

22 February 1988

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Princess Royal, President of the Save the Children Fund, visits Uganda, Mozambique and Somalia (to 6 March)

EC: Foreign (General) Affairs Council (to 23 February)

STATISTICS

CBI: Monthly Trends Enquiry (Feb)

PUBLICATIONS

HO: Consultation Paper on Juvenile Remands in Custody

Treasury and Civil Service Committee: Report on the Government's 1988 Public Expenditure White Paper

PAY

Water Service: Manual workers, 21,500. April 1

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Transport; Wales; Energy

Business: Consideration of a Timetable Motion on the Local Government Finance Bill for three hours
Dartford and Thurrock Crossing Bill: Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate: Litter campaigns (Mr T Garrett)

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Subject: Prison service industries and farms
Witness: Sir Brian Cubbon, GCB,
Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Home Office

Lords: Starred Questions
Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Bill: Third Reading
Employment Bill: Second Reading
Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill: Second Reading

UQ to ask HMG what their latest assessment is of the operational problems of London City Airport; of the long-term future, viability and safety of operations; and of the improved access points of the Airport

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

Ebullient report from CBI on state of economy, but it warns of rising costs.

Calls for more intensive inquiry into air safety after another incident - this time over Essex.

Young Catholic shot dead by soldiers as he crossed Irish border; Army "deeply regret" his death; soldier in military custody; man said to have been shot in back.

RUC Chief Constable, in TV programme, attacks Stalker for inexperience; wrong man to head inquiry.

Telegraph leader suggests we should meet the Irish Government half way on the provision of evidence in extradition cases.

You are prepared to let Land Rover go bankrupt rather than pump more taxpayers' money into strike-bound firm. Much media criticism of strike.

National Freight Corporation to go public - company's success a lesson for management and unions (Express).

Mail says CBI is set to protest on Wednesday against big increases in price of electricity; leader says Cecil Parkinson should think again. Labour backs CBI campaign against higher power prices.

Sun reports that thousands of nurses have left militant health unions for RCN.

Johanathan Sayeed MP says you have backed the idea of loyalty payments for nurses who forgo strike action; Star says they deserve it.

Labour Party rejects British Red Cross plea not to use its emblem in NHS leaflets.

Mail canvasses the idea of sending sick for treatment in Northern Ireland where there are surplus facilities.

John Biffen renews his attack on NHS spending policies.

Government to clamp down on private hospitals which waste blood (Guardian).

Hopes rise for START deal after Shultz's talks with Shevardnadze.

Budget: Today forecasts tax reform to put women on equal footing with men; Express feature calls for a fair tax deal for married women. **Mail:** A Budget for working women; oil industry expects 15p on gallon of petrol; Paul Johnson looks forward to higher rate tax reforms. **Times:** Chancellor considering top income tax rate of 35% in sweeping Budget reforms of the tax system.

TV-AM in trouble with IBA for failing to disclose Saudi Arabian financing when it applied for breakfast TV franchise in 1980.

TUC to ask Home Secretary to investigate Economic League's alleged blacklist of 200,000 union activists.

Ex-Inland Revenue official says Treasury runs "crazy" accounts systems which are losing taxpayer millions of pounds and driving tax men to leave.

Speculation that strangers' gallery at Commons is to be put behind security glass.

Association of Chief Officers of Probation rejects idea of electronic tagging of criminals instead of sending them to prison - costly and ineffective.

Sun claims that lorries salvaged from Herald of Free Enterprise wreck are back on the road. Its leader, referring to a British businessman being likely to make £140,000 out of their salvage, says it is a pretty sick way of making money.

Israeli troops shoot 3 more Palestinians dead over weekend.

Mirror says Kinnock covered himself with publicity in the Middle East but did little good. He made the same mistake as David Mellor in allowing his emotions to overwhelm his clear judgement. He could have expressed strong views in private - that would have been statesmanlike; Express asks if he will never learn blundering from one controversy to another.

Today says Kinnock is now planning a tour of Africa; Times says this may embarrass you as he will take opportunity to highlight your opposition to sanctions.

American battle fleet reported to be on way to Lebanon to rescue kidnapped UN Colonel.

Article in New York Times, widely reported, says Prince Charles wishes he had been Bob Geldof; frustrated over his lack of a role in life.

Roy Hattersley, on TV, says you have taught the Labour Party a lot about politics.

Michael Heseltine, in Marxism Today, says Socialism has run its course and is disappearing from virtually every society on earth.

Hillhead expected to pass a vote of no confidence in George Galloway MP tonight.

More soccer trouble both on and off the field chronicled by Mirror - six policemen injured in incidents and 70 fans arrested in Rochester, Birmingham, Shrewsbury and London.

Mirror goes mad with Maxwell's authorised biography.

Many dead in Brazilian mudslides.

Kinnock rules out Britain leaving EC under Labour in foreword to Fabian pamphlet.

Guardian says it would be good business and commonsense if we moved to reconciliation with Argentina over Falklands.

LAND ROVER

Strike is "sheer folly" says Sun. Land Rover has already received £2.9bn in taxpayers' money. A long strike will drive company to the wall.

Mail leader says before copycats (of Ford) strike go for more cream they should check who has the key to the larder. In this case it is the lady in No 10 and she is not in the giving mood. The strikers should be under no illusion: by striking now they threaten only themselves.

Times: Ministers tell Land Rover not to give in to strike as they are determined to try to prevent Ford-type of deal of 14%. Union leaders say they will stay on strike for as long as it takes.

Independent: Leader on the Land Rover strike says there is good reason for ministerial firmness and clarity of purpose. If you wish to strengthen the resolve of Rover executives to warn potential strikers in a state concern which has swallowed billions of pounds that they are dicing with their jobs, the more directly and openly you do so the better.

INDUSTRY

Times: New car prices in Britain still highest in EC, though value of buying car on continent and importing to UK is now questionable.

Independent: The TUC may boycott the Government's new £1.5bn training programme for the long term unemployed unless it gets "categorical assurances" that the jobless will not have to join the scheme.

FT: Sale of electricity generating plant could be worth only £19bn, not £27bn, according to Cambridge University report. Leader says this exposes the central dilemma of the Government's privatisation strategy: how can prices be kept at lowest possible level consistent with a fair return to shareholders and an adequate incentive to invest in new plant?

POLITICS

Times: G&MWU leader warns Labour Party that the British people do not want to be levelled down to the worst off.

Alan Tuffin, General Secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, writing in **Times**, advises labour to embrace workers' capitalism, saying the party would do well to ignore voices saying that last October's share collapse has burst the bubble of individual share ownership.

Independent: Kinnock attacks the "excesses and abuse" of free market capitalism in a statement expected to restore left-wing balance to this month's controversial statement on Labour's "Aims and Values". On EC policy, Kinnock warns that the campaign to remove all trade barriers within EC threatens to remove protection for consumers, citizens and workers.

KINNOCK

Jon Akass, in **Express**, says for reasons he cannot fathom, Kinnock always cuts a terrible figure when he struts on the world's stage. He can't remember previous leaders of the Opposition being quite so ridiculous, but then most of them could plausibly present themselves as future Prime Ministers.

PRINCE CHARLES

Sun says that since he craves privacy he should move to a croft in the Highlands.

MEDIA

Times: National Campaign for the Arts accuse Government of being wholly indifferent to film industry.

FT: John Wakeham may offer to chair committee considering televising proceedings in order to ensure that there are no delays.

HOMOSEXUALITY

Express leader, on protest in Manchester against S.28 of Local Government Bill, says Ian McKellen, actor, addressing rally has confirmed worst fears of millions of parents by saying: "We must be out and about in pubs and clubs and classrooms talking about homosexuality. In fact, in that sense, promoting it." We should be grateful for McKellen's honesty. His words demonstrate that S.28 comes not a moment too soon.

HEALTH

Times: BMA want doctors to agree set of ethical guidelines before first experiments on brain tissues from aborted fetuses are conducted in UK.

Times: Open campaign leader calls on doctors, hospitals and health authorities to refuse to prescribe or distribute company's drugs.

Times: Only nine nurses given training to fill 500 jobs in children's intensive care units.

Times: Government funds to cut waiting lists used by St Barts to have ear, nose and throat operations on 76 children performed in a private hospital at weekend by NHS surgeons and anaesthetists.

Independent: The NHS is seriously underfunded, a Conservative-dominated House of Commons Committee is to tell Government.

Independent: DHSS set to unveil new cash-raising health visit to help Health Authorities to market private beds, develop shops, set up health clubs and other services.

FT: Government's refusal to provide extra short-term funds for the NHS will be directly challenged today by the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee. Criticisms will be reinforced later in the week by a report from the Commons Social Services Committee.

EDUCATION

Independent: Car leasing and free private medical insurance are among a package of perks for teachers which the National Association of Head Teachers is proposing to attract teachers to London and South East.

Times: Brent's new education director objects to inclusion of insufficiently qualified candidate for head's job because he is black.

Times: Hillingdon head decides not to take Maureen Goldrick's old job at Brent infants' school for "personal reasons".

LAW AND ORDER

Times: Report by Association of British Editors calls for an end to court secrecy of "celebrity" defendants. It wants all courts to be required to give press names and charges.

Times: Lord Hailsham says civil servants should have contract of employment instead of being bound by Section 2 of Official Secrets Act.

IRELAND

Times leader says the case for further inquiry is not a case for the RUC Chief Constable's departure. Events have thrown up questions, not answers. The information in the public domain is incomplete. The peculiar pressures and conditions of this case may reveal a need for greater precision - and a more powerful inquiry.

WALDHEIM

Times: MoD examining top secret file which allegedly contains list of wanted Nazi intelligence officers, including Waldheim.

SOUTH FRICA

Under the heading "Pretoria and Perestroika" Times leader says one product of South Africa's isolation is that it is becoming as impenetrable as the pre-glasnost Soviet Union. For all the lip service paid to capitalism and free enterprise, it has, through apartheid, practised a form of tribal socialism.

EAST/WEST

Independent P1 lead: You react to Gorbachev's popularity with warnings of the "seductive bear" and call for halt to the thaw with the Kremlin.

BERNARD INGHAM

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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DHSS: Mr Moore interviewed by Roger Berthard, Die Ziet
DES: Mrs Rumbold interviewed by the Portsmouth News about the GCSE
DES: Director Magazine carries interview with Mr Baker about the Education Reform Bill

TV AND RADIO

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)
"You and Yours": BBC Radio 4 (12.00)
"Business Daily": Channel 4 (12.00)
"Advice Shop": BBC 2 (16.00). Looks at domestic violence
"Promises and Piecrust": Channel 4 (18.30): "The New Order" - second of 7 programmes looks at secondary education. Kenneth Baker and Shirley Williams among contributors
"Horizon": BBC 2 (20.10) on artificial intelligence
"World in Action": (TV (20.30): the story of a mother's grief following a Sun newspaper report of her daughter's death
"Panorama": BBC 1 (21.30)
"Split Screen": BBC 2 (22.15): "A legal game" considers whether prostitution should be decriminalised
"The World Tonight": BBC Radio 4 (22.30) followed by "The Financial World Tonight" then "Today in Parliament"
"Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.45)
