

MAIN EVENTS

1922 Lunch for Prime Minister

Prime Minister looks in at National Children's Home reception, Guildhall

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh attend a reception to mark the MAFF centenary, Lancaster House, London

Home Secretary addresses Institute of British Contemporary History re 10th anniversary

The Prince of Wales visits Merseyside

Peter Bottomley launches London motor-tax-dodgers campaign

EC: Internal Market Council, Brussels

Visit of Federal German Minister for the Interior (to May 5 - prov)

House of Commons Defence Committee take evidence on Light Attack Weapon 80

STATISTICS

BOE: Capital issues and redemptions (Apr)

DEM: Detailed analysis of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators (Mar)

DEM: Overseas travel and tourism figures (Jan - Feb)

DEN: Advance energy statistics (Mar)

HMT: UK Official Reserves (Apr)

HO: The operation of the Prevention of Terrorism legislation (1st Qtr 1988)

PUBLICATIONS

ACOST: National R and D defence expenditure

DEM: Health and Safety Commission plan of work

DES: HMI report on responses to ethnic diversity in teacher training

DES: Consultative Paper on Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

DSS: SSAC report on Attendance Allowance and the terminally ill

PARLIAMENTCommons

Questions: Scotland; Foreign and Commonwealth; Trade and Industry

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Public Service Contract (Mr David Porter)
Timetable Motion on the Self-Governing Schools etc (Scotland) Bill
Companies Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading and Money Resolution

Adjournment Debates: The operation of the Health and Safety Executive Commission (Hon G Janner)

Select Committees: ENVIRONMENT
Subject: British Waterways Board
Witness: Lord Hesketh, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment

FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Subject: Foreign and Commonwealth Office/Overseas Development Administration Expenditure 1989/90
Witnesses: Sir Patrick Wright, KCMG, Permanent Secretary, and other officials, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

TRADE AND INDUSTRY
Subject: Financial Services and the Single Market
Witness: Bank of England, Securities and Investments Board, FIMBRA

DEFENCE
Subject: The Anti-Armour Weapons LAW 80
Witness: Ministry of Defence

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE (SUB-CITTEE)
Subject: Developments in the Government's "Next Steps" Programme
Witness: Mr Peter Kemp, CB, Manager, "Next Steps" Project Team

EMPLOYMENT
Subject: Part-time employment
Witness: Confederation of British Industry

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

Opposed Bill
Birmingham City Council No 2

Lords: Starred Questions
Debate to call attention to the challenge of 1992 and the implications of the single market for social, industrial and trade policies
UQ to ask HMG whether their projected expenditure on transport in London represents value for money

PRESS DIGESTMain News

Your grandson flies in.

POA say there could be a summer of discontent in Britain's jails after "premeditated" wrecking of Risley where the violence continues. Two wings wrecked at cost of £2million.

Douglas Hogg rejects POA call for more staff at Risley and says regime was being improved and cells refurbished (Independent).

Calls for speedy introduction of electronic tagging to cut down number of remand prisoners. Mail says if anything indicates the need for a shake up in the legal system, this is surely it.

Prison inspector who visited jail last week criticised delay in improving conditions (Telegraph).

Speculation that Chancellor Kohl will back down over SNF; says he is optimistic a compromise can be found.

Britain backs US plan for cutting battlefield nuclear weapons in Europe and challenging Russia to do the same.

West Germans confident they have won round Italy, Norway, Denmark, Greece, Spain and Belgium on need for SNF negotiations (Times).

George Younger says it would be folly to dismantle or let decay NATO's deterrent weapons system (Times).

Britain to spend £2billion more on defence over 2 years because we should be under no illusion about Soviet Union.

Weapon costs soar ahead of defence budget posing difficult choices. No review needed as increase in defence spending was awarded in the last PES round (Independent).

You have instructed Ministers and officials to take a much tougher line in Brussels to restrict role of European Commission and resist efforts to originate and push through legislation in fields where the British Government feels it is inappropriate. Your action reflects unease in the Commons about the growing volume of EC legislation (Times).

Ruud Lubbers, Dutch Prime Minister, resigns in Cabinet row over pollution measures; Telegraph says you lose an ally.

PRESS DIGEST

Britain demands swifter international action to protect ozone layer. 80 countries at Helsinki conference support proposals to eliminate CFCs (Times).

Scientists claim pollution from Europe is sending a blanket of yellow smog towards North Pole.

Peter Brooke comes close to conceding defeat in Vale of Glamorgan by-election, blaming local doctors' campaign for Tories being 8% behind Labour (Times).

You are looking sympathetically at proposals to create a 'green' ministry by breaking up the DOE. Department of Energy would be merged with DTI (Independent).

Government are to offer new safeguards to protect environmentally sensitive land marked for sale by water companies after privatisation.

In bullish eve of election rallying cry - says the Express - you warned Vale of Glamorgan voters that if they support Labour they are backing wholesale cuts in the NHS.

Kenneth Clarke offers fresh negotiation on GPs' contracts; hint of concessions.

Kinnock admits his relations with you are worse than any between previous party leaders - in exclusive interview with Express.

Indefinite Tube strike in prospect from Monday after talks break down.

Leaders of London busmen order 24 hour stoppages in support of 14% pay demand.

Jaguar halted by strike over alleged assault by manager on shop steward, ie by poking him in the chest. Mail says it could not have come at a worse time in the prestige car market.

Car hire purchase deals drop as Chancellor's action yields results (Times).

Labour policy review aims to establish a national minimum wage of £150 a week as a long-term target (Independent).

Bonn appears to be relaxing its fierce opposition to development by Ferranti of a radar system for the European fighter aircraft (FT).

PRESS DIGEST

Express promises to monitor performance of airlines during the holiday season and to pillory the baddies in a fight for passengers' rights.

National Federation of Consumer Groups calling for stricter safeguards to prevent shoppers from being overcharged.

Barristers launch a package of reforms in attempt to forestall Government's reforms of legal profession. Ready to let solicitors become barristers at any time in their career but not to allow them access to higher courts.

Proposed changes include an end to rule that barristers must practise in chambers and the introduction of Bar libraries similar to those in Scotland (FT).

Times leader says the end of the period of consultation finds a number of basic issues still unresolved. There ought to be more debate: Lord Mackay has not yet won the argument. There is now an overwhelming case for a White Paper to be published instead of proceeding straight to the drafting and publication of a Bill.

Guardian says Labour Party have agreed on proposals for a radical shake up of the legal system to increase access to the law including a big extension of legal aid. It would establish a Department of Legal Affairs and a new system of appointing judges.

You criticise football clubs for spending more on transfer fees than on grounds.

Football League planning to increase size of Division I next season to increase cash take.

Police seize £15million worth of amphetamines in raids on 24 premises in Kent and South East London; nine arrested.

Police arrest man with gun a few yards from Princess Diana in Cardiff.

Attempt to change students' vote electing killer of a policeman in Tottenham riot as president of LSE fails. LSE say they will review £260,000 grant to Students' Union.

Kenneth Baker says Government will have to look at funding of all Students' Unions.

PRESS DIGEST

Sun says LSE is a disgrace to the educational system and an affront to human decency. There must be no more handouts to LSE until it returns to world of caring humanity. Star links LSE students with Kinnock.

Today - fatuous, frivolous and insulting of handful of LSE students.

Schools Examination & Assessment Council heralds a big clear out of GCSE courses of questionable academic value.

Fontana publishers have shelved a plan to publish a book about Salman Rushdie (Independent).

Local authorities accused of breaking the law by placing children in special schools without giving their parents a right of appeal (Independent).

Government is considering ending BBC's and ITV's monopoly over television programme listings (FT).

'Brussels sources' accuse you of intervening over the head of DES in an attempt to pull Britain out of an ambitious Europe-wide school languages project (Independent).

Ex-President Reagan to visit Britain on June 14.

Yasser Arafat says on French TV that the PLO's charter which calls for destruction of Israel is no longer valid.

Arafat appeals to the world Jewish community to support a peace conference after talking to President Mitterrand (Independent).

10 Palestinian injured in West Bank and Gaza strip.

Hungary starts to tear down Iron Curtain with Austria.

Mail says a leading Russian dissident who rang you during a phone-in has been arrested in demo.

Efforts to introduce international air safety procedures which could have prevented the shooting down of the Iranian Airbus in Gulf have been blocked over the past five years by many of the leading aviation nations, including the US (Independent).

Dublin gossip hints at general election on June 15 (FT). Haughey takes over Foreign Secretary's job because of his illness.

PRESS DIGESTSNF

Sun leader says on Hitler's centenary Germans have been moaning about the terrible things Hitler did to them. But at the time they followed him eager and willing. It is their fault the Russians are in central Europe. Yet they are now trying to duck out of SNF. They want to be defended but not personally involved. "Same old Krauts" it says.

YOUR TEN YEARS

Star features Ronald Reagan's tribute to you - "a truly great stateswoman and an outstanding servant of the free world".

Sun says a MORI poll commissioned by BBC 1 shows that nearly half 15-28 year olds want to run their own firm and 80% want to own their own home. A third think the NHS, prisons and motorways would be better run in private sector. Feature headed "How Maggie made my dreams come true".

MORI survey of 'Thatcher's Children' reveals that the enterprise culture has taken root but shows there are deep misgivings about the future (Independent).

Sun leader goes for John Nott for saying public squalor and private affluence will never be reversed by any Government led by you when he is picking up £400,000 a year. Private affluence does not seem to worry him unless it is his own.

Today and Express have stories about Mark Thatcher's game avoiding media at Gatwick yesterday as family arrive.

Robin Oakley, in Times under the heading "Taking note of Thatcher" tries to answer the question "What is she really like as a person".

Telegraph feature by Vernon Bogdanor says you are trying to restore the authority of the State at a time when the social preconditions for the restoration of authority are absent.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DES: Mr Baker addresses dinner to honour the award of the Nobel Prize for Medicine to Sir James Black, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
- DOE: Mr Ridley addresses Rural Development Commission conference of county chairman
- MOD: Mr Younger visits Royal Naval Air Station, Culdrose
- DH: Mr Mellor attends launch of NHS Training Authority Equal Opportunities package, University College Hospital
- DOE: Mr Trippier addresses Building Societies Association conference on housing, Guernsey
- DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Wycombe Judo Centre
- DOE: Mrs Bottomley opens Radioactive Waste Management conference, Brighton; later launches Tidy Britain Group, Tower of London and presents Wildlife Awards at Eltham School
- DSS: Lord Skelmersdale visits Doncaster ILO and Inner Cities Task Force Projects
- DTI: Mr Atkins opens DTI seminar on newsprint recycling, County Hall, London
- DTp: Mr Bottomley launches London Motor Tax Dodgers campaign
- FCO: Mr Waldegrave addresses Oxford Union on "Arab/Israel: Possible prospects for a settlement"
- HO: Lord Ferrers visits South Yorkshire Police Training Centre, Royton, Yorks
- HO: Mr Hogg visits Cambridge, on Drugs
- OAL: Mr Luce visits Medway Arts Centre, Chatham
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DTI: Mr Maude attends Internal Market Council, Brussels
- ODA: Mr Patten attends Asian Development Bank annual general meeting, Peking (to 7 May)
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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

- DOE: Mrs Bottomley interviewed by Victor Smart of the Observer on litter
- DOE: Lord Caithness lunches with Simon Heffer of the Daily Telegraph
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TV AND RADIO

"Dispatches": Ch 4 (20.30)

"Thatcher's Children": BBC 1 (21.25) examines attitude of young people, to see how deeply PM's ideas have taken root

"Wogan": BBC 1 (19.00) guests include Paul Channon
