

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister addresses Somerville College dinner, London
Prime Minister meets deputation from Local Authorities Associations
British Gas prospectus published

BBC Annual Report and Accounts

European Conference and Exhibition, "People and Technology - Investing in Training for Europe's Future" opens, QEII Conference Centre (to November 27)

ESAC students awards

DTI stand at "People and Technology" Conference and Exhibition, QEII Conference Centre - until 27 November

STATISTICS

DTI/CSO: Balance of payments current account and overseas trade figures (Oct) (11.30)

PUBLICATIONS

Launch of A/S levels pupils and parents guide (Advanced/Supplementary)

HO: Statistics of Domestic Proceedings in Magistrates' Courts 1985

HO: Offences of Drunkenness in England and Wales 1985

OPCS Monitor Ref FM1 86/7: Live births during September quarter 1986

OPCS Monitor Ref FM2 86/1: Marriages in England and Wales during 1986

OPCS Monitor Ref FM2 86/1: Divorces in England and Wales during 1986

PARLIAMENT

Commons Coal Industry Bill; 2nd Reading and Money Resolution Motion on Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales) (Miscellaneous Changes)

Questions: Social Services; Education and Science; Prime Minister

Business: Adjournment Debate
The effect of the oil slump on the economy of the Scottish Highlands and Islands (Mr C Kennedy)

Lords Pilotage Bill (HL): Second Reading
Debate on the Report of the EEC on Privilege and Immunities of MEPs (8th Report, 1985-86, HL 105)
UQ on the safeguarding of the British Art Market within the EEC

PRESS DIGESTMI5

- Sun: Judge sees our secrets in MI5 spy case; climbdown by Whitehall chiefs. Our position could be blown wide open if judge lets defence see documents.
- Mirror: Wilson rejects claims that he was bugged by MI5 when he was Prime Minister; in another story Campbell-Savours accuses you of ordering Civil Servants to ridicule Sir Michael's handling of the case.
- Express leads with report that Wright got £100,000 for part in Chapman Pincher's book; another story says the case is becoming a nightmare for you and the Attorney General's future is on the line.
- Mail feature on court case says the Defence lawyer is losing his grip and is beginning to learn that the British Establishment has the chilling ability to make the Mafia look like the Second XI.
- Times P1 lead: 'Backdown by Britain over MI5 papers'. We have agreed to show the judge sensitive documents referring to decisions taken in 1981 not to serve injunctions against books by Pincher and West; case is expected to go into closed session today while Sir Robert Armstrong answers questions about Gordievsky.
- FT: "Britain continues to stonewall in Australian spy case".
- Telegraph and others say Government and policemen put up a "wall of silence" over the case; [No 10 Press Office simply refuses to discuss the issue in open Lobby after breach of trust.]
- Independent: Ingham news blackout on MI5 secrets case. Your press secretary imposed a news blackout on anything to do with the Australian secrets case as an MP accused you of using civil servants to betray and attack Sir Michael Havers.
- Guardian leads with MPs pushing you to speak on MI5. Ingham takes the unusual step of declining to brief on the ruling because the Lobby could no longer be secure. Whitehall's difficulties intensified by Sir Robert Armstrong's description of Government information services's kite flying role.

POLITICS

- Sun leader on Star story yesterday that you are to sack the Chancellor because he is quarrelling with Cabinet colleagues. It thought the silly season was over..
- UDM votes to field their own candidate in Mansfield against official hard line Left wing Labour man.
- Today report of a former Liverpool Militant who is to give evidence about the Tendency to a Labour Party inquiry who has been beaten up by thugs wielding an iron bar; wrist broken.
- Express says that in a Wall Street Journal interview Kinnock said Britan has been the junior partner in the special relationship with the USA for too long. You have given too much sycophantic support to Reagan and the idea has grown we are "somehow the 51st State".
- Ann Clwyd becomes first woman chairman of Tribune Group.
- Telegraph feature asks what have you got against the chattering classes? having attacked the BBC, been miserly with the universities and now having angered the arts lobby.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- John Cunningham says Tory extremists - ie Messrs Lawson, Tebbit and Ridley - are the real wreckers of local government.
- Mail says Liberals have joined the Government in savaging loony Left councils.
- Survey by London Business School and Institute of Fiscal Studies says putting refuse collection out to competitive tender could save £80m a year, but the Mail says only 20 LAs do this, so the Government is justified in seeking to impose the obligation by law.
- Conservatives calling on Government to intervene against Brent and Basildon councils for using money from the rates to pay for party publicity.

HOUSING

- John Patten announces £2.75m package to help tackle problems on 12 crime-ridden housing estates.
- Independent P1 lead: Cabinet pulls back on cut in mortgage aid. Social Security Ministers are planning to introduce only half the controversial cut in mortgage protection for the unemployed in order to defuse the furore.

EDUCATION/TEACHERS

- Today says hopes of teachers pay deal were dashed last night by you; you insist on no more cash.
- Kenneth Baker, in Express, says he told head teachers last night that key aspects of the deal were unacceptable.
- A new ILEA teaching row over a book on apartheid which fails to put the white South African case - Harry Greenway says this one-sided book is absurd.
- Mail says Left was beaten last night in their bid to sack an old fashioned headmaster - Mr Brian Dugan, of St Jude's, Southwark; in another story it quotes Frances Morrell as defending policy of encouraging schools to teach youngsters about homosexuality.
- Mail reports case of a girl in Waltham Forest who has been told to find a new school because her parents don't want her to learn Urdu.
- Times: A trial of strength between the Government and the biggest and most militant of the teaching unions looks likely.
- Independent: Shortage of maths, physics and technology teachers is getting worse, according to HMI.
- Independent: Professional Association of Teachers and Secondary Heads Association urge Mr Baker not to "rush to judgement".

SOUTH AFRICA

- Barclays sells up "for commercial reasons".
- Media claims the pull-out is the result of a highly successful boycott of the bank by students in this country - Barclays share of the student market having fallen from 27 to 27%; Sun leader says the bank has been hounded by a ragbag of mischief makers and if anyone suffers it will be the ordinary people of South Africa and particularly blacks. But why pick on South Africa when Barclays has subsidiaries in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana?
- Today says British companies face mounting pressure to pull out after Barclay's decision.
- Express says morality has played only a small part in Barclays' decision; BP's decision to pump millions of rands into South African state schools that wish to go private and admit pupils of all races seems a more fruitful way of helping to overcome apartheid.
- Times: Conservatives attack Barclays for pulling out of South Africa. This is seen as the first move by British firms in the "trek from South Africa"; leader says "if the Barclays eagle has flown, a true concern for the interests of black South Africans requires that it leaves something more behind than a barren nest".
- FT: Canada is strengthening its stance against Pretoria. More Canadian firms are withdrawing; leader says while some economic purists may deplore the introduction of non-economic values into the market place there seems nothing inherently wrong in this trend.
- FT adds that Pretoria is quietly delighted at Barclays' decision. It has bought "some of the lushest acres for a song".
- Telegraph leads with South Africa fearing a mass exodus and Barclays' chairman rejecting Right wing claims that the bank was being cowardly in selling its interest; leader thinks the decision will have more immediate psychological than economic effects.
- Independent: Speculation is growing that other British companies will follow suit.
- Guardian leader says if anyone deserves congratulations in the wake of Barclays' decision it is the Anti-Apartheid Movement and its allies.

FALKLANDS

- Foreign Secretary offers to sit down and talk with Alfonsin but not on sovereignty; Alfonsin contemplates a UN presence on the Islands for a limited period.
- Star calls the UN grossly self important.
- Today reports claims by Argentine that you are trying to provoke armed clashes over the Falklands to help you win the next election; leader says the time has come to change our attitude; there is no future in refusing to talk. You should seek a settlement which respects the right of both the Islanders and the Argentines. It would be the best memorial the dead soldiers could have.
- FT: President Alfonsin said on Panorama last night that he would be willing to accept UN trusteeship over the Falklands for as long as necessary to reassure the inhabitants of the Islands that their rights would be respected.

INDUSTRY

- GEC and Plessey want to sell hi-tech communication systems to Iran and Iraq but you are against (Sun).
- Express says Lord Young should take note of the Institute of Directors' request for him not to approve an ACAS code of practice on disciplinary procedures because of the additional burden on small businesses.
- The CBI says there is nothing in Labour or Alliance labour law policies to give comfort to employers.
- Independent: Britain faces a desperate shortage of trained car mechanics, claims Council of the Institute of the Motor Industry.

TRANSPORT

- Times: Conservatives on the Transport Select Committee are to press for an inquiry into the feasibility of privatising B/Rail.
- Times: The Department of Transport has announced an inquiry into the abandonment of the bulk carrier Kowloon Bridge off the coast of Ireland.

UNIONS

- TUC votes 12-6 not to discipline EETPU over Wapping - Dubbins and Dean, print union leaders, feel let down.
- John Vincent, in Sun, says unions are not relevant to the key issue of the future - the fight to make the average family worth £100,000.
- FT: The Government is considering relating part of Civil Service pay much more directly to performance.

DEFENCE

- Sun says Kinnock, desperate to avoid humiliation in the USA next week, last night made his second change to policy; he will now allow Americans to keep British bases if they remove nuclear weapons.
- Today claims that secret plans are being made for America to stockpile thousands of tons of nerve gas at Greenham Common; leader says it is intolerable steps should have been taken in secret to do this. You must come clean about it.
- Express says Editors of Janes Weapons Systems claims the Soviet Union is likely to build up a lead over the USA in the development of SDI systems.
- Lord Chalfont, in Express, goes for Denis Healey "the indefensible" and the perils of this somersault on nuclear defence.
- Mail leader headed "Neil the Kid is gonna hit town" ridicules his idea that he has more affinity with the USA than you, pointing out that in the narrow minded and neo-neutralist Socialist Party there is a virulent strain of anti-Americanism.
- Independent: You announce that replacement information for "Protect and Survive" will be issued next month.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says Labour defence policy is by no means the lunatic farrago of piety and pacifism its more fanatical zealots and opponents make it sound. But is that enough?

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Star attacks reports that local health authorities are paying over the odds for outside doctors to man hospitals because of strict Government limits in recruitment to save money; economics gone mad.
- Essex Social Services director says Esther Rantzen's TV campaign against child abuse is a disaster - a case of heart ruling the head.

AIDS

- Government launches leaflet on AIDS and employment saying those who carry the virus should not be shunned by employers and workers.

LAW AND ORDER

- Heroin ringleader gets 28 years, and fined £200,000 or an extra two years; five other members of gang jailed for up to 17 years. Mirror wants him to serve every minute of it and the fines are inadequate. Express congratulates judge on fitting sentence.

- Police launch murder investigation after a young policeman falls 50ft to his death from the sixth floor of a block of flats in Stoke on Trent.

MOORS MURDER

- Police to ask Brady as well as Hindley to return to Moors for search for more bodies.

PEOPLE

- Archbishop Runcie injured - breaks 2 ribs in fall in his garden.

IRELAND

- Oil slick threat from stricken ship, Kowloon Bridge.
- Campaign for public inquiry into safety of this class of ship continues.
- Guardian leader says the similarity between Sinn Fein and Unionism under its present dismal leadership becomes closer to the freedom of the SDLP from sectarianism and any taint of paramilitary involvement all the more striking.

IRAN

- Express says Republican Party officials say Reagan will reshuffle his Administration this week and Shultz, Regan and Poindexter are most likely to lose their jobs. But Reagan says he isn't firing anyone.
- Times: President Reagan says he did not make a mistake over arms deals with Iran and will not sack anyone.
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EC

- Agreement cuts down noise of motor cycles.
- Times: An influential group of Conservative MPs dismiss your alleged plan to rid the Community of the food mountains by taking agricultural land out of production as "costly nonsense".
- FT in a letter last week to your fellow heads of government you appealed for a break in the logjam on removing trade barriers.

INDIA

- Independent: Security tight in New Delhi as Mikhail Gorbachev starts official visit.

SPORT

- Times: The Government is prepared to legislate to force football clubs to introduce membership cards.
- Independent: Front page says sporting leaders were outraged at yesterday's decision to freeze Sports Council's grant. Back page says you became embroiled as Sports Council chairman, John Smith sent you a personal letter over the head of the Environment Secretary and the Sports Minister.

MEDIA

- Independent: Mary Whitehouse tells BBC chairman and governors that Jeremy Isaacs, chief executive of Channel 4, would be unacceptable as the Corporation's next Director General.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young opens People and Technology Conference, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre
- DEM: Lord Young attends Historical Houses Association AGM, Kensington Conference Centre
- DEM: Lord Young hosts reception for People and Technology, Lancaster House, 6 pm
- DEM: Mr Clarke meets Inner City Ministerial Group, and appears on Radio 4's Tuesday call
- DES: Mr Baker presents prizes to Design Council School Students
- MAFF: Mr Jopling opens Milk Marketing Board's new research and development facility, Reading; later attends opening of Queen Mother Hospital for Animals, Royal Veterinary College
- DEM: Mr Lee attends reception and dinner for London Society of Chartered Accountants, House of Commons
- DEM: Mr Trippier at press lunch for MOD Defence Procurement
- DEM: Mr Trippier at launch of MSC's private enterprise programme, Nat West Tower
- DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at South Colchester and Malden Industrial Council lunch, House of Commons
- DEN: Mr Hunt launches Sutcliffe Catering's low energy plan for kitchens, London
- DES: Mrs Rumbold visits CGLI (City and Guilds of London Institute)
- DOE: Mr Tracey presents certificates of achievement for Community Sports leaders, House of Commons
- DOE: Mr Patten visits Norfolk (Construction Industry Training Board)
- DTI: Mr Butcher opens RSA's Eye for Industry Exhibition (design)
- DTI: Mr Shaw introduces IBB presentation to overseas media at Lancaster House
- DTI: Lord Lucas opens "Excellence in Engineering Design" exhibition
- DTP: Mr Bottomley attends crime prevention seminar, Home Office
- DTP: Mr Bottomley launches British Challenge team for the Paris/Dakar Rally, Dorchester Hotel
- DTP: Mr Mitchell officiates at opening of BR's remodelled Dorchester South Station
- FCO: Lady Young addresses AGM on Afghanistan Support Committee
- FCO: Lady Young addresses Anglo/German Association annual ball
- HMT: Mr MacGregor to address Brighton Polytechnic
- MAFF: Mr Gummer opens Women's Farming Union Annual General Meeting, Knightsbridge

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MOD: Lord Trefgarne attends press conference on small firms initiative

SO: Mr Lang gives interview on Grampian Television on 'Industry:
Scotland's Way Ahead'

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

HMT: Mr Lamont addresses the 'International Conference on Private
Sector Initiatives', Paris

TV AND RADIO

"Call Nick Ross"; BBC Radio 4 (09.05): Kenneth Clarke MP, John Prescott
MP and Richard Wainwright MP, answer questions of their Parties' policies
and plans for the long-term unemployed

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): The second of two reports from southern
Africa

"The Dump"; BBC 2 (19.50): The story of Fulbeck's protest against
drilling by NIREX

"Viewpoint '86: Back on the Frontier"; ITV (22.30): Can South Africa
avoid a bloodbath?
