

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Princess of Wales attends a luncheon at the Grocers Hall,
Princes Street, London

Prime Minister addresses Institute of Directors at the Royal Albert
Hall at noon

EC: Internal Market Council, Brussels

Paul Channon meets Leyland union delegation

Launch of London Daily News and relaunch of Evening News

Ban on TBT anti-fouling announced

MAFF gives evidence on December's Agriculture Council to
Agriculture Select Committee

Kenneth Baker announces £1m for first City Technology College at
Solihull

PUBLICATIONS

DEM: Trade Unions and their members, Green Paper

HO: Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England, local enquiry in
Berkshire

HO: Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England, report on its 1986
Interim Review of 40 parliamentary constituencies

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: Remaining stages of the Ministry of Defence Police Bill (Lords)

Motion on EC Documents relating to the Commission's proposals
for the provision of free food to the most needy. Details of
the documents concerned will be given in the official report

Motion on the appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order

Select Committees:

AGRICULTURE

Subject: The December Agreement

Witness: Rt Hon John Selwyn Gummer, Minister of
State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Subject: Special Educational Needs

Witnesses: Professor K Wedell; Mr J Wetton;
Mrs J Evans

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

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK BROADS BILL

TRANSPORT

Subject: Decline of the UK registered
Merchant FleetWitnesses: Dr Holder, Liverpool Polytechnic
(at 4.15 pm); British Shippers Council
(at 5.00 pm approx)Adjournment DebateThe problems for owners of prefabricated concrete cement
houses in Thurrock (Dr O McDonald)Lords: Local Government (Finance) Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

Coal Industry Bill: Committee

UQ on Polarisation in the Securities and Investments Board
Limited

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

- Donald Egan set to leave White House. Times says he will resign on Friday and names his successor, Drew Lewis, former Transport Secretary; Guardian leader says each morning brings new, ever more ludicrous, reports of Reagan's slide into oblivion.
- Guardian claims that Syrian leader in Beirut has demanded the release of all captives and hostages; new hope for Terry Waite.
- Pound rises strongly after Paris agreement bringing hopes of base rate cut on Budget Day.
- New war of Fleet Street - Associated Newspapers announce plans to resuscitate the old London Evening News today to compete alongside Standard with Maxwell's daily, launched today.
- News dominated, however, by Court tussle - now in Appeal Court - over whether an Oxford student should have the abortion she wants against wishes of ex-boyfriend.

MAIN NEWS (Cont'd)

- Two policemen stabbed in battle with gang of car thieves in Woolwich; a youth is helping police with their inquiries.
- Soviet dissident, Josef Begum, released at last.
- EC backs international conference on Middle East.
- Reports that the Synod is almost certain to back idea of women priests and produce a schism. Telegraph says it is time for those who support women priests to retreat.
- Nitze and Perle will tell you tomorrow Reagan is determined to go ahead with SDI and test **system** in space.
- Debris from a crashing American F-111 bomber jet mised three young brothers in their garden at their home in Newmarket.

POLITICSGreenwich

- Sun says Alliance is breathing down Labour's neck according to BBC Newsnight poll: 43/39/Conservatives 16.
- Mirror: Thatcher hits out at dirty tricks slurs - your letter to Janey Buchan. Express: "Clean-up call by Maggie."
- Express has Deirdre Wood on the defensive over allegations that she was a hypocrite for living in a council flat while owning her own home; leader says Mrs Wood is finding things can get very hot in the political kitchen and 2 years does seem rather a long time to live in a council flat when you have your own house, especially when you know there are homeless families on the waiting list.
- Mail says a switch by Tories could produce a sensational Alliance win in Greenwich - 4 out of 10 Conservatives say they would be prepared to vote Alliance to keep out Mrs Wood.

GREENWICH (CONT'D)

- Times leader says Conservatives would rather Labour than Alliance win Greenwich. But if Mrs Wood was chosen it would be danger sign that electorate was more willing to vote Labour, despite its hard Left element, than the Tories care to think.

Conservatives

- Ken Livingstone, according to LSE student magazine, has forecast a Tory victory by 3-4%.
- Express heading in trailer for your speech today: "SuperMag heralds in a golden age for Britain."
- Times: Richard Hickmet apologises to Speaker for criticising him outside the House last week.

- Sun leader says latest opinion poll showing increasing numbers of Labour voters against his proposal to scrap nuclear deterrent makes grim reading for Kinnock, but Alliance has nothing to crow about either; voters will only be happy with a party fully committed to defending this country properly.
- Militants turning again on Derek Hatton because of his emergence as male model (Today).
- Lord Chalfont has little sympathy for Mrs Kinnock over attacks upon her since it is no personal attack on her to suggest her CND views will be taken into account.
- Mail leader says Kinnock's efforts to give Labour a responsible image are to little avail for the Left keeps revealing the real truth. Now they want to strip their leader of the power to pick a Cabinet - all of a piece with the Left's aim to control Kinnock who would only be a Prime Minister so long as he is their poodle.
- Times: Roy Hattersley claims Conservative Government would be forced to reimpose higher taxes, probably in form of increased rate of VAT if re-elected.
- Home Secretary says Left wing control of policy in London could lead to anarchy and tyranny.

UNIONS

- TUC facing a financial crisis - spending money "like drunken sailors", according to leaked report of building workers leader.
- Sun says it is a good idea to make bosses take pay cuts when their firms make losses, but why not extend it to union bosses? In that event Scargill should be skint. Mail wants performance incentives down to middle management.
- Mirror has union leaders claiming cost of a first class letter will rise to £1.50 if Post Office is privatised.
- Times: Daily Mail print workers given pay ultimatum - future pay rises will be conditional on abandonment of "Spanish customs".
- FT: Government to offer civil servants 5%.
- FT: Civil Service unions to tell Treasury that merit pay scheme is still not acceptable.

SIZEWELL

- Labour pledges to cancel Sizewell PWR if the Government approves it.
- Today claims that Layfield was badly out of date when it was published in view of Chernobyl; there has been no coherent energy policy since D/Energy was born and it should be merged with DTI.
- Independent: Sizewell warning for Walker as both Labour and Alliance gave notice they would cancel construction of new nuclear power station at Sizewell.

LAW AND ORDER

- Geoffrey Collier sent for trial on insider dealing charges.
- Sun praises Lord Young for demanding an explanation why a tax inspector went unpunished after being caught collecting dole money illegally.
- Solicitor General says he is examining claims that MI5 tried to undermine Wilson Government.
- Claims that Stalker uncovered an MI5 blunder which cost 3 lives (Today).
- Express claims flow of immigrants into Britain has fallen to a post-war low because of tough Government action.
- Times: High Court judgement on Tamils today.
- Times: Home Secretary to face new pressure to reopen Guildford and Woolwich bombing cases. YTV's "First Tuesday" claims to have turned up new witness.
- Times: High Court judge finds Belfast City Council £25,000 for contempt of court after failing to obey an order to resume normal business.

ABORTION

- Student loses High Court battle to stop his former girl friend from having an abortion; decision goes to appeal.

AIDS

- Maxwell new newspaper reports transmission of AIDS through skin graft.
- Today says Government should stop dithering about making £10m available for research to MRC.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Star says Government is heading for a row with nurses over pay because of its advice to the pay body; leader accuses Government of warped logic in saying that because the nurses got 11% last year their pay has more than kept pace with inflation.
- Times: Services for drug abusers will not meet demand if Government does not provide extra funds, say agencies.
- Times: Government accused of failing to support new cancer screening test by Quest for a test for cancer as it launches campaign to raise £2m.

INDUSTRY

- Times: DTI to upgrade machinery for collecting statistics about research and development conducted by private industry. Lord Gregson describes plan as cosmetic.
- B/Rail claims a big increase of 20m a year using trains in South East.
- MORI poll shows Eurotunnel opposed in 35 most marginal Conservative constituencies - commissioned by port and ferry operators.
- FT: About 5 Indian-owned companies believed to be interested in buying ASHOK LEYLAND, the Indian truck and bus associate of the Rover Group.
- FT: Chartered surveyors warn that London dockland development will slow down unless transport to the area is improved quickly.
- FT: George Walden criticises industry for failing to spend enough on research.
- FT: Caterpillar will be forced to review position of Leicester plant where 1,000 are employed, if dollar weakens, says chairman. But does not believe such a currency re-alignment predicted by some economists would happen.
- FT: Attempt to be reached to set up a management led consortium to save about 100 jobs and some of the operations at Scammell in Watford.
- FT: Boeing seeks bids from UK companies to instal AWACS components being brought by RAF.
- Independent: Guinness may write off \$100m Boesky investment.

EDUCATION

- Times: Government asks Ealing Council for details of its position on teaching of homosexuality in schools.
- Surplus comprehensive school in Solihull to be site for first City Tech to be launched today.
- Independent: Two Jewish schools in Barnet may be breaking law by charging fees.
- Independent: Editorial criticises impoverished policy towards universities. In spite of better standard of living we will be poorer by far if we have fewer universities at the end of the century.
- Kenneth Baker tells Gloucestershire not to allow numbers in its grammar schools to drop.

ECONOMY

- FT: International financial markets reacted cautiously to accord signed by Group of Five. Large measure of scepticism about rather vague wording of agreement.
- FT: At least 1m jobs could be created over next 5 years by a Government policy designed to make industry more competitive, says Public Policy Centre report.
- Report to Lord Young says North/South divide in house prices has been causing a collapse in job mobility in the Civil Service.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Sun says Tory controlled Hillingdon is a contestant for the looniest council award for spending £500 flying home a councillor from a Tenerife holiday for a crucial vote which Conservatives would have won anyway.
- Police called to Haringey town hall over Labour's refusal to hear parents' case against teaching of homosexual rights.
- Times: Brent plans to remortgage town hall and other public buildings to beat Government spending curbs.
- Times: Adam Smith Institute report says more than 300 square miles of urban land in Britain are vacant and derelict.
- Times: Local Government Finance Bill survives House of Lords attack by four votes.
- Left wing councils launch campaign to withdraw local authority contracts from firms with South African connections.

SPORT

- Football authorities agree to 50% membership system on pain of possible ban.
- Fulham AFC to be killed off in a merger with Queen's Park Rangers.
- Families who lost relatives in the Bradford City fire are in line for compensation after High Court ruling that the club and the old West Yorkshire CC are liable - £20m said to be likely total.

PEOPLE

- Man with whom Harvey Proctor is alleged to have had a fight outside his flat back at the flat drunk and claiming he changed his story about the Proctor incident because Proctor said it would bring his resignation.
- Star calls on Norman Tebbit to tell Chairman of Billericay Association to get rid of Proctor immediately.

- Attorney General says he will be back within a fortnight.

KENYA

- British soldier to be beaten in jail today for stabbing a Kenyan civilian in a pub brawl.

BEIRUT

- Times: Syrian troops move over Beirut. 4,000-strong army has enough armour, ammunition and encampment gear to last until next winter.

EC

- FT: EC Governments join Soviet Union in backing idea of international peace conference on Middle East.

SOVIET UNION

- Independent: Soviet unions nervously await call to arms from Gorbachev.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Independent: Neil Kinnock has challenged you to clarify your position on South Africa in a strongly worded four page letter.
- Independent: South Africa's Britons refuse to make a drama out of a crisis amid reports of UK Government evacuation plans.

IRELAND

- Independent: Ulster dirty war killings claim under scrutiny.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Lord Young attends English Tourist Board's launch of A Vision for England: Strategy for Tourism, London
- DES: Mr Baker opens the Science and Engineering Research Council exhibition at the Design Centre, London
- DTP: Mr Moore attends the All-Party Channel Tunnel Group meeting, House of Commons
- DEM: Mr Lee visits Birmingham
- DEM: Mr Trippier visits Sheffield
- DHSS: Mr Lyell attends launch of Benefit Bus, Northallerton and later visits Middlesborough Social Security Office, Albert Street, Middlesborough
- DOE: Mr Patten visits Westminster Council for launch of Right to Buy publicity campaign
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave presents UK Conservation Foundation Awards, Lambeth Palace, London
- DTI: Mr Butcher opens Power UK Exhibition, London
- DTI: Mr Howard addresses stock exchange conference on "Big Bang", London
- DTI: Mr Shaw visits Govan
- DTP: Mr Bottomley addresses The Mobility Trust, Wandsworth Common, London
- FCO/ODA: Mr Patten addresses Southern Africa Association, Charing Cross Hotel, London
- HO: Mr Waddington receives courtesy call from Spanish Consular and Consular General, Signors Valarde and Otero
- MAFF: Mr Gummer addresses lunch of Agriculture Attaches of EC Member States, Belgrave Square; later launches Go Snack an Egg - British Egg Industry Council
- MAFF: Mr Thompson hosts Codex Committee on Fats and Oils reception, London
- SO: Mr Mackay attends Scottish National Farmers Union, Fish Farming Conference, Eden Court, Inverness

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DTI: Mr Pattie attends EC Research Council, Brussels
- DTI: Mr Clarke attends Internal Market, Brussels

TV AND RADIO

"Newsnight Afternoon"; BBC 2 (15.03): With Nick Clarke

"The Local Network"; BBC Radio 4 (16.05): Local Radio newsrooms investigate "War Games - Room for manoeuvres?". The Army is on the move! In many parts of Britain the MOD is buying up land to use for training. Why is extra land needed when MOD already own so much?

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (12.10)