

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

NUM: Special conference on financial crisis

Conference on AIDS predictions

EC: Transport Council (to 24 March)

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STATISTICS

CBI: Monthly trends enquiry (Mar)

CSO: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (Feb)

DTI: Manufacturers' and distributors' stocks (4th qtr rev)

OPCS: Cancer incidence and mortality in the vicinity of nuclear installations, England and Wales, 1959-80

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PAY

Prison Officers; 18,300; 1 April

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PARLIAMENT:

Commons

Questions: Wales; Energy; Transport

Business: Conclusion of the Debate on the budget statement

Adjournment Debate: The proposed re-organisation of education in Kingston (Mr R Squire)

Select Committees: HOME AFFAIRS: SUB-COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND IMMIGRATION

Subject: Passport Control

Witnesses: HM Customs and Excise (at 4.15 pm);

British Rail (at 4.45 pm)

SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Problems associated with AIDS

Witness: Dr Jonathan Mann, The World Health Organisation

Lords: Banking Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

Civil Defence (Grant)(Amendment) Regulations 1987. Motion for approval

Civil Defence (Grant) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1987. Motion for approval.

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

- Callaghan offers to tell you all he knows on MI5 if you wish to consult him before you decide on a further inquiry. He says it would be wise to end ban on Wright publication.
- Labour claims that Government has been misleading House on modernisation of battlefield nuclear weapons. Guardian claims Government has been modernising nuclear battlefield weapons while telling Commons no decision had been made to do so.
- Government reported to be getting concerned over the advance of the Alliance which was marginally ahead of Labour in the weekend poll. You have a big lead in who is best PM.
- But Star's poll of constituencies Labour must win to form a Government suggest Kinnock is heading for a greater electoral disaster than Foot; Labour falling further and further behind.
- Hattersley likens Conservatives to "a bunch of alley cats, scratching and clawing their way to ballot box" - stung by your "zealots" comment in conference speech.
- Militants to put up candidates for virtually every seat in Liverpool to replace those disqualified.
- Home Secretary orders investigation into how Broadwater Farm ringleader was freed on bail while on murder charge; but Guardian says he is not aligning himself with Lord Chancellor in criticising Bail Act.
- Captain in Lifeguards in Swedish court today on drugs allegations.
- Karpov casts doubt on whether USA wants a zero-zero deal in Europe.
- Russia has refused to allow Healey to jump on your Moscow-visit bandwagon (Sun); Telegraph says Russia vetoed trip.
- Some confusion over whether Denis Thatcher was or was not going to Moscow.
- David Owen calls on Europe to take control of its own security.
- Government plans to force youngsters to learn a skill or lose dole money.
- School strikes expected to affect 600,000 children this week.
- Audit Commission says local councils waste £200m a year.
- Row over convicted Colombian drug smuggler receiving £400 a week hospital treatment at taxpayers' expense; Sun says he should be delivered to Colombian Embassy in an ambulance.
- ~~Man~~ Man killed in second explosion in 9 days at BP's refinery in Grangemouth.
- Big fire destroys part of the Open University, including computer suite.
- Sun foresees the end for Scargill after attack by Scottish NUM leader.



MAIN NEWS (Cont'd)

- Two more shot dead in INLA feud, bringing murder toll to 12.
- Alan Jukes elected leader of Fine Gail to succeed Fitzgerald.
- Mirror claims that pets meant for cremation are being processed for fats and oils.
- Today says compensation for children lost in Zeebrugge tragedy will be limited to £3,500 because they did not contribute to family earnings.
- BAFTA awards give BBC a fistful of honours but what are they worth when Granada's "World in Action" wins "Best Factual Series"?
- Yugoslav PM threatens to call out army to stamp out pay strikes.
- Express says Wright is to sue Chapman Pincher for book royalties.
- Archbishop Tutu fails to win ceasefire pledge from ANC.

POLITICSComment

- Star in the light of its poll, says that instead of jetting off to America next weekend to sell his policies to Reagan, Kinnock would do better to tour marginals trying to sell them to the people of Britain.
- Today says you have paid the Alliance a great compliment by deciding they and not Labour are the main election threat. It believes a coalition will be good for the country.
- Express says another Lib/Lab pact would cost us dear. Jon Akass says that in view of the weekend polls it is necessary to take you seriously when you promise to cast socialism into the eternal fire.
- Express says Harry Greenway MP is to lead a protest march to Kinnock's house against rate increases in Ealing.
- Mail says your third term will not be dull. A radical reform of education and abolition of rates are only for starters. This is how it should be. This is not the moment for consolidation.
- Telegraph says Kinnock's mistake was to yield to his unilateralist instincts. He then sought to distinguish between first and second strike. But arms control, like deterrence, proceeds from strength.



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Lord Young attends Banking Bill Committee stage, House of Commons

DES: Mr Baker visits Wells Cathedral School

HO: Mr Hurd addresses William Hill Organisation lunch

SO: Mr Rifkind addresses members of Dunfermline Chamber of Commerce, Businessmen's Club, Dunfermline

DEM: Mr Lee visits Manchester

DES: Mrs Rumbold visits Bolton LEA

DES: Mr Walden visits Polytechnic Central Admissions Systems, Cheltenham

DHSS: Mrs Currie visits National Children's Bureau, London

DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits the Tower of London; later speaks at the launch of the European Year of Environment year book, Institute of Civil Engineers, Great George Street

DTI: Mr Butcher visits Newall and Budge, Horsham

DTP: Mr Bottomley receives courtesy call from Mr Russell Ingersoll, Director General of Transport, Australia

DTP: Mr Mitchell attends Cambridge Station opening ceremony

HO: Mr Mellor launches 'Resolve' video on drugs

HO: Mr Hogg addresses Hammersmith and W. London College

MAFF: Mr Thompson hosts cocoa reception, Lancaster House

MAFF: Mr Gummer lunches with the London Europe Society, St Ermins Hotel

MOD: Mr Stanley meets the Commander in Chief, Finnish Armed Services and General Schmitt, Chief of the General Staff of the French Army, London

OAL: Mr Luce speaks at Brighton Arts Unit Conference, Lewes; later speaks at Photographers' Trust Fund prize giving, Brighton

SO: Mr MacKay opens Lamb Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Edinburgh

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DEM: Mr Clarke at British American Parliamentary Group, USA (to 30 March)

DTP: Mr Moore attends EC Transport Council, Brussels (to 24 March)

DEM: Mr Trippier visits Berlin (to 25 March)

DTI: Mr Pattie attend EC Research Council, Brussels

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TV AND RADIO

"Panorama"; BBC1; (21.30): Northern Ireland. The Troubled Peace. Programme looks at how people have come to terms with their suffering. Reporter David Lomax.

"World in Action"; ITV; (20.30): Homelessness in rural England from Dorset to the South

"Their Lordship's House"; Channel 4; (23.50)

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