

MAIN EVENTS

Announcement on financial assistance to opposition Parties (Short Money)

The Queen presents new colours to the 1st Battalion Irish Guards at Buckingham Palace; later, with the Duke of Edinburgh attends a service at St Pauls Cathedral to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Reverend John Wesley's conversion

The Prince of Wales visits Liverpool to open Albert Dock; later opens the Tate Gallery, Liverpool and visits Operation Groundwork Project at Stadt Moers Country Park, Knowsley, also visits the Prince's Youth Business Trust, Business Enterprise 88, Albert Dock, Liverpool

RESCARE lobby Parliament, Grand Committee Room

British Airways results

Building Societies Assn conference (to Thursday)

Prison Officers' Association annual conference, Portsmouth (to 27 May)

Soviet delegation visit Chemical Defence Establishment, Porton Down (to 26 May)

EC: Education Council, Brussels

EC: Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels (to 25 May)

EC: EC/Israel Co-operation Council

Announcement on privatisation of Scottish Transport

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Vaccine Damage (Compensation Arrangements) (Dr John Reid)
Employment Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Adjournment Debate: The operation of the Social Security system in relation to residential homes for the elderly in Crewe (Mrs G Dunwoody)

Select Committees: TRANSPORT
Subject: Air Traffic Control Safety
Witnesses: Guild of Air Traffic Control Officers;
Guild of Airline Pilots and Navigators

Lords: Starred Questions
Scottish Development Agency (Oban South Pier) Order
Confirmation Bill: Third Reading
Scotch Whisky Bill: Second Reading

PRESS DIGEST

Stunning 134 majority in Lords in defeat of Lord Chelwood's amendment has Opposition parties grinding their teeth in frustration.

Bill now expected to reach Statute Book in July after largest turn out of peers in 17 years.

Michael Mates says "We sent Lords a signal but they didn't receive it".

Kinnock comments "Rarely has so much been taken from so many by so few so unjustly".

John Moore delights nurses, who give him standing ovation, for his plans to shake up qualifications, entrance and training. Today: Nurses cheer the end of hospital drudgery.

Lord Young says industrial investment and output will rise sharply this year.

One man killed, another badly burned in Sealink ferry fire in mid-Channel.

National Union of Seamen expect High Court decision today on whether they can have their assets back.

Gang of screaming lesbians invade BBC TV 6 O'clock News and disturb Sue Lawley reading it. Miss Lawley praised for her cool way of handling interruption by "hirsute harpies" (ITN).

Former GCHQ official at Cheltenham jailed for four years for indecently assaulting young boys. Mail leader says he was recruited a year after Prime was jailed for life with suspicions of a paedophile ring there.

Much support for Colin Moynihan in saying England not ready to return to Euro soccer as a third trial of soccer thugs collapses in London. But three Leeds fans jailed for trouble in London.

Tory MPs call for identity cards to beat soccer hooligans.

Rolls-Royce win £200million jet engine order from International Lease Finance Corp.

PRESS DIGEST

Threat to holiday travel as 3,000 British Airways engineers walk out, with EETPU and other union backing over dismissal of shop steward.

New measures to curb holiday surcharges announced by Government.

Maxwell sells Hollis engineering industries for £105million.

Jaguar to launch a £100,000 Supercar to compete with Porsche and Ferrari.

Times expects Lord Young to allow Nestle's bid for Rowntree to go ahead tomorrow.

PSA privatisation to be announced tomorrow (Telegraph).

FT and Independent expect TUC to back employment training scheme tomorrow.

Decision on future of Dounreay fast reactor put off to PES round.

Companies join fight against crime by backing Crime Concern with cash.

Boom in house prices shows no sign of slowing down.

William Waldegrave announces £28million to help deal with homelessness - half going to local authorities in London.

Student loans to be brought in as soon as possible.

Mail reports rail commuter misery yesterday because of changes over new Summer timetables, breakdowns and staff shortages.

Mirror says patients at Dulwich hospital are threatening to go on hunger strike over food - 24 of them got only 8 eggs between them for breakfast.

Labour Party claims nearly 50,000 NHS patients had their operations cancelled over a 6 month period.

Gibraltar inquest put off until autumn because of clash with rock concert on June 27. Telegraph claims Government is embroiled in storm because news of the delay was circulating in Whitehall while coroner was insisting he had still not decided to put off the hearing. Labour Party claims delay until Recess will be of considerable advantage to Government.

PRESS DIGEST

Independent says Labour MPs are to protest today about possible Government involvement in coroner's decision.

Bernie Grant MP fuming over alleged racist treatment by Commons attendant, threatens to throw mace in Thames.

Left MEP for Barnsley, a friend of Scargill, buys his own council house.

Ron Brown MP and Michael Martin MP exchange blows in Commons voting lobby; fellow Labour MPs pull them apart (Mirror).

Kenneth Clarke called to give evidence for Observer in Meacher libel case.

Express says Gorbachev intends to make glasnost irreversible at the forthcoming Party Congress.

Times - Kremlin tells officials to stop harassing churches.

Telegraph have picture of you in front of Townswomen's Guild Tapestry.

Sun says Queen and Duchess of York at loggerheads over her public support for her father.

Go-ahead given for modified blocks of flats near Kensington Palace; Prince Charles originally objected.

COMMUNITY CHARGE

Star - Maggie beats off poll tax rebellion.

Sun - Maggie crushes the Lords poll tax rebels. Peers rally to her cause.

Mirror - Tory peers crush poll tax rebels.

Today - Willie routs poll tax rebels by 134 votes.

Express - Peers in poll tax win for Maggie; leader says the Lords has acted with the constitutional wisdom we have come to expect of it. Its honourable function is to revise not to wreck. The rebels under-estimated the good sense of their colleagues.

Mail - Ermine army wins the day.

Telegraph - Tory tax rebels crushed.

PRESS DIGEST

Guardian - Tory hidden vote kills poll tax revolt.

Times leads with defeat for rebel Lords over community charge bill as only 14 Conservative peers back Lord Chelwood. Having watched the vote on TV you were delighted and full of praise for Lord Belstead; leader says Government has triumphantly repulsed what had been seen as the most dangerous threat likely to confront it in this Parliament. It describes Lord Chelwood's amendment as inconclusive saying the Government should now drive ahead with placing the Act on the Statute Book as soon as possible. But it needs to intensify its efforts to win public support for the new system, and understanding of it.

Independent - Government was accused of "Massive overkill", and of abusing its in-built Lords majority by turning out the second largest number of peers ever seen voting in the House of Lords. Leader says the old guard of the Conservative Party was counted yesterday in a place supposed by some to be its last stronghold. In the opinion of Thatcherism many of Britain's problems stem from the craven reluctance of their predecessors in Government to take decisions which in the short term would be unpopular.

FT - Government's proposals sail through Lords after City boardrooms and stately homes are scoured to secure second highest turnout ever in upper house. You are said to be delighted.

SOCCER

Sun leader says Colin Moyhian is right: there can be no question of English soccer clubs playing on the continent and there is the strongest case for abandoning the England v Scotland fixture.

Telegraph leader says we should admit that for the time being we have lost control over small minority which plans selectively to turn certain football matches into battlegrounds. Minister for Sport should take initiative and inform Europe that for the time being we think it is in everyone's interests we stay out.

TUC

Sun says Norman Fowler should close down MSC regardless of whether the TUC agree tomorrow to co-operate with employment training schemes. The MSC has been handcuffed by the foolish, wrecking tactics of the TUC and its record has been pathetic.

PRESS DIGEST

Guardian - says a TUC which opts out will have far less influence than one that swallows its negative hostility and chooses the inside track of influence.

NURSES

Today says market forces and reasoned argument have won the day for nurses. The real winners will be the patients.

Express says announced changes make a lot of sense. No wonder John Moore got a standing ovation.

Mail describes the changes as common sense. Why wasn't more done when Labour was in power? Because Labour Governments hadn't got the money to put where their mouths were. Kinnock sneers derisively at "loadsamoney" society but nurses have no cause to sneer at it. News story says it is the biggest shake up of nursing this century.

Times - Nurses delighted at radical measures to reform training and to solve recruitment crisis in the profession. John Moore gets standing ovation and shouts of hooray when making announcement at RCN conference; leader says John Moore has taken a courageous step on the road to saving hospitals and patients from effects of shortages of trained staff in the 1990s. He has also committed the Government to an ambitious programme which should transform the status of nurses.

POLITICS

Express leader on Labour Party NEC's consideration of 7 policy papers tomorrow says they are supposed to be the product of a radical re-think but underneath a light trimming of imitation Thatcherite patter lurk many familiar Labour attitudes.

Times - Kinnock faces problems with some of closest allies in Labour Party over suggestion that he is preparing to soften the party's anti-nuclear stance on defence.

Times - Demands will be made tonight that Lady Porter and other senior Conservative Westminster City councillors should pay losses incurred in selling three cemeteries for 15p.

GOVERNMENT

Times - PAC suspends hearing for first time in memory as it was not satisfied with performance of witnesses from Scottish Development Agency and Scottish Office.

PRESS DIGESTYOUR SCOTTISH SPEECH

Times - Hattersley will tonight trenchantly reassert Labour's claim to be the conscience of the nation in a direct riposte of your Scottish speech. He will maintain that your brand of individualism and economic freedom is a rejection of community and the type of society people hold dear, and suggest that if you continue you will be unelectable by the next election; George Foulkes MP says in House that you should learn to practice what you preach.

TUC

Geoffrey Goodman writing in the Times looks at the problems facing the TUC says the job as General Secretary is a job too tough for anyone.

FT - TUC expected to suspend EETPU by July, with full expulsion likely to follow in September.

NHS

Independent - The first winner of a national lottery for the NHS will be chosen this evening despite veiled threats of prosecution issued yesterday.

INNER CITIES

FT - National Council for Voluntary Organisations report says voluntary sector has an important part to play in the economic regeneration of the inner cities.

FT - Inner City Enterprises, which is owned by financial institutions, made a pre-tax profit of £1.04million in 1987-88.

TRANSPORT

Times - BA unexpectedly gives up fight to win back all domestic services previously flown by BCal from Gatwick. Also walk-out of CAA meeting over reallocation of licence for Nice and Oslo.

EDUCATION

Stuart Sexton, director of Education Unit, Institute of Economic Affairs, writing in the Times blames university mismanagement for empty Regius chairs at Oxford.

PRESS DIGESTDEFENCE

FT - MoD makes extensive changes to warship building programme in order to cut costs.

INDUSTRY

Independent - The Government is steeling itself for a big Commons row if, as expected, Lord Young gives Nestle the go-ahead. There is strong suspicion at Westminster that an announcement is being stalled until Thursday in the hope that an emergency debate can be averted.

Independent - Environment officials insisted yesterday that the Government would not weaken existing controls on river quality after privatisation.

LAW & ORDER

Times - High Court judges say DPP acted unlawfully as head of Crown Prosecution Service in allowing clerks to screen cases for prosecution.

Times - Lord Denning against solicitors having greater advocacy rights in the higher courts.

Times - Police Complaints Authority takes legal action to force photographers to hand over unpublished film of riots outside News International plan at Wapping; High Court quashes inquest jury's verdict that 19 year-old youth was unlawfully killed by TNT delivery lorry during dispute.

Independent - News photographers at the riots in Wapping in January 1987 told the Old Bailey that their lives would be in more danger at future disturbances if the courts forced them to give all their unused film to police.

EC

Times - EC diplomat says Bonn is the driving force in the EC at the moment and is setting the agenda at a time when you are proving once more that you are half-hearted about Europe at its best.

FT - David Williamson accuses UK of taking too narrow a view of EC plans to create a single market by 1992.

PRESS DIGESTHUNGARY

Times - Most Hungarians greet Grosz's take-over as leader with a mixture of indifference and hope.

GULF

Independent - The UN Secretary-General told the British Government that he planned to make a new effort to bring the Gulf war to an end.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DTI: Lord Young visits London Metal Exchange
- DTI: Mr Clarke and Mr Atkins attend Action for Cities Breakfast Roadshow, Birmingham
- HO: Mr Hurd visits HM Prison, Alma Dettingen
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor and Mr Thompson attend Dairy Trade Federation annual luncheon, Inn on the Park, London
- WO: Mr Walker addresses Institute of Gas Engineers, St David's Hall, Cardiff; later opens Hitachi factory extension, Hirwaun and visits Llancaiach Fawr, Elizabeth Manor, Nelson; also opens Cement Bonded Particle Board Ltd, Ystrad Mynach
- DEM: Mr Nicholls attends lunch with Mauritian Minister of Labour, London
- DEM: Mr Cope attends Action Special, Moorfoot, Sheffield
- DEM: Mr Lee presents National Restaurant Planning Competition awards, House of Commons
- DES: Lady Hooper attends the opening of Albert Dock, Liverpool
- DHSS: Mr Newton attends National Rubella Council reception
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave addresses Building Society Association annual conference, Torquay
- DOE: Mr Trippier attends opening of Albert Dock in Liverpool, by the Prince of Wales
- DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Northwick Park Hospital to view British Olympic Association facilities; later attends England vs Colombia football international, Wembley
- DTI: Mr Maude addresses Coopers and Lybrand on The City and Europe
- DTP: Mr Bottomley addresses the Institute of Petroleum, London
- DTP: Lord Brabazon lunches with Colonel Volmer, the Russian Minister for Shipping, Lancaster House, London
- MAFF: Baroness Trumpington visits Chelsea Flower Show
- OAL: Mr Luce attends the official opening of Tate in the North, Liverpool
- ODA: Mr Patten addresses Intermediate Technology Development Group Ltd, Rugby

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DES: Mr Baker attends EEC Education Council, Brussels
- MOD: Mr Sainsbury visits the USA (to 28 May)
- MOD: Mr Stewart visits Bahrain (to 27 May)
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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DEM: Mr Cope appears on BBC Action Special Talk Show, Moorfoot, Sheffield

TV AND RADIO

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

"Business Daily": C4 (12.30)

"The Parliament Programme": C4 (14.00)

"The Local Network": BBC Radio 4 (16.05) Track to the Future - light rapid rail transit systems

"Architecture at the Crossroads": BBC 2 (18.50) whither contemporary architecture?

"The Cook Report": ITV (20.00)

"Brass Tacks": BBC 2 (20.30) Good As You? - Local authorities and the promotion of homosexuality

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

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.50)
