

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen visits new Swan Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company
Knowsley North by-election

Duchess of York switches on Regent Street Christmas lights

Official announcement (and photocall) of the engagement of
Mr Mark Thatcher and Miss Diane Burgdorf

Autumn session of North Atlantic Assembly opens, Istanbul (to
November 18)

WEU meeting, Luxembourg (to November 14)

EC Culture Council, Brussels

Announcement on Rapier contract (noon - Press Conference)

British Nuclear Test Veterans' Association petition, MoD

Inquiry into Kensal Green train crash opens

Lobby of Parliament in connection with 'Rapid Action for Conductive
Education' (at approx 14.30 hrs)

PUBLICATIONS

DES: Science and Engineering Research Council Annual Report

STATISTICS

CSO: Index of output of the production industries (Sept) (11.30)

DEM: Labour market statistics: Unemployment and unfilled vacancies
(October-prov) average earnings indices (September prov),
employment, hours, productivity and unit wage costs; industrial
disputes (11.30)

DTI: Capital expenditure by the manufacturing and service industries
(3rd qtr-prov) (11.30)

DTI: Manufacturers and distributors' stocks (3rd qtr-prov) (11.30)

DTI: Provisional figures of vehicle production (Oct)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Consideration of the Motion relating to Private Members' Time
Debate on the Address (2nd Day)

Adjournment Debate

The position of the Jews in the USSR (Mr R Mason)

Lords DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS - First Day
The Debate will concentrate on FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE

PRESS DIGESTQUEEN'S SPEECH

- Fuels election fever; Owen describes the programme as "a throwaway which can be disposed of at will".
- A great deal of coverage nonetheless for this "disposable" programme with attack on crime vying with your call for crusade against child abuse and defence for lead in treatment.

Treatment

- Star: Trial by TV on the way as part of your war on crime. Inside - At last a new law to curb the danger of goods. "Maggie to rescue of children" - a reference to the passage in your speech. And in the centre page a fuller account of the programme concentrating on your war on thugs, crime barons and sex attackers but referring to crackdown on big local authority spenders.
- Sun: Mrs T goes to war on the Kings of crime. You send Kinnock reeling after a double blast on the economy and defence.
- Mirror: Thatcher the vote catcher - using the speech as a springboard for election.
- Today P1 lead: "A right royal rough house" - the gloves came off for the longest election campaign in history with a torrent of abuse and vitriol. Few doubt that you are planning a poll next year. You brought howls of outrage when you said Labour's defence policy would "lead us down the road to a fearful and fellow travelling Britain". Two page coverage of Bills concentrating on your appeal to the nation to declare war on child abuse.
- Express P1: Maggie taunts Labour chiefs in defence flare up; it left MPs in no doubt this will be one of the roughest, toughest elections since the war. Inside - Maggie clears the decks for early poll; and Maggie joins child abuse fight.
- Mail P2: SOS by Maggie for child victims - with some of the strongest words you have ever used. Inside - Maggie's revolution on the rates - you are banking on major reform to win the next election.
- Telegraph: Gloves off as election war starts. Tory programme is kept light. Electioneering mood overshadows speech. Inside two pages of summary led by "Thatcher sets tone for election campaign".
- Guardian: Thatcher pins election hopes on defence. Summer poll expected after Commons onslaught against Labour.
- Independent: P1 colour picture across five columns of State Opening. Thatcher steps up 'nuclear' attack. Agreement at Westminster that slender legislative programme - dominated by criminal justice, teachers' pay and conditions, and abolition of domestic rates in Scotland - is part of planning for a June election. Inside two pages devoted to detail. Thatcher insists on maintaining nuclear deterrent. This the key position of your contribution to the Debate; will be the bottom line of talks at Camp David.

TREATMENT (CONT'D) .

- Times: 'Law and order tops package for the polls'. You also raised general election expectations by spending as much time on a withering assault on Labour's defence policies as on the legislative programme.

QUEEN'S SPEECHComment

- Star: Claims victory for its campaign on behalf of consumers with the Consumer Protection Bill.
- Mirror leader headed "A disposable package" says it was a Tory manifesto; window dressing of a package with little substance. Offers nothing to bring down unemployment. You could have chosen to put the nation first, instead you set a higher price on your continued tenancy of No 10; in a feature David Owen says the sooner the election is held the sooner we will start to tackle the real problems of Britain.
- Express: Maggie takes a big stick to the villains - but it has the unmistakable look of an end of term miscellany, which is nonetheless worthwhile.
- Mail says the scriptwriters left out the bit that mattered - "My Ministers reserve the right to ditch all this lot and call a general election"; Colin Welch says you seemed to get much the best of the exchanges with Kinnock.
- Telegraph says the idea that a Government's virility is to be measured by the number of Parliamentary Bills is absurd and certainly not one which your philosophy could entertain. The current one is a workmanlike exercise and nothing can be safely inferred from it about the date of the next election. You will be judged by your handling of the economy and such matters as teachers' pay.
- Independent: Leader includes spoof "real" Queen's Speech with the theme of an election within 18 months.
- FT: The debate emphasised the pre-election mood with a typical electioneering speech from "an ebullient and self-confident Mrs Thatcher". You embarrassed and silenced the Front Bench by quoting their previous confused position on defence. You continue to show an increasing confidence that you can win a third term almost certainly next year - October the most likely date for an election. For the most part, you are in charge of a "Government on the attack".
- Guardian describes it as a lightweight, disposable programme; little that is pivotal.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says the Government has ceased to be primarily interested in governing and exists so as to go on existing. Ministers do not understand why the Government is pleasing so many people; in fact they are incredulous.
- Robin Oakley, in Times, says it is a Queen's speech designed to ensure an untroubled session which will leave the Government looking in control of events. The lull in parliamentary activity is as important a factor in the better poll results as the Opposition's hash on defence.
- Ronald Butt, in Times, says the Tories' criterion for the next Parliament should be that the State should only do what is necessary, but that what it does should be done well and be well financed.

POLITICS

- MARPLAN puts Conservatives 3% ahead 39/36/Alliance 23; fourth poll in a month to show you in lead; Mail: Maggie in poll position.
- Sun leader, picking up Peter Walker's remarks about the growth in shareowners, says the target must be that everyone should have a stake in the country; that is the surest way to a prosperous Britain.
- Conservative student group ordered out of CCO and had its £300,000 grant stopped; new group, Conservative Collegiate Forum, to be set up. Express - Tebbit ditches the wild bunch. Mail: Tebbit purges Tories of extremist students.

- Mail says that a Brighton centre which receives public money to help the jobless is being used for a Left wing campaign against Government schemes to cut dole queues.

KNOWSLEY N

- Star says it won't be a walkover for Labour; Liberals are pushing hard.
- Mirror says Labour believes it will win comfortably, while Liberals say it will be a photo finish.
- Today, plugging the Alliance cause, tells the voters they do have an alternative.
- Express says both Labour and Liberals claim they are on their way to victory.
- Frank Chapple, in Mail, says only a whopping, thumping walkover success will do for Kinnock; anything else and it will feel like a loser.
- Mail quotes Liberal woman candidate as saying she'll slay the Labour candidate.
- Guardian says turnout is the key.
- FT: Poll suggests swing to Liberal candidate at Knowsley.
- There are growing signs that the Alliance has made substantial headway in the closing stages of the Knowsley North by-election (Times).

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

- Reports that he repeatedly hit an Express photographer with his briefcase, smashed his camera and left him bruised and shaken.
- Express, not unnaturally, leads with "Sir Robert blows his top".
- Star takes two pages, with 3 pictures, over his "amazing attack" on a photographer at Heathrow. Photographer says he behaved "like a thug".
- Sun: Cabinet Chief takes swipe at newsman - blow up over picture; leader headed "This un-civil servant" says it is not civil for one of the most privileged men in the country to lash out at a photographer for trying to take his picture. He needs to remember his place.
- Mirror: "Sir Strongarm belts newsman. Uncivil Servant blows his top in an extraordinary fit of rage."
- Today: Small piece about "Thatcher's top aide in scuffle".
- Express leader on the "Uncivil servant" says Sir Robert has much on his mind but his performance at Heathrow was bizarre. Sir Humphrey would be appalled.
- Mail with pictures: The Uncivil Servant - stormy knight from Whitehall lets fly with his briefcase. Leader notes that everybody does it and it should be said Sir Robert apologised. Most lesser mortals will find it most reassuring that under stress even a Mandarin can behave like a Red Guard.
- Telegraph with picture: Top Civil Servant in airport "brawl".
- Guardian with picture; Head of Civil Service in airport scuffle.
- Times: Sir Robert Armstrong was involved in a scuffle with photographers as he left Heathrow for Australia. He is said to have damaged a camera.

Times:

- Documents relating to MI5 and Peter Wright's career with the security service are said to have been handed by the Government to defence lawyers; but a - more accurate - story from Sydney says Britain believes it has already complied with the judge's ruling by handing over some papers at an earlier stage. A spokesman at Bob Hawke's office said he could not comment on report that you and Mr Hawke had discussed the matter on the telephone.

MARK'S ENGAGEMENT

- Star: Mark is to wed - official. Feature on 20 things you should know about Mark's bride.
- Today: Engaged - Mark makes it official.
- Express: Mark's girl is just an old-fashioned millionairess; couple share limelight.
- Mail P1: Engaged Mark to marry Diane; centre page Private Eye letter home by Diane to parents.
- Mirror: Pictures of Mark and Diane.
- Telegraph report from Dallas on the secret romance.

CAROL'S TROUBLE WITH TELEGRAPH (which doesn't mention it)

- Star: Says you are "absolutely livid" with Max Hastings.
- Sun: Thatcher's daughter's battle for job payoff.
- Today: Mrs T and a tiff at the Telegraph - Carol has demanded to be sacked and paid compensation.
- Express: Maggie's daughter bids for payoff. Telegraph's lawyers considering a payoff.
- Mail: Shadow on family day as Carol falls out with editor.

MEDIA

- Murdoch says 1,200 former printers have accepted the company's compensation; another 500 seeking to settle.
- Press Council rejects complaint against Sun for calling Hindawi "an Arab rat" - not unreasonable in the circumstances.
- Times: John Davey, director general of the Cable Authority, accused the BBC of a "blatant piece of self-serving propaganda" after a programme which claimed Cable TV would lead to strip-tease shows and other excesses.

RELIGION

- Church of England Synod votes to set up a committee on black affairs.

INDUSTRY

- Today says Vauxhall workers, at 13%, twice the national average, set a record for absenteeism at Luton and Ellsmere Port.
- Today leader says the City must guard its good name - only two weeks after the big bang it has suffered its first (Morgan Grenfell) casualty. We can at least be glad the offender was caught in the act by the City's security system, but he leaves a nasty taste behind him.
- Rover recalling 600,000 3-door Metros to fit them with new petrol cap after accidents.
- British Steel doubles its half-year profit.
- Independent: You chair a meeting of senior ministers today to hammer out a "countryside charter". Meeting follows ALURE review of agriculture policy.
- Independent: South East local authorities have failed to take account of likely growth in business in next 10 years, according to Coopers & Lybrand study.
- Independent: Falling oil prices could cost Scotland up to 32,600 jobs by end of 1988, according to Strathclyde University researchers.

INDUSTRY (CONT'D)

- FT: BSC recovery continues with £68m interim profit.
- FT: Government grants for factory coal conversion to end next year in spite of claims that they are vital if British Coal is to continue expanding its industrial market.
- Widow of oil rig worker killed in helicopter crash suing makers of aircraft for \$20m.
- Peter Walker damps down talks of coal privatisation.
- Times: New powers to force local authorities and nationalised industries to dispose of un-used land will be announced tonight by the Government. Up to 115,000 acres could be released.
- Times: A Gallup Survey shows that the British Gas flotation is attracting interest from 32% of adults.

ECONOMY

- FT: Sterling declines sharply in Europe as dollar continues to fall.
- FT: Publication of Autumn Statement confirms plans for big increase in public spending. Officials at two of the largest spending Departments have predicted that their Ministers will push for further allocations for 1988-9 in the next round of negotiations.
- Stockbrokers Williams de Broe, say inflation is heading back towards 10%

UNIONS

- FT: Conservative trade unionists to debate GCHQ rights at the weekend.

LAW AND ORDER

- Group of Tory MPs to seek vote on hanging stemming from Hindawai trial.
- 11 arrested investigating a £1m fraud of building societies; Mail leads with another story of the Guardian Building Society under fire for allowing a gang of Hell's Angels who carried out a £58,000 mortgage swindle to keep the home they turned into a wild club at Windsor, forcing neighbours to flee.
- Meanwhile, plans to diversify building society activities win overwhelming public support, according to Telegraph.
- Academic on official secrecy in Telegraph says that by classifying so much that is nothing to do with national security, Whitehall has undermined respect for secrecy itself.
- Times: At Peterhead Prison 5 sick prisoners were released from the cell block that 59 inmates have occupied for 4 days.

TERRORISM

- Sun leader on Greece's standing outside EC action against Syria, says it would be happier sharing a sack with a polecat. They (the Greeks) would be better suited to finding their friends behind the walls of the Kremlin.
- Times: Pressure is building up in France to know what price the Government paid for the release of hostages from Beirut and what further deals will be struck.
- Admiral Poindexter faces calls for his resignation over US arms sales to Iran.

DEFENCE

- Independent: Britain and US have signed agreement to build controversial new early warning radar system at Fylingdales. Question of when to make this public is on agenda for Camp David talks. The agreement was signed in Washington in October and may break ABM treaty.
- Independent: MoD's value-for-money policy towards defence contracts embarrassed by report from Defence Industry Quality Assurance Panel.
- FT: Arms industry welcomes more open competition in weapon procurement required by Ministry of Defence.

ISRAEL

- Times: Israel does not intend to give Britain a detailed explanation of how Vanunu was brought to Israel, a source in the Prime Minister's office has said.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Times: The SAG has agreed to release the "black boxes" of the aircraft in which President Machel died.

AIDS

- Government promises to warn the nation about AIDS, whatever the cost. Tony Newton raises expenditure on current campaign to £10m (Express).
- Mail says disused hospitals or isolation wards may be brought back into service to combat the spread of AIDS.
- Times: Health experts warned yesterday that the Government's AIDS campaign could overload blood testing centres; it will take at least two months to implement the campaign. The TV advertisements may fall far short of the explicit warnings favoured by the BMA, for fear of offending people.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Tom King condemns Ulster's new resistance.
- Times leader on the anniversary of the Anglo-Irish Agreement says that in time it may be necessary to go over the heads of political leaders to constituents. Otherwise, the agreement may live on as nothing more than an intergovernmental committee on security cooperation.

FALKLANDS

- Guardian says we are deeply disappointed by USA's decision to join OAS in censuring our unilateral imposition of fishing limits.
- Times: President Alfonsin will hold talks with President Reagan next week during which he will seek a public declaration of support for Argentina.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling addresses COPA/US Chambers of Commerce reception; later addresses Beaulieu Estate dinner
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses AGM of the Charities Aid Foundation
- DTI: Mr Channon addresses Export Group for the Constructional Industries; addresses Chemical Industries Association
- MAFF: Lord Belstead hosts COPA/US Chambers of Commerce reception
- DES: Mrs Rumbold opens new building at FE Staff College
- DES: Mr Walden visits Darlington College of Technology and Newcastle College of Arts and Technology
- DEM: Mr Lee opens London Enterprise Agency 'Profit in Store' exhibition, London; later addresses British Federation of University Women, HoC
- DOE: Mr Patten chairs Housing Consultative Council meeting
- DEN: Mr Hunt opens 'What is Energy Conference', Birmingham; opens GEC coalfield boiler, Coventry
- DEN: Mr Goodlad visits CEBG Marchwood
- DHSS: Lady Trumpington attends conference on security in the NHS, London
- DHSS: Mrs Currie attends conference on security in the NHS, London
- HO: Mr Hogg addresses NHS security conference
- DTI: Mr Howard addresses Public Relations Consultants Association
- DTP: Mr Bottomley presents prizes for the "Name The Wee Man" competition; later visits Cranfield Institute to discuss driver behaviour
- DTP: Lord Brabazon addresses British Ports Association lunch, London
- DTP: Mr Mitchell visits north east to publicise Government investment in transport infrastructure (to November 14)
- WO: Mr Roberts attends opening of National Trust Dinefur Park, Llandeilo
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe departs for WEU meeting, Luxembourg (to November 14) (Mr Younger (MOD) also attends)
- DEM: Mr Trippier visits Centre Parcs Holiday Village, Netherlands
- OAL: Mr Luce attends EC Culture Council, Brussels
- SO: Mr MacKay attends meeting of EC Culture Ministers, Brussels
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TV AND RADIO

"Advice Shop"; BBC 1 (09.45): Margo McDonald looks at the social security appeals system

"Open Space"; BBC 2 (19.50): Homelessness in the '80s has reached epidemic proportions

"Brass Tacks"; BBC 2 (20.20): David Taylor looks at Government policy on the medically handicapped

"Television and No 10"; BBC 2 (21.30): The second of two films: "Full Circle"

"Question Time"; BBC 1 (22.40): With Donald Dewar MP, Douglas Hurd MP, Roy Jenkins MP

"Anglo-Irish Agreement"; Channel 4 (23.30): Looks at the Agreement one year on
