

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

EC: Fisheries Council, Brussels

EC: San Jose IV Ministerial conference, Hamburg (to 1 March)

Launch of Independent Commission for Police Complaints, Northern Ireland

DTI/MOD: Joint Press Conference to launch the Civil Industrial Access Scheme

Announcement on Prescription Charges

STATISTICS

Bank of England: London sterling certificates of deposit (Jan)

Bank of England: Bill turnover statistics (Jan)

Bank of England: UK Banks' assets and liabilities and the money stock (Jan)

Bank of England: Sterling commercial paper (Jan)

CSO/DTI: Balance of payments current account and overseas trade figures (Jan 1988)

DHSS: Statistical bulletin: Personal social services, elderly and younger disabled

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Wales; Energy; Transport

Business: Opposition Day (9th allotted day)
There will be a debate on South Africa on an Opposition Motion.
Afterwards, there will be a debate on Science Policy on an Opposition Motion.
Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments.
Motion relating to the Education (Publication and Consultation etc) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations

Adjournment Debate: The Schools Outreach Project (Mr N. Baker)

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Subject: Operating theatres
Witness: L H Peach, Chairman, NHS Management Board

Lords: Starred Questions
Legal Aid Bill (HL): Third Reading
Local Government Bill: Third Reading
Drug Trafficking Offences (Enforcement In England and Wales) Order 1988: Motion for Approval

PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

Irish dig up body of McAnespie for second autopsymy - Anglo-Irish relations set for new turmoil. Haughey will release his details of cause of death in advance of inquest.

Irish Government says request came from victim's family and it had acceded only on this ground.

Welsh Nationalist extremists plant firebombs in four estate agents' shops in Chester.

P&O to sack 2,500 striking seamen at Dover unless they agree to new working practices by Friday.

Land Rover strikers to be offered safe bus rides into the company which says many want to return to work.

Institute of Personnel Management says only half of Britain's workforce is now unionised.

Sun says Douglas Hurd will quit if House votes to bring back hanging - 4 out of 5 new Tory MPs said to be in favour.

Peter Walker's future in doubt after ranging himself against electricity privatisation.

Survey for Nuclear Electricity Information Group leaked to Greenpeace, shows that almost half population is prepared to pay more for electricity to have nuclear phased out.

Kinnock said to be able to be "carpeted" by new hard Left controlling faction of TGWU for "political backsliding"; Peter Brooke says takeover is a disaster for Labour. Will flood of complaints about ballot rigging lead to a re-run?

Benn says he is "broadly pleased" with result, but Ron Todd pledges "total TGWU support" for Kinnock. Guardian says it looks increasingly unlikely there will be a legal challenge to elections to the executive.

Times says TUC is threatened with disintegration because hard Left insist ETU should be suspended; AEU also facing disciplinary action.

Express bemoans lack of Government urgency in reforming Sunday trading laws.

CPAG claims that cuts in benefit payments have left a gaping hole in poverty safety net.

Mail leader says that the Government's education policies, giving parents right to take their school out of local authority control could ironically yet contrive the Tory answer to the Socialist dream of eliminating private schools.

NHS: Star doctor says John Moore and Edwina Currie have no idea how to rescue NHS - the many they have hired to help hospital administrators raise money has no business experience.

Robin Cook says you should scrap pay beds - 30% drop in private patients in past 8 years; plan to attract private money "a shambles".

Leading historians to review GCSE which is causing great concern.

ITV franchises to be auctioned.

ITV "World in Action" programme will tonight suggest BBC is in danger of losing its independence to Government. Government has packed BBC board of Governors with political sympathisers.

Frightened social workers demanding more protection against violence.

Today says new Home Office figures show that prison population is growing at a rate fast enough to fill a new jail every three weeks. Prison population set to exceed 50,000 this week.

Sick comic, The Scum, being sold in Left wing shops, mocks PC Blakelock, murdered in Broadwater Farm incident.

Leicester Council bans old English custom of ox roasting lest it offend Hindus.

Guardian says you have ordered start of a new air launched nuclear weapon.

Aston Villa supporter loses leg falling between carriages and platform as West Ham train pulls out of Kettering Station.

Granada TV inviting you to open their theme park in Manchester with its mock up of Coronation Street.

John Guinness, whose wife was kidnapped by gunmen two years ago, falls to his death on mountains of North Wales.

Allan Roberts MP says he doesn't have AIDS.

Bush wins convincing victory in Maine.

Shultz has not made any headway with Middle East peace initiative (Times). Others say it's promising.

3 Israeli soldiers accused of torture for burying 4 Palestinian youths alive; TV cameraman who filmed beatings becomes hate figure in Israel.

2 die in Armenian riots. Times leader says calm which is reported to have returned to Armenia represents only a temporary victory for Gorbachev.

Waldheim's wife accused of being a Nazi.

False alarm over gunman scare at church in Long Beach, California, where Duke and Duchess of York worship.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Today leader on McAnespie's exhumation says it is a ghoulish act by Haughey Government. There will never be any trust as long as Haughey keeps second guessing everything Britain does. In denouncing British justice at every turn, Haughey succeeds only in sounding like an echo of the IRA.

Independent: Second post-mortem on McAnespie by Irish Government will increase Tory and Unionist pressure to revise Anglo-Irish Agreement.

LABOUR PARTY

Express says TGWU election threatens Kinnock's bid to modernise Labour Party policies.

Times leads with Kinnock determined to press ahead to modernise Labour Party despite hard Left winning a 22 to 17 majority of T&GWU.

Times: Nicholas Ridley in a paper underlining right-wing Ministerial impatience with shire hall dissent, urges Conservative councillors to adopt more ideological approach to their duties.

POLITICS

Today says Nicholas Ridley is right to demand more change from local government and more specifically to get out of business.

Telegraph says Mr Ridley's move will anger many Tory councillors because of his complaints of "complacency and drift" among Tory controlled authorities.

BUDGET

Times: Labour calls for tax incentives in Budget to encourage industry to invest more in urgently needed research and development.

Times: Government stands to lose £1.5bn in tax from big four clearing banks if they receive full tax relief on the £3.5bn of bad debt provisions.

Times: London Business School urges Chancellor to make £3.5bn tax cuts in Budget.

INDUSTRY

Times: B/Telecom detectives biggest drive ever to smash gangs of call box thieves and vandals - 75 arrests this month.

Times: Government report says it is still harder for women to get to top of Civil Service than men.

Times: Morpeth Hospital report claims unemployed husbands can cause depression in some women.

Times: Cecil Parkinson agrees to reduce profit targets for electricity boards with bulk users, so that firms such as British Steel and ICI will be paying 15% instead of 20% increase.

Times: Most senior managers in industry believe Government has gone far enough in its legislation to reform trade unions.

Independent: British Coal's legal action against the South of Scotland Electricity Board threatens to undermine the Government's plans to privatise the Scottish electricity industry.

Times: Industrial Relations Service says long-term pay deals gaining popularity with companies.

Peter Henney explains, in Times, how competition will flourish in the electricity industry saying that if the regulatory regime lives up to the promises of both promoting competition and protecting customers, in a decade we should have one of the most efficient, secure and flexible electric systems in the world.

Times: Britain's oil and gas exploration companies expected to join race for new round of onshore licences to be offered by Department of Energy within next few days.

CITY

FT leader regrets the decision to replace Sir Kenneth Berrill at the SIB. Firstly because, by ignoring his wish to stay on, doubt has been cast on the direction and authority of the Board. And secondly by appointing a Bank of England official, the Government raises the question about whether the SIB is going to be developed into an agency which in subtle ways will be different to what was designed by Parliament.

Times: Sir Kenneth Berrill expected to make his feelings public this week after not being reappointed for further year as chairman of SIB.

INNER CITIES

FT: Government plans to be announced next week will incorporate an important role for private sector finance and copy a US scheme linking business and education. But as the plan is not likely to be presented as a White Paper, it could encourage criticism that it is lightweight.

Peter Davenport, in Times, looks at how Teesside's urban development corporation is outstripping all expectations to bring jobs to one of the country's most depressed regions, four months after you praise the area's initiative, talent and ability. It says it will achieve its initial optimistic objectives years ahead of schedule; consultants expected to be named this week to carry out feasibility studies on mini UDCs proposed for Leeds, Bristol and Manchester.

NHS

Times: Four of Britain's leading medical scientists warn Jhn Moore that vital teaching and research in hospitals are in danger of being swept away by Government's drive to boost efficiency in NHS.

Times: New income generation unit set up by DHSS will negotiate national deal with large retailers to raise extra income for NHS.

Independent: Proposals by BUPA to make everyone take out private insurance against waiting list type operations have been put to the Government's internal review of the NHS.

EDUCATION

Independent: Hereford and Worcester County Council today sue the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers for cost of strike they held in 1986 without a ballot.

Independent: Ministers considering establishing "compacts" between private companies and schools in inner city areas to improve chances of school leavers finding work.

Times: Head teachers defend GCSE, warning that atmosphere of panic was being generated by people who had always been hostile to the exam.

John Biffen, in **Times**; praises Kenneth Baker for his Education Bill and the way he is handling educational policy with sensitivity and style.

HOUSING

Independent: National Federation of Housing Associations report says housing Bill will add to hardship of needy. Instead of creating more homes, it says Bill will reduce amount of public and private housing available for rent at affordable prices.

EC

Independent: Coalition of publishers, educationalists and consumer groups to launch "Hands off Reading" campaign on Wednesday, proposing that EC adopts Britain's example of zero-rating publications rather than raising prices.

NATO

Times: As NATO leaders prepare to meet this week, it has emerged that there had been formal exchanges between Washington and European Governments over choice of frontline nuclear missiles for the mid-1990s.

Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says critical question at this NATO meeting will be how far it is prudent to defy the optimistic trend in public opinion about the Soviet Union, especially in West Germany, in order to preserve the balance of power.

FALKLANDS

Independent leader says exercise Fire Focus has been badly timed. The diplomatic furore cannot be dismissed as formal posturing by Argentina. The climate it has created cannot help to establish a long-term basis for developing the South Atlantic's fishing resources. Britain must now explain that the run-down in the Falklands garrison is part of a demilitarisation process.

WALDHEIM

Times: Former German intelligence officer who worked with Waldheim admits that at least one British Commando and four Greeks working for British Special Boat Service were handed over to Gestapo for execution after interrogation.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DOE: Mr Ridley attends Partnership meeting, Birmingham

DTI: Lord Young gives press briefing about the visit to Japan and Opportunity Japan export drive

DTI: Mr Clarke visits Handsworth

DTP: Mr Channon visits Newcastle

HO: Mr Hurd opens new WRVS premises, Stockwell

MAFF: Mr MacGregor lunches with Retail Consortium, Goring Hotel, London; later addresses British section of the European Democratic Group, London

WO: Mr Walker receives presentation of Gidean Bibles in Welsh Language, Gwydyr House, London

DEM: Mr Cope addresses Camden Chamber of Commerce

DEM: Mr Lee attends Minotels Gala Dinner, Malvern

DHSS: Mrs Currie visits Sickle Cell Anaemia Centre, Brixton

DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits Merseyside on housing

DOE: Mr Howard addresses City of London School lunch

DOE: Mr Chope attends launch of Standard Library of Description, London

DOE: Mrs Roe visits Bed and Breakfast Hotel, Kensington, London

DTI: Mr Maude addresses NEDO conference on Prosperity after Stock Market Crash

DTP: Mr Bottomley attends launch of new educational wall charts produced by Volvo Trucks Ltd, London

HMT: Mr Brooke addresses the Old Centralians, Imperial College, London

HO: Mr Renton visits Anglia TV, Norwich

MAFF: Mr Thompson attends Meat and Livestock Commission with CVOs from Caribbean, Founders Hall, London

MAFF: Baroness Trumpington attends British Caribbean Group and West Indian Committee, London

MOD: Mr Sainsbury chairs joint news conference with DTI on Civil Industrial Access Scheme

SO: Mr Forsyth opens Biggart Hospital, Prestwick

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DHSS: Mr Moore visits World Health Organisation, Geneva

FCO: Mr Eggar visits Hamburg (to 1 March)

MAFF: Mr Gummer attends Fisheries Council, Brussels

SO: Lord Sanderson attends Fisheries Council, Brussels

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DES: Mrs Rumbold interviewed by Alistair McCall, Newcastle Journal,
about the Education Reform Bill

TV AND RADIO

"Who Benefits?": BBC Radio 1 (no fixed times) bulletins containing updates
on DHSS problems today and throughout the week.

"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 the rights of part-time workers.

"Promises and Piecrust": Channel 4 (18.30): 'The New Order' - second of 7
programmes looks at higher education. Kenneth Baker, Neil Kinnock, and
Shirley Williams among contributors.

"World in Action": ITV (20.30): 'The Taming of the Beeb'. Has the BBC
lost its political independence?

"Panorama": BBC 1 (21.30) "The Long War": On the shipping of Libyan arms
to the IRA

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

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.50)
