

30 January 1989

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

EC: Internal Market Council, Brussels

Cruise missile wing at RAF Molesworth deactivated

House of Commons Defence Committee visits Cyprus

President Mugabe of Zimbabwe addresses Royal Institute of International Affairs at Royal Commonwealth Society, London

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PUBLICATIONS

DOE: "The Future of Development Plans" White Paper

HMT: Public Expenditure White Paper

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Energy; Social Security; Transport

Business: Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill: Remaining Stages  
Debate on a Motion to approve the House of Commons (Services) Committee 2nd Report, Session 1987-88 on Access to the Precincts of the House

Adjournment Debates: Litter (Mr D Amess)

Select Committees: TELEVISIONING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE  
Witnesses: First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and other members of the Chairmen's Panel

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Inland Revenue Accounts Report

Witness: Sir Anthony Battishill, KCB, Chairman, Board of Inland Revenue

Lords: Starred Questions  
Civil Aviation (Air Navigation Charges) Bill (HL): Third Reading  
Petroleum Royalties (Relief) and Continental Shelf Bill: Committee (?to be discharged)  
Companies Bill (HL): Committee (1st Day)

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MINISTERS      See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTMain News

Mail says Gorbachev is to visit Britain just after Easter.

Warsaw Pact issues figures on conventional forces claiming rough equivalence with NATO, including Navies.

Labour's spokesman Martin O'Neill on eve of visit to Soviet Union, says our nuclear weapons could deter Soviet attack.

John Tower, US Defence Secretary designate, warns that despite recent initiatives the Soviet Union remains "an enormous threat" to Western security (FT).

Growing split between West Germany and its main NATO allies was highlighted at weekend defence seminar as alliance leaders show openly their exasperation with Bonn's delaying tactics on decision to modernise short-range nuclear missiles (Times).

Britain on the brink of ordering a clear-out of Russian spies whose strength is growing rapidly (Express); leader calls on Foreign Secretary to kick them out.

Foreign Secretary flies into storm in Gibraltar to announce cut back of up to 1,000 of the garrison. Mail says it makes sense as an acceptance of the European reality. Guardian finds the plan realistic.

Robin Cook calls meetings with BMA, RCN, unions and community health councils to discuss how to "save" NHS - Mirror.

David Owen says that if family doctors have to put cash before patient care it would destroy the NHS.

Mail says Kenneth Clarke is to answer the scaremongers tomorrow.

West German lawyer says he plans to launch a kidney buying business in Britain offering up to £30,000 to donors.

IRA accepts Sinn Fein conference criticism of civilian killings but warns violence will go on against Armed Forces.

Independent, while conceding that Sinn Fein is inseparable from the IRA, devotes almost a whole page to the Sinn Fein annual conference. Delegates unanimously agree that prospective councillors should sign the proposed declaration against support for terrorism. Leader says Gerry Adams' sumpathy for civilian IRA victims is no more than crocodile tears.

PRESS DIGEST

Playboy to devote a feature to IRA/Sinn Fein showing it in the same "respectable" light as the Contras and PLO.

Warders walk out of Wandsworth prison in dispute over shift working; set to move in police.

Probation Officers call on Government to consider handing out condoms and sterilized syringes to prisoners.

Sun says if the Guardian Angels have demonstrated the need for greater protection on the Tube they will have achieved their purpose.

Today calls for 27,000 policemen with right of free travel on Tube only to be allowed privilege if they are in uniform.

Norman Fowler canvasses the idea of more flexible retirement, allowing people to work on if they wish to do so.

British companies spent record £18.4billion on acquiring 400 foreign companies in 1988, representing about 2.5% of total British GNP (Times).

Government studying a plan to permit Sunday trading for six hours.

Confirmation that big increases in water charges will be inevitable for several years after privatisation is expected this week (FT).

Today reports a 16% pay rise in a 3 year deal in the engineering industry scrapping demarcation lines.

British Rail reported to have chosen shortest route between Dover and London for Chunnel link.

British Institute of Management attacks Government proposals for the abolition of wages councils (FT).

Mail identifies 5 firms launched when you entered No 10 10 years ago which are today celebrating success.

Savory Milln, stockbrokers, to make 200 of 1,400 staff redundant.

Restructuring European industries into fewer, bigger groups will not improve their efficiency, according to London Business School report (FT).

PRESS DIGEST

Kinnock to claim today that Britain will lose more than 100,000 jobs after EC trade barriers are removed in 1992 (Times).

Harland & Wolff is expected to confirm 700 redundancies this week (FT).

Islamic leaders in London call on 28 Islamic states to ban all books published by Viking-Penguin if Salman Rushdie's novel is not withdrawn (Times).

Paul Johnson, in Mail, says Kinnock has now been in the shop window for five years and the truth is that the public doesn't want to buy him.

Labour Party to propose an end to mortgage tax relief for well paid but increased help for first time home buyers.

Government to require appointment of whistleblowers by LAs, under Local Government Bill to be published this week, to advise on legality of council activities and management.

Government to publish proposals to fine estate agents who run commission fixing rings.

Greenwich Montagu call on Chancellor to keep interest rates high into next year to curb spending; Express says it would be a disastrous misjudgment to lower them prematurely.

Mail says that a front organisation for Militant Tendency is behind angry protests and riots at a Havant, Hants school.

Family Policy Studies says families who care for old or disabled relatives should be paid by Government to do so because they save State £24billion.

Universities ask Government for extra £183 million over the next two years to attract and retain staff (Independent).

Express want you formally to appoint a Minister for Litter.

Judge Pickles who did not jail a 46 year old man for indecently assaulting a girl of six to save him from bullying in prison faces inquiry by Lord Chancellor.

Home Office White Paper due next month expected to open way for radical private involvement in prison system.

PRESS DIGEST

Home Secretary faces row with Hattersley over plans to run police national computer as executive agency.

Special Branch, testing Palace security, prove it is a farce, according to Sun.

4 men in court today after Customs seize £7million worth of cannabis in London raids.

You have ordered a 12 foot wall to be built round the garden at No 10 to protect you from terrorists (Sun).

Times inquiry shows more than 1,000 security passes giving access to sensitive areas at Heathrow have gone missing.

John MacGregor returns home from Brussels hospital "fighting fit".

Estranged wife of Malcolm Thornton MP found dead.

Kenneth Baker in speech to General Synod this week will seek to repair relations between the Conservative Party and the Church of England (Times).

Australian archives contain claims that starving Japanese troops ate their prisoners of war during World War II.

Greville Janner appeals to you to reconsider advice to Buckingham Palace about attendance at Hirohito's funeral in light of new evidence about Japanese war atrocities (Independent).

Australian former POWs of Japanese demanding trade ban with Japan unless Tokyo Government meets £235 million claim for damages for war atrocities (Times).

Walesa is jeered at Warsaw rally over his decision to open talks with the Government (FT).

Hungarian leaders to rewrite history to correct untruths which have been part of propaganda.

Extreme right wingers, led by former SS officer, win 9 of 119 seats in West Berlin city election. Diepgen's CDU slumps 10%.

German Defence Minister Scholz to seek curb on low flying by the RAF over West Germany (Independent).

PRESS DIGEST

Times leader discusses the UN's Human Rights Commission which begins its annual 6-week discussion today saying its lack-lustre performance in bringing governments to book has done much to damage the UN's standing with the public.

Test case on right of Government to extradite foreigners to places where they could face death penalty to go before European Council of Human Rights (Times).

Five Argentinians sail into Port Stanley after penetrating protection zone in yacht.

Papandreou and wife agree to divorce.

Confrontation between Japanese and Greenpeace in Antarctic over whale slaughter.

NHS REVIEW

Mirror - "Labour's battle to save our NHS".

Mail says private enterprise is making the NHS healthier - domestic and catering services are now saving £32million a year - the cost of employing 3,300 junior doctors.

Telegraph - After upstaging Government's NHS Review launch, Labour is seeking to mobilise NHS staff against proposals.

Feature on Len Peach - "The man who turned the NHS supertanker".

Guardian says you took right wing Tory rising stars into your confidence in planning NHS reform.

Ian Aitken, in Guardian, finds great fun in the Government's exasperation over Cook's leak, especially as, he says, the proposals were systematically leaked a long time ago principally by Kenneth Clarke.

Independent - NHS review test of Thatcherism: Ministers bracing themselves for biggest and boldest test of the 'Thatcherite revolution' as repeated Labour leaks provoke degree of backbench jitters. It devotes full page to details of NHS Reform said to be based on late drafts of the White Paper it has seen.

PRESS DIGEST

Independent leader says the Opposition is within its rights to exploit the leak. It also says that a free market in health services must be very firmly regulated if it is to provide for all patients. Kenneth Clarke must demonstrate a willingness to regulate the market he proposes to create.

Times - Kenneth Clarke planning robust counter attack over leaked NHS White Paper saying that the Opposition has acted irresponsibly and shown it is not fit to govern by so distorting his intentions. Doctors and nurses to launch wide campaign against proposals that could undermine patient care. Meanwhile Cabinet Secretary, in consultation with you, will order a molehunt (Times).

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Mr Fowler lunches with Chinese labour officials
- DH: Mr Clarke and Mr Freeman attend reception for National Association of Health Authorities, QEII Conference Centre, London
- DOE: Mr Ridley opens Business Expansion Scheme (Assured Tenancy). London
- DSS: Mr Moore meets Baroness Faithful on social security for 16-18 year olds
- DTI: Mr Newton launches Hackney Business Venture on Inner Cities
- HO: Mr Hurd receives Spanish Minister of Interior, on his visit to UK (and 31 January)
- MOD: Mr Younger hosts visit of West German Defence Minister, Dr Scholz (to 1 February)
- DES: Mr Butcher launches Feast school meals marketing company at Queens Meade School, Ruislip
- DOE: Mr Howard addresses Royal Town Planning Institute. London
- DOE: Mr Moynihan meets Eastern Area Football Clubs, Peterborough, about national membership scheme
- DOE: Mrs Bottomley launches waste management paper on landfill gas
- DOE: Mr Trippier visits Warrington/Runcorn Development Corporation
- DTI: Mr Atkins opens Tatung Factory, Telford
- DTI: Mr Forth visits Yorkshire
- DTp: Mr Bottomley presents civil engineering awards, Galliford PLC. Leicestershire
- DTp: Mr Portillo visits Docklands
- MAFF: Mr Ryder opens International Food Exhibition, London; later addresses Olympia Conference Centre, London
- SO: Lord James Douglas Hamilton opens UK 2000 Falkirk Training Centre, Falkirk
- WO: Mr Grist attends Craft Fair, Cardiff; later performs opening ceremony for Dumfries Place development site, Cardiff
- WO: Mr Roberts attends promotional lunch for Training and Enterprise Councils, Wrexham
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe visits Gibraltar (to 31 January)

WO: Mr Walker departs on inward investment mission to USA (to 3 February)

MOD: Mr Hamilton visits Abu Dhabi/Qatar

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TV AND RADIO

"Watchdog": BBC 1 (19.30): Looks at holidays

"The Education Programme": BBC 2 (19.40): Looks at the demise of Inner London Education Authority and implications for adults of Education Reform Act

"Horizon": BBC 2 (20.10): Takes a look at new weapons which could render tactical nuclear weapons obsolete

"World in Action": Thames (20.30)

"Panorama": BBC 1 (21.30): The Killer Inside. A report on the extent of drug abuse and high risk sexual activity in Britain's prisons and the treatment of those known to have AIDS

"The Nuclear Age": Thames (22.35): At The Brink. Fifth in a series of 12 reviews the events leading up to the Cuban missile crisis

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