

MAIN EVENTS

Welsh Conservative Party conference (to 18 June)

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STATISTICS

BSA: Building Societies monthly figures (May)  
CSO: Index of output of the production industries (Apr)  
CSO: Tax and price index (May)  
DEM: Retail prices index (Apr)  
DOE: Housing and Construction statistics (March 1988 qtr)  
DOE: Provision against homelessness

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Debate on Tourism on a Motion for the Adjournment  
Adjournment Debate: The case for Government assistance to ensure the safety of Luccombe Village, Isle of Wight (Mr B Field)

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MINISTERS - See attached

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PRESS DIGEST

Government brings forward new five point package to try to curb soccer hooliganism.

Angry reaction from chairman of International Soccer Committee to idea England should not compete abroad.

More trouble overnight for English fans in Frankfurt.

West London court slaps world-wide ban on watching soccer matches on 4 youths charged after Chelsea v Middlesbrough match.

Hattersley blames Thatcherism for soccer hooliganism - the hooligan is the monster which has mutated from modern Tory philosophy.

Crown Prosecution Service drops conspiracy charge against 8 alleged football thugs.

Kinnock now snubbed by his former ally Ron Todd, TGWU; who says Labour Party constituencies, unions and other affiliates control policy, not individuals.

You slap him down saying he never fails to surprise you with the smallness of his questions.

Denzil Davies says he intends to stay in Shadow Cabinet.

Much human story follow-up to Lisburn IRA murder of six soldiers by van bomb.

Security blunder let IRA bomb gang in to wire up soldiers' van. You rule out internment.

Leisure centre at Lisburn closed after Loyalist threats to kill Catholic staff.

Unemployment down with a bump - more than 100,000 off register to lowest figure for 7 years.

Wage rises up to 9.1%; strikes lowest for 52 years.

Fears of increase in interest rates as trade deficit soars.

Express leader says your trade union reforms have given moderation a chance which is why there are fewer strikes and your economic policies are giving enterprise and effort a chance which is why there are fewer unemployed.

PRESS DIGEST

British Gas pre-tax profit of £1.2 billion in first full financial year after privatisation.

You write to Delors over threat from EC to Rover sale; talks expected in Toronto.

Government scraps "cruelty labels" on fur coats on eve of your visit to Canada.

Nicholas Ridley announces reduction of one third in demand for extra houses in South East compared with earlier estimates.

National Communications Union fires John Golding, general secretary, after vice allegations; he seeks £100,000 compensation.

Government to oppose Europlans to limit amount of advertising on ITV and satellite TV channels.

Peter Clowes gets £300,000 bail on charges of perverting the course of justice.

National Association of Head Teachers regrets the passing of the cane and says this has made bad kids worse - a major reason for upsurge in classroom violence.

Horror sweets - heroin filled - exposed as new method of smuggling in durgs - a method which could kill a child.

Arab double agent jailed for 11 years for keeping arsenal in home at Hull - threat of diplomat row over activities of Israeli agents in UK; Israeli diplomat denied re-admission and another expected to be expelled as a result of case.

More than 130 convicts in jail for life recommended for release by Parole Board last year.

Case of man, 43, thrown under lorry by 3 blacks in row over traffic behaviour in East London.

Six builders and PSA Civil Servant jailed for corruption.

Teachers and doctors attack idea of BAT sponsoring CTC in Middlesbrough.

MOT tests go up from July.

PRESS DIGEST

Consultants say hospital doctors should be able to carry out secret AIDS tests.

You tell House Government will honour its obligations over "Short" money.

Professor Michael Kitson, art historian, claims proposed Thyssen deal is a poor one; collection does not live up to its reputation. John Broome, of Battersea, offers permanent home for collection there.

Reports of Khomeini's death.

Japan confirms fears of a plot to assassinate 7 world leaders at Toronto summit.

Telegraph poll finds Superpowers held in greater esteem following Moscow Summit.

SOCCER VIOLENCE

Star - Maggie the lout tamer - tough new plans against soccer savages.

Sun leads with soccer yobs in CS riot in England; gas maniacs catch cops off guard; young German woman badly cut near eye when slashed with broken bottle by English fan. Inside - Pull England out of World Cup, says Mrs T.

Mirror - Pull out of World Cup, says Thatcher.

Today - Thatcher promises to stamp on thugs; leader says if our soccer hooligans are still on the rampage 2 years from now England will have to miss the World Cup. We simply cannot afford to have our nation's name dragged in the mud by bully boys. But Government has to issue identity cards for matches and withdraw passports.

Express says that apart from suggestion England team should be banned from international competition, Government's package makes sense. It boils down to keeping troublemakers out of grounds; drink out of fans; and convicted hooligans in England.

Mail - England face soccer exile as Maggie gets tough on thugs.

Telegraph - England facing total ban from soccer abroad. Germans admit blame for latest violence.

PRESS DIGEST

Guardian - Soccer clubs face curbs on supporters.

FT - Football chiefs told to get tough as trouble flares in Frankfurt.

Times - Government's tough five-point plan to curb football hooliganism warmly received by Conservative MPs and backed by Labour front bench. FA refuse to comment formally on plans but say it would oppose any move by Government to withdraw England's team from international competition; leader says public opinion may be ready for more radical measures than have been envisaged before. Unless there is a fundamental change of attitude among those who follow and administer the game, England will not - and should not - be among the World Cup final teams in 1990.

Independent - The Government decided yesterday that unless the football authorities introduced a national membership scheme quickly they would be forced to legislate.

LABOUR PARTY

Star - Faltering Kinnock reeling after being hit by Left-Right attack - you humiliate him in Commons, Todd slaps him down.

Sun - 5 time loser - Kinnock lashed in nuke bust up - Todd tells him to stop meddling; Left will attack his "elitist" leadership and back Prescott; senior Shadow Ministers support Prescott over defence; Cook says he will quit if Kinnock abandons unilateralism: and Party's co-ordinating committee condemns "increasing authoritarianism".

Mirror - Neil blasted by union boss.

Today political editor says as Kinnock "slides down the razor blade of life" despondency reigns at Conservative Party HQ: the amazing message has been sent out not to knock Kinnock too hard - they want him as Labour leader at next elections.

Express - Kinnock is rocked as union chief attacks bid to dump Tory policies. Maggie puts Neil firmly in his place; leader says Todd's carefully worded speech was a humiliating rebuke for Kinnock - what Kinnock thinks is irrelevant if it conflicts with party's union paymasters and activists.

Mail leads with Kinnock's black Thursday; leader says Labour's internal clash is between opportunists and last ditchers. Todd and other last ditchers will surely win and the prospect of Labour having a programme fit for the '90s looks even more remote.

PRESS DIGEST

Telegraph - Todd's warning pours salt on Labour's wounds.

Guardian - Kinnock under soft Left fire - some of his most loyal supporters break ranks and accuse him of authoritarianism and pushing change too far.

Times - Kinnock, in Tribune, makes a defiant response to claims that he was sacrificing Labour principle and conviction, particularly in defence. Strain is showing as he gives one of his least effective Commons performances. Ron Todd effectively accuses Kinnock of trying to hijack policymaking.

Independent - Neil Kinnock appealed to his party for support for his proposals for change, which he likened to glasnost and perestroika.

IRELAND

Star asks if Portlaoise district judge can look himself in the eye as he shaves this morning after freeing McVeigh on a technicality. Only a few hours later six soldiers were blown up, put there by the evil ilk of McVeigh.

Sun leader says in the release of McVeigh and the bombing later there is, in deadly form, the chasm between the two parts of Ireland. Anglo-Irish Agreement is a hollow sham. We should reintroduce internment.

Mirror leader says it must be asked: is it too easy for IRA to murder off-duty soldiers in Northern Ireland. The answer is: Yes. What has to be remembered every minute is that the Army is part of the abnormal life of Ulster.

Today says every successive act of terror makes us more determined than ever not to let the gunmen have any say. They are psychological vermin.

Express leads with lapse that cost 6 lives - murdered soldiers forgot safety checks.

Mail leader on "IRA terror as it really is" says even in the ruthless annals of the IRA this bombing is notable for its cynical callousness and indifference to human life. Crusading programme-makers of BBC TV and ITV should take note. Would it be too much to expect them to produce a documentary or drama giving a blow by blow account of this foul crime? To show the IRA for what they are would not be their style at all.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - Renewed demands for reintroduction of internment in Northern Ireland but you tell House you would be "very, very reluctant". Father of one of the victims calls on you to bring troops out of Ulster.

Michael Yardley, author of books on the Army, intelligence and terrorism, writing in the Times says soldiers must keep their freedom when serving in Northern Ireland. What is required is a policy of maintaining and developing contact between the security forces and the local population, with a return to the fortress mentality of an occupying power.

Independent - The Lisburn bomb was intended to explode in a crowded car park.

PARLIAMENT

Times - Row between Government and Opposition over Short money threat rages on although John Wakeham denies having made such threats.

Independent leader says behind this week's parliamentary row lies an alarming degree of mutual contempt: yet it is impossible for a vehement parliamentary contest to be carried on without a degree of mutual respect. It is not the job of Ministers to rescue the Labour Party but it is the duty of Conservatives to show respect for Parliament. The Opposition is an essential element in the House of Commons.

NHS

Times - survey shows that three in five people would be prepared to pay for treatment if they had to wait for four months with a serious condition for an operation on NHS.

Times - Chairman of BMA's consultants' committee accuses you of hearing the NHS review on the advice of "carpet baggers", with financial and political interests.

Independent - 66% of patients surveyed in Portsmouth, Bolton, N. Lincolnshire, Lewisham and N. Southwark expressed satisfaction with the NHS.

PRESS DIGESTECONOMY

FT - Chancellor concedes that his Budget forecast of £4 billion deficit in Britain's trade account will have to be revised upwards in light of revised figures. Leader says that with underlying average earning rise of 8.45% and declining growth of output per head in manufacturing fears of inflation look increasingly justified.

FT - Japan's economic growth soars to annual rate of 11.3% in inflation - adjusted terms in first three months of this year, the first double digit rate of increase for 11 years.

Independent - Your obstinate refusal to let sterling join the EMS is becoming absurd: It threatens long-term British interests.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Times - Lady Porter publicly disagrees with top official over warning he said he gave to her about going ahead with the sale of three cemeteries for 15p

COMMUNITY CHARGE

Independent - A dispute between Strathclyde's poll tax registration officer and Labour councillors in Glasgow over access to housing tenancy lists seems certain to lead to a test case on the confidentiality of local authority records.

MEDIA

FT - Government will not ratify Council of Europe convention on trans-frontier broadcasting unless proposed restrictions limiting interruption of programmes by commercials are changed.

INDUSTRY

FT - Govan workers vote in favour of agreement worked out by unions and Kvaerner.

Times - GMB threaten industrial action if there are compulsory redundancies at Devonport dockyard. Meanwhile at Govan, workers vote 3-1 to accept takeover package offered by Kvaerner.

Times - General Motors say a radar system which can brake a car automatically when it is too close to another vehicle will be available in Europe by 1992.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - British Council launches scheme to encourage more partnership between science and engineering research groups in Britain and other European countries.

Times - European air traffic chiefs need to try to find solution to ease huge jams in the skies.

Independent - Sunderland shipyard workers learn today whether a vital £100million shipbuilding order from Cuba is to be won: Kenneth Clarke has warned he will not be "bounced" into a decision and has hinted state aid might only be granted if a private buyer was found for the yard.

Independent - Poor African countries are conducting a booming trade in disposal of poisonous waste too costly to dump in Europe.

EDUCATION

Times - publishes extract from the Burnage school report which claims mismanagement and racism among teachers.

Times - Head Teachers' survey shows teachers face attacks every four minutes.

Times - Education officials employed in Labour-controlled councils in London can expect lower salaries than their counterparts in Conservative boroughs when the ILEA is disbanded.

Times - Leading churchmen table amendments to Education Bill requiring state schools to hold Christian worship at morning assembly.

LAW & ORDER

Times - Government secretly banned an Israeli diplomat from returning to Britain because of its anger over the failure of Mossad agents to pass on vital information to British authorities.

Times - AA survey says more than half of all young car drivers believe police regard them as irresponsible.

Independent - Nearly one-sixth of MPs have signed an EDM supporting the campaign of Brian Woolard against improper masonic influence in the police.

PRESS DIGESTNATO

Times - Lord Carrington tries to damp down NATO arms row over Gorbachev's latest disarmament proposal.

TORONTO SUMMIT

FT - Jacques Delors says Europe can have a clear conscience in refusing to make any more immediate cuts in farm subsidies and in demanding more liberalisation from the rest of the world in response to internal market de-regulation. He hopes that Europe will speak with one voice at Toronto.

Rodney Lord in Times looks at prospects for next week's Toronto Summit saying that from the UK's point of view the most pressing need is to stabilise and then start to reverse the continuing rise in farm subsidies around the world.

EC

Times - Genscher emphasises his Government's commitment to European monetary union and calls on Britain to join EMS.

Independent - The EC undertook to halve production of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in 10 years as part of a world-wide effort to save the ozone layer.

USA

Independent - The Pentagon inquiry into bribery and fraud has widened into the biggest criminal investigation yet seen in the US Defence industry.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Mr Fowler attends Parnham Trust
- DOE: Mr Ridley addresses the Institute of Housing annual conference, Harrogate
- DTI: Lord Young at Single Market Breakfast, Manchester (see also below)
- HMT: Mr Major addresses the British North American Committee, Bournemouth
- HO: Mr Hurd visits Manchester Prison
- SO: Mr Rifkind tours Caithness and the Flow County, later addresses Caithness Chamber of Commerce; later meets local National Farmers Union, both at Mercury Motor Inn, and visits Norfrost (Freezers) all in Wick
- DES: Mrs Rumbold addresses Hull University
- DES: Mrs Jackson visits the University of Wales,
- DHSS: Mrs Currie visits Droitwich Hospital
- DHSS: Mr Portillo views Housing Benefit Computer System, Civic Centre, Enfield
- DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale opens Chorley Central Store, South Ribble Health Authority
- DTP: Mr Bottomley visits Exeter to see Cycle Route
- DTP: Mr Mitchell opens weighbridge on the A1M, Scotch Cower
- HO: Mr Hogg visits Worcester (Drugs)
- MAFF: Mr Thompson visits Pasta Food Factory, Great Yarmouth
- OAL: Mr Luce makes arts visits to Aberdeen and Orkney (to 19 June)
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DTI: Lord Young visits Bangkok and Hong Kong (to 21 June)
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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

- DHSS: Mrs Currie interviewed by Leicester Sound's Healthy Hearts Week programme
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TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Analysis': BBC Radio 4 (11.00) The Boat Now Leaving - the Single Market and the Channel Tunnel. Is Britain banking too much on freer trade?

'Business Daily': Channel 4 (12.30)

'The Parliament Programme': Channel 4 (14.00)

'My Heroes': BBC Radio 4 (16.05) Cliff Morgan talks to Baroness Seear

'Dispatches': Channel 4 (20.15) Weekly series of topical documentaries

'Any Questions?': BBC Radio 4 (20.20) Sir Rhodes Boyson, Frank Dobson, Charles Kennedy and Jean Denton

'Law in Action': BBC Radio 4 (21.05) Issues in courts and Parliament

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

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.50)

'The Week in the Lords': BBC 2 (23.40)

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