

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen, Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Royal visit the Chelsea Flower Show

Communication Manager's Association annual conference, Eastbourne (to 27 May)

FCO Open Day for British Labour Group, London

STATISTICS

CSO: Gross domestic product (output-based) (1st qtr-prov)

HO: Refugees (1987)

HO: Final report on sentencing of those arrested in connection with incidents of serious public disorder (Sept/Oct 1985)

PUBLICATIONS

DES: HMI Report on Coventry LEA

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Wales; Energy; Transport

Business: Opposition Day (12th allotted day) (2nd part)
There will be a debate on an Opposition Motion on Housing
Firearms (Amendment) Bill: Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate: RAF search and rescue operations in Central Scotland
(Mr B Walker)

Select Committee: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Subject: Scottish Development Agency and the Private Sector
Witnesses: Mr J A Scott, CB, LVO, Secretary, Industry
Department for Scotland and Mr Iain Robertson, Chief
Executive, Scottish Development Agency

TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE

Lords: Starred Questions
Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Bill: Report
Local Government Finance Bill: Committee (1st Day)
Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill: Second Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Focus on the Lords for tonight's key amendment on the Rates Reform Bill - Mirror has peers who seldom set foot in the place queuing up to vote.

Today - Maggie calls in boys from the backwoods.

General view is that Government is quietly confident of defeating Lord Chelwood's amendment as "Maggie sends in her ermine army". (Mail).

Lord Hailsham describes it as a wrecking amendment - "unconstitutional, unconstruable and humbug".

Telegraph leads with Nicholas Ridley warning that attempts to relate charge to ability to pay would wreck legislation and would have to be removed.

Kadar loses power to Grocz in Hungary.

Gorbachev proposes a joint US/USSR unmanned flight to Mars - and tells US magazines he will agree to further summit to finalise START.

After the extensive coverage of your speech to the General Assembly of Church of Scotland, Mirror tries to make out Douglas Hurd attacked "loadsamoney" values - Kinnock's phrase - in a speech last night. But Mail, Independent and Telegraph see him backing you.

Sun highlights how Kinnock, Hattersley, Gould, Prescott and Clive Jenkins made "loadsamoney under Maggie" out of property.

MORI poll suggests we seem as a nation to have lost something morally and produced a more decadent society; Express leader thinks it asked some silly questions.

National Campaign for the Family wants divorce laws changed to stop divorce within three years of marriage.

Mr Hurd also under attack for suggesting young mothers should think of consequences for their children of going out to work.

Norman Fowler expected to scrap MSC if trade unions refuse to back training for employment scheme and to turn it over to private enterprise. FT expects TUC General Council to vote against scheme on Wednesday.

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Alan Tuffin, postmen's leader, says the time has come for EEPTU to leave TUC.

Postmen's union reveals plans to merge with SOGAT, telecoms union and NGA.

NUT faces deficit of £5.1million by 1991 unless reorganisation plans are approved.

P&O decide to double sailings between Dover and Calais.

Threat of 10-mile tailbacks on M6 as 12 week roadworks begin.

John Moore expected to announce shake up in recruitment and qualifications for nurses today.

Government to consider reform of child benefit so that aid goes to those who need it most.

Concern that Oxford is going to have to do without Regius Professors of Greek and History for a few years because of shortage of cash.

Parents complain GCSE is too easy after pupils are asked who the Prime Minister is and your London address.

Two boy sixth formers expelled from Christ's Hospital School for drug taking; 9 suspended; 70 being questioned.

After trouble at England v Scotland soccer international involving up to 200 arrests, Terry Dicks MP wants hooligans birched and border sealed when teams meet at Wembley. "These pigs from Scotland should have no human rights", he says. A Labour MP describes this remark as racial and says he will raise it in the House. Lord Gould deplores Mr Dicks' remarks. Colin Moynihan and Michael Forsyth to meet to try to find new ways of stopping hooliganism.

Hopes of return for England to European football set back.

13 British teenagers taken off Cherbourg-Portsmouth ferry for fighting and sent home later.

Sun claims that a 2nd Lieutenant jailed for beating up 2 RAF men is living a life of luxury in detention, with 5-course meals, freedom to walk around the mess and grounds and use of telephone; leader describes this as rank stupidity.

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You are to stay at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, at next party conference; CCO says it has taken the entire hotel.

Kenneth Clarke, in Woman's Own, says being Prime Minister strikes him as the most attractive job in politics.

General Walters trying to get an Iran/Iraq ceasefire and release of hostages in Middle East.

South Africa tempting Botham to play there.

Mixed race MP shot dead in South Africa.

Great mystery as to whether Ron Brown MP was in the Commons shower and if so with whom. Geoffrey Dickens to raise "the romp" in the House if an inquiry is not set up.

At least 72 dead and 200 injured in floods in South East China.

Mitterrand heading for landslide victory in French General Election (Telegraph).

YOUR SCOTTISH SPEECH

Sun says Kinnock was talking his usual loads of codswallop when he gave the impression that there is something wicked about making money. You were right and point out that it is a Christian duty to help others and that money does not fall from heaven. Your main achievement has been to unshackle the talents and energies of the people.

Mirror leader says you should beware of quoting the Bible in support of policies. The Holy Book can be employed to prove anything.

Today - linking Mr Hurd's speech and yours says Home Secretary was right to restate his belief that when a marriage has broken down there is no point in going on as a sham. You want a Britain that runs on individual responsibility but your revolution won't be complete until we all accept responsibility for our own families.

Express leader says your speech was a thoughtful and well argued credo and the perfect answer to the Left's claim that your policies promote greed and selfishness. Since when was wanting to own your own home a sign of greed? The same can be said of share-owning or sending children to private schools. People see no sin in striving to provide the best for their families and

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found no difficulty in thrice electing a leader who shares their sentiments.

Jon Akass, in Express, says your Epistle to the Caledonians will have embarrassed some of your disciples by talking about God and the Bible. But politics in Britain has been about economics for too long and it would be exhilarating if we could talk about something else. Though whether you were wise publically to launch new Tory spirituality on Scots is more questionable.

Mail - Hurd backs Maggie over moral crusade; Leader headed "Where angels fear to tread" says you have been hot gosselling in a cold climate. But you won a respectful hearing. You went plentifully supplied with scriptural texts but none quite captured the essence of your political credo: "Blessed are the wealth makers for where would we be without them?". Most Scots do not warm to your politics. But you are determined that they should have no cause to doubt either your high moral purpose or your pluck.

Telegraph prints lengthy excerpts from speech. Leader says you are right: a certain disdain for material achievement has been for too long the characteristic of our ruling classes. The Government has been astonishingly successful in restoring individual energy and enterprise. Its task now is to take whatever steps are needed to discourage over-borrowing. Creating wealth is one thing; presuming on the future is something else.

Guardian says Douglas Hurd's speech "tempered your credo". Hattersley sees Tories one by one breaking ranks against you; leader says it was a remarkable speech because it told us what you stand for and something new about yourself. We now have a debate about two interpretations of the Christian faith. Your speech is not easily to be derided and raises questions about the shape of British society to come.

Guardian - Magazine section prints the text of your talk.

Times leads on Douglas Hurd in Sunday TV interview joining the Tory drive on moral debate 24 hours after you had spelt out the spiritual beliefs that underpin your political philosophy. Labour seize on Mr Hurd's remarks urging churches to be less defeatist about their power to influence people saying it was a coded attack on you. Hattersley says the greedy and violent society created by Thatcherism is clearly an embarrassment to Mr Hurd. Tories say he was fleshing out the moral basis of Thatcherism; leader discusses your Saturday speech saying on the whole, you and your theological advice made a good job of defending your case at Edinburgh. The case against the dominance of state provision, for which so many

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of your clerical critics hanker, is that it works against the grain of human reality to the disadvantage of all. This is the lesson communist countries have been learning so painfully and with which even the Labour Party under Kinnock is trying to come to terms.

Independent - Your speech to the Church of Scotland was yesterday confirmed by the Home Secretary as a determined Tory attempt to switch the political battlefield from economy, freedom and selfishness to a new emphasis on social and individual responsibility. It is a reaction to the accusation that your Government has rewarded only greed. Leader - your speech significantly extends the moral claims made by you. Never before have you suggested so forcefully or in so spiritual a gathering, that the Government cannot relieve citizens of the duty to be merciful and generous; it can create the conditions in which individual virtue flowers. Your speech is a welcome indication that you realise the free market is not enough. It would help, however, if you admitted what your actions and ministers' have often confirmed, that governments as well as individuals sometimes have to buck markets in order to be considered moral.

Independent - Religious teachers said yesterday that your speech betrayed an ignorance of Christian ideas of justice.

Independent - Colin Brown writes about the man behind the moral tone of Conservatism, Professor Brian Griffiths.

COMMUNITY CHARGE

FT - Senior minister says he believes that your meeting with 170 peers last week has been sufficiently effective to ensure passage of the Government's proposals. He acknowledged, however, that the vote would be close.

Mail leader says the community charge, while controversial, has not been bounced on the public. Constitutionally the Lords would be taking a liberty if they chose to throw it back to the Commons. It is none of their business to call for a local income tax, as they are in effect doing.

LAW & ORDER

Times - All night sitting for Firearms Bill as Conservative MPs for shires show fury over plans to control firearms.

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Times - Bar Council says solicitors who discriminate against barristers when instructing them in a case should be guilty of an offence under Race Relations Act.

INDUSTRY

Times - Wages going up as companies try to recruit and keep staff.

FT - Leader finds case for water privatisation weak, claiming that Government has yet to demonstrate how a combination of privately owned local companies and public regulation will work to the consumer's advantage.

FT - Companies and local authorities in Devon and Cornwall form joint development company.

Independent - The Government may give its approval this year for the first big private sector involvement in Britain's railways since they were nationalised. Eurotunnel plans a private consortium for modernising the route from London to Channel tunnel.

Times - Cuban state shipping company holding talks with British Shipbuilders about possible £100million order for cargo ships which could give two years' work on Wearside.

Times - OFT expected to deliver recommendation on Nestle-Rowntree takeover to Lord Young on Wednesday.

ECONOMY

FT - US Federal Reserve votes by 10-1 to tighten monetary policy and back higher interest rates.

FT - Greenwell Montagu says UK manufacturing productivity has risen by 5% a year since 1982 and there is enormous scope for further gains.

POLITICS

Independent - Allegations of racial abuse by parliamentary staff against black MPs have been made by Bernie Grant.

Guardian devotes a page to summarising 7 papers on Labour Party policy and organisation which are to be considered at Wednesday's NEC.

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Times - Dentists will refuse to treat AIDS and hepatitis B patients unless Government provides more money to curb the huge additional costs of preventing the disease spreading.

Times - Report shows that over-the-counter drug sales have increased by 50% since 1982 as most people are now treating themselves rather than going to a doctor. Nearly £600million spent on unprescribed medicines in 1987 compared with £400million on prescribed drugs.

Times - Research scientist says people may be dying of heart disease because their mothers had unhealthy diets in childhood.

Independent - The nursing profession must be prepared to train many more recruits without formal academic qualifications as part of a deal which could transform nurse education said Trevor Clay of RCN.

Harriet Harman MP and Sam Galbraith MP, writing in the Times under the heading "Life and death in the NHS", say discussion about the future of the NHS has been dominated by the question of cost. It should be dominated by the operation of medical effectiveness. but when this Government talks about efficiency in the health service, it really means cheapness. To make the health service more efficient we have to assess the effectiveness of its use of resources.

EDUCATION

Times - Regius chair of Greek at Oxford to be left unfilled when Professor Hugh Lloyd-Jones retires, in the university's attempt to cut costs.

AIR TRANSPORT

Times - BAe to see Kenneth Clarke about long-term viability of its involvement with long-range versions of Airbus because of the declining dollar.

Times - British Airways threatens airline war over transatlantic prices by cutting the cheapest standby fares by up to £90 one-way.

Times - Airlines told to step up security to or from Asian countries.

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Times - Britain's wealthy using private jets to fly to Europe's most exclusive and discreet hotel hideaways for luxury weekends.

WALDHEIM

Times - US expert says Waldheim is being shielded by CIA because he was a "US intelligence asset" after the Second World War.

NATO

Independent - Peter Jenkins talks to Sir Geoffrey Howe on the strains within NATO and the growing demands for a strengthened European contribution to the alliance.

IRELAND

Times - Sinn Fein councillor Mitchell McLaughlin warns that talks with SDLP will break down if John Hume continues to insist on an IRA ceasefire.

ETHIOPIA

Times - Seven women members of Ethiopian royal family expected to seek asylum in Britain following unexpected release after 14 years in prison.

HUNGARY

Times leader discusses the progress Hungary has made under Kadar saying it has now reached the point where economic reform can go no further without impinging on the power and influence of the Communist Party.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEN: Mr Parkinson addresses the World Economy Trade Policy Journal

DHSS: Mr Moore opens Royal College of Nursing Congress, Brighton

DTI: Lord Young visits Jaguar Engineering Centre, Coventry; later addresses Investment in the North of England seminar, Newcastle

DTI: Mr Clarke hosts Single Market Conference, Nottingham

HMT: Mr Major addresses a Standard Chartered Corporate function

HO: Mr Hurd and Mr Patten launch Crime Concern, QEII Conference Centre, London

MAFF: Mr MacGregor attends Horticultural Society, Chelsea Flower Show luncheon

SO: Mr Rifkind opens Riverside House, Eildon Housing Association Ltd, Sheltered Accommodation, Peebles; later visits Borders District General Hospital, Huntlyburn

WO: Mr Walker addresses Welsh Products exhibition, Design Centre, Haymarket, London

DEM: Mr Cope opens Institute of Personnel Management display, House of Commons

DEM: Mr Nicholls meets Mauritian Minister of Labour (and 24 May)

DEN: Mr Spicer addresses the Coal Industry's Society dinner

DES: Mr Dunn addresses the Banking Information Service and SEOs at the Barbican about financial management of schools

DHSS: Mr Newton visits Hampstead Health Authority Home for the Elderly; later opens Financing Health Care conference, London

DHSS: Mr Portillo visits model office in Preston

DOE: Mr Moynihan attends England vs West Indies cricket match, Lords

DOE: Mr Chope visits Truro Courts, St Maugan, Culdrose and Plymouth

DOE: Mrs Roe visits New Towns exhibition and housing, Preston

DTI: Mr Atkins visits Norbin, Peugeot Talbot, Metro-Cammell, West Midlands

DTP: Mr Bottomley addresses the Prince Michael Safety Awards, Mansion House, London

HO: Mr Hogg visits Heathrow Customs (drugs)

HO: Mr Renton visits Stanstead Airport

MAFF: Baroness Trumpington and Mr Thompson attend reception for British Trout Association, House of Commons; later Baroness Trumpington visits Chelsea Physic Garden

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC) (Cont'd)

MOD: Lord Trefgarne receives a visit from the Egyptian Defence Minister

MOD: Mr Stewart visits the Chemical Defence Establishment, Porton Down

OAL: Mr Luce opens Arts Department at Ellesmere College, Shropshire

SO: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton opens annual conference of Builders Merchants Federation, Gleneagles Hotel, Gleneagles

SO: Mr Lang opens Merlin House for Citylink Property Developers, Hillington Industrial Estate, Glasgow; later presents Approved Training Organisation Award to Furniture Manufacturers Association, Glasgow

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe and Mrs Chalker depart for PAC, Brussels (to 25 May)

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

HMT: Mr Lawson interviewed jointly by Reuters and the Press Association

TV AND RADIO

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

"Business Daily": C4 (12.30)

"Design Matters": C4 (18.00) Profiting from the Past - Tourism

"Open Space": BBC 2 (19.40) The Best Game in Town - focus on Denis Kilcommons, deputy news editor of the Huddersfield Daily Examiner

"Horizon": BBC 2 (20.10) A Newsday Revolution - electronic revolution in television news

"Panorama": BBC 1 (21.30) A Revolution Without Shots - Gorbachev's reforms

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

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.55)

"Business Matters": BBC 2 (22.55) Ideas Unlimited
