

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets Sir Lynden Pindling, Prime Minister of Bahamas and Chief Mabuza

The Duke of Edinburgh visits Cambridge University

The Prince of Wales visits Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and addresses a "Remaking Cities" conference

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STATISTICS

DOE: Housing starts and completions (Jan)

DOE: House renovations (4th qtr)

DTI: Engineering indices of production awards (Dec)

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS  
Enterprise Initiative (Mr Nigel Forman)  
Defective Housing (Sir John Biggs-Davison)  
City of Leicester (Mr Jim Marshall)

Adjournment Debate: The proposed motorway service area on the M20 (Mr A Rowe)

Lords: Starred Questions  
Immigration Bill: Second Reading

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PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

On the whole NATO summit outcome well received, though pops go for triviality - your telling Gorbachev how to run Russia.

Tass blames you for more aggressive parts of communique.

Not much leader comment, though Times and FT, and to some extent Guardian, approving.

Breakthrough reported in Afghanistan - Soviet troops will withdraw in 9 months.

Opec oil prices slip back to \$14; new attempt to improve production discipline expected.

Transport Secretary proposes to make public all air traffic near misses within 48 hours and the results of investigations. IPCS welcomes move.

And tough action to be taken against overloaded foreign juggernauts with new port controls (Mail).

Row over use of SDP name in formation of new SLD party; Owen says he intends to go on leading SDP but MacLennan says it isn't available to him.

Conservative Party rejects allegations of intimidation and unfair use of party funds in election of YC's chairman.

Big shake up in student grants, with provision for loans of up to £1000 a year repayable over 10 years at low interest rates.

Government refuses to finance BBC TV World Service - Telegraph says this is unimaginative and short sighted.

Today claims that on evidence of early returns, NUM will vote against continuation of overtime ban.

Arbitration tribunal upholds 4.28% pay offer to NACODS; award binding.

Guardian says Government is considering removing subsidies from British Shipbuilders.

Telegraph says B/Aerospace has been assured Rover debts will be written off.

Case of 8 dockers who refused £1200 over two days to unload a ship's cargo of potatoes at Boston, Lincs; they wanted more money, so employer refused to take on ship.

Trains on Eastern Region halted by strike over safety conditions in defiance of ASLEF instructions.

Consumers' Association complains of misleading holiday brochures by tour operators.

NUT gets rid of its aggressive burning torch logo and goes for the more caring symbol of an out-stretched hand.

Continental police claim to have uncovered a plot by British soccer hooligans to cause trouble at Euro matches.

Governor of Highpoint Prison, Suffolk, where Lester Piggott is jailed, admits there have been 113 cases of cannabis offences there in last 2 years.

IBA threatens to cancel TV-AM's franchise unless it sorts out its finances.

Yorkshire TV to boycott BAFTA awards, believing them to be biased in favour of BBC; other ITV companies reviewing the situation.

British TV beginning to smell a rat over glasnost links with Soviet TV - fears being used for propaganda purposes.

BMA says very low calorie diets like the Cambridge Diet, can damage your health (Express).

Britain's needy are getting virtually nothing from EC stockpiles unlike those of other countries; Lord Plumb says Government should stump up cash to facilitate distribution.

National Children's Bureau says Britain is lagging way behind Europe in catering for under-fives.

Michael Heseltine says unemployed youngsters should be conscripted into role of caring for and helping old people.

Woman head teacher kicked by 9 year old boy and left on crutches, condemns appeals panel which allows him to return to Wembley School.

Mail has a two-page feature by Rodney Tyler on embarrassment of ARCO hosting visit by Prince of Wales in Pittsburg to raise money for Operation Raleigh after ARCO pulls out of Operation Raleigh.

Right wing blow for Botha in two South African by-elections - Mail sees swing as act of defiance against external economic pressures.

Mail claims No 10 is examining a list naming Waldheim among 200 wanted German intelligence officers.

Chris Buckland, in Today, after almost 9 years at the helm, Mrs Thatcher is the eternal flame of the Western Alliance - to her fans, that is. To her enemies she is simply flaming eternal.

Windsor Castle's foundations shift; structural damage.

#### NATO

Star: Maggie hails arms victory.

Sun: Mrs T's tip to Mr G - get rid of your wets - "We got rid of ours", she says. Leader says you are right in saying nothing has changed in the Kremlin. Germans are the last people to resist spending on defence. They have grown fat and rich while West defends them.

Mirror: Thatcher makes amazing boast at Nato Summit - I told Gorbachev how to run Russia.

Today P1 lead: Wring out your wets. Maggie tells Gorbachev how to stay in power. No doubt you scored a victory at Summit.

Express: Mikhail is just like me, Maggie tells West. French and German translations weaken "continue to be kept up to date" agreement.

Mail: Keep your nerve - Maggie reveals the tip that she gave Gorbachev.

Telegraph puts story down to Page 7 - careful wording gets NATO off modernisation hook. You were in trenchant form

Guardian: You failed to railroad your partners into a commitment to modernise nuclear weapons in Europe. Leaders agree strategy of NATO's future. Leader says that second thoughts after summits are usually the ones that count and just as the EC came to such a tolerably fruitful and practical compromise, so distance may lend a little enchantment to the NATO summit's outcome.

Independent: NATO papers over cracks on nuclear forces - final communique fails to eradicate the ambiguities surrounding the question of modernising nuclear weapons in Europe. After your

stiffening speech on Wednesday, you thaw to praise Gorbachev's "fantastic courage" in your second intervention. And in your press conference you state that Trident will be deployed in 1994 - the most precise date yet publicly given for its introduction; leader advocates selective modernisation in order to put pressure on the Russians to make asymmetrical reductions in conventional forces. It suggests American sea-launched cruise missiles, additional F-111s with stand-off missiles and upgrading Lance missiles, and encourages British and French development of the enhanced stand-off missile. It says your plain speaking at the Summit helped to bring the Germans this far and reassure the Americans that Europeans are prepared to be vigorous in their own defence.

Times leads with NATO leaders warning Gorbachev that the West will not allow Moscow to divide allies and lays down guidelines for future credible nuclear and conventional deterrence. You are quoted: "We achieved all the objectives we set ourselves," and other leaders, including Chancellor Kohl, who found himself isolated over modernisation, say they had been struck by the spirit of unity; leader says the Summit was more successful than expected and welcomes France's attendance for the first time since 1966. It concludes that the greatest achievement of this summit may be that it has provided a sure foundation on which to rebuild.

FT P1: NATO leaders provide US with strong hand for Moscow Summit. Leader concludes that Brussels achieved its main objectives - that of reaffirming the Alliance's fundamental political solidarity. In persuading your partners, however, you may have somewhat over-reached yourself, sounding too bellicose for some in your warnings against Soviet expansionism. Sooner rather than later defence and foreign ministers will have to clear up confusion over modernisation if fine words are to be turned into practical and effective policies.

#### AIR CONTROL

Today says Paul Channon has done something to remove the cloud of unknowing that surrounds near misses.

#### STUDENT LOANS/EDUCATION

Express backs the idea as long overdue. In countries as ideologically apart as Sweden and USA, student loans systems are running smoothly. Much of the rest of the world looks on in amazement at the way we maintain students at universities and polys.

Times: Government confirms it is actively considering student loans but Jack Straw says Kenneth Baker is making a grave political error and Kinnock describes plans as a "mortgage on knowledge"; leader says existing student grants system is untidy. It sets out the advantages of loans, adding that they would release students - legally adults - from continued financial dependence on parents and help minimise the disadvantage suffered by those whose parents cannot or will not subsidise their studies.

Times: Kenneth Baker amends Education Bill to meet church schools worries; heads want freedom to switch to continental day.

Times: National Children's Bureau report claims nursery education lags far behind rest of Europe.

### NHS

Independent: King's Fund Health think tank report comes down against radical changes to health service funding but sees advantage in more private sector contribution. It also commends switching funding away from general taxation towards national insurance contributions.

Times: Three opinion polls show growing concern over health service - NOP says 75% of those questioned want Chancellor to inject money into it; Harris Poll for GMB shows three quarters of Conservative voters believe there is a crisis and 52% blame Government for not spending enough; NOP survey for TUC shows two-thirds want Chancellor to forget tax cuts, and 30% want spare money divided between NHS and tax cuts.

Times: Centre for Policy Studies report says NHS hospitals could charge at weekends for routine operations to bring in extra private money.

### SOCIAL SECURITY

Times: Government defeat in Lords will force John Moore to review child benefit annually, taking account of price rises, and in Commons Kinnock accuses you of singling out pensioners with small savings for cuts in housing benefits.

### ECONOMY

Oxford Economics Review, according to Guardian, has found accumulating evidence that some of your supply side policies have since 1979 helped the British economy halt and even reverse its century-long relative decline.

**FT:** Oxford Review of Economic Policy says Britain's economic performance has improved significantly over the past few years but there remain question marks over Government's claims that it has achieved durable reversal of long-term decline.

#### INDUSTRY

**Times:** Professor Garel Rhys, DTI Select Committee adviser, says rival company, possibly Fords, could bid for Rover.

**Times:** Simon-Carves wins £246m contract - largest between Britain and Soviet Union - to build a plant to make non-strategic computers.

#### UNIONS

**Independent:** Senior TUC review body gives official seal of approval on no-strike agreements but says they should be banned where unions are in competition for recognition.

#### INNER CITIES

**FT:** British Urban Development, which will invest in basic infrastructure in depressed areas, will be launched on Monday as part of wide-ranging Government plan called for Action for Cities.

#### ENVIRONMENT

**Times:** Government embarrassed over Tory-controlled select committee criticism of way it dealt with last October's hurricane.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**FT:** Nicholas Ridley announces concessions on uniform business rate, with possible extension of transitional period as well as limits on rate rises in any one year and special help for small businesses.

#### LAW AND ORDER

**Independent:** 50 inmates at Bedford prison cause second disturbance there in three days. Warders blame the protest on overcrowding. Bedford is the third most overcrowded prison in the country.

Independent: Metropolitan Police Officer, suspended over his allegations of masonry in the force, plans to take civil action for unlawful dismissal and to issue subpoenas if necessary to call senior officers and leading freemasons to give evidence under oath about their activities.

Times: Home Office threatening tough action against airlines who owe nearly £3m in unpaid fines for flying in immigrants with inadequate documentation.

Times: Stock Market insider dealing ring which could involve more than 20 people, uncovered by Stock Exchange.

#### WALDHEIM

Independent: Lynda Chalker takes control of the Foreign Office aspects of the Waldheim enquiry, giving added weight to the MoD enquiry and indicating the importance which you attach to it.

#### MIDDLE EAST

Independent: New Shultz peace mission puts pressure on Likud party to compromise, and raises hope of progress in the peace process.

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Times: Botha says his Government will not be diverted from social, economic and constitutional reform by growing support for right-wing Conservatives; leader says the results of the last week have stimulated the international debate about sanctions just as it was starting to subside and increased the chances that South Africa will be isolated further.

#### BERNARD INGHAM



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler at Pudsey Clothing ITB

DTI: Lord Young meets M. Madelin, French Industry Minister and French businessmen to discuss the Single Market, Marlow, Bucks

HO: Mr Hurd visits Bristol Prison

MAFF: Mr MacGregor attends TFA/Midland Bank Conference, Cumbria Agricultural College, Penrith

MOD: Mr Younger addresses Oxford University

DHSS: Mrs Currie gives Leicestershire University Students annual Woodcock lecture

DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale attends Health Promotions Initiative, London

DOE: Mr Waldegrave addresses Council for the Protection of Rural England conference, Salisbury

DOE: Lord Caithness visits Yorkshire Water Authority

DOE: Mrs Roe visits Dorchester on housing

DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Northumbrian Water Authority

LCD: Lord Mackay visits Liverpool Crown Court

MAFF: Baroness Trumpington visits Greenford (Mothers Pride) Bakery, Middlesex; later visits Rank Hovis, Battersea Mill

WO: Mr Roberts opens Maths in Primary Schools, Exhibition, Cardiff; later addresses Careers conference, Mid Glamorgan County Hall

WO: Mr Grist performs Turf Cutting Ceremony at the Family Care Housing Association, Usk; later visits Ferndale House Improvement Service charity, Ferndale, Rhondda

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe departs for EC Foreign Ministers Informal Weekend (to 6 March)

DEN: Mr Morrison visits Venezuela, Columbia and Equador (to 15 March)

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TV AND RADIO

- "Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)
  - "Business Daily": Channel 4 (12.00)
  - "You and Yours": BBC Radio 4 (12.00) - the last of four programmes looking at forthcoming changes in the social security system
  - "The Parliament Programme": Channel 4 (14.00)
  - "Wilko's Weekly": BBC Radio 4 (16.05): looking at how the local press operates, visits 'The Merthyr Express' in Merthyr Tydfil
  - "Newsround Extra": BBC 1 (16.55). John Craven visits children in hospital to see first hand the problems of the NHS
  - "Dispatches": Channel 4 (20.15). Investigative documentary
  - "Any Questions?": BBC Radio 4 (20.20) with John Wakeham, Tessa Blackstone, Master of Birkbeck College and others
  - "Aftermath": ITV (21.00) looks back a year to the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster and asks can we be better prepared should such a tragedy happen again.
  - "The London Programme": ITV (22.35)
  - "Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.20)
  - "The World Tonight": BBC Radio 4 (22.30) followed by "Today in Parliament" and the "The Financial World Tonight"
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