

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister to open new exhibition: "Past, Present and Future" at the Tate Gallery - the first complete re-hang of their collection for nearly 30 years; later meets MEPS

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STATISTICS

CSO: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy  
DOE: Construction - new orders (prov)  
DOE: Bricks and cement production and deliveries (4th qtr prov)  
WO: Index of production and construction for Wales (3rd qtr)

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PUBLICATIONS

OAL: National Museums and Galleries: Accounts for year ending 31 March 1988

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Environment

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Rent Acts (Repeal)

Opposition Day (3rd Allotted Day)

Until about 7.00 pm

Debate on Education on an Opposition Motion

Afterwards

Debate on the Disabled on an Opposition Motion

Motions on Welsh Revenue Support Grants Reports. Details will be given in the Official Report

Adjournment Debates: Government funding of residential care and nursing homes (Mr M Colvin)

Select Committees:

**WELSH AFFAIRS**

Subject: Toxic Waste Disposal in Wales

Witnesses: Representatives from Welsh Health Authorities; officials from the Department of the Environment

**AGRICULTURE**

Subject: Fish Farming in the UK

Witnesses: Nature Conservancy Council; Countryside Commission; Countryside Commission for Scotland; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; Marine Conservation Society; World Wide Fund for Nature



Select Committees (Cont'd)**TRADE AND INDUSTRY**

Subject: Company Investigations

Witnesses: (At 10.45) Serious Fraud Office, (At 11.30) The Stock Exchange Insider Dealing Group

**DEFENCE**

Subject: Physical Security of Military Installations

Witnesses: Ministry of Defence officials

**STANDING ORDERS****EMPLOYMENT**

Subject: Tourism

Witnesses: Department of Employment officials; (At 5.15 approx) The National Trust

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Subject: Community Care

Witnesses: Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, Minister for Health and Mr Roger Freeman, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health and Rt Hon Nicholas Scott, MBE, MP, Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled

**TRANSPORT**

Subject: Aircraft Cabin Safety

Witnesses: Civil Aviation Authority

**TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE**

Subject: International Debt Strategy

Witnesses: Sir Jeremy Morse, Chairman, Lloyds Bank, and Sir Kit McMahon, Chairman, Midland Bank

**PROCEDURE**

Subject: The working of the Select Committee system

Witnesses: Rt Hon Robert Sheldon, MP

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

Subject: Quality Control of Roads and Bridges

Witness: Sir Alan Bailey, Permanent Secretary, Department of Transport

**COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL**

King's Cross Railways Bill

Lords:**Starred Questions**

Debate to call attention to the deteriorating state of London's traffic and the need for comprehensive initiatives to tackle the problems

Debate to call attention to the situation in Hong Kong

UQ to ask Her Majesty's Government what are their plans for the future of the probation service



PRESS DIGESTMain News

Much speculation this morning about higher taxes after Chancellor warns there will be few giveaways in Budget and that interest rates will stay high for some time. An austerity Budget is the overall verdict and fears of an increase on mortgage rates.

Chancellor holds out a "decade of promise" if we beat inflation.

Express finds it hard to disagree with the thrust of Chancellor's remarks. We are having to pay the price of Nigel Lawson's reckless abandonment of monetarism.

Snipers kill at least four Russian soldiers in Azerbaijan where militants threaten to go underground if Soviets stay.

Iranian MP condemns Russian "genocide" against Muslim people of Azerbaijan. But official Iranian reaction is restrained and there is no support for Azeri secession (Independent).

Gorbachev threatened by split in Politburo and growing backlash from conservatives and bureaucrats (FT).

Izvestia warns that mounting disorder in Azerbaijan could bring the return of a conservative regime and the end of Gorbachev's reforms. "We have reached the point where people are asking: will there be perestroika or not?" says govt paper (Independent).

Four leading officials of Ceausescu regime to go on trial at weekend on complicity in genocide charges.

Mail sees Yugoslavs as next to opt for multi party democracy.

Hungarian Prime Minister says agreement in principle reached on Soviet troop withdrawal (Times).

Leipzig students question Douglas Hurd about UK pollution, community charge and Hong Kong (Independent).

Modrow warns that violence between opposition parties could threaten democratic progress in East Germany (Independent).

Romania's provisional govt to delay promised elections by one month, and ask UN to send observers (Times).

Relief workers in Romania say country faces threat of mass starvation unless massive emergency food supplies made available (Times).



PRESS DIGEST

South African Govt reported to be meeting today to agree a date for release of Mandela.

Telegraph says de Klerk is preparing to repeal Land Acts which are fundamental to segregation.

Hong Kong Rights Bill set to be unveiled next month after detailed redrafting intended to strengthen its effectiveness when China takes over in 1997 (FT).

Canada has opened the way for compromise over boat people by suggesting that only the 56,000 refugees now in Hong Kong should be exempt until the end of the year. Newer arrivals would be subject to a speedier screening process (FT).

Times and Telegraph claim Lord Justice Taylor's report has rejected football membership card scheme.

Lord Bethel, in Express feature, says MEPs are not coming to No 10 today for a fight but for a discussion as to how they can work better for their country.

Times editorial says MEPs do not reflect the shades of opinion which make up the consensus of Conservative opinion in Britain, and are not constrained by the political realities which operate on Westminster MPs. While, in the interests of practical politics, you should build bridges of communication with MEPs, the party should reflect on how MEPs are selected in future.

Telegraph says MEPs issued a warning yesterday that you could face disaster at the next election if you continue to cold shoulder them.

George Brock, in a commentary in the Times, says that your meeting with MEPs today will be the product of ambiguity, indecision and muddle. Over the last six months your actions and statements speak more of indecision than a clear plan of opposition to EC policies: the policy-making engine is idling. Into this muddle comes the prospect of German reunification, but here too you are trapped and have not said much about the key issues involved.

Strasbourg Tories seek concord at No 10 - Philip Stevens says today's meeting with MEPs has all the ingredients of a political "high noon" (FT).



PRESS DIGEST

FT leader on keeping 1992 on track says without full market integration dreams of eventual economic union make little sense. EC also needs to remember that access to a large and efficient single market is one of the more valuable economic benefits it can offer eastern Europe which it is so eager to help (FT).

Up to 30 MPs, including Benn, Skinner and Heffer, are threatening to defy Kinnock and refuse to pay community charge.

Labour leaders step up purge of Militant Tendency by laying charges today against 5 party members in Glasgow (Times).

Ford warns its 30,000 staff that their jobs will be at risk if they strike over pay.

Gavin Laird, AEU, predicts Ford workers will vote to accept the offer.

London ambulance shop stewards vote against a national strike ballot.

Claims that a pregnant mother died waiting for an Army ambulance in Dorset which took 12 minutes to cover a mile because of a "communications fault".

Star says sadly Kenneth Clarke probably doesn't give a damn.

Scottish managers say striking Edinburgh crews refused to attend a child, 10, hurt in a road accident.

Express leader on Kenneth Clarke's aim for local productivity deals in the ambulance service asks him what he is waiting for? Such deals offer the way out of the dispute. Dismantling national bargaining should be one of your main priorities.

Mirror claims patients, young and old, are being sent home because they are too costly to treat.

Claims of a breakthrough in the treatment of cancer tumours.

Imperial Cancer Research Fund says Govt's health service reforms could have a devastating effect on cancer research in hospitals, causing cut-back or abandonment of some projects (Times).

Much editorial concern about the way women are prevented from reaching the top in employment.



PRESS DIGEST

Lady Howe advocates tax relief for nannies to boost career chances for women. Ministers may be breaking law by appointing mainly men to public bodies (Independent).

British workforce content and "not overly ambitious" says major survey of attitudes. Nearly one-third have got as far as they wanted (Independent).

GEC to buy radar bit of Ferranti for £310million. Labour Party calls for an inquiry.

Times says takeover was crucial ingredient in persuading West Germany to stop opposition to company's radar system for EFA. Elsewhere, the takeover should lead to an announcement, confirming Ferranti selected to provide the EFA's radar, within a week.

Tom King thought to have guaranteed Germany against cost overruns on Ferranti's EFA radar (Independent).

US Customs investigating Ferranti International export of military equipment (FT).

Environmental dispute looming over plans to increase flights at Heathrow (Times).

EC bans export of live British cattle, except calves up to 6 months, because of BSE.

10,000 lorries were so seriously overladen that they were prevented from continuing their journeys - 60% rise over previous 12 months.

Cecil Parkinson announces proposals to reduce environmental impact of heavy lorries in city centres and residential areas (Times).

Nicholas Ridley, in USA, accuses America of practising protectionism while preaching free trade.

Mirror claims Prince Charles is imposing up to 15% rent rises on pensioners living in Duchy of Cornwall property in London.

Govt's crackdown on insider share dealing in ruins following collapse of case against former OFT civil servant. But appeal against Judge's ruling likely (Times).



PRESS DIGEST

Tory councillors warn that unrealistic Govt spending targets will force up their community charge. Almost half London small businesses will consider raising prices when unified business rate comes in, council survey shows.

Eric Forth says your enthusiasm for green issues makes it hard for Cabinet colleagues to keep up. You have done more than any other leader to raise environmental awareness.

British Waterways launches 3 year campaign to clean up neglected canals and convert them into amenities.

Tories to launch new drive to recruit ethnic minorities.

Mirror claims real reason Armed Forces are not recruiting enough blacks are racial prejudice and bullying.

Governors of Cheshire school agree 2 Moslem sisters can attend wearing headdress.

National Union of Teachers to set up counselling service for teachers suffering stress, and calls for better health and rest facilities in schools (Times).

Cricket and football coaches to be drafted into schools to halt decline in team games (Times).

Hunt for 36 hour old baby kidnapped from St Thomas's switches to Australia.

Lord Justice Glidewell calls for a formal judges' forum to discuss sentencing and ensure decisions are consistent (Times).

Banking union calls for national security code to make armed robbery more difficult. London figures show big rise in armed raids on betting shops and post offices (Independent).

Star claims a staggering 459 horses have died in first 6 months of National Hunt racing.

BBC refusing to allow other broadcasters to cover the Commonwealth Games (Times).

Police arrest a man and seize two rifles just before Prince Edward was due to open Commonwealth Games in Auckland.

Four died yesterday in storms around Britain; snow expected in North.



PRESS DIGEST

John Stradling Thomas MP faces re-selection fight in Monmouth.

West Indian barrister to become political adviser to Home Office ministers.

Tories appoint hardline anti-CND campaigner Julian Lewis to Research Dept. "He makes Mrs Thatcher look like a dangerous leftie" says Labour's Alan Williams (Independent).

Colombian drug barons recognise the "triumph of the state" in the war waged against them by Barco's Govt.

Peres says direct talks between Israel and Pakistanis are "very near".

Times editorial reviews Argentinian President's attempts to tackle the country's economic problems, concluding that Mr Menem's robust belief in the possibility of economic miracles may not in itself be enough, with corruption remaining a major cause of the national malaise.

Times editorial on merger of political parties in Seoul, expresses the hope that this reflects genuine parliamentary progress, and is not simply an electoral gambit for the forthcoming elections.

EASTERN EUROPE

Sun says you are the most admired and respected of Western politicians in all the states of the former Communist conference and you would have an enormous impact if you visited Rumania and other countries instead of sending junior Ministers.



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DES: Mr MacGregor visits schools in Gloucestershire
- LPC: Sir Geoffrey Howe meets delegation of Pakistan Senators led by Mr Wasim Sajjad
- DEM: Lord Strathclyde visits Port of Dover/Dover Harbour Board and local tourist attractions
- DES: Mrs Rumbold visits Haygrove School, Bridgewater, Somerset
- DH: Mr Freeman attends Resource Management study day, Mount Royal Hospital, London
- DH: Mrs Bottomley meets Baroness Seear and delegation from Institute of Domiciliary Care re community care, London
- DSS: Lord Henley chairs North London War Pensions Committee meeting, London
- DTI: Mr Forth attends signing ceremony for ERMES, pan-European paging system
- DTI: Lord Trefgarne meets Tunisian Minister of Economy, M Belaid
- DTp: Mr Portillo visits South London Transport
- DTp: Mr McLaughlin visits Royal National Lifeboat Institute, Poole
- DTp: Mr Atkins visits AA Roadwatch Centre, Stanmore and Vehicle Inspectorate Executive Agency, Bristol
- FCO: Mr Maude receives visit from Israeli Ambassador, Yoan Biran
- HO: Lord Ferrers visits Clwyd Fire Brigade, North Wales
- HO: Mr Patten visits Liverpool and Rochdale re: Safer Cities
- MAFF: Mr Curry addresses Staffordshire Farm Management Association, Staffordshire College of Agriculture
- MAFF: Mr Maclean visits AFRC Institute of Food Research, Reading

TV AND RADIO

"The Carers" CH4 (2.00pm)  
Considers work of carers retraining long-stay psychiatric patients for life in the community

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