

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Princess of Wales visits the Barnardo School of Printing at William Baker House, Hertford; later opens Spencer Close, a new centre for the mentally handicapped, St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, Essex

Prime Minister visits STC Ltd Southgate and later buys a brick for Stoke Mandeville Hospital appeal (photocall)

International "AIDS" day

STATISTICS

DOE: Housing starts and completions (Feb)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Private Members Bills: Obscene Publications Bill: 2nd Reading (Mr Gerald Howarth)
Pensioners' Right to Fuel and Communications Bill: 2nd Reading (Mr Jeremy Corbyn)

Adjournment Debate: Control of toxic emissions from incinerators (Mr George Howarth)

MINISTERS _ See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

- A lot more coverage of your visit with an encouraging poll in the Daily News, Tory jeers for Kinnock for his petty criticism. The Express reports a video attempt in Moscow to smear Mrs Gorbachev.
- The Anglo/Japanese trade issue hots up with Government taking powers to act against Japanese financial institutions. Michael Howard taking blunt warning to Tokyo.
- James Baker, US Treasury Secretary, wants major industrial countries to accept a series of official international "norms" or targets for economic performance.
- Some Civil Servants start 6-week campaign of disruption in support of better pay and conditions; poor prospect for Easter holidaymakers because Customs and Excise to join in.
- to go
- Keith Best/before his constituency; more pressure for him to resign. Express and Today say he must go. Mirror says Eric Cockeram has passed the buck - he bought two lots of BT shares but one for his grandchildren
- Mirror and Sun claim Myra Hindley has confessed to the police how she and Ian Brady murdered two more children.
- Today says a Scotland Yard report on allegations of jury nobbling at the Brinks Mat bullion trial is to be sent to DPP.
- Judgement reserved in Lords in appeal against planned sterilisation of a 17 year old mentally retarded girl.
- Big prices being paid for the late Duchess of Windsor's jewels.
- B/Aerospace to buy Royal Ordnance for £190m.
- Guinness is to sell off several companies bought by Ernest Saunders including retail chains.
- Jaguar forced to cancel celebration to mark last roll-off of Jaguar 3 because of strike.

- MAIN NEWS (Cont'd)

- Sun resolves to make Scargill a non-person so far as it is concerned - it's going to ban him.
- Man who coordinated Zeebrugge ferry rescue complains that he was kept waiting hours for equipment; media gathers for public inquiry and raising of ship.
- After yesterday's Commons exchanges Express want to know if Kinnock has changed his tax policies.

- Two sons of late Col H Jones VC, of Falklands fame, to join his first regiment - the Devon and Dorsets.

- 3 Soviet diplomats expelled from France for spying.

- Donations have paid the deputy Chief Constable John Stalker's legal bill.

YOUR VISIT

- Daily News says your visit has been a spectacular success with the voters - Harris poll shows nearly half people think their opinion of you has gone up; bad news for Kinnock.
- John Brown contract brings business won during visit to £400m.
- Star: Maggie cold war on sneering Kinnock who tries to pour cold water on your visit. Feature on the problematical Reds under Gorbachev's bed says your's was a triumphant and breathtaking display of sheer guts and bravado. It could influence world events for years to come.
- Sun: Kinnock's Moscow mauling - booed by Tory MPs as he tried to take the gloss off your triumph. You demolished his nit-picking attack.
- Mirror: Moscow Maggie is 'over the top' - according to Kinnock who accuses you of overkill in your account of the visit; leader says it has been your week and if Oscars were ordered for actor managers in politics you would scoop up a hatful. But what does it mean? No nearer banning nuclear or chemical weapons and trade and cultural agreements were window dressing. It had two purposes - national interest and Conservative interest - so far the Conservatives, aided by a sycophantic saturated press, have shown immense gain. But history will probably show the world has gained very little.
- Joe Haines, in Mirror, says it was a mistake for you to insist on seeing dissidents because Gorbachev is by no means invincible. His column also criticises favouring the gang of 24 Lobby members and preventing him and The Guardian and The Independent from travelling on the 'plane.
- Today: Kinnock pokes fun at the "Micky and Maggie" show; leader headed "Kinnock is left standing" says there is no doubt about it: you are an amazing phenomenon. On yesterday's showing Kinnock is not going to prevent you from going on for the rest of the century. His questions seemed petty while your style was that of a world leader; what a feeble figure he was beside you.
- Chris Buckland in Today tries to answer why you are a folk hero abroad while 60% give you the raspberry at home.
- Daily News leads with the Moscow effect - its opinion poll in wake of visit.
- Express: It's Maggie's £400m homecoming - ie trade deals - to Tory cheers. Inside a page is devoted to the video attack by Gorbachev's enemies on Mrs Gorbachev's alleged extravagance. Leader says could it be Mr Gorbachev has shot the film desperate to know what she is getting up to with her credit cards.
- Charles Moore, in Express, says one reason for your triumph and Kinnock's failure is that Gorbachev wanted to see you and Reagan didn't want to see Kinnock who didn't really want to see Reagan either: just to be seen with him.
- Mail: We'll keep the bomb 20 years, says Maggie. Kinnock gets boos, jeers and cries of shame for trying to belittle your trip.

YOUR VISIT (Cont'd)

- Mail says Moscow now calls you "Nasha Masha" - our Maggie. Crowds around Novosti show of photos of your visit.
- Telegraph: Kinnock fails to spoil Thatcher's mood of triumph. Conservative MPs acclaimed you on your triumphant return and shouted down Kinnock for criticising you.
- Guardian: My trip has made world safer, says PM; ecstatic welcome from your MPs.
- Times: You were cheered in the Commons when you said your visit had helped to make the world a safer place; Russians give mixed reviews of your visit. Chief Kremlin spokesman accuses you of suffering from "nucleophilia," the love of everything nuclear .
- Times leader discusses your visit saying the resonance from it may turn out to be much longer lasting than any of the detailed negotiations that must follow. You were the right person in the right place at the right time. You took yourself into a hostile country and delivered a lecture full of truth, belief and hope.
- Guardian leader says the visit was in many ways a triumph and you accomplished a number of useful things. And you showed signs of turning pale pink around the edges before you came home. So pretty good is their verdict. But we shouldn't get swept away. The belief that Britain can make more than a ha'porth of difference to Geneva is illusion.
- Independent: Thatcher's nuclear pledge. You dismiss disarmament in Europe as a 'distant dream'. Inside story says that Soviet Union, facing considerable NATO uncertainty over what to do about proposals to rid Europe of medium-range missiles, is deliberately underlying the water with differing offers. Your visit did little to clarify things.

POLITICS

- Paul Johnson, in Mail, on 'The Tories unfortunate tendency' with pictures of MPs Proctor, Browne, Best and Cockeram. You should consider disembarassing yourself of them.
- Telegraph leader says if Labour fails again there could well be further movement to the SDP so bringing the real prospect of social democracy supplanting Socialism. But the most likely consequence of a heavy vote for Alliance would not simply be a hung Parliament but a paralysed Government.
- Times: Main planks of Labour manifesto to be unveiled tomorrow. Expected aims: to reduce unemployment by 1 million; single pensions up by £5 and married by £8; statutory minimum wage; provide crime prevention grants to householders; raise child benefit by £3.
- Guardian analysis of polls says the Alliance's climb was almost exclusively at Labour's expense.

JAPANESE TRADE

- Japan given to the end of April to give us a fair deal - or else. Some see Japan trying to find a way out.
- Star: Thatcher warning for Japs.
- Sun: Maggie gets tough with big Jap firms - play fair or get out warning; leader says you are back in town and immediately your Government gets tough with Japanese.
- Mirror says you get tough policy was already producing results last night - Tokyo wants peace.
- Today: Tokyo backs off.
- Daily News: Japanese banks face City ban in trade war.
- Express: Japan's olive branch on trade - Cable and Wireless to get a bigger slice.
- Mail P1: 21 day deadline for the Japanese.
- Telegraph P1 lead: Japanese given deadline for trade war.
- Guardian: UK rattles trade sabres at Japan.
- Times P1 lead says Japanese banks and insurance companies in London face closure in month unless our companies are given freer access to Tokyo markets. Stiff ultimatum to be given personally by Michael Howard. Japanese to be told bluntly that you need to know by the end of the month that Japan intends to end closed door trading practices.
- Story from Japan says Cable and Wireless reject compromise proposal; Bank of England privately dismayed at Government's aggressive attitude.
- Independent: Limited curb on Japanese. The Cabinet yesterday retreated from full-scale sanctions; but Ministers are to bring forward statutory powers on financial services market.
- Government served clear notice to the Japanese that it is prepared to retaliate. Nevertheless, Ministers still anxious to avoid escalation of the problems (FT).
- FT agrees Cabinet's wrath is justified but questions using the reciprocity clauses of the Financial Services Act which at best would be double-edged. Mr Howard must leaven toughness with a sense of proportion.

INDUSTRY

- Sun comes out in favour of an international consortium to build a successor to Concorde.
- Independent: Fraud Squad is investigating activities of successful job creation enterprise Neath Partnership, which handles Community Programme progress in South Wales.
- FT: CEGB announces contracts worth £200m for the building of its first pressurised water nuclear reactor.

ECONOMY

- FT: Reserves highest for 10 years giving the Government ample ammunition with which to fight any speculative attack on the pound
- Ft: leader urges greater frankness about sterling targets. Mr Lawson is operating from a position of strength. A revival of Labour's fortunes seems unlikely following your Moscow visit and the health of the economy.

RESEARCH

- Times: Research Council hopes to end freeze on grants following entire £15m cash injection. Government yet to decide on EC science budget.
- Independent: Britain alone in opposition to EC research scheme. Government faces embarrassing isolation today in its stand against £4.58b EC research programme, after West Germany yesterday accepted compromise.

UNIONS

- Star says retiring McGahey has given Scargill some good advice: "We need tactics and policies that win people over".
- Sun records its intention to ban Scargill since it believes he has ceased to have any significance whatsoever. If he does figure in the news he will be given an alias.

EDUCATION

- Times: Kenneth Baker to issue sex education circular emphasising link between homosexuality and AIDS.

NHS

- Sun leader notes that in spite of tearstained stories about the NHS, 9 out of 10 say they are satisfied with it - 4 times as many as satisfied with Kinnoch.
- Times: Report blames heavy drinking for severe problems with sex.
- Times: Critical shortage of donor kidneys. 18% drop in transplants.

VAT

- Star says VAT on food - presumably an eating tax to pay for the EC food mountains - is a total non-starter.

PEOPLE

- Colleen Harris, press officer, to work in No 10 because she is effective communicator not merely because she is black (FT).

LAW AND ORDER

- Times: Home Secretary orders police to liaise over deaths of five scientists and disappearance of another.
- Times: Tory MPs say Parliament out of touch about capital punishment - call for referendum.
- Times: Big increase in neighbourhood watch schemes - now 28,500 in England and Wales.
- Independent: You are lending Government support to Bill to strengthen Obscene Publications Act and are expected to vote in favour of proposals today.

ZEEBRUGGE

- Times: Public inquiry opens into Zeebrugge disaster today.

PAKISTAN

- Times: Pakistan Prime Minister eager for a report from you on Afghanistan when he visits next week.

EC

- Independent: EC Commission released yesterday a list of 30 allegedly illicit obstacles faced by European exporters trying to operate in the United States.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Lord Young launches TAPS project, Isle of Wight

DEM: Mr Clarke visits North West

DTI: Mr Channon addresses British Insurance Brokers Association annual conference, Glasgow

DTp: Mr Moore visits DVLC Swansea

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses London Chamber of Commerce

SO: Mr Rifkind visits Aberdeen fish market/harbour, also attends opening of Five Star Truck Inn, Aberdeen; later opens new harbour development, Fraserburgh

WO: Mr Edwards visits Diversified Products, Gorseinan

DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at Road Transport Industry Training Board Management Development Launch, Manchester

DES: Mrs Rumbold addresses the Secondary Examinations Council, London

DHSS: Mr Newton visits Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport

DOE: Mr Waldegrave addresses Rural Voice Conference, Cirencester Royal Agricultural College

DOE: Lord Skelmersdale visits Warrington and Runcorn

DTI: Mr Butcher visits Kalmon Climax, Coventry

DTI: Mr Howard attends National Consumer Congress, Liverpool; later addresses and presents awards to Design against Crime, London

DTp: Mr Spicer launches Air 2000 Aircraft Charter Service, Manchester

DTp: Mr Bottomley visits Barrow-In-Furness

HMT: Mr Stewart addresses the Hertfordshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry

HO: Lord Caithness visits Kent Fire Brigade

MAFF: Mr Thompson visits Skelmersdale

MOD: Mr Freeman visits NAOC, Bicester

SO: Mr Ancram opens Sheltered Housing Development, Castlenill Housing Association, Aberdeen

SO: Mr Lang visits Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston Enterprise Trust, Saltcoats, also visits ICI, Ardeen and later visits Garnock Valley Development Executive

WO: Mr Robinson addresses Health Care Financial Management Association, Swansea

WO: Mr Roberts chairs Welsh Advisory Body on Higher Education, Cardiff; later addresses Wales CBI dinner, Colwyn Bay

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MAFF: Mr Jopling attends Bilateral Meeting with Herr Kiechele, Bonn, West Germany

DHSS: Baroness Trumpington visits Bonn

TV AND RADIO

"Twelve Minutes Over Tripoli;" BBC 1; 22.25: A piecing together of the US raid a year ago with Exclusive interviews

"Beyond the Great Divide;" BBC 2 20.00; The economic gulf between North and South, the second of a two part programme

"Any Questions;" BBC Radio 4; 20.20; With Alex Salmond, Vice President of the SNP, John Cousins, Head of Personnel, Scottish Daily Record, Charles Kennedy, MP; Emma Nicholson, Vice Chairman, Conservative Party
