

MAIN EVENTS

The Princess of Wales attends the Hospitals for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, annual presentation of medals and certificates at the Guildhall, London

Bills published on Water Privatisation, Northern Ireland Elections, Children

EC: Environment Council, Brussels

EC: OECD North/South Group, Paris (to 25 November)

ODA: Mr Thauqan Al-Hindani, Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education visits ODA

ODA: Mr Karanja, Kenyan Prime Minister visits ODA

STATISTICS

CSO: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (Oct)

DEM: 1987 New Earnings Survey report Part E: Analysis by region and age group

DEN: Energy trends (Sept)

PUBLICATIONS

DEM: National Institute Economic Review

DH/LCD: Child Care Bill

NIO: Elected Authorities (NI) Bill

OAL: Public lending right report 1987/88

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Debate of the Address

Adjournment Debate: The British Rail pension fund (Mr C Gregory)

Select Committees: Not available at time of diary preparation

Lords: Debate on the Address - Second Day

The Debate will concentrate on HOME AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

MINISTERS

See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMain News

Botha reprieves "Sharpeville Six"; sentences commuted to 18-25 years in prison; Mirror says it is a ray of light, and Mandela should now be released.

Times leader says reprieve will be welcomed by all sensible South Africans as evidence not only of a new political wisdom in Pretoria but of the even rarer quality, compassion. Separate story says your personal appeal to Botha is believed to have played an important part in his decision.

You call a world summit on world's climate - Express leads with the news.

NIESR speculates tht trade deficit will worsen next year, not improve, as Government suggests.

Chancellor warns of higher interest rates if wage increases continue to rise. Express says that for everyone's sake the warning must be heeded.

Times profiles Alan Walters under the heading "Return of the economics wizard".

British Steel share price at 125p seen as a bargain - Bryan Gould says it undervalues BS by £200million. Today suggests small investors will make instant £60 profit.

Government sanctions anonymous AIDS tests, the results of which ~~will~~ be kept secret, to discover more about its spread. Mail argues those tested should be asked whether they wish to be told the result.

Times leader says the Government's decision to introduce anonymous testing for AIDS is long overdue adding that more and better data is needed. The sure way to collect this is by routine testing of people throughout the country on the lines outlined by Department of Health.

John Major gives assurance to Treasury Select Committee that new benefits for the very old will not be paid for by cutting benefits to other pensioners (Independent).

IRA bomb attack on police station in County Tyrone kills man, 69, and granddaughter who were driving past; 6 others injured.

PRESS DIGEST

Earlier customers in a pub in County Down escape when an IRA rocket fired at a police patrol goes into empty shop next door.

Jaguar said to be on brink of a strike as workers reject 2 year deal.

Battle of the tanks reaches decisive stage. If Cabinet opts for General Dynamics tank it will almost certainly condemn the British heavy tank industry to oblivion. If it accepts the Vickers Challenger, there will always be questions about how far the decision was a political one rather than one based on value for money (FT).

Sir Geoffrey Pattie said to be backing US tank in replacement decision due today.

Nicholas Ridley explains reasoning behind Water Bill in Telegraph.

French buy 3 more British water companies - Mid-Southern, Mid-Sussex and West Kent.

Water industry specialists told nitrate will pollute water supplies for 15 to 20 years and will raise cost of water (Times).

Government appears ready to leave open the possibility of overseas takeovers of water companies to be created under privatisation. No decisions have been taken on "golden shares" in the 10 companies (FT).

TUC votes 26-16 to offer "conditional support" to Employment ~~Training~~ Scheme.

Mail reports Kenneth Baker backing its campaign against Labour councils which try to bully parents against opting out.

Kenneth Baker calls on parents to make a bigger effort to help teachers raise school standards; urges them to switch off TV and make children read.

North London Polytechnic suspends six students after last week's abuse of Norman Tebbit.

Today, commenting on survey which shows Britain is one of the few countries where teachers earn less than secretaries, says they are undervalued. But they have only themselves to blame for rejecting rewards for skill and performance.

PRESS DIGEST

Report says thousands of accident victims die each year because they do not get specialist treatment quickly enough.

9 arrested at Heathrow in possession of cocaine worth £1million.

Express leader on praise of Government's plans to reduce remission for convicted terrorists and to make them serve outstanding previous sentence if convicted again.

Express says Churches and Tory MPs against idea of quicker and easier divorce - ending after a period of reflection of 9 months to a year.

David Owen attacks BBC for their objection to Government ban on broadcast of face to face interviews with terrorists. BBC owes a loyalty to State and is out of step with public opinion.

Institute of Economic Affairs claims Britons have been conned into believing our TV shows are better than America's to help preserve duopoly.

TV-AM dispute is one year old today. Bruce Gynge claims that White Paper makes it clear that TV-AM should have the fifth channel.

Labour prepare ground for fresh wave of expulsions of Militant Tendency supporters as Party's general secretary is instructed to investigate 12 leading members of Southwark and Bermondsey constituency party (Times).

~~Study~~ shows that nearly 14% of 5 year olds disrupt lessons and cause teachers stress.

Kenneth Baker steps up campaign to encourage greater parental responsibility particularly over truancy (Times).

Bristol Labour councillors claim two historic streets - Whiteladies Road and Blackboy Hill - are sexist and racist.

Borough of Torbay's senior officers say tenants' ballot over sale of its council houses was organised with the full support and encouragement of the DoE. But DoE now appears to be distancing itself from the ballot by emphasising that such a vote was not required by law (Independent).

Coroner says a radiation overdose led to death of mother, 47, after blunder by technician at Exeter hospital.

PRESS DIGEST

Ted Heath voted Spectator's Parliamentarian of the Year.

Express picture of Denis Thatcher promoting British made bikes.

On eve of his visit to Moscow, President Mitterrand gives comprehensive statement on French foreign policy, covering his determination to heal the wounds inflicted on Europe by the Yalta agreement and his differences with you over the future of the EC (Independent).

Australian Government trying to stop publication of a book about its own intelligence service.

Genscher to question Iran about Terry Waite (Times).

Two regions in Soviet republic of Azerbaijan under state of emergency after ethnic clashes in which three Soviet soldiers were killed.

SECURITY SERVICE

Sun - New curb on spy masters. Those hounded could get compensation.

Today - Clampdown on MI5 burglars. Agents will no longer be able to break in without permission.

Independent - Security Service Bill, which will legalise MI5 bugging and burglary, expected to receive opposition support. But it contains no provision for contracts enforcing lifelong confidentiality on officers. Regretting the lack of Parliamentary oversight, leader says the Bill is essentially a bureaucratic measure, designed to tidy up an unsatisfactory and anomalous situation. It says that, taken with the reform of the Official Secrets Act, the measures will provide an inadequate and illiberal response to growing concern at the conduct of the security services.

Agents will answer to the law as Home Secretary promises to allow public to complain about MI5 in new security service legislation (Times).

Telegraph - Break-ins by warrant for MI5.

Telegraph - Merlyn Rees struck right balance when he gave a qualified welcome to Security Service Bill. A great improvement but there should be greater accountability to the Commons.

PRESS DIGESTENVIRONMENT SUMMIT

Sun - Maggie bid to save world from death rays.

Express leads with news

Telegraph - Thatcher to host ozone summit.

FT - Thatcher to boost ozone summit; Michael Heseltine warns that Soviet Union is attempting to use international anxiety about environmental problems to undermine Western security policies.

Times - You call international conference in London next March to unite countries in phasing out CFCs.

Independent - In the wake of your 'conversion', environment takes a higher place on the political agenda. Tory green group meets today amid fears that your lead on environmental protection is not being fully backed up by Government action.

Guardian - Thatcher to host global talks on ozone threat.

THE QUEEN

Sun says both Tory and Labour politicians say Queen's reported interpretation of SNP success in Govan was mistaken; leader says Queen's compassion is an admirable thing, but she is wrong. By-elections mean nothing. Govan is not the only place where there is poverty and poverty is not new. The difference now is that more is being done for the poor than at any time in our history.

Sun feature says you and Queen are fighting tooth and nail again. It rehearses alleged differences.

Mirror - They're all hunting the Mirror's Royal mole (but we're not telling). You are believed to have got a dressing down from Queen last night over controversy about a State visit to Russia.

Express - Row over Queen's 'leaked' remarks. Govan and State visit to Russia threaten to become a major political row.

Mail - Queen sees Maggie as furore grows. Paul Johnson says it is simply not true that the people of Govan, or anywhere else in Scottish lowlands have nothing. Queen's remarks ill-informed. He goes on to condemn Scots' self pity.

PRESS DIGEST

Dispute grows over leaking of Queen's remarks about Govan and Labour MPs accuse you of breaking the principle of confidentiality about the Queen being invited to Moscow to be leaked through parliamentary lobby (Times).

Telegraph leads with Thatcher seeks to repair "rift" with the Palace. Protocol row raised with Queen. Meanwhile Queen involved in further controversy about Govan.

Telegraph leader fulminates under heading "Damaging Gaffe" about reports last weekend that you would discourage Queen for accepting invitation to visit Moscow. For an official to commit a breach of convention was an impertinence and it has injured you. A bad day's work.

Telegraph diary, on another aspect of 'leaks' says you are far from pleased that news of Security Service Bill should have leaked soon after Shadow Cabinet were told. Rumours Privy Council briefings could be jeopardised if leaks continue.

ECONOMY

FT - Britain's economic growth will halve and stay low into 1990s, according to National Institute of Economic and Social Research. It also says YTS has brought little improvement in craft training; and in some areas training standards have fallen. Leader calls for Government to put more resources into vocational education and think harder about the division of responsibilities between industry and schools.

~~SHARPEVILLE~~ 6

Independent - Botha bows to international pressure and reprieves Sharpeville Six. Leader says you helped to increase the pressure by seeing Joyce Mokhesi in July. But it believes Botha would not have saved the Six if last month's municipal elections had not shown far right popularity peaking. It now calls for the release of Nelson Mandela.

MIDDLE EAST

Independent - US issues visa for Yasser Arafat to attend the UNGA next month after President Mubarak intervenes with the White House. Palestinian officials describe the British as "our good friends" and recognise your "brave and wise advice to the Americans to push the Middle East up on the list of priorities". they believe you will pull Europe with you to let the Americans to be more just to the Palestinians.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DH: Mr Clarke opens Spring Meadow Sheltered Scheme, Cotgrove
- DTI: Mr Newton addresses CBI's Urban Regeneration and Business Opportunities conference, London
- HMT: Mr Major visits United Biscuits factory, Stockport
- DEM: Mr Nicholls attends ET Promotional launch (prov)
- DEM: Mr Lee visits Worcester
- DEM: Mr Cope addresses BIC Women's initiative, Preston
- DEN: Baroness Hooper visits LEB, High Holborn
- DH: Mr Meller gives Wessex lecture, Southampton General Hospital
- DH: Mrs Currie attends reception to mark the handing over of a new computer system, IBM; later attends annual luncheon of the British Nutrition Foundation, presented by HRH The Princess Royal
- DOE: Mrs Bottomley addresses Waste Watch conference
- DTI: Mr Maude addresses 1992 Week, Lewisham; later addresses Olivetti, on 1992
- DTp: Mr Portillo visits Dialacab headquarters, London
- HMT: Mr Lilley addresses the Actuarial Dining Club (Argonauts) at Midland Montagu, London
- HO: Mr Renton addresses Shopping Hours Reform Council dinner, London
- MAFF: Baroness Trumpington attends Advisory Committee on Pesticides 200th meeting, London
- OAL: Mr Luce addresses opening of Sussex Painters' exhibition, Mall Galleries, London
- SO: Lord Sanderson addresses Glasgow Business School on the Single European Market, University of Glasgow
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Lord Glenarthur visits NATO (to 25 November)

FCO: Mrs Chalker hosts Konigswinter Steering Committee dinner

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DEN: Mr Parkinson appears on BBC TVs Question Time

TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Kilroy': BBC 1 (9.20)

'The Parliament Programme': C4 (12.00)

'Business Daily': Channel 4 (12.30)

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

'Open Space': BBC 2 (19.55) Liverpool Councillor Margaret Simey on
democracy in Local Government

'This Week': ITV (20.30) The seepage of highly radioactive radon gas into
homes and schools

'Question Time': BBC 1 (22.30). Cecil Parkinson, Gordon Brown, Alex Carlile
and Barbara Amiel

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.30)

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

'The City Programme': C4 (22.35)
