

June 18, 1990

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

- Result of Bulgarian election
  - Order of the Garter ceremony, Windsor
  - Prime Minister on Jimmy Young programme
  - Prime Minister launches energy rating scheme
  - EPC Ministerial meeting
  - EC Foreign Affairs Council - EFTA mandate (to Tue)
  - EC Transport Council (to Tue)
  - EC Agriculture Ministers informal, Ireland (to Tue)
  - Assn of Metropolitan Authorities' conf in Chunnel
  - Scottish Grand Cttee on Scottish economy (Edinburgh)
  - Scottish Bus Group sales (during week)
  - Inquest opens on Seamus Duffy killed by RUC baton round
  - Furniture and timber trades union conf (all week)
  - SSI Report on child care policy
  - HMI report on science in higher education
  - Teacher vacancy data; results of recruitment campaign
  - Reconvictions and recalls of certain offenders
  - ? Legal Aid annual report
  - Cttee on Alcohol Abuse meets
  - Report of Opposed Bill Cttee's on King's Cross
  - Control of welding fumes leaflet
  - Advisory leaflet for farmers on BSE
  - HSE leaflet on safety in catering
  - Control of immigration statistics (Q1)
  - Homelessness figures - local authority action (Q1)
  - Production index (April)
  - PSBR (May)
  - Productivity and unit wage costs
  - ? Commons Statement: Maguires' conviction
  - Commons: Questions: Wales; Att. Gen.; ODA  
Debates: Defence Estimates - Day 1  
Select Cttee: MAFF - Dr Tyrell on BSE
  - Lords: Debates: 2nd Rdg, Enterprise and New  
Towns Bill  
Report: NHS Bill
  - Chancellor speaks in Brent East
  - Lord President gives interview to Sunday Telegraph
  - Home Secy launches Operation Lifestyle, Humberside
  - Michael Howard in Italy (to tomorrow)
  - Chris Patten speaks at Packaging & Environment seminar
  - Tom King at Chatham House dinner
  - Malcolm Rifkind opens Royal Mile craft centre
  - Lynda Chalker meets President of Namibia
  - John Patten visits Equal Opportunities Commission
  - Richard Freeman at AMA Channel Tunnel conf.
  - BBC TV Panorama interviews Kinnock
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PRESS DIGESTMain News

Defiant youngsters pour back on to streets of Bucharest in new challenge to Govt.

EC ministers will decide today what action to take in response to the Romanian govt's suppression of demonstrations last week (FT).

Independent editorial says that European govts ought to make plain their disapproval to Mr Iliescu, and say that no aid will be given to govts who send licensed bullies to beat up their citizens. But if democracy is to stretch from the Atlantic to the Black Sea its lessons will have to be taught more by example than by precept. The British Govt, as it ponders the state of relations between Lords and Commons, central and local govt, police and citizen, could do worse than reflect that democracy, like charity, begins at home.

Lithuanian MPs angered by leaders' independence "climbdown" in face of Moscow (Independent).

Lithuanian parliament to consider tomorrow whether to suspend its independence declaration in return for formal secession talks with Moscow and the ending of the blockade (FT).

Commemoration of first Eastern bloc uprising 37 years ago, with Kohl in East Berlin, reveals tension over unification.

East German companies will require £1.7billion a month in new credits after monetary union with West Germany on July 1, merely to meet wage bills (FT).

Chancellor and Douglas Hurd have prepared plans desinged to ensure your antipathy to European integration does not leave Britain isolated in Dublin next week(FT).

Belgium has formally tied its franc to the mark and expects other EMS countries to follow suit soon (Times).

Spanish reacting with dismay to notion of a two-speed process towards EMU (FT).

Guardian says officials investigating B/Ae-Rover sweeteners have unearthed £20million additional hidden subsidies in the form of regional grants paid up front to B/Ae instead of over 4 years.

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Police arrest 2 of 3 IRA gang found shooting in a wood near Dutch-Belgian border; one man escapes; one man and one woman, Donna Maguire, arrested.

Woman walked free from Irish court 4 months ago after being arrested on return from Continent.

Sun leader headed "Why won't Irish show some guts?" asks how many more times must we stomach terrorists giving V-sign to justice in Republic?

Mirror says the arrest of Maguire will be a body blow to the IRA if it is followed through by extradition to West Germany. British Govt must make it clear to EC partners there must be no evasion of their responsibilities this time.

West Germany says it will seek extradition of woman over possible involvement in murder of British soldier last year.

Setback for Britain's hearts and minds war against IRA as New York mayor honours murderer Joe Doherty by naming a street corner after him (Independent).

Ted Heath attacks your policies and says community charge is disgraceful. And approach to Europe is "absolutely fatal".

Kinnock expected to spell out on Panorama tonight Labour's priorities if the party gets into govt and to insist that middle income earners would not be worse off under the party's taxation plan (Times).

Kinnock calls a special two-day Shadow Cabinet meeting next month to prepare for possible General Election next year.

Some suggest next General Election will be a battle of showbiz stars as parties line them up in their support.

Labour urged in a report from the Left's leading think tank to accept EMU (Times).

Patrick Minford says Labour policies would require tax rate increase of 6p.

Mail leader says Labour's programme is like going into a restaurant where menu shows no prices. Patrick Minford has exposed the fatal contradiction at the heart of Labour's case - they mouth the language of the market but their instincts are those of the levellers. They represent the great leap backwards.

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Robert Kilroy-Silk, in Express, says Labour Party's fragile deal with trade unions on legislation is slowly coming apart.

Ronald Butt in the Times, says that in the mind's eye of the public majority Labour has now laid seige of the centre ground of politics. It is the Tories who are now disliked as doctrinaire, extreme and socially hard-faced. That is not the truth, and it may not continue to be seen as the truth, but it should particularly worry the Conservatives that it is the present view held by many of the kind of serious-minded middle-class people who gave Harold Wilson his victory in 1964.

Anthony Bevin, in Independent, asks whether your credentials for the job of Prime Minister are any better than Neil Kinnock's. Bevin claims you have not made a Commons speech since last autumn, and your last performance in a "full frontal debate" was over Libya bombing in 1986. Debate at Prime Minister's Question Time is fixed. Transcripts of your one-to-one interviews show how you can ramble, and at press conferences you can be just as prolix and evasive as Kinnock.

English hooligans who cause trouble before drawn match with Holland in Sardinia led by middle-aged thug from Crystal Palace. He is a member of Football Supporters' Assn's admin cttee. Tear gas and batons used by police to restore order.

Colin Moynihan said it was a sickening reflection that a minority of thugs can bring English football into international disrepute.

Mirror attacks Minister for backing police with headline "Over the top, Moynihan".

Ban on English clubs playing in Europe likely to stay.

Parts of bomb believed to have been left by Dutch fans near English fans before match.

Sun makes the point that German fans have also rioted. But will German teams be kicked out of Europe? Will they hell, it says.

An Independent editorial says the England fans have now fulfilled the role allotted to them by the Italians, Colin Moynihan and the more sensational newsppaers. A few appear to be hardened trouble-makers, but the rest might respond favourably if expectations of their behaviour were revised upwards.

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Express contrasts trooping the Colour with the shame of Sardinia. Most people will echo Mr Moynihan's praise for the tough and decisive response by the authorities. It also calls for fans to be prevented for marching to matches in large groups.

Inner London councils have collected less than a quarter of the community charge they are owed (Independent).

Plan to strengthen individual safeguards against sharp rises in community charge next year emerges as front runner in the Cabinet's review (Times).

Nicholas Ridley is urging higher rates of VAT to reduce High Street spending.

You meet head of Universal Studios as part of your campaign to persuade the company to build a \$1.7 billion film-and-thrill park in Essex instead of Paris (times).

Mail says we seem certain to have lost the theme park after abandoning high speed Chunnel link.

BAA poised to run Hungary's premier airport in what could be the first of many other agreements (Times).

British Coal's loss in 1989-90 likely to reach £500 million (FT).

BNFL offers workers 11.2%.

One million local authority manual workers to seek double-figure wage deal after BNFL figure (Independent).

ITV World in Action to reveal tonight names of MOD Civil Servants hired by firms they had dealt with over multi-million pound contracts.

Tax bills for industry are to increase by as much as £120 million a year after a Govt move to charge national insurance on fuel for company car drivers' private mileage (Times).

John Adams, Reader in Geography at UCL, discusses in the Times the ever increasing traffic saying that any govt wanting to reduce the growth in cars and lorries will have to confront that most holy of sacred cows, economic growth.

One of its former members, economist Robert Whelan, says Royal Shakespeare Co should be privatised.

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Denmark likely to be chosen for new European Environment Agency; Britain's application to site it in Cambridge looks set to fail (Times).

US changes mind over joining fund to protect the ozone layer after you write to President Bush urging him to reconsider his country's position (Times). They are likely to agree to contribute between £20million and \$25million to establishing the fund, at Conference to begin in London on Wednesday (FT).

Anglo-American survey shows twice as many people in USA trust Bush to make right decisions about the environment as they trust you to do the same in Britain (Telegraph).

Eastern European ministers agree to improve the environment in their countries at meeting in Dublin with EC counterparts (Times).

East European nations agree to participate in European Environment Agency - the first time Soviets will participate formally in an EC institution (FT).

Peers to vote for £15 a year dog registration scheme this week; Star says it is not enough - should be at least £50. Today says owners should pay for dog control.

Today comes out behind Alastair Burnet in ITN row; ITN, it says, must be privatised.

Sir David Nicholas says Sir Alastair Burnet has his "total confidence" despite row over ITN sell-off (Independent).

Michael Howard on confrontation course with Bernard Ingham over proposal to appoint a press relations adviser to plan a communications strategy at a salary of £50,000 a year (Times).

Independent predicts a chaotic start for health reforms, despite a drastically reduced pace of change. Source close to NHS Chief Executive says reforms are being carried out "on a wing and a prayer", with a shortage of trained managers.

FT leader on NHS reform says if the govt is forced to proceed a little more gingerly than it once planned, this may be no bad thing. But it would be wrong to abandon the goal of separating the purchase and provision of care for in the long term it could result in significant improvement in the quality of patient care.

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Michael Spicer will announce this week a multi-million pound plan to clear the homeless from the streets of London and other cities. Govt anxious not to infringe personal liberty and the homeless will not be dragooned (Times).

In a separate article in the Times Robin Oakley looks at how the problem of homelessness is being tackled with the multi-million plan being described as an acknowledgement of the Govt's embarrassment at a highly visible scar on the face of the affluent society.

Poll of parents by a history pressure group says children should be taught and tested on the facts of history (Times).

Police arrest 231 at acid party near Wakefield. Almost 700 questioned and large amounts of drugs seized.

Police chiefs reject idea they have much to learn about leadership from Army officers in response to reports of your concern.

Anti rape squads of police to make travelling safer on rail and Underground (Express).

Sir John Wheeler MP backs call by penal reformers for fines related to income.

Allegation in Sunday Times that a woman was paid £3,000 by National Car Parks to infiltrate offices of rivals Europark.

Leaked Select Cttee report accuses Home Office of incompetence and inefficiency in handling immigration (Independent).

Express says Sir Roger Hollis has been cleared of being a Russian spy by papers found by a woman researching for a PhD degree.

Lord Whitelaw wants Govt to drop War Crimes Bill.

Bernard Levin in the Times says we should forget bringing the Nazis to trial; he argues the case for bringing to justice the border guards of the Berlin Wall who shot defectors in cold blood.

Tom King in today's Commons debate will attempt to clear the air over his ministry's options for change defence review, after reports of internal rifts over the way the study is being conducted (Times).

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Informed Govt sources deny any break down in relationship between Tom King and Alan Clark over options for change. Defence Sec under heavy pressure to reassert his authority over armed service chiefs in today's debate (Independent).

Guardian says that under this Govt and the next there is simple common-sense in showing the taxpayer that the years of enhanced military spending made sense because they achieved years when that level of spending was no longer required. Labour sees that and will begin soon to say it more clearly. Will you say it first?

Reviews of Chris Ogden's book on you say DT tried to persuade you to leave politics during "milk snatcher" row 20 years ago.

Your interview with Woman's Own comes out that you want the option of leading Govt into fifth election in 1996. And your heaping praise on Edwina Currie suggests she will soon be back in Govt.

Express says Edwina should be brought back immediately.

Gorbachev to visit Japan early in 1991 (FT).

US evacuating Americans from Liberia (FT).

Italy to introduce visa requirements for people from the Maghreb and Turkey from July 1 in order to try and stem the flow of illegal immigrants (FT).

Gunmen killed 4 black policemen in South Africa as blacks commemorated a 1976 anti-apartheid uprising in Soweto in which police killed more than 600 (FT).

Lord Rothschild cuts three children of first marriage out of his will (Mail).

David Edwards, science master at Cheadle High School, Staffs, wins BBC Mastermind.