

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen attends reception to mark 25th anniversary of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, London

Prime Minister officially opens M25 motorway (Environment Secretary and Transport Secretary attend)

Shadow Cabinet election results

EC Consumer Affairs Council, Luxembourg

Economic & Social Committee Plenary Session, Brussels (to October 30)

Debate on Westland Plc, HoC

British Rail's Chairman's objectives agreed and published

Labour party NEC

Report on 'Marques' inquiry published

Result of Lobby ballot on non-attributable briefing

STATISTICS

DEM: Overseas travel and tourism (August) (11.30)

DOE: Bricks and cement production and deliveries (3rd qtr-prov)

DTP: New vehicle registrations (September)

PUBLICATIONS

HO: Rule 43 (Segregation of Prisoners) Thematic Review - HM Chief Inspector of Prisons publication

PMO: Security Commission Report October 1986 - 9th Signal Regiment (1600)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Foreign & Commonwealth; Trade & Industry

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: No Smoking Areas in Public Houses (Mr J Ashton)

Debate on Westland Plc on a Motion for the Adjournment

Debate on EC Document 4554/79 relating to Commercial Agents

Adjournment Debate

The Warminster bypass (Mr D Walters)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees: SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: Cultural Diplomacy

Witnesses: Sir John Burgh KCMG, CB, Director General
British Council; British Council Officials

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: The Tin Crisis

Witnesses: TINCO

Mr Giles Shaw MP

SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Primary Health Care

Witnesses: National Association of Health Authorities;
Health Visitors' Association; Royal College of Midwives

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: Cultural Diplomacy

Witness: British Council

Lords Housing (Scotland) Bill: Consideration of Commons amendments

Public Order Bill: Third Reading

UQ to ask HMG to what extent health and family planning components
are considered as part of development projects, bearing in mind
the high rates of maternal and infant mortality in developing
countries

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMURDER TRIAL

- Pops dominated by minimum 25 year sentence on adopted son who, "evil almost beyond belief" murdered his parents, sister and her 6-year old twins.
- Concern about police blunders in the investigation; D/Star lists 12 and in a leader says the conviction cannot be counted as a triumph for the police. At just about every turn Essex CID managed to miss all the vital clues. It is a total disgrace that there is to be no inquiry.
- Sun critical of sentence - it values human life at 5 years in prison.
- Mirror criticises "breathtaking incompetence" of the police. Today Essex CID should reflect on the horrifying possibilities of their self-satisfied and inadequate investigation.
- Express prints "catalogue of police blundering"; leader says the case puts the police in the dock. They must learn the lessons, for justice's sake.
- Mail says the conviction is no thanks to Essex police. They were alarmingly credulous and to call their work 'amateur' is an insult to those members of the killer's family who insisted that the police think again. There has to be a public inquiry.
- Telegraph: Without the shrewd observations of the family's relatives it seems certain vital clues would have gone unnoticed by Essex Constabulary.

SYRIA

- Britain will block further aid from EC after Hindawi, Foreign Secretary tells Commons.
- Sun says all the Foreign Secretary got from the EC was garlic and sympathy. Whenever we look to Europeans for loyalty and support they spit in our eye.
- Sun news report: Maggie blocks Euroaid for Syria.
- Today: Thatcher blocks £100m Syria aid; leader says Europe is wrong in its extremely feeble response. Now Mitterrand seems to realise that anti-terrorism is of paramount importance. The Foreign Secretary must not let the French wriggle away from this commitment.
- Express leader headed "The Shame of Europe" says our EC partners have just shown they are not at all serious about combatting terrorism. More displays of Euro-cowardice will simply ensure that Syrian assistance for terrorists continues. In a news story Express says French and Syrian secret services are working closely together to avoid another terrorist onslaught in Paris.
- Mail: Syria aid halted by Maggie. You turn the tables on the EC; leader: Good for the Foreign Secretary, no doubt with your support, in hitting back on aid. If anyone can worry the EC out of its Euro-funk he can.
- Telegraph says our failure to achieve more than a vaguely worded statement out of the EC was entirely predictable. The mechanism of EC political cooperation is inadequate to deal with terrorism; it may even have prevented action by some of our partners.
- Guardian: Thatcher takes EC to task on Syria; leader says the Government is not well placed to complain about the EC attitude bearing in mind we declined to get tough with South Africa. Thanks to your uncompromising approach to diplomacy, Britain was out of step on both issues.
- Russia yesterday issued a bitter formal condemnation of Britain's action. In an interview on Irish television, Col Gadaffi said the UK was harbouring anti-Syrian terrorists and Syria claimed Britain had suffered a damaging vote of no-confidence from the EEC.
- EEC officials accuse Whitehall of arrogance in trying to pressurise other countries into action.
- Times leader says the lack of cooperation is another example of how, even under Britain's chairmanship, the Community is not getting its act together.
- Independent: Abrupt changes in Britain's approach to Syrian crisis contributed to muddled outcome at Monday's FAC, according to senior EC officials. You are believed to be responsible for decision to push for far-reaching sanctions.
- FT: Syria is engaged in a concerted and subtle campaign to limit the damage done to its reputation over the Hindawi affair. This strategy is being helped by divisions in the Community.

TEACHERS

- Sun: Teachers face pay crunch. Ministers will tomorrow decide whether to bring in legally binding contracts for teachers; leader looks forward to contracts to hold teachers to their obligations and pay rises based on merit.
- Today says more school disruption seemed likely yesterday as the unions attacked the Government's provocative new pay offer.
- Express says you demand any pay deal should include guarantees preventing disruption.
- Mail leader says the bidding to buy peace in the schools goes up and up. The conditions canvassed are the minimum - the bare minimum - teachers must agree to in return for a pay deal so conspicuously above the rate of inflation.
- Guardian: Baker will offer conditional 16% rise to teachers providing they sign a binding deal on terms.
- Baker on verge of formula to settle teachers' dispute (Independent P3). His proposals would add £2.5bn to teachers' pay bill over next 5 years. Ministers are also determined to follow through by abolishing the Burnham Committee.
- Times: The Cabinet split over teachers' pay took a new twist yesterday with the DES reacting angrily to reports that the Government is thinking of legislating to impose a new package covering salaries and conditions on the profession; leader says Mr Baker should introduce primary legislation giving him limited powers to secure the better management of school resources.

POLITICS

- Slump in Alliance support to lowest level for 2½ years - from 26 to 17%, Labour lead by 2 points 41/39, according to MORI poll.
- Express feature on how a narrow Labour victory at Knowsley North can spell defeat for Kinnock - it will fuel Militant; Telegraph reports Militant fighting to de-select the moderate Labour candidate.
- Telegraph, following up Express interview last week, says you intend to stay on for a considerable time if you win the next election.
- British Social Attitudes Survey, according to the Guardian, shows that they have moved left since 1983 and support for Conservative values has declined.
- Guardian says the battle to break the Conservative hegemony over the M25 corridor is perhaps the single most important political contest of the next general election.
- Times: You intend to stay in office for at least 2 years if the Conservatives win the general election. And although you are not yet talking of a fourth term, it cannot be ruled out.
- Independent: Ministers are preparing to cut costs of agricultural support to farmers. Alternative uses for agriculture land being governed by Treasury, DTI, DE, DOE grimly code-named 'Alure'.

JEFFERY ARCHER

- Sun says the prostitute in the case boasted she was going to bring down the Government.
- Today says Jeffery Archer was talking about making a comeback last night. Praise for Mrs Archer from woman writers.
- George Gale, in Mirror, says / ^{Mr Archer} is very resilient and his chief political vice is his honesty.
- Express says the solicitor at the centre of the affair is in hiding in London.

JEFFERY ARCHER (Cont'd)

- Guardian says Scotland Yard has decided against further investigation for the time being.

WESTLAND

- Guardian says the Government will offer a concession over the Westland row - Ministers will consider MPs' concern about limits on civil servant evidence.
- Times: Geoffrey Smith says he suspect that today's debate will turn out to be something of an anti-climax. War weariness has set in. He doubts if you will ever be forced to respond directly to the continuing suspicions of misdeeds. But at least members should make it clear that they intend to safeguard the rights of select committees.

ECONOMY

- CBI Trends survey move optimistic about orders and output.
- FT: Institute of Directors complains that British tax legislation is often poorly drafted and riddled with basic flaws.
- Foreign-owned firms have reduced UK work forces by significantly greater numbers than British counterparts, according to university researchers (Independent).

INDUSTRY

- Gatwick now third busiest international airport in the world, having overtaken Frankfurt; Heathrow No 1 and JFK No 2.
- FT: Mr Pattie signals the privatisation of the British Technology Group, the Government agency aiding the application of inventions from academic institutes.

MEDIA

- BBC launching a recruiting drive to put more blacks on TV.

TRANSPORT

- Big crackdown on Christmas drinking - no repetition of softly, softly campaign of recent years.
- Times says that at any one time, British Rail has 7% of its 140,000 jobs unfilled because people do not want to work unsocial hours and are reluctant to work in the south east, a BR vice-chairman told the Transport Select Committee yesterday.
- After last-minute lobbying of financial institutions, the Eurotunnel share placing looks as if it will scrape home by today's 2pm deadline.
- FT: Eurotunnel has reached its £70m British target for its international share placing due to be completed this week. You rule out any Government money to support the scheme; leader analyses the question of why raising the money is proving to be so difficult, and points to poor marketing and institutional inflexibility.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Lambeth claims that Neighbourhood Watch Schemes are being used as a front for spying on lesbians.
- Mail says Ealing is now "to appoint an army of race spies in schools".

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Your response to Ralph Howell is taken to mean that you have ordered a social security crackdown on scroungers. Express says families on dole face £150 a week ceiling.
- Lord Young "amazed" by claims that new rules for checking availability for work are designed to rob jobless. Kenneth Clarke challenges Labour to say if it would hand out money to people not looking for work.
- Guardian claims that the Government was caught in an embarrassing and confused defence of the plan to introduce the new "availability for work" test; leader complains of a lack of compassion on the part of the Government; Independent leader says there is undoubtedly systematic cheating. The Opposition is not justified in making quite the political capital it has done.
- Times: Some pathologists have refused to carry out post mortems on victims of AIDS, according to the Journal of the Forensic Science Society

EAST-WEST

- George Gale, in Mirror, says the present nuclear balance between East and West is an extremely stable system. We all benefit from it and deep down we all trust it.
- Times: President Reagan has instructed US negotiators in Geneva to propose a 50% cutback in superpower nuclear weapons in 10 years and to seek the elimination of all intermediate weapons in Europe.
- Mitterrand is not against the zero option, but it depends on the context.
- Kohl says European security must not be uncoupled from that of America.
- Independent: US puts new offer on Geneva table. Its post-Iceland package includes the elimination of all ballistic nuclear missiles within 10 years and all medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

NIMROD

- Jim Prior accuses Americans of a "dirty tricks" campaign against Nimrod system.
- Times: Two senior French military officials, working from an office in MoD, are being handed all the technical details of Nimrod, according to GEC.
- GEC has launched political campaign to persuade Government to buy Nimrod (Independent).

REMEMBRANCE DAY

- Your 'deep distaste' for CND-Peace Pledge white poppies reported.
- Express: Maggie sees red over poppy war.
- Mail: Maggie joins attack on Peace Group's white poppies_
- Telegraph says you attacked the Bishop of Salisbury for his support for the white poppies.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

- Tony Benn says that 'scandalous rumours' about Dr Runcie's marriage were aimed at making him resign to enable you to replace him with someone "more acceptable".

CHARITIES

- Mirror says 4 War on Want officials who wanted an investigation into their general secretary's expenses have been ousted and replaced by supporters of George Galloway, general secretary and Labour Parliamentary candidate.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Mail says South Africa is believed to have seized "anti-apartheid secrets" from Machel's crashed plane.

PEOPLE

- John Braine, author, and Eddie Waring, sports commentator, die.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Qualities report the Lord Hailsham is blocking changes in the Diplock court system against the wishes of senior Cabinet colleagues.
- Independent leader says Lord Hailsham is wrong; Diplock courts have become a symbol of injustice.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MOD: Mr Younger hosts dinner for Commander-in-Chief Royal Jordanian Armed Forces

DEM: Lord Young makes 'Young Enterprise' presentations, London

DHSS: Mr Fowler speaks at CBI Pensions Conference, London

DTP: Mr Moore attends opening of M25

DTI: Mr Channon attends Aluminium Federation annual dinner

WO: Mr Edwards attends British Agricultural Export Council Conference, London

MAFF: Mr Gummer addresses British Agricultural Export Council Conference, London

MAFF: Lord Belstead attends Marden Fruit Show, Kent

MAFF: Mr Thompson attends Social Structures working group dinner, Bath

MOD: Lord Trefgarne addresses London Chamber of Commerce

DES: Mrs Rumbold visits Ealing local education authority

DEM: Mr Trippier presents National Small Business Efficiency Awards, London

DEN: Mr Hunt addresses International Symposium on Energy Management, Farnborough College of Technology

DOE: Mr Patten addresses National Housing & Town Planning Conference, Bournemouth

DOE: Lord Skelmersdale meets Norwegian politicians to discuss acid rain, London

DHSS: Mr Lyell attends Institute of Housing Seminar, London

HO: Mr Hogg speaks at County Emergency Planning Officers Study Day, Easingwold

DTP: Mr Bottomley visits International Bike Show; later addresses the National Federation of the Blind Seminar

DTP: Lord Brabazon attends National Maritime Museum dinner, London

DTP: Mr Spicer addresses Foreign Air Lines Association's 40th Anniversary lunch, London

DTP: Mr Mitchell visits Uttoxeter in connection with services

DTI: Mr Howard chairs Consumer Council Meeting

HMT: Mr Brooke attends dinner and concert to mark UK Presidency of EC

WO: Mr Roberts attends Aluminium Federation dinner, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits The Hague then onto Brussels (to October 30)

TV AND RADIO

"Mavis on 4"; Channel 4 (16.00): Our Public Servants - this week nurses are highlighted

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): Planned Chaos - the M25, Sizewell, Stansted

"Hailsham's Law"; BBC 2 (20.20): Lord Hailsham talks to Ed Boyle about the problems of running our legal system

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): Where do Britain's future defence interests lie?
