

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister gives interview to Barbara Walters of ABCTV  
(transmission March 1987)

Value for Money seminar

TUC Employment Policy and Organisation Committee

Council of Europe Pompidou Group drugs conference 2nd day -  
Press conference 4.30 Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre

?British Rail unofficial strike over single manning

Mr Eggar gives evidence on future defence of Falklands to  
Commons Defence Committee

?Result of Scottish teachers' ballot

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STATISTICS

Index of production and construction for Wales (3rd qtr-prov)

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PUBLICATIONS

HOC: Public Accounts 2nd Report: Session 1986/87

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth; Trade and Industry; Environment

Business: Completion of remaining stages of the Local Government  
Finance Bill

Adjournment Debate

Application for ex-gratia payment by J J Murray and J  
Calvers in respect of length of imprisonment pending trial  
(Mr S Thorpe)

Select Committees: FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: South Africa  
Witness: Mr Albert Nothnagel MP  
Chairman, Home Affairs Committee  
South African House of Assembly

DEFENCE

Subject: The Future Defence of the Falkland Islands  
Witnesses: Mr Timothy Eggar MP, Parliamentary  
Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth  
Affairs, and Officials of the Foreign and Commonwealth  
Office

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees (Cont'd)

## ENERGY

Subject: Corrosion at Hinkley Point 'A' Power Station and the cost of decommissioning of Magnox reactors.

Witnesses: Mr Pearce Wright, Science Editor, The Times; Mr John Large, Large and Associates; Mr E A Ryder, HM Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations; Mr M J Turner, Deputy Chief Inspector, Nuclear Installations Inspectorate

## TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Motor Components Industry

Witnesses: Ford Motor Company and Jaguar

## EMPLOYMENT

Subject: The Work of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service

Witness: ACAS

## HOME AFFAIRS

Subject: Prisons

Witnesses: Prison Governors Branch of the Society of Civil and Public Servants

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: BBC external services

Witness: Sir Patrick Wright, KCMG, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

## COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

South Yorkshire Light Rail Transit

Lords:

Debate to call attention to the effect of private enterprise on the National Health Service

Debate to call attention to the attempts of successive Councils of Agricultural Ministers to deal with CAP surpluses and to the need to assure the farming industry that curtailment policies will not be introduced that would be socially and agriculturally unacceptable

UQ on the British Sugar Corporation and safeguards for Britain and Commonwealth sugar producers

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTMAIN ISSUES TODAY:

- Government seen to be showing its teeth on the City as 2 Morgan Grenfell executives resign.
- Delight as BTR bid for Pilkingtons is withdrawn.
- More casualties of Guinness affair.
- Row over diplomatic immunity for child sex offender.
  
- Chief Constable Anderton faces "grilling" at Home Office today.
- Police dawn swoop on 26 men accused of conspiracy to cause soccer violence; guns recovered.
- B/Telecom engineers' 24 hour strike today aimed at Whitehall.
- Home Secretary refers Birmingham pub bombing convictions to court of appeal; Mail speculates on a total of £1m compensation if they are cleared.
- Another £5 heating allowance for elderly on SB - "climbdown", says Meacher.
- Garret Fitzgerald calls general election in Irish Republic for February 17.
- Civil Service unions lost their attempt to get a human rights hearing in Europe for GCHQ ban; unions say they are "devastated".
- London bus driver being sought for knife attack on 10-year old girl in Kent.
- Dangerous prisoner snatched to freedom by six masked men in Wandsworth when he arrives in mini-cab for register office wedding.

CITY

- Two senior executives of Morgan Grenfell resign under Bank pressure.
- Paul Channon dismisses criticism of his handling of BTR/Pilkington and says "I'm staying".
- Sun says Norman Tebbit promises war on City fraud. "We have cleaned up the unions and we will clean up the City."
- Mirror: Ted Heath blasts "orgy" in City; leader headed "A Whiff of scandal" says the City is a goldmine for Britain but it is looking like a cesspool. Naturally the Tories are terrified, for the City is to them what the trade unions are to Labour. Self regulation has had its day, destroyed by those who wouldn't abide by its code.

CITY (Cont'd)

- Mail says arrest of a secretary to a senior official in the OFT is thought to be imminent - for insider dealing.
- Telegraph leads with "City arrests pledge by Lawson"; another report says Boesky closure could cost Guinness \$50m.
- Guardian leads with Guinness row claiming two more victims; and you defending decision to leave BTR/Pilkington to market forces; evident Government glee at BTR announcement.
- Times: Tory relief as BTR drops bid for Pilkington. Big names like Heron's Ronson in £25m Guinness mystery.
- Independent: Day of shocks for the City. Top Morgan Grenfell men go. Part of unexplained £25m paid out in fees by Guinness went to companies associated with Mr Gerald Ronson and Sir Jack Lyons.
- Independent: Extensive reforms in the Lloyd's insurance market will be urged by the Neill report, to be published on Thursday.
- FT: Mr Lawson makes clear that he and the Governor of the Bank of England were responsible for the Morgan Grenfell changes; Morgan Grenfell's biggest shareholder blames poor management controls for latest demise; you back the City on investment and tell design seminar group the City is not all short-term.

POLITICS

- Jeffrey Archer making political comeback as a speaker.
- Sun says Tories were tipping a May election after you forecast a new age of prosperity.
- Mirror reports Kinnock as saying you will be forced to call an early election before a new slump wrecks your chances.
- Chancellor, on Newsnight, dismisses talk of an economic crisis which he says will only occur if Labour is elected.
- Mail leader on "the exasperated hiss of hot air escaping" from Labour as you act over cold weather payments. The Government is getting there, it says, but Ministers must do more - ensure elderly's homes are properly insulated.

ECONOMY

- Star leader headed "Cut the gloom" says Britain could not be getting off to a better start to 1987. Labour's moaning minnie department is foolish to think that bad mouthing Britain will win votes.
- Guardian says you are right; we are in the midst of a boom but we haven't yet got back to the level you inherited. However the good times are being accompanied by a change in economic policy.
- FT leader welcomes the latest encouraging economic indicators but warns against short-term expediency at the expense of a sound, long-term strategy with no room for complacency.

INDUSTRY

- Threat of a pub managers' national strike because of Courage re-organisation making 900 managers redundant.
- 12 workers contaminated by radioactive dust at Sellafield; poll suggests nuclear power is returning to favour.
- John Vincent, in Sun, says we kept warm last week only with nuclear power. Kinnock may pose as the pensioners' friend but he really stands for dear coal.
- Row brewing over award of Devonport management contract to Brown and Root
- Rifkind anger over Caterpillar pull-out. He says there is a question mark over the US company's competence rather than its integrity (Times).
- Independent: LWT plans all-night television from Easter.
- FT: Mr Rifkind tells Caterpillar the Government will consider increased assistance.

UNIONS

- Sun says John Golding, on behalf of Post Office Engineers, said they would pull the plug on 999 calls unless they got the pay rise they are demanding.
- SOGAT shop steward loses his appeal against 4-month sentence for hitting policeman outside Wapping.
- Murdoch issues fresh writs seeking up to £250,000 each from NGA and SOGAT for damages arising out of Wapping dispute.
- Telephone strike to hit City first as Union calls its 160,000 members out on indefinite strike over a pay claim - Times.
- Independent: Leader says that trade unionism at Cheltenham may be dead after yesterday's ruling; but it most assuredly should not lie down.

NORTH/SOUTH

- John Vincent, in Sun, says Labour is making much ado about this "tired tear jerker" and means that people in the South should pay for the people in the North. But southerners pay so much more for housing while wages differ little. Spending power may be actually greater in the North.

DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

- Escape of US diplomat's husband 2 years ago after case of indecent exposure to 6-year old girl gets front page treatment in pops.
- US said to have apologised; No 10 to be flooded with protests.
- Star: US shame of envoy sex fiend, who is named as a 55 year old lay preacher, James Myers Ingley; leader headed "Sorry state of affairs" says diplomatic immunity has long been an international disgrace; the scandals become the more outrageous when the USA prevents an alleged pervert from facing justice.
- Sun; Intolerable that an evil minded creep got away scot free simply because his wife is an American diplomat. Time we told embassies that in future no one escapes justice in our country.
- Mirror says you are under fire for playing down "an alleged rape of 6-year old girl".
- Express leader says the US Government was wrong to give the man protection through diplomatic immunity. It has helped to bring the Convention into disrepute and has done nothing for America's good name.
- Mail P1: Fury over sex scandal immunity; leader headed "Diplomacy at its most disgusting" says Scotland Yard wanted to bring a charge of gross indecency but were thwarted by the American Embassy. Diplomacy of this ilk is grossly counter-productive.
- Times: Thatcher backs US rape denial. Editorial says FCO should demand stronger bilateral assurances for the future. Public opinion will demand it and has a right to expect action.
- Independent: Diplomatic link foiled indecency charge.

LAW AND ORDER

- Telegraph leader in a comment on capital punishment for terrorist offences notes that in the Birmingham case the prisoners are at least there to be released.
- Guardian says it is an immensely important and brave decision in view of the consequences that may ensue - extremely humiliating revelations about the lawlessness and prejudice of several parts of the criminal justice system.
- Independent: Chris Mullin, author of "Error of Judgement", argues that the political implications of owning up to a mistake are far greater than in cases such as that of Timothy Evans. He claims the Court of Appeal contains some of the most closed minds in the land.
- Home Secretary is hoping for a swift Court of Appeal hearing into the cases of the six men who have already served 12 years for the Birmingham pub bombing - Times.
- Labour's plans to put police under council control will be central feature in their campaign in May's local elections (Times).

ANDERTON

- Sun leader on Anderton wants to know what the hell is going on at the Home Office - carpeting a man for his Christian beliefs. What sort of country have we become when a belief in God is something we must apologise for?
- Express: "I won't resign", says "prophet" Anderton.
- Gerald Priestland, in Mail, asks why we should think it strange when a public figure proclaims his faith.
- Anderton told to end crusade or resign when he attends meeting at Home Office - Times.

EDUCATION

- Student grants to be increased in line with inflation - Times.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Haringey planning to spend £56,000 on a home for stray cats.
- Parents and religious groups have forced Ealing to tone down its commitment to teach children that homo- and heterosexuality are 'equally valid'.

THE ARTS

- Sainsbury's announce sponsorship for the National Youth Theatre - Times.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Mirror feature on the critical state of Sir James' Hospital, Leeds, which it says needs another 200 nurses and another £5m a year.
- Independent: Government announces £100,000 feasibility study to introduce YTS into the health service and combat crisis of nurse recruitment.

AIDS

- Norman Fowler fears it will be 5 years before a cure is found.
- Secretary of Professional Footballers Association says FA's circular on AIDS prevention goes "over the top" and is "sensational" and "scare mongering".

EC

- Sir Henry Plumb elected Britain's first president of European Parliament.
- Unionist MEP John Taylor joins Right wing European Rights Group; denies he is a fascist.
- Today doubts whether the EC, having opened the door to the disposal of surpluses to poor, will be able to close it again. Express says that at last the food mountains are to be put to good use. But as long as Europe's farmers are subsidised they will produce too much.

IRELAND

- Times: INLA kill two and wound two near Dublin in what is described as an internal feud; editorial says Irish election will be fought on the issue of the economy and Fitzgerald deserves to win.

MIDDLE EAST

- Peres pays tribute to your peace role. Top UK interest in Middle East is to bring peace - Times.

LEBANON

- Hopes of a breakthrough rise as Waite stays on.

USSR

- Express says Russia is trying to woo Solzhenitsyn back home.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

- Joint report says Machel plane was not sabotaged - Times.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DHSS: Mr Fowler attends Regional Health Authority Chairman's Meeting, Oxford
- MOD: Mr Younger and Lord Trefgarne meet with Dockyard (Devonport) unions re commercial management
- WO: Mr Edwards attends Lloyd George Parliamentary Centenary Appeal reception, House of Lords
- DEM: Mr Lee makes regional visit to Northamptonshire
- DES: Mr Dunn gives Keynote speech to the High Tech and Computers in Education Exhibition, Barbican
- DOE: Lord Skelmersdale visits Peterborough
- DOE: Mr Tracey attends Regional Council for Sport and Recreation meeting of Chairmen in Liverpool
- DTI: Mr Clark visits Rolls Royce, Crewe
- DTP: Mr Mitchell opens Midlands Section Conference for the Chartered Institute of Transport, Aston University, Birmingham
- DTP: Mr Bottomley meets Michael Portillo MP, re North Circular
- HMT: Mr Lamont addresses the City Liaison Group
- HO: Lord Caithness visits HM Prison, Featherstone
- HO: Mr Hogg attends Arsenal vs Notts Forest Football Match
- MAFF: Lord Belstead attends lunch with North West Norfolk Farmers, House of Commons; later attends Agricultural Mortgage Corporation reception, Camperdown Street
- MAFF: Mr Thompson attends lunch with Shell, Shell Centre
- MAFF: Mr Gummer meets with Food and Drink Federation, Whitehall Place
- MOD: Mr Freeman visits HMS Raleigh, Plymouth for opening of the Damage Repair Instruction Unit
- WO: Mr Robinson opens British Association for Shooting and Conservation Roadshow, Newport

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DEM: Mr Trippier attends meeting of European Parliament inter-group on small business, Strasbourg
- FCO: Mrs Chalker departs for Strasbourg (to 22 January)
- FCO: Lady Young departs Jamaica for Puerto Rico and later departs for Trinidad and Tobago (to 23 January)
- MOD: Mr Stanley visits Cyprus (to 23 January)
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TV AND RADIO

"Advice Shop"; BBC1 (09.45): Margo MacDonald looks at what the Government's 'Restart' schemes can offer the long-term unemployed

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (16.05): Repeat of Tuesday's programme

"16-Plus"; Channel 4 (17.30): Examines opportunities open to the young unemployed and gives advice on education and finance. It also looks at a Community Programme Scheme in Glasgow

"Comment"; Channel 4 (19.50): The weekly alternative to the party political broadcast, with a Liberal politician

"Out of Court"; BBC2 (20.30): With David Jessel, Sue Cook and Ed Boyle

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): The State of the Unions. Del Oniya reports on the unions' struggle for survival, a year after Murdoch moved The Times to Wapping and reduced the traditional power of the printing unions.

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