

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

DTI: The Department for Enterprise's White Paper published together with Bill abolishing Regional Development Grants

DHSS: NHS Annual Report 1986

STATISTICS

OPCS: Birth Statistics 1986

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Social Services; Education and Science; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Post Office Exclusive Privilege (Extinction)
Social Security Bill: Progress on Remaining Stages
Motion on the Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) (No 2) Order

Adjournment Debate: Parental care for children suffering from Cerebral Palsy (Mr T Baldry)

Lords: Starred Questions
Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill (HL): Committee (7th Day)
Farm Land and Rural Development Bill (HL): Third Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

Shares bounce back as Wall Street gains.

In "Government U-turn" killer foam banned from February next year for new furniture by DTI; Mirror claims credit for its campaign after many deaths. General reception good and better late than never, but what kept you?

DTI conducting an examination into Sir Ralph Halpern's Burton chain.

Benn attacks Kinnoek, without naming him, in speech read for him in Chesterfield.

Labour Party suspends another local party - Bermondsey - because of Trot influence.

Star says NUM-sponsored MPs are mounting a campaign to prevent Scargill's re-election because they believe he is destroying the union.

Telegraph says your changes in the Lords regarded by Tories as shrewd and as bolstering Upper House.

Left winger John Hughes MP barred from Commons almost before it had got started again for interrupting prayers to protest about delay in heart operation for child in constituency.

120 Birmingham hospital doctors launch pressure group for more NHS spending.

Today says Tory MPs are demanding action to smash consultants' restrictive practices; Mail says fresh career structure for nurses will increase power of ward sisters and help to keep nurses out of administration by improving pay for those who stay on wards.

Threat to blood supplies next week from industrial action by blood transfusion workers.

Selective walk-outs planned from today by NUT in Haringey in protest against £12m spending cut and 200 redundancies.

College lecturers offered 16% and pay of principals will improve by up to £8,000, in return for more work and flexibility.

Policeman who killed cyclist jailed for 4 years for drunken driving; Sun says there is not a scrap of sympathy for him and it

hopes all guilty drivers will be punished as severely.

Express, on Firearms Act report, says it is hardly surprising when only 2% of applicants for gun licences are turned down that numbers of lethal weapons held by Britons soars.

Big row over judge who puts man, 51, on probation for 3 years after sexually abusing his daughters for years.

Express finds that Lambeth Council needs 500 gardeners to tend its modest acres; and when they go out to mow they work only half allotted hours; cuts proposed.

Pictures of Lord and Lady Whitelaw at photocall as he bows out.

Sun opens a book on your successor - Foreign Secretary favourite at 5-2.

John Biffen forecasts serious trouble for Government's legislative programme without Lord Whitelaw.

Norman Tebbit and Michael Heseltine join forces to move an amendment to Education Bill to kill ILEA; Times speculates that Government will bow to this pressure; but Telegraph says Kenneth Baker will fight move.

Government, Times says, faces potential Conservative rebellion over decision not to raise child benefit.

AMOCO ordered to pay £47m damages for tanker disaster which polluted channel 10 years ago.

Sir Patrick Sergeant lays off 35 (nearly 20%) from Euromoney magazine after fall off in advertising since Stock Exchange crash.

640 jobs to go with closure of Seafield colliery in Fife; but production may be restarted at Francis Colliery.

Mail on regional survey which reports minimal N/S divide in directors' salaries, says it is clear process of bringing out enterprise in North is under way.

Comedian, Jim Davidson, who claims he introduced MI6 man Cavendish to you, threatens to resign from charity because Cavendish heads its trustees.

Star says you are grateful to them for informing you of a plan by IRA, under Evelyn Glenholmes, to launch missile attacks at army helicopters in London.

John Hume holds talks with Gerry Adams in new departure.

Foreigners with AIDS to be banned for getting treatment on NHS free.

China rejects proposed Summit with Soviet Union.

Suggestions that Soviet troops will begin pulling out of Afghanistan from May 1.

Russia to go to Olympics in Seoul.

Two more Palestinian youths shot dead yesterday by Israelis.
Times: Government and Labour Party unite to urge Israel to attend international conference to settle Gaza strip problems.

Britain and Japan agree three-point programme to develop annual contacts at Minister and permanent secretary level and to promote non-governmental exchanges in business, parliamentary and youth fields.

West German woman was arrested yesterday on suspicion of planting bomb in Berlin disco which killed two US servicemen.

France about to modernise Iran's fleet of fast attack boats and equip them with sophisticated devices and missiles as part of the Lebanon hostage deal (Independent).

NHS

Sun leader looking back on Winter of Discontent says NUPE and COHSE are now again playing politics with people's lives. They are a disgrace to the Labour movement and shame the ideals of the NHS. For them the patient comes last.

Today leader attacks John Hughes MP for disrupting prayers. It won't impress people who are more likely to think he is a conceited buffoon; they don't think this kind of loutishness will help the child requiring an operation.

Mail says nurses in Edwina Currie's constituency are to be asked to go on strike.

Times: Blood transfusion service dispute could reduce emergency blood supplies by up to 30%; leader says unions are playing a dangerous game and there is no justification for the threat to hold the health service to ransom.

Times: Government faces growing crisis on health service policies as Birmingham consultants launch campaign for more funding; Glasgow parents claim hospital left underweight baby to die; survey shows that more than 1,400 hospital beds were lost in London last year and health authorities had budgets cut by £41m; John Moore says he is to propose changes to make NHS more cost-effective but denies Government has launched review into alternative funding.

Independent P1 lead under headline "Consultants launch NHS protest". More than a hundred consultants from Birmingham warned that cancer patients' lives were being put at risk. John Moore warned that the NHS must change. Governments everywhere were facing difficulties in providing ever-increasing health care with resources which could never meet every demand; fear of "back-door" privatisation of pathology service.

FT: Plans for heavy reductions in beds lurk behind "Utopian schemes for building new super hospitals" in London, claims report from London Health Emergency which is funded by a number of Labour boroughs.

Telegraph says the Government disclosed last night (in speech by John Moore) that it is looking at all options for future financing of NHS; report says more than 1,400 hospital beds out of 24,000 closed in London and Home Counties last year, and worse to come this year.

Guardian leader says Labour is likely to focus its attack on health on both John Moore and yourself at Question Time today. But it notes that the energy Labour devotes to health is energy not devoted to education or rates.

POLITICS

Express and Mail find Kinnock in crisis after Benn's attack on him and John Hughes MP's disruption of Commons.

Times leader condemns John Hughes describing his action as stupid and a stunt. It exploited the decent emotions which humanity feels towards sick children.

FT: Following Lord Whitelaw's departure, Peter Riddell assesses the impact on the Government and what he sees as "the loneliness of the long-distance Prime Minister". He compares you with Queen Victoria who outlasted her early colleagues and advisers. Leader believes that it is in the role of friendly counsellor that Lord Whitelaw will be most missed - an accurate conduit of what will

and will not be acceptable to the party, both houses of Parliament and the country.

Liberals and Social Democrats still to decide on new name of party.

Guardian leader says Benn began the decade by leading great swathes of the party down a blind alley. They should not make the mistake of letting him do it again.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Independent: Bishop of Manchester attacked Government's plans to control local councils' powers to award contracts and provide services.

Liverpool's equal opportunities committee aims for 10% of council's employees to be black within 4 years.

INDUSTRY

Times: Satellite TV likely to flop says head of Broadcasting Research Unit.

Times Mori poll shows bosses cannot remember employees' names, many often do not know what they do, and tend to emphasise mistakes rather than achievements.

Woodrow Wyatt, in Times, describes the Copyright Bill as a blueprint for disruption, saying to implement this one would be highly retrograde.

Times: Pilkington and BOC in £16m joint venture in Glasgow for medical lasers and other equipment.

Times: Foreign investors owning £60m worth of Rolls-Royce shares face substantial loss on holdings after failing to sell before yesterday's deadline.

Independent: 4,000 redundancies are being secretly planned by British Rail Engineering which would nearly halve its present workforce, according to the largest rail union.

FT: Airbus Industrie proposes to negotiate contracts for aircraft sales on the basis of a basket of major currencies rather than on the US dollar alone in order to minimise impact of volatile dollar.

FT: BBC World Service broadcasts are being received in Eastern Europe by individuals with satellite dishes. A group in Poland has made contact with BBC External Services.

Guardian says Inland Revenue Study shows that average and top earning Britons are not highly taxed by international standards.

MEDIA

Independent: Tomorrow sees the launch of Britain's first quality newspaper for children aged 8 to 14, called "Early Times".

LAW AND ORDER

Times: Home Secretary to tell backbenchers that it is too risky to leave Official Secrets Act reform to Private Members Bill as Whips work to minimise support for Richard Shepherd.

Independent: A Home Office experiment designed to free hundreds of deskbound police officers for operational duties faces curtailment because of Government-imposed restrictions on police spending.

TERRY WAITE

Times: Scotland yard retract allegation that it had not been consulted by Church before officials handed over £12,000 to two men who said they could secure release of Terry Waite.

NATO

Times: US report suggests that British and French nuclear forces should be given larger role in defence of Europe.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

D'Tp: Mr Channon attends CBI Dinner, Boodles, London

HO: Mr Hurd launches Community Action Trust, Crimestoppers, QEII Conference Centre, London

MAFF: Mr MacGregor addresses Annual Dinner of the Norfolk Institute for Agricultural Merchants

DEM: Mr Lee lunches with CBI, Centre Point

DES: Mr Dunn gives opening address at the National Development Centre Conference on the National Perspective on Local Financial Management

DOE: Mr Chope visits the International Boat Show, London

DTP: Mr Mitchell lunches with the Railway Industry Association, St James Hotel, Buckingham Gate, London

HMT: Mr Brooke addresses a PRP Conference, London

OAL: Mr Luce addresses the opening of David Shephard Exhibition, London

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DEM: Mr Lee interviewed by Thames TV

TV AND RADIO

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.20)

"Kilroy": BBC 1 (9.20)

"Daytime on Two": BBC 2 (9.20) 'Inset Science' - new series discusses demands of secondary science curriculum, including GCSE

"Business Daily": Channel 4 (12.00)

"You and Yours": BBC Radio 4 (12.00)

"I Could Do That": Channel 4 (13.00) - first of five programmes about business opportunities for young people

"The Parliament Programme": Channel 4 (14.00) new daily programme covering both Houses of Parliament

"The Local Network": BBC Radio 4 (16.05) - BBC local radio link up looks at Britain's smaller airlines.

"Viewpoint Special": ITV (21.00) - in first of a trilogy, Jon Pilger reports on Australian bicentenary

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (10.50)

"The World Tonight": BBC Radio 4 (22.30) followed by "The Financial World Tonight" then "Today in Parliament"