

January 30, 1990

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister and Sir Geoffrey Howe meet Count Lamsdorff

100,000th Open University graduate

Church of England follow-up report on inner cities

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STATISTICS

BOE: London sterling certificates of deposit (Dec)

BOE: Bill turnover statistics (Dec)

BOE: Sterling commercial paper (Dec)

BOE: Monetary statistics (including bank and building society balance sheets) (Dec)

CBI: CBI industrial trends survey (Dec)

DTp: New vehicle registrations (Dec)

HMSO/OPCS: Key population and vital statistics; local and health authority areas 1988

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PUBLICATIONS

HMT: 1990 Public Expenditure: White Paper CFRs 9am from HM Treasury and published at 3.30pm

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Education and Science; Prime Minister

Business: Opposition day (4th allotted day). Until about seven o'clock there will be a debate entitled "People trapped in poverty". Afterwards there will be a debate entitled "Implications of the Taylor report for safety at football grounds". Both debates will arise on opposition motions

Motions relating to private medical insurance regulations. Details will be given in the official report

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Adjournment Debates: Treatment for allergies (Sir J Spicer)Select Committees: PROCEDURE  
Subject: The Working of the Select Committee System  
Witnesses: (At 4.30 pm) Mr Frank Field MP; Mr David Marshall MP (At 5.30 pm) Mr Michael Mates MP, Sir John Wheeler MPCOMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL  
King's Cross Railways BillLords: Starred Questions  
Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill (HL): Second Reading  
Debate to take note of the Report of the Select Committee on Science and Technology on the Greenhouse Effect (6th Report, 1988-89, HL Paper 88)  
Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Contamination of Feeding Stuff) (England) Order 1990  
Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Contamination of Feeding Stuff) (Wales) Order 1990  
} Motions for Approval

PRESS DIGESTMain News

Football directors in the dock - the virtually universal verdict in today's treatment of the main story; extensive coverage of Taylor's criticisms.

Fears that the need to convert grounds to all-seater stadia within 10 years will bankrupt some clubs. But Football Ground Improvement Trust says estimated £130million cost of converting stadia to all seats "not too dreadful" - pools could provide £75million over 5 years.

FA and football league officially welcome report.

Hattersley gets a bad press for his reaction. Mail says you may know less about the game than he does but your determination to discipline the yobs and slob who ruin the game puts you in a League apart.

Meanwhile, events used to underline malaise.

Case of Sunderland player fined after night out in Exeter for jumping on tops of cars.

Chelsea Chairman under fire for paying £750 fine on a player who cheekily dropped his shorts on the pitch (Sun).

USA makes cuts at Greenham Common, Fairford, Bentwater and Wethersfield.

Greenham Common women say they will stay until last nuclear missiles leave in May, 1991.

Foreign Secy says US defence budget decisions reasonable and compatible with US commitment to NATO (Independent).

US defence Secy Cheney hints US may soon propose more cuts in conventional forces in Europe, prompting speculation Mr Bush may follow up this theme in his State of the Union address tomorrow (Independent).

Times says that senior Ministers moved yesterday to damp down hopes that upheavals in Eastern Europe will bring big cash savings in Britain's defence budget.

Paul Johnson, in Mail hails your luck in the dividend to be obtained from defence cuts from which the first savings will be working their way into the budget before the next election.

PRESS DIGEST

Strikes, wage claims, attacks on officials and economic chaos threaten East Germany - falling apart.

Honecker to go on trial for treason; arrested on his release from hospital after cancer operation.

Huge crowds take to the streets in Bucharest to demonstrate, this time, support for new Govt.

Thousands of pro-Govt demonstrators beseige headquarters of two opposition parties in Bucharest (Independent).

The Polish Communist Party renames itself the Social Democracy of the Republic of Poland. Soviet Union supports the change, but Lech Walesa criticises transfer of party assets to new party (Independent).

Sixth consecutive day of rioting in Kosovo, Yugoslavia, claims the lives of 2 ethnic Albanians (Independent).

Czechoslovakia's Interior Minister warns that the secret police force were planning to reverse the country's democratic revolution (Independent).

Azerbaijan crisis creating ever mounting difficulties in vital struggle to revive the Soviet Union's economy (Independent).

Ambulance workers trying to organise a day of action in Britain in their support.

Crews in Glasgow refuse to take instructions from controllers.

Kenneth Clarke in trouble for tucking into a 10-course Chinese meal in his constituency while ambulancemen, they say, live on mince and chips.

Bishops call for independent inquiry into ambulance crews' pay (Times).

Mail reports Tory "fury" as church leaders side with ambulance crews.

More trouble in a Bloemfontein township over English cricketers' tour of South Africa.

PRESS DIGEST

Two British radio reporters from BBC and IRN accused by South African TV of collaborating with anti-tour campaigners by passing on information.

Nelson Mandela threatens to resume the "armed struggle" against the South African Govt upon his release, unless banning orders on the ANC are withdrawn (Times).

Woodrow Wyatt in the Times backs Hong Kong calls for democracy under the heading "where votes are vital now".

Foreign Secy in US, attacks US policy on forced repatriation and comes close to accusing them of hypocrisy (Independent).

Tim Congdon in the Times shows how investment has changed under a Thatcher Govt, saying that at last Britain can claim to be capitalist.

Inland Revenue set to allow high street banks more than £1 billion in tax relief after accepting Bank of England's new guidelines on Third world debt provisions (Times).

Rolls Royce works at Derby reject 9.2%.

Provisional settlement in poly lecturers pay dispute: 6.5% backdated to April, plus 1% from September.

Ford faced with rebellion by craftsmen which threatens to cripple its main plants in Britain (times).

Ford dispute brings 3,000 lay offs in Belgium.

More than 100,000 damages claims expected after Ford agrees to pay four former employees a total of £24,000 for deafness.

Chris Patten to insist that full details of how industrial processes are polluting the environment should be made public (Times).

Big slump in microwave oven sales after safety scare.

Labour Party policy for London gets little coverage in pops, including Mirror (p13). It plans to reinstate GLC.

Building Society Commission concern over effect of low starter and deferred interest mortgages on less credit worthy borrowers (Express).

PRESS DIGEST

Church of England report claims Tory legislation is widening the gap between rich and poor. Measures taken without proper thought for the increasing number trapped in a cycle of fear and alienation.

Teddy Taylor MP says this repeated Govt bashing will have a bad effect on church membership.

Times says that the Church of England moved quickly yesterday to defuse a potential quarrel with the Govt by insisting that the Govt deserves credit for improvement in social conditions over the past 5 years.

Times leader on Church of England's latest report says it seems to treat the rise in employment as an act of God. It is in truth largely the result of free market economic enterprise, the encouragement of which the Govt has always made its chief concern. The report assumes that the market is responsible only for bad things, not for good.

Survey of 40,000 5th year pupils shows that about 1 in 4 inner city schools experienced serious truancy and bad exam results (Times).

MPs furious about decision of DPP not to prosecute a Muslim leader who called for Salman Rushdie to be executed.

Robert Dunn MP calls for scrapping of May Day and replacing it with Queen Mother's Day in August; Sun suggests an old people's day every year.

New adoption guide for black babies issued by Govt.

2 die as storms return; five men questioned in Dorset after complaints about cowboy builders cashing in on damage.

British weightlifter latest drug suspect at Commonwealth Games.

Donald Coleman, MP for Neath, to stand down at the next election, 64.

Star features extent of AIDS epidemic in Uganda, affecting, it says, 1 in 2 children.

PRESS DIGESTSOCCER - TREATMENT AND COMMENT

Star p1 lead - Soccer in a Shambles! Grounds, fans and players in big shake-up. Home Secy acts on damning report by judge. Inside virtually two pages on "Shame of the Game". Leader - soccer's rulers should hang their heads in shame. Our national sport has been ordered to put its house in order. And about time, too.

Sun p1 - Football to get £75million lifeline from pools. Inside - Soccer? Its foul - fans treated like animals; players act like yobbos; profit is put before safety. Leader headed "We've lost our way" says it is torn between Taylor's plea for all seater grounds and Govt ID cards.

Mirror p1 - leads with "Shamed - on the day that the face of football changed, a lager lout was fined for jumping up and down on a car. He plays for Sunderland". Inside two pages - Judge puts soccer bosses in dock. Bosses snub fed up fans - the fat cats of football. Leader finds grounds for hope. It claims (predictably) that the Taylor report shows greater understanding than you. And it calls for tax relief for clubs on every penny spent bringing grounds up to standard.

Today p1 lead - Treated like dirt. Condemned: the football bosses who put fans in a living, and dying, hell. Inside, two pages "Scum of the earth - that's how these guilty bosses of football treat you, the faithful fans". Leader composed of replay of Today comments about the plight of the game alternately with supporting quotes from Lord Justice Taylor.

Express p1 lead - Clean up or risk the axe! Football branded a national disgrace as Waddington backs seats-for-all plan. Inside a page on "The squalid side of British soccer". Leader says Taylor puts football squarely in the dock. Taylor's venom will only be achieved if football is run in a modern businesslike manner. At present it is deliberately regulated to protect the least successful.

Sports writer says Taylor has got it right: English football needs not so much to be taken into the 21st century but out of the 19th.

PRESS DIGEST

Mail p1 lead - Last chance for soccer. Change your ways or go under, bosses warned. If they fail again no-one will forgive them or save them. Leader headed "The storm slum landlords of a blighted game" says it is one of the clear virtues of Lord Justice Taylor's withering indictment of English soccer that he does not hesitate to name the guilty men. There is a symbiotic relationship between the yobs on the terraces and the slobs in the directors' box. The main thrust of Taylor recommendations are a resounding endorsement of your contempt for the calibre of those who maladminister the game.

Peter Jenkins, in Independent, sees the story of football ID scheme as a parable on you. A tale of populism and righteousness. While your determination not to take "noes" for an answer highlights one of your great strengths, your insistence on your own solution shows one of your great weaknesses. But he concludes your instincts in this were right - you blamed the clubs and not the supporters, who you felt deserved better.

Independent editorial says the abandoning of the proposed ID card scheme will not be mourned, except perhaps by you. But it criticises as far too generous the time allowed to introduce all-seater stadia and says, in criticising the commercial management of the game, that the movement should not be swayed by pleas for tax concessions: spectator sport is an area in which market forces should rule.

Telegraph p1 - All seat plan for "squalid" soccer clubs. Inside one page coverage headed "All seat stadiums are urged to beat soccer hooligans' scourge".

Times p1 lead - Football gets £50million help from pools for all seats future. A trust fund by pools promoters last night promised £50million towards implementing the Taylor Report. Football correspondent says the report should be the turning point in the history of football in Britain. Over the chasm dividing a Govt, which has been inexcusably apathetic, and the game's authorities, who have been shamefully complacent, Taylor has single-handedly built a bridge. There can be no more excuses or complaints from either side. Leader describes the report as a social document of the first importance. It adds that Hattersley seems to see football as a sort of extension of the NHS into which the Govt has some ill defined moral duty to pour substantial sums of public money. It concludes that the Govt's concern is with public safety and order. Public opinion will support it in believing that football must now set its own house in order at its own expense.



PRESS DIGEST

Independent p1 lead - Football faces £130million safety bill. Ministers abandon controversial ID scheme and accept recommendations in Lord Taylor's scathing attack on English football. But football must pay the estimated £130million costs of dragging the game from its blighted state (Independent).

Guardian editorial says the Govt has swallowed its medicine on football, and yesterday the clubs got their bitter pills, with the Taylor report critical of all aspects of the game. But his suggestion on the package of recommendations to both rugby and cricket in most contractors, and Ministers are probably right to kick this into touch.

Telegraph leader says the Taylor proposals are so radical that ID cards would by comparison be a slight burden on football. It finds the report somewhat unsatisfactory; the behaviour of the Hillsborough crowd has escaped proper analysis.

DEFENCE

Times describes Bush's cut backs as the US's biggest military retrenchment since the end of the Second World War. Leader says that by the time it is finally enacted Bush's budget is unlikely to bear much resemblance to yesterday's proposals, and by the end of the year in question it will bear even less.

Independent editorial says US intention to pull out of bases in Europe had long been expected. However, in the context of proposals for cuts in US forces in Europe lower than currently being negotiated at CFE, expected to be announced tomorrow by Bush, the paper argues in support of mutually agreed force levels with reductions carried out as part of a coordinated and orderly east-West process.

Max Hastings in Telegraph says great change is coming to the British armed forces. It will surely be seen to be to the Govt's credit to give such a change a clear lead rather than languish unhappily behind with the rearguard.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Mr Howard addresses Restaurateurs Association dinner
- DEN: Mr Wakeham hosts reception to launch City and Guilds Loft Insulation awards for Neighbourhood Energy Action, London
- DES: Mr MacGregor addresses Open University's graduate press conference
- LPC: Sir Geoffrey Howe meets Count Lambsdorff, Chairman of West German Free Democratic Party, London
- DES: Mr Howarth addresses National Union of Teachers' appraisal conference
- DH: Lady Hooper meets representatives from the Tobacco Advisory Council, London
- DH: Mr Freeman meets Maurice Frickel, Doug Henderson MP and Steve Morris MP re access to medical records
- DSS: Mrs Shephard meets Sir Richard Body MP with a delegation from the Mental Aftercare in Residential Care Homes Association to discuss hostel accommodation
- DTI: Mr Forth presents Data Communications of the Year awards with Motorola
- DTp: Mr Portillo addresses Public Issues conference
- FCO: Mr Waldegrave visited by Israeli Ambassador, Yoav Biran
- FCO: Mr Maude attends dinner hosted by Baron Herman von Richtofen of the Federal Republic of Germany
- FCO: Lord Brabazon visited by Mr Teburoro Tito, leader of the opposition for Kiribati
- HO: Mr Lloyd speaks on Asylum at London Borough Grant Schemes' conference on Refugees, London
- HO: Mr Patten chairs ministerial group on the Voluntary Sector
- HO: Lord Ferrers visits West Mercia Police (and 31 January)
- MAFF: Mr Maclean opens Institute of Environmental Health Officers seminar on "temperature monitoring in the chill and cold chain", London

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DTI: Mr Ridley and Mr Hogg attend Airbus meeting, Madrid
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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

DEM: Mr Eggar interviewed by David Oates, Western Daily Press  
"Business Feature"

DTI: Lord Trefgarne briefs press on Single Market next steps campaign

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TV AND RADIO

"Taking Liberties" BBC2 (8.00 pm)

A Criminal Way to Treat an Illness. Looks at how the community care system handles mental illness

"Viewpoint '90" ITV (10.35 pm)

Killing for Land. Conflict on Amazonia's eastern border between the rural poor and the rich landowners

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