

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister speaks at Conservative Women's Conference  
The Duke of Edinburgh visits the Armada Exhibition at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich; later, The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend a Service in the Guards Chapel and a Reception at Wellington Barracks to mark the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association

The Princess Royal takes the salute at The Queen's Birthday Parade, Berlin

The Princess of Wales opens a Mother and Child Unit, New Andover Hampshire

TUC General Council

Australian High Commissioner, Roy McClelland, visits Belfast.

DOE: Property Services Agency - Announcement on its future.

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STATISTICS

CSO: Gross domestic product (output based),(1st Qtr 1988)

DOE: Construction: New orders (Mar)

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PUBLICATIONS

NIO: Fair Employment White Paper

HSE: Launch of Safety of Children on Farms, NAC Stoneleigh, Warwicks

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Scotland; Foreign and Commonwealth; Trade and Industry

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Local Authority Searches and Enquiries etc (Mr Malcolm Moss)  
Motion to take note of the White Paper on Developments in the European Community July-December 1987 (CM 336)

Adjournment Debate: International reciprocity in the regulations governing takeover bids (Mr J Greenway)

Select Committees: ENVIRONMENT  
Subject: Toxic Waste  
Witness: Institute of Wastes Management

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

Select Committees (Cont'd)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: The political impact of the process of arms control and disarmament

Witnesses: Mr M Francois Heisboerg and Mr Hans Binnendijk

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Petrol retailing

Witnesses: Shell, Petrol Retailers Association, Messrs Dunkerley

DEFENCE

Subject: Statement on the Defence Estimates 1988

Witnesses: Sir Michael Quinlan, KCB, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Defence, and other officials

ENERGY

Subject: The structure, regulation and economic consequences of electricity in the private sector

Witnesses: Officials from the British Coal Corporation and the British Railways Board

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE

Subject: Civil Service Management Reform: "The Next Steps"

Witnesses: Sir Robin Ibbs and members of the Efficiency Unit

AGRICULTURE

Subject: Chernobyl: The Government's Reaction

Witnesses: Dr David Clark, MP; National Radiological Protection Board; Farmers' News; Farming Weekly

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Subject: Educational Provisions for the Under-Fives

Witnesses: Association of County Councils; National Union of Teachers at 5.15 pm

EMPLOYMENT

Subject: Urban Development Corporations

Witnesses: Newham Borough Council; Roger Tym & Partners

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Ministry of Defence: The Profit Formula

Witnesses: Mr P K Levene, Chief of Defence Procurement, Ministry of Defence

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

Select Committees (Cont'd)

SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Resourcing the NHS

Witnesses: Professor A Maynard, Centre for Health Economics, York University, and Professor A Culyer, Department of Economics and related studies, York University

TRANSPORT

Subject: Airline Competition: CRS

Witness: TWA/Northwest (Pars)

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE

Subject: PEWP/Estimates relating to Chancellor's Department

Witnesses: Chancellor's Department (Central Office of Information, Inland Revenue and Royal Mint)

Lords:

Starred Questions

Debate to call attention to the importance of maintaining the independence of British broadcasting

Housing Defects (Reinstatement Grant) (Amendment of Conditions for Assistance) (Scotland) Order 1988. Motion for Approval

UQ to ask HMG what action they propose to take to promote work of quality in the creative and performing arts

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

The moral debate occupies the high ground today with your row with Kinnock yesterday and Hattersley stung to reply claiming you "plumbed the depths of cynicism".

Archbishop of Canterbury thinks you had "as usual clear and coherent things to say about the means of wealth creation and I agree with her on that".

Parliamentary pensions improvements go very quietly indeed.

Speculation that the TUC will divide today with the suspension and ultimate expulsion of EETPU.

National Union of Seamen fails to recover its assets because unlawful picketing continues.

First draw of NHS lottery halted because Gaming Board says it was illegal.

Today says Kinnock will today unveil Labour's biggest policy shake-up for 25 years and will infuriate Left.

Chancellor praises your "inspired leadership" in what is seen as "Kiss and make up" speech at women's conference.

Number of long-term unemployed fell by record of more than 250,000 last year.

Big political row expected today if Lord Young allows Nestles bid to go through.

British Airways makes record £228million profit last year.

Meanwhile, threat to London flights intensifies with all-out strike as 4,000 BA maintenance men over sacking of shop steward.

Austin Rover to recruit up to 1,500 more workers at Longbridge to build new small Rover; Range Rover production record last week.

Government gives go-ahead to keep industrialists and others with experience to take second careers as teachers. Express describes it as "a top class idea".

AIDS tests may be carried out on 90,000 pregnant women without their consent if there are not enough volunteers.

PRESS DIGEST

You are more likely to have a heart attack if you live in Dewsbury or Dunfermline than in Guildford according to survey.

Case of mother who tattoos 2 children with obscene words escapes jail.

Captain of destroyer Nottingham flown home from South Atlantic after claims of indecent assault on board his ship.

Ron Brown MP calls for an inquiry into his alleged shower room exploits.

Louis Blom-Cooper new chairman of Press Council - promises a high profile.

TV poll, according to Sun, shows 80% of youngsters aged 16-26 would welcome return of hanging.

Survey shows 20% of council tenants would like a different landlord - Today is surprised at the low figure.

Soccer's hope of returning to European football virtually wrecked by thugs last weekend, you warn. (Today).

British arms dealer jailed 6 years for plotting to swindle Iran of £22million.

Julian Critchley in Sun explains why he thinks you should call it a day or you run risk of outstaying welcome; accused of treachery by fellow MPs.

You have given up £100,000 in pay since 1979.

SUMMIT

Reagan wants to see Berlin Wall come down. Queen expected to make him Knight of Garter (Sun).

Express - Nancy Reagan says she wants to spend as little time as possible with Raisa.

Mail - Reagan leaves open door for one more summit.

Today - Reagan will hurry straight to London from Moscow to brief Queen on summit.

Independent - Missiles treaty to be ratified by US in time for summit.

PRESS DIGEST

Peter Jenkins argues why disarmament needs summits and says summit meetings ought to be a routine feature of superpower diplomacy. Visible and audible dialogue is an essential ingredient of stability in the nuclear age and a condition of public support for strategies of deterrence. Even when not much is achieved, it does no harm for leaders to meet and talk.

LORDS

Sun leader attacks "crazy system" that allows "feudal relics" to play a vital part in Government of Britain. As you are a reforming Prime Minister why don't you propose scrapping the Lords?

Mirror under heading "House of Poodles" says when it matters to Tory Party, Lords is as feudal, reactionary and undemocratic as it ever was. At least it can now be seen for what it is: Mrs Thatcher's poodle.

Guardian says you may yet rue the day you ignored the signals from the working conscience of your own party for a Bill which commands diminishing support in the country. It ought to revise reform of the second chamber.

PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS

Sun - Maggie wants a pay off for sacked Cabinet Ministers to ease shock. Kinnock gets loadsamoney - Short money.

Telegraph - Bigger pensions for Thatcher and Ministers.

MORAL ASCENDANCY

Mirror - Thatcher "like Pilate", according to Kinnock, washing your hands of fate of children.

Today - Maggie takes a £100,000 pay cut.

Express - You were clearly hurt yesterday as you accused Kinnock of debasing everything you believed in.

Mail leads with "A better life for Britain - we must not leave mercy to others - a ringing defence of your wealth treating revolution. Your stand delights Tories.

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Telegraph leads with "Runcie supports Thatcher view of wealth creation. Labour battles ferociously for moral high ground - a "bizarre" battle.

Bruce Anderson, in Telegraph, says it will be to everyone's advantage if you move the discussion of moral issues to the top of the political agenda. But the solution to the problems of the under class are no nearer. No-one knows how to remoralise them.

Guardian - Faith, hope and publicity; you cited your decision to forego part of your salary as evidence of your moral approach to public before life. Labour MPs happier than for weeks believing you have given them an opening.

Times leads with the battle for the high moral ground of politics erupted yesterday as you and Kinnock clash furiously in the Commons over your Scottish speech. You are expected to return to the fray in your speech today to Conservative women when you will emphasise the virtue of good neighbourliness. Your decision to set your personal religious creed alongside your political beliefs has worried many Conservative MPs and has opened a new area of political debate which would dominate the coming months. Hattersley, speaking in Birmingham, describes you as the modern prophet of ruthless individualism saying your speech on Saturday was as intellectually demeaning as it was morally bankrupt.

LABOUR PARTY

Today leader says Labour policies will remain a baffling mystery to most voters. It is now throwing out its principles in a desperate search for power. But it hardly seems serious. Almost everyone in the party knows that something else needs to be thrown out - the leader. Privately most Labour people acknowledge that Kinnock will never carry them back into Government.

Express - Left rip into Kinnock's new ideas; feature says no amount of PR can cover up the glaring deficiencies in the new policies for '90s. In seeking to counter Thatcherism he has decided the best way to counter you is to offer a flimsy alternative version.

Times leader says Kinnock should have no serious problem at today's Labour NEC over party's future policies. They will, however, face much hostility in the old grass roots which know that, for all Kinnock's dislike of you, it implies a recognition

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that the changes of Thatcherism have come to stay. Kinnock is driven not by principle but by the evidence that the voters do not want socialism. But this should not diminish the importance of what he is attempting.

POLITICS

Mail leader notes Nigel Lawson's "very gallant" comments about your leadership; Archbishop Runcie's "very courteous" comments on your Scottish speech; Benn's "very true" comment on Labour's effort to come to terms with your changes. You remain the driving force of your Government and country. You still set agenda for politicians and prelates.

FT - Peter Riddell looks at House of Lords following community charge vote and finds it one of those British institutions which looks impressive at a distance. On closer inspection some of the claims made for it as a revising chamber appear more suspect. He finds it ironic that the hereditary principle - 219 of the 317 on the Government side inherited their titles - was used on Monday to uphold the primacy of the elected House.

NHS

Sun leader awards John Moore its golden stethoscope - any friend of the nurses is our friend, it says.

Times - Nurses yesterday refused to be bribed by Government concessions on pay and training and called for an extra £1.5 billion for NHS to open wards and shorten waiting lists.

FT - OFT announces that restrictions on advertising by doctors are to be investigated by Monopolies Commission.

WELFARE

Times - Labour claim that Government's welfare reforms will leave one in six households poorer even after the tax cutting Budget.

INQUEST GIBRALTAR

Independent - Serious doubt has been cast on claims from Gibraltar's Attorney General that the SAS men who shot dead three IRA terrorists could face a murder trial - if it proved that the three were trying to surrender.



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Conor Cruise O'Brien writing in the Times under the heading "When giving way is giving in" discusses Sikh and IRA terrorism and how some think that concessions won by moderates must necessarily weaken the terrorists. He discounts the theory that where a community contains both terrorists and moderates, both sides are implacably opposed to one another.

LAW & ORDER

Today backs idea of random drink/drive tests.

Express notes Section 28 became law yesterday - and nothing happened. This reveals the vociferous opposition to have been a piece of deliberate deception.

Times - Lord Chancellor aims to take the sting out of divorce saying he would like to see a conciliation service to help resolve maintenance and custody problems.

SPORT

Times - You increased pressure yesterday on football authorities to take tougher and urgent action to cope with football violence; leader discusses soccer hooliganism saying that Britain's reputation is at stake again. It expresses concern about tickets for the European Championships in West Germany being sold at gates and calls for greater segregation.

Independent - The Football Association have written off £34,000 in an attempt to reduce the risk of crowd trouble in the European Championship next month. They have refused to return 3,000 unsold tickets for England's three group matches because the Germans could not give an assurance they would not be sold on the open market.

Independent leader says it was clear after the Heysel Stadium riot in 1985 that we had to be seen to be tackling the violence associated with the British game. Nowhere was that message more clearly stated than in Downing Street. The Government had been embarrassed by events in Belgium and you were determined that should never happen again.

INDUSTRY

Times - Department of Transport order full inquiry into Sealink ferry fire.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - Conservative MPs defeat Government over its opposition to a levy on blank tapes in standing committee on Copyright, Design and Patents Bill.

Times - Rowntree shares rise by 25p to 916p in anticipation of Lord Young giving go-ahead for Nestle takeover.

Independent - Four of your closest friends and political advisers have been recruited to promote a public and parliamentary campaign for the deregulation of Sunday trading. Article names Roger Boaden, Basil Feldman and Tim Bell being involved.

FT - Cecil Parkinson spells out to Electricity Council managers electricity privatisation timetable, with Bill to be presented to Parliament in November or December.

ECONOMY

Times - Chancellor pledges sterling stability, warns of the dangers of wild swings in exchange rate and says our economy is rapidly catching that of West Germany, in speech to Conservative women.

MEDIA

Times reports that when you meet children writing for "Early Times" in an exclusive interview you will face the type of questions that few MPs would dare to ask.

Times - Independent company may get contract for experimental televising of Commons in preference to BBC or ITN.

Times - You and Home Secretary being urged by radio groups to reconsider plans to delay introducing legislation for three radio channels and hundreds of local and community stations.

EDUCATION

Times - Teachers' rebellion against methods used to compare standards in GCSE exam may mean delay in results for up to 5,000 pupils.

PRESS DIGESTWALDHEIM

Times - Jewish Group in New York says Britain refuses to free Waldheim file and is to start legal proceedings against CIA to demand access to secret British wartime intelligence document in CIA archives.

EC

Times - EC calls on Gorbachev to restore diplomatic links with Israel.

FT - EC and Comecon will formally recognise each other on June 24 in a joint declaration which has taken 12 years to negotiate.

SOVIET UNION

Times - Soviet Prime Minister says reinvigorating the sluggish Soviet economy with a healthy dose of private enterprise was the only way to get the country moving again and solve the acute food shortage.

Independent - page 1 lead - "Perestroika to end party jobs for life". The Soviet leadership is calling for the mandate of party officials to be limited to a maximum of two five-year terms, as part of an ambitious package measure to democratise the way the country is run.

HONG KONG

Times - Foreign Secretary to try to persuade Hong Kong's 5 million residents to be less distrustful of China's plans for the future.

US

FT - President Reagan vetoes US Trade Bill, his main objection relating to a provision that would require employers to give 60 days' notice of lay-offs at big plants. Leader says that decision leaves considerable uncertainty in its wake about the longer term course of US trade policy.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler launches and Mr Lee attends Tourism '88, Brighton;

DES: Mr Baker addresses the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit national conference, Glaziers Hall

DTI: Lord Young addresses Retail Consortium on Single Market Campaign; later addresses World Economic Forum, London

DTI: Mr Clarke visits National Physical Laboratory, Middlesex

HO: Mr Hurd addresses Apex Trust, Mansion House, London

MAFF: Mr MacGregor opens new installations at CPS Fuels Ltd, Long Stratton, Norfolk; later attends BASF dinner, Browns Hotel

MOD: Mr Younger receives General Noor, the Somali Defence Minister

DEM: Mr Nicholls visits Northern Region

DEM: Mr Cope launches the Co-operative Bank's guide to running your small business; later attends World Economic Forum working dinner

DEN: Mr Spicer addresses the IBM conference, Birmingham

DES: Mr Jackson visits Leicester Polytechnic

DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale visits Stafford integrated local office

DHSS: Mr Newton addresses Bromley Social Services conference on the elderly, London

DOE: Lord Caithness attends launch of Water Watch's resource and training pack at the London Ecology Centre

DTI: Mr Clark visits ECGD, Cardiff Office

DTP: Lord Brabazon opens new McAlpine helicopter hanger, Hayes, Middlesex

DTP: Mr Bottomley addresses the Association of Chief Police Officers conference, Eastbourne (to 26 May)

FCO: Mr Mellor addresses WEU Assembly delegation

HMT: Mr Brooke addresses the World Economic Forum, London

HO: Mr Hogg addresses National Association of Prison Visitors

HO: Lord Ferrers addresses Association of Chief Police Officers conference, Eastbourne

MAFF: Mr Gummer attends West Midlands Agricultural Council

MAFF: Mr Thompson lunches at Agricultural Engineering Day, Institute of Agricultural Engineers, Silsoe, Bedfordshire

ODA: Mr Patten addresses signing ceremony for UK assistance to the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme for Chitral, Pakistan, Ismaili Centre, Kensington, London

WO: Mr Grist attends Alcohol and Education Research Council reception, Cardiff

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MOD: Mr Younger at Eurogroup, Brussels (to 27 May)
- DTI: Mr Maude addresses Franco/British Chamber of Commerce, Paris, on Single Market Campaign
- DTP: Mr Mitchell attends European Conference of Ministers of Transport, Luxembourg (to 27 May)
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TV AND RADIO

- "Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)
- "The Twice-Promised Land": BBC Radio 4 (11.00) Israel - The State of Siege
- "Business Daily": C4 (12.30)
- "The Parliament Programme": C4 (14.00)
- "The Making of Britain": C4 (18.30) lack of electoral support for the Labour Party is testimony to its own success
- "A Week in Politics": C4 (20.30)
- "Whitehall: An Inquiry into the Civil Service": C4 (21.00) A Permanent Place Under Government
- "An Ocean Apart": BBC 1 (21.30) Under the Eagle's Wing
- "The World Tonight": BBC Radio 4 (22.30) followed by "The Financial World Tonight" and "Today in Parliament"
- "Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.35)
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