

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh attend the Armada Night dinner on HMS Drake at Devonport to mark the 400th Anniversary of the Spanish Armada

Prime Minister attends 1922 Committee meeting

EC: Budget Council, Brussels

EC: Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

16th Anniversary of Bloody Friday (Belfast 1972)

George Shultz visits Moscow (to 23 July)

MRC Presentation on Clinical Research to DES/DHSS Ministers

Government reply to Foreign Affairs Committee report: Famine in the Horn of Africa

STATISTICS

BOE: Institutional Investment (1st qtr)

PUBLICATIONS

HMT: Cash limits out-turn 1987-88 White Paper

HO: Horserace Betting Levy Board 1987 and Horserace Totalisator Board 21st Report

~~MAFF:~~ Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce annual report 1987

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Home Office; Northern Ireland; Prime Minister

PARLIAMENT (cont'd)

Business: Estimates Day (3rd allotted day):
There will be debates on Hospital and Community Health and Other Services England (Class XIV, Vote 1) and on the Training Commission (Class VII, Vote 1) so far as it relates to Adult Employment and Youth Training

At 10.00pm, the Question will be put on all outstanding Estimates

Motion on the British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order

Motion on the Church of England (Pensions) Measure

Adjournment Debate: The case for compensation for the treatment of British prisoners of war by the Japanese (Sir B Braine)

Select Committees: TRADE AND INDUSTRY
Subject: British Steel (at 10.15)
Girobank (at 11.30)
Witnesses: British Steel Board; National Federation of Sub-Postmasters (at 11.30); Union of Communication Workers; National Union of Civil and Public Servants; National Communications Union (at 12.00)

Lords: Starred Questions

Housing Bill: Committee (1st Day)

Civil Evidence (Scotland) Bill (HL): Consideration of Commons Amendments

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Gallup gives Conservatives 2.5% lead over Labour who were 1% ahead (41.5/39/16); but main point, as the Star puts it, is that 50% think Kinnock is useless - his rating has sunk to the lowest point since General Election.

John Prescott accuses his Shadow Cabinet colleagues of "fudging" decisions.

Dennis Skinner attacks Labour's plan for two taxes - property and local income tax - instead of community charge.

Express says Labour's NEC snubbed Kinnock by refusing to allow Royal College of Nursing a stall at Labour Party conference.

Heavy borrowing last month leads to further speculation of interest rate rises and Mirror prediction of crippling 14% mortgage rate.

You are expected to heap praise on Chancellor at Question Time in 1922 Committee Speech after "clear-the-air" chat last night.

Chancellor to make big speech tonight on living with the problems of success (Mail).

Beregevoy, French Finance Minister, unhappy with rising interest rates, writes to colleagues reminding them that co-ordination of monetary policy is essential.

CBI come out on Chancellor's side over management of economy.

Sterling firm as money supply rises sharply.

10-man UN peace mission flying to Gulf to work out details of Iran-Iraq ceasefire.

USA announces that South Africa, Cuba, Angola and USA, have agreed to principles for a peace settlement in Angola and Namibia though major differences remain.

Leon Brittan to accept EC Commissioner's post. Guardian says Eric Varley is favoured as second new Commissioner.

Red Adair puts out fire on Piper Alpha.

Air Canada places £1 billion order and options for Airbus.

Rank Hovis McDougall fighting £1.7 billion Australian bid.

PRESS DIGEST

Claims that water privatisation, announced for late next year, will raise water charges. Ten water authorities to be sold off simultaneously for £5.5billion to £7billion.

Privatisation broadly welcomed by industry's managers but unions predict failure of flotation and Labour pledges to restore public ownership.

Mirror says Dounreay is to become Britain's nuclear dustbin and go ahead will be given today.

Star notes that 57% of EETPU did not bother to vote in ballot on single union no-strike agreements that could lead to union's expulsion from TUC.

Mail leader, welcoming prospect of record B/Rail operating profit and decision to buy another 75 trains, says the industry also needs to attract a new breed of well-motivated managers if it going to succeed.

Star says you want Lords' amendments on eyesight and dental examination charges reversed. Today advocates a dignified climbdown by Government. 60 Tory MPs sign motion urging you not to overturn Lords' amendments.

Plans for social security to be hived off into executive agency investigated.

Express says you have called for an urgent study into compulsory national system of identity cards - prepared to ignore civil liberties lobby if it will cut crime.

Police to launch campaign to improve motorway driving.

IRA killer, serving life sentence for murder of Lord Mountbatten, pulls a gun and opens fire in Dublin Court but eventually overpowered - police investigating how he came by the weapon in custody.

Halifax Building Society decides to remain just that and not become a publicly quoted company.

Hunt for crossbow killer after woman found murdered - shot in the head - outside her home in Ealing.

PRESS DIGEST

Sun features "the incredible shrinking house" contrasting the measurements of a house's area in estate agents blurbs with the actual: it turned out to be 25% smaller than the advertised size.

Linda Bellos gets £20,000 a year job as equal opportunities adviser in Hackney while retaining membership of Lambeth. The news comes on eve of White Paper on Widdicombe which will propose restrictions on jobs for the boys.

Channel 4 is going into breakfast TV but says it won't be competing with TV-AM.

Cleveland Council hire Vincent Hanna to give them a new image after child sex abuse scandal. Local Tory MPs want to know more about the cost.

Alan Beith, in the context of Tercentenary Celebrations, describes you as "exercising powers of absolute monarch".

Paul Foot, in Mirror, says one of first British businessmen to respond to your appeal to establish partnerships with Turkey was Mark Thatcher.

Cartoonist Mark Boxer dies of brain tumour, 57.

CHANCELLOR

Sun - Maggie in new pledge to Nigel - he demanded an assurance of your full confidence.

Mirror claims that you are giving Chancellor notice by spreading rumours about his future.

Paul Potts, in Express, says your loyalty is pulled two ways in Chancellor v Walters clash.

Mail - Maggie and Lawson to patch it up in style, but it could be accompanied by another interest rate rise.

Andrew Alexander, in Mail, in "What's really behind the wounding of Lawson's pride" says the Chancellor took his ego round to No 10 yesterday and you seem prepared to apply ointment and bandages. But this is not necessarily good news for the economy. The last time this happened he used his victory to cut interest rates and has since had to eat his words six times. The game of let's

PRESS DIGEST

pretend we are in the EMS has been expensive and led to instability in interest rates. To have been proved wrong by you is irritating enough. To have Professor Walters musing aloud is extra humiliation. If he is wise, Chancellor will show a little humility in the future.

Telegraph leader says the Chancellor has responded to Sir Alan's interventions with dignity and restraint. Sir Alan appears to have picked up the free wheeling style of US Government advisors but American methods are unsided to the Cabinet system of Government. If Sir Alan continues to muddy the waters he will succeed only in placing a question mark over his own judgement and you would be wise to ensure he respects conventions.

Times - Downing Street and Treasury worked hard yesterday to bury any idea of a continuing rift between you and the Chancellor.

Times - CBI come out on the side of the Chancellor in the row about his management of the economy.

Hugo Young, in Guardian, suggests lure of City is growing less resistable to Chancellor who is not absolutely to be trusted by you.

FT - Sam Brittan joins in, alleging that Alan Walters would hardly be producing his remarks against your will. This, he says, is the third attempt to undermine the Chancellor - the first being when he was overruled on the link between sterling and the deutschmark and the second when you would not support his policies at Question Time.

STUDENT LOANS

Today leader says there is no reason in the world why taxpayers should give young people a free ticket to qualifications that will ensure them high earnings.

Mail leader says Kenneth Baker is right to reconsider whether the present unfair arrangements of student grants should be replaced by a system of loans repayable through national insurance.

PRESS DIGESTPOLITICS

Times says Labour has approved plans to replace the community charge with two new local taxes, a property tax based on the capital value of homes combined with a local income tax. Meanwhile a group of 10 far-Left MPs announced a campaign to encourage non-payment of community charge in defiance of line adopted by leadership.

Times - Labour Party proposes an ombudsman for property market and fines for local authorities slow in carrying out searches.

ECONOMY

Times - £8.5 billion lending record is a surprise for the City with next week's June trade figures being seen as critical.

Independent - Pound shrugs off surge in money supply figures and makes significant gains, raising hopes that a further rise in interest rates can be avoided.

FT - CBI is discussing possible measures to curb consumer credit in order to convince Government that increases in interest rates threaten economic revival. John Banham warns that economic soothsayers on both sides of the Atlantic should not be allowed to jeopardise industrial investment.

FT - You have signalled your intention to hold regular high-level seminars with the Treasury and the Bank of England to ensure full agreement within Government on economic and exchange rate policy.

CITY

Times - Tim Smith MP tables early day motion calling for an immediate inquiry into the role of Spicer & Oppenheim and Touche Ross, the accountants, in the Barlow Clowes affair.

Independent - Disquite among backbenchers increases as government damps down hopes of Barlow-Clowes investors being fully compensated.

INDUSTRY

Independent - Ministers consider changes to equal pay legislation to reverse recent Lords' rulings which employers believe could lead to big increases in company pay bills.

PRESS DIGEST

Independent leader looks at the gloomy NEDO report on the British electronics industry and fears for its future. It says the circle of decline can be broken by a substantial change in top management: they require as much re-orientation and retraining as the humblest employee.

FT page 1 lead - Water privatisation decision means Ridley has won the contest with Mr Parkinson to privatise water ahead of electricity, and the water industry's leaders have won their battle for simultaneous flotation. Leader warns of regulatory gaps in the proposals and says it by no means follows that grafting on a profit motive without the discipline of competition will improve efficiency. Lex column believes it will be a struggle to persuade investors that their money is worth taking out the building society.

FT - Council manual workers are offered a pay rise worth 5.6%.

NHS

In a guest article in the Independent, Harriet Harman says that the creation of an internal market in the NHS would be a sickening blow. Competition for patients would lead to distortions in the pattern of service provision, hit continuity of care, limit patient choice and reduce quality of service.

EDUCATION

Independent - NUT says indiscipline in schools is an increasingly serious problem with standards of behaviour deteriorating markedly in the last five years.

Times - National Union of Teachers says pupils who attack, threaten or harass teachers should be expelled and even prosecuted under criminal law.

MEDIA

Times - Two senior BBC managers suspended in Legionnaires' disease inquiry.

LAW & ORDER

Times - Home Secretary asks police chiefs for an up-to-date view on national identity cards although Home Office stresses it is not at present persuaded by the arguments for a general introduction.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - Three Appeal Court judges describe brutality inflicted on two innocent men by Lancashire police as horrifying.

Times - Crown Courts facing record rise in work with cases last year reaching new peak of 99,000.

Times - New Home Office guidelines will mean police will step up vetting of jurors to stop convicted criminals from slipping on to juries.

Independent - Homosexual GCHQ worker loses High Court plea against the withdrawal of his security clearance.

TRANSPORT

Times - Government gives go ahead for high speed train service from London to Heathrow.

Times - All new cars in Britain will have to be capable of using unleaded petrol by October 1990 if draft regulations published yesterday are adopted.

WALES

Independent - leader says that the way to encourage the Welsh language is not to make condescending gestures such as the setting up of a Welsh Language Board but to persecute the language. When something is under attack, people would be roused from their apathy to realise how valuable it is.

GULF

Times leads with UN team to fly to Iran and Iraq immediately to work out ceasefire details. Khomeini takes personal responsibility to acceptance of Resolution 598 saying "Taking this decision was more deadly than taking poison ... I had promised to fight to the last drop of my blood and my last breath"; leader welcomes ceasefire but warns moderate Arab states that it would be unwise to relax their guard as terrorism takes fewer resources than war-fighting. It also warns the West to keep a close watch on the Soviets as the rhetoric between Tehran and Moscow is warmer than it was and there are growing troop concentrations on Soviet-Iranian border.

PRESS DIGESTCHURCH

Times - Dr Hapgood, the man tipped to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury, says wanting the Primate's job would be a sign of madness.

SAUDI KIDNAP

Times - Foreign Secretary may intervene in a kidnapping case in which a Saudi Arabian millionaire has flouted the English legal system and removed his daughter beyond reach of the courts.

EAST-WEST

Sun leader on Russians INF inspection of bases in Britain says the change in East-West relations owes much to a mood of reconciliation in Kremlin but even more to Reagan's strength of purpose. He will leave the world a far safer place than since 1930s.

LYCEUM

Guardian leader says the only hope of saving the theatre from Brent Walker is Prime Ministerial intervention.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler addresses Come to Britain Award, London

DES: Mr Baker meets Tom Stonier from the University of Dartford, about the Computerisation of British Universities project

DOE: Mr Ridley attends launch of Newcastle Business Park at QEII conference centre

DTI: Lord Young addresses JiJi press seminar dinner

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Transatlantic conference, RAC Club

HMT: Mr Lawson addresses the Institute of Economic Affairs on the State of the Market

DEM: Mr Cope addresses CBI Selling to the NHS conference

DEM: Mr Lee attends TDAP presentation, Carlisle and opens English Heritage Shop exhibition, Carlisle Castle

DEM: Mr Nicholls attends Single European Market presentation, London

DHSS: Mr Newton hosts reception for the National Children's Home international conference at Lancaster House

DHSS: Lord Skelmersdale visits Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London

DOE: Mr Waldegrave visits Greenwich (housing)

DOE: Mr Trippier accompanies HRH Queen Mother on visit to Surrey Docks

DOE: Mrs Roe visits Canterbury

DTI: Mr Maude addresses CBI/Economist conference and Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders on Single European Market

DTI/
ECGD: Mr Clark cheers on ECGD, London to Cornhill Charity Run

~~DTP:~~ Mr Bottomley addresses the Eurosafe '88 conference, Guildhall

HMT: Mr Lamont visits Thames Ditton Superannuation Office

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits East of England Show Showground, Peterborough

MAFF: Mr Thompson visits Ross Breeders, Midlothian, Scotland

OAL: Mr Luce visits North West (arts) (to 22 July)

WO: Mr Roberts opens Motorway Safety exhibition/promotion, Sarn M4 Interchange, Bridgend; later addresses Wales Tourist Board celebration dinner, Llandrindod Wells

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DES: Mr Baker interviewed by Michael Schmidt of Carlanet Press Ltd on history and poetry

DTI: Lord Young interviewed by The Times on the Single Market Campaign

DES: Mrs Rumbold interviewed by Woman's Hour

DHSS: Mrs Currie has lunch with Annabel Ferriman, Observer

TV AND RADIO

'Today'; BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)

'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)

'A Prescription for Life': BBC2 (14.00) 250,000 people a day take a tranquiliser drug more addictive than heroin. Programme looks at evidence that Government drugs advisers are warning doctors to stop prescribing

'Comrades': BBC2 (19.35) Repeat of series first shown in 1985 about life in the USSR. Part Two. Hunters in Siberia

'Analysis': BBC Radio 4 (20.15) Social Insecurities. Welfare reforms - a settlement or a stopgap?

'This Week': ITV (20.30) Kids Cook Quick. Story of a young Australian who died of skin cancer triggered by sunbathing. He devoted the last weeks of his life to campaigning about the danger

'Police Powers': BBC2 (22.15) Second of six programmes on the police and public. This week, the RUC

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

'The City Programme': ITV (22.35)

'Newsnight': BBC2 (22.45)

'Suspicious Circumstances': ITV (23.35) New documentary series giving insight into work of those engaged in solving crime
