

12 July 1988

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister sees Miss Mokhesi, records "Down Your Way", greets President Evren and meets Mr Tamura (photocall)

At the invitation of The Queen, President Evren of Turkey pays a state visit to the United Kingdom (to 15 July)

EC: Political Co-operation Council, Athens (to 13 July)

Nuclear Arms Reduction talks resume - Geneva

Battle of the Boyne Commemoration in Northern Ireland

STATISTICS

BoE: Quarterly analysis of bank advances (May)

DEM: Training Commission publishes Labour Market quarterly report

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Social Services; Education and Science; Prime Minister

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Smoke Nuisance (Domestic Sources)
Opposition Day (18th allotted day):
Until about 7.00pm
There will be a debate on an Opposition Motion entitled
"The Growing Divide between Rich and Poor in London"

Afterwards,
There will be a debate on an Opposition Motion entitled
"Public Provision for Sport"

Motion relating to the Wireless Telegraphy (Broadcast Licence Charges and Exemption) (Amendment No 2) Regulations

Motion to take note of EC Documents on the Control of Chlorofluorocarbons and the Ozone Layer

Adjournment Debate: The reorganisation of education in Rochdale
(Sir C Smith)

Select Committees: EMPLOYMENT
Subject: Legionnaires Disease in the Working Environment
Witnesses: Broadcasting and Entertainments Trade Alliance; Cogent Limited

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Subject: Parliamentary Lobbying

Witnesses: 4.25pm Public Relations

Consultants Association

5.20pm Institute of Public Relations

TRANSPORT

Subject: Air Traffic Control Safety

Witnesses: Joint Airmiss Working Group;

Department of Transport

Lords: Starred Questions
Debate on Defence Estimates White Paper 1988

UQ to ask HMG what action they are taking to safeguard and conserve our artistic heritage in national and private hands including transfer or loans of works of art currently in store in national institutions to provincial and university museums

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Nine dead and many injured, including 2 Britons, in terrorist armed attack in Aegean cruise ship with grenades and machine guns.

Raiders make off in speedboat which pulls up alongside.

No-one yet claims responsibility but speculation that attack is linked with huge car explosion in Athens in which two, believed to be Middle East terrorists, died.

Meanwhile, air traffic controllers threaten to close down Greek airports in dispute over equipment, pay and conditions.

Today reports that Occidental may face criminal charges over Piper oil platform blast; efforts to cap leaking wells continue.

Government considering the formation of a national disaster squad.

Mail says Oxy have not ruled out sabotage; it is to publish account of previous incidents on platform as claims of earlier gas leaks continue. Telegraph says it may take weeks to locate the bodies in the wreckage.

President Reagan agrees to pay compensation to Iranian Airbus victims.

Dukakis, on BBC Panorama, says that if elected president he will press you to drop your opposition to sanctions against South Africa.

~~Gorbachev~~, in Poland, calls for a summit meeting with Europe to discuss reducing conventional weapons.

Meanwhile, you get a lot of coverage for your phone-in with Russians; Kinnock's tour virtually ignored by pops - he again highlights differences with you after meeting ANC.

Factory prices stoke up fears of renewed inflation.

Midland Bank raises mortgage rate 1.55% to 11.3%.

Telegraph claims B/Ae-Rover takeover is set to go ahead tomorrow; Guardian - Tax-deal eases Rover sale.

Norman Fowler warns industry that there will be 1million fewer young people in 1990s and firms must retrain older staff in new skills; most companies not prepared.

PRESS DIGEST

7,000 jobs expected to be created in £240million waterside development at Trafford Park, Manchester.

Australian and German airlines place orders worth £100million for Rolls-Royce engines.

Telegraph says Britain is set to win a big Kuwait arms deal - to dismay of USA.

Guardian says Government plans to go ahead with £1.3billion high speed Chunnel rail link without a public inquiry.

Nurses in Broadmoor begin work to rule over pay and conditions.

All day drinking - ie revision of licensing laws - delayed until September because of time required for appeals.

Government's Housing Action Trust initiative: Express says some of the most dilapidated council estates are to have a £125million facelift.

Government agrees to discuss impact of social security changes on single homeless (Guardian).

Independent says there are signs DHSS may have seriously miscalculated cost of nurses' pay award.

Three frigates ordered from Yarrow; Swan Hunter and allies take it remarkably quietly but firm says 700 will have to be made redundant. Meanwhile month long strike at Vickers remains ~~un~~resolved - work on two Tridents halted.

Douglas Hurd gets plenty of coverage for speech in which he criticises parents who starve their children of attention and affection and help to make hooligans out of them.

Claims that anti-drug advertising, by concentrating on sleazy, rebellious, risk-taking nature of drug taking, actually encourages it.

Government to overhaul National Blood Transfusion Service which it is said is a fragmented, disorganised shambles - a picture with which Mail tends to agree.

Row over Foreign Secretary's appearance on Wogan show; Labour MPs allege discourtesy to House by absenting himself from 2nd Reading, EC Finance Bill debate. Gordon Greig in Mail feels Foreign Secretary has left it rather late to go for the top.

PRESS DIGEST

Big row in Football League over TV contracts: David Evans (Luton), in Sun, tells 12 leading clubs who are threatening to break away that they are "a bunch of money grabbing parasites without a brain between them". But Today backs a "superleague" of 12.

Nicaragua orders US Ambassador and 7 other US diplomats to leave country for "inciting revolt".

Lord Grenfell, SDP peer, defects to Labour Party.

Baroness Wootton, Labour peeress, dies, 91.

DUKAKIS

Express leader says Dukakis is as woefully ignorant about South Africa as about the rest of the world outside Massachusetts. He has jumped on the sanctions bandwagon because he needs black votes. He will not however find it easy to bully you. It is shameful that South Africa's blacks are being made to pay the price for the moral posturing and vote grabbing of American liberals.

Guardian leader assumes Dukakis as president and his declaration of a new terrorist state of South Africa. What do you do then? Botha has not moved an inch. You will have no arguments left.

LAW & ORDER

Mirror leader on Douglas Hurd's speech says he left out one of the ugliest truths in his "portrait of crime" - the moral damage the Government has inflicted on country over 9 years.

Express leader says Home Secretary seems to have embarked on a one-man crusade to remind parents of the need to instil proper values in their children. Most will agree with him. But lecturing should not become a substitute for Government action.

Mail leader says that if the growth in violence continues in spite of a falling birthrate then our civilisation must be in decline.

Times - In an attempt to reduce growth of juvenile crime, Ministers are investigating how new national curriculum can be used to widen social education and teach duty to the community.

Times - Barristers considering basing their fees for certain civil cases on the results.

PRESS DIGESTIRAN

Sun leader notes that of all Western leaders only you have had the guts to support America in her hour of need. But whose side are they on? The Iranian regime is led by a maniac whose idea of democracy is to murder opponents, yet the regime has the nerve to call America the Great Satan.

YOUR BROADCAST TO RUSSIA

Star - Red hot fan for Maggie: you invite 13 year-old girl caller to visit you at No 10.

Sun page 4 lead - Visit me at No 10, Maggie tells Russian girl. Several callers praise your statesmanship and you praise Gorbachev.

Mirror - Mikhail has my magic, says Maggie.

Today - Maggie praises bold Gorbachev.

Express - Big article page 10 - Maggie's plea to Russians: back Gorbachev if you want freedom, democracy and a Western lifestyle.

Mail - Maggie turns on the glasnost in radio link-up - extraordinary phone-in.

Times - You praise Gorbachev for his reform policies in Soviet phone-in.

Telegraph page 1 - Thatcher advice for phone-in Russians - stick with Mr Gorbachev if you want speedy progress to economic and political reforms.

FT - You give what you clearly hoped were millions of Russian listeners a beginner's course in freedom and democracy as it is practised in the British Isles. Diary cartoon has a BBC man telling you that the Soviets insist you inject a bit of glasnost.

Independent - The range of questioners were as remarkable as your answers in yesterday's Russian phone-in.

Guardian with picture of you at mike, "Thatcher lays it on the line to the Russians" - indulge in your hero worship of Gorbachev.

PRESS DIGESTGORBACHEV

Times - Gorbachev on visit to Poland says Soviet Union prepared to withdraw air bases from Eastern Europe if US refrain from going ahead with stationing F-16 fighter in southern Italy within next two years.

Telegraph - Gorbachev urges pan-European Summit on arms.

Independent - Gorbachev has proposed a "pan-European Reykjavik" to end the deadlock between East and West over reductions in conventional forces in Europe. He also offered to withdraw Soviet fighters from Eastern Europe if the 72 F-16s to be removed from Spain were not relocated in Italy.

FT page 1 - Gorbachev offers to remove Soviet fighters from Eastern Europe, receiving a cool reception from the US and NATO.

Telegraph - Gorbachev urges pan-European Summit on arms.

KINNOCK

Next to no coverage of his tour in pops. Today leader says people may not like what he is saying about you but that's no reason why he shouldn't say it. With modern communications its ludicrously out of date to have a convention which says politicians should not criticise Britain or political opponents abroad.

FT - Kinnock denounces violence by ANC.

Telegraph - Kinnock has long meeting with ANC; public show of affection for Tambo.

Guardian - Kinnock gives Tambo a hug and defends him from terror charges.

Times - Kinnock, in talks with ANC, calls for restraint but his remarks fall short of condemnation.

POLITICS

FT - Tories lose strategist for Scottish party recovery. Alex Pagett resigns to join Stakis organisation.

Hugo Young, in Guardian, analyses Conservatives' 7 weak points.

PRESS DIGESTKENSINGTON BY-ELECTION

Times - Labour tries to limit the political damage caused by highly critical remarks by its former candidate in Kensington by-election.

INDUSTRY

Times - CBI calls for a clearer definition of role of non-executive directors under Financial Services Act.

Times - Inquiry set up as SIB bans futures firm.

SAUDI ARABIAN DEAL

Times leader says latest British arms deal with Saudi Arabia is a tribute to patient diplomacy and brisk salesmanship. Hostile Israeli reaction was predictable - does not necessarily reflect the country's true position.

EDUCATION

Times - Dewsbury parents go to High Court in effort to get children into Church of England School.

MEDIA

Independent - Prospects for a broadcasting White Paper in the autumn rose yesterday following a constructive meeting between the ~~Commons~~ Ministers at which "broad agreement had been reached on the main issues".

NHS

Times - Centre for Health Economics league table on mortality rates shows patients are seven times more likely to die in some hospitals than others.

HEALTH

Independent - Unexpected and unexplained brain tumours have been found in children and adults in North Humberside.

PRESS DIGESTEC

FT - Finance ministers pledge wide re-appraisal of tax approximation of VAT and excise duties when they meet again in Crete in mid-September.

FT - European Commission considers injecting community funding into an ambitious semiconductor research venture.

FT - Leader argues that row with Japanese over access to stock exchange raises broader question of European Community policy on reciprocity which is now emerging as one of the debating points in plans for the internal market.

Independent - British commerce will present EC finance Ministers with an alternative view of a Europe without fiscal frontiers.

TURKEY

FT - Feature on Evren visit says it is seen by the Turks as a key move in their country's bid for wider acceptance in western Europe and eventual membership of the EC.

Telegraph says Cyprus will dominate Evren visit.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Times - SDLP to continue talks with Sinn Fein in spite of growing outrage over terrorism in Northern Ireland.

HONG KONG

Times - Hong Kong police planning tough new moves in attempt to prevent spread of triad gangs to Britain.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler lunches with Unilever, London

DEN: Mr Parkinson visits Electricity Consumer Council, London

DES: Mr Baker meets Association of London Authorities

DOE: Mr Ridley and Lord Caithness meet Mrs Birgitta Dahl, Swedish Minister for the Environment in London

DTI: Lord Young hosts Opportunity Japan breakfast, Kensington

MAFF: Mr MacGregor addresses Home Grown Cereals Authority, Harvest luncheon, London

WO: Mr Walker visits Fairfield Mabeys Ltd, Chepstow; later opens Kyushu Matsushita Electronics Factory, Newport and BP Research Centre, Popton Fort, Pembroke Dock; later addresses Whitbread Company's Vision of the Valleys press launch, Cardiff

DEM: Mr Nicholls visits South East (employment training)

DES: Mr Dunn addresses Drug Co-ordinators conference at the University of Nottingham

DES: Lady Hooper holds reception for Lincolnshire School Pupils and LEA as part of the Australian Bicentennial Celebrations prior to their visit to Australia

DHSS: Mr Newton addresses PSI/DHSS seminar on doctors and their careers, London

DOE: Mr Waldegrave opens Joint Venture Housing Scheme in Green Lane, New Malden

DOE: Mr Howard introduces Georgetown Leadership Alumni conference, London

DOE: Mrs Roe addresses Building Conservation Trust meeting at Hampton Court

DOE: Mr Trippier visits Houghton and Washington

DTI: Mr Clark addresses 50th Anniversary of West Midlands branch of Institute of Export; later meets Mr Pancher, Chairman of the Association for Biotechnology and Chemical Industry of Bulgaria

DTI: Mr Maude addresses senior journalists/managers on IT and 1992, Brackin House

DTP: Mr Bottomley visits Gwent County Council, with Mr Roberts of WO

DTP: Lord Brabazon receives courtesy call from Korean Ambassador, London

FCO: Mr Eggar addresses English Speaking Union, Oxford

HMT: Mr Lamont addresses the American European Association

HO: Mr Renton attends Newspaper Society lunch

MAFF: Mr Gummer attends lunch with British Retailers' Association, London

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC) (Cont'd)

MAFF: Baroness Trumpington launches British Academy of Film and Television Art/Shell Initiative, London

ODA: Mr Patten addresses Financial Times World Economic Problems seminar, London

WO: Mr Grist addresses Urban Renewal Seminar, University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology, Cardiff

WO: Mr Roberts attends Road Safety presentation and Gwent County Council press conference, with Mr Bottomley of DTp, Cwmbran

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DOE: Mr Chope visits Germany (PSA) (to 14 July)

FCO: Mr Mellor departs for Morocco (to 15 July)

TV AND RADIO

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

"Business Daily": C4 (12.30)

"The Parliament Programme": C4 (14.00)

"In Business": BBC Radio 4 (16.05) New series. Reports on initiative, enterprise, innovation and success in the world of commerce

"When to Worry": C4 (17.30) Parents' rights and their role in caring for children in hospital

"Going Home": ITV (20.00) A Cook Report special. The theft of and trade in Third World children

"Brass Tacks": BBC 2 (20.30) Shire Wars. Public disorder in country towns; the battle between police and the forces of drunken disorder

"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. This week tracking down the poteen trade in Northern Ireland

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

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.45)

"Late Great Britons": BBC 1 (23.05) Queen Victoria