

MAIN EVENTS

Coroner rules at Gibraltar preliminary hearing.

The Prince of Wales presents the Times/RIBA Community Enterprise Awards for 1988 to the Royal Institute of British Architects, London

Prime Minister presents Smallpiece Awards, Smiths Galleries, Covent Garden

Extradition hearing in Republic of Ireland on P A Kane, one of the Maze Prison escapees

NHS 40th Anniversary

EC: Economic and Social Committee Plenary, Brussels (to 7 July)

Education, Training and Personal Development '88 Exhibition, NEC, Birmingham (to 7 July)

DOE: Press conference on Rural Housing policies

STATISTICS

HO: Control of Immigration, United Kingdom 1987

HSE: Agricultural Accidents statistics, Royal Show Ground, Stoneleigh, Warks

OPCS: Legal abortions: Residents of regional and district health areas

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Employment; Social Services; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Gazumping (Abolition)
Opposition Day (16th allotted day): There will be a debate on an Opposition Motion on the National Health Service
Motion on the Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) Regulations
Motion on the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order

Adjournment Debate: The DTI's handling of the Barlow Clowes case and the problems concerning the small investor (Sir P Emery)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees:

EUROPEAN LEGISLATION

Subject: Choice of Treaty Base after the Single European Act

Witness: Mr T J G Pratt and Mr M A Blythe from the Treasury Solicitors Department

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Subject: Parliamentary Lobbying

Witness: Mr Fred Silvester

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

London Docklands Railway (Beckton)

Lords:

Starred Questions

Local Government Finance Bill: Report (4th Day)

Horses, Ponies and Donkeys (No 2) Bill: Report

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Khomeini calls for "all out war" on USA - West on the alert.

Claims that ill-fated airliner was off course - outside corridor reserved for commercial aircraft; Sun reports pilot on the same route as saying he normally ignored calls from US warships seeking identification.

US Navy Captain who ordered aircraft to be shot down accepts total blame and says "This is a burden I shall carry for the rest of my life".

Fears for the lives of British hostages grow in the wake of the disaster.

World calls for end to Gulf war.

You are to fly to Gulf - Oman, in fact - en route to Australia.

Mortgages set to rise from August 1 after statement of intention by the Halifax.

Fears that 10% base rate - after yesterday's further 0.5% increase - is not enough to calm economy. Another 1% required.

20 Ulster policemen to be disciplined following Stalker/Sampson inquiry - Ulster politicians see these middle ranking officers as scapegoats.

Telegraph, on Rover, says if the deal makes sense for BAe at all it should still make sense with some of the gift wrapping removed. To withdraw because of scaling down of write off might suggest Commission's doubts about commercial wisdom of deal had substance.

On eve of 40th anniversary of NHS John Moore pledges to turn NHS into an incentive based super service (Express) - exclusive feature inside.

Government concedes 50% community charge rebate to charities' shops.

Nicholas Ridley, in letter to House Builders' Federation, says he is determined to stop development straying into Green Belt.

PRESS DIGEST

MPs recommend that TV licence dodgers should lose their sets instead of being sent to jail for non-payment of fine. Express would prefer to see the day when BBC does not rely on "taxpayer's wallet".

EC consumers' organisation says only Greece has a worse telephone service than ours.

Government being urged to take action to end misery of holidaymakers delayed by air congestion on flights to Continent.

Government planning to tighten regulations governing drinking at airports as part of crackdown on drunken holidaymakers.

Scots furious over Sunday Times property advert headed "Make a second killing at Culloden".

Police foil £27million computer crime between London and Lake Geneva; searching for Aberdeen woman in connection with alleged attempt to transfer £22million from Britoil to a private Swiss bank account.

Gibraltar inquest preliminary hearing: procedural decisions today.

British Airship Industries said to be involved in Pentagon bribery scandal.

Archbishop Runcie finds objections to women priests unconvincing; Synod votes on issue today.

7000 picked up in crackdown by South Korean police in advance of Olympics.

Burke's Peerage reveals George Bush is 13th cousin, twice removed, of Queen.

Today prints the Jeffrey Archer story.

Haughey back at work after kidney stone trouble.

PRESS DIGESTIRAN

Sun leader headed "Whose side are they on?" attacks Guardian and Independent for their criticisms and comments on airliner tragedy. It says there are some extraordinary people in this country - they believe everything that Britain's friends do is wrong and anything that helps our enemies is right. Their attitude "stinks to high heaven".

Mirror claims US Captain studied an airline timetable for several minutes before shooting down Airbus. Only afterwards did they discover flight listed. Inside the Mirror claims that the Americans bungled their use of radar equipment. Leader says the Americans could not have done themselves more harm - an act of monumental carelessness, ignorance or panic. But it is a mistake that must be set against the greater and deliberate crimes of the mullahs.

Express leader headed "Don't condemn too quickly", drawing distinctions between Airbus tragedy and shooting down of Korean airliner says none of this excuses American incompetence should that turn out to have been a factor. But it is worth bearing in mind as anti-American propaganda machine starts whirring.

Telegraph writer suggests airliner tragedy could break the deadlock in the Gulf by allowing Iranians to discuss peace without loss of face.

Guardian says pilot of Iranian airliner might have been too busy talking to traffic control to monitor distress frequency on which Americans were trying to interrogate him; leader on difficulty of telling the difference between airliner and fighter refers to the panic and chaos that it claims would exist in real life star wars.

Times - Khomeini urges Muslims to attack US interests throughout the world in retaliation for "mass murder" of those on Airbus. Dubai daily newspaper gives equal space to Tehran and Washington statements. US navy captain says he tried every means of identifying the approaching aircraft. Some experts speculate that it may have been four miles off scheduled flight path because it was engaged in a more sinister operation, concealing an F14 Tomcat fighter flying close behind Airbus.

Two inside pages devoted to the issue with you at pains to avoid condemning US action and Brian Wilson MP calling for an explanation from you for your "extraordinary comments". Robert Adley MP describes the Americans as "trigger-happy".

PRESS DIGEST

Times leader says precisely why the Airbus was seen to threaten the US ship is not yet known. It could have been on a spying mission, hiding a fighter or tempting the fate of martyrdom. The US captain may have acted more aggressively than his British counterpart. But, even allowing for that, we must suggest a preliminary conclusion that those responsible for that Airbus were taking a terrible risk in human life - either through incompetence or something more sinister.

James McCoy, author, former naval commander and analyst at Institute of Strategic Studies, writing in the Times about the moral problems in the Gulf, sees no prospect of a UN peace-keeping force being successful because of the practical and political obstacles and says that calls for UN involvement should be firmly resisted.

FT - leader headed "Tragic error in the Gulf" says the time is ripe for a renewal of the UN Secretary-General's diplomatic efforts. It might help him if the international community were to show that it shares Iran's horror and anger over what happened on Sunday and if the US were to show genuine contrition, with an offer of generous compensation to the victim's families.

Independent - US inquiry will examine 4 minute delay in giving order to fire by Vincennes' captain. It is suggested he had considerable doubts about the target before firing. Archbishop of Canterbury said to be dismayed by your comments on the attack. He fears it will set back the release of Terry Waite. David Waite also quoted as saying statement was unhelpful.

Independent - Murray Sayle compares the shooting down of the Iranian airliner with that of the Korean jumbo by the Soviet Union. He describes both as the victims of "a conspiracy of circumstances". The KAL jumbo was undoubtedly an intruder. Any navy or airforce would in the same circumstances have done the same thing.

GIBRALTAR

Star leader on lawyer McGrory who represented IRA families wants to know who he is and who pays him to make IRA propaganda. What does the IRA know of justice?

Today says McGrory will name you as an "accessory to murder" at full inquest.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - Coroner will decide today whether SAS can remain anonymous at Gibraltar inquest into shooting of IRA. Patrick McGrory, representing the relatives of those shot dead, accuses the Government and you of renegeing on a promise, that the inquest would provide a full inquiry into the killings.

OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

Hugo Young, in Guardian, says Home Secretary speaks with honeyed tongue. He is importing some sanity to criminal law. But any impression that democracy is about to be lubricated by a saner approach to information is an illusion.

MEDIA

Today leader on Select Committee report on broadcasting, says Government should ignore their proposed fine tuning. What people want is to be liberated from tyranny of four channels and to be able to choose TV as freely as they choose between newspapers and magazines.

Independent - Home Affairs Committee warned Government not to destroy best of British television. Report contains 44 recommendations including a new commercial Television Authority, a 5th channel based on a network of local stations, no change in the regulatory functions of the BBC.

NHS

Mail leader headed "Suitable case for treatment" says the NHS, after 40 years, is in reasonable shape and so are the people it treats. Sensible reforms are being prepared to justify the service so that it can be good for another 40 years. John Moore's bedside manner contrasts with Kinnock who does not seem to have been told the argument has moved on.

Express leader on John Moore's article for them regrets his reticence about the future because, he says, of a desire not to anticipate the outcome of the current review. It hopes that is the reason. The alternative, that Ministers are reluctant to grasp the nettle of NHS funding, would be too depressing to contemplate.

Mail news story says Government have decided to go for incentives - to reward best performance doctors and hospitals.

PRESS DIGEST

Telegraph leader says it is suggested you are steering away from radical solutions. This might be politically astute in the short term but could be unfortunate longer term. The NHS's are those endemic in all collectivist institutions: bad management, restrictive practices, misdirection of resources, poor incentives. No tinkering can solve these. What is required is to increase private spending in health in a way that will ease burdens on NHS while submitting it to spur of competition.

Times - John Moore condemns Labour's "crocodile tears" over NHS as he signals changes involving a bigger role for the private sector and greater independence for the managers of the service.

HEALTH

Times - BMA pressing Government to introduce two pilot schemes for no-faults compensation which would allow victims of medical accidents to receive compensation irrespective of blame.

Times - BMA conference told patients are being treated like tins of beans on a supermarket conveyor belt and that sick and vulnerable patients risk being exploited if doctors are allowed to advertise their services.

ECONOMY

Madsen Pirie, Adam Smith Institute, in Mail, says there is some evidence that our trade deficit is always overstated. The figures show Britain is not only booming but gearing up to do even better. The last thing we need now is to slam on brakes.

Andrew Alexander, in Mail, says Chancellor must be wondering about the wisdom of his recent words and deeds after five successive base rate increases in five weeks. Yesterday's rise is more easily explained in terms of politics than economics. In retrospect the Chancellor may well be seen as far too keen on economic growth and not keen enough on controlling inflation.

Telegraph reports City accusing Chancellor of half measures.

FT - Feature reports that the fifth rise in base rates in as many weeks was greeted in financial markets with an air of tired inevitability. Lex believes the danger of feeding the market a half point rise every week is that it gets hooked. Leader says monetary conditions must be tightened, with a willingness to accept some appreciation of the exchange rate, at least until present pressure on the economy abates.

PRESS DIGESTLAW & ORDER

Independent - Government committed to major civil justice reforms making it easier, quicker and cheaper for people to go to court, Lord Chancellor said yesterday.

Independent - Statistics indicate number of cases of child abuse has risen dramatically over last 10 years but signs are these may be levelling off.

POLITICS

Times - Labour leaders approve plans to treble party's membership to a million over 5 years and in so doing crush the power of the far Left in the constituencies.

UNIONS

Times - Electricians' union meets 36 trade unions outside TUC in first move to establish an alternative trade union centre.

INDUSTRY

Times - North Killingholme Cargo Terminal Bill has a 35 majority on second reading in spite of Labour and Conservative MPs uniting in opposition against it.

Times - Vosper Thorneycroft believed to be well placed to secure £250million order to supply minesweepers to Saudi Arabia.

Times - Volkswagen and Bonn Government ridicule reports that West German plot was afoot to block BAe's takeover of Rover so that VW could step in.

FT - UK-led competition, involving Worthing-based International Automotive Design, is in advanced talks with the Soviet Union on development of a light commercial van.

FT - Rolls Royce applies to the Government for about £100million in launch aid towards cost of developing new model of RB-211-524 jet engine.

Independent - Industry claims government has swept decision on dealing with nuclear waste under the carpet.

Independent - Speculation is growing that the Government is intervening in the row between British Coal and SSEB over coal supplies.

PRESS DIGESTSOCCER HOOLIGANISM

FT - Diary finds British firm which developed an electronic membership system, called "Checkpoint", to exclude troublemakers from football grounds. Over a quarter of the 92 League clubs expressed interest last year but not a single order was taken when the clubs discovered there was no compulsion on them to introduce membership schemes.

ENVIRONMENT

FT - Ridley expected to announce today details of a new rural housing initiative to encourage development of country towns and villages and cheap housing outside green belts.

SOVIET UNION

Times - Soviet Communist Party to hold special meeting at end of month to discuss ways of improving food supplies as well as the political reforms approved last week.

Times - British experts have ended a visit to Soviet chemical weapon production and training facilities, disappointed at not being allowed to see all they wanted.

Conor Cruise O'Brien in the Times looks at ways help could be given to Mr Gorbachev to secure the reforms he wants to see. He suggests loans and other forms of aid from West to enable him to weather tremendously difficult transition. The EEC should be the ~~first~~ first to come to the aid of Soviet democratisation through a Marshall Plan type initiative and that you, as an early Gorbachev fan, might take the lead.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Mr Fowler attends Education and Training 8th national conference, NEC, Birmingham; later, with Mr Nicholls attends Retail Consortium reception, London
- DHSS: Mr Moore addresses Office of Health Economics conference on the NHS
- DOE: Mr Ridley addresses senior editorial staff of Financial Times, London
- DTI: Lord Young addresses Backbench Trade and Industry committee on the Single European Market
- DEM: Mr Cope launches Small Firms Service annual report, London
- DEM: Mr Lee visits Crewe (to 6 July)
- DES: Mr Jackson visits Bradford and Ilkley College
- DHSS: Mrs Currie addresses Bristol Sugar Seminar, London; later addresses the Health and Social Services Back Bench Committee, House of Commons
- DHSS: Mr Newton addresses N.E. Thames Region, Institute of Health Service Managers
- DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale attends lunch to launch appeal by Rathbone Society
- DOE: Mr Trippier visits Birmingham
- DOE: Mr Moynihan addresses the Coronary Prevention Group AGM, London
- FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses London and Westminster annual garden party
- HO: Mr Renton addresses AIRC annual congress
- HO: Mr Patten addresses Security Equipment conference
- MAFF: Mr Thompson visits Royal Agricultural Show, Stoneleigh
- MAFF: Baroness Trumpington meets Mr Dogan, Turkish Minister of Agriculture
- WO: Mr Grist visits oil pollution exercise, Gower, organised by Marine Pollution Unit, London
- WO: Mr Roberts attends AGM and dinner, Anglo-German Chamber of Industry of Commerce, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- CO: Mr Luce visits France (to 7 July)
- DTI: Mr Maude addresses European Parliament Kangaroo Group on the single market as part of visit to Strasbourg (to 6 July); later visits Athens (to 7 July)
- DTp: Lord Brabazon attends the Eurocontrol Permanent Commission, Brussels
- ODA: Mr Patten visits Tokyo for aid discussions (to 8 July)

ANNEX

TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)

'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)

'Horizon': BBC 2 (1500) Inventors and Patents

'Brass Tacks': BBC 2 (20.30) The Ball Game. Dockyard developers hold a charity ball to improve their public image

'Party Political Broadcast': BBC 1 (21.00), ITV (21.55) and BBC 2 (22.45) By the Labour Party

'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 'Financial World Tonight' and 'Today in Parliament'

'First Tuesday': ITV (22.45) Reports about the Peace and Reconciliation Group in Northern Ireland and Europe's most inaccessible country - Albania

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.50)
