

MAIN EVENTS

EC: Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels (to 26 July)

Professional Association of Teachers annual conference, Durham (to 29 July)

Lambeth Conference (all week)

CO: Next Steps: Establishment of first agency (Vehicle Inspectorate) and progress report. Announcement and joint press conference with DTp

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STATISTICS

HO: Operation of the Prevention of Terrorism legislation (2nd Qtr 1988 prov)

OPCS: Infant feeding 1985 social survey report

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PUBLICATIONS

HO: Private sector involvement in the remand system, Green Paper

HO: Reviews on UK Warning and Monitoring Organisation and on the Civil Defence College (prov)

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Energy; Transport; Wales

Business: Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill (Lords): Remaining Stages

Adjournment Debate: Vocational qualifications for dyslexic YTS trainees (Mr J Paice)

Select Committees: TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE  
Witnesses: Skyline (5pm); Viewpoint (5.30pm); TVF (6pm); TV-am (6.30pm)

Lords: Starred Questions  
Road Traffic Bill (HL) (Consolidation):  
Third Reading  
Road Traffic Offenders Bill (HL)  
(Consolidation): Third Reading

Lords (Cont'd)

Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions)  
 Bill (HL): Third Reading  
 Education Reform Bill: Consideration of  
 any Commons Amendments and Reasons  
 Housing Bill: Committee (2nd Day)

Black Country Development Corporation )  
 (Vesting of Land) (British Steel Corporation )  
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 (Vesting of Land) (Borough of Walsall) )  
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 (Vesting of Land) (General) Order 1988 )  
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 (Vesting of Land) (Borough of Sandwell) )  
 Order 1988 )  
 Black Country Development Corporation )  
 (Vesting of Land) (Central Electricity ) Motions  
 Generating Board) Order 1988 ) for  
 Tyne and Wear Development Corporation ) Approval  
 (Vesting of Land) (British Shipbuilders )  
 and British Steel Corporation) Order 1988 )  
 Tyne and Wear Development Corporation )  
 (Vesting of Land) (British Coal Corporation )  
 Order 1988 )  
 Tyne and Wear Development Corporation )  
 (Vesting of Land) (Tyne and Wear Passenger )  
 Transport Executive) Order 1988 )  
 Tyne and Wear Development Corporation )  
 (Vesting of Land) (Port of Tyne Authority) )  
 Order 1988 )  
 Tyne and Wear Development Corporation )  
 (Vesting of Land) (City of Newcastle upon )  
 Tyne) Order 1988 )  
 Tyne and Wear Development Corporation )  
 (Vesting of Land) (Various Local )  
 Authorities) Order 1988 )  
 Tyne and Wear Development Corporation )  
 (Vesting of Land) (Borough of Sunderland) )  
 Order 1988 )

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

Labour MPs denounce Leon Brittain as "unfit" for role of EC Commissioner because of his part in Westland affair. They want you to explain why he has been given it in Commons statement today.

Mail says there are growing demands for Heath to resign Tory Whip after his criticisms of Brittan appointment.

Telegraph leads with prospect of clash between you and Delors who will try to ban Brittan taking over Cockfield job unless he is convinced he shares Cockfield's enthusiasm for reforms.

Sterling expected to soar today bringing fresh strains within the Government.

Times says Chancellor may be able to hold base rates because of poor trade figures expected Wednesday.

Norman Fowler has blocked a move by the Treasury to publish a new inflation index which excludes mortgage interest payments.

Guardian says there is strong speculation US Treasury Secretary is about to resign.

Questions about security on Irish border after IRA bomb blows up family of 3 returning from holiday by mistake; apparently intended to kill a judge and his family in a carboncopy killing of another judge 18 months ago.

How could a bomb be planted on such a well guarded and restricted stretch of road?

Express reports MPs calling for the return of internment in Northern Ireland.

Reports that TGWU are to back Prescott rather than Hattersley - Ron Todd says its "pure speculation"; no decision until September.

Sun says Labour MPs are angry about Kinnoek's plan for two taxes to replace community charge which was rushed through NEC in 10 minutes last week.

Mail suggests Kinnoek might secretly welcome TGWU saddling him with Prescott; what better reason to quit what increasingly seems an impossible job - making Labour fit to govern again?

PRESS DIGEST

Ian Aitken, in Guardian, offers Kinnock 10 pieces of advice to ponder during the recess - none of them flattering.

Independent - TUC preparing to offer cut-price insurance, mortgages and holidays and credit card as incentives to recruitment.

Paddy Ashdown forecast to win election as SLDP leader but Independent says he faces disunity after divisiveness of campaign.

Mail says Lord Young is faced with a battle with virtually the entire Tory Party over Barlow-Clowes over compensation for small investors.

Hopes rise for release of British hostages in Lebanon after spiritual leader of Hezbollah appeals to all sides to help bring a humanitarian result.

Plans to privatise remand part of prison service to be unveiled today.

Scotland Yard opens hotline for jurors facing intimidation.

Telegraph says safety may require oil platform workers to be flown in daily to work rather than stay on board.

Today says MPs want gazumping estate agents to be curbed and their fee replaced by a fixed sum, rather than a percentage of the price, based on what they do for their money.

Express says head of Prudential Property Services, country's largest, is determined that those who give estate agents a bad name should be driven out.

Adam Smith Institute urges Government to boost private health care by giving tax relief for private provision for elderly regardless of who pays prema.

London Food Commission claims that additives in ice cream could damage health.

Mail backs idea of on-the-spot litter fines; you are said to have asked DoE to investigate cost.

Brent social workers to stage 24-hour strike today over sacking of their black director by Labour group.

Ealing welcomes applications from homosexuals "to care for boys aged 8 to 16 who have emotional and behavioural problems".

PRESS DIGEST

Dorset LEA to ban youngsters under 10 from playing wind instruments on grounds of health (Mail); damage teeth and gums.

Centre for Policy Studies says LEAs should be severely restricted to funding and ensuring every child has a school place. Heads and Governors should run schools. Express is sympathetic.

Family Policies Studies Centre says 80s are much more permissive than 60s.

BBC orders cuts in TV play about soccer yobs, but director refuses to make them so project is abandoned at cost of £350,000.

Express says BBC could net millions of pounds from US network's screening our material because of writers' strike there.

Sir Ralph Halpern describes as "offensive, vulgar rubbish" allegations by former mistress about his activities at No 10; apologises for any embarrassment to you. Mirror says never in the sleazy history of Murdoch's newspapers has anything so revolting been published by the News of the World. Story bears all the hallmarks of invention for which Murdoch press is notorious.

Times - Israeli intelligence service, Mossad, is believed to have dismantled an entire espionage cell in Britain in the last 6 weeks after diplomatic row over its recent activities here; reports in Jerusalem say they have been removed because of British Government pressure.

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Iraq claims to have withdrawn all its troops from Iran area captured in recent fighting. Independent says US has hinted at restoration of full diplomatic relations with Iran.

US plans to start withdrawing cruise missiles from UK in September.

Dukakis has 17 point lead over Bush in opinion poll (Independent).

George Bush advocates bomb strikes against foreign drug operations (Express).

South African Police shoot dead 4 blacks, one a woman, after they throw grenades at road block.

Mandela signs franchise deal with black American businessman which could produce large benefits for family.

PRESS DIGESTIRA BOMBING

Sun says the IRA have the affrontery to apologise for their bungle of bombing. Unbelievably, we still hear bleating complaints about the killing of the 3 terrorists in Gibraltar being denied human rights. What about the human rights of the 3 killed in the weekend bombing?

LEON BRITTAN etc

Sun, on Ted Heath's criticisms of appointment, says that in Government Heath made every kind of humiliating concession to get us into EC. It hopes Brittan is your man and will fight every inch of the way in the cause of this country's interests.

Express feature on "Why Lord Cockfield had to go - downfall of the stubborn Eurocrat who went just too far with his EC blueprint"; leader on your Sunday Express interview urging businessmen not to fear single internal market, says it is indeed a great business opportunity. But many people are uneasy about developing "Europeanisation" and they will be reassured by your pledge to protect Parliament's rights against Brussels' onslaughts.

Mail - Leon Brittan refuses to join slanging match with Ted Heath whose attack has enraged Tory MPs; growing demands for Heath to resign Tory Whip.

Feature in Mail by Richard Cottrell MEP gives Leon Brittan advice and says Lord Cockfield was removed because the dynamism he harnessed for 1992 threatened our sovereignty.

Another Mail feature says British firms are lagging behind in EC because of our dismal failure to learn foreign languages.

Independent - Prime Minister dismisses European union. In your Sunday Express interview (which is referred to in four separate articles) you seek to close the lid on talk of long-term European union. Ministers and their advisers believe you are right. Meanwhile, Frank Dobson calls for statement on nomination of Leon Brittan. Leader says that despite your reservations on Europe, the logic of events point inexorably towards a more closely integrated and more democratic EC. It sees Leon Brittan as an energetic and able choice and believes he may well develop active European convictions while in office.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - Lord Young promises not to give way over European VAT reforms; meanwhile the European Parliament's economic and monetary affairs committee is expected to revise the proposals of Lord Cockfield in order to keep zero rating.

Richard Owen in the Times looks at the problems that will face Leon Brittan saying the suspicion is that he is being sent to Brussels to take a more obediently Thatcherite line than Lord Cockfield. He goes on to say that Lord Cockfield is much admired in Europe and is widely seen as a victim of your antipathy to encroaching rule by Brussels.

Lord Cockfield makes a valedictory appeal from Brussels in the Times saying there are those in Britain opposed to EC membership but as members we cannot refuse to accept the implications of membership.

FT leader says Leon Brittan is well qualified for the task of European Commissioner but to be effective he must remember his loyalties are to Brussels and not the Government who appointed him.

Guardian - Lord Young tries to defuse political row over Cockfield/Brittan by saying Cockfield's age disqualified him.

ESTATE AGENTS

Today leader says the role of estate agents in gazumping is entirely despicable. Too many estate agents are now behaving like brigands. They should be rewarded for the amount of work they do not on the value of the property.

EDUCATION

Times leader says you and Kenneth Baker would be wise to scrutinise working of education reform in the universities and monitor closely the reactions to it. A government which is regarded with such deep dislike and dismay by so important a group of people in the country is incurring quite unnecessary dangers.

INDUSTRY

Times - Survey says boys leaving school over next few years must be prepared to take more jobs in the traditionally female areas of the labour market.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - The new Employment Act will from tomorrow give protection to those who refuse to strike.

Times - Vehicle inspection expected to be first area of Whitehall to be hived off to an executive agency.

FT - British end of the Channel Tunnel is eight weeks behind schedule but French are further behind.

FT - Sultan of Brunei is to co-operate with DTI in investigation into House of Fraser takeover battle in 1985.

Independent - Rules of the Employment Training programme to be changed in an attempt to persuade married women to return to work.

ECONOMY

FT - Wages of British workers have begun to rise at a faster rate than the increase in labour productivity leading to concern the economy may be overheating.

Tim Congdon, Chief UK economist of Shearman Lebman Hutton, writing in the Times, looks at where the Chancellor and the Treasury went wrong in the handling of the economy. He says the forecasting errors made in the 1987 and 1988 Budgets point to two conclusions. The Treasury completely failed to appreciate the vigour of the upturn in the economic activity which began in mid-1986; and most members of the Government, including you, had no advance warning that there was going to be a boom on the scale actually experienced. In the circumstances it is not surprising that you are more worried about overheating and inflation than your Chancellor, or that you are seeking new sources of advice.

Guardian leader says you and Chancellor will be at odds again this week over sterling. The Government's excessive reliance on interest rates has put it on the horns of a dilemma. But there is an alternative - intervention in domestic credit markets.

LAW & ORDER

FT - Government firmly denied yesterday that it was preparing to backtrack on key elements of its proposed reform of the Official Secrets Act.

MEDIA

Independent - Government considering changing the basis on which it taxes ITV, introducing a turnover levy from 1990.



PRESS DIGEST

Independent - Internal Labour Party report predicts the end of the impartial tradition of British broadcasting because of satellite TV - unlikely to favour Labour.

Times - Channel 4 set to show £50million profit.

NHS

FT - NHS is in talks with retailers which may lead to much greater commercial exploitation in hospitals.

ENVIRONMENT

Independent devotes whole page to Britain's "booming" waste disposal industry. It says low charges and a welcoming Government attitude could make Britain the toxic dustbin of Europe. Last year more than 180,000 tonnes of hazardous waste were imported, seven times more than the previous year. It says one solution could be to dump in the deep ocean.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEM: Mr Fowler attends NCVQ lunch, London; later attends Industrial Society's dinner for industrial labour correspondents

DES: Mr Baker meets the Natural Environment Research Council and attends presentation on work of British Antarctic Survey

DHSS: All Ministers lunch with National Council for Voluntary Organisations

DTP: Mr Channon attends the Vehicle Inspectorate press conference, London

SO: Mr Rifkind addresses launch for BP Research Fellowship, Royal Society of Edinburgh, George Street, Edinburgh

DEM: Mr Nicholls visits South East (employment training)

DES: Mrs Rumbold attends official opening of the Royal Ballet School's second residential summer school

DOE: Mr Trippier visits Birmingham and Telford

DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Kennet and Avon Canal (British Waterways Board)

DTP: Mr Bottomley visits the West Midlands regional office

HO: Mr Hogg visits Wormwood Scrubs Prison

SO: Mr Lang opens new office of Templeton Unit Trust Managers, Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh

WO: Mr Roberts unveils fund raising painting Dinefwr Park, London

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DTI: Mr Clark attends EC Business Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

FCO: Mrs Chalker attends EC Business Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels

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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DES: Mr Baker interviewed for BBC Radio's Talking Politics programme

MAFF: Mr MacGregor interviewed by Radio Norfolk

DEM: Mr Lee lunches with Robert Bray, Evening Standard

DEM: Mr Cope interviewed by PASS magazine

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TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (06.30)

'Business Daily': Channel 4 (12.30)

'Currents': ITV (15.00) Lambeth '88 Conference

'World in Action': ITV (20.30)

'Newsnight': BBC1 (22.30)

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

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