

29 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh present New Colours to the Second Battalion Scots Guards at Hopetoun House, West Lothian; later dine with the Writers to the Signet, Signet Library, Edinburgh

Parliament and the Glorious Revolution Exhibition opens

EC: Research Council, Luxembourg

Royal College of Nursing reception for Opposition MPs to mark 40th anniversary of NHS

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STATISTICS

BoE: Bill turnover statistics (May)

BoE: UK banks' assets and liabilities and the money stock (May)

BoE: Sterling commercial paper (May)

BoE: London sterling certificates of deposit (May)

DTp: New motor vehicle registrations (May 1988)

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PUBLICATIONS

HO: Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary annual report

HO: Official Secrets Act White Paper

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Scotland; Foreign and Commonwealth; Trade and Industry

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Child Benefit (Forfeiture)  
Motion on the Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order  
Motion on the Appropriation (No 2) (Northern Ireland) Order

Adjournment Debate: The proposal dumping of American domestic waste in Warrington South (Mr C Butler)

Select Committees: ENVIRONMENT  
Subject: Toxic Waste  
Witness: Institute of Water and Environmental Management

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Business: (Cont'd)

## TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Trade with Eastern Europe

Witnesses: BP International, Rank Xerox, and John Brown PLC

## WELSH AFFAIRS

Subject: Inward Investment into Wales

Witness: INWARD; Northern Development Company

## TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE SUB-COMTEE

Subject: Civil Service Management

Reform: "The Next Steps"

Witnesses: Sir Robin Butler, KCB, CVO

Head of the Home Civil Service; Rt Hon Richard

Luce, MP, Minister for the Civil Service

## TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE

Subject: International Monetary Co-ordination

Witness: Mr Gavin Davies of Solicitor Sachs

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Subject: Educational Provision for the Under-fives

Witnesses: Officials from the Department of Health and Social Security; (at 5.15pm) National Association of Inspectors and Educational Advisers

## EMPLOYMENT

Subject: Urban Development Corporations

Witnesses: London Borough of Tower Hamlets

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Road Safety

Witness: Sir Alan Bailey, Permanent Secretary, Department of Transport

## COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS

City of London (Spitalfields Market) St George's Hill, Weybridge Estate

Lords: Starred Questions

Local Government Finance Bill: Report (1st Day)

Building Societies (Commercial Assets and Services) Order 1988  
Motions for Approval

Building Societies (Limits on Commercial Assets) Order 1988

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Gorbachev steals the headlines with his plans to democratise Communist Party; extend freedom; curb bureaucracy; and introduce rule of law.

EC coverage mixture of your talks with Haughey; comments on economy; and your refusal to contemplate Euro Central Bank.

IRA accused of sickening depravity after blowing up school bus near Enniskillen - 14 year old girl badly injured.

You claim Dublin is not doing enough to combat terrorism; call for tougher action from Haughey.

Kinnock attacks Scargill for praising two miners convicted of killing taxi driver during coal strike; to make major speech at NUM conference today.

Reports that Kinnock was on the brink of resigning - stopped only by his wife.

Mail carries on article by Dr John Gilbert MP on the "six months that can finish Kinnock".

Man charged with murder of pregnant woman on M50.

Al-Fayeds seek committal of Donald Trelford, Observer Editor, for contempt of court.

Dearer mortgages expected after further rise in interest rates. But economists say 0.5% rise in base rates not enough.

Today foreshadows airline price war as CAA opens up route competition.

Compact discs beginning to degrade after eight years.

Defence Select Committee critical of reduced strength and readiness of Royal Navy; seriously under-strength, it says.

Row in prospect over plan to freeze police recruits' pay.

Adam Smith Institute says NHS is too big to be run efficiently and should be broken up; a "monster that needs taming".

Claims that HM Inspectors "damning" report on schools is being held up (Today).

PRESS DIGEST

NAS/UWT want right of appeal against LEAs which force them to have back in school suspended or expelled children.

Policewoman, 20, beaten unconscious at Maidstone while mob of 60 stand and cheer (Sun).

Mail says Baron Thyssen is to send the bulk of his paintings to Spain.

BBC 2 documentary tonight will allege that British soldiers trained to resist deep interrogation techniques have themselves used torture against prisoners over past 30 years (Guardian).

Paris rail crash death toll reaches 59.

American Naval attache with British wife killed by car bomb in Athens.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Star - Fury as IRA psychopaths bomb school bus - now they blow up children.

Sun - IRA bomb kids; fury at bid to kill school bus driver.

Mirror - IRA bomb murder bid hits children; Thatcher demands action - you gave Haughey rough end of your tongue.

Today - Children escape as IRA bomb their school bus. Maggie says border deal is not working. You read riot act to Haughey.

Express - Poppy day terrorists bomb schoolgirls' bus.

Mail - Maggie fury at Haughey as girl is hurt by IRA bomb.

Telegraph - Girl, 14, victim of IRA bus bomb - Thatcher plea to Haughey over terrorism.

Independent - You use your meeting with Haughey to complain about cross-border co-operation under the Anglo-Irish agreement. IRA attack on school bus bound to embarrass the Provisional leadership as it tries to portray itself as a clinically efficient organisation dedicated to attacking military targets.

Times - Politician condemns IRA's planting of bomb on school bus; you tell Haughey that cross-border co-operation under the Anglo-Irish Agreement is still unsatisfactory.

PRESS DIGEST

FT - You and Mr Haughey pave way for a review of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

LABOUR PARTY

Sun - Battered Kinnock "desperate to resign"; Glenys stopped him, say friends. He is "deeply depressed", according to friends. Leader, commenting on news that Kinnock wanted to be a journalist, offers him a job provided he stops changing his mind.

Mail leads with Kinnock 'I quit' drama; has come close to quitting in mood of black despair but has now recovered. His problems continued yesterday however with hate-filled demo in Liverpool.

Dr John Gilbert MP, in Mail, says right now Kinnock resembles nothing so much as a man being chased towards a precipice by a lynch mob. His only hope is to turn and take on his pursuers. Events of last few days have seriously undermined the credibility of all his earlier good work and his second U-turn at TGWU instigation has temporarily destroyed his personal credibility.

Guardian foreshadows Kinnock/Scargill showdown at NUM conference today.

Under the heading "Isolating Mr Scargill" a Times leader condemns him for praising the two miners who killed taxi driver during strike. It adds that very many in NUM, not least those from Wales, were dismayed by Scargill's latest display as they are by much else in his destructive policies. Yet he still appears to maintain his grip on the union which he has so long led on the path to its ruin.

Times - In his speech to NUM today Kinnock will launch his fightback after three weeks of Labour turmoil with an explicit attack on his critics. He will warn opponents that Labour cannot defeat Thatcherism unless it is prepared to modernise its image and appeal.

RUSSIA

Sun wishes Gorbachev luck in trying to break corrupt party bosses; he'll need it, it says.

Today - Gorbachev urges power to the people; leader says democratising Soviet Union is as dangerous as defusing a bomb. That is why Gorbachev's speech was mixture of boldness and extreme caution.

PRESS DIGEST

Mirror - leader says Gorbachev has started the second Russian revolution. If it succeeds it will be as far reaching as the first. The most fundamental change will come when he allows satellites to choose the system under which they want to live.

Express leader says Gorbachev went much further than expected. If he is able to get what he wants - and his chances are rated no more than 50/50 - we shall see momentous changes for the better of Soviet and ultimately Western citizens.

Mail - Gorbachev's new wind of change revolution sends shivers through Kremlin; leader says Communism has been tried and doesn't work but, for all his courage, there are self evident truths to which Gorbachev cannot as yet give tongue. If Gorbachev succeeds it will be little short of a political miracle.

Telegraph leads with Gorbachev calls for Parliament and Presidency; democracy under Communism keynote of reform proposals; leader says Gorbachev's long march made important advances yesterday.

Guardian leads with "Gorbachev: The party's over. Soviet people want full-blooded and unconditional democracy"; leader says Gorbachev is more clearly than ever bent upon the radical restructuring of the Soviet Union. The crucial task now is to embody perestroika in the body politic.

Independent - Gorbachev's union of a new socialist revolution - where the economy works and the Communist Party's role is cut down to size. "Gorbachevism" is still a dream but by next summer the first bricks of the new structure could be in place. With such new ideas as an elected President, may be Mr Gorbachev has gained more than suspected from four summits with President Reagan.

"Gorbachev's new revolution" is headline in the Times. Report says that in some of the most sweeping proposals made by any Soviet leader, Mr Gorbachev offers his people the prospect of Government by an American-style president of legislature; leader says the pace of reform he is demanding is perhaps the most astonishing aspect of yesterday's revelations. To call for such fundamental changes by next spring suggests a very real sense of urgency - more urgency of the last-chance gambler than the confident bureaucrat.

PRESS DIGESTROYAL NAVY

Star leader says it is dwindling so much it can't even meet our peacetime commitments.

Sun Navy's all at sea, warn MPs.

Today - Navy needs more ships to rule the waves.

Mail says that even if Select Committee report is taken with a bucket of brine, its conclusions are worrying. Either the Treasury must provide more or Royal Navy must do less.

Independent - Commons row over "damning" report by MPs on Navy. George Younger insists that he is retaining a fleet of 'about 50' destroyers and frigates and will be announcing orders for more frigates once shipyard bids have been assessed.

Times - Defence Select Committee describes the Royal Navy's surface fleet as overstretched, under-strength, increasingly outdated and scarcely able to meet peacetime commitments.

DEFENCE

Independent - American general confirms that 50 extra nuclear jet bombers will be based in Britain by the end of next year or early 1990. Parliament has not yet been informed of specific details such as where the aircraft will be based or exactly when they will arrive.

POLITICS

Times - Hattersley claims that the "fascist fringe of political violence" identifies with you. He went on to bracket young thugs, such as the soccer hooligans who brought national disgrace in West Germany, with you. They, like her, he said, openly espoused "ruthless self-interest".

EC

Star and Sun ignore Euro Council.

Mirror - Thatcher No to Euro Bank.

Express - Maggie: My inflation crusade goes on; and "It's nein to single Euro currency".

PRESS DIGEST

Telegraph - Common Market drive to establish monetary union. Delors said to be sulking because France and Germany have reached a deal on Bangemann as his successor which will prevent him achieving a record fourth term.

Jock Bruce-Gardyne in Telegraph fears that the harmony will be short lived.

Guardian leader says you no longer want to know about joining the ERM.

Independent - EC leaders agree to investigate monetary union. On almost every topic on the agenda you distinguish yourself as the most reluctant leader present. You were uncompromising, revealing a deeper concern for preserving sovereign power and identity than furthering the European cause. But even though you insist on no mention of a central European bank or single EC currency for the committee, it is widely accepted that both will be considered. Peter Jenkins looks at the different approaches and describes it as British realism versus European idealism.

Independent - UK at odds with EC on Sharpeville Six reprieve. South Africa will face sanctions by a number of European countries if the executions go ahead. But Britain blocks EC move to try to halt the threatened hangings.

Times - Europe on course for 1992 but you say you do not share dream of a United States of Europe. You succeed in removing any reference to a European Central Bank in terms of reference of special committee to steady monetary union. Picture shows you checking the press credentials of a 12 year old covering your Press conference.

FT - Thatcher sets scene for monetary union wrangle. You set a jarring note by saying that you do not share the vision of a United States of Europe and a single currency. But Britain has little chance of blocking the Delors study since its terms of reference are in line with a Single European Act. Feature claims Hanover gives fresh impetus to a traditional Community objective; but says the Bundesbank doubts whether European governments could stomach the loss of sovereignty necessary to set up a fully fledged European central bank.

OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

Times - Government braced for major assault on its new tough proposals for reforming Section 2 of Official Secrets Act. Both



PRESS DIGEST

Conservative and Labour MPs lining up to denounce proposals which they believe will make the new law too restrictive.

ECONOMY

Independent - Half point rise in base rate fails to satisfy markets and many analysts still expect rates to climb to 10% soon. But building societies say they are not under immediate pressure to lift mortgage rates, which are unlikely to increase until August at the earliest.

Independent - Labour says tax fiddles boom under Thatcherism.

Times - Financial markets convinced more rises in interest rates are on the way. City analysts believe the increase will not have the desired effect of cooling the economy unless mortgage rates rise.

Geoffrey Smith in the Times says there are spending battles on the horizon as next year's round of public expenditure gets underway shortly. He says it will certainly be harder than last year to resolve the differences between the Treasury and spending departments.

NHS

Independent - Labour's central answer to your review of the NHS will be a commitment to higher spending, says Robin Cook, rejecting all the proposals which have emerged from the Ministerial review.

Times - Nurses threaten to take industrial action if managers continue to downgrade their jobs in the restructuring of clinical nursing posts to try to stay within cash limits.

FT - Nurses threaten new campaign of industrial action as COHSE annual conference is told that this year's 15.3% pay award might not be paid in full.

FT - Leader advocates splitting up DHSS.

POLITICS

Independent - Hattersley opens new vein in Labour's personal attack on you, by linking you to the fascist fringe of political violence and equating your values with those of football hooligans.

PRESS DIGESTLAW & ORDER

Times - Home Secretary urges police and courts to take tougher action against young drunken vandals.

EDUCATION

Independent - ILEA paper predicts adults in poorer inner London boroughs may have to pay more to educate their children in state schools than their neighbours in wealthy areas.

FT - Government suffers unexpected defeat in Lords over contract funding for universities in Education Bill.

MEDIA

Independent - BBC expected to announce within weeks its plans to press ahead to raise finance for a daily World Television Service for worldwide broadcast by satellite.

FT - Marconi Communications Systems says microwave TV (MVDS) could provide up to 30 channels for 80-90% of the UK population.

WAR CRIMES

Independent - Visiting team from Simon Wiesenthal Centre accuse Britain of ignoring Soviet plea to extradite named Nazi war criminals during post-war Attlee government. They also say British policy as recently as 1983 was against extraditing war criminals.

IRAN

Independent - Britain ready to restore diplomatic ties with Iran. But David Mellor says it will require credible assurances from the Iranians on the security of British diplomats in Tehran.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler visits Fords, Dagenham

DES: Mr Baker visits the London College of Printing to view the Craft Bookbinding exhibition of students work

DI: Lord Young and Mr Clark meet South African Minister for Economic Affairs, Mr Steyn

HO: Mr Hurd addresses annual lunch of National Association of Warehousekeepers

MAFF: Mr MacGregor (to 30 June) and Baroness Trumpington attend Royal Norfolk Show, New Costesley, Near Norwich

DEM: Mr Lee opens new visitors centre, Liverpool Football Club

DEM: Mr Nicholls addresses CBI conference, London

DEM: Mr Morrison visits the UK Atomic Energy Authority, Harwell

DES: Mrs Rumbold visits Notting Hill and Ealing High School

DES: Lady Hooper addresses the Prince of Wales Advisory Group about special educational needs

DHSS: Mrs Currie addresses National Union of Townswomen's Guilds national conference, London; later addresses Pre-Retirement Association lunch

DOE: Mr Trippier visits Lambeth

DOE: Mr Chope visits the North-West (PSA)

DOE: Mrs Roe visits Oxfordshire (rural housing)

FCO: Mr Eggar addresses British Council Management Seminar

HO: Mr Patten addresses the AGM of the Uxbridge and District Victim Support Scheme

OAL: Mr Luce addresses annual prize-giving at City and Guilds of London Art School

SO: Lord Sanderson visits East Neuk, Fife (tourism)

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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

HO: Mr Renton visits BBC Wales and S4C, Cardiff

MAFF: Mr Gummer interviewed by Farmers Bulletin

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ANNEX

TV AND RADIO

- 'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)
- 'Pillars of Society': BBC Radio 4 (11.10)
- 'Business Daily': C4 (14.00)
- 'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)
- 'Something to Treasure': ITV (14.30) 400 years after the Spanish Armada, the programme looks at Britain's naval past
- 'File on 4': BBC Radio 4 (16.05) Cambodia. Nine years after invading, the Vietnamese claim to be pulling out
- 'Party Political Comment': C4 (19.50) This week, a Labour Politician
- 'The Unleashing of Evil': Is torture confined to dictatorships and communist regimes or is it closer than we think?
- 'A Very British Coup': C4 (22.00) Policial thriller. Repeated from Sunday
- 'Newsnight': BBC2 (22.25)
- 'The World Tonight': BBC Radio 4 (22.30) followed by 'The Financial World Tonight' and 'Today in Parliament'
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