

MAIN EVENTS

Princess Royal opens the Mount Young Offenders Institution

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PUBLICATIONS

DES: HMI Survey: The new teacher in school. The curriculum from 5 to 16:  
HMI Response

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Transport; Wales; Energy

Business: European Communities (Finance) Bill : Committee Stage.  
Motion relating to the Local Government (Prescribed  
Expenditure) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations

Adjournment Debate: The case of Major Peter Cory Rtd (Mr A Hunter)

Lords: Starred Questions  
Housing Bill: Report (1st Day)

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTMain News

Harris poll in Observer gives Conservatives 9 point lead - 49/40 SLDP 7 SDP 2 Greens 15. Conservatives most trusted to protect environment.

Leaders of Protestant and Catholic Churches in Northern Ireland to visit USA next month to explain conditions in province.

Crew of Italian ship involved in Piraeus collision in which 2 are killed and 2 Britons - teacher and pupil - are missing, say captain is lying; he was going too fast. Sun wants British Government to conduct its own inquiry.

John Moore freezing child benefit. Kinnock describes it as penny pinching meanness; but money to be redistributed in favour of poorest. Today says it will be ended if Tories win next election.

Express canvasses idea of council tenants being allowed to buy their homes without a deposit.

Lord Young to back any City lifeboat operation in Barlow-Clowes affair.

Paul Channon to outline options for privatising British Rail this week.

London boroughs have asked DTp to consider tolls on some roads to reduce congestion in the capital (Times).

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Kenneth Clarke to end scandal of doctors, suspended on full pay, often for years; Today says 40 doctors are in this situation.

Roy Hattersley urges radio and TV journalists to challenge Government ban on direct IRA/Sinn Fein broadcasts (Express).

Bill Jordan, AEU, says pay rises will go over 10% as unions seek compensation for high mortgage rates and exploit labour shortages and example on pay rises set by management.

Lloyds Bank economist predicts inflation running at 5% for next 4 years because of pay settlements.

Breakaway union from EETPU, following its from TUC, wins check off rights at Ford.

Future of Gurkhas in doubt - Defence Select Committee starts



PRESS DIGEST

inquiry this week.

Royal Navy base at Portland is to close in reorganisation of MOD's weapon-buying branch. Recommendations likely to be submitted to Ministers before the end of the year (Independent).

Government set to merge its six defence research establishments into a single Defence Research Agency, with powers to make a profit and to raise capital on the commercial market (FT).

Meanwhile, John Major reported as winning battle over public spending single-handedly. But MOD wins £800million to keep procurement projects on schedule.

Children at risk and mentally handicapped not being visited by social workers in Brent where local authority is in chaos.

Mail concerned about Europe's tendency to go for Marshall Plan for Communist bloc. If the Soviet leaders want their people to be better off they should begin by reducing their enormous arms burden, it says.

The Soviet-German summit this week highlights Europe's current dilemma - should the West prop up perestroika. You are said to be deeply sceptical - why should the West prop up communism as it is falling apart (Times).

Telegraph says your isolation in EC over Europe's future is likely to increase this week when EuroParliament debates reports calling for "building a kind of United States of Europe".

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Government to announce closure by Christmas of North East Shipbuilders in Sunderland, with loss of 2,000 jobs, and creation of enterprise agency there.

NHS secures £1billion deal to sell skills and services to Saudi Arabia.

NAO is to investigate the Government's sale of Rover Group to BAe. And on Wednesday, the PAC will consider a report on the Royal Ordnance sale (Times).

Harrods to sack Lonrho "spy" on its staff.

Chairman of ACAS says Government and private employers are biggest block to spread of no-strike deals because of their reluctance to embrace arbitration.



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British Airways to introduce free flight and cut price holiday vouchers linked with sales of goods in shops and garages.

Home Secretary hopes to reach agreement with Spain on confiscation of criminals' assets with serious implications for Costa del Crime.

Home Office proposing new clamp down on illegal immigrants gaining entry as students.

A Times survey has revealed that jury verdicts are too often affected by prejudice, anti-police bias and ignorance; juries do not represent a cross-section of the community. Findings are supported by the Criminal Bar Association.

Computer hacker in Surrey who has broken into some of the world's most sensitive systems won't be prosecuted because he made no use of information.

Sun and Today backs idea of common summertime throughout Europe.

Fifty grammar schools likely to opt out of local education authority control, according to Today.

Doctors tell John Smith, Opposition Overseas spokesman, to lose 3 stone after heart attack.

Benn backs reform of unions' block vote.

Two girls, one from Cardiff and the other from Ireland, shot dead by bandits on Thai-Cambodian border.

Woman police constable beaten and kicked into semi-consciousness by Torquay lager louts; taken to hospital.

Gerry Adams is considering taking seat in HOC in an attempt to ridicule the media ban on interviews with terrorist linked organisations (Times).

Hurricane kills 50 and renders 300,000 homeless in Nicaragua; complaints about Britain's £10,000 worth of food being tiny.

Bryan Cartledge, in Express article, suggests Gorbachev should have Western consultants to attack central feature of Soviet life: the queue.



PRESS DIGEST

Independent leads with "The rebirth of a proud nation", focussing on the developments this week in Lithuania, concluding with a mass rally yesterday and marking a new mood of nationalism.

OPEC meeting aimed at production sharing pact breaks up without agreement.

Lawyers, acting for the defence in Heysel Stadium trial, will today urge their clients to walk out unless certain witnesses are called and cross examination is allowed (Times).

Child Benefit

Independent leader says it is wrong to freeze child benefit without providing a satisfactory alternative and with no clear motive except parsimony. It thinks that targetting is liable to increase the very dependency Government seeks to end and fears that some money would miss the target anyway.

Economy

FT - Sam Brittan argues that Britain needs to raise the level of sterling if a sharp inflationary upsurge is to be avoided. A further increase in base rates may also be necessary.

Environment

Independent - First meeting between governments to discuss political impication of global warning to be held in Geneva next month organised by UN Environment Programme. DoE admits scientists are no nearer to solution on greenhouse effect. Ministers to aim for end to CFC production next year.

East-West Relations

FT leader looks at Kohl's trip to Moscow, and says that he needs to keep a cool head in assessing the real extent of possibilities for positive Soviet changes. In practice his freedom of action is limited. NATO cohesion is paramount: it is time for the Western leaders to seriously compare notes.



**MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)**

HO: Mr Hurd launches National Fire Safety Week

DEMr Lee attends presentation of City and Guilds Master Restaurateur Award, London

DES: Mr Butcher addresses representatives of the voluntary sector about the abolition of the ILEA

DOE: Mr Gummer addresses National Federation of Retail Newsagents; later visits Rochester upon Medway City Council

DTI: Mr Atkins opens Chemical Industry Education Centre, University of York

DTp: Mr Bottomley is guest speaker at ERF dinner, Connaught Hotel, London

HMTMr Lilley visits DNS in Glasgow

ODA: Mr Patten attends Royal Geographical Society dinner, London

SO: Mr Lang opens Regional Transport Centre, Strathclyde University

SO: Lord Sanderson opens Peer Conference, Countryside Commission for Scotland HQ, Perth

**MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)**

DES: Mr Rumbold appears on the Brian Hayes Show on LBC Radio

DOE: Mr Tripper interviewed by Granada TV

**TV AND RADIO**

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

"Kilroy": BBC 1 (9.20). Start of new series of live discussions

"Business Daily": C4 (12.30)

"The World at One": BBC Radio 4 (13.00)

"Watchdog": BBC 1 (19.30)

"The Education Programme": BBC 2 (19.35). Start of new series. This programme asks if school is the right place to teach sense of values and morals

"Panorama": BBC 1 (21.30). Investigation into implications of genetic research and its possible dangers

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

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (23.00)