

13 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh attend a service for the Order of the Garter at St Georges Chapel, Windsor

House of Lords hearing on Peter Wright case begins

EC: Political Cooperation Ministerial Meeting, Luxembourg

EC: Agriculture Council, Luxembourg (to 14 June)

EC: Foreign Affairs Council, Luxembourg (to 14 June)

EC: ECOFIN Council, Luxembourg

EC: European Parliament Plenary, Strasbourg (to 17 June)

Society of Telecom Executives annual conference, Blackpool (to 17 June)

National and Local Government Officers Association Group annual meetings, Brighton

Union of Construction Allied Trades and Technicians national delegate conference, Blackpool (to 17 June)

Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades Union 9th Biennial conference, Scarborough (to 17 June)

STATISTICS

DTI: Producer price index numbers (May-prov)

DTI: Retail sales (May-prov)

HO: Notifiable offences (1st qtr)

MAPP: Food Facts (1st qtr)

PUBLICATIONS

DEM: HSE construction blackspot report

PARLIAMENTCommonsQuestions: Energy; Transport; WalesBusiness: PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Mining Subsidence (Mr Alan Neale)
 Green Belt (Mr Geoffrey Dickens)
 Planning in the South East (Sir Peter Hordern)

Dartford - Thurrock Crossing Bill: Consideration of Lords
 Amendments

Ways and Means Resolutions relating to the Finance (No 2)
 Bill

Housing Bill: Progress on Remaining Stages

Money Resolution relating to the Electricity (Financial
 Provisions)(Scotland) Bill

Adjournment Debate: The implication for law and order of local
 authority security patrols on council estates (Mr
 J Hill)

Select Committees: ENVIRONMENT
 Subject: Property Services Agency's Main Estimates
 1988-89
 Witnesses: Officials from Property Services Agency

TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE
 Witness: The Rt Hon Lord Aberdare, KBE, Lord
 Chairman of Committees, House of Lords

Lords: Starred Questions
 Road Traffic Bill (HL): Second Reading (Consolidation)
 Road Traffic Offenders Bill (HL): Second Reading (Consolidation)
 Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Bill (HL): Second Reading
 (Consolidation)
 Local Government Finance Bill: Committee (6th Day)
 Access to Medical Reports Bill (L. Tordoff): Report
 Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Rear Seat Belts by Children) Bill:
 Committee

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

French general election ends in confusion and prospect of minority socialist Government. Le Pen loses seat and is virtually routed. Communists hold balance of power.

Times reports your campaign to secure Thyssen collection for Britain.

Trouble in Stuttgart after England's soccer defeat, but some evidence of German provocation. Some papers speak of Nazi thugs spraying CS gas on British.

Colin Moynihan casts severe doubts over England's future in international football.

Thug, 32, kicked out of Germany after trouble, boasts he's Britain's vilest soccer hooligan.

More rural hooligan trouble at weekend - in Milton Keynes Andover, Newbury and St Ives.

Conservatives have a 7% lead (47-40) according to MORI - 74% fairly or very satisfied with standard of living.

John Nott says there may well be reasons to consider a change in Conservative leadership in next 18 months; your style is unsuitable for handling health, education and welfare reforms.

John Moore felt on TV to have hinted at tax concessions for taking out private health insurance; at loggerheads with Chancellor.

Benn challenges Kinnock to a public debate on policies, including nuclear disarmament.

Healey urges Kinnock to take on TGWU - vital step in Labour's march back to power.

Labour remains in confusion over defence policy - Hattersley denies any change.

Express says Kinnock will resign if Hattersley loses election; can't work with Prescott.

Claims that Colonel North had a plan to use Terry Waite as bait for an assassination attempt on Gaddafi.

Mail looks forward to 22nd consecutive monthly fall in unemployment.

PRESS DIGEST

Bonn believed to have dumped up to 6 billion dollars on world market.

Mixed reception for Nelson Mandela concert at which Kinnock and wife sing and dance. Government takes view concert is a matter for BBC (Mail).

CPSA to shut down its biggest branch - DHSS, Newcastle, because it has become a national power base for Militant.

NAS/UWT rejects 2-1 vote in favour of strike over pay because only a third of membership took the trouble to vote.

UDM launches political fund - but will be first union not to be linked with Labour. Union may bid to buy pits in any Government sell-off.

Fierce opposition reported in Cabinet to 9% pay rise for police.

Lord Young says ability of at least 50% to receive BBC2 and Channel 4 would be minimum necessary to permit services going on BSB satellite - Times says advertising industry is behind transfer of BBC2 and Channel 4 to BSB.

Claims that water supplies in 55 areas break EC's limit on aluminium which is linked with senile dementia.

Employment Department survey finds more than half British mothers go out to work.

Internal inquiry by Westminster Council claims no impropriety over sale of 3 London cemeteries for 15p - Labour says it's a whitewash.

London survey, reported in Mail, shows Asian and Afro-Asian pupils are top of the class in exam results ahead of white and Caribbean teenagers.

Rhodes Boyson suggests a 20 question list for parents to determine whether they have fulfilled their responsibilities to their children at the age of 5.

Jaguar wins Le Mans race - first time since 1957.

One Catholic shot dead and another wounded in sectarian violence in Northern Ireland.

PRESS DIGEST

Gerald Kaufman has the cheek, in Mail, to write a feature on "why we must not trade with terror" with Iran, quoting every bit of speculation to cast doubt on Government's determination not to do so.

SOCCER VIOLENCE

Star page 1 - German skinheads gas Brits - terror ambush after big match.

Sun leader says the English soccer hooligan is the modern equivalent of the leper, feared and hated wherever he goes. It is bad enough he should plague this country; it is intolerable he is making our name reviled throughout Europe. The only sure remedy is to prevent the hooligans from leaving these shores by confiscating their passports.

Today leader says soccer thuggery is a national disgrace that rubs off on everyone of us. We cannot allow our reputation to be kicked into the gutter by these drunken yobs at soccer matches and on holiday beaches. Keeping a passport must be conditional on good behaviour and any convictions for violence should be logged on it. More than two a year and the passport should be withdrawn.

Express leads with "England fans in riot shame - big match defeat then German thugs ambush visitors".

Mail page 1 lead - Here we go again as drunken English fans fight off gas attack by German skinheads. Battle in Stuttgart.

Telegraph feature on Europe's anxiety about hooligan holidaymakers.

NELSON MANDELA CONCERT

Star leader - peace was the last thing the concert was about. Mandela's creed is "Take up arms because there is no room for peaceful struggle". BBC, in arrogant defence of its own charter, beamed 10 hours of the most blatant political propaganda to half a billion around the world. The BBC refuse to respond to allegations of bias.

Sun says that, while not doubting the motives of the rock stars, instead of crying freedom they were really shouting "albums" - a nice little sales bonus on top of allowing their consciences to be salvaged.

PRESS DIGEST

Mirror, devoting its front page to antics of one of the performers, says South Africa's whites will be red raw today. For years they have been led to believe British support the measures they take to suppress democracy, freedom and justice. But after the weekend message from Wembley, they will know better.

Times - BBC received 500 calls about Nelson Mandela concert but refuse to say whether they were for or against.

Guardian - World rocks to party politics.

POLITICS

Today leader says it is a very unhealthy democracy with only one horse up and running. That's where squabbling inside opposition parties has put Britain today. All the really interesting arguments now happen inside Tory Party.

Express leader headed "Kinnock won't pass this examination" says Kinnock and Hattersley have now realised they have no choice but to battle back. This means the famous policy reviews will be put to the test and that can only be disastrous for Labour because it will show the reviews for what they always were - a good public relations exercise.

John Akass, in Express, says socialism has no future. If Benn and Heffer continue much longer they will become part of British heritage - and we will be able to invite tourists to see the only socialists living in the wild in Europe, East and West.

Mail - Kinnock does not want to ban bomb, according to Hattersley.

Ian Aitken, in Guardian, says the current Labour Party contest boils down to a simple confrontation between those who put the task of beating you higher than anything else and those who put the eventual attainment of fundamentalist socialism before even that honourable aim.

Guardian leader on "Mr Kinnock's need to stand firm" says to draw back for fear of incurring TGWU's displeasure would be especially damaging. At the extreme Kinnock's commitment to modernisation might even imperil his leadership but without it he will be doomed to a state of electoral impotence.

Times - Leaflet handed out at Chesterfield Socialist conference urges workers to become saboteurs to wreck the means of production, sabotage Government training schemes, and hit services to Tory residential areas as part of the fight against capitalism.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - MORI poll shows that despite three lots of Tory trade union reforms, 38% of population believes unions have too much power and only 18% that they have too little.

Times - ASLEF general secretary attacks extremists in the Labour movement and Government.

TORONTO SUMMIT

Independent - You are expected to take a tough stand in Toronto against countries which fail to prosecute hijackers.

FT - White House welcomes Mitterrand proposal on poor countries' debt. A main US objective at the Summit will be ensuring that it goes favourably to avoid anything that might disturb fragile financial markets.

FT - Profiles Italy's new Prime Minister De Mita, about to make his debut on the international stage.

THYSSEN

Times says a dramatic late campaign by you, helped by the direct intervention of the Prince of Wales, may have won for Britain the Thyssen collection conservatively valued at £780million. It had been thought that Spanish Government had won contest but if Britain succeeds it will be a diplomatic coup in the art world.

Independent - You have intervened personally in an attempt to get the Thyssen collection for Britain.

KENNETH HARRIS BOOK

Mail has a short news piece on Harris' biography of you which says you swept aside years of diplomatic red tape to get Britain a better EC deal. FCO horrified by your tactics.

NHS

Times - John Moore yesterday publicly conceded he is at odds with Chancellor over tax relief for private health insurance. Although he sought to play the disagreement within the ad hoc group chaired by you his remarks on TV's "This Week, Next Week" were seen as confirming that the policy overhaul has developed into a fierce Whitehall power struggle.

PRESS DIGESTHEALTH

Times - World Health Organisation says more than one million people may develop AIDS worldwide in next 5 years, and at least five million others are already infected.

COMMUNITY CHARGE

Times - Report says community charge could lift house prices by 20%.

Independent - The Government intends to allow Scottish local authorities to run lotteries for people who pay the community charge in a lump sum instead of instalments.

LAW & ORDER

Times - Divorce solicitors operating own informal system of charging fees similar to the American style of "no win no fee" which is banned in this country.

Times leader discusses violence in the provinces saying the Government would be wise to start assembling information about the kind of young people involved - the ages, occupations and common characteristics. Meanwhile, the disorder of affluence is a reminder that young people tend to live up to the expectations and images set them as examples. It is probably here that society is most seriously at fault.

EDUCATION

Times - Opinion poll shows teachers believe disruption of lessons by unruly pupils is a greater threat to classroom discipline than physical violence.

FT - Government is planning to unveil up to five additional city technology colleges.

ECONOMY

FT - Treasury under pressure to lift spending target. DHSS and local authority spending alone are said to be £5 billion up on White Paper projections.

PRESS DIGESTCITY

Times - Peter Clowes revelations that he secretly channelled more than £100million of investors' money from Barlow Clowes into businesses with which he is personally connected will be hugely embarrassing to Government which granted firm licence to deal with public. Government statement expected today.

Independent - Financial records at Barlow Clowes were falsified which may prevent investors being able to discover the true state of their accounts.

EC

Times - France, with support from West Germany, is threatening to block a key part of 1992 programme for single European market unless Britain commits sterling to full membership of EMS.

FT - EC finance ministers meet today to decide whether to remove progressively all remaining controls on capital flows.

FT - EC calls on all governments to freeze support for production of cereals, rice, sugar, oilseeds, dairy products and beef at 1984 levels.

TURKEY

Times leader says Mr Ozal's visit to Athens will be the first time a Turkish Prime Minister has been there for 30 years. This dialogue now needs to show results but the trouble is their positions are still far apart. The success or failure of the Davos process will become an increasingly important issue as the months go by.

Independent - The visit of Turgut Ozal to Greece for three days, is the most important test so far of the rapprochement between the two countries.

Telegraph - Tight security in Athens for healing talks with Turkey.

GIBRALTAR

Times - Rules of engagement drawn up for SAS team sent to deal with the three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar to be made available to coroner.

PRESS DIGESTSAUDI ARABIA

Independent - British officials hope to use today's visit to London by Prince Abdullah to overcome difficulties threatening a £5.5 billion deal to seal 132 aircraft including 72 Tornados to Saudia Arabia.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Mr Fowler lunches with Shell UK; later attends Employment Training engagement, London
- DES: Mr Baker meets Sir Bryan Nicholson of the CNAA; later meets the Association of Colleges for Further and Higher Education
- DTI: Lord Young addresses topping-out of Design Museum
- WO: Mr Walker accompanies Portuguese Ambassador on visit to South Wales
- DEM: Mr Lee attends Heritage Project/ETB Tourism Competition judging panel
- DEM: Mr Nicholls on Employment Training visit, London
- DES: Mr Jackson addresses Acadamia, Industry and Government, Future Role of British Bioscience Seminar, London
- DOE: Mr Trippier visits Burnley
- DOE: Mr Chope visits Scotland (PSA)
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits Wandsworth
- MAFF: Baroness Trumpington meet Mr F G Denba, Malawian Minister of Forestry and Rural Affairs, London
- MOD: Mr Stewart hosts lunch for NATO Nuclear Planning Group Staff group
- WO: Mr Grist visits Welsh Health Common Services Association, Cardiff
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe departs for Luxembourg, FAC Political Cooperation meeting
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor (to 14 June) and Mr Gummer (to 15 June) attend Agriculture Council, Luxembourg
- DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Cologne to meet West German Sports Minister; later meets the England Football Team in Dusseldorf (following their match against Eire on 12 June)
- ODA: Mr Patten attends EC Foreign Affairs Committee, Luxembourg and addresses MEPs on the European Parliament, Strasbourg (to 15 June)
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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

- DES: Mr Baker interviewed by Mike Durham of the Daily Telegraph
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TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Your Mind in Their Hands': BBC 1 (11.00) Treatment of mental illness in the NHS. Part One

'Business Daily': Channel 4 (18.30)

'The Marketing Mix': Channel 4 (18.30) The General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union employed a design agency to modernise its image

'Horizon': BBC 2 (20.10) Superconductors - the Race for the prize. Electrical scientific breakthrough

'World in Action': ITV (20.30) TVAM dispute, and its effect on "the last bastion of restrictive practices"

'Panorama': BBC 1 (21.30) Northern Ireland - the Long Peace. Anglo-Irish Agreement

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

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.35)

'Business Matters': BBC 1 (23.30) Taking Control. Getting what you want without upsetting others
