

22 March 1988

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister launches Litter Initiative; later sees Prime Minister of Kuwait (photocall)

The Queen holds an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

The Princess of Wales attends a Gala Performance at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London

EC: Foreign (General) Affairs Council, Brussels

EC: Economic and Social Committee Plenary, Brussels (to 24 February)

Launch of the Nivaga II, Tuvalu's replacement cargo/passenger vessel, Lowestoft (ODA funded)

Shultz-Shevardnadze talks in Washington

DTI: Resources from the Sea seminar, Glasgow

Greater London Staff Association annual conference, London (to 23 March)

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STATISTICS

CSO: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (Feb)

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Companies (Audit Committees)  
Education Reform Bill: Progress on Remaining Stages. (1st allotted day)  
Motions on the Income Support and the Family Credit (General) Amendment Regulations

Adjournment Debate: Tree preservation orders (Mr J Brazier)

Select Committees: TRANSPORT  
Subject: Decline in the UK-registered fleet  
Witness: DHSS; Inland Revenue and HM Treasury

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (JOINT COMMITTEE)

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION  
Subject: Enquiry into the refusal to provide a remedy recommended by the Health Service Commissioner  
Witness: West Glamorgan Health Authority

PARLIAMENT (cont'd)Lords: Starred Questions

Local Government Bill: Consideration of Commons Reason

Immigration Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

Merchant Shipping (Closing of Openings in Enclosed Superstructures and in Bulkheads above the Bulkhead Deck) (Application to Non-United Kingdom ships) Regulations 1988: Motion for Approval

Merchant Shipping (Passenger Boarding Cards) (Application to Non-United Kingdom ships) Regulations 1988: Motion for Approval  
Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) Regulations 1988: Motion for Approval

UQ to ask HMG whether they will consider it appropriate to plan for foreshore development by means of private legislation rather than bring such developments within the planning system

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PRESS DIGESTMAIN NEWS

Media displays some restiveness over Tom King's statement, perhaps best summed up by Mail - stoicism is fine but what we want is action. And calls for you to take hold of the issue.

Low profile policy of paramilitary funerals to be reviewed.

Anglo-Irish intergovernmental meeting this week and police chiefs to meet as police hotline for informers against terrorists reintroduced.

Express says you have ordered a crackdown on IRA's fund raising rackets.

Two murdered soldiers died from gunshot wounds and other serious injuries - they had the right to shoot their way out of ambush; Tom King praises their restraint.

IRA kill a policeman in Londonderry.

BBC refuses to hand over film of mob murders to protect lives of TV crews.

Today claims man seen on roof of soldiers' car lured 3 sergeants to their deaths in 1973.

US RC Cardinal warns Americans against sending funds to terrorists.

Ford insists it is too late to rescue Dundee project; TUC eventually accept single union agreement 11-10.

Kinnock comes under pressure to knock union heads together.

Threat of a NU Seamen strike over Easter - union to ballot members on all out action over P&O ferry dispute at Dover. P&O to ask court to ban ballot on basis of earlier court order against "illegal action".

Red Cross says P&O owe it £27,000 for Zeebrugge rescue operations.

More than 1000 jobs being created by £11m investment by Race Electronics in South Wales.

Half employees who bought shares in Unipart about to see 40% gain in their shares.

BP fined £750,000 in Edinburgh after death of 3 men in explosions at Grangemouth refinery.

Reward Regional Surveys says a 4% rise will maintain living standards. Report in Today shows the pound in your pocket is worth double up North.

Britain infuriates EC by blocking a plan to cut power station acid rain emissions on grounds of practicality and cost.

Mail says Chancellor is furious with Lord Young's remarks over sterling; Andrew Alexander, in Mail, thinks all this confusion is perhaps helpful to the Government.

Independent says Lord Young has apologised to Chancellor for his remarks.

NALGO votes to establish a political fund.

Government has majority of 112 at end of Budget debate.

Rumblings against Kinnock as a winning leader grow, according to Sun, who say John Smith's performance is making Kinnock nervous.

Government increases cash for improving council housing estates by £140m.

Government-sponsored report emphasises importance of keeping Settle-Carlisle line open if a tourist corridor through Dales to Cumbria creating 2000 jobs is to succeed.

Catholic priest accused of bringing child porn into Britain, according to Mirror; arrested at Cobham after nationwide investigation which nets 40.

Star prints a hotel menu being fed to prisoners held at Amersham police station.

Graham Turner, pursuing NHS's abroad, finds that bribing the doctor is the way of life in Poland where they have to queue for the doctor in the street.

Telegraph and Express newspapers to shed 220 print workers.

LWT to reveal its streamlining plan today - about 12% expected to be made redundant; fears of strike.

LWT ready to produce and broadcast shows from Holland if necessary.

Bruce Gyngell, TV-AM boss, has heart attack "through overwork".

Tory MPs object to BBC plan to screen play for schools about teenage homosexuality at 11.30am on Friday.

Clare Short to make a new attempt to ban topless girls in newspapers.

David Alton MP to marry.

Iraq bombs two Iranian supertankers in Gulf - 51 feared dead.

Iran accuses Iraq of killing 5000 with chemical weapons.

Telegraph says Iraqi cyanide bombers have laid waste Kurdish peasant lands.

#### NORTHERN IRELAND

Star: Crackdown on funerals order by King; Comment headed "Waffle is not enough" wants action on funeral policing and alleged no-go areas.

Sun Comment: The voices urging withdrawal from Ulster are understandable but wrong. If there were a withdrawal the blood bath would not be limited to extremists. Our troops must stay as long as they are needed.

Mirror Comment: The truth behind Tom King's words is that Government does not know what to do about Northern Ireland. It needs action not words; decisions not dithering. Until Britain withdraws from Ireland the cycle of violence will grow.

Today Comment: IRA are real losers after the horrifying pictures of their soldier victims. It hopes politicians will grasp the opportunity presented by the public revulsion to act together against terrorism. For Dublin the lesson is that petty carping about British behaviour sometimes on only the flimsiest of evidence will only encourage the man of violence. And you must take up the Irish problem as a personal campaign and go to Dublin to take Haughey by the scruff of the neck.

Express Comment: "Mr King will be judged by his actions" says Mr King's approach can only be justified if, behind the scenes, he is preparing to act positively against terrorism. Surely the time has come to stop the so-called funerals. He should also tell Lenihan he expects maximum cooperation in bringing to justice soldiers' killers who have fled South.

Mail Comment on "When stoicism is not enough" says this was Tom King at his best but after the horrors of the past week stoicism is not enough. What now has to be demonstrated is nothing less than a reassertion of British will to govern. Nobody but you is in a position to personalise the continuation of that will.

Times Comment: The Republic must now demonstrate full-hearted and practical support of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Paramilitary funerals cannot continue. The police must require a funeral to be a funeral in the normal sense. It ought not to be the policing that needs to be changed. But, if it is, then the change should be to saturation policing.

T E Utley, in Times, says the political, ecclesiastical and journalistic reactions are predictable. He calls for a fundamental or radical revision of policing suggesting the Government abandons the primacy of the police in favour of recognising that what we are concerned with is primarily a military action against subversion.

FT: Anglo-Irish ministers plan talks on ways to reduce violence. Policy on policing funerals put under review. Talks between you and Mr Haughey have not been ruled out. Leader says that what seems clear beyond doubt is that the British authorities cannot allow "no-go" areas in Belfast. Implementing a policy of observable, but non-provocative, policing is more easily said than done. In the House the consensus that greeted the Anglo-Irish Agreement in 1985 seems to be holding and even strengthening. Yet it would help if you could again begin to show the interest in Anglo-Irish affairs that you took when the agreement was being prepared.

Telegraph reports that RTE has sacked a reporter for recording an interview with Martin McGuinness which was later broadcast on radio. Comment says Tom King, by his determination not to be sidetracked into seeking scapegoats in the RUC or illusory new solutions, did himself, Government and country credit. The soldiers' killings are a challenge to all with responsibility in the Province and with a spark of human decency to demonstrate their commitment to the war with terrorism. The Catholic clergy will similarly come under scrutiny.

Independent: Sir John Hermon is urgently looking at policing policy and it became clear yesterday that the Government is mounting a much wider review of action to combat terrorism in Ulster.

Independent: Peter Jenkins says the Province is one large "no-go" area. It is no-go for trial by jury, no-go for the ordinary rule of law, no-go for the local democracy which is practiced in all

other parts of the UK. That is the problem. The British way of life won't go in Northern Ireland; that is why Westminster has direct rule, why the army is there, and why we - the British - are obliged to endure such shaming, demeaning and corrupting spectacles as we saw on Saturday taking place within the frontiers of what is lamentably, but unavoidably, our country.

### UNIONS

Sun says AEU and ETU should merge outside the TUC which stands for cloth cap politics and blind prejudice.

Paul Johnson, in Mail, says Dundee is perhaps the last warning the unions will get - either they adapt or else there may be no future for large scale trade unions.

### INDUSTRY

FT: Royal Institution of Naval Architects says roll-on roll-off ferries are "unacceptably vulnerable" to rapid capsize and calls for urgent safety improvements.

FT: MSC has plans for US-style local industry training councils to coordinate and stimulate training in the regions.

Independent: Restrictions on the movement and sale of sheep from upland farming affected by Chernobyl fall-out could continue for years, Government has conceded.

### BUDGET ETC

Mail leader headed "Needling Nigel" says the value of the £ can be talked up or down by Government Ministers. If anyone is going to do that kind of talking it should be the Chancellor or the Governor operating in conjunction. Lord Young should keep off Chancellor's patch.

Times: Chancellor claims Britain has achieved an economic miracle under the Thatcher Government; Ministers surprised to find Lord Young intervening in dispute between you and Chancellor over exchange rate policy.

Telegraph writer says one effect of the Budget could be to encourage investors in business of promise rather than performance to take their profits and run.

EDUCATION

Times: Jack Straw says compulsory Christian religious education will be a social catastrophe for ethnic communities and calls on you and Kenneth Baker to reject right wing pressure.

Independent: Government has back-tracked on a key amendment which it promised university vice-chancellors on the Education Bill.

Independent: Two-thirds of the demands made by Catholic bishops for changes to the Education Bill have been conceded privately by Kenneth Baker, for religious education to be given same status as a foundation or a core curriculum subject.

HOUSING

Times: Building societies and estate agents being inundated with inquiries from first-time buyers as they rush to beat Chancellor's August deadline for multiple mortgage tax relief.

LITTER

Independent: You are today expected to further your personal campaign against litter with a new initiative with a press conference. Another press conference signals a more open style in Government public relations presentation.

LAW AND ORDER

Times: Pressure from senior judges and lawyers for High Court rules to be changed to bring into open court hundreds of hearings now heard in secret; action aimed at forcing The Independent to hand over an allegedly classified document on terrorism is to be held in open court.

EC

Times: The EC is heading for a clash with the British Government over plans to impose Community-wide standards and regulations covering television.

GATT

Times: Alan Clark wants GATT to be given real teeth to deal with members who abuse its free trade rules, and could even use its power to exclude countries; Ministers unable to break deadlock over farming policy.

BERNARD INGHAM



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler hosts media reception, Admiralty House; later visits Dockland Compact (prov)

DOE: Mr Ridley, Mr Moynihan and Lord Caithness attend launch of Litter Initiative

DEM: Mr Cope visits Beckenham UBO

DEM: Mr Nicholls opens Jobclub, Nuneaton; later visits North Warwickshire College of Technology and Art

DEN: Mr Morrison visits Philips HQ, Woking; later performs opening ceremony and tours Horizon's newly equipped seismic vessel, Pool of London

DES: Mr Dunn meets Defining Dyslexia Organisation

DES: Mr Jackson attends higher education liaison reception for London and South East academics

DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale addresses Association of Hospice Administrators conference

DOE: Mr Howard and Mr Chope meet Association of Metropolitan Authorities in London

DOE: Lord Caithness attends Eye Catcher awards, London

DOE: Mr Trippier visits construction industries in Rochester, Maidstone and Sevenoaks

DOE: Mr Moynihan attends Sports Council annual conference and press conference

DTI: Mr Butcher opens CAD/CAM Exhibition, NEC, Birmingham

DTP: Lord Brabazon gives introductory speech at the Royal Institute of Navigation conference, City University

HMT: Mr Lamont addresses the Top 20 Club, London

MAFF: Mr Gummer meets Roger Gale MP on Audible Bird Scarers; later visits Warwickshire College of Agriculture

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe attends FAC, Brussels

DTI: Mr Maude attends Internal Market Council, Brussels

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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DEM: Mr Lee interviewed for Anglia TV, Norwich

DES: Lady Hooper interviewed by Will Stewart, Daily Express, House of Lords

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TV AND RADIO

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

"Daytime on Two": BBC 2 (9.20) 'Inset TVEI' - series discusses the implementation of TVEI (repeated Thursday)

"Daytime on Two": BBC 2 (11.35) 'Getting to grips with racism' looks at teaching methods in schools (repeated Friday)

"Business Daily": Channel 4 (12.00)

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

"The World at One": BBC Radio 4 (13.00)

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

"In Business": BBC Radio 4 (16.05) Details not available at time of going to press (repeated Wednesday)

"PM": BBC Radio 4 (17.00)

"Reporting London": ITV (19.30) Details not available at time of going to press

"For What It's Worth": Channel 4 (20.30). Consumer issues

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.50)

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

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