

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen attends a rally in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace to mark the 60th Anniversary of the London Taxi Drivers' Fund for Underprivileged Children

The Princess of Wales visits the Chest Medicine Unit, Papworth Hospital, Papworth, Everard, Cambridgeshire; later visits the Assisted Ventilation Unit at Newmarket General Hospital

The Duchess of York attends the gala performance of the Rambert Dance Company, Sadler's Wells Theatre, London

Archbishop of Canterbury in Russia for the millenium

House of Commons resumes - Capital Punishment Debate

House of Commons Defence Committee visits the United Kingdom Land Forces, Wilton, Wiltshire

EC: Internal Market Council, Luxembourg

STATISTICS

DOE: Housing starts and completions (Apr)

DOE: House renovations (1st qtr)

PUBLICATIONS

DHSS: NAO report on family practitioner services accountability

HOC: Report by C and AG Session 1987-88: Management of the Family Practitioner Services

HOC: 5th report of Treasury and Civil Service Committees: European Community Finance Proceedings and Minutes of Evidence

HOC: Minutes of Evidence 3 May 1988: Televising of proceedings of The House of Commons

LCD: Civil Justice Review Body report

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Employment; Social Services; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Renewable Energy Development Agency
(Establishment)

Criminal Justice Bill (Lords): Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate: The representation of HMG in expropriation of land in
Portugal: the case of Mr R C Arnold (Sir A Grant)

Select Committees: TRANSPORT
Subject: Air Traffic Control Safety
Witnesses: BAA plc; Aerodrome Owners Association

TRADE AND INDUSTRY
Subject: Information Technology
Witnesses: Trades Unions: MSF, US of AW

Lords: Starred Questions
Local Government Finance Bill: Committee (4th Day)
Access to Medical Reports Bill: Committee
Malicious Communications Bill: Committee

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

City expects another increase in base rates in the near future - bringing threat of higher mortgages.

Credit totals £24.4billion - up £1billion on quarter.

Lester Piggott stripped of OBE; said to have wept when news broken to him.

Ken Dodd to appear in court tomorrow on 18 charges of tax fiddling - one, it is claimed, accuses him of being a common-law cheat.

Kinnock secures a higher qualifying nomination list for posts of leader and deputy leader - 20% of MPs instead of 5%. Described as a blow to Left.

John Edmonds GMBTU, describes Benn as an out of date pensioner.

Joe Haines, in Mirror, claims that Kinnock, by abandoning something for nothing unilateralism, has got rid of an albatross.

You announce plans to develop more land on which you were photographed on Teesside. And Teesside takes full page ads to promote the area.

Foreign Secretary sets out his personal manifesto for the future leadership of the Tories and claims a share of credit for Government's major reforms and successes (Today).

Guardian feature on Are Thatcherite policies beginning to transform the North? - finds business tide may have turned.

Ford having to bring in car supplies from abroad to meet UK demand.

Much concern over air traffic delays for Spanish holidaymakers. And threat of delays in flights to Greece.

Guardian says Chief Executive of BOTB quietly toured South Africa earlier this year in spite of a Commonwealth commitment to discourage trade with Pretoria.

3 prisoners still on run after riot at Haverigg prison over refusal to allow pinups on newly decorated wall. Home Secretary orders inquiry.

PRESS DIGEST

You are expected to lead the fight to bring back hanging in today's Commons' vote. Few expect there to be a change of law. Mirror says this should be the last vote on the issue. It would be a huge backward step (Today).

Fourth big trial - this time of 5 accused of running a call-girl racket - collapses because police evidence could not be relied upon.

Row over official blunders which free a sadistic sex attacker to strike again.

Rhodes Boyson feature in Mail on "how we bred this yob generation" referring to police battles with drunken louts in rural England.

Telegraph leads with tax concessions plan to boost private health and new incentives for GPs to carry out minor operations - apparently amalgam of recent Ministers' speeches.

Guardian leads with claim Government is planning savage cuts in inner London education spending after abolition of ILEA, on basis of secret briefing paper which has fallen into its hands.

Third leak of significance to Jack Straw in 3 months.

Government expected to give cool reception today to Higginson proposals for A-level shake-up.

Case of concerned headmistress who writes to parents about their children's declining standards of behaviour and gets no backing from parents or director of education in Liverpool. Star is outraged.

Researcher finds half young women doctors regret joining the profession. It says women doctors are denied top jobs because of prejudice and old boy network.

Hundreds of thousands of retired British expatriates in Australia to sue UK Government over frozen pensions.

Early Times children say you find Ronald Reagan makes you laugh. You aren't too bad, they say, and nicer than your public image. Lots of coverage with pictures.

Allegations that RSPCA is hoarding £40million at a time when cash is desperately needed to save more abandoned pets.

PRESS DIGEST

Iran - Mail leader says that at the best interpretation the FCO is prepared to give the Iranians £1million for restoring diplomatic relations; a worse construction is that it is a backdoor method of bargaining for the release of our hostages.

Prince Charles making a BBC film on architecture which will underline his dislike for glass and concrete (Mail).

Sun thinks the Queen's handshake for Major Ferguson smacks of Establishment whitewash.

George Younger describes BBC TV film Tumbledown as fiction.

German prosecutor to reopen case of General Mohnke who is alleged to have ordered murder of 80 British soldiers near Dunkirk.

Le Pen offers Right a deal to stop Socialists in France.

Hugo Young, in Guardian, worries about Foreign Secretary's apparently endorsing Bush in TV-AM interview.

LABOUR PARTY POLICIES

Express leader on "Neil's U-turn to nowhere", says his logic is very odd. What sort of further reductions in the Soviet arsenal does he expect to win from Gorbachev against Trident if Kremlin knows Labour is going to scrap it anyway? Whatever happens, we end up defenceless.

Telegraph says what Kinnock is really saying is that when hardliners were in control of Soviet foreign policy Labour would have left Britain defenceless. And in the more relaxed atmosphere after INF it trusts Russia to disarm. What would Kinnock do if no concessions were forthcoming? This policy will win little respect.

Guardian - leader attempts to translate into the vernacular Kinnock's "as ever somewhat prolix and elliptical" pronouncement. In the world of 1992 there is no need to kick start disarmament or for unilateral gestures. We should use Trident to persuade Russia to make more cuts. But the new policy is at the mercy of events. And will the public deem it multilateralism or covert unilateralism?

PRESS DIGESTHOUSING

George Walden in Telegraph, campaigns against mortgage tax relief; leader says some legal restraints on mortgage ratios are surely needed at least until the current fever cools.

Independent - 66 Bengalis move into grimy church hall in Tower Hamlets after the Borough decide they are not its responsibility to house. The local authority considers the families are intentionally homeless because they left accommodation in Bangladesh to join husbands or fathers in Britain. Further families from the same Borough face the same fate within the next fortnight as Bishop of Stepney blames you for their plight.

POLITICS

Times leads with Kinnock scoring a triumph over Leftwing opponents by effectively ruling out fresh challenges to Labour leadership for foreseeable future. Changes to election rules will require four times as many MPs (46) to back a candidate before he can stand. Still concern though over his change on unilateralism. While public attacks on him were coming from far Left some of his friends on soft Left were voicing private concern over his statement without consulting the party; leader says that as things stand, Labour is still committed to its last manifesto to decommissioning Polaris, cancelling Trident and closing US nuclear bases in Britain. Such a policy would have had disastrous repercussions for NATO and was one of the reasons for Labour's rejection by voters. Since then Mr Kinnock has been working gingerly for a change on pragmatic grounds.

HEALTH

Times - Medical academics accuse Government of political censorship by giving itself powers to suppress medical research findings after DHSS issue new contract giving Minister right to veto publication of any research commissioned by the Department.

Times - St Thomas Hospital experts say health of more than 2 million schoolchildren is undoubtedly being put at risk by their parents smoking.

NHS

FT - NHS administrative and clerical staff close to accepting 5% pay offer.

PRESS DIGESTMEDIA

Times - Confidential paper prepared by Alastair Burnet suggests all-night TV news. The idea, yet to be discussed by fellow ITN board members, will set alarm bells ringing among the 15 ITV companies who jointly own ITN.

Independent - Rupert Murdoch, who is debarred from owning an ITV company, will tomorrow announce plans to expand into mainstream British television by leasing up to four channels on the Luxembourg owned Astra satellite, which is outside Government control.

Independent - Home Office survey shows most radio listeners are broadly satisfied with BBC's services, and many see no need to deregulation of commercial radio.

INNER CITIES

Times - Birmingham to receive £203million from EC over next 5 years in package of aid designed to regenerate the city's economy and create up to 30,000 jobs.

Times - You announced last night multi-million pound project to rejuvenate 250 acres of derelict land on Teesside.

ECONOMY

Times - Rise in home loans closer as base rates are increased twice in a week; leader says Lawsonomics was on display again yesterday. In choosing the mix of exchange rate strength and interest rates, however, the Chancellor must not lose sight of his commitment to reduce inflation eventually to zero. Progress in bringing inflation permanently down below the 4% level of recent years has been slow to non-existent.

FT page 1 lead - Markets welcome rise in base rate, with pound closing in London last night at DM3.0950 and \$1.8025. Financial analysts believe that if sterling continues to weaken the Government might act to raise interest rates again. Lex says the decision to move rates up slowly seems to be paying off with the pound showing no inclination to dash off either way.

FT - leader finds zeal for further tax reforms to be fading. It recommends the adoption of three strategic goals: levelling the tax base; removing concessions on housing, pensions and marriage; and broadening of VAT.

PRESS DIGESTCAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Independent leader says it is right for MPs to debate capital punishment again when a majority of voters are in favour of the death penalty. But it then argues against its restoration. It says more than the death penalty is needed to answer the public's fear of crime. Catching criminals is more important. The Government has failed to control crime - perhaps its most serious failure of all.

LAW & ORDER

Independent - Former inmates of Haverigg Prison claim alcohol and drugs are freely available there. They estimate 7 out of 10 inmates smoke cannabis. Suspicions grow that Sunday's riot was premeditated.

EDUCATION

Independent - Jack Straw claims fresh evidence of an attempt by you to undermine Ken Baker after receiving leaked documents for his parliamentary briefing.

INDUSTRY

Independent - Rowntree charity defies warning by Attorney-General and writes to all MPs, objecting to the Government's decision not to intervene in the Swiss takeover bid.

Independent - Chairman of King's Cross Inquiry calls for national disaster plan for the emergency services.

Independent - Two Soviet MiG-29 fighter aircraft - the most modern fighters in the Soviet inventory - will be displayed at the Farnborough Air Show in September - the first time that Soviet military aircraft will have appeared in a NATO country.

FT - Lord Young refuses to rule out possibility of Government providing further Airbus launch aid.

YOUR EARLY TIMES INTERVIEW

Sun with picture - Maggie finds Ron a laugh.

Mirror - Regan is Maggie's favourite comic; he has lots of lovely stories, you tell kids. You enjoyed the grilling so much you allowed it to overrun.

PRESS DIGEST

Today, with picture - So you thought Sir Robin's questions were tough.

Express gives nearly a page to the Three Ronnies who make Maggie laugh - and you are pictured with four interviewers.

Mail with picture - the Junior Press Gang land a Downing Street exclusive.

Telegraph with picture - Cub reporters given Iron Lady hard time.

Five column picture on front page of Times shows you talking to the four young reporters from Early Times.

Independent carries photograph over its report of your Early Times interview. It says your most uncomfortable moments were when you were asked about the Gibraltar shootings and when you poured mineral water into your lap. Two of the children - anti-Thatcherites - said they were pleasantly surprised by your manner - "Nicer than your image makes out".

IRAN

Times - Britain, US and West Germany have all begun direct contact with Iranians in effort to free their hostages in Lebanon.

Times - As 4 Iranian diplomats arrive in Britain today for talks with FCO, the unanswered question in Whitehall is "why now?" as the timing intrigues officials.

Independent - Iran to send senior diplomat in its property compensation team to London. Iranians say it was Britain's condemnation of Iraq for using CW which induced them to respond to the year-old British offer of negotiations. Leader says it is normal diplomatic practice to settle compensation for damaged diplomatic property. Sir Geoffrey Howe was right to dismiss suggestions of a hostage deal. But a return to normal diplomatic relations is to be welcomed, especially if Tehran subsequently exercises its influence with fundamentalist groups holding British hostages.

CYPRUS

Times - UN Secretary General proposes new attempt to bring Cypriot leaders together; He has written to you and the Prime Ministers of Greece and Turkey setting out six key elements.

PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

Times - Hundreds of thousands of blacks stay away from work in South Africa in protest over draft legislation curbing industrial action; Morning Star says 3million went on strike.

Independent - Hopes of new trial fade for Sharpeville Six during procedural hearing in Pretoria. President Botha may be asked to rule a second time on their fate.

MIDDLE EAST

Times - Japanese Cabinet Minister to visit Israel, after going to Arab countries, in new peace initiative bid.

HONG KONG

Times - British Government about to take action to stop flood of Vietnamese boat people pouring into Hong Kong and some cases would be sent back when it becomes possible.

IRELAND

T E Utley writing in the Times under the heading "Whitelaw's doomed legacy" discussing two new political initiatives for Northern Ireland. One comes from Haughey who hopes to have direct talks with Ulster Unionists. He describes this as interesting because of Haughey's ingenuity and the fact that there is some hope of discovering what is actually behind it. The other is in the hands of Tom King. It is, for that reason, less interesting because there is no guarantee that it has any clearly thought out purpose and because one cannot be sure of anything about it except that it is bound to be extremely well-intentioned.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker attends Lloyds Bank Young Actors Challenge press launch, National Theatre, London

DTI: Lord Young attends Opportunity Japan breakfast, QEll Conference Centre, London

HO: Mr Hurd chairs Advisory Council on Race Relations

DES: Mr Jackson visits Bath University and Further Education College

DES: Mr Dunn attends Diocesan Directors of Education conference

DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits Docklands

DOE: Mr Trippier visits Liverpool

DOE: Mr Chope addresses Building Industry representatives in London

DTP: Mr Bottomley attends seminar on Alcohol Misuse, Scotch Whisky Association, Edinburgh

HMT: Mr Brooke addresses the CUP Market Testing Seminar; later addresses a Royal Mint event for Cub Scouts, QEll Conference Centre, London

HO: Mr Renton opens Video '88, Wembley Conference Centre

MAFF: Mr Thompson inaugurates Rabies Caravan, Gatwick Airport

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DEN: Mr Parkinson makes opening address at oil and gas seminar, Indonesia

DTI: Mr Clarke attends Internal Market Council, Luxembourg

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DTI: Lord Young interviewed by Anna Ford of On Course on the single market

DTI: Mr Maude interviewed by BBC World Service on Popular Capitalism

TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)

'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)

'The Cook Report': ITV (20.00)

'Brass Tacks': BBC 2 (20.30) Danny's Secret Deal - settlement by drug manufacturers

TV AND RADIO (Cont'd)

'Bandung File': C4 (21.00) Current affairs with reports from Britain's black communities

'The Duty Men': BBC 2 (21.30) Inside Customs and Excise

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

'First Tuesday': ITV (22.35) A Quiet Scream - emotional support and therapy from the Health Service Scheme

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.40)

TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'The Marketing Mix': C4 (18.30) NHS using marketing techniques

'Open to Question Goes Live': BBC 2 (19.10) Senator Gary Hart questioned by young people

'Open Space': BBC 2 (19.40) Influence of agricultural industry. Includes Chairman of H of C Agricultural Committee Sir Richard Body

'Horizon': BBC 2 (22.10) A Good Test? Use of Psychometric tests (including Admiralty Interview Board)*

'Panorama': BBC 1 (21.30) Selling the Nuclear Dream - privatisation of electricity industry

'The World Tonight': BBC Radio 4, followed by 'The Financial World Tonight' and 'Today in Parliament

'Business Matters': BBC 1 (23.30) Pat Lowry's views of the future of industrial relations in UK
