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PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh visit Tweeddale; later open the Borders District General Hospital at Huntlyburn, Melrose

The Prince of Wales opens Alloa Business Centre, Stirling Enterprise Park and visits Glenrothes New Town

Orange Order parades throughout Northern Ireland

Britain assumes presidency of WEU

Single Market Regional Breakfast, Bristol

British Dental Association annual conference (to 3 July)

STATISTICS

DTI: Engineering indices of production and orders (Apr)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Debate on the White Paper on Fair Employment in Northern Ireland on a Motion for the Adjournment

Adjournment Debate: Trunk roads serving Bradford (Mr G Waller)

Lords: Starred Questions

Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order
1988: Motion for Approval

Appropriation (No 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988: Motion
for Approval

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Cecil Parkinson to chair Star Chamber - leads to speculation he is next in line to be Chancellor.

Soviet old guard of Brezhnev era condemned at Soviet Party Congress; calls for them to be retired, including Gromyko. And some impatience that perestroika has not delivered goods in the shops.

Chancellor gives very upbeat account of economy at by-election meeting, and brushes aside prophets of doom over trade deficit; so do you in Questions.

EC survey finds British firms are the most confident in Community.

Reports that Labour is on way to losing Kensington by-election.

Kinnock laughs off suggestions he might resign.

NUM confirms its support for Kinnock in Labour Party leadership election, but backs Prescott instead of Hattersley for deputy.

Lords vote to bring student nurses in line with ordinary students for purposes of qualifying for maximum community charge rebate.

Rates in England and Wales now to disappear completely in a single stroke, Nicholas Ridley announces.

Sun welcomes idea of private management of council sports facilities; so does Mail. Labour says it will reverse policy.

Mail feature identifies the Dirty Dozen - 12 dirtiest and most litter strewn local authority areas in Britain - Westminster, Camden, Sheffield, Sandwell, Manchester, Liverpool, Tower Hamlets, Bolsover, Merton, Haringey, Edinburgh and Brighton.

Anger and dismay that Cannon Films have broken their promise to keep Elstree Studios open - Express calls it economic vandalism.

Court judgement awarding a mail order packer equal pay has implications for 11.4million working women, according to Equal Opportunities Commission; CBI fears it will affect competitiveness.

PRESS DIGEST

NAS/UWT reaches out of court settlement with Hereford & Worcester Council paying undisclosed damages for chaos caused by half-day strikes; total put at £40,000.

Leading gynaecological consultant jailed for fiddling cash out of NHS to supplement £114,000 a year income.

Official Secrets Act - Norman Tebbit says proposed reforms could make it easier for people to leak information about nuclear weapons because juries will be left to decide whether the national interest has been damaged.

Risley Remand Centre to be rebuilt at a cost of £50million after report into its management.

Violent crime still on the increase, according to latest statistics, but police may be starting to win the war against inner city crime overall.

Plans for 3 new national radio stations, commercially backed, announced.

Cockleshell Hero realises £31,000 from his war medals at Sotheby's.

Methodist Conference rejects motion that practising homosexuals should not be received into full connection with, or ordained into, Ministry.

Reagan orders random drug tests on entire White House staff of 1600 after dealing discovered.

Foreign Secretary says Government has evidence that three British hostages in Lebanon are alive.

Rebel Archbishop Lefebvre consecrates 4 Bishops, one British, in Switzerland to distress of Vatican; automatically ex communicated.

Charles Haughey, Irish Premier, being treated in hospital for kidney stone.

LABOUR PARTY

Today political columnist says Kinnock has 9 months to sort things out or risk the sack; he will be given 6 months to restore Labour Party fortunes after his re-election in September.

PRESS DIGEST

Charles Moore, in Express, says you do not need to be privy to secrets of Kinnock's hear to see that the fruit of his ambition to lead Labour has turned bitter. He clearly hates the job. He might be able to bear it if he were interested in the content of politics but he has no enthusiasm for policy.

Mail reports Kinnock as saying he did not regard party conference decisions as sovereign and would not allow them to deflect course of policy review.

Times - Prescott disagrees with Kinnock over the reasons for Labour Party's recent decline.

Independent - Neil Kinnock has pledged to resist a hard line unilateralist motion at this year's party conference.

SOVIET UNION

Express leader says Gorbachev should be concerned that expectations from perestroika seem to be unrealistically high. Not even the most sceptical Western observer can now doubt something extraordinary and potentially momentous is going on. The battle for the Soviet soul has been joined.

IDENTITY CARDS

~~Today~~ comes out in favour of identity cards - shouldn't an honest person be prepared to carry their identity card freely and even proudly?

CRIME

Mail, commenting on rise in crime in rural areas and slight decline in cities, says this is a deeply disturbing trend. The time has come for you to lead a crusade against crime.

LAW & ORDER

Times - Fresh dispute looming between Britain and Belgium over the 26 Liverpool football supporters facing manslaughter charges over Heysel stadium disaster.

Independent - Lord Chancellor is to study evidence of widespread juror impersonation.

PRESS DIGESTDEFENCE

Independent - US has agreed to pay 80% of the £220million cost of a ballistic missile shield to be developed by Israel.

ECONOMY

In a lengthy interview in the Times, Chancellor says that the Budget surplus will be larger than he had indicated and that he has no ambition to become Prime Minister. He indicated, however, that he would welcome a move to the Foreign Office.

CITY

Times - Lawyers for the liquidation of Barlow-Clowes International in Gibraltar are considering a multi-million legal action against Lloyds Bank over a Jersey account.

FT - Barlow Clowes liquidators consider suing Lloyds and Midland banks after millions of pounds are believed to have been diverted from accounts.

INDUSTRY

Times - Ravi Tikkoo calls in Hambros to determine whether he will buy Harland & Wolff; Peter de Savary looking at possibility of taking over Appledore Shipyard in Devon.

Independent - Leader says privatisation of Harland & Wolff under Ravi Tikkoo would not be a happy option.

Times - British cars fail to rank among top 15 makes in survey of customer satisfaction among new car owners in Europe.

Independent - British Rail has threatened to withdraw pay rises from 5,000 staff if they go ahead with 24 hour stoppage on Monday.

Independent - According to a leaked letter DTI is encouraging TV and film makers to boost their exports to South Africa.

Independent - Plans to dump 1.5 million tonnes of US household waste on a site in Warrington look set to be quashed. Colin Moynihan yesterday told the council to be "robust" in using its powers to reject the plan. He also promised government help.

FT - Girobank sell-off attracts interest from 50 concerns.

PRESS DIGEST

FT - West Midlands industry more confident than before October crash, according to Wolverhampton Business School survey.

FT - British Coal likely to seek individual contracts with miners.

POLITICS

FT - Joe Rogaly profiles Nicholas Ridley, the Minister for Unpopular Policies.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Times - Parents Against Injustice (PAIN) to hand to Government next week a dossier on the "forgotten children" in Leeds diagnosed as victims of sexual abuse. The group says the cases exemplify the disgraceful and shoddy treatment of parents and children by doctors and social workers in Leeds.

Independent - Plans effectively abolishing child benefit for the better off or to tax the benefit have been dropped by you but the £7.25 per week benefit may be frozen from next April.

EC

Times - David Owen says Britain has no power to block the eventual formation of a European central bank but EC legal experts question his conclusion.

IRAN

Independent - The Foreign Affairs select committee yesterday recommended that Britain stand ready to restore full diplomatic links with Iran but only on condition that it is not part of a deal to release the 3 British hostages in Beirut.

Independent - Sir Geoffrey Howe last night repudiated suggestions that Britain had changed its policy towards Iran, adding that he expected them to use their influence to help secure the release of British hostages in Beirut without seeking to extract a price.

Independent - A British citizen, Colin Breeze, has been charged by US Customs with plotting with Iran's ambassador to Spain to ship illegally 10 high speed troop transport helicopters to Tehran.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler opens Training Office for Express Newspapers, Wolverhampton

DES: Mr Baker visits the Gateway Education Centre in Shrewsbury

DHSS: Mr Moore opens new Family Practitioners Unit, Gloucester

DTI: Lord Young attends Single Market breakfast, Bristol

HMT: Mr Major addresses the Association of British Councils annual conference, Blackpool

MAFF: Mr MacGregor addresses 5th Annual Reunion of the 34th Worshipful Company of Farmers

DEM: Mr Cope tours East Anglia region

DEM: Mr Lee visits Luton

DHSS: Mrs Currie attends annual prizegiving, Nurse Education Unit, Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham

DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale attends Not Forgotten Association garden party, Edinburgh (war pensioners)

DOE: Mr Howard visits York

DOE: Mrs Roe addresses the Journal of Planning and Environmental Law conference in London

DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Henley Royal Regatta

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Penzance

MAFF: Mr Thompson opens Animal Health Production Unit, Milton Keynes

MAFF: Baroness Trumpington visits Booker Seeds, Sleaford; later visits Sharpes Farm, Boothby Graffoe

SO: Lord Sanderson opens Grand International Show, Glasgow Garden Festival

SO: Mr Lang attends official opening of Alloa Business Centre by HRH Prince of Wales, ADC Building, Alloa

SO: Mr Forsyth accompanies Prince Charles on visit to Enterprise Park, Stirling

HO: Home Secretary visits HM Prison, Brixton

ANNEX

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DDA: Mr Patten attends Tidewater Conference, Jikkasjarvi, Sweden (to 3 July)

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DES: Mr Jackson records programme for Radio Oxford's 'Matters Arising', at Henry Box School

TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Analysis': BBC Radio 4 (11.10). Can the legal profession cope with proposed changes in the legal system?

'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)

'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)

'Dispatches': C4 (20.15). Last in series of topical documentaries

'Any Questions?': BBC Radio 4 (20.20). Panellists include Lord Prior and Gerald Kaufman

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

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

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.35)

'The Week in the Lords': BBC 2 (23.25)
