

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

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X Prime Minister reports on the UK Presidency to European Parliament, Strasbourg

The Princess of Wales, Patron, London City Ballet attends a Gala Performance of 'Giselle', at the Theatre Royal, Theatre Street, Nottingham

X Meeting of EC Ministers of Justice and the Interior (TREVI)

X TCSSC Report on relations between civil servants and ministers (12.00)  
EC Research Council

European Ministerial Conference on "The Future of Television in Europe", Vienna (to 10 December)

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STATISTICS

OPCS: Electoral Statistics.

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PUBLICATIONS

HMI: Geography 5-16 in the Curriculum

OPCS: Legal abortions, June quarter 1986

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PAY

Local Authority Designated Chief Officers and Deputies; 5,400; claim for substantial increase in salaries and benefits, offer of 5.5% on average earnings rejected. Unions decided to exercise right of unilateral access to arbitration. An attempt at conciliation is to be made before arbitration takes place.

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: Abolition of Domestic Rates etc. (Scotland) Bill: 2nd Reading and Money Resolution  
Debate on a Motion to take note of EC Document 3705/86 on Food Aid Policy and Management  
Debate on EC Documents relating to Air Transport

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees: ENERGY

Subject: Corrosion at Hinkley Point A Power Station  
and decommissioning costs of Magnox Nuclear Reactors  
Witness: Central Electricity Generating Board

## COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

Port of Fosdyke [Lords]

Adjournment Debate:

Representations in respect of claims for compensation  
relating to the former Wolverhampton Group of steel  
companies (Mr P Ashdown)

Lords

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (HL): Second Reading  
Restrictive Trade Practices (Services)(Amendment) Order 1986  
Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions)(Amendment  
No. 2) order 1986  
Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order  
European Assembly Elections Regulations 1986  
European Assembly Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations  
1986  
Parliamentary Constituencies (Wales)(Miscellaneous Changes)  
Order 1986  
UQ on parallel imported medicines

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTMI5

- Mirror: 'Maggie "misled" MPs on spies'. Peter Wright says you gave false information about Blunt and Hollis. Britain has been completely penetrated by Russian agents. He admits he was paid £18,000 in advance for his book. Lord Pothschild, he says, was never a spy.
- Chapman Pincher may be prosecuted for receiving secrets from Wright. The Attorney General has the matter under consideration.
- Leader says the court action in Australia has shown your Government teetering between incompetence and farc. But Peter Shore's demand for a judicial inquiry into allegations that MI5 tried to bring down Harold Wilson is aiming at the wrong target.
- Mail: Teddy Taylor says there is an "unexploded time bomb" in the MI5 case. Other MPs, along with Harold Wilson, may have been victims of a dirty tricks squad.
- Chapman Pincer says when he wrote "Inside Story" in 1978 there were demands by Labour MPs for his prosecution. The then Attorney General found no grounds for action and he (Pincher) anticipates the same outcome this time.
- Wright says people in power past and present have shut their eyes to massive Russian penetration.

## MI5 (Cont'd)

- Express: Chapman Pincher says that a few weeks ago Mr Turnbull "telephoned me with some glee to say that the Labour Party would be calling for my prosecution and the prosecution of Lord Rothschild".
- Wright says Lord Rothschild told him that you didn't understand intelligence work. He believed Lord Rothschild, in setting up the meeting with Pincher, must have had at least tacit approval from on high.
- Lord Chalfont says Government and the courts should deal far more rigourously with people who undertake to work in a secret service and then betray that trust for any reason.
- Sun: 'Mrs T was conned by MI5 liars'.
- Star: You have ordered a major shake-up of the Security Services (seems to refer to random checks at GCHQ).
- 'Thatcher misled House, claims Wright.
- Times: Kinnock to face MPs on spy book allegations.
- Independent: Pincher may now face charges over spy book. Thatcher accused as the spycatcher puts his case. Government has promised to say today whether it will accept Turnbull's offer. Prime Minister also to be questioned by Labour over claims that MI5 may have stolen membership records of Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons. Leader calls for a judicial inquiry of events of a decade ago.
- Telegraph says Peter Wright has accused you and your ministers of shutting your eyes to widespread Russian infiltration and subversion in Britain. He also accuses you of making a false Commons statement about Sir Roger Hollis and a 'gravely misleading' statement about Sir Anthony Blunt.
- Guardian: "MPs misled by Thatcher" says Wright. His memoirs "attempt to end mass spy penetration". Inside, extracts from his affidavit conclude that Britain's leaders have shut their eyes to spy problem.
- Telegraph reports you made clear your confidence and support for Sir Robert Armstrong at your first meeting with him yesterday hallowing his return from Australia.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Star: Leader says there were too many smug, complacent faces. Europe continues to squander its wealth, creating food mountains that nobody is allowed to eat.
- You would consider topping up budget for EC in an emergency but are resisting such a move in Britain's regular contributions to the EC. X
- Times: You dismay some Conservative MPs by not ruling out an emergency EC budget. X
- Independent: Michael Jopling threatens EEC colleagues with sleepless nights until they agree emergency proposals to halt over-production of milk and beef. X
- Guardian: You admit EEC may need emergency cash to avoid bankruptcy within the next year.

POLITICS

- Express: Mr Tebbit flies to America today determined to rub salt in Neil Kinnock's non-nuclear defence rules.
- Times: John Ryman MP threatens to resign because of slipshod investigation into Militant activities in his constituency party.
- Times: Liberals call for 'Alternative Medicine' to be incorporated into NHS disciplines.

BRITISH GAS ×

- Telegraph says British Gas broke Stock Market records as Government's biggest privatisation stock made a better-than-expected debut at start of official dealings.
- Mirror: The millions of people who bought shares in British Gas look certain to make a handsome profit. The shares opened at a hefty 17p premium, later falling to 12p.
- Mail: 'Smiles all round as Sid's shares show a first-day profit of 17p'.
- Leader says a Labour Government is pledged to renationalise Gas. "And what, precisely, would that do for the value of these assets in which so many of the nation's citizens have invested? If you see Neil - ask him!!.
- Sun: 'Sid's Quids in!'.
- Star: 'Gas shares deal 31% profit on day one'.

INDUSTRY

- Times: Agreement close on reductions in Greek cement imports. ✕
- FT: Japanese airline to buy 10 Airbuses.
- FT: Fall of sterling and seasonal rise in electricity prices increased industry's import costs last month.
- Independent: Sizewell report due to be delivered in middle of next month and Peter Walker says the full report will be published in February.

ECONOMY

- FT: Bank of France raises interest rates by 1%.
- FT: Europe nominates two for IMF post.
- FT: Retail sales and credit remain buoyant.

UNIONS

- Today: Moderate TCGWU Chairman, Brian Nicholson, says he has suffered six months of attacks by Communists and Militants.
- Times: Leader says Ministers anxiously watching outcome of CPSA General Secretary ballot since if Mr Macreadie is elected, Whitehall disruption prospects will sharply increase.

PEOPLE

- Today: Feature on Arthur Scargill says that 5 years ago today he was elected president of the NUM. "Now the union is half its size, bankrupt and demoralised".

MEDIA

- FT: Greater journalistic self-discipline urged over Lobby briefings.
- Independent: Ingham 'speaks for the whole Government'. Text of his evidence to the Lobby inquiry team published in full. Leader says the paper has renounced the mass Lobby briefing system because it panders to bad habits. Mr Ingham is doing his job. It is up to individual newspapers and their journalists to decide whether they wish to help him in his task.
- Guardian: Lobby journalists would be made to sign oaths of secrecy for attending briefings by Mr Ingham. Guardian publishes full text of Mr Ingham's evidence to the Lobby inquiry and much of the Lobby's report. Leader says Mr Ingham may be the villain of this particular piece, but he cannot be held responsible for yesterday's report. Yesterday's bottom line is simple: more not less secrecy.

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EDUCATION

- Mirror: The NAS/UWT says Mr Baker's plans for a national curriculum are a recipe for chaos.
- Mail: A father is suing Kent County Council for allegedly allowing a teacher to stage black magic rituals in class, disturbing his son.
- Leader says Mr Baker's administrative revolution can't come soon enough.
- Black students at Willesden Technical College, whose science department head is the subject of Brent's latest racist witch-hunt, have backed him and the rest of the Department.
- Mr Baker has demanded a report on the Willesden affair.
- Sun: The NUT is to challenge in international law the Government's right to impose a pay deal.
- FT: Government unmoved by teachers' pay deal threat.
- Times leader concludes that Central funding may be the only way of implementing Mr Baker's desire to make schools responsible to the needs of parents, children and nation.
- Telegraph says head teachers have warned they will not cooperate with performance tests for teachers planned to start in January unless an acceptable teachers' pay package is signed.
- Telegraph leader says Government had little option to move towards a core curriculum for pupils if it was to retain credibility. Evidence has been mounting of children leaving school with levels of literacy and general knowledge that rendered them unemployable. It would be a national disgrace as well as carelessness of the highest order were nothing to be done to turn the tide.
- Guardian: Baker hardens stance on forced teachers' deal. 'Government determined to close this sorry business'.
- Telegraph: Tarmac PLC is considering investing several hundred thousand pounds in establishing a city technology college in the Wolverhampton area. It would be among the first workable schemes for a new type of secondary school with special emphasis on mathematics and engineering.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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- Express: Hounslow Council is attacked by the Tory leader for planning to give £1,000 to a campaign over the death of a Hell's Angel in police custody.
  - FT: Government taking steps to prevent future public inquiries from lengthy protractedions.



HOUSING

- Mail: Dr Rod Hackney, controversial adviser to the Prince of Wales, is to be the next president of the RIBA.
- FT: Mr Patten rejects Centre for Policy Studies' scheme aimed at promoting the private rented sector.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Times: Alistair Burt MP launches new attempt to ban use of human embryos in scientific research.
- Independent: Up to a dozen English health authorities are considering contracting out kidney dialysis to private operators, following success of pilot schemes.

AIDS

- Times: Some dentists refusing to treat suspected AIDS victims.
- 8 - Express: A startling series on AIDS heads ITV's winter programmes.

LAW AND ORDER

- Mirror: A girl aged 9, claims she was raped by a doctor.
- Mail: An 89-year-old blind widow in Leeds was beaten up by an intruder.
- 8 - Times: Government could be forced to tighten Consumer Protection Bill.
- Times: Newspaper editors call on Home Office to make coroners publicise proceedings in advance of hearings.

DEFENCE

- Mail: George Younger told MPs last night that the Government would support legislation to remove the Crown's immunity from civil proceedings by servicemen and women.
- Today: 'Justice at last for our future heroes'.
- X - FT: Britain wins \$10m worth of Star Wars research contracts.
- FT: A future Labour Government might revoke any contract that the present Government signs with Boeing on AEW systems.
- Times: Britain's Armed Forces win right to sue Crown for personal injury.
- Independent: Defence industry sources suggest that neither Nimrod nor AWACS meets RAF specification.
- Guardian: Boeing denies that it has ever employed Sir Gordon Reece.
- Telegraph: Servicemen are to be given the right to sue the Crown in personal injury cases.

AWACS

- Mail: Article by Steven Broadbent, editor of Jane's Avionics, says: "Going with Nimrod secures much wealth, prestige and continuing high technology right across the board for the nation. Buying AWACS hands all that on a plate to America. For ever."
- Star: A multi-million pound scandal of wasted taxpayers' money is set to rock the Government. No matter if the British or American design is chosen, the public will lose. George Younger will recommend AWACS to OD this week. A decision is expected on December 18.

NORTHERN IRELAND*Paisley,*

- ✓ - FT: Talks fail to resolve Ulster courts issue.
- ✗ - Independent: Government has signalled its intention to reject Dublin's demand for the introduction of three-judge panels.

ROYAL FAMILY

- Today: The Queen yesterday sanctioned a statement that Prince and Princess Michael of Kent were not summoned to the Palace to explain themselves.

FRANCE

- Mirror: French students are to press ahead with their protests despite Chirac's decision yesterday to give in to them by withdrawing his education reforms which sparked off riots.
- Mail: "Total surrender!".
- Express: 'Chirac bows to riot mobs'.
- Guardian: Chirac kills education reform bill in reluctant surrender.
- Telegraph: French government, stunned by violent demonstrations, has withdrawn the Bill to restrict university entry which started the trouble

SOUTH AFRICA

- Star: The SAC admits it is holding 256 children under the state of emergency laws.
- Independent: US defies South African arms embargo with planned shipment of covert military aid to Unita rebels in Angola.

IRAN

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- Mirror: James Kelly, US Ambassador in Lebanon, worked in secret to help President Reagan's aides to sell arms to Iran, says George Shultz. Shultz, who claims he knew nothing about this, has recalled Kelley for an explanation.
- Mail: 'Angry Shultz says: I was kept in the dark'.
- Guardian: Shultz recalls US Ambassador (to Lebanon) after new hostage disclosures.
- Telegraph: Front page lead says American Secretary of State Mr Shultz was shocked to hear of the arms-for-hostages deal and had recalled the US Ambassador in Lebanon, John Kelly, after learning of the deal.

EAST/WEST

- Times: Picture of you and Mr Weinberger.

RUSSIA

- Guardian: An "exclusive" says that Soviet factories and industries are to be given right to buy and sell goods and services.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC) .

- DEM: Lord Young opens tourism conference and later accepts the Plain English awards on behalf of DEM
- DEM: Lord Young at Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Dinner, Guildhall
- DES: Mr Baker visits Essex local education authority
- HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses the Westminster Industrial Brief and later the Portcullis Club
- HO: Mr Hurd speaks at the 216th Gimcrack dinner at York Racecourse and later chairs the Trevi conference of EC Interior Ministers
- DEM: Mr Lee closes UK conference on women and training
- DES: Mrs Rumbold presents Trident project certificates
- DES: Mr Dunn attends Royal Commonwealth Society Dinner
- DHSS: Mr Newton plants tree at Medway Hospital Site, Gillingham, Kent
- DHSS: Mrs Currie attends Womans National Cancer Control Campaign, Cafe Royal
- DOE: Mr Patten attends Urban Housing Renewal Unit advisory meeting and later speaks at the Building Partnership Conference at the Midlands Study Centre, London
- DOE: Lord Skelmesdale visits Old Oak Common with Channel Fixed Link Group
- DOE: Mr Chope visits the Midlands (PSA Regional visit)
- DTI: Mr Butcher opens British Interactive Video Association Conference, Brighton (Information Technology)
- DTI: Mr Pattie chairs EC Research Council
- DTI: Mr Fairclough on BBC R4 "Science Now"
- DTP: Mr Bottomley visits Automotive and Aviation Safety Products Ltd, Carlisle
- DTP: Mr Spicer performs ceremony to start work on new terminal facility at Norwich Airport
- FCO: Mr Renton addresses Royal College of Defence Studies
- FCO: Lady Young addresses Foreign Affairs Forum
- HO: Mr Hogg visits Broadmoor and later attends the Superintendents' Association Executive Dinner, Scotland Yard
- OAL: Mr Luce speaks at Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme reception
- MAFF: Lord Belstead attends farewell lunch to the German Agricultural Attache, German Embassy
- MOD: Lord Trefgarne hosts lunch for North Atlantic Association
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Mr Renton departs for India (to December 12)

HO: Mr Mellor attends the European Ministerial Conference on "The  
Future of Television in Europe", Vienna (to December 10)

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TV AND RADIO

"Call John Howard"; BBC Radio 4 (09.05)

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20)

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