

10 February 1987

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends Lord Stockton's Memorial Service,
Westminster Abbey

Mr Jopling addresses NFU

Prison Officers' delegate conference on working practices

PUBLICATIONS

DES Review of the University Grants Committee: Report of the
 Committee under the chairmanship of Lord Croham

MAFF: Launch of new booklet on food additives

HO: Annual Account of the Metropolitan Police Fund

NAO: Report by Comptroller and Auditor General 1986-87 to DE/MS:
 Adult Training Strategy

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Social Services; Education and Science; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Law of Property (Amendment)
 Opposition Day: There will be a debate on an Opposition
 Motion entitled "The Housing Crisis and the Rise in
 Homelessness"
 Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984
 (Continuance) Order
 Emergency Provisions Bill Committee Stage

Adjournment Debate

The enforcement of planning decisions in Northern Ireland,
with special reference to Moyra Drive, Saintfield, Co Down.
(Mr J E Powell)

Lords: Family Law Reform Bill (HL): Third Reading
 Local Government (Finance) Bill: Second Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

- 4 Lebanese hostages - 3 Americans and one Indian - reprieved for the time being.

- Row among Ministers over presentation of rural economy policy development; Environment claim wrong impression of relaxation of planning requirements in countryside has been given. Demands for new statement by Environment Secretary. But little coverage in 'pops'; Mail sympathetic.

- 62 died of AIDS in UK last month - shock increase and worse to come Mr Fowler says.
- Left to fight B/Telecom deal.
- B/Telecom takes advertising space to explain its pay offer; says it could take a month to get the network back to normal. Telegraph reports fears that size of settlement will be used as yard stick by other negotiators.
- More chaos forecast throughout summer on M1 from Monday as new work begins in Bucks.
- Robert MacFarlane, formerly Reagan's security adviser, in hospital after drugs overdose.

- Reports that the Queen has laid down the law about Royal Family TV interviews: we should have fewer of them.

- Afghans shoot down civilian 'plane with 30 on board.

ENVIRONMENT

- Plans to change rural economy to reduce food consumption runs into trouble - and some praise.
 - Star ignores the development; Sun: Builders' farmland bonanza.
 - Today: Building threat to farmland - rural Britain could face a flood of free-for-all development, conservationists warn.
 - Mirror: 'Concrete in fields' row.
Express: Anger at "farmland freedom" go ahead facing thousands of acres for developers.
 - Mail: Cuts in land curbs to aid farmers; leader says it is entirely to their credit that Ministers are now nerving themselves to open up farmland to other uses. Row in Commons a procedural irrelevance.
 - Telegraph makes it P1 lead: Dig for Victory case is over; rural planning controls eased; £25m scheme to revive countryside. Jopling rejects 'conifers and concrete' charge.
 - FT P1 lead: "Ministers clash over plans for alternative uses of farmland." A furious row between Mr Jopling and DOE ministers led to the Government toning down its statement; revised statement was generally welcomed in the Commons by most Tory MPs primarily those with farming interests.
 - Times P1 lead: "Commons row over Jopling's country policy. Plans unveiled amid indications of disarray in the Government and disappointment from the Opposition parties. Mr Jopling was forced last night to make a statement on the proposals after a barrage of protest about the way the announcement was made; colleagues at DOE are seething at his handling of the initiative and that their carefully constructed green belt policy has been shattered by the widespread impression that the plans could mean large-scale encroachment.
 - Guardian P1 lead: Jopling's land plan caught in bungle and inter-departmental row.
 - Independent: Ridley overturns planning curbs on farmland. A difficult balancing act for the Cabinet.
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- Marquis of Hertford fined £10,000 for ploughing up a Roman ruin.

POLITICS

- Mills, columnist in Star, says that whenever it is a straight choice between the rule of law and the "rights" of those who would defy the law, Labour unhesitatingly comes down on the side of anarchy.
- Today, commenting on Brent's recruitment of PR staff at cost of £100,000 to improve its public image, says this will only add to ratepayers' depression as council heads for £60m deficit.
- Mirror leader on Young Conservatives - vandals, upper class skinheads, more fascist than National Front; the ugly and unacceptable face of Toryism which Norman Tebbit had better clean up before pointing accusing fingers at Labour's extremists.
- Express leader says Hattersley is so preoccupied with plans for snatching back tax cuts that he seems unable to concentrate properly on other things - eg defence. In view of his past statements he now seems to be putting Cabinet Office before the principle he once espoused of not serving in unilateralist Government.
- A Labour government would develop a new high speed train to enable British Rail to compete with the French TGV if the Channel Tunnel is built.
- Labour would not only install a minister for women in the Cabinet but would also give that minister power to monitor all other government departments, councils and health authorities.
- FT: The Conservative Party will be able to go to the polls later this year with most of the key economic indicators looking fairly strong (Oxford Economic Forecasting Group)
- Telegraph leader says Conservatives, as a party against centralisation, need to be careful about direction of their party machine.
- Independent: Denis Healey, interviewed, pledges time for US nuclear pull-out
- Frances Morrell bids for GLC silver at Christies and spends £1454.
- Tory candidate in Greenwich backs return of death penalty.
- Guardian says moderates in Hull's Labour controlled council believe they have been targetted for Militant infiltration.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Islington to launch tomorrow scheme to create 4,167 jobs at cost of £51m.
- Camden, facing £50m deficit, to expand women's unit by 50%.

ECONOMY

- Britain owes £24bn in consumer credit.
- Tory Reform Group doesn't want tax cuts money to be spent on creating jobs.
- Hattersley, on TV at the weekend depriving everyone of tax cuts, seen as best advert for Government in City (Today) and sends shares soaring.
- FT: A renewed upturn in Britain's inflation rate this year was signalled by yesterday's figures showing sizeable increases in manufacturing industries' costs and prices.
- Times leader says tax cuts will not necessarily lead to the economy overheating and creating jobs in Cologne and Tokyo, rather than Britain, as Mr Hattersley claims.
- Guardian says unemployment will go up this month before resuming fall.
- Guardian leader on Chancellor's mountain of money, says he is planning to give the economy what it needs least of all - a boost to consumer spending. There is no case for a reduction in income tax now.

UNIONS

- Left wing areas of Yorkshire and South Wales are blocking Scargill's aim to raise NUM subs by 36p a week.

INDUSTRY

- Mirror feature accusing Government going into overdrive to cover up survey of cancer around nuclear power stations until after Sizewell debate.
- 400 new jobs in Wales for Jaguar components producers.
- FT: OFTEL has deferred a decision on proposals for further liberalisation following pressure from BT and the major equipment suppliers.
- Striking fireman at Manchester Airport must return to work today or accept responsibility for the dismissal of 6,000 staff and the closure of Britain's third largest airport.
- Times: A work to rule among 400 scientists and engineers is threatening the future of the £500m JET laboratory near Oxford.
- British cinemas are continuing their recovery, with admission up 3.5% last year.
- White collar union APEX claims it has won pay rises worth 22% for staff at Berry Magicoal, Birmingham.
- Lord Pennock to quit as chairman of EuroTunnel as soon as a successor can be found.
- Labour to renationalise Sealink if competition from Chunnel proves too severe (Guardian).
- CEGB to seek permission to double its planned number of coalfired power station orders.

WHITEHALL

- Sun, taking it as gospel the Government is going to do away with the Department of Energy, says it is a wise move; it was never necessary.

BBC ETC

- Sun says Jeremy Isaacs has been ruled out - Paul Fox front runner, according to Sun. Mail lists 11 candidates.
- Mrs Gillick gets apology from BBC for satirical sketch.
- Express says police could take more than a week to complete their report into Zircon affair.
- Mary Kenny, in Mail, on Ian Curteis Falklands play which BBC dropped, says those who suspect an anti-Tory plot at BBC feel fully vindicated by two new events - Curteis' experience and announcement BBC is planning a programme on Profumo in time for the election. It won't do, she says.
- FT: Labour leaders yesterday claimed further evidence of ministerial involvement in the decision leading to the raid on the BBC. After the warrant had been granted, Mr Rifkind was informed by the Lord Advocate even though it was not a matter for the Scottish Secretary, says Donald Dewar.
- Speaker to investigate information about cost of Zircon given to C & AG.
- Times: Speculation is now focused on Jeremy Isaacs for DG. David Dimbleby is his main competitor. David Nicholas of ITN says he does not want the job.
- Guardian says the Zircon project was widely known.

IRELAND

- Express MORI poll finds almost 2 out of 3 Britons want troops out of Ulster; 52% feel Anglo-Irish Agreement won't improve prospects for peace. But Government interprets poll as a setback for Unionists.

LAW AND ORDER

- Star, commenting on Telegraph survey about no go areas in inner cities, says all the zip has gone out of your campaign to get to grips with the problem. Today says something is rotten in British society and Government should find out what it is. Express: No go areas intolerable.
- Star says Home Secretary has told MPs he is unable to curb ticket touts.
- Sun tells Lord Denning to go and grow roses instead of first opposing review of lenient sentences and now backing them.
- Campaign Against Drinking and Driving wants random breath tests.
- Independent: An editorial on Clause 29 of the Criminal Justice Bill says that the Government has the right of the debate over Clause 29. But MPs should hold out for a say in the guidelines.

AIDS

- 62 died last month from disease.
- B/Airways to test all new pilots for the disease.
- Two nurses who have contracted HIV positive reinstated after being sacked.
- Coroner certifies that Liberace died of disease; accuses doctors of cover up.
- Mirror says Britain's top scientists are being told to find a cure for AIDS, no matter the cost.
- Telegraph says Government is preparing to give research into a vaccine wartime-type priority.
- Independent: Supply your own blood plan to cut hospital AIDS risk.

AIDS (CONT'D)

- Times: The Government has decided to invoke emergency powers last used in the Second World War to launch an additional £10m cash programme to find a cure for AIDS. Using powers of "directed research" Mr Fowler will instruct Government scientists to drop other work and turn their attention to combatting the virus.

HEALTH

- College of Health wants an inspectorate, similar to schools inspectorate, to check up on standards of care patients get from family doctors.

EDUCATION

- Independent: Funding basis for universities 'badly flawed' says the Bulletin of the British Psychological Society.

DRUGS

- Sun reports 8 Royal Navy ships are being used to smuggle drugs into Britain; MoD investigating; leader demands action in response to its "dossier".
- Home Office launching urgent investigation into doctors who supplied Boy George with drugs.

RACE

- Sun congratulates Asian taxi drivers for opposing Rochdale Council's move to ban Union Jacks from sides of taxis as racist; it tells the councillors to emigrate!

CHAD

- French rushing reinforcements there against Gaddafi.

SOVIET UNION

- Independent: Soviet police watched but did not disperse a 90-minute demonstration by 10 Jewish "refuseniks" in Central Moscow; Moscow to "humanise" treatment of dissidents.

USA

- "Lethargic" Reagan calls in publicity man who first helped him in political career.
- Times: Despite assurances, the signs are that Washington is moving to a decision on reinterpreting the ABM treaty.

PEOPLE

- Some pictures of Mrs Burgdorf.

FALKLANDS

- Times: The new strategic airport and garrison will cost £8m a year to maintain, according to PSA.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young speaks at CBI Conference on National Vocational Qualifications; later speaks at Telephone Cable Manufacturers' Association annual dinner, The Savoy
- DES: Mr Baker meets National Association of Head Teachers, London
- DTP: Mr Moore attends Guardian informal editorial conference followed by lunch, London
- MAFF: Mr Jopling addresses National Farmers Union AGM; later, with Lord Belstead and Mr Thompson, attends annual dinner, Hilton Hotel, London
- WO: Mr Edwards attends Memorial Service for the Earl of Stockton, Westminster Abbey, later attends the National Farmers Union annual dinner, Hilton Hotel, London
- DEM: Mr Trippier visits St Katharine's Dock, London
- DEN: Mr Hunt attends presentation of NEA/City and Guilds Certificates, London; later attends the Electrical Contractors Association dinner, London
- DES: Mr Dunn addresses School Curriculum Development Committee, London
- DHSS: Mr Newton speaks at AIDS Conference, Stopford Building, Manchester University
- DOE: Mr Tracey attends a ceremony to mark the installation of 2000th "Helpline" for the elderly, Havering, London
- DTI: Mr Shaw visits Manchester
- HO: Mr Mellor addresses Rotary Club, Winslow
- MAFF: Mr Thompson launches Food Additives Book, Royal Horseguards Hotel, London
- SO: Lord Glenarthur visits Orkney and Shetland Health Board

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DES: Mr Baker visits Hong Kong (to 16 February)
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TV AND RADIO

"Harold Macmillan Remembered"; BBC 1 (11.30): BBC Radio 4 (11.43): Live coverage of Lord Stockton's memorial service at Westminster Abbey. (Highlights at 19.15 on BBC 2)

"Moneyspinner"; Channel 4 (20.30): Including a look at ways of handling a small portfolio of shares. Experts are John Diamond and Sally Hawkins from the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, Douglas Moffit, financial editor of LBC, Paul Saper, Chartered Accountant and Howard Stone, solicitor

"An Invisible Enemy"; ITV (22.30): Studies the effect of the Chernobyl radioactive cloud to isolated people in Norway

"The 20th Century Remembered"; BBC 1 (22.55): Len Murray talks to Geoffrey Goodman about his early days as General Secretary of the TUC during the Wilson and Callaghan governments. He gives his views on why Labour lost the 1979 election and admits that the TUC was unprepared for Mrs Thatcher's new government

"Questions of Defence"; BBC 1 (23.35): The second programme of the series about the history of NATO looks at Germany's participation

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (00.30)
