

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets President of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Mr Lothar Spaeth

Princess of Wales attends reception for the British Deaf Association, London

National Housing and Town Planning Council annual conference, Bournemouth (to October 30)

Institution of Works and Highways Management annual conference, Harrogate (to October 31)

STATISTICS

CBI: CBI Industrial Trends Survey (October)

OPCS: Labour Force Survey 1985

PUBLICATIONS

DOE: New Towns Act 1981 - Report of the Development Corporation for year ended 31 March 1986 (11.00)

WO: Hospital waiting lists bulletin

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Education & Science; Defence; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Pig Slurry (Control) (Mrs E Shield)
Motion on the Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure

OPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS

Felixstowe Dock and Railways Bill
British Railways (Stansted) Bill

Motion on the British Railways Board (Increase of Compensation Order)

Adjournment Debate

Crime prevention advice to householders (Hon G Janner)

Select Committees: SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Subject: Student Awards

Witnesses: National Union of Students: National
Consideration of Parent Teacher Associations

TRANSPORT

Subject: Financing of Rail Services

Witness: British Rail

Lords Housing and Planning Bill: Third Reading
NHS (Amendment) Bill: Report

PRESS DIGESTEC/SYRIA

- Anger at failure of EC to back our stand against Libya. One half EC Foreign Ministers turned up. Libya calls on all Arab states to ban British aircraft from their air space.
- Star leader, headed "The cowards of Europe", says the Foreign Secretary might as well have stayed at home. He had to speak to the monkeys and not the organ grinders. And what we got was the exact opposite of "deeds not words". The greedy, selfish Frogs didn't want to know and if anybody deserves a wave of terrorist bombs its the perfidious French. The Greeks are the next thing to terrorists themselves. With "friends" like these in Europe we don't need enemies.
- Mirror: Euro snub for Howe over Syria.
- Today: EC turns its back on Syria terror.
- Express: Howe waits as an envoy (Syria's Ambassador) fears death. Friends say Haydar is extremely nervous after botching the El Al plot.
- Mail: Euro wimps let down Britain - deserted by our partners; leader on "The Eurofunk of the French" says the Foreign Secretary might just as well have ordered a shoal of jellyfish to stand to attention. Most sick making is the attitude of the French. While they affect to be unconvinced of the evidence against Assad they cash in by selling him arms.
- Telegraph: EC fails to back Britain on Syria. Saudi Arabia, days before official visit of Prince and Princess of Wales, regrets diplomatic breach with Syria.
- Times leader on Sir Geoffrey's failure to get full support in Luxembourg, says if Europe does not flex its diplomatic muscle now, it might have cause in due course to regret its inaction.
- FT: British hopes were fading last night for a united EEC front against Syria. A modest package is the best that can be hoped for.
- Independent: Howe gets tough with EEC on Syria sanctions; French deny that they are about to sign a £200m arms deal with Syria.
- Times: A day-by-day assessment of the risks facing potential British targets is being carried out by the Cabinet's Joint Intelligence Committee

JEFFERY ARCHER

- Speculation that you may not replace Mr Archer at CCO. Scotland Yard says it is investigating.
- Express leads with "Labour link to Archer scandal" - lawyer who hounded Jeffery Archer former Labour Council candidate.
- Star says lawyer at the centre of the affair wanted to be a Labour MP; failed a local election last May; Kew Labour Party want to disassociate themselves from him.
- Sun says the call girl in the case "tried to kill herself over the Jeffery Archer affair"; in another story he agrees that he could write a new best seller about his downfall.
- Mirror: Archer should have called the police, says his wife.
- Today P1 lead asks "Was he ditched?". It says Tory MPs want to know if Mr Archer was left in the lurch by senior figures who knew of his personal crisis weeks ago. Why was he allowed to become involved with a prostitute he says he never met?
- Express says the lawyer at the centre of the affair was apparently prepared to expose himself as an associate of the prostitute, risking his family life and undermine his prominent business position to bring down Archer. Throughout his dealings with national newspapers he insisted he sought no money as reward for the destruction of Mr Archer.
- Mail does a picture feature of "Coffee morning at the Archers" - and mentions more briefly the solicitor's Labour link.
- Telegraph: No rush to replace Archer. Another story says his lawyer is pondering legal action.
- Times: Calls poured into Central Office yesterday in support of Mr Archer. Most were anxious that he should still attend meetings in the constituencies; Scotland Yard's serious crimes squad have begun studying newspaper reports of the allegations.
- Geoffrey Smith says it is likely that Mr Archer's departure will prove to be a reminder that most political resignations are a nuisance rather than a disaster.
- Yard examines Archer papers (Independent p2).
- Guardian says Tory MPs appeared pleased by the reaction of party and Downing Street in refusing to be pushed into an early change at CCO.

TEACHERS' PAY

- A lot of coverage for talks.
- Star: Teachers set for a pay boon - blockbusting 16%.
- Mail: 16% for teachers but with strings. You are ready to dangle a £2.5bn bait in front of teachers but the conditions are tough.
- Telegraph: Contracts plan for teachers - Thatcher insists on pay strings. Government is considering introducing a new Education Bill as part of 16% pay deal.
- Times P1 lead: 'Cabinet split over cash for teachers' deal". Kenneth Baker has come up with a new package to settle the intractable teachers' pay dispute but faces fierce opposition from the Chancellor.
- Guardian reports pay deadlock over plan.

CHUNNEL

- Sun says the scheme is on the verge of collapse for lack of finance.
- Today says your Channel Tunnel dream is turning into a financial and political shambles, according to Jonathan Aitken who "condemns your direct intervention to rescue the scheme".
- Mail on Maggie's anger at arm twisting claim by Jonathan Aitken that you intervened to save the scheme from collapse.
- There can be no public subsidies for the Channel Tunnel in any circumstances, a select committee report on the tunnel bill will emphasise next month.
- FT: Article assesses the problems of finding finance for the project. Eurotunnel shareholders and senior executives yesterday were trying to rescue the international share placing, with the prospect that the project might fall at the first hurdle.

WESTLAND

- Times: Colette Bowe, according to the diary, has written her own version of what happened and deposited it in a bank vault.
- FT: Leader, on decision to limit what civil servants can tell select committees, says: "If MPs have any self respect they should make their views known in tomorrow's debate. Otherwise, a once admirable attempt at Parliamentary reform will have effectively been aborted by the very party which in its halcyon days sought to introduce it".

POLITICS

- Knowsley N Labour Party fails in High Court to block NEC's candidate.
- Sun welcomes news that Scargill may become Labour candidate for Barnsley. The names are piling up - Livingstone, Grant, Diana Abbott... the voters will have plenty of warning just what kind of extremist Government they would get.
- John Vincent, in Sun, says if his readers believe Labour's promise that there will be no tax increases for the ordinary taxpayer they will believe anything.
- Today feature on Militant plotting on Merseyside.
- Lord Chalfont, in Express, says the fearless investigative journalists of Panorama and the brave young censors of free speech at our universities should reflect that at the end of their road lies the kind of society against which the dissidents of Eastern Europe are crying out.
- Labour expels another Militant - Felicity Dowling, Liverpool district party secretary.
- Telegraph says you have decided to take a leading role in a pre-election campaign to identify the actions of the loony Left councils and the likely behaviour of a Labour Government - Labour in action.
- NUT considering further legal action on behalf of another member, apart from Miss McGoldrick in Brent, who has been discriminated against on the grounds she is a union activist and white.
- Kinnoek claims final triumph as Dowling is expelled (Guardian)
- Harry Ewing MP in hospital after fracturing a bone in neck after falling at banquet.
- Guardian says Brent is fully within its rights to take the McGoldrick case to appeal but was wrong not to reinstate her; there is evidence that racism by another name is now being practised in Brent.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Sun on woman who had breasts removed before it was found she didn't have cancer says even now, after all the obstruction in her fight for justice, we do not know the doctors responsible. Their belief seems to be that hospitals should be run solely for the benefit of doctors.
- Mirror pursuing its NHS campaign, reports a baby needing an eye operation who was turned away from hospital because children's beds have been axed to save cash.

HEALTH/WELFARE (Cont'd)

- BMA introduces new procedure to prevent doctors doing private practice in NHS time (Independent).
- Family doctors look set to reject "good practice allowance".

AIDS

- Today says the Government is at last showing signs of real concern about AIDS but its measures fall far short of what is needed, faced with the threat. Government action is complacent, inadequate and frighteningly negligent. The biggest threat to public health since the plague cannot be fought off with leaflets.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- Mirror report on the 12 "trick" questions jobless applying for unemployment benefit will have to answer to qualify - part of the Government's plan to fiddle the jobless figures below 3m - no mention of Select Committee recommendations.
- Mail says Opposition MPs are outraged at the new plans and Kenneth Clark will make a full examination of the new rules in the Commons today; leader says those searching for a job need not resist the questions. Only the minority who are workshy will feel that they are being prodded. It calls on Lord Young to explain.
- Guardian leads with "Work test for jobless to cut dole cost - Labour attacks Clarke scheme to 'fiddle' 200,000 out of claims.
- 'A winner with all the answers' is how the Independent profile describes Lord Young.

EDUCATION

- Express says Birmingham head teachers were in revolt yesterday over the ruling that they must stop giving children extra coaching for 11-plus selection; leader says the instruction is offensive. Labour has no qualms about sacrificing the potential of British children on the altar of Socialist ideology.
- NUT says long school summer holidays should be scrapped; this could deter vandalism.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Star columnist finds in the rate demands of Ealing Council the reason why Kinnock will never get to No 10; this council, he says, is making up ground fast in the race for the title of Crackpot Council of the Year.
- Mail says Kinnock will soon be counting his personal cost in Ealing where he lives, of town hall socialism

BIG BANG

- Much made of early computer failure caused, it is said, through over-use.
- Paul Johnson, in Mail, sees the revolution shattering socialism; he says Labour's refusal to accept modern financial works as Britain's best way of earning its living in the world is a form of political suicide. It is cutting itself off from the future.

- FT: 'The day the bubble burst' the first critical hours of the most radical reform in the history of the Stock Exchange ended in embarrassment
- Shambles as the Big Bang hits the floor (Independent P1 lead).

INDUSTRY

- Shell to make 700 redundant at Stanlow Oil refinery.
- Experts are still trying to unravel cause of Airbus explosion in Japan.
- Kuwait to launch petrol company, Q8, in Britain.
- Telegraph says the first full day of ^{bus}deregulation produced chaos in many parts of Britain, especially in North.
- Telegraph to move its HQ to Isle of Dogs.
- Shop floor workers at Leyland Trucks have overturned an earlier decision and accepted a 3% pay rise.
- Times: Bus deregulation day made a dismal start for many people. There was difficulty in recognising buses in new colour schemes, inadequate supplies of timetables and late running.
- North Sea exploration continuing at a high level, reports Telegraph.

MEDIA

- Independent: Government is considering extension of Obscene Publications Act to include radio and television as part of consideration of Peacock Report.
- Unpublished DOE report recommends Government-funded radio station for black music.
- Times: The BBC received legal advice four months ago that it was likely to lose the Panorama libel case but the Board of Governors was not informed.
- Distributors believe the Independent is selling about 375,000 copies a day.
- Today's circulation has been boosted about 30% by its new game "Scoop".

LAW AND ORDER

- Vicar on Humberside who is alleged to have preyed on young children found dead in his cell a week before trial; believed to have had heart attack.
- Prison officer being held hostage by five prisoners at Edinburgh.
- Widow of police constable killed in Tottenham riot asks Bernie Grant not to go to memorial service.
- Mirror says general secretary of War on Want is being investigated about claims that he spent £20,000 expenses on a life of luxury; he is George Galloway, Labour candidate for Glasgow Hillhead.
- Scotland Yard detectives planning to sue Sara Keays for libel.
- 16 more people detained by Strathclyde Police under Prevention of Terrorism Act, including 10 from Northern Ireland.
- FT: France to build 60 private prisons.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Times: Deep division within Sinn Fein over a radical plan to abandon its policy of refusing to take seats in the Irish Republic's Parliament may lead to a walk-out at the movement's annual conference.
- James Molyneaux and Ian Paisley yesterday announced plans for a big rally in Belfast as the main event to mark the anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. They denied knowledge of a Loyalist strike and warned hoodlums to stay away.

SPORT

- Maxwell says all creditors of Commonwealth Games should get their money if promised donations come in (Today).
- Independent: Robert Maxwell says he expects to meet Games obligations "in full", subject to donation of £300,000 from fund-raising consortium.

ORKNEYS

- Want to become part of Norway or Denmark, according to petition, because of Dounreay nuclear plant.

MIDDLE EAST

- Independent: EEC offers extra aid and trade privileges to Palestinians in West Bank and Gaza Strip.

EAST/WEST

- FT: West Germany yesterday stepped up efforts to forge a joint line with France over reducing conventional forces in Europe in the wake of Reykjavik.

SOUTH AFRICA

- FT: Nearly 40,000 black miners have gone on strike.

ARGENTINA

- FT: The Senate has approved a new defence law which specifically excludes the military from intervening in internal conflict.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MOD: Mr Younger lunches with Associates of American Correspondents in London; addresses Peace Through NATO dinner, London
- DES: Mr Baker addresses Parliamentary and Scientific Committee on shortage of maths and science teachers
- DEM: Lord Young speaks at 'Financing Tomorrow's Winners' Conference, Cambridge
- DEM: Mr Clarke makes opening speech at Association of British Laundry Services Industrial Relations Conference
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses National House Building Council Conference on home security
- DTP: Mr Moore opens RoSPA Congress, Eastbourne
- HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses the Food & Drink Federation
- MAFF: Mr Gummer addresses Committee on External Relations meeting
- MAFF: Lord Belstead addresses British Meat Manufacturers Association lunch, London
- MAFF: Mr Thompson visits British Turkey Federation, London
- MOD: Mr Stanley hosts dinner for Commander-in-Chief Royal Jordanian Armed Forces
- MOD: Mr Freeman addresses Anglo-American Community Relations Committee, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DEM: Mr Trippier hosts BBC essay competition awards ceremony, HoC
- DEN: Mr Hunt visits Lia Hall Colliery, Cannock; addresses Energy from Land Fill Gas Conference, Birmingham
- DOE: Mr Patten addresses National House Building Council Conference on the role of government, London
- FCO: Mr Eggar addresses Oxford branch of Afghanistan Support Committee
- OAL: Mr Luce opens Learning Technologies Centre, Civil Service College; later visits British Film Institute archives, Berkhamsted
- DTP: Lord Brabazon attends National Maritime Museum Conference, London
- DTI: Mr Channon speaks at Kangaroo Group Conference in Antwerp, Belgium
- MAFF: Mr Gummer addresses Committee on External Relations meeting, Brussels

TV AND RADIO

"File On 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): On young offenders