

June 7, 1990

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

- Prime Minister addresses NATO meeting, Turnberry
- Prime Minister visits Moscow
- Nicholas Ridley meets Gordon Brown on Ravenscraig
- EC Environment Council - CO2 emissions
- Educational Institute for Scotland AGM (to Sat)
- Sir Anthony Part's book "Making of a Mandarin" published
- CBI/FT survey of distributive trades (May)
- Housing starts & completions (May)
- Manufacturers' investment intentions 1990/91
- Social Services Select Cttee report on community carers
- NAO report on Intervention Board for agricultural produce
- NAO report on Privatisation of Work in New Town Bodies in England
- Social Services Inspectorate report on Cleveland - child abuse
- Commons: Questions: Treasury; Prime Minister
Debate: Rmng Stages, Food Safety Bill; EC scrutiny - fish & shellfish hygiene
- Lords: Debate: Report: NHS Bill; Cttee, Computer Misuse Bill
Question: Pensioners and inflation
- Lord Chancellor at conference of European Speakers, Brussels (to Sat)
- Chancellor speaks in Gloucester
- Home Secy addresses Assn of Chief Police Officers' conference
- Cecil Parkinson addresses Int. Chamber of Shipping dinner
- Chris Patten gives Arnold Goodman charity lecture
- David Hunt at quality Welsh lamb launch
- John MacGregor meets headmaster, Harrow
- Peter Brooke in US with British/American Parl. Group
- Malcolm Rifkind at BiC housing initiative, Edinburgh
- Kenneth Clarke addresses Inst. of Health Services Mgt AGM
- Lynda Chalker visits UNWRA, Vienna
- Michael Portillo meets Assn of District Councils - community charge
- HM Customs & Excise annoucement on freezones
- BBC Radio 4 Analysis - Tory view of Europe
- BBC TV1 Question Time includes Tom King, Claire Short, Simon Jenkins and Ruth Wishart (Scotsman)

PRESS DIGESTMain News

Beef war still unresolved after all night meeting between EC Foreign Ministers; Italy joins France and Germany in ban after Eurovets give our beef clearance.

Pressure said to be growing for British retaliation; trade war fear.

FT says the continuing bitterness over the dispute will add to the damage already inflicted on the EC beef industry by BSE and undermine what many see as fundamental principles of the EC single market.

40 dead as more violence sweeps through Khirgizia - only one of many troubles confronting Gorbachev as you go to visit him.

Sun says a dangerous new Kremlin crisis has forced Gorbachev to cut-back his programme of meetings with you - cancelling visit to Kiev. It says Gorbachev has just 30 days to get it all sorted out.

Times leads with White House warning you not to raise future of Britain's nuclear deterrent when you meet Gorbachev - a surprise move concerning the most sensitive issue of Anglo-American relations. Leader says the future of our nuclear deterrent rests on the goodwill of the American president in continuing to defy Soviet pressure. It concludes that Bush must simply refuse to countenance the Soviet demand.

Guardian says you are hoping to avoid any direct pressure on Trident in your meeting with Gorbachev. Leader says NATO cannot be the fundamental guarantor of peace without immense redefinition.

And the Independent also says you are to play down the British Trident issue on your Soviet trip.

FT says you will defend Britain's privileged nuclear relationship with the US against Soviet calls for its capabilities to be included in superpower arms reduction talks when you see Gorbachev.

Express says Gorbachev faces the toughest five weeks of his career but you will go as his "one woman appreciation society".

Mail says your visit has been hit by a Kremlin crisis which has caused Gorbachev to cancel his visit to Kiev.

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Telegraph says you are seeking an assurance from Washington on Trident missiles before you go to Russia. Lord Carrington, before Select Cttee, urges a defence role for the EC.

Michael Evans, writing in the Times about the NATO Foreign Ministers meeting, says the unification of Germany and the external security issues it raises for the Soviet Union and the NATO alliance demand a total change of perspective and of language.

Guardian says Bonn wants reduction of nuclear weapons to absolute minimum and their eventual removal from German soil.

The US Commerce Dept has blocked an ambitious scheme to construct a fibre optic cable across the Soviet Union because of concern that it would pose a threat to national security. US West has said it will seek a review of the decision to refuse them a licence (FT).

COCOM meeting in Paris is seeking to negotiate an agreement to reduce controls on the export of strategic technology to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (FT).

Timothy Garton-Ash, in the Independent, says that the Soviet leadership must be left in no doubt about the price it would have to play for the use of force in Lithuania.

Express leads with claim that Kinnock, in a high risk strategy to distance himself from trade union movement, is not speaking at any trade union conferences this year.

Mail finds, through NOP, most people think Lords were wrong to reject plans to prosecute Nazi War criminals living in Britain. Majority also think Lords should not be able to throw out legislation already passed by MPs.

John Grigg, in the Times, looks at alternative to the House of Lords and concludes that if the House of Commons were to remain the one all-elected chamber democracy would require that it should always have the last word.

British Rail and its private sector partners go cap in hand to Cecil Parkinson for what is described as almost open ended Govt underwriting for Channel Link.

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Switzerland has applied to join the IMF - the last westernised country to do so (FT).

Efta split over talks with EC on creating a European Economic Space (FT).

Richard Ryder attacks moneylenders who encourage people to take out larger home loans than they can afford.

Which? report shows British manufacturers are fighting back; British workers better motivated and a career in car industry more prestigious than a decade ago. But consumers could be more demanding and Japanese cars are more reliable.

And Harvard Business School professor says your's is a unique success story. Remarkable accomplishment.

Sarah Hogg, in Telegraph, says she still thinks there is a greater danger of underkill on inflation than overkill with recession.

Half of Birmingham fails to pay first instalment of community charge, although the number is expected to drop sharply over the summer (Times).

Rhodes Boyson suggests that individual members of a family should pay differing community charge rates (Times).

Price war likely as interest rates curb car sales (Times).

Mail leader exempts Lord King, with a 20% pay rise to over £515,000, from criticism because of his making BA the most profitable airline in the world and taking into account world pay comparisons. Lord King attacks Govt over refusing to allow BA unlimited room for expansion (Times).

11.5% pay deal ends Iveco Ford 6-week strike in Bucks.

Luxembourg Bank of Credit & Commerce closing up to 16 of its 43 branches in Britain and moving to Gulf with loss of 500 jobs.

NUM conference motion to end 5-year ban on joint pay talks with UDM; in his six years as president Scargill has not won a single pay rise for his men.

EC forced to postpone its first directive on Social Charter after heated disagreement among the 17 Commissioners over the legality and need for the proposed measure (Times).

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Compensation claims against defaulting solicitors more than doubled last year.

EC preparing radical laws to curb car use in cities, according to Telegraph.

Times leader discusses Robert Atkins' ideas for tougher drink and drive laws for young and newly qualified drivers saying he is moving in the right direction, but he should proceed with some care before starting the legislative engine. It adds that such a draconian imposition would be resented as unfair, and the consensus the law requires would be missing.

Little coverage for Labour Party claims that Govt's plans to cut CO2 emissions are "nothing but hot air".

Express says Labour's claim backfired embarrassingly as CBI said Govt objectives seemed reasonable.

Times says political battle over the environment intensifies as Labour, in its most serious environmental commitment, pledges to stabilise Britain's CO2 emissions five years ahead of the Govt's target date of 2005 (Times).

Britain and Spain may frustrate EC plans to stabilise CO2 emissions by 2000 -we have set a target of 2005 and Spain does not want to sign up to any target (FT).

ICI accused of deceiving the public over its green credentials by manufacturing a range of products that pollute rivers yet are labelled environmentally friendly (Times).

Driver of coach in French crash, killing 11, charged with manslaughter.

Today says crime has soared to a new high as police are increasingly failing to do their job. Leader calls for short term contracts for Chief Constables and the sack if they don't perform well.

Chief Constables back idea of a national intelligence unit dealing with serious and organised crime.

14 British soccer fans in court in Tunisia after windows of tourist coaches were smashed in drunken spree.

Sardinia bans drink 48-hours before an England match in World Cup.

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Four men and a woman appear at Brighton magistrates today charged with conspiring to make false UK passports (FT).

Lorry driver detained in Greece over Iraq gun returns home after 7 weeks.

Case of legless girl who has lost mobility allowance after learning how to walk on artificial limbs - callous says Star.

George Walden MP in Telegraph, says time has come to divert resources of defence to education and research; and Telegraph agrees.

Fees for eye tests have led to a 30% fall in eyesight tests (FT).

Doctors and nurses who refuse to take part in abortions on grounds of conscience may be named in a public list if amendment by pro-abortion Labour and Tory MPs to the Embryology Bill is accepted (Times).

Global climate change to be included in geography curriculum.

Star claims SAS squad is hunting IRA on Continent.

Retired police officer killed and wife critically injured when booby trapped car explodes in Belfast.

Independent leader on broadcasting says there are 3 remaining issues. There is no purpose in granting licences to companies of quality if they were immediately vulnerable to takeover bids from bigger and brasher commercial concerns which had failed in their own bids. It would be appropriate to extend a moratorium of perhaps one year on any bids for such fledgling companies. the Govt should also make it easier for the ITC to pull the plug on companies which do not live up to the terms and conditions of their franchise and the restrictions on cross-media ownership contained in the Bill should be extended to include satellite broadcasting system.

Betting on next Archbishop of Canterbury suspended after rush of money on Bishop of St Albans - insider dealing?

Foreign Secy says UK will cut aid to African and other dictatorships unless they mend their ways.

Today says this policy is welcome and overdue.

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Mail says 5 British mercenaries are wanted in Colombia for allegedly helping to train private armies for cocaine gangs.

Rafsanjani holds out hopes Iran and Britain could patch up relations (Telegraph). But he reaffirmed death sentence on Salman Rushdie. Britain, he says, should condemn Rushdie's book as an insult to Islam.

An Independent feature concludes that prospects for Middle East peace are bad and the region is once again stumbling down path towards worse violence.

US reveals plans to allow £2.4billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia.

de Klerk's National Party won a Whites Only suburban by-election in Durban with a reduced majority (FT).

South African police searched homes belonging to Mandela while he is on a 13-nation tour (FT).

Albania wants to break its 15 year isolation and join CSCE.

Liberian rebels have taken control of the largest rubber plantation in the world (FT).