

14 November 1988

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Inquest into deaths of Jervaise McKerr, Sean Burns and Eugene Tomon (shot by RUC in November 1982 - Stalker/Sampson Shoot to Kill Allegations)

EC: Formal Agricultural Council, Brussels (to 15 November)

EC: Fifth ESPRIT conference, Brussels (to 18 November)

EC: European Parliament Plenary, Strasbourg (to 18 November)

ODA: Dr Dieter Frisch, Director-General, Directorate General VIII, EC Brussels, visits ODA

MOD: WEU Ministerial Meeting, QEII Centre, London (to 15 November)

Prison Governors annual conference, Blackpool (to 16 November)

DH: General Medical Council annual meeting

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STATISTICS

CBI: CBI/FT Survey of distributive trades (Oct)

DTI: Producer price index numbers (Oct-prov)

DTI: Retail sales (Oct-prov)

HO: Statistics of offences relating to motor vehicles, England and Wales 1987 and supplementary tables (this week)

HO: Statistics of offenders convicted of drunkenness, England and Wales 1987 (this week)

OAL: ~~Museums~~ and Galleries - Accounts for year ending 31 March 1987

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PUBLICATIONS

OAL: Arts Distance Learning Package - press launch

OPCS: Survey of Disability - second report: Financial implications for adults in the community (prov)

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## PARLIAMENT

### Commons

Questions: Social Security; Transport; Wales

Business: Road Traffic Bill (Lords):  
Committee and Remaining Stages  
(CONSOLIDATION MEASURE)

Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Bill (Lords):  
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Road Traffic Offenders Bill (Lords):  
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Afterwards,  
Debates on Motions to take note of EC Documents on Safety in the Workplace and Personal Protective Equipment, on Risks to Workers from Biological Agents, the Control of Genetically Modified Organisms and the Regulation of Biotechnology, on Tar Yields of Cigarettes and the Labelling of Tobacco Products, on Waste from the Titanium Dioxide Industry and on Dimensions of Articulated Vehicles. Details of the EC Documents concerned will be given in the Official Report.

Adjournment Debate: Rural development in the Borders (Mr A Kirkwood)

### Select Committees:

HOME AFFAIRS - Subject: Forensic Science Service. Witnesses: Mr F L Jordan, QPM, Chief Constable, Kent Constabulary; Mr A A Mullett, QPM, Chief Constable, West Mercia Constabulary

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS - Subject: Assistance to small firms. Witness: Geoffrey Holland, CB, Permanent Secretary, Department of the Environment; Mr R J Dawe, CB, OBE, Director General, Training Commission

TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE - Witnesses: BBC and IBA



**Lords****Starred Questions**

Road Traffic Bill (HL) (Consolidation): Consideration of Commons Amendments

Road Traffic Offenders Bill (HL) (Consolidation): Consideration of Commons Amendments

Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Bill (HL): Consideration of Commons Amendments

Housing Bill: Consideration of Commons Amendments. E. Caithness.

Education Support Grants (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 1988: Motion for Approval

Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 1988: Motion for Approval

Consumer Protection Act 1987 (Commencement No.2) Order 1988: Motion for Approval

Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1988) Motion for Approval

Weights and Measures (Miscellaneous Foods) Order 1988) Motion for Approval

UQ to ask HMG whether they are satisfied that the review currently being carried out by the Department of Employment into the relationship between the tourist industry and Government is taking fully into account all Departmental Interests and the international competitive prospects for the industry

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**MINISTERS - See Annex**

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PRESS DIGESTMain News

Prince Charles' 40th birthday.

Financial markets braced for further weakening of US dollar and stock prices.

Telegraph says you will reassure City in Guildhall speech tonight about your determination to get on top of inflation.

Kenneth Clarke makes it clear nurses will not improve gradings by taking industrial action; "disgraceful" union attempts to get trouble going. Mentally handicapped patients being forced to sleep on floor. Allegations that Health Authority staff are being intimidated into giving lower gradings to nurses than justified.

Cook and Dewar clash over outcome of Govan by-election; Sillars to take his seat today. Cook says Labour intends to take its gloves off at Westminster.

Labour trying to get Chancellor to make another statement on his briefing - Dalyell says he will press for an emergency debate.

Latest CBI retail returns show a dampening of demand while economists speculate about a further rise in interest rates.

Estate agents say nationwide boom in house prices is over.

Speculation of a spectacular 100,000 plus cut in unemployment on Thursday.

William Hague, ex Tory Party conference whizz kid, selected for Richmond by-election.

Express says you are to launch a drive to allow people to work beyond retirement age; and Government working group is looking at ways firms can attract workers back to industry as demographic change reduces numbers coming into work.

Leaders of South Wales miners reject Scargill's call for an overtime ban. But UDM members believed to have voted against a 6.5% pay deal.

British Coal today announce half yearly profits of £200million.



PRESS DIGEST

Report of DTp's investigation into near air miss off the Kent coast in February condemns outdated equipment, inefficient procedures and inadequate manning levels at London Air Traffic Control Centre (Times).

Jaguar week long strike due to end today.

20,000 people seek 600 jobs at Rover.

British Medical TV is to seek an entire BBC night hours channel if this becomes available for commercial use (FT).

Mail, pursuing its quest of a lead free petrol Britain, finds support in a survey of MPs; reinforces its call for tax differential with leaded petrol

Gallup, in Telegraph, shows concern over pollution has risen sharply, and especially concern over climatic changes.

Kinnock to make "green" speech today to county council leaders.

Nicholas Ridley will reaffirm the Government's intention to strengthen environmental protection measures although there will be no legislation next session (FT).

All-day drinking leads to drop in cases of drunkenness. You can trust the people, says Sun.

Inquiry ordered into claims that at least one other victim perished in King's Cross fire.

15 children and 2 adults hurt when car runs into Remembrance Day procession in Birmingham - parents blame police for failing to protect parade.

Exeter University survey shows secondary school pupils spend as much time watching television as they do at lessons.

NUS sets up hotline after receiving flood of calls from parents and students worried about new student loan plans (Times).

London Education Authorities are offering "golden hellos" to recruit newly qualified teachers (Independent).

Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils, to launch an embarrassing campaign for the Government - how to retain council housing in the wake of legislation to encourage HATs etc.



PRESS DIGEST

Kenneth Baker set to reject calls from right-wingers for return to formal grammar lessons in primary schools following Kingman Committee report (Times).

Government expected to provoke angry reaction from MPs next week by failing to include legislation on embryo research in the Queen's Speech.

Home Office to more than double staff handling visas.

Cache of arms found near border in Republic; you are said to be urging EC Governments to press continental satellite TV companies to keep terrorists off screens.

Two CND supporters claim to have helped spy George Blake escape from prison.

MORI poll shows large majority of regular churchgoers support women priests in principle.

Star says Gordon Wilson, at Enniskillen war memorial 12 months after bomb there, reminds world that the IRA will never do to the British people what the Kaiser and Hitler failed to do.

Sun attacks Bishop of Liverpool for declining to preach at Enniskillen service because he says it would not have been understood when RC Archbishop of Liverpool was not invited - typifies anxious self-regard of Anglican Church.

Dubcek omits attacks on Prague Government in speech in Italy. Telegraph says he censored himself to ensure he is allowed to return to Czechoslovakia.

Shamir's Likud party wins support of extreme religious parties to be able to form Israeli Government.

PLO said to be on new course of moderation and realism in implicitly recognising Isreal.

Sir Crispin Tickell will meet Dante Caputo, Argentine Foreign Minister and recently elected President of the UN General Assembly, at UN HQ. Both sides view it as a possible first step towards restoring diplomatic relations (Independent).

Benazir Bhutto has said she would permit inspections of Pakistan's nuclear facilities if elected on Wednesday (Independent).



PRESS DIGEST

Chinese archaeologists have found another huge terracotta army (Independent).

US official says agreement on independence for Namibia and withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola can be reached at Geneva peace talks if present rate of progress is maintained.

NURSES

Sun leader says Government is pouring money into the NHS. Both sides must get together to work out a sensible settlement before more helpless patients suffer.

CHANCELLOR'S BRIEFING

John Akass, in Express, says that someone somewhere is not telling the truth.

Bill Deedes, in Telegraph, finds the episode "rum" since Chancellor has in theory forgotten more about the workings of a journalist's mind, and how to handle them, than most of his Cabinet colleagues will ever learn.

Guardian leader says the new material published this weekend comes nowhere near proof of mendacity, but it certainly furnishes additional circumstantial evidence making the Chancellor's account look even less persuasive. If the issue were simply the honour of the Parliamentary Lobby few could regard it as pressure. But what is at stake is the refusal of a senior Minister to come clean.

Times - DSS officials stunned to learn of Chancellor's commitment to new scheme to help poorer elderly pensioners after idea was taken back by John Moore during PES round.

Gordon Brown again calling for the Chancellor to make a statement about his lobby briefing 10 days ago. He has written to you saying yesterday's papers represented a 'travesty of the facts' (Independent).

YOUR VISIT TO USA

Today - Maggie rescue mission to US - over economic crises.

Mail suggests Baker is squeezing out Quayle to become effective deputy president.



PRESS DIGEST

Times - Pressure for NATO summit. You will back idea of meeting of NATO leaders in London next June when you meet George Bush. You will also emphasise the need to press ahead with modernisation of short-range nuclear weapons.

LAW & ORDER

Times - Tom King stops details of secret anti-terrorist operations from being given at inquest into deaths of three IRA men at centre of shoot-to-kill allegations.

Times - Lord Chancellor asks Legal Aid Board to look at ways victims of disasters or drugs can bring joint actions under the legal aid scheme.

ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

David McKittrick in Independent examines the unrealised expectations of the nationalist community in the Anglo-Irish agreement. But, he says, in general they do not think it would be scrapped as it is judged to be an important first step towards alleviating Catholic grievances; leader says it might be healthier for the Conservative Party to organise in Northern Ireland as it might be more sensitive to the currents of its public opinion.

MIDDLE EAST

Times leader looks at the PLO's reported acceptance of UN resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for an international peace conference. But it says it will only reassure Israel if the Palestinians are wholly unambiguous in recognising Israel and renouncing violence. Israel reacts with scepticism.



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Mr Fowler addresses two millionth YTS entrant presentation, London
- DEN: Mr Parkinson addresses City University Convocation lecture on Energy Policy, London
- DOE: Mr Ridley launches NEDC Faster Building for Commerce, in City of London
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe chairs WEU Ministerial Meeting, London (also 15 November)
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses Prison Governors conference, Blackpool
- SO: Mr Rifkind addresses Howard League for penal reform, Edinburgh University, Edinburgh
- WO: Mr Walker attends lunch with Association of British Chambers of Commerce, London
- DEM: Mr Lee receives visit by Kenyan Minister for Tourism and Wildlife, George Mukobo
- DES: Mrs Rumbold visits Wiltshire, LEA, Lavington and Dauntsey School
- DOE: Mrs Bottomley addresses CIPFA Conference, Birmingham
- DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Crewe and Alsayer College of Higher Education
- DSS: Lord Skelmersdale visits Association of British Insurers
- DTI: Mr Maude attends presentation of Innovation Award with Woodmex '88 at NEC; later visits Sheffield
- FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses Association of European Journalists; later addresses Central London Polytechnic and Anglo-Belgian Society annual dinner, London
- HMT: Mr Lamont addresses the Financial Times World Electricity conference on privatization
- HO: Mr Patten addresses Newbridge youth conference on crime and punishment; later addresses National Council for Voluntary Organizations AGM
- MAFF Mr Thompson visits Scarborough and Bridlington
- MAFF Baroness Trumpington meets Emma Nicholson MP re North Wyke Grassland Research Institute
- SO: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton performs turf cutting ceremony, Glasgow Airport Redevelopment, Glasgow
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MAFF Mr MacGregor attends Agriculture Council, Brussels

DTI: Mr Forth opens UK Trade Exhibition, Abidjan Cote Ivoire (to 16 November)

HO: Lord Ferrers visits Denmark and Holland to view their fire services (to 17 November)

SO: Mr Lang visits Japan and Hong Kong, with SCDI Trade Mission (to 25 November)

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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DES: Mr Baker interviewed by the Early Times

DOE: Mr Ridley interviewed on Panorama

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TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30).

'Kilroy': BBC 1 (9.20)

'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)

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

'The Education Programme': BBC 2 (19.35). The attitude of polytechnics and universities to mature students

'Watchdog' BBC 1 (19.30)

'World in Action': ITV (20.30)

'Cities Fit To Live In': C4 (21.00) Profile of Toronto

'Panorama': BBC 1 (21.30) Are tougher laws needed to control the Waste Cowboys' in Britain's booming waste industry? Interview with Nicholas Ridley

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

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.30)

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