

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

EC: European Parliament Session, Strasbourg (to 10 July)

National Union of Mineworkers Annual Delegate Conference, Rothesay (to 10 July)

Transport and General Workers Union Biennial Delegate Conference, Scarborough (to 10 July)

Information Technology Youth Tour commences (to 11 July)

STATISTICS

DTI: Credit Business (May)

DTI: Retail Sales (May-final)

HO: The time taken to process criminal cases in the Magistrates Courts, October 1986

HO: Reconvictions and recall of life licensees

PUBLICATIONS

NIO: Legal Aid Annual Report 1985/86

OAL: A costing system for public libraries

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Wales; Energy; Transport

Business: Debate on a Government motion on the future of the 'Today' newspaper

Local Government Bill: second reading

Adjournment Debate: Government policy towards Ministerial accountability to the House of Commons (Mr G Allen)

Select Committees:

Lords: Channel Tunnel Bill: Committee (2nd Day).

Limitation (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1987) Motions

Occupiers' Liability (Northern Ireland) Order 1987) for

Enduring Powers of Attorney (Northern Ireland) Order 1987) Approval

Enduring Powers of Attorney (Northern Ireland))

(Consequential Amendment) Order 1987)

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

Geoffrey Pattie and Robert Adley criticise John Biffen's outburst at the weekend accusing you of running "a sort of Stalinist regime".

Telegraph and Mail suggest Rosie Barnes, Charles Kennedy and Robert Maclennan will join Liberals leaving Owen and Cartwright isolated. MORI poll shows 82% in favour of merger.

Search for a fourth Hindley-Brady murder victim on Saddleworth Moors continues today.

TGWU backs one man one vote for Labour Party which seems to be on the verge of a "monumental row" over policy (Mail) - Kinnock believed to be ready to drop nationalisation.

New row over Teesside Social Security Department's plan to video reunions between parents and allegedly abused children. Richard Holt MP says it smacks of Big Brother at its worst. Mail says parents may sue two doctors at centre of allegations for assault. DHSS expected to announce Government inquiry this week (Times).

Teachers split over new round of school strikes - NAS/UWT want more; NUT executive votes against until next term.

Some reports suggest Scargill will win NUM conference vote this week against 6-day working.

Jack Straw calls for "people's rebellion" against community charge.

Independent says poll tax would hit 60 Tory marginals and bring greater pressure on Government to modify plans.

Scotland Yard investigating allegations that heart swap surgeon Magdi Yacoub involved in unlawful killing of donor baby born with most of brain missing.

A fuss over allegations that racial insults were hurled at Jewish captain of Harrow at Eton v. Harrow cricket match.

Poll commissioned by National Consumer Council shows B/Telecom is the worst public service in dealing with complaints, repairs and installations.

Canary Wharf project close to collapse, according to Daily News after two financiers withdraw.

Telegraph says radical changes are being planned to the electricity industry before it is privatised - won't be sold off as a single entity.

Today says David Owen is being talked of as a successor to Lord Carrington as Secretary General of NATO if his party votes to merge with Liberals.

Row over Prince of Wales' trip to East End as first Low Pay Unit and then leader of Tower Hamlets urge him to criticise Government policy - Anthony Beaumont-Dark says attempts are being made to use him.

John Birt, BBC, wants more intelligent analytical BBC reporting - some equate this with more boring news.

News report that Terry Waite is dead - from Kuwait newspaper.

Danish General Election called for October - more uncertainty on EC budget battle.

Reports of a new Reagan crisis over claims that Colonel North planned to impose military government on the USA if there were nuclear war or widespread opposition to a US invasion abroad.

Scargill to take a holiday in Cuba; to see Castro.

Opposition eating into Hawke's poll lead in Australia with promise of tax cuts.

Tehran 'exporting' revolution from overseas missions headquartered in UN mission in Geneva - Independent.

BIFFEN/HESELTINE

Lots of coverage of John Biffen's interview with Sunday Telegraph in which he accuses you of running "a sort of Stalinist regime".

Michael Heseltine says he won't be joining any Biffen Backbench group.

Sun asks Biffen that if your Government was so awful why did he remain a member for 8 years. He can forget it if he thinks he will have a significant say over who succeeds you.

Daily News leader says Biffen's criticism of wider funding and planned changes in education were more substantial than his other criticism. After Heath's criticism of poll tax and Heseltine's

sharp asides on inner city policy, Biffen's assault of your style promises some anguish for Tory image makers.

Edward Pearce, in Express, says Biffen's quarrel with you should be seen for what it is - tragedy and trouble; Express leader says Biffen has known he was politically dead ever since his "balanced ticket" gaffe. And if he felt himself to be part of "a sort of Stalinist regime" he should have asked himself whether he should have been a part of it. But he seems doomed to obscurity on the Backbenches - crying his eyes out in the wilderness.

Mail reports Heseltine accusing B. Ingham of the "character assassination" of Ministers who had stood out against your style; leader says you took a calculated risk in dispensing with the services of John Biffen. But Biffen must be careful not to overdo it. He should not forget what happens to those who justify themselves with sour grapes rather than the true spirit of independence. They end up consumed by their own bitterness like Ted Heath.

Telegraph says Biffen told them that his reference to your "Stalinist" regime was a colourful phrase intended to make a point about your style; it was not a personal attack. Gives an assurance he is not going to lead a revolt against community charge.

Telegraph leader notes Tories are celebrating victory with internecine malice.

Times: Conservatives do not view Biffen as rebel as he doesn't have the stamina or the stomach.

POLITICS

Bryan Gould calls for a shake up in the "old fashioned" Labour Party's ideas and strategy.

Daily News says Kinnock and Co are determined to deal with "London factor" at conference next weekend.

Star says Owen is right to stick to his guns and fight a merger with Liberals.

Guardian leads with Labour soft Left heading for its strongest shadow Cabinet presence since Kinnock became leader.

Ian Aitken, in Guardian, says the shameful truth about Labour members in the last Parliament was that in their own obsession with their own sectarian concerns, they failed dismally to mount

anything remotely resembling an effective opposition in the Commons. It would be a pity if they now left the real job of opposition to the likes of Heath and Biffen.

Independent: Labour has lost policy direction, Gould says.

Independent: Peter Kellner on the value of the "social market concept" says Owen's ideas deserve to survive the SDP battle.

Times: Kinnock urges party to follow him in quest for new form of popular socialism capable of posing a real challenge in the post-Thatcher Britain of the 1990s.

Conservative Central Office blames you for lack-lustre election campaign on your blocked appointment of media chief - Times.

FT: Cabinet to oppose rise in MPs' pay. The Government is expected to recommend some form of phasing of the rise, though its exact form has yet to be decided.

FT: You signal Cabinet talks on Scotland, reflecting wider ministerial view that the Government must not adopt a passive stance.

INNER CITIES

Express leader points to the dangers of Prince Charles' self assumed role as spokesman for inner cities. These are essentially a political problem and by becoming involved the Prince will involve the Royal Family in a political row.

Independent: Rift between DTI and D/Environment on recruitment of local labour could deepen with 2nd reading of local government Bill.

Independent: Ron Todd, TGWU, urges role in rescue of inner cities.

FT: Poll tax threatens inner cities, according to Labour estimates published today and report from Low Pay Unit.

Article in Times by David Trippier looks at what the Government has already done to help inner cities.

EDUCATION

Kenneth Baker to be questioned about school in Norfolk, described as "international school for gifted and talented students" which ended term with two pupils as teachers resigned or were fired; allegations of drugs, drink and sex.

Guardian leader says teachers' unions must come to terms with Conservative election victory and implications for state education in Education Bill. The more industrial action the unions take, the more they seem to lose members. They might recognise that teachers would be much stronger in one union than seven.

FT: US Education Secretary, William J Bennett, is likely to get a welcome when he meets you today. He has endorsed merit pay for teachers, reduced federal aid for students, backed amendments for prayers in school, and lobbied for tuition credits and vouchers. He also believes that education has long been neglected in the older Western democracies.

ECONOMY

Mail trails lower inflation on Friday.

Incomes Data Services say firms and local authorities are substantially increasing London allowances to keep staff.

British Coal to announce today it has created 20,000 new jobs in areas hardest hit by closure.

INDUSTRY

Allegations of high levels of radioactivity on beach near Dounreay.

Malcolm Rifkind intervenes in Scotsman journalists' dispute - his political adviser to see two sides.

Independent: Treasury backing for soft loans of £200m for Turkey has been secured by MoD to enable UK to win Turkish contract.

Independent: Derbyshire Peaks and Yorkshire Dales likely to be quarried for limestone used to filter sulphur from coal fired power stations thus causing environmentalists another problem.

Times: Government insist on fair market price for BAA shares to stop quick profits by investors.

Times: Launch of a centre for the exploitation of science and technology will be announced this week as part of Government's strategy to impose competitiveness of British industry.

Times: Institute of Directors says industry facing lack of skilled workers.

Times: Short Brothers to reopen three factories today after sectarian row.

Times: Western Governments angry over Kremlin's reporting restrictions on trial of three former officials from Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

FT: Fundamental recasting of the Government's regional policy is likely to emerge from Lord Young's policy review.

FT: No-strike deal signed at Harland and Wolff.

FT: Leaders of the world's food and agriculture industries are expected to attend a world food summit next year to draw up guidelines for solving the world's food problems.

MEDIA

Times: BBC to merge radio and television news and current affairs departments; leader under "Press Freedom" defends 'Today' take-over and Government's decision about Monopolies Commission. Hopes today's Commons debate is not the usual scrappy, ill-tempered, partisan affair.

FT: Leader says there will be calls in today's Commons debate on 'Today' for a change in the law governing newspaper mergers. The public has a right to feel let down. A Government that never ceases to preach the virtues of competition has allowed Mr Murdoch, without challenge, to acquire titles with a third of national newspaper sales.

EC

Battle looming over Brussels VAT proposals (Independent).

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Independent: Uncertainty about Government's space policy - Surrey University team do not know if Government's Space Centre will provide core funding.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DES: Mr Baker visits the South Bank Polytechnic Exhibition, London; later visited by Secretary Bennett, US Secretary of Education, London
- DHSS: Mr Moore addresses the Adam Smith Institute conference on privatisation, London
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor opens and addresses Royal Agriculture Show, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire
- DEM: Mr Lee attends the opening of Chessington World of Adventure, Chessington Zoo
- DEM: Mr Nicholls meets Lady Platt of the Equal Opportunities Commission, London
- DEM: Mr Cope meets the Industrial Training Board, London
- DES: Mr Dunn attends Ministerial group on the mis-use of drugs, London
- DES: Mr Jackson attends National Advisory Board committee meeting, London
- DHSS: Mr Newton attends NFU meeting, Braintree, with Mr Gummer
- DOE: Mr Trippier visits Merseyside Urban Development Corporation
- DTI: Mr Butcher visits Faculties of Design and Communication, Royal College of Art
- DTI: Mr Atkins visits Regional Task Force, Bristol
- DTp: Mr Bottomley meets representatives of the Association of London Authorities, about the London Assessment Studies
- FCO: Mr Mellor addresses conference of the National Council for Soviet Jewry
- HMT: Mr Lamont addresses the Adam Smith Institute conference on privatisation, London
- HMT: Mr Brook addresses the St Albans Industrial Group
- MAFF: Mr Gummer meets with farmers in Braintree, Rivershall Motor Inn, Witham
- MAFF: Baroness Trumpington visits Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge
- ODA: Mr Patten visits the Royal Show, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire; later participates in debate at Ecovision 1987, The Fourth Environmental Film Festival, Birmingham.

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- FCO: Mrs Chalker departs for Strasbourg, European Parliament Plenary Session (to 8 July)
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TV AND RADIO

"Today"; BBC Radio 4 (06.30): This week's programmes feature the Best of British Youth awards.

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00): No details available at time of diary preparation.

"Comment"; Channel 4 (19.50): A guest speaker puts forwards a personal view on a current topic.

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30): 'Land Battles' - this week's programme examines the encroachment of housing development into the Green Belt.

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): 'Fair Play for Britain's Blacks'. For years now it has been illegal to refuse someone a job just because they are black. Yet, says the Policy Studies Institute, at least a third of employers do just that. While black people are denied a fair share of the jobs their resentment and frustration will grow. What are the great institutions like the Civil Service and the Army doing to see that British fair play extends to black Britons?

"Their Lordships' House"; Channel 4 (00.25): Daily edited highlights of the proceedings of the House of Lords.
