

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

EC: Foreign Affairs Council (to 27 January)

TUC Finance and General Purpose Committee

Islamic summit

Roy Hattersley's book published

Law Lords hearing of 47 disqualified Liverpool councillors

Publication of Sizewell Report

PAY

Prison Officers; 18.300.

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Energy; Transport; Wales

Business: Timetable Motion on the Local Government Finance Bill followed by completion of remaining stages of the Bill

Adjournment Debate

Afforestation in Scotland (Mr M Forsyth)

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Falling School Rolls

Witness: Sir David Hancock KCB

Department of Education and Science

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE

Subject: The Government's Expenditure

Plans 1987-88 to 1989-90

Witness: Treasury Officials

Lords: Committee Stage: Teachers' Pay and Conditions of Service Bill (to 28 January)
Town and Country Planning (fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) Regulations 1986. Motion for Approval

PRESS DIGESTMAIN STORIES TODAY:

- Kohl returned to power in West Germany with reduced majority.
- Burton now implicated in City scandals, with talks of DTI investigation of its takeover of Debenhams, and Sir Ralph Halpern admitting an affair with model - all in advance of Thursday's shareholders' meeting.
- 153 hurt in Wapping first anniversary riot; Douglas Hurd to make statement today. Tories demand Kinnock should denounce violence.
- Special Branch raids on New Statesman and Duncan Campbell's home.
- Sabotage alleged as B/Telecom engineers strike gets under way; Express calls for strikes in essential services to be banned.
- Kinnock and Alliance come in for critical attention with Harris poll giving you 8% lead. Telegraph says Guinness has ^{little} effect on voters' attitudes.
- Pressure increasing for Terry Waite to come home, as 10 new hostages have been taken while he is in Lebanon.

WAPPING

- 67 charged after first anniversary night of violence; only 13 printers.
- Police claim some demonstrators went there to attack them; NGA and SOGAT leaders complain of police violence.
- Denis Skinner says if Labour wants to win next election it will have to resort to "extra Parliamentary activity".
- Star: Hurd anger as Wapping battle leaves 153 hurt.
- Sun P1: Evil Wapping riot mob tried to burn police horses alive. Weaponry included spears, paving slabs, darts, coins, full cans of beer, thunder flashes and a petrol bomb. Police say speakers did not attempt to control demonstrators. 2 pages inside devoted to riot with pictures; leader headed "The beast at the gate" says the scenes outside their plant disgraced and defamed the nation. there was a mob baying for blood of the police, prepared to use any weapon. It calls on Brenda Dean, who alleges police viciously attacked demonstrators, to explain why 10 times as many police were hurt as demonstrators. The NGA and SOGAT behaved at the gate as they behaved for years inside the old plant.

WAPPING (Cont'd)

- Mirror: Wapping's deadly weapons of hate - horrifying arsenal on display; leader says first anniversary of Wapping was written in blood and contrasts its negotiating approach with Murdoch's "American way, the brutal confrontation, the wholesale sacking of staff, the building of Fortress Wapping."
- Today reports claims by demonstrators that riot squad sprayed them with paint to identify ringleaders for snatch squads; leader describes it as "the violence of despair". It claims there is a direct link between policing of Wapping and rising crime in the capital. Murdoch can't expect the taxpayers to protect his plant indefinitely, especially at the expense of their own security.
- Express P1: Kinnock will face furious demands from MPs to condemn violence. You are "shocked and disgusted". Alex Carlisle Alliance, says Labour Party has tacitly condoned what has been going on at Wapping.
- Mail P1 lead: Wapping war comes home to Kinnock. Denounce the mob, Tories demand. Inside - Rampage of terror - a bid to topple law, says police chief.
- Times leader says a year ago, as well as overmanning, the exploitative "Spanish practices" and interrupted production, there was a sense of alienation. That has now gone. It feels more confident about itself and about Britain.
- Independent: Hurd to enter bitter row over Wapping riot. Infiltrators blamed for violence; unions and observers accuse police of brutality; press photographers "target for police violence".
- FT: Unions demand independent inquiry into policing tactics at Wapping.
- Guardian reveals that police are investigating whether any trade union or Labour Party speakers at the rally incited the violence.

CITY

- Telegraph leads with Tories riding the storm over Guinness, escaping, according to a poll, any significant or lasting electoral damage.
- Burton Group now implicated. Reports in advance of Thursday's shareholders meeting that its takeover of Debenhams is to be investigated by DTI. Sir Ralph Halpern admits his affair with 19 year old, and fears a smear campaign in advance of Thursday. Sun says he had a second mistress.
- Mirror leads with "Dirty tricks - smear probe on Burton boss's fling."
- Express: Burton boss rides storm with spotlight on the public and private trials of film a year tycoon.
- Mail leader criticises Ted Heath's attack on the City as the sour grapes response of a bitter and disappointed politician. His criticism is really a thinly veiled assault on your policy. Great danger is that financial scandals will make us forget the colossal success story of the growth of London as an international financial centre; feature on the power struggle behind Burton's sex scandal - City is looking inwards to bring down anyone who is seen to be damaging the structure.
- Roux accuses Ward, in Guinness case, of trying to cover up controversial share dealings after Government inspectors moved in (Mail).
- Telegraph says Burton deny their takeover of Debenhams is being investigated; leader says according to their poll public dismay over City scandals falls a long way short of fever pitch. No one questions that those found guilty of breaches of the law must pay the penalty but there is no excuse for lynch law.
- Sir Ralph Halpern is facing a crisis this week as city rumours persist that a top-level investigation is likely into the £560m takeover of the Debenham stores group in 1985. (Times).
- FT: David Owen calls for increased regulation of the City.
- FT: DTI's review of competition policy to take all year says Mr Howard.
- Guardian: Burton chief linked with model.

D/TELECOM

- ET alleges sabotage as all-out engineers' strike starts - union says claim is "outrageous".
- Star says telephone boxes are facing a complete shutdown.
- Sun P2: It's sabotage, phone box shames strikers; cables cut through.
- Mirror P6: Phone men accused of sabotage.
- Today P2: Phone lines "cut by BT strikers".
- Express P2: Sabotage now as phone men launch strike; leader says it is time to outlaw strikes in essential services. For too long the Tories have dithered about need for a fresh round of trade union law.
- Mail P2: Strikers sliced up telephone cables.
- Guardian P1: BT sabotage claims fuel union anger.
- Telegraph P1: Telecom strikers deny sabotage.
- Times: As 110,000 telephone engineers prepared to go on indefinite strike, BT accused militants of sabotaging the system.
- Independent: British Telecom rule out any fresh offer at talks today.

UNIONS

- TGWU's South Western region subject of a fraud inquiry; Today leads with "staggering story of theft and fraud".
- Peter Heathfield, NUM general secretary, to retire in 2 years at age of 60 because of failing health and disillusionment with British Coal; Right now hopes to isolate Scargill since McGahey is also retiring.
- IRSF to put in "comparability" claim of 20%. Telegraph says Militant and Left are mounting a new effort to take over the union.
- FT leader concludes that a national monopoly, such as ET, faced by a national union is the worst possible industrial structure. Whatever the outcome of the dispute, the Government will face more pressure to find ways of further reducing or constraining ET's monopoly power.
- FT: Massed marchers demonstrate against GCHQ union ban.

ECONOMY

- NatWest survey holds out prospect of unemployment below 3m next year if growth continues.
- Mail feature on Britain coming into position as the place for manufacturing - reference to the export of Cavaliers, as Opel Asconas, to Flushing; nearly 1000 new jobs to be created at Jaguar to step up production by 50%.
- British entry into the EMS could produce a balance of payments crisis next year, forecast L Messel, Stockbrokers.
- Japan and the US are pressing for an early meeting of the Group of Five.
- FT: Rise in business failures slowing down according to DTI figures.
- Independent: Hope: the commodity dividing north and south; the higher up the job ladder the less important where you live becomes.

INDUSTRY

- Telegraph: Sizewell doubts will not stop reactor go-ahead.
- Nissan is recruiting temporary workers for its Sunderland plant to boost production in the summer months. The use of seasonal workers in the car industry is unheard of (Times).
- The price at which shares in BA will be offered to the public was fixed at a secret meeting in Whitehall last night. It looks certain to be 125p or 130p.
- FT: Half-page feature analyses the arguments for and against Sizewell and nuclear energy generally. A favourable decision to go ahead would be a lifeline for manufacturers of power stations and equipment. Both you and Mr Walker see the need for an alternative to coal and oil, but the outcome is something of an electoral gamble which largely depends on Sir Frank Layfield's report persuading the public that nuclear reactors are safer than houses.

POLITICS

- Harris poll gives you 3 point lead (44/36/18) - regaining support at last election.
- Foreign Secretary, in attack on Alliance, says their opportunism makes Kinnock look principled.
- Sun picture of you in kitchen doing TV experiments linked with opinion polls - Maggie dishes up 8 point poll lead.
- Today uses same picture linked with polls; Lawson cooks up tax bonanza for rich but you fear backlash at polls.
- Express diary uses the picture headed "keeping the lid on Neil".
- Express: Foreign Secretary, in scathing attack on SDP/Libs says a vote for them would be a recipe for paralysis; leader says the polls may be all over the place so far as Tories and Labour are concerned, but not for the Alliance who are in the doldrums and appear to be pulling in different directions.
- Mail: Alliance "pollaxed" as Maggie rides high and Foreign Secretary describes partnership as one for "paralysis and procrastination".
- Telegraph: Howe leads Tory campaign to win Alliance votes.
- Times: The Tories may opt for an extended election campaign, in the hope that Neil Kinnock will crack and Alliance rifts will broaden; private polls indicate that your qualities of leadership are being recalled, while Mr Kinnock's rating has slipped; Harris poll in the Observer, showing Conservatives 8% ahead, has not set off any surge of enthusiasm for a spring election.
- One million Conservative women will urge the Chancellor today to make tax concessions to strengthen family life.
- Today feature on David Steel - still showing his mettle; claims he is ready for the election now.
- MSC stops grant to employment centre in Farlow after protests by Jerry Hayes MP over its being a hotbed of political activity.
- Robert Worcester, chairman of MORI, says the Gallup poll published last week giving Labour a 5% lead now seems to have been a total aberration.
- Times: Preview of your EEC 2 programme on kitchen cookery experiments.
- Times: The London underground is a possible candidate for privatisation if the Conservatives win the next election.
- Guardian says Greenwich by-election will be dominated by activities of Left councils.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Ealing threatening to cut off grant to music school for refusing to ask pupils if they are homosexual.
- Telegraph reports that Left wing councils face debts approaching £5bn after resorting to outside borrowing to avoid spending controls.
- FT: Liverpool councillors appeal against disqualification from office.

EDUCATION

- Star praise for Kenneth Baker's weekend speech which says present education system spends too much time finding out what children can't do rather than exploiting their talents.
- Express prints a guide to areas where you should live for good schools - there are some surprising names in top class.
- Independent: For over two years ILEA has tried to redeploy surplus teachers but teachers' associations have blocked attempts.

ARTS

- Times: The Royal Opera House is striving for a new 3-year funding arrangement with the Government having failed to secure a substantial increase in its Arts Council grants for next year.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Another Mirror tale of woe - King's College Hospital being forced to turn away sick children because of shortage of nurses.
- Express says needy will have to wait until spring for cold weather heating allowances because DHSS is inundated with claims.
- Times: William Powell, Conservative MP for Corby, has called for a reassessment of NHS priorities so that money spent on expensive transplant operations is used instead to reduce waiting lists for cataract and hip operations.

AIDS

- Mirror devotes a page to teenage opinion that the campaign is an expensive failure.
- Norman Fowler, on return from USA, says if we take action now we can prevent the situation from getting as bad as in America.
- Anti-AIDS leaflet warning Catholics it is wrong to use condoms to be circulated in Scotland.
- A specialist in community medicine for Leeds Eastern Health Authority has estimated that 2 million people in Britain could be dead or dying from AIDS by the end of the century, with 7 million infected; in the coming weeks and months the Government is likely to make a number of important announcements on AIDS (Times).

CAMPBELL CASE

- Star, Sun and Mirror report raids on New Statesman and Campbell's home briefly. Today P2: "Police smash into home of sky-spy man".
- Today leader accuses the Government of fastening the stable door after the horse has bolted - a bungle which is further embarrassing evidence that Government policy on secrets is in a state of chaos and inefficiency of the highest order.
- John Akass, in Express, says hardly anyone has noticed that Robert Sheldon, chairman of PAC, has denied any deception of Parliament.
- Guardian says Statesman raid angers MPs. National security now overtaken by issue of civil liberty.
- FT: Small piece, inside page, says police step up the search for the spy satellite mole.
- Independent: Special Branch raids journalists homes.

DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY

- Independent: Move to extradite husband of US diplomat.
 - Star says the accused husband of US diplomat is likely to face charges in this country.
 - Times: Strong pressure is to be brought on the Government today to answer allegations that British intelligence eavesdropping on communications between the Irish Government and its embassy in London.
 - Independent: Irish "expect to be bugged".
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- And Labour MPs to demand an explanation from Home Secretary of reports that Irish Embassy in London is being bugged by Britain.
 - Telegraph says Fitzgerald has taken steps to prevent British eavesdropping which he had always assumed took place.

LEBANON

- Terry Waite under increasing pressure to leave Lebanon - an increasingly negative force (Star) with 10 more hostages seized. But MPs of all parties want to nominate him for Nobel Peace Prize.
- John Akass, in Express, raises the question as to whether Waite should quit Lebanon for good. Express diary quotes Archbishop Runcie as saying Waite's next trip will probably be his last.
- Mail leader criticises Americans mistake in trying to do a deal with Iran over hostages.
- Times: Unclear threats to kill American and West German hostages yesterday eclipsed the mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Terry Waite.

BELGIUM

- 3 senior officials to be charged in connection with Heysel soccer tragedy, including Mayor and police general.

ITALY

- Mail says 3 Carabinieri are under arrest after a British student claims they repeatedly raped her in police station.

EC

- Gets to work at Foreign Affairs Council today on US trade war and threat to our gin exports.
- FT: EC-US trade dispute settlement nearer after talks in Washington.
- FT: EC officials consider an anti-dumping investigation against imported Japanese electronic printers.
- Independent: Talks flop brings trade war closer; de Clercq says negotiations not over.

IRELAND

- Independent: Army plans to pull out Ulster batallion.

WEST GERMANY

- Independent editorialsays that Kohl, rather than you because you lack vision and credibility as a European, should be Western Europe's leader.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling attends lunch with HE Mr Roy McMurtry, Canadian High Commission, Grosvenor Square; later attends meeting with HE Mr Peter Dyvig, Danish Ambassador and Mr Erik Klindt Anderson, Agricultural Counsellor
- MOD: Mr Younger lunches with G Paterson, Sunday Telegraph and Tony Smith, Daily Star; later visits Lossiemouth, and in the evening addresses Gosport Conservative Business Club Annual Dinner at the House of Commons
- SO: Mr Rifkind addresses the Institute of Bankers dinner, Albany Hotel, Glasgow
- WO: Mr Edwards attends Australia Day reception, London
- DEM: Mr Lee addresses Employment Convention, Civic Centre, Nelson
- DEM: Mr Trippier opens Norlec factory, Leyland and later attends Small Business Bureau, Vice Presidents Panel Meeting, House of Commons
- DES: Mrs Rumbold addresses Industrial Society
- DOE: Mr Tracey and Lord Skelmersdale host a luncheon for voluntary bodies concerned with environmental improvement
- DTp: Mr Mitchell addresses VOICE annual lunch on Channel Fixed Link, Sittingbourne
- MAFF: Mr Gummer attends Ministers meeting with the Danish Ambassador and Agricultural Counsellor, London
- MOD: Lord Trefgarne visits Martin Baker Ltd
- ODA: Mr Patten addresses the Royal Geographical Society, London
- SO: Mr Lang visits Stoddard Holdings
Glenpatrick, Elderslie
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mrs Chalker depart for Brussels - FAC (*to 27 January)
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TV AND RADIO

Education Secretary of State, Kenneth Baker appears on BBC Radio 4, "Woman's Hour"

"Daytime on Two"; BBC 2 (09.39): 'Going to Work' looks at the colleges which offer a wide range of courses that can help young people to develop their skills and interests and give them a better chance of finding a job

"Money Box"; BBC Radio 4 (10.00): Repeat of Saturday's broadcast

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00): With Susan Rae

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30): Elderly people

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): AIDS (possibly with Norman Fowler)

"Their Lordships' House"; (00.05): With Elinor Goodman
