

March 9, 1990

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister in Scotland

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STATISTICS

BOE: Capital issues and redemptions (Feb)

DOE: Construction output (4th qtr)

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PUBLICATION

HMT: Brochure on why EBRD should come to London

DEM: ? Labour Force Survey 1989

HO: Publication of War Crimes Bill

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business:

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

Entertainments (Increased Penalties) Bill: 2nd Reading

Representation of the People Bill: 2nd Reading

Entitlement to Employment and Training Bill: 2nd Reading

Adjournment Debates: The K factor for the West Kent Water Company  
(Sir J Stanley)

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PRESS DIGESTMain News

57 arrested in community charge demo in Hackney which ends in looting, 30 police injured. Council sets charge at £499.

Woman police officer's car turned over.

More trouble in Swindon and Camden.

Mail says that if ever there was a case for the community charge it is the young, vigorous, mobile jobs who would have no difficulty earning their keep if they chose to do so.

Telegraph says the Govt should keep its nerve and let the mechanism it has devised do its work.

You denounce rioters in Commons and force Kinnock to do so and to condemn 28 Labour MPs who advocate non payment of community charge.

But Mail says Kinnock's community charge offensive blew up in his face last night when Benn said Labour movement must defend all who, for whatever reason, are refusing to pay.

Sun: Riot clobbering for Kinnock. Leader says the ugly sight of Militant thugs is a timely reminder of what the Labour Party has to offer. They will always be with the Labour Party.

Star says that apart from Cuba and Albania, Britain is the only country where such rabid Reds as Militants still exist. You must think they are a Godsend.

Special courts to be set up to deal with charge defaulters (Today).

Mirror says military trainees will not pay full charge but student nurses must pay full amount.

Independent says a small group of Cabinet Ministers have discussed the idea that you might be asked to stand down in favour of an agreed alternative to thwart the ambitions of Heseltine.

Guardian says Heseltine is under increasing pressure to indicate his availability as leadership candidate.

Nicholas Ridley in trouble with some Backbenchers - and it is alleged some Ministers - for failing to act against Fayeds.

PRESS DIGEST

Express says he looks set to leave Cabinet in summer reshuffle.

Mail says his handling of Fayed affair has been lamentably limp. It wants you to get rid of him.

Mirror says there are only two fundamental questions NUM executive should ask Scargill today: where did all the money come from? And where did all of it go?

NUR say they gave Scargill £100,000 in used notes for miners strike fund. Never told how it was spent.

Lord President says Scargill case is a matter for the police.

Ron Todd, TGWU, first union official publicly to back Scargill.

Times says NUM still owes other unions £500,000.

CPSA expel 8 Militants accused of misusing union funds.

Phillips & Drew say that if Labour acted on their present policies Britain would be plunged into stagflation. Express says Labour's profligacy would destroy a decade's revival.

Rover being asked to build a factory in Bulgaria to make Maestros.

Vickers rejects proposal by an 18% shareholder to demerge Rolls Royce.

Japanese firms to provide 7-8,000 new jobs in Britain over 2 years over and above those arising from expansion of existing plants.

Grand Met and Elders, owners of Courage, close to deal to create second biggest brewing group in Britain and biggest pub chain.

Heathrow Airport decides to buy its electricity from Seeboard rather than Southern Electricity and save hundreds of thousands of pounds.

John Browne, in letter to constituents, claims he is victim of clique in Winchester.

Asian children come out top in British schools. White children do worst in inner London schools.

Public want more policemen on the beat; police against.

PRESS DIGEST

14 British soccer fans convicted of Heysel offences ordered to return to court. Prosecutor appealing for stiffer sentences.

Electronic tagging experiment described as a flop.

Tony Newton to announce details today of a Child Support Agency to track down fathers who refuse to pay maintenance.

Row at North Sea conference because Chris Patten refuses to abandon options of buying nuclear submarines at sea. Britain left in isolation.

Kohl says a united Germany will never question the border with Poland. Jaruzelski says this is not satisfactory because it does not specify which borders.

Independent reports a swing to the right away from Social Democrats in East Germany.

Lord Aldington prepared to give up his £1.2million libel damages. He says he did not go into action to make Count Tolstoy bankrupt.

Press Council upholds complaint against Independent by Colin Wallace for unsupported assertions and refusal to allow him to correct inaccuracies.

Sheffield goes £175million into red because of failure to get sponsorship for World Student Games.

Express says this illustrates why Labour run councils are setting high community charges.

Russia thought to be about to end aid to Cuba.

ANNEX

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEN: Mr Wakeham visits Nuclear Electric Power Station, Oldbury-on-Severn, Thornbury near Bristol
- DES: Mr MacGregor opens a Hall at St John's College School, Cambridge
- DH: Mr Clarke addresses a Parliamentary and Business Club dinner, House of Commons
- HO: Mr Waddington visits HM Prison, Hewell Grange
- MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Ideal Home Exhibition London; later addresses Stone Ferry and District Agricultural discussion, Downham Market
- DEM: Mr Eggar addresses Cambridge Union Society debate on Trade Union Reform
- DEM: Lord Strathclyde visits Southport
- DH: Mrs Bottomley attends relaunch of Ask your Pharmacist campaign; later addresses Hambros Bank conference "Self Government and Delegation in the Health Service"
- DH: Mr Freeman visits Kettering Registry Office
- DH: Lady Hooper visits Central Blood Laboratories Authority, Elstree
- DOE: Mr Spicer visits Banbury
- DOE: Mr Heathcoat-Amory visits Test Valley re Recycling
- DSS: Mrs Shephard visits Torbay Local Office
- DTI: Mr Redwood addresses Economic Association's regional conference, Manchester University
- FCO: Mr Maude meets Mr Thage Peterson, Speaker of the Swedish Parliament
- MAFF: Mr Curry addresses North Riding Quality Control Bacon Association, Richmond
- SO: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton addresses Institute of Housing conference, Aviemore
- WO: Mr Roberts makes opening address at seminar on Exporting to West Germany, QED Centre, Treforrest
- WO: Mr Grist addresses Powys Crime Prevention information seminar, Llandindrod, Wells

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MINISTERS(OVERSEAS VISITS)

- DEN: Mr Morrison attends Oil and Gas seminar, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia
- DES: Mr Jackson attends European Science Ministers conference on Ethical Issues in Genome Research, Frankfurt
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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

- DH: Mr Clarke appears at a panellist on Cross Question, Anglia TV, Milton Keynes
- DES: Mrs Rumbold appears on documentary about women "Move Over Darling", BBC 1
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TV AND RADIO

"Public Eye" BBC 2 (8.00pm) Looks at the problems of single mothers and speculates about the Government's plans to force more fathers to pay up

"Any Questions?" BBC Radio 4 (8.05pm) with Max Hastings, Tony Blair, Charles Kennedy and Sheila Lawlor (Centre for Policy Studies)

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