

9 December 1988

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prince Edward attends the 15,000th performance of The Mousetrap,
St Martin's Theatre, London

TREVI Meeting in Athens

CO: Plain English Awards

PUBLICATIONS

CO: Service to the public

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Debate on the Multi-Fibre Arrangement on a Motion for the
Adjournment. Details of the relevant EC Documents will be given
in the Official Report.

Adjournment Debates: The operation of the Energy Act 1983 and the
development of private electricity generation in
Wales (Mr P Flynn)

PRESS DIGESTMain News

80-100,000 dead in Armenian earthquake, according to press.

Prime Minister's remarks yesterday get wide coverage.

London firemen's team, with heat seeking equipment, leaving for Armenia today.

World comes to rescue - Express.

NATO calls for a joint limit of 28,000 tanks on either side - requiring a further cut of 27,000 by Warsaw Pact on top of those offered by Gorbachev. No country should have more than 12,000.

You stand firm on cuts by NATO.

Mid term GATT talks fail to secure world farms reforms; damage limitation exercise now on.

UK egg producers say industry faces disaster because of Edwina Currie's salmonella scare.

Agriculture Select Committee launches inquiry.

Claims that salmonella is higher in free range eggs.

High interest rates leave shopkeepers gloomier in run up to Christmas than they have been for years (CBI); retailers expect sales to fall next year.

MPs get 6.9% - £30 a week - and Cabinet Ministers 4.5% on average.

Oxford proposing to give secret merit rises of up to 30% to a quarter of its profession (Independent).

Lloyds fine four men connected with former underwriting agency £150,000 each and suspends their membership. Details passed to Serious Fraud Office.

Hopes of 7,000 investors in Barlow Clowes that they would get their money back by Christmas dashed.

Tony Gilroy, Land Rover managing director, leaves after being passed over for promotion.

Privatisation has raised £23.5 billion so far.

PRESS DIGEST

MOD urged by PAC to cut excess profits on non-competitive contracts, running at £100million over 3 years.

Mail, reporting Edwina Currie, says record numbers of doctors, nurses and dentists are now employed by the NHS and more patients than ever are being treated. Telegraph: Currie hails 20% increase in hospital doctors.

Eight teachers told to leave ILEA primary school where black and ethnic minority children fail to reach acceptable standard.

Popular newspapers ignore decision on lie detectors.

Independent - Thatcher retracts over lie detector tests at GCHQ.

Chief Rabbi, in Lords debate, backs curbs on IRA broadcast interviews; any Government's duty is to ensure safety of its citizens.

Ireland studying Belgian call for a common Euro policy on extradition.

Gwyneth Dunwoody MP loses her home - repossessed by building society.

Robert Adley MP calls for lobby system to be reviewed and is strongly critical of journalists' standards.

← Terrorists shoot down US plane carrying locust killing chemicals over Western Sahara for International Development Agency.

Editorial calls for Lady Porter to go after adverse Ombudsman's report on sale of three cemeteries for 15p without consulting relatives of those buried there.

Kenneth Kaunda does not feel snubbed - he says he has not invited you to visit Zambia.

US air force jet crashes into residential area of West German city killing six and injuring 40.

Hugo Hawksley MP, Walthamstow, voted most romantic MP.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DES: Mr Baker is presented with the Westminster Abbey Book
- DH: Mr Clarke opens Saraphed Medical Centre, Birmingham; later attends meeting and dinner to promote Better Ethnic Minority Health Care
- CO: Mr Luce addresses the opening of Civil Service Computer Training Centre, Brighton
- DEM: Mr Lee makes regional visit to Leighton Buzzard and St Albans
- DEN: Baroness Hooper visits South Wales Electricity Board
- DH: Mrs Currie meets Tharassaemia Society
- DOE: Lord Caithness visits Middlesborough for launch of UK 2000/BTCV Conversation Action Schemes and Housing visits
- HMT: Mr Lilley addresses the CBI ECU conference, London; later addresses the Petroleum Luncheon Club, London
- MAFF Baroness Trumpington addresses Methodist Women's Luncheon Club, London
- WO: Mr Grist opens Cardiff Young Business Centre; later visits Wales and West Housing Association Open Day, Crickhowell

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- HO: Mr Hurd attends TREV meeting Athens (to 10 December)
- MAFF Mr MacGregor and Mr Thompson attend Fisheries Council, Brussels (to 11 December)
- SO: Lord Sanderson attends EC Fisheries Council, Brussels (to 11 December)
- WO: Mr Grist opens Cardiff Young Business Centre, Cardiff; later visits Wales and West Housing Association open day, Crickhowell

MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

- HMT: Mr Major appears on 'Any Questions', BBC Radio 4, Bury St Edmunds
- DEM: Mr Cope records HTV Export of the Year Award, Bristol
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TV AND RADIO

"Today": BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

"Kilroy": BBC 1 (9.20)

"The Parliament Programme": C4 (12.00)

"Business Daily": C4 (12.30)

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

"Prisoners of Conscience": BBC 2 (19.55)

"The Friday Report": BBC 2 (20.00) Making Tracks. What effect will the Channel Tunnel have on the environment

"Any Questions?": BBC Radio 4 (20.20) with John Major, Tony Blair, Sue Slipman and Jean Rook

"Newsnight": BBC 2 (22.30)

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