

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen visits Hong Kong (to October 23)
Prime Minister meets Portuguese President
House of Commons returns after Summer recess
EC Research Council, Luxembourg
Home Office in conjunction with EMI launch anti-drugs campaign
BA privatisation plans announced
Mafia drugs smuggling case opens at Old Bailey
Design & Technology Exhibition, Wembley

PUBLICATIONS

HO: Statement on changes in immigration rules (15.30)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Social Services; Education and Science; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Unborn Children (Protection) (No 2)
(Mr K H Hargreaves)

Education Bill (Lords): Conclusion of Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate

The Transfer of the rail freight services from Harwich to
Dover (Sir J Ridsdale)

Select Committees:

Channel Tunnel Bill

Lords

Public Order Bill: Committee (on re-commitment)(on Part III and
Schedules 1 and 2) and Report (1st Day).

York City Council Bill (HL): Third Reading.

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTTEACHERS

- Express leads with your interview: "I'll break classroom wreckers" - you are to take on Left wing councils who bring chaos to classroom; your horror over antics of Brent which is employing race spies.
- NAS castigated for threat of industrial action on November 3 by Education Secretary, who describes their decision to try to put pressure on LEAs as "shameful and disgraceful"; Labour chairman of employers: "Immoral and unbelievable". Mail leader says the strike descends to the depths of professional shamelessness yet unplumbed.
- Express says children from poor homes have triumphed at public schools, making a huge success of the Government's assisted places scheme.
- Express leader headed "Maggie will bring sanity to schools" says your interview has brought hope to millions of worried parents who for years have watched standards decline. Tragic Left wing madness is nationwide. Your fight back for sanity and the British way of life is as welcome as it is overdue.
- Haringey Council meeting breaks up in chaos as eggs are thrown in parents' unsuccessful protest over plans to promote "positive images" for homosexuals in schools. Civic hall flooded with Left wingers demanding "gay rights".
- Mail says Brent's plans to employ "race spies" could be blocked if Home Office withholds £5m grant after investigating council's real intentions.
- Mail features the intrigue over the future of a Church of England primary school in Southwark where the headmaster has been suspended by the Left wing chairman after he was criticised by inspectors for too formal and competitive approach; parents accuse councillors of orchestrating campaign against head.
- Surrey County Council is recruiting "victims" of forced early retirement from industry to fill vacant teaching positions in business studies and physics.
- Government proposals to withhold supplementary benefit from Easter school-leavers entered for summer examinations will mean that the children will not sit their exams, according to youth organisations.
- Guardian says spending on education in England rose 9.8% in 12 months.
- The Home Office defends its decision to finance "race spies" in Brent. The Head of Brent's race relations unit says it is totally misleading to describe the 169 teachers to be appointed as race advisers (Independent).

INDUSTRY

- Austin Rover workers urged to accept £21 a week over 2 years - shop stewards in favour.
- Lord King intends to stay on to run privatised B/Airways.
- Holiday firms' price war cuts Greek holidays to £29.
- Bread expected to go up 2p a loaf at the end of November.
- FT: The US has replaced the UK as one of India's major sources of industrial and technical collaboration. America now accounts for one third of total foreign investment in Indian business.
- A Mersey barrage, costing £444m and used to generate electricity, would create 18,000 jobs, according to the chairman of the Mersey Barrage Company.
- Sealink men continue to occupy two ferries berthed in Weymouth.
- Leaders of BT's main union are planning to capitalise on the fact that management would not want the share price to fall on fears of disruption caused by a pay dispute.
- The TUC says the City of London has failed to help Britain's economy.

ECONOMY

- Prospect of oil price increase strengthens £ - and comes to Chancellor's rescue.
- FT: The collapse in the oil market this year has increased the chances that crude prices will rebound to between 30 and 40 dollars in current money terms, a barrel - but not until early next century, says Petroleum Economics.

ECONOMY (Cont'd)

- FT: 'Britain rejects Bundesbank call to join EMS', in spite of strong plea from Herr Poehl. There has been no softening in your position; West German officials have denied reports that the Bundesbank would stop cooperating with the Bank of England to defend sterling unless Britain changed its mind on EMS membership.
- Retail sales continue to ride high on the back of strong real income growth and freely available credit.
- The Chancellor hopes to press ahead with profit-related pay schemes in spite of lack of enthusiasm in industry (Times).
- Britain will not join the EMS according to a "non attributable briefing from the Prime Minister's press office" (Independent).

NHS

- Mirror continuing its campaign against Government policy says Norman Fowler's £3bn hospital building programme is a sham; "only" 138 of 380 projects are under way and it won't be finished until Mr Fowler is a geriatric.
- Independent says NHS general managers are to receive 5.9% plus up to 15% bonuses depending on complexity of their job.

UNEMPLOYMENT / POVERTY

- Government embarrassed "by leaking of secret report" which admits unemployment is likely to stay over 3m in 1990s.
- Today leader on Low Pay Unit/CPAG report on poverty says it has produced shocking statistics which are especially scandalous when placed in the context of the Government's obsession with lowering tax liability for the rich.
- FT, referring to report, says 16m people were living in, or close to, poverty in 1983 - a rise of 42% since 1979.
- Telegraph says UK 2000, Branson's clean up Britain campaign, has not attracted one business sponsor 3 months after launch.

MEDIA

- Sun says Alasdair Milne will not be resigning over the Panorama libel case; Today says Margaret Douglas and Alan Protheroe may go as well as Milne.
- Robin Corbett MP, in Today, says the day that BBC governors or its board of management slant programmes to please or protect politicians will be a bad one for us all.
- Telegraph says BBC TV and radio journalists are to consider industrial action if the BBC seeks to discipline programme makers in libel case.
- Times: Conservative Central Office have nearly completed a detailed submission to be made to the BBC on alleged bias in reporting the raid on Libya.
- Guardian says the chairman of the Young Conservatives had a meeting with Jeffery Archer yesterday at which attempts were believed to be made to persuade him to drop his criticism of the BBC's attempts to settle out of court; leader says the authority of British broadcasting in the future may hang on a clear re-statement of responsibilities with the BBC.

POLITICS

- Today has an "exclusive" about pressure mounting for a Spring election against your better judgement. You dismiss early poll rumours in Express interview.
- Labour Party regional HQ moves into Knowsley N where Kinnock is expected to impose his candidate.
- Express says Labour Party's refusal to recognise the UDM may cost it its seat in Mansfield; new union planning to put up an independent Labour candidate; prospective candidate is Scargill man.
- FT: Labour is preparing proposals which would allow local authorities to take all bus operations in their areas into municipal ownership.
- Labour Party is standing by its promise to reduce unemployment by 1m over 2 years in spite of public doubts that it will achieve this (Telegraph)
- Telegraph diary says Chancellor is now hinting he would like to be Foreign Secretary next and Foreign Secretary might be tempted by Home Office.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Association of British Chambers of Commerce call on Government to act against councils who make political conditions before giving companies work.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Today says doctors would be forced to play God in the event of nuclear war - deciding who lives and dies and whose survival would be useful.
- Mail says plan to trim 5p off child benefit allowance has generated Treasury/DHSS row.
- Mail, with exclusive picture of girl born to woman in coma in North East, says this modern miracle has been performed in the much criticised NHS; what a relief to change gear from grumbling to gratitude, to ditch the brickbats and send Middlesborough a blooming great bouquet inscribed simply "To the NHS with thanks".

HOUSING

- FT: Mortgage fears fail to depress house sales.
- The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors says the house price boom is over.
- Britain faces its worst housing crisis since the second world war, says John Cunningham, launching an all-party campaign for aid for housing associations.
- Sir Charles Irving MP says the Government's housing policy is obscene and calls for a U-turn to exploit the "mountain of available money."
- Jeff Rooker MP, in Independent, quotes a letter from you over a year ago in which you said a number of initiatives were being worked on but says nothing has happened. Leader says that the Government is not sufficiently aware of the success of mixed finance schemes and has recently refused to authorise housing associations to combine private and public sector finance. The "Right to buy" policy will not solve the problem.

IMMIGRATION

- Star writer says everyone should have visas to come to Britain and there are too many immigrants. Yet Labour is pledged to have open house.
- Express says "meddling, soft-touch" MPs are being blamed for adding to the misery and chaos over the flood of immigrants last week; staff union says MPs made their job 10 times worse.
- Times: The MoD has until today to comply with a demand from the Defence Select Committee for details of ethnic minorities in the armed forces.

LAW AND ORDER

- Two men who had a gun at Tory Party Conference thought it was imitation; fined £250 each.
- Mail says police are demanding new stop and search powers to catch criminals who carry knives - worried about an epidemic of street crime in which knives are used.
- Ex-Mayor of Liverpool says Toxteth is a no-go area for police with one law for whites and no law for non-whites.
- Telegraph on Tory East Sussex councillor who said that parents were to blame for the murder of the two Brighton girls says she said publicly what most British parents have thought privately since the tragedy.
- Photographer who died in Brixton riot was attacked because looters feared identification.

TERRORISM

- Sun leader says the Syrian Ambassador can start packing his bags today for if Hindawi is convicted his Embassy will be utterly exposed as what it has always secretly been - a command post for international terrorism. It does not believe you will take a craven stance because of a threat of reprisal.
- Plans for a "ring of steel" around the EC to control drugs and terrorists announced after Home Secretary's meeting of interior ministers
- RAF fly American accused of IRA offences and murder of London policeman from USA after he loses 5 year fight against extradition.

SOUTH AFRICA

- GM car firm to pull out of South Africa, blaming apartheid for financial losses.
- Independent says Foreign Minister Botha has invited the ICAO and Mozambique authorities to investigate the air crash amid unsubstantiated claims by the ANC that the South Africans were responsible for bringing down Machel's plane.
- TUC to urge unions pension funds to pressure companies to cut their South African links.

ISRAEL

- Israeli agents kidnap atomic energy worker who was revealing their nuclear arms arsenal from Britain.

MACHEL

- Uncertainty surrounds political future of Mozambique after air crash death of President Machel. Today says that what little hope Mozambique had of escaping from its slide into economic and military disaster suffered a heavy blow with Machel's death.
- FT: The main contenders for the Presidency are Chissano, Foreign Minister; Chipande, Defence Minister; Mabote, military chief of staff; and dos Santos, the veteran Marxist ideologue, who appears to have taken temporary charge.
- Right wing rebels say Machel's death will give them victory.
- ANC claims S Africa is responsible for downing Machel's aircraft
- Mozambique's economy has declined 40% since 1982.
- Leader says there is a serious risk that S Africa may take advantage of Mozambique's predicament by increasing assistance to the rebels in the hope of creating a client state.
- Times: Pilot error is blamed for the crash, according to SAG sources.
- Southern Africa has been plunged into political turmoil.
- Leader says President Botha's expressions of condolence on the death of the pragmatic Marxist he tried to turn into an ally do not necessarily ring hollow.

PEOPLE

- Star follows Sun in leading on "crisis developing" over Archbishop of Canterbury's marriage; Queen informed. Runcie under pressure to retire from Church and some Ministers. Bishop of London tipped to succeed; leader says the cloud will not go away until there is a full statement from the Archbishop and his wife. Inside feature: the flirting lady of Lambeth.
- Sun says Archbishop may retire 3 years early next year.

EAST/WEST

- Express says Gorbachev has told USA he might be willing to discuss some sort of SDI testing outside the laboratory.
- Lord Chalfont writes in defence of Reagan's performance at Reykjavik.
- The Reagan administration's attempt to put across a unified line broke down yesterday when Mr Weinberger announced he was opposed to any limit on testing SDI (FT).

EEC

- Times: Glasgow has been proclaimed European City of Culture for 1990.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Times: A "mini-Cabinet" meeting of all N Ireland Ministers yesterday reviewed government policies and the outlook leading to the first anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young opens International Design and Technology Education exhibition, London
- DEN: Mr Walker addresses Parliamentary Group on Energy Studies "Energy Efficiency Year"
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses Presidential dinner of National Union of Licensed victuallers
- DTP: Mr Moore holds press conference to launch BA privatisation, London
- DES: Mr Walden addresses NAS/UWT conference, Birmingham
- DEM: Mr Trippier makes presentation at British Paper and Board Industrial Federation Education and Training Council; addresses Small Business Congress
- DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith opens Gas-Oil 1986 International Energy Efficiency, Blackpool
- DOE: Mr Patten speaks at presentation of PA Awards for innovation in building design and construction
- DOE: Mr Chope speaks at tree planting ceremony at Royal Botanic Garden's new reference collection and exhibition building, Kew
- DOE: Lord Skelmersdale presents awards at World Wildlife Fund luncheon, London
- HO: Mr Waddington attends Women in Public Life Conference, Westminster Cathedral
- SO: Lord Glenarthur attends conference on occupational health for nurses, Edinburgh
- DTI: Mr Shaw attends dinner for the Korean Vice-Minister; gives interview to "Windows on Industry" magazine
- WO: Mr Roberts addresses Wales Investment Location Lunch for Korean industrialists, Cardiff
- WO: Mr Robinson meets Building Societies' Association liaison committee, Cardiff
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MOD: Mr Freeman visits Exercise Autumn Train, Gibraltar (to October 23)
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits Rome and Athens (October 22) - EC Environment Council
- DTI: Mr Pattie attends EC Research Council
- DTI: Mr Clark addresses Euro - Parliamentary Plenary session, Strasbourg
- HMT: Mr Brooke visits Strasbourg
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TV AND RADIO

"File on Four"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): Job creation in small businesses