

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister visits Dagenham and Hornchurch

EC: Economic and Social Committee Plenary Session (to 29 January)

TUC General Council

Irish budget

Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Younger, gives evidence on race relations and the armed forces to the Commons Defence Committee

Employment Secretary of State, Lord Young and Employment Minister, Mr Clarke make statements on new job measures

STATISTICS

Balance of payments current account and overseas trade figures (Dec)

Construction: new orders (Nov)

Bricks and cement production and deliveries (4th qtr-prov)

PUBLICATIONS

CO: MPO Report "The Challenge of Change in the Civil Service", including message by Prime Minister.

DEM: New Earnings Survey 1986, Part C

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Trade and Industry; Environment; Scotland

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Leasehold Reform
Second Reading of the Ministry of Defence Police Bill (Lords) followed by Second Reading of the Parliamentary and Health Service Commissioners Bill

Motion on the London Regional Transport (Levy) Order

There will be a debate on an Opposition Motion entitled "The failure of the City to serve the Nation"

Adjournment Debate

The proposed closure of Caterpillar Tractor Plant, near Glasgow (Mr M Hirst)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees: FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: Disarmament; Relation between the
USA and the EEC; other current foreign affairs issues
Witness: Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP
Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

DEFENCE

Subject: The Future Defence of the Falkland Islands
Witnesses: Ministry of Defence

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Motor Components Industry
Witnesses: Vauxhall Motors, Nissan Motor Manufacturing
UK Ltd

EMPLOYMENT

Subject: The Work of the Health and Safety Commission
Witness: The Health and Safety Commission

DEFENCE

Subject: Race Relations and the Armed Forces
Witness: Rt Hon George Younger MP, Secretary of State
for Defence

COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS

Port of Fosdyke (Lords)
South Yorkshire Light Rail Transit

Lords: Debate to call attention to the case for reviewing the charity law
and the role of the Charity Commission

Debate to call attention to the effects of rent control on
unemployment and homelessness

Licensing (Restaurant Meals) Bill: Third Reading

Infant Life (Preservation) Bill: Second Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

MAIN ISSUES

- Pops take little interest in Zircon affair in House; qualities more negative about Government's performance in manoeuvres.
- Where is Terry Waite? Star says you have ordered diplomats to find him at all costs. Sun has no doubt he is held hostage. Express says the SAS are looking for him. Others not so sure of his fate. Mirror says Waite's wife is cracking up under the strain. Mirror says Waite may be held by Islamic Jihad who believe he is part of a CIA doublecross. Mail says Waite is trapped in a war of nerves between Washington and Lebanese kidnap groups. Telegraph asks is it right for representative of one of the West's leading churchmen to negotiate with terrorists when Western Governments have concluded it is wrong to do so? When he returns home there must be serious doubts whether Waite should go again to Beirut. Times also questions wisdom of any further expeditions by Waite.
- Guardian thinks BT is set for a war of attrition. Independent says union must abandon its opposition to changes in working practices before any progress can be made.
- Police investigating B/Telecom allegations of sabotage and BT tells strikers there will be no negotiations until they return to work. Mirror says ITV could be hit by the strike because BT handles network switches. Mail says you are anxious about the old and the sick. Telegraph speculates about a breakaway union as a result of strike.
- CBI gives good news about soaring exports and prospects for jobs. Express says industry must not fail to seize the opportunities. Lord Young's job statement trailed.
- Gorbachev advocates competitive elections and secret ballots in new attempt to reform Soviet system. Also criticises Brezhnev's era.

- Robert Key MP claims that innocent British citizens are among those named on the computer records with terrorists and assassins simply because they happened to be near where the nuclear weapons carrier crashed in Wilts. Today says this is intolerable.

- Chief Constable Anderton promises to keep a tighter rein on public comments after meeting with local authority at Home Office. Times leader fears Anderton may help Left to win support for greater political control over the police.
- Express reports Government sources as saying the ILEA could be axed if Tories win the next election.
- Share prices soar to a new record.

- currency changes and
- Cost of Trident falls £546m after/hard bargaining with UK and US contractors. Mail says this rocked Labour.
- Sir Martin Jacob, deputy chairman of SIB, says City is not a spiv's paradise, in a spirited defence of it in Independent.
- Labour Party says procedures for regulating City takeovers are ineffective.
- Burton claims Halpern is the subject of a smear campaign.
- David Basnett, retired union leader, will be one of Kinnock's nominations for Life Peerage.

- Home Secretary says police have no choice but to stay at Wapping if mob rule is to be prevented; he urges Labour Party to expel anti-police factions.

MAIN ISSUES (Cont'd)

- Praise for Len Murray for saying mass picketing is "a Poman holiday for hooligans and Trots"; Star says TUC should act now; Sun says Kinnock has blundered into a trap by backing printers without time limit and refusing to talk to Murdoch journalists.
- George Gale, in Mirror, says that in a free society we are not free to choose sides in Wapping demos.
- Today calls Wapping an ugly victory and calls on Murdoch to resume negotiations.

- Secretary General of Belgian Soccer Union has been charged with involuntary homicide in connection with Heysel Stadium disaster.

- Plessey to make 380 redundant at Ilford, East London, because of falling demand for military radios.
- Little coverage of the Radon statement; fears of sensationalism not borne out.

- Eric Hammond, EETPU tells Kinnock that his unilateralist policy is going to cost him the election and calls for a referendum.
- Express says Jim Callaghan may enter the ban-the-bomb controversy during the election and is a walking timebomb for Kinnock.

- Michael Grade tells BBC critics that nation will be poorer if relentless hostility to BBC fuels its eventual demise or enfeeblement.

- David Penhaligon's sister seeking to succeed him.
- Manila - Small group of foiled coup rebels holding out.
- Ireland - FT: Haughey is well ahead in the opinion polls.

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- Qualities see it as setback, climbdown or defeat for Government manoeuvres.
Parliamentary debate far too esoteric an issue for pops who concentrate on Attorney General's involvement and his denial.
- Star: Havers accused in "sky spy" row. But he turned down an invitation by Campbell to appear in a programme.
- Sun: New spy in sky uproar with Attorney General at centre of new storm.
- Mirror: Havers denial in secrets storm.
- Today: Sir Michael named in secrets leak row.
- Express P2: Premier backs off as Labour names Havers in spy row. Campbell says he never spoke to Attorney about the series but that he did talk to another senior Minister whom he refuses to name.
- Mail: Attorney General in row over film. Colin Welch says that if Kinnock's strictures mean anything it is that he would have acted earlier against Campbell. Anyone who believes that will believe anything
- Telegraph: Havers in row over 'sky spy' film as you beat tactical retreat. New Statesman agrees not to publish any further details of Zircon.
- Independent: Thatcher defeated (by Benn) in Zircon dispute.
- Guardian: Zircon unites MPs in defence of Parliament; you appear to have over-reached yourself.
- Times: Havers refused to help secrets film.
- FT: Ministers climb down on satellite film inquiry; Benn's rare Parliamentary triumph.

POLITICS

- Times; Senior Labour MPs are preparing a personal attack on Mr Tebbit over his relationship with Abdul Shamji, the Asian businessman whose empire collapsed with debts of £40m at the time of the Johnson Matthey scandal.

DEFENCE

- Star says George Younger is refusing to bend the rules simply to allow black guardsmen to do duty at the Palace.

SIZEWELL

- Sun hopes objectors will get lost - Socialists who don't want miners to lose their stranglehold and "ecology freaks" who find peril in every known human activity.
- Today says anti-nuclear campaigners are threatening a campaign of sabotage against any new PWR.
- Telegraph says protest workshops to train demonstrators are being set up to try to delay building of Sizewell B.
- Times: Half the people in Britain believe that an accident similar to Chernobyl could happen in the UK, according to a MORI poll.

INDUSTRY

- Mail welcomes the wise advice yesterday of the DTI on time-sharing - it publishes a leaflet urging people not to sign anything on the spot and to insist on a cooling off period.
- Kenneth Clarke says North's 'phoney cloth cap and brass band image is jeopardising its chances of attracting new investment; North/South divide a ridiculous simplification.
- 500,000 expected to apply for British Airways shares.
- EC in price fixing raids on plastic manufacturers.
- Times: The DPP is believed to be considering whether he has sufficient evidence to bring charges against people involved in the Guinness affair.
- FT: Process workers at Shell have agreed a wage deal under which they will receive no further basic rises until 1990.
- Industrial output in Japan is falling for the first time in 11 years.

ECONOMY

- Times: Economic forecasters are increasingly optimistic about fall in unemployment, but the number of jobless is still expected to be about 3m in the final three months of this year.
- The main economic forecasters say the Chancellor will find room for £2bn of tax cuts in the Budget.

MINISTER (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker launches local collaboration project at Salford University

DTI: Mr Channon addresses International Chamber of Commerce dinner

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses BBC Bushmen's Club

MAFF: Mr Jopling lunches with Nestles, St George House, Croydon

MOD: Mr Younger lunches with Alan Cochrane, Mail on Sunday and later dines with Frank Melville, Time Magazine

CO: Mr Luce speaks at opening of "Russian Style" exhibition, Barbican Centre

DEM: Mr Lee makes regional visit to Portsmouth and addresses South East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at Tourism Conference, Selsdon Hotel, Selsdon, and later opens the Osborne Time Share Development, Torquay

DES: Mr Dunn visits Essex LEA re drugs

DHSS: Baroness Trumpington attends NCVO Health and Handicap Group Meeting, Spastics Society, Park Crescent

DOE: Mr Tracey visits Portsmouth

DOE: Mr Waldegrave speaks at launch of the Archaeology of the Uplands for the Royal Commission of Historic Monuments

DTp: Lord Brabazon visits Medway to open number four berth of Sheerness Docks

DTp: Mr Moore interviewed by "Commercial Motor"

FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses Conservative European Backbench Committee, House of Commons

HO: Mr Mellor visits Long Lartin Prison

HO: Lord Caithness visits Kent Fire Brigade

HO: Mr Hogg visits Brixton Police Station

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

HO: Mr Hurd meets with current and next presidents of TREVU in Brussels

MAFF: Mr Thompson visits International Sweet and Biscuits Fair, Cologne and Berlin (to 2 February)

TV AND RADIO

"You and Yours"; Radio 4 (12.00)

"Woman's Hour"; Radio 4: (14.00): Sue MacGregor with Kate Mortimer,
Policy Director of the Securities Investment Board

"Take Nobody's Word for it"; BBC 2 (19.35): The Prime Minister
demonstrates her favourite kitchen chemistry experiments and explains why
she gave up science for politics

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): Examines victims of the press and
argues that the right to privacy should be protected by law

"SDP Party Political Broadcast"; BBC 2 (22.00): Opposing views from
Family and Youth Concern and the Family Planning Association about sex
education
