

PRIME MINISTER

2 June 1988

MAIN EVENTS

President Reagan visits the UK (to 3 June)

The Duke of Edinburgh visits the Suffolk Show, Ipswich

STATISTICS

Bank of England: Capital issues and redemptions (May)

DTI: Investment intentions of the manufacturing and service industries
(Bi-annual)

HMT: UK official reserves

PUBLICATIONS

DTI: Investment intentions (Spring 1988)

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

A generally good reception for the outcome of the Summit - the important thing is that the atmosphere is better. Reagan hopeful of a START treaty; Gorbachev regrets missed opportunities.

Telegraph - The world can breathe a little easier.

Government's appeal in Spycatcher case in Australia fails - end of the road.

Rise in interest rates expected as pound falls against dollar and deutschmark.

Paddy Ashdown, declaring his candidacy for leadership of SLD, says he wants to take Alliance left.

Henley Centre of Forecasting confirms Edwina Currie's assertion that Northern diet is not as healthy as South's. Southerners will be living on average 5 years longer by end of century.

Five soccer hooligans found guilty of conspiring to cause violence after Leeds judge had told them to do their duty and not to be afraid to convict.

Head teachers' conference wants parents of young hooligans to be made to foot bill for damage their children cause.

Security experts put true cost of school vandalism at £100million a year.

GMBTU in Rowntree settle for merger and appear to prefer Nestles; they want to end the uncertainty.

Consumers' Association says telephone users are still getting a raw deal from British Telecom and it won't improve until Government increases competition. Hasn't given better service since privatisation.

Fuel surcharges to be scrapped on most foreign holidays.

Some TV stars boycott TV-AM until technicians' dispute is settled.

Graham Day to be new chief executive of British Aerospace (Today).

Which? says some burglar alarm firms have adopted dubious selling tactics - using fear.

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Plan for bigger network of national trails - footpaths and bridgeways unveiled.

Armand Hammer introducing golf to Russians - building course near Moscow.

EC to give preference over men with equal qualifications for promotion to senior jobs - Teddy Taylor says it is typical of EC lunacy.

Ex-Lt Robert Lawrence, featured in Tumbledown, to make new life in Australia.

57 miners feared killed in pit explosion in West Germany.

Alfonsin proposes talks without preconditions with Britain on Falklands.

Commons cookery book has raised £10,000 for Esther Rantzen's appeal to help abused children.

SUMMIT

Star - Reds rap "missed chances" summit, according to Gorbachev, Reagan more upbeat.

Sun - Angry Gorby blasts timewaster Reagan - "we blew vital chance".

Mirror - Hug of hope ends Summit - more deals on cards. Both like taste of detente and want more; leader says Summit has been a success and the world is a safer place today than it was on Sunday. The next US President must pick up Reagan's baton and keep moving forward.

Today - Next Summit target 50% cut in missiles. Reagan and Gorbachev hug each other, saying they've written first lines in book of peace no-one will ever close.

Express - Book of peace opened at Summit, which ends in smiles and hugs. leader says it would be easy enough to write off this their fourth Summit. But they are not about producing treaties but greater trust and understanding. And for this Moscow must be deemed a success.

Mail - Gorbachev puts the blame on America - for missed chances. Leader on "a sweet and sour Summit" says Reagan looked to be the more vulnerable but Gorbachev has emerged sounding the more edgy

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and ambivalent. While Reagan sunnily courts posterity Gorbachev is fighting for his political life. The wonder is that the Summit did not become tempestuous. We have the decency of the American President and the determination of the Soviet leader to thank for that.

Ann Leslie feature in Mail says the Summit has shown the old actor's charm is exportable beyond American shores. Everywhere he's been crowds have gathered.

Telegraph leads with "Hurdles remain for strategic arms treaty. Gorbachev proclaims that era of disarmament has begun. Another summit is on the cards"; leader says disarmament issues can always be solved by experts. But only now is there a Soviet leadership prepared to take risks for peace and a leadership in America with the necessary authority as well as imagination to grasp the opportunity presented by Gorbachev's boldness.

Guardian - page 1 lead - Summit ends on new note of discord - pledge to "realistic engagement" into next US Presidency marred by final row.

Times headline is "US berated for Summit lost chances" and "Gorbachev's outburst mars rapport of talks". Reagan still holds out hope that a strategic arms reduction treaty will be signed before he leaves White House. Mr Gorbachev shows some frustration and disappointment at the Summit having missed opportunities to achieve more, when he holds first news conference ever held by a Soviet leader in his own country. Relations between the two first ladies grew even frostier as they see icons, particularly over talking to the media; Leader describes summit as one where the superpowers paused to reflect on the story so far and plan the next chapter. It was not one for startlingly new conclusions. But it was none the worse for that. It was closer to a summit between nations than could have seemed possible before Mr Gorbachev came to power.

Independent - Limited progress at Moscow summit. Serious differences remain but superpower leaders hope for START agreement this year. Comparing the two leaders' press conferences, it says that Reagan's was deeply embarrassing and gave Soviet correspondents short shrift, whereas Gorbachev's was a tour de force. It blended a mastery of the issues that perhaps only you among today's leaders can match, with a humour and warmth all of its own. Leader expresses satisfaction with Summit progress. Apart from the occasionally spectacular demonstration of glasnost and apparent movement on regional issues, the arms controllers seem to have made more substantive progress than was thought

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possible. it will be a pity if there is no START treaty for Reagan's swansong, but not a tragedy. It is the improving relationship itself which is, in the long term, of greater importance.

FT - Superpower leaders say Summit will bring more businesslike era. Leader's verdict is that few people will be tempted to throw their hats in the air. In terms of concrete achievements, it can best be described as no more than a qualified success. However, the really important result is that it has demonstrated the desire of both Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachev to solve bilateral and international problems through a continuing political dialogue. The real proof of Mr Gorbachev's desire was that he did not allow Mr Reagan's human rights campaign to sour the atmosphere of the talks.

Guardian leader says the superpowers, in their fresh relationship, are getting used to day by day dealings.

SOVIET UNION

Independent - Yeltsin isolated as Gorbachev backs his deputy. The Soviet leader, at a magisterially conducted press conference, was relaxed yet utterly in command as he flatly denied any rift with Ligachev.

TUMBLEDOWN

Star says our Armed Forces deserved a better tribute than the shabby inaccurate propaganda pushed out by the BBC.

Sun - General Hackett says ex-Lt Lawrence came home expecting to be treated as a hero. "Only a nutcase expects that", he says. "He is a man who has cocooned himself in conceit and arrogance."

Mirror says hundreds of forgotten Falklands heroes rang the Mirror as the TV film opened old wounds.

Mail (and others) - Army officer who forced BBC to drop a controversial scene from film accuses ex-Lt Lawrence of misrepresentation. Viewers, the Mail adds, accused BBC yesterday of betraying memory of British servicemen - 3-1 against BBC's decision to screen it.

Times - Tumbledown officer denies allegation that he said turn back in unprecedented public disagreement between two former guards officers; leader says that now that the smoke of battle which surrounded its showing has largely cleared, one can see that

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Whitehall's approach to it was flawed. Officials can be very sensitive to criticism. In this case the only effect of all the outcry was to ensure that the play had maximum publicity.

Guardian leader says the morning after the night before you wondered what on earth the fuss had been about. It was a play rather than a documentary and Government's reaction before it was screened was infantile.

SPORT

Sun leader goes for Ken Bates, chairman of Chelsea, for his attitude to soccer hooliganism. His record is one of arrogance, feuding, bullying and total insensitivity. Is it any wonder that Chelsea should be sinking or that soccer should be so sick at heart?

MORAL DIMENSION

Times - Senior Anglican churchmen come to your aid against your critics in the church, saying Tuesday's attack on you by two leading officers of the General Synod was misjudged, unrepresentative and unfair.

Frank Field, MP, warns Labour against underestimating the potential political advantage in your "morality campaign". You have a wonderful nose for gathering votes in the middle ground of England.

JURIES

Today, commenting on Leeds case, says if juries are too scared of violent reprisals to dare to bring in convictions our ancient jury system is doomed. British justice does not bend to terrorists and it must not knuckle under to thugs.

Mail says justice dies in England if juries lose their nerve. What Judge Crabtree did in court yesterday was not far short of giving justice mouth to mouth resuscitation. This was a court room drama with a difference. The jury was on trial.

LAW & ORDER

Independent - Campbell-Savours accuses Government of double standards saying that DHSS prosecute people for earning £10-15 per week on top of their social security while VAT fraudsters are not normally prosecuted in cases worth less than £75,000.

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Times - Guinness trial could be most expensive of the century, costing up to £10million.

INDUSTRY

Times - British Midland Airways apply for 11 new licences to compete against British Airways on lucrative European route, promising cheaper flights.

Times - United Biscuits' chief hits out at shareholders selling UK firm.

FT - CEGB plans to replace PWR nuclear reactors with a more powerful plant, perhaps built under licence from France.

FT - Nissan plans to begin exporting cars from its UK assembly plant to continental Europe in October.

EDUCATION

Independent - Head teachers bitterly criticise Government's proposals to give them more control of school budgets, arguing that the extra responsibility should not be implemented without extra pay, more resources, training and administrative support.

Times - Teachers failing to report suspected child sexual abuse because of fear of legal action from parents.

POLITICS

Independent - Tories launch first membership campaign for 10 years, aiming to recruit the small investor.

Independent - Your dislike of U-turns is a myth as your term of office has been a series of compromises - if not U-turns, then zigzags. The suggested ban on U-turns gives your administration the smack of firm government but also denies you the opportunity to claim credit when a policy has been changed.

Times - You were supplanted yesterday as the focus of what Tory HQ calls "the greatest recruitment drive for the Conservative Party for 10 years" - by a bulldog called Duke who featured on Tory posters at last election.

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Bruce Anderson, in Telegraph, reviewing the queue of hopefuls to succeed you, first makes the point that far from there being knives out for you there isn't even be a pencil sharpener. Party would only turn to Sir Geoffrey if its nerve and confidence go. Others listed are Chancellor; Heseltine; Baker; Chris Patten; Rifkind; Major.

DEFENCE

Times - MPs demand more information from MoD about disclosure that 32 Tornado jet fighters are in storage or soon will be.

ENVIRONMENT

Times - DTI makes highly unusual intervention in a public planning inquiry to urge approval for a new town in Hampshire, bringing angry reaction from some Conservative MPs.

Times - £10million price put on cemeteries Westminster City Council sold for £1.

HEALTH

Times - Robin Cook MP claims that NHS expenditure on agency staff to fill clerical vacancies has increased dramatically.

Times - Junk food is helping children with chronic kidney failure.

EC

Independent - European Parliament finally approves the 1988 EC budget which, for the first time in years, should cover all the costs likely to arise.

Times - EC may now have to import food as surpluses run down.

AUSTRALIA

Times - Gang of mercenaries, including at least two former members of SAS, being sought by Australian intelligence Officers who want to question them about massive arms cache bound for Fiji and seized in Sydney.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

HO: Mr Hurd opens Police Convalescence Trust Centre, Goring on Thames

DEM: Mr Lee visits Leighton Hall, Cornforth

DHSS: Mrs Currie visits Derby Integrated local office and Foston Farm Produce, Derby

DHSS: Mr Newton addresses Institute of Health Services Management annual conference, Bournemouth

DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale visits Lady Haig poppy factory followed by meeting with Royal British Legion (Scotland) and War Pensioners Committees, Scotland

DOE: Mr Trippier attends Blackburn/Business in the Community partnership, presentation to Prince of Wales, Blackburn

MAFF: Baroness Trumpington addresses Worshipful Company of Butchers annual court lunch

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Suffolk Show

WO: Mr Grist attends Women's Royal Voluntary Service Garden Party, Bulth Wells

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DEN: Mr Parkinson visits the Far East (to 14 June)

HO: Mr Hurd attends Trevi Meeting, Munich (to 3 June)

DTP: Lord Brabazon visits Port of Genoa (to 5 June)

FCO: Mr Mellor departs for Brussels, NATO meeting

TV AND RADIO

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

"Business Daily": C4 (12.30)

"Analysis": BBC Radio 4 (20.15) Devil Take The Foremost - Yugoslavia: problems with the economy

"This Week": ITV (20.30) On the Ropes - trade unions

"Nature": BBC 2 (20.30) From Atomic Power to Zoos - intensive farming debate

"Question Time": BBC 1 (22.00) Edward Heath, Stuart Holland, Susan Thomas (SLD Councillor) and Charles Moore

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.30)

"The World Tonight": BBC Radio 4 (22.30) followed by the "Financial World Tonight":

"The City Programme": ITV (22.35)
