

June 5, 1990

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

- House of Commons resumes
  - World Environment Day - award to Prime Minister
  - CSCE conference, Copenhagen (to Wed) - Foreign Secy
  - Voluntary repatriation, Vietnamese boat people
  - EC Industry Ministers, Brussels
  - Association of Chief Police Officers' conf (all week)
  - Charge capping judicial review opens
  - Company liquidity survey (Q1)
  - Lords report on Civil R&D (PM's reply)
  - Launch of Summer Drink/Drive campaign (Robert Atkins)
  - HIDB annual report
  - Publication of CFCs report (Coopers & Lybrand)
  - Publication of Government response to Social Services  
Select Cttee report on community care - Future Financing of  
Private and Voluntary Residential Care
  - Review of mentally disordered offenders
  - Commons: Questions: Health; Prime Minister  
Debate: Army; EC scrutiny - animal health
  - Lords: Debate: 2nd Rdg, Broadcasting Bill  
Question: Cervical screening
  - Home Secy addresses British Security Assn
  - Foreign Secy in Copenhagen at human rights meeting
  - Kenneth Clarke meeting on Drax power station - legionella
  - John Wakeham visits Newfoundland and USA (to June 14)
  - Nicholas Ridley addresses Bruges Group
  - Chris Patten addresses Building Societies Assn banquet
  - Tony Newton opens Jewish mental health centre
  - Norman Lamont addresses Hill Martin dinner
  - Virginia Bottomley meets all-party Disablement Group -  
community charge
  - Michael Howard in Hungary re "Know How Fund"
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PRESS DIGESTMain News

World Environment Day - You win a UN Global 500 award.

Lords reject War Crimes Bill by majority of 133 - and media hype up constitutional clash with Commons. Some expectation Bill will be reintroduced next Session.

Times describes defeat on Bill as the biggest Lords revolt in your 11-year tenure.

General downbeat air about outcome of Summit - Guardian claims US Administration is privately giving a bleak assessment of talks.

Gorbachev, in San Francisco, calls for dismantling of NATO and Warsaw Pact armies. Appeals for a new world-wide approach to alliances which would concentrate on peace rather than on confrontation.

You will try to reassure him he has nothing to fear from Trident - we wish to maintain only minimum credible deterrent.

Express says you will fly out with a message of hope.

Telegraph leader says NATO, the first military Alliance in modern history to win a victory without firing a shot, still has a stabilising role to play.

Soviet Union agree in principle to re-establish diplomatic ties with South Korea, removing the last vestige of the Cold War in Asia (FT).

Ukraine communists send crumb of comfort to Gorbachev with election of Republic's communist party leader as president (Independent). 10,000 demonstrate in Kiev against his election.

Israeli officials say they will not interfere with the settlement of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories despite the threat by Gorbachev that the scheme could be put at risk the continued exodus (Times).

Yitzhak Shamir defiant on settlement of Soviet immigrants and says he plans to form new right-wing Govt next week (Independent).

Peking in grip of heavy security operation on anniversary of Tiananmen Square (Independent).

PRESS DIGEST

Police questioning 3 men over shooting of young soldier at Lichfield; another 3 being questioned about other recent outrages.

Gerry Adams says British Govt, not IRA, to blame for deaths of 2 Australians in Holland - Twisted logic, says Star.

Now UVF say they killed a 60 year old Catholic in Portadown by mistake.

France and West Germany refuse to lift bans on British beef.

EC predicts import bans on British beef will be lifted (Times).

EC Commission backs away from taking immediate legal action.

Driver of coach in crash in France in which 11 were killed denies he was speeding.

Witnesses say it was going at 80mph. Mirror wants high new safety standards for coaches across Europe. Today says coach fleet operation is a shady business.

Meanwhile Express says coaches speed on across Britain and Continent.

Times leader supports the fitting of seat belts to coaches and says Mr Parkinson is wrong to be so submissive in his attitude because of EC views. Mr Parkinson blames French obstruction for delay in bringing in coach seat belts.

Mail wonders whether we have to wait for Europe before we introduce seat belts on coaches. It is hardly reassuring that the West Midlands coach firm involved started up without proper authorisation and got by for 10 months on a borrowed licence.

Chief Executive of Scottish Tory Party, John Mackay, resigns.

Labour Party says there will be no special deals for Owen if he seeks to rejoin them.

Ronald Butt in the Times welcomes a return to vigorous three-party politics with the death of the SDP.

Sun enjoys "misery mongers" eating their hearts out after upbeat report from Chambers of Commerce on exports and employment.

High interest rates begin to choke off demand for credit.

PRESS DIGEST

Engineering Council say 5,000 jobs will go unless the Govt presses ahead with a revised nuclear power programme (Independent).

Official figures show 38% of Japanese investment in EC is in Britain - a demonstration, Express says, of confidence in Britain. But the bottom will fall out overnight if Labour get in.

Invest in Britain Bureau says a record number of jobs (54,000) were created or safeguarded last year by overseas investment.

British & Commonwealth collapses owing more than £1billion; cash holdings in company frozen.

Three month deadline for accountants to salvage something from failure.

Payless and Do-It-All - DIY firms - win appeal against convictions for Sunday trading. New calls for law to be changed.

Express says Ministers, whether they like it or not, must turn their attention to this issue. They must try again to reform.

Cabinet decision on Chunnel rail link has been delayed for at least another week (Times).

French crews of Sealink in manning dispute disrupt Channel crossing.

Nicholas Ridley has stepped up the growing conflict in EC over the treatment of Japanese cars manufactured in EC by insisting those produced in EC countries should be excluded from any future restrictions on Japanese imports (FT).

Report on race inequality in employment says one in three bosses are still racially prejudiced.

Janes Defence Weekly says RAF projects including EH101, next generation of nuclear powered attack submarines and an anti-tank weapon on Treasury hit list of targets for defence cuts (FT).

South Tyneside Council decides not to proceed immediately with 12,000 cases of non-payment of poll tax bills following Isle of Wight magistrates' rejection of summonses for similar cases (Independent).

Sheffield Council to run next year's World Student Games after the organisers collapsed with debts of £3million (FT).

PRESS DIGEST

Michael Spicer announces review of Govt policy on tackling homelessness will examine failure of landlords to provide more homes - as a motley collection doss down for the night at the beginning of National Sleep Out Week.

Times leader commenting on National Sleep Out Week says that if councils left fewer houses empty for shorter periods, and if more private householders could be persuaded to let their property to tenants, the present number of homeless persons could in theory be housed several times over. It concludes that the homeless are likely always to be with us, and a claim on our charity.

AIDS experts warn Edinburgh on the brink of a second wave of HIV infection among heterosexuals as a result of drug abuse from up to 7 years ago (Independent).

Today praises Govt's willingness to bring in incentives for recycling waste, picking up a Times "leak".

Independent editorial says the May Inquiry is in danger of running into the sands. Suggesting this is because of the difficulty of subpoenaing witnesses, it argues such inquiries should have the same authority as courts of law in this respect. But even so, so long as there is a presumption that Ministers or public servants can determine what represents the public interest, there is little point in discussing enhanced powers for tribunal chairmen.

3 English soccer fans jailed in Sardinia for duration of World Cup before it has started, for wrecking a hotel room and stealing sheets. Praise for tough Italian justice from pops.

Italian firms ban drink on charter flights.

Girl wanted for violence in community charge riot in Trafalgar Square arrested in London squat.

Chief Supt guilty on disciplinary charge arising out of Broadwater Farm investigation.

Leslie Huckfield, ex Labour MP and MEP, charged with criminal deception.

Peter de Savary to stand as Independent against Sebastian Coe in Falmouth.

King Olav of Norway close to death after stroke.

PRESS DIGEST

John Akass, Express journalist, dies of cancer, 56.

Maggie Smith wins Tony Award for best actress.

Woodrow Wyatt considers Broadcasting Bill in the Times emphasising the need for impartiality by TV and radio. He says that all major parties need the assurance that someone, somewhere, can prevent their policies and their leaders being unfairly pilloried and ensure that unchallenged attacks are not made on established national policies.

Michael Grade, in Telegraph, says Rupert Murdoch's media grip needs to be loosened.

BBC apologises for Leftwing bias in a "Timewatch" show about Hiroshima (Express).

BBC may have to find another £15million to retain exclusive rights to Wimbledon.

HMS Andromeda stands off Liberia to rescue Britons caught up in civil war.

President Menem says Argentine's claim to Falklands stands and calls for support from Organisation of American States.

Impasse in Canada's constitutional talks.

Thousands flee Pakistan's southern province of Sind as ethnic killings continue. Political credibility of PM Bhutto has reached its lowest ebb amid demands for her dismissal or the imposition of martial law (Independent).

SUMMIT

Sun says Soviet-American dominance of the world is ending. President Bush hasn't the power to take Germany into NATO and Gorbachev lacks it to keep Germany out. World influence follows economic strength and Europe is richer than the USA and Japan and twice as rich as Soviet Union. Instead of Summits it advocates round table meetings in London.

PRESS DIGEST

Peter Jenkins, writing in the Independent, comments that first post-Cold War summit was liable to be something of an anti-climax. Focussing on the Germany in NATO issue, he says that the summit may have helped clarify the two most crucial areas required for Soviet acquiescence: future German military strength and the character of NATO and its relationship to CSCE. But in drawing up a new security map of Europe, it is not now within the sole competence of the two super-powers.

Times says Gorbachev may be returning to Moscow today with little to show for his summit with Bush but the live TV coverage of his rousing receptions will have amply compensated for that.

Times leader on CSCE says that unless the govts are clear on what they can and cannot collectively achieve, their talks will remain so much cosmopolitan hot air. The Copenhagen talks must concentrate on individual rights, and their protection under law. Grouprights may be the stuff of political conflict in Eastern Europe, but they must come second.

Under the heading "Let's plan foreign policy, not let events dictate it", Vernon Bogdanor, a Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, writing in the Times, calls for better-informed debate on international affairs.

SDP/OWEN

Sun says there will be no tears over the disappearance of the SDP but it is a pity to waste Owen's talents. He could have a future with Tories whose best hope is that he joins Labour and does for them what he did for the third force.

Telegraph says Tories should beware; if an SLD revival is mounted it might not be entirely at Labour's expense.