

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends memorial service for Stuart Young at Guildhall

Foreign Secretary's Presidency report to European Parliament

Deadline for Amanullah Khan's appeal against deportation

Labour launch new defence policy package

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PUBLICATIONS

Economic progress report

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STATISTICS

Control of immigration statistics, 3rd quarter 1986

Statistical bulletin - liquor licensing

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PAY

DES: Mr Baker meets Councillor Pearman re teachers pay

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Trade and Industry; Environment

Select Committees: SCOTTISH AFFAIRS

Subject: Hospital Provision

Witness: Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State, Scottish Office

WELSH AFFAIRS

Subject: The Commissioner for Local Administration in Wales

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ENERGY

Subject: Reports and Accounts

Witness: British Nuclear Fuels plc

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Financial Reporting to Parliament

Witness: Mr Robin Butler, HM Treasury

SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Primary Health Care

Witnesses: Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales; National Consumer Council

Business: Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Adjournment Debate:

County Council smallholdings - the case of Mr Eric Stanhope (Mr N Winterton)

Lords

Short Debate to call attention to the economic and social implications of the housing situation

Short Debate to call attention to the measures announced by the Government to combat AIDS, to the research dimension, and to the problems of care and treatment posed by the disease.

UQ to ask HMG whether it remains their view that the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty should be strengthened and if so how.

MINISTERS \_ See AnnexPPFSS DIGEST

LABOUR'S DEFENCE POLICY - glossy presentation today. Possibility of backlash from Labour moderates.

- You scorn unilateralist policy and Norman Tebbit attacks Labour Party from USA.
- Harris Poll reveals the non nuclear policy is fast becoming a major vote loser (Express).
- Star: Kinnock to scrap nukes in hours - plans to rip a gaping hole in Britain's nuclear shield, undeterred by opposition in the USA.
- Mirror says Kinnock will totally reject Tory claims that his policy would leave Britain undefended.
- Today, under heading "Unrealistic, dangerous nonsense" says Labour's MARK II policy is as flawed, muddled, unrealistic and unacceptable as the original. It needs to change its defence tune very quickly if it wants to win the next election.
- Express leader asks "if Healey is set to explode the nuclear myth?" The public would like to know what he thinks of the proposals to scrap Trident etc. After all, there is genuine confusion. If he maintains his cowed silence it will be clear the Labour Party will have become incapable of formulating a sane defence policy.
- Guardian says Conservatives mounted a carefully orchestrated assault on Labour's non-nuclear defence policy on the eve of its launch. And Tebbit takes non-nuclear defence fight to US.
- Speaking in New York, Mr Tebbit said Labour's policies would lead to appeasement in Europe, isolation in America and an increased risk of war (Times).
- Telegraph says George Younger upstaged Kinnock's policy of stronger conventional forces by safeguarding the future of the Marines by extending the life of Fearless and Intrepid.

YOUR BROADCAST

- Sun says you celebrated a huge opinion poll lead by revealing your contempt for Kinnock.
- Today takes in interview on political story with reference to your not being able to stand people who play party politics with deeper issues like defence and security.
- Express incorporates it in its front page political lead - your anger at the way Kinnock has handled the MI5 spy case finally exploded.
- Mail P2: Maggie takes Kinnock's defence line by storm - you put your own question mark over Kinnock's fitness to rule the country after he played politics with defence and national security, personalising your differences with him as never before.
- Telegraph P1: You scorn Kinnock's defence policy and reveal the depths of your personal animosity to Kinnock.
- Times: You said that the British people would decide if Mr Kinnock was fit to be trusted with the security of the nation.
- FT: You attack Mr Kinnock's attitudes on security matters, support President Reagan and welcome the Party's six point lead in polls.

POLITICS

- Conservatives given biggest lead for 2 years - 6 points / ahead (41/35/Alliance 22)
- Labour Party fails to persuade John Eyman MP to withdraw his threat to resign his seat over Militant infiltration.
- Star, under heading "Where's the Opposition?" says seldom can Britain have been served so badly by such a rag, tag and bobtail Opposition. Labour's feeble ineptitude will be revealed today with publication of a defence policy which won't work and the Alliance can't even agree one.
- Today: Kinnock sent reeling by poll; gloom among Labour over damage non-nuclear policy is doing to them.
- Express leads with "Maggie on the launch pad" - defence rap for Kinnock as poll gives Tories a boost; if you keep this up, pressure for an early summer poll will be irresistible
- Mail leader says Kinnock may pose as a man of the people. But this political lightweight who one week scampers to the telephone to be briefed by Wright's lawyer and the next week scurries off to America to peddle Labour's indefensible defence policy, shows an ever deeper ignorance of what men and women on these island expect in one who would lead them.
- Times: Frank Johnson: "Neil Kinnock, the 44-year-old Welshman reported lost in America, suddenly appeared in Britain yesterday. But he refused to talk of his 8-day ordeal at the hands of senators, congressmen and opinion-formers, who seemed not to know who he was.
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- Independent: Labour's Stan Orme goes to Nottinghamshire next month to try to avert possible move by UDM to field a general election candidate against Labour's left-wing nominee.
- Leon Brittan says the Conservatives must change their tactics towards the Alliance to avoid the defection of Tory waverers.
- Mail's front page refers to a letter Kinnock wrote 4 years ago supporting lowering legal age for homosexuality from 21 to 16.

YOUR VISIT TO STRASBOURG

- Star: Paisley fury silences Maggie.
- Sun, with picture of Paisley standing by you with a poster has story headed "Paisley shouts down Maggie"; leader headed "Just belt up Reverend Big Mouth", says Paisley is a disgrace to himself, his church and to the people of Ulster.
- Mirror: small piece on P2 "Maggie is silenced".
- Today with picture, Paisley protest halts Thatcher.
- Express: 11 lines on "Paisley in Euro-row".
- Mail: Boot for Paisley in Mrs Thatcher demo.
- Telegraph, big piece with picture "Thatcher attacks EC failure to tackle problems" - you delivered to bemused Euro MPs a scathing attack on "unreadiness" of Britain's EC partners and Commission to tackle the real problems of the Community.
- Guardian devotes most space to "Demon King" Paisley in Euro limelight - recording the early opening of the panto season in Strasbourg. Another piece is headed "Thatcher hits back at EC critics of British policy". Your response to debate shocks Euro MPs.
- Times: You urged the Community to build up the Atlantic relationship rather than viewing European links with the US through the prism of commercial disputes; picture of Mr Paisley's demonstration.
- Times leader contrasts your strong call yesterday for reform of the agriculture policy with the way you allowed the problem to be blandly passed over at the European Summit. Electorates must be warned that hard decisions are coming.
- Independent: Prime Minister steals the show in Euro-land. In your wind-up you tore into M. Delors, demanding to know why he had not made his criticisms in London. In a whirlwind 10 minutes you also attacked parts of the Assembly for being anti-American.

MI5

- Court case covered, though not very extensively. It is off the boil.
- Mail leader headed "frailty driven by the furies" says at last the bees in Wright's busman's hat have been allowed to buzz in open court. Suddenly the furore, inflated for weeks by Parliament and the media, shrivels and all that is left is one frail eccentric driven by the furies of his obsession. The sad spectacle will only serve to confirm the commonsense view that superannuated mole catchers should be expected to keep their rusty old traps shut. On this issue the instincts of the public and the Prime Minister are the same.
- Telegraph prints account of Joan Miller by woman who moved in same social circles.
- Guardian has P1 story on Government being expected to offer to the MI5 trial defence the contents of confidential documents which reveal how far it acquiesced in books about the intelligence service. Leader contrasts the appearance of leading politicians before Committees in Washington with the secrecy surrounding the MI5 case.
- Times: Peter Wright claims he took part in tens, possibly hundreds, of illegal operations with MI5. He has now finished giving testimony.
- Independent: Wright's language was extreme when he gave evidence. Many observers say that his belief in the Soviet threat may have intensified during his years in Australia to the level of an obsession.

LOBBY

- David Steel attacks Lobby's proposal for a secrecy pledge by members and calls on organisations to boycott it.

CIVIL SERVICE

- Times: A serious constitutional clash between Downing Street and Parliament was heralded yesterday in the Treasury and Civil Service Committee Report which flatly rejects the argument behind proposed instructions to civil servants not to answer select committee questions about their conduct.

MEDIA

- FT: BBC attacks Government plans to open up 25% of British television to independent producers.
- Independent: Adam Raphael is profiled as he prepares to move from The Observer to Newsnight.

INDUSTRY

- Jaguar take on 300 to help meet demand.
- FT: British chemical industry losing its position in international markets.
- FT: Approval for Sizewell likely early next year - the first of a series of 5 or 6 throughout Britain.
- FT: Eurotunnel appoints share-offer bank.
- FT: Austin Rover deficit moves above £1bn last year.
- FT: National Audit Office Report says Foreign Office and trade board need to cooperate more to give greater support to exporters.
- Times: The CECB failed last night to dispel MPs' anxieties when it denied a Times report that corrosion at Hinckley Point threatened the future of Britain's 10 Magnox reactors.
- Times: Douglas Hurd predicted last night that horse racing on Sundays would be legalised during the next Parliament.

ECONOMY

- Times: The Bank of England yesterday gave another warning to banks that the rapid growth in personal lending, particularly through credit cards, could prove dangerous to the individuals and institutions concerned; James Eaker, US Treasury Secretary, will meet the Chancellor at the weekend. A full G5 meeting may be planned.
- Independent: Chancellor is to have talks with US Treasury Secretary, James Eaker, in London at weekend amid fears of a trade war between Britain and Europe.

UNIONS/PAY

- Star says nurses' pay claim, submitted yesterday, is eminently reasonable and should be granted forthwith - even though they did not name a figure. Unions say hospitals are fast running out of nurses.
- Sun feature on the 5th anniversary of Scargill's leadership of the NUM, says thousands of miners and ex-miners have not been celebrating it. He has made an ass of himself.
- Times: Trade unions that abuse their powers can expect further action against them, Lord Young said last night.



PRINCE CHARLES

- Today leads with a report that yesterday he launched his personal mission to bring hope to the unemployed of the North.

NIMROD/AWACS

- Some MPs urge you not to scrap NIMROD.
- Mail says MPs gave you a clear "Buy British" signal.
- Times leader says political considerations must enter into any decisions by Government, but in the end it is the quality of the product which must be paramount.
- FT: Backbench pressure for NIMROD.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- John Hamilton, deposed leader of Liverpool City Council, declares war on Militant Tendency and its supporters within the Labour group.
- Times: Brent Council failed to collect rent from almost two-thirds of its tenants last year, according to confidential figures prepared for DOE.
- Mirror says Labour is launching a campaign against "mean" Tory councils in Berkshire.
- Sir Ralph Halpern, Burtons, attacks councils - and Lambeth in particular - for sabotaging job creation schemes.
- More than 140 examples of Labour council excesses have been listed in a Government attack on the loony Left - leaflet going to Tory MPs and party workers.

EDUCATION

- George Gale, in Mirror, says the education service should be nationalised and Kenneth Baker will have the best possible allies in doing so: parents who know the present education system is not providing the required standard.
- Mail leader headed "All together now" says Kenneth Baker's plans for a core curriculum and levels of achievement to be reached at various ages represent an increase in central control and a lessening of scholastic freedom. But they are essential if standards are to be improved.
- Telegraph says the Asian lecturer whose charges of racism have been taken up by Brent Council refused to be tested on his teaching.
- Guardian says the Bill is under fire from all sides.
- Independent: Labour has tabled 233 amendments to attempt to thwart Education Bill. If they succeed the Government will be forced to use the guillotine.

CHILD ABUSE

- NSPCC says three children die from injury or neglect each week, and its latest survey shows a big increase in reported cruelty. Sex abuse cases doubled in 1985.
- Mirror leader says the way thousands of children are treated by their parents or guardians is beyond belief.
- Mail leads with the report.
- Times: The number of children sexually abused increased by 125% during the past year, according to an NSPCC report.

PEOPLE

- Jean Rook, in Express, says you're "dotty about Denis" who "brings out the golden oldie in her".

USA/IRAN

- Poindexter and North plead fifth amendment in refusing to answer questions from Congressional Committee.
- Shultz says he intends to sack US Ambassador to Lebanon for by-passing him in Iran negotiations.
- Times: George Shultz, Edwin Meese and Caspar Weinberger are on a mission to Europe to restore faith in US foreign policy; European arms dealers have been flying into Tehran over the past two weeks in the hope of selling weapons and spare parts now that America has admitted its involvement.
- Robert McFarlane's statement that President Reagan authorised arms shipments contradicts the White House, who insisted he knew about them only after the event.

UK/IRAN

- Today: Government has been condemned for failing to stop our allies selling missiles to Iran and Iraq which are killing our seamen - by Merchant Navy Officers Union.

FALKLANDS

- Prince and Princess of Wales may visit Islands - according to media speculation; Palace deny it.
- Times: Relatives of the Welsh guardsman who died in Sir Galahad have been invited to attend the launching ceremony for her replacement.

FRANCE

- Sun, commenting on Chirac's surrender to student mob, asks what he has where his backbone should be - a collar stud? His surrender is cowardice.

GREECE

- Fears that it will become haven for terrorists after it refused to support a blacklist.

RUSSIA

- Times: Dissident, Anatoly Marchenko, has died in prison, according to a family friend.

EC

- Clayton Yeutter, the US trade representative, said in London that America was running out of patience with Europe.
- Times: Michael Jopling's plan to curb the food mountains looks more like a restatement of the British position than a paper genuinely aimed at finding a compromise.
- Independent: P8: EEC to confront its woes, with Belgium to call extra informal summit on March 25 to tackle financial and agricultural problems.

AFRICA

- Independent: African countries raise at UN stories of arms shipments from Europe and America to South Africa.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DTP: Mr Moore addresses the General Council of British Shipping

HMT: Mr Lawson to address the Conservative National Golf Tournament dinner

HMT: Mr Macgregor to address the Manchester Business School

HO: Mr Hurd visits the East-End

MAFF: Mr Jopling meets with Mr Dick Lyng, US Agriculture Secretary, Whitehall Place

MOD: Mr Younger visits Hereford

DEM: Mr Lee at CBI Employee Involvement Panel, Centrepont

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at Business Management Appreciation Course Polytechnic of Central London and later to the British Association of Women Entrepreneurs, Inter Continental Hotel

DEN: Mr Hunt addresses CBI Energy Policy Committee

DHSS: Baroness Trumpington opens Pelsall Ambulance Training Centre, Walsall

DHSS: Mr Lyell visits Kings Cross and Kentish Town Citizens Advice Bureau, London

DOE: Mr Tracey visits Northern region

DTI: Mr Shaw addresses CBI "Finding Money in Brussels" conference London (Government aid)

DTP: Mr Bottomley attends opening of the A1 (M) Hatfield Tunnel

DTI: Mr Pattie and Mr Walden "Link" Press Conference

DTP: Mr Mitchell launches new taxi for Metro-Cammell, Wemoley

DTP: Mr Spicer attends the annual dinner of the Air Transport Users Committee, Garrick Club

OAL: Mr Luce launches Arts Marketing Scheme (prov)

HO: Mr Waddington visits Leicester

HO: Mr Hogg visits Bexley joint investigation project on child abuse and Bethlehem Hospital, Beckenham

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Milk Marketing Board, Thames Ditton

MAFF: Mr Thompson attends Hebden Bridge and Todmorden NFU dinner and dance

MOD: Mr Freeman visits Portsmouth and Gosport Heritage

WO: Mr Roberts attends Chartered Association of Accountants reception, London and later the Minnesota, Mining and Manufacturers Co. annual dinner, London

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe departs for Strasbourg and addresses European Parliament then departs Strasbourg for Brussels (to 12 December)

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TV AND RADIO

"Party Political Broadcast" (Conservative); BBC Radio 4 (13.35); BBC 1 (21.00); ITV (22.00); BBC 2 (22.45)

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): Looks at Kenneth Baker's proposal for 20 inner-city technology colleges

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