The Government has given B/Gas approval to develop its South Morecambe gas field at a cost of £300m.

BRITISH GAS

- Letters go out to their customers today offering shares worth £250 each.

ECONOMY

- Chancellor says the economy is in good shape and wants a full five year term. Repeats Government's commitment to cut basic tax rate to 25p in interview with Institute of Directors.
- FT: Deep disagreements between leading industrial countries on exchange and interest rates resurfaced yesterday as the US Administration emphasised that it had not agreed to European clls to stabilise the dollar.
- Telegraph says Germans in Washington are saying we shall have to foot the bill for their help in propping up the £.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Mail says a group of Labour councils in London is seeking a black lesbian to supervise girls at a hotel for homeless young women.
- Mail leader says a new Tory pamphlet shows that in 1984 five Labour councils spent £20m on partisan propaganda - a foretaste of what, after any Labour victory, could happen in central government on a far more grandiose scale.

UNIONS

- Independent report by Electoral Reform Society calls for re-run of CPSA general secretary ballot which elected a Militant.

MEDIA

- Guardian says leaders of the three opposition parties have promised to scrap off the record Lobby briefings if they became the Government.

HOUSING

- Robert McCrindle wants mortgage tax relief limit raised to £40,000.

EDUCATION

- Kenneth Baker confirms a 20% increase in student teachers by 1989.
- Times: The Birmingham branch of the NAS/UWS yesterday instructed members to boycott supervision of sports activities in more than 400 schools until the city council guarantees emergency telephones and first aid facilities at sports fields.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- D/Star, referring to Labour Party's debate today on neglected children, piles on the pressure for the appointment of a Cabinet Minister for Children.

EAST-WEST SUMMIT

- Today welcomes this preliminary, but Reagan and Gorbachev must show by their actions they understand the passionate desire of all their citizens for real results. News report says US nuclear test has cast a cloud over the Summit.
- Express leader says the unexpected announcement will have brought surprise and delight. But summitry will not in itself bring or guarantee genuine peace.
- Times: On the whole, America has reacted with approval to the Summit plans, but President Reagan is suffering some backlash from right wingers who believe the Soviets have won a round.
- London was rejected by the US as a venue for the talks, in order to restrict publicity and avoid security problems.
- Gorbachev is said by Times Moscow correspondent to be confident that arms agreement is near.
- FT: Gorbachev says the Summit should concentrate on the limitation of nuclear weapons.



RELIGION

- Mail says a Church of England report on race relations says Church activists should take to the streets because of the futility of talking to the Government. John Gummer calls for copy of report. Mail leader says the report is recommending resort to intimidation and blackmail. If a fraction of the zeal for revolutionary social change could be diverted into preaching the Gospel, the Church of England would not be in the stagnant state it is today.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- FT: The Government has told Northern Ireland employers that they should ask the religion of their workers if discrimination in employment is to be stamped out.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Black miners strike for 24 hours in memory of 177 victims of gold mine disaster.
- Times: President Botha said yesterday that compulsory racial segregation of residential areas and state schools would not be abolished in his lifetime.

LIBYA

- Times: Libyan Arab Airlines' twice-weekly flights into Heathrow are to be banned, a Cabinet Committee decided yesterday.

PEOPLE

- PC Olds, who was paralysed by gunman on duty, kills himself because he thought he was going to lose his job. Sun says thugs who shot him should be left to rot in their cells. Mail says "Let us never forget the penalty to which our police are exposed in struggling to protect us against a rising tide of ruthless lawlessness".
- Bodies of missing British couple, so it is feared, found tied together in field in Brittany.
- Adam Butler not to stand again for Parliament.
- Lord Kaldor dies.
- Telegraph says you impress academics who have been holding a conference on Thatcherism. Professor Samuel Finer, Oxford, says your place in history is assured because you ended the "30 years' bore".

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Turkish Minister for Education calls on Mr Baker

DTP: Mr Moore visits Plasser and Theures Railway Machinery works, Ealing

DTP: Lord Brabazon addresses British Tug Owners Association, Edinburgh

DOE: Mr Ridley visits Birmingham and Stoke Garden Festival

DOE: Mr Waldegrave speaks at Nature Conservancy Council Conference, Taunton

DOE: Mr Tracey hosts reception for World Hockey Cup, Banqueting House

DEM: Mr Lee visits Leicester and opens 200th Jobclub

DEM: Mr Trippier visits Bristol

DHSS: Mr Fowler speaks at Twelfth Annual Meeting of Society of Family Practitioners, Torquay

DHSS: Mr Lyell addresses Administration of Housing Benefit Conference, Scarborough

HMT: Mr Lamont addresses Glasgow University

DEN: Mr Goodlad attends Norweb PEP Awards, Charnock Richard

DTI: Mr Howard addresses Institute of Chartered Accountants

DTI: Mr Pattie launches Vanguard Initiative (Value Added and Data Services)

WO: Mr Roberts hosts dinner for German inward investment mission, Beaumaris, Clwyd

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Baroness Young visits Malta (until October 4)

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TV AND RADIO

"Question Time" includes David Blunkett, Roy Hattersley, Norman Tebbit and Shirley Williams; BBC1 (22.00)

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