

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister moves Tercentenary Address - House of Commons
The Duke of Edinburgh confers Honorary Degrees upon Their Majesties
The King and Queen of Spain, Cambridge University
Deadline for EETPU expulsion from TUC

PUBLICATIONS

HO: Redundant Churches Fund annual report and accounts 1987

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Treasury; Prime Minister

Business: Estimates Day (2nd allotted day)
There will be debates on Defence (Class I, Vote 1),
Housing, England (Class IX, Vote 1) and Local
Environmental and Planning Services, etc, England (Class
X, Vote 1). Details will be given in the Official Report
Motion on the Church of England (Ecumenical Relations)
Measure

Adjournment Debate: Cornwall's school building requirement (Mr R Hicus)

Select Committees: TRANSPORT
Subject: Air Traffic Control Safety
Witness: Civil Aviation Authority

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

London Docklands Railway (Beckton)

Lords: Starred Questions
Education Reform Bill: Third Reading
Agriculture Improvement (Variation) Scheme 1988: Motion for
Approval
Agriculture Improvement (Amendment) Regulations 1988: Motion for
Approval

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

192 missing in Oxy oil company explosion on oil platform on Piper field north-east of Aberdeen.

The worst North Sea oil disaster in prospect.

Attention in Cleveland sex abuse case focusses on Dr Marietta Higgs with calls for her dismissal.

Doctors and local authority face legal action from parents. Firm Government follow up noted, though some complaints of bolting the stable door after horse has gone.

Strong - and negative reaction - from Football League and Clubs to plan for a national membership scheme.

Players Union leader says "We have got to get on with it and make the best of it".

World Bank report finds outlook for world economy fragile despite resilience in wake of Stock Market crash.

Institute of Directors says 4 out of 10 firms are thinking of pulling out of London and South East because of rising costs; Barclays taking 1,000 jobs to Coventry.

Sun headline: Steel and rail joy.

British Steel has record profit of £410million; wants to advance privatisation. British Rail reports 60% improvement in profit to £109million - and lots of complaints of overcrowded trains.

Bob Haslam tells Neddy that 60% rise in productivity since pit strike has pushed up earnings in some cases to over £500 a week.

169,000 new cars sold in June - highest June total since 1979.

British Aerospace gets £120million British Airways order for 8 turbo prop aircraft.

Rover shares suspended after prices of the tiny number held privately rocket.

French food firm buys HP sauce firm - Labour MPs upset; Sun asks: "Is nothing sacred?"

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Nuclear waste consultant resigns after row over a proposed private dinner in which you, Cecil Parkinson and Jeffrey Archer were to have discussed using seabed shaft to dispose of Naval nuclear waste.

Paul Foot, in Mirror, attacks Hector Laing for making people redundant in Halifax and suggests Prince Charles is refusing to go there in October as a snub.

PSI says widening gap between home owners and council tenants is turning Britain into 2 nations.

Mail says you are in a dilemma over continued support for USA over downing of airliner because Washington is back tracking and acknowledging possibility of mistake in identification.

New crackdown on radio pirates coming after broadcasts on same frequency as Heathrow's landing system put it out of action (Express).

Thames TV negotiating with Argentina for programme link up on anniversary of end of conflict in which idea of Britain handing back islands will be discussed with studio audience (Mail).

Mail says BBC is heading for a clash with police over a film which shows a murder suspect being beaten up.

Speculation that Derek Foster, Opposition Chief Whip, will retain his post because too many are challenging for job. Jeff Rooker now to stand.

Mail says Labour Party and Tribune newspaper are to be taken to court by DPP over use of Red Cross symbol.

Loyalist gunmen shoot Catholic dead in Northern Ireland.

Britain and Iran agree compensation deal for each other's damaged Embassy.

Edwin Meese quits as US Attorney General - seen as a boost for George Bush who has worked hard to persuade him to go.

Kremlin crisis as 5 die in riots (Mail); 40 injured when demonstrators beseige airport in Armenian capital; thousand of Yugoslav workers force their way into Parliament and complain about living standards.

PRESS DIGESTCLEVELAND

Star - Nothing much came out of the inquiry but waffle and whitewash except a call for an Office of Child Protection - the nearest thing to a Ministry for Children for which the Star has campaigned for years.

Sun - Sack child abuse doctors, say MPs.

Mirror - Furious parents hit at child abuse report. Full of bitterness because it does not remove suspicion from them. Leader says the stable door has once again been bolted after the horse has disappeared over the horizon. But the responsibility for fighting child abuse rests with everyone - neighbours, family, friends and teachers who should report suspicions.

Today leads with smiling picture of Dr Higgs yesterday and banner headline "Condemn this laughing crusader". Leader says such is the authority of the medical profession that few dared question doctors' decisions. Report is a thorough and conscientious piece of work and makes wise recommendations. Marietta Higgs may have been a misguided crusader but we need a crusade.

Express - Guardian in each school to save the victims of child abuse - Government plans by way of follow-up. Leader says the blanket condemnation renders the report unsatisfactory. It ends up giving the impression that no-one in particular is to blame. Distinctions should be made. No matter how much blame is spread around most people will have no difficulty spotting where it primarily lies - on the shoulders of Drs Higgs and Wyatt.

Independent - The crisis in Cleveland was caused by a breakdown in the multi-disciplinary approach and by the failure of senior management in each agency. Tony Newton yesterday announced measures to ensure co-operation between social agencies, police and doctors in future. Guidance on parents' rights and diagnosis also issued. An extra £7million is promised for training social workers and new child care legislation is promised as soon as practicable.

Times - Government acts after Butler-Sloss blames all agencies with a radical shake-up of legal procedures to protect children and parents. Health Authority to decide whether to take disciplinary action against the two consultants who also face possible legal action by up to 50 families; leader says no public official comes wholly unscathed from the report. The principal lesson from Cleveland concerns not just substantive knowledge

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about diagnosis and communication between professionals but also the process by which it should be acquired. After the drama, it will do only good if practical experience can be built up in a measured way.

Mail also leads with smiling picture yesterday of Dr Higgs and headliner "Not a sign of regret". Leader says the Report is even handed, almost to a fault, some would say. Dr Higgs is not a bad woman. But her judgment was warped. Never again should any health authority employ Dr Higgs in any capacity where she could be called upon to deal with child abuse or reach a clinical decision which could wreck homes.

Telegraph leader says there is a valuable air of coolness and proportion about the report. Those who are looking for scapegoats may be disappointed. There is a most difficult balance to be struck.

Feature in Telegraph says what happened in Cleveland was not simply an outrage against parental rights but against common sense.

Guardian - Swift action over Cleveland report. Sue Richardson, social worker, says there is nothing unique about Cleveland. Controversy will recur elsewhere.

Telegraph leads with "Cleveland affair" 'must never happen again' - Minister promises safeguards for children and parents".

Guardian says the report recognises sexual abuse is a serious ~~problem~~ problem. Too little is known about the extent. And physical abuse and neglect are probably more widespread. Government has procrastinated too long. The most challenging issue is the problem of the abuser ready to confess but afraid of the consequences.

SOCCER

Star - Maggie puts the boot in: you declare all out war on soccer yobs. Detailed national membership scheme to be worked out.

Sun - Maggie to order soccer fans: carry an ID card. Question mark over England's participation in World Cup.

But Sun sports writer says at last the football bosses can shuffle away to sob in a corner while the country rejoices. Too many clubs have been too willing to take hooligans' money rather than join in campaign to drive them out.

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Guardian - State to enforce soccer ID cards. A bitter blow to League.

Mirror - Soccer cards shock. (Maxwell, soccer chairman, does not comment).

Today - Maggie blows whistle - law to force national membership scheme. England call off Italy game.

Express - Identity cards to curb yobs. You stamp on English football hooligans and dithering soccer chiefs. Your patience has been tested too long.

Independent - England's participation in the World Cup hung in the balance after your meeting with the Football authorities. You are determined to press ahead with legislation. Cabinet approved a draft measure last month but the passage of the Bill will be controversial. Ground entry will be restricted to club members who will carry ID cards which could be withdrawn from offenders. John Stalker describes the scheme as "an ill-conceived political solution to a social problem".

Times - Government to bring in legislation for national membership cards for soccer fans and warn that if hooliganism is not curbed England's participation in international matches abroad, including the World Cup, will be in jeopardy. Denis Howell attacks the proposals as defeatist and a monstrous interference in civil liberties.

FT - Government plans legislation to force football clubs to introduce a compulsory national membership scheme with identify cards. It is also considering ways to tighten restrictions on the sale of alcohol near football grounds and to prevent convicted hooligans attending matches at home and abroad.

Mail - Back page lead "Members only!" - fans must carry cards by order of Maggie. Will change the face of football.

Telegraph - National soccer ID cards for fans.

GIBRALTAR

Independent - Ministers believe SAS soldiers will give evidence to the Gibraltar inquest despite the coroner's rejection of Government conditions for the hearing, although Government press officers have done little to hide the Government's displeasure at the rejection of its conditions.

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Times - Government decides there is no point in trying to persuade the Gibraltar coroner to change his ruling about appearance of SAS at IRA inquest. The colony's Attorney General and lawyers defend coroner over his decision.

FT - Leader says that if an agreement cannot be reached whereby the SAS men appear before the Gibraltar coroner, you should call a full public inquiry into the shootings.

Guardian says SAS must testify. If not, you will be removing the last vestige of your already dubious case for resisting a full inquiry.

GULF

Independent - Pentagon officials have raised the possibility of a second aircraft being involved in the events which led to the Iran airbus being shot down. In closed-door briefings Congressmen have been told the USS Vincennes may have been sent an identification signal by a military jet elsewhere in the Gulf and not by the airliner as the Vincennes crew had originally thought.

Independent - Compensation is being considered as a means of resolving any potential legal disputes with Iran.

Independent - US opinion polls show 75% agreeing with Sunday's action and 61% blaming Iran.

Times - Iranian and Western analysts say Tehran is unlikely to exact a violent retribution from the US and the West over shooting down of Airbus. Overwhelming majority of Americans believe Vincennes was right to shoot at Airbus and blame Iran for the disaster.

ROVER

Independent - The sale of Rover to BAe was on the brink of collapse last night after BAe told the Government it could not accept the heavy cut demanded by the EC in the £800million cash injection accompanying the deal. BAe Chairman is understood to have rejected the deal in a tense meeting with Lord Young. Rover shares suspended.

PRESS DIGESTINDUSTRY

Times - Government challenged by its advisers on science and technology to seize the opportunity to give Britain a big share of a worldwide market in optoelectronics which they say will soon be worth £7billion.

Times - Electricians' leader accuses TUC of attempting to intimidate his members and says he would respond with vigour if attacked by other unions.

FT - PAC criticises contract terms given to Westland for EH101 helicopters.

FT - NEDC praises competitiveness of manufacturing companies which has been sufficient in the last two years to absorb wage rises of 8-9%.

FT - DE figures show sharp rise in number of days lost through industrial disputes - 3.5million last year compared with 1.9million in 1986. British Telecom and civil service strikes account for most.

Independent - DTI granted Barlow Clowes its latest trading licence after failing to notice the company's application form contained untrue information.

FT - Sam Brittan argues for a moving band of exchange rate targets.

~~POLITICS~~

Sun wants to know why the voters of Warley elected "bigmouth" Faulds in view of his "shameful" performance during your Question Time on Tuesday.

Times - Kinnock calls on Labour Party to face up to the future and accuses critics of his policy review of being afraid of change.

Ronald Butt in the Times looks at why Labour is doing so badly concluding that it has nothing of interest to say on any front because it can say nothing new in what it wholeheartedly believes. A political party can have no greater handicap.

PRESS DIGESTLAW & ORDER

Times - Police Complaints Authority seeking radical new powers so that it can seize videos, tapes, photographs, documents and other material relevant to the investigation of complaints.

RUC

Independent - Mo Mowlem MP has demanded an inquiry into an alleged link between Sir John Hermon and a known criminal John Christian - from whom he is said to have purchased a yacht.

EDUCATION

Times - GCSE exam boards bow to pressure and vote to halve the £100 fee they planned to charge parents who appeal against exam results.

Independent - The Joint Council for the GCSE yesterday bowed to pressure and agreed to halve the cost of appeal over grades to a £50 deposit.

Independent - Drug abuse among schoolchildren has been widely exaggerated according to a survey conducted by the schools Health Education Unit at Exeter University.

OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

Independent - Journalists get a worse deal than foreign spies under the terms of the Official Secrets Act White Paper the Campaign for Freedom of Information said last night. Journalists prosecuted for writing stories referring to the security services will have less of a defence open to them than foreign agents prosecuted for spying.

EC

Times - M Delors stuns Euro MPs by declaring that the existing system of national parliaments would have to give way to the "embryo" of a European Government within seven years.

HEALTH

Times - Doctors decide that AIDS testing should be carried out only with the consent of patients but that secret tests could still be allowed if the doctor believes it to be in the patient's best interests.

PRESS DIGESTCHURCH

Times - Eight bishops opposed to the ordination of women in the Church of England appeal to their supporters among the clergy not to resign but to stay and fight; leader looks at the problems facing the church over ordination of women and says that the hard choice has to be made between harm to the Church and harm to the individuals; and even those individuals themselves should be able to recognise that the church must come first.

KATYN MASSACRE

Independent - On his visit to Poland next week Mr Gorbachev is expected to come clean about Soviet involvement in the Katyn massacre of Polish officers.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker addresses British Academy

DTI: Lord Young meets John Spender, Australian Shadow Spokesman on Foreign Affairs and Trade

MAFF: Mr MacGregor visits Scotland (to 8 July)

CO: Mr Luce addresses National Audit Office directors' conference, Streatley on Thames (prov)

DEM: Mr Lee visits Cheshire

DEM: Mr Nicholls visits Glasgow

DES: Mr Rumbold addresses Portsmouth Sixth Form College and Crookhorn School

DES: Mr Jackson visits St Mary's College, Twickenham

DHSS: Mrs Currie addresses the Women of the Year Association supper

DOE: Mr Waldegrave opens Waterside House in Ivybridge

DOE: Mr Trippier announces Urban Development Grant for Perry Barr shopping centre, Birmingham

DOE: Mr Chope visits Wales (PSA) (to 8 July)

HO: Lord Ferrers visits Harrow Police Station

MAFF: Mr Gummer meets Mr Dante Barbosa, Department of Agriculture for the Philippines

SO: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton addresses Euro-construct conference, Sheraton Hotel, London

WO: Mr Grist addresses National Association of Careers and Guidance Teachers annual conference, Cardiff

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DTp: Mr Channon interviewed by BBC Radio 4 World at One

TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)

'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)

'Pillars of Society': BBC Radio 4 (19.30) Repeated from Wednesday

'This Week': ITV (20.30)

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.30)

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

'The City Programme': ITV (22.45)
