

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets Premier of Southern Australia (photocall)

Barlow-Clowes Statement

Health Visitors Association Annual professional conference,
International Conference Centre, Bournemouth (to 22 October)

EC: Industry Ministers Council, Athens (to 22 October)

STATISTICS

BOE: Provisional estimates of monetary aggregate (Sept)

BOE: Institutional Investment (2nd qtr)

CLSB: London and Scottish bonus monthly statement (Sept)

CSO: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (Sept)

PUBLICATIONS

DES: Circular on School Admissions

SO: Press conference at Scottish Law Commission, on publication
of discussion paper on criminal evidence

PARLIAMENT

Commons:

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

Business: There will be a debate on a Motion to Approve the Defence
Estimates 1988 (CM 344)

Adjournment Debate: EC Trade Barriers (Mr P Oppenheim)

Select Committees: Conservative and Unionist Members

Lords: Starred Questions

School Boards (Scotland) Bill: Committee (2nd day)

Debate on the Report of the European Communities Committee on
Ozone Layer - implementing the Montreal Protocol (17th Report,
1987-88, HL Paper 94)

Lords: (Cont'd)

Debate on the Report of the European Communities Committee on
the Review of the Sheepmeat Regime (18th Report, 1987-88, HL
Paper 98

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEMMr Fowler addresses Employment Law Update conference, London

HMTMr Lawson addresses Mansion House

DEMMr Cope addresses Graduate Enterprise Seminar, Oxford

DEMMr Lee launches 'Let's go to York' brochure, London

DEMMr Nicholls attends APEX Trust's Breaking the Cycle press launch

DES: Mr Rumbold launches Economic Awareness Teacher Training Journal and
Bulletin at the University of London

DOE:Mr Trippier visits Tyne and Wear Development Corporation

DTp: Mr Bottomley attends the Motor Trader Motor Show conference, National
Motorcycle Museum; later addresses the GELCO Fleet Leasing and
Management Seminar and visits British International Motor Show,
Birmingham

OAL:Mr Luce addresses the opening of 'The Making of Manchester' exhibition,
Manchester; later addresses the Royal Society of Literature, London

WO: Mr Grist attends Law Society of England and Wales, Cardiff

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMain News

Opposition and some sections of the media - but not all - attack Government's ban on direct broadcasting by terrorist organisations and political fronts.

Row over BBC broadcasting interview with Gerry Adams a few hours before ban announced.

Treasury nears agreement on spending. Main outstanding differences concern provision for child benefit and for rural building. Overall expenditure is likely to be no more than £2billion to £3billion above the £167billion previously planned total for 1989-90 (FT).

Kohl, Lubbers, Marlem and Sauter issue joint statement calling for greater European political and monetary union, contrary to your Bruges speech.

Study by Royal Institute of International Affairs shows Britain is already too deeply committed to Europe for any second thoughts (Times).

EETPU to ballot members on one day strike (November 7) in protest against GCHQ sackings.

BMA says it is fed up with Government inspired - and perhaps even No 10 inspired - whispering campaign suggesting they are lazy.

Tory MPs urging John Moore not to give in to Treasury over child ~~benefit~~ dispute.

Piper Alpha families to be offered between £600,000 and £1.2million in compensation for those killed (Times).

Kinnock refuses to back Left wing Commons motion calling for cancellation of Trident.

Labour Party national executive could order another purge over Militants finding way back into Liverpool City Council.

Labour's London MPs report says nine years of Thatcherism have had a devastating effect on Londoners - house prices have shot up; NHS been savagely cut; and unemployment has risen at a quicker rate than elsewhere. (Times).

MMC says British Gas is using its monopoly to force up prices to industrial customers; OFGAS to investigate and produce remedy.

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Lord Young threatens to end monopoly if changes not made.

Lord Young appoints inquiry into alleged insider dealing in ConsGold.

Ravi Tikkoo's bid to take over Harland & Wolff fails.

Largest cable TV franchise in UK is awarded to Birmingham Cable Corporation which has a potential catchment of 456,000 homes in Birmingham and Solihull area (FT).

Richard Branson is expected to announce today that he has acquired 100% of equity of Superchannel (FT).

TUC to draw up new guideline to allow trade union to participate in Employment Training Scheme (Times).

Hartley Booth, of BUD, sets out plans to develop a network of partnership schemes with local authorities which would "effectively privatise the Government's Enterprise Zone initiative (Times).

Couple who started employment agency in Nottingham on £40-a-week Government grant four years ago sell it for over £1million (Times).

Speculation of more exemptions for dental and eyesight test charges to head off Tory rebellion.

National Association of Head Teachers calls for 26% rise for those running largest comprehensives.

VAT ruling by Customs & Excise threatens companies making gifts to universities and polytechnics.

Police Federation says police are losing the battle of the street because the "yob" is better protected than the police (Times).

Two lager louts who chased and assaulted cyclist to his death jailed for 8 and 7 years respectively.

Synod to be urged to abandon plans to move to new £9million HQ after inquiry finds that decision was based on muddle, misunderstanding and mistake (Times).

Mother, after 6 year fight, proves her son was killed by mistake by Royal Navy in Falklands, not by Argentines. Sun says she should never have had to wage this battle. Mistakes do occur in war and there is probably a case for keeping it secret at the time

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but not for 6 years.

William Waldegrave attacks Israeli in Commons over shooting of Palestinian protesters.

The French weekly Le Canard Enchaîné, alleges that French Navy pilots flew alongside Iraqi warplanes during some of the fiercest fighting in the Gulf War (Times).

More than 160 died in air crash in India yesterday.

Yugoslav Communist Party purges leadership and administers revenge for Serbian party chief.

Soviet Union runs out of hotel beds as glasnost brings British tourist boom.

Broadcasting Ban

Star page 2 - Storm as BBC beat Adams terror gag.

Sun page 2 - Fury as BBC beat Hurd ban on IRA's claptrap. BBC bosses stick two fingers up at Government.

Today page 1 - TV bosses face sack on IRA. Hurd cuts off oxygen supply to terrorists; leader says trying to beat the IRA with a gag is as futile as asking terrorists to swap their guns for knitting needles. Feature suggests Sinn Fein will turn to pirate radio.

~~Express~~ page 1 - Row as BBC flout Hurd terror ban. Adams allowed to beat publicity boycott. Leader headed "Closing down the enemy mouthpiece" says the ban is long overdue. The majority of people will welcome it as sensible and right. Those who wonder why Government has stopped short of proscribing Sinn Fein have not yet heard a convincing reply.

Mail page 2 - Broadcasting chiefs face sack over gag on IRA. Leader headed "Murder's voice to be muzzled" says Home Secretary is abundantly justified. Most decent men and women have never understood why soft voiced apologists for murder should be invited by broadcasters to put terror's point of view. and ideally there should not be one law for the ballot box and another for the goggle box. Sinn Fein's candidates should not be eligible for election. Meanwhile half a ban is better than no ban at all.

Times reports that TV and radio ban has been heavily criticised and described by the Opposition as riddled with loopholes.

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Broadcasters say the distinction between them and newspapers is unfair but say they will abide by Government's decision. republican service are looking at counter-measures which would include setting up illegal radio stations in the Irish Republic; standing for more elections; challenging their ban in the courts; and finding ways of promoting policies through left-wing groups in England.

Times leader, under heading "A Squeeze on Murder", says the ban cannot be exactly welcomed. but it can be seen as one more item in the catalogue of freedoms which have been curtailed by terrorism and whose restoration can be guaranteed only by terrorism's defeat.

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DTp: Mr Channon visits Frankfurt for meeting on European Air Congestion (to
21 October)

DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Paralympics, Seoul, South Korea (to 25 October)

SO: Lord Sanderson attends Overseas Promotion of Scotch Meat Food Fair,
Paris

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DES: Mrs Rumbold appears on BBC TV Question Time
