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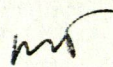
PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets Mrs Prunskiene from Lithuania; later meets Russian children injured in Chelyabinsk explosion

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh visit London Zoo

Confindustria, Italian CBI visit London



STATISTICS

NAO: Insolvency Act 1986: Accounts 1988-89

OPCS: Mortality statistics: accidents and violence 1988

PUBLICATIONS

DES: Education, Science and Arts Committee (2nd report session 1989-90) on The supply of teachers for the 1990's

HO: Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis 1989: Command Paper

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Numbering of Premises (Mr Hugo Summerson)

Broadcasting Bill: Progress on Remaining Stages

Motion relating to the statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 251)

Adjournment Debates: Haemophiliacs who have contracted HIV and AIDS (Mr W McKelvey)

Select Committees: FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Subject: FCO/ODA Expenditure 1990-91
Witnesses: ODA officials

WELSH AFFAIRS

Subject: The Supply of Starter Homes in Wales

Witnesses: House Builders Federation; Lovell Partnership Homes

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees:
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TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Trade with EFTA

Witnesses: Mr Per Jodahl, Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Sweden (at 10.45 am); Mr Harley Atherton, Director of Target Finland (at 11.30 am)

DEFENCE

Subject: Implications for UK Defence Policy of Recent Events in Europe

Witnesses: Jane Sharp, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute; Mary Kaldor, University of Sussex

ENERGY

Subject: Energy Efficiency

Witnesses: Dr E G Finer, Director General, Energy Efficiency Office, and other officials from the Department of Energy

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS

Subject: The Annual Report of H.M. Senior Chief Inspectorate of Schools 1988-89

Witnesses: Mr John MacGregor, MP, Secretary of State for Education and Science and officials for the Department

EMPLOYMENT

Subject: Recruitment Practices

Witnesses: The TUC

HOME AFFAIRS

Subject: Practical Police Co-operation in the European Community

Witnesses: Mr Roger Birch, CBE, QPM, Chief Constable, Sussex Police, Mr John Dellow, CBE, Deputy Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, Mr Paul Condon, QPM, Chief Constable, Kent County Constabulary, and Mr Tony Mullett, QPM, Chief Constable, West Mercia Constabulary, Association of Chief Police Officers; Superintendent Peter Roberts, Police Superintendents Association; Mr Alan Eastwood, Chairman, Police Federation

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Department of Energy: New Headquarters Building

Witnesses: A P Brown, PSA and GH Chippertfield, Department of Energy

Lords: Starred Questions

Debate to call attention to the case for a national environmental waste policy.

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Lords (Cont'd)

Debate to call attention to recent developments in the field of complementary medicine and its relationship to conventional treatment

UQ to ask HMG what steps they propose to halt the depletion of the national peat resource and what role they intend to play in the development of a peatlands conservation strategy

PRESS DIGESTMain News

Soccer authorities cave in to Home Secy - they will accept police veto on soccer matches likely to cause trouble.

Times says contrite Football League officials admit they were wrong to ignore police warning.

David Waddington tells House - "The scenes of violent disorder at Bournemouth were absolutely disgraceful; a very serious mistake was made by FL".

FA to conduct an inquiry into the incidents.

Mail leader says no-one can accuse the Govt of being soft on soccer thugs. But this must be the very last time England's football bosses are put on probation. If they fail us again they, too, must be made answerable by law to the police.

Leeds manager urges fans to root out hooligan element following club.

Conservative MPs say the drinking of alcohol should be banned outside soccer grounds on match days (Times).

Colin Moynihan, in Italy to make World Cup preparations, ensures English fans will not be able to draw unemployment pay while there (Star).

Sun claims Dutch fans are planning to throw bombs at English fans in Sardinia.

Today mounts a savage attack on Colin Moynihan for "failure" in Italy to secure effective precautions against our hooligans.

Eight soccer "yobs" banned from watching matches at home and abroad yesterday after trouble at Chesterfield.

Prolonged and hesitant courtship between EC and FFTA gets boost as Brussels finally agrees outline of a joint treaty (Independent).

Kohl rejects a Soviet bid to delay a decision on German NATO membership until after unification.

EC has approved German decision to use money piling up under the old post war Marshall Plan aid to support investment in East Germany - worth more than £2billion over next 4 years (FT).

PRESS DIGEST

In Independent, Peter Jenkins says that, embarrassing though it may be to the Russians, their own historic fears are better served by a Germany integrated into an alliance with the United States than by a Germany on its own in Central Europe.

EC to outlaw an array of poison pill tactics used by companies to fend off foreign takeovers, in response to complaints that British firms face innumerable hidden barriers when launching overseas bids (Times).

Times leader discusses the US plan to cut back on military spending saying the debate over America's military tasks and spending has moved from phoney war to real skirmish. For several months, the Pentagon has been stalling on how far their military forces can be wound down as the Soviet threat shrinks.

Mrs Prunskiene calls on you to help as a negotiator between Lithuania and Gorbachev.

Sun hopes you will offer her all the help in our power to give.

In Independent interview, Mrs Pruskiene says Lithuania will have real independence, with international recognition by end of next year. "Gorbachev opened the bottle" she says "but that doesn't mean that because of gratitude for that, we should give up what freedom means to us". Any attempt to reverse moves toward independence would spell "disaster for the Soviet Union" she warns.

Estonia and Latvia join Lithuania in declaring independence.

Gorbachev tells military perestroika must include armed forces.

Iran prepared to exchange Waite for Rushdie, according to leading Bradford Muslim who has just returned from Tehran.

Hizbollah leader in Lebanon says no more Western hostages will be released this year because Americans refuse to negotiate.

Conor Cruise O'Brien, writing in the Times under the heading "No dialogue, no reward - just total isolation", believes Dr Runcie is playing into terrorist hands by urging talks with Tehran.

Mirror says lorry drivers are threatening to block roads in Britain in bid to free Iraqi gun driver in Greece.

PRESS DIGEST

Telegraph leader says the lorry driver is being given a rough ride by one of our EC partners. There is a certain irony in this when one recalls the deplorable Greek record in dealing with real terrorists. The driver has fallen foul of a state that seems determined to maintain its reputation as the least plausible of modern European societies.

Iraq's Saddam Hussein puts on a show - claims his own scientists are now making nuclear triggers.

Mail says Foreign Secy is about to send our Ambassador back to Iraq.

Prince Charles wins praise for his attack on Communism in Budapest. "He acted like a King", says Star. "Yesterday he grew up".

Express says Prince spoke for all of us. It is difficult to see Gorbachev taking offence.

Mail headline: The Prince of Freedom.

Hillingdon, under Tory control, cuts community charge by £76.

Chris Patten resists "universal cap" idea for community charge, saying that Westminster and Wandsworth results vindicate your arguments in favour of accountability. Heseltine also expected to reject capping in favour of banding (Independent).

Kenneth Baker seeks to assure Tory MPs there will be no backsliding on the Govt's review of the operation of the community charge in the light of last week's elections (Times).

Mail Parliamentary writer says Kinnock yesterday plainly showed he does not know what inflation is. He confuses the disease with the cure. He urges you to fight inflation by bringing interest rates down. Presumably he would advise an alcoholic to fight the disease with nips of whisky.

Martin Jacques, in the Times, analyses last week's local election results concluding that it is nonsense to argue that Labour's London problem is simply a legacy of the loony left.

Today says John Wakeham is to leave the Commons at the General Election.

Times says he denies he has yet made up his mind.

PRESS DIGEST

Mandelson told to leave job by October - Walworth Road says he can't both be an employee and a candidate.

Mail leader says much is made of Kinnock's success in disciplining the red in tooth and claw tendency of Socialist Party. But John Prescott's declaration that miners who lost their jobs for violence and intimidation during strike would be reinstated is an ugly reminder that the beast is not fully house trained.

Michael Howard challenges Kinnock to back or sack Prescott.

Sun says Chancellor will raise mortgage tax relief in his next Budget from £30,000 to £45,000 but limit it to standard rate.

City economists, according to Telegraph, say inflation could reach almost 11% this summer.

Slow down in consumer credit - a sign the economy is beginning to respond to high interest rates - says Chancellor (FT).

IMF agreed 50% increase in its resources - conditional on the adoption of a tougher policy against countries in arrears to the fund (FT).

Britain pulled into the opening round of a dispute likely to disfigure the week-long Bergen conference after Friends of the Earth leak US telex revealing that Bush administration expects British help in blocking proposals on the conference agenda to tackle the greenhouse effect (Times).

Construction industry - biggest pay bargaining group in the private sector - set to give 10% rise to 600,000 workers (Independent).

Visa has launched High Court challenge in an attempt to overturn MMC's two-tier recommendation on credit cards - by asking court to declare void Nicholas Ridley's decision to allow retailers to charge customers a lower price if they pay cash rather than by credit card (FT).

ASLEF accepts 9.3% offer to Underground workers while NUR holds out for more.

Sixth Briton killed in construction of Channel Tunnel.

Labour calls for inquiry into safety of Channel Tunnel construction sites; others accuse contractors of flouting rules to get the job done (Independent).

PRESS DIGEST

GEC/Ferranti wins £300million EFA radar order.

CPSA members warned that apathy could lead to Militant taking control of union in next week's executive elections.

Powergen considering spending £175 million to instal large gas burners to one of its biggest coal fired stations at Cottam, Nottinghamshire (FT).

A surge in North Sea oilfield developments has resulted in some of the biggest orders for offshore gas turbines ever seen in UK (FT).

British Airways musters Tory backbench support in fight against Nicholas Ridley/Monopolies Commission refusal of merger with Sabena (Independent).

Rolls Royce has won \$600million order to re-engine entire fleet of Boeing 727's for US United Parcels service (FT).

Draft Select Cttee report criticises Ministers for subterfuge over B/Aerospace/Rover deal; Skinner calls for statement.

Tory MPs furious over what they regard as selective leaking of this report.

Families of M1 air crash victims to press for sight of investigators' report as inquest opens (Independent).

David Willetts, writing in the Times, discusses the inaccuracy of poverty figures saying such statistics are notoriously inaccurate and Parliament was told of the error on April 4. He concludes that patterns of poverty are affected above all by big social changes. Addressing them is much more fruitful than arguing about the details of inherently unreliable data.

Telegraph says few hospitals can afford a drug which promises to increase organ transplant success rate.

Govt suffers significant setback over its community care reforms after a double defeat in the Lords over how the programme should be funded (Times).

An Independent editorial supports the creation of an officer class for the police to restore morale and inculcate a set of standards and values into a service which has, to a significant extent, lost the confidence of the public.

PRESS DIGEST

Lamplugh Trust calls for changes to take many sex offenders out of jail, including new look at Rule 43 prisoners (Independent).

Times - Assn of Chief Police Officers urge Ministers to consider whether police should be relieved of the responsibility of maintaining the national collection of criminal records. Leader says vetting by employers offers too much scope for the violation of civil liberties. It calls for firm and specific rules, publicly debated and endorsed by Parliament, with their application being supervised by an independent authority with the power to investigate complaints and enforce remedies. It sets out a number of principles that should be observed.

George Walden, in Telegraph, says the rate at which schools have opted for Grant Maintained status has dramatically reduced the fears of supporters about the public's readiness to become seriously involved in education.

An FT leader on training says a more determined attempt to raise the school staying on rate must accompany efforts to expand employer-led training of the UK economy is to remain competitive in future decades.

Leeds University study shows that Conservative politicians are dominating televised coverage of the House of Commons while MPs in the minor parties appear rarely on the screen (Times).

Team of outside experts sent in by Arts Council to scrutinise management of Royal Opera House as it plans to go £5million in the red (Independent).

Cardinal O'Fee, Primate of All Ireland, dies on pilgrimage to Lourdes. Charles Haughey says he is devastated. Archbishop of Canterbury: "A devout and staunch churchman whom I counted as a friend".

Vice President Quayle says Thatcher views hold sway in US - Telegraph.

Denis Thatcher gets a lot of publicity for deciding not to tarry with welcoming party for Dan Quayle and to go upstairs for a shave - cannily, the Mail says, avoiding the bunkers of boredom. Sympathetic profile by Chris Buckland, Express.

John Heddle leaves £3.6million gross; £12,000 net.

Sun canvasses an honorary knighthood for Bob Hope.

PRESS DIGEST

Medical research was carried out on semi-conscious cat and rabbit, new film given to the Home Office reveals (Independent).

New immigration rules will force some Hong Kong Chinese to come to Britain, flatly contradicting Govt's policy on the colony (Independent).

Today claims Japanese businessmen will earn £94million from selling 330 minke whales killed in the name of science.

Director of Kenyan Wildlife Service calls for destruction of the 472 ton ivory stockpile, worth £30million, in Hong Kong after exemption to ban expires in July (times).

Pakistan may call in international agencies to deal with growing influx of refugees from Kashmir fighting (Independent).

UN arbitration panel condemns France for sinking Rainbow Warrior (Independent).

South African Govt to abolish racially segregated local authorities and devolve considerable powers to a new system to be determined largely at local level (Times).

Spain has agreed to resume freight flights to South Africa 3 years after suspending them as a sanction against apartheid (FT).

Albania wants to join CSCE (FT).

ANNEX

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES)

- DEM: Mr Howard addresses British Paper and Board Industry Training conference London; later attends reception of the Association of British Insurers' and the Chairman's reception of the British Tourist Authority
- DEN: Mr Wakeham visits Dinorwig Power Station, Wales; later addresses Nuclear Installations Inspectorate 30th anniversary dinner, Cafe Royal, London
- DES: Mr MacGregor addresses the Royal Fine Arts Committee, London
- DSS: Mr Newton and Lord Henley meet Lord Vinson and David Willetts and later the CBI to discuss occupational pensions
- DTp: Mr Parkinson opens South Hampshire rail electrification project, Fareham
- HIO: Mr Waddington receives courtesy call from head of Italian Police Service
- MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Brewing Research Foundation, Redhill
- SO: Mr Rifkind opens Ness Bridge, Inverness
- DEM: Mr Eggar addresses Association of British Factors dinner, London
- DEM: Mr Nicholls attends National Association of Training Groups annual conference, Bournemouth
- DEM: Lord Strathclyde visits National Schizophrenia Society, BTA annual dinner, Godalming
- DES: Mr Jackson addresses Pickup Europe Day, South Bank Polytechnic
- DES: Mrs Rumbold visits Camberwell College of Art
- DES: Mr Howarth addresses the Building Employers Confederation, University, of London
- DH: Mrs Bottomley visits Childline; later meets Angela Rumbold and the Women's National Commission re the Children Act
- DH: Lady Hooper meets Sir Donald Maitland of the Health Education Authority; later attends British Dental Association presentation and attends Europe Day reception
- DOE: Mr Trippier attends opening of new Waste Derived Power Plant, East Sussex County Council, Hastings
- DOE: Mr Spicer visits River Point Hostel for the homeless
- DOE: Mr Chope addresses Chiselhurst Businessmen Club
- DTI: Mr Forth visits National Film and Television School, Beaconsfield; later attends reception of British Insurers, House of Commons

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC) (Cont'd)

- DTp: Mr Atkins visits Driver Standards Agency Training Centre, Cardington
- HMT: Mr Lamont delivers CIMA lecture, London
- HMT: Lord Caithness addresses Institute of Taxation, London
- HO: Lord Ferrers visits Cumbria Police
- HO: Mr Patten visits Handsworth Breakthrough, Birmingham re ethnic minorities; later addresses and presents bursaries at "Working with Growth Business"
- MAFF: Baroness Trumpington visits Farming News' offices, London; later addresses Court Ladies dinner of the Fishmongers, London
- OAL: Mr Luce visits Royal Artillery Museum, Woolwich
- ODA: Mrs Chalker launches health initiative at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- WO: Mr Roberts opens Dvnic UK new factory, Cardiff
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TV AND RADIO

"Yes, Mr Churchill" Radio 4 (11.47 am)

"Words Apart" BBC 2 (6.50 pm)

Looks at the White Paper on prisons and punishment for young offenders

"Dispatches" Ch 4 (8.30 pm)

Looks at recycling

Inside Story BBC 1 (9.30 pm)

South Africa's killing ground
