

Press

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PRIME MINISTER

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- Prime Minister meets Governor of Hong Kong
  - Vietnamese boat people voluntary repatriation
  - EC Telecommunications Council, Brussels
  - Prime Minister's Statement on European Council
  - ~~Prime Minister's dinner for Cyclotron Trust~~
  - ? Statement by Nicholas Ridley on BAe/Rover
  - MPs meet Kenneth Clarke on NHS Trusts
  - New vehicle registrations (May)
  - Consultative document on emissions test in MOT
  - Road casualties (Q1)
  - New vehicle registrations (May)
  - Energy trends
  - Scottish electricity boards' results
  - ? Commons Statement -BAe/Rover
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  - Scottish Countryside report, 1989
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  - Home Secy visits Belgium (to Sun)
  - Foreign Secy addresses World Business Forum
  - Kenneth Clarke at NHS Regional general managers' dinner
  - David Hunt meets Plaid Cymru MPs - current issues
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  - BBC TV2 Newsnight on "Armagh 4"
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Commons Energy Ctee severely criticises Cecil Parkinson and Malcolm Rifkind over handling of nuclear power.

Times p1 lead - Select Cttee says catalogue of errors by Cecil Parkinson and Malcolm Rifkind in the failed attempt to privatise nuclear reactors caused the virtual demise of Britain's nuclear power industry.

Claims that Mr Parkinson's future is in jeopardy.

Independent says Govt embarrassment underlined by presence of a Whip at the Cttee's press conference.

Today headline: Parkinson the one-man nuclear disaster zone.

Today leader says if Mr Parkinson had worked harder at his briefs and less at his rhetoric he might have avoided yesterday's damning select cttee report. And it criticises the venom between Transport Secy and Prescott.

EC orders repayment by BAe of £44million of "sweeteners".

John Wakeham says criticism is perverse and unjustified.  
Nicholas Ridley is expected to accept EC ruling, with reluctance, in Commons statement.

City sees BAe's £44million penalty as small price to pay for Rover deal.

Times says that the EC ruling over Rover/BAe is in the most serious financial penalty ever executed on a British company by Brussels and dents Britain's boast that it has the best record of compliance with EC legislation.

EC also freezes proposed link up between B/Airways and Sabena to KLM.

Express says Brittan must recognise that the interests of passengers would be best served by ensuring BA is not prevented by bureaucracy from flourishing in the 90s.

Telegraph says EC officials "raided" Lord King's private office and inspected his bank account during investigation.

EC has begun drawing up options for huge EC aid to the Soviet Union following the Dublin summit (Times).

Conor Cruise O'Brien in the Times warns the EC against underestimating the potency of nationalism. He says that at the same time as most EC leaders want to push the Community towards that still undefined "political unity" we are witnessing the dissolution of two multinational states - the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia - under the impact of democratic ideas. He concludes that you are enough of a nationalist to have a feeling for what might be wrong. You are right to warn the others.

Bush faces revolt from party and country over plans to raise taxes.

Mail leader says Bush is growing up. He is learning it is easier to raise hopes than cash.

Bush hints in Independent that NATO summit will agree to "non-aggression declaration" with Warsaw Pact. He makes it his personal goal to convince Soviets they have nothing to fear from a united Germany in NATO.

Soviets agree to drastic tank cuts removing big obstacle to progress in CFE (Independent).

The three service chiefs have told Ministers that they want a broad picture of what is planned for the armed forces under the options for change review by October, so that they can begin detailed work on implementing the decisions (Times).

Govt is powerless to stop fans flown out of Italy this week from returning to Italy for quarter final on Sunday since they have not been convicted of any offence.

Youths in Belgium smash up elsh tourist coach in revent for England's World Cup defeat of Belgium. English lorry driver attacked by Belgian thugs in Genoa.

Colin Moynihan accuses Labour in Commons of backing soccer louts.

Video security camera at Carlton Club will yield no clues - it was switched off.

Military police questioning a Private in West Germany over his affair with a girl suspected of IRA links.

Sun attacks Hattersley for suggesting media stop giving publicity to IRA atrocities; "misguided, unworthy, unworkable".

Today leader headed "Mad as a Hattersley" says if ever Hattersley gets power over media we shall have censorship first and Ministry of Truth soon after.

Mirror leads with MOD giving out list of Army Summer camps to Job Centres offering catering jobs at them - MPs claim IRA have been handed a hit list on a plate.

Frank Field promises to accept the result of a new reselection contest in his Birkenhead constituency (Times).

Court of Appeal dismisses case by 19 local authorities against charge capping which will now go ahead.

NUR say rail commuters face more fare rises to pay for £500million safety improvements in the wake of the Clapham disaster (Times).

Brewers set to charge 10p a pint more for beer.

Allegations that this is a rip off by the big brewers. Star says they should not be allowed to go on pumping up profits.

M40 extension needs repairs already before it has opened - 10 mile stretch near Banbury cracking up.

Report says women are breaking into the professions in growing numbers but have still scarcely penetrated their governing bodies (Times).

Trade union membership is at its lowest for 26 years. Star says they have not kept up with the times and are a liability to Labour Party.

Labour Party announces plan to reduce from 90 to 70% unions' share of block vote at party conferences.

Mail leader says that Kinnock, the intrepid reformer, will still leave unions with a 7-1 advantage and then not before 1994. Total domination of Labour conference decisions by the unions is to be replaced by overwhelming elections.

Express says Labour is to raise subscriptions by 50% and TUS is having to sell off assets to eliminate £2million overdraft.

Times leader says Kinnock's main task in reforming his party's links with unions must be to remove their ability to blackmail a govt. A party in power should take note of grassroots feeling, but not allow itself to be dominated. A Labour Govt must be answerable to Parliament, not to the backrooms of union headquarters or constituency parties.

Labour appoints John Underwood, TV journalist, as successor to Mandelson.

Chris Buckland, in Express, says Labour Whips are increasingly getting the message from their MPs that Tories will win because Kinnock instead of John Smith is leader.

Robin Oakely in the Times says relations between you and Geoffrey Howe are not likely to be improved by arrangements being set in train for the Tory election manifesto. No particular role in preparing the manifesto is planned for him, an omission that will be felt all the more keenly because the author of countless Bow Group pamphlets has always been a policy arrival.

Gordon Grieg describes the EC policies you are pursuing as a

wonderful new high wire act - appealing to two constituencies - Europeans and professional businessmen and the working class vote that will always be suspicious of Continentals.

Gerald Kaufman accuses No 10 of withholding text of Dublin Communique from Commons Library to defuse Questions this afternoon (Independnt).

You dangle £14million carrot in front of world to try to persuade more to curb use of CFCs.

Mrs Maneka Gandhi calls for more as India needs £350million. Leader says the world has responded with extraordinary speed to counter the life-threatening damage to the ozone layer but warns that success is not a foregone conclusion. The US is still setting conditions which could jeopardise agreement and thus Chinese and Indian adhesion to the protocol.

BMA announces summer offensive against NHS reforms (Times).

→ Mental patients could end up on streets as Friern hospital closes early because of funding crisis (Independnt).

Claims that a fourth cat is suffering from feline BSE.

Weedkiller found in London tap water; B/Rail and councils urged to stop using chemicals near water sources.

Survey suggests it is cheaper to take a degree in North than in South - £3,000 less in Bradford than in Brighton (Today).

| Govt proposal to deal with dangerous dogs come under sharp criticism from the RSPCA and Tory MPs (Times). //

Today commenting on consultative document on control of dogs, complains we have had enough consultation; and you should accept a dog registration scheme.

Govt pins blame for the £4million cost of keeping prisoners in police cells since the Strangeways riot on the prison officers union (Times).

Increasing influence of Islamic fundamentalism in Sudan is causing growing concern Times.

| Sun says the Iranians, in turning down Salman Rushdie's £5,000 disaster relief, show what value they put on Iranian lives.

German who helped build Gaddafi chemical weapons plant jailed for 5 years in Mannheim for violating export laws and tax evasion.

| Express says satellite TV is now more popular than BBC2 and C4; 800,000 Sky dish owners now paying £10 subscription for movie channel. |

BBC issues new guidelines for interviewers - Opposition politicians must not be given an easy ride.

Times leader says that nobody grudges the Queen Mother her birthday honour, but is critical of the timing of yesterday's event as it brought traffic chaos to central London costing hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Calls for aunda's resignation grows as food price riots spread and economic prospects look increasingly bleak Independent.

Foreign aid workers in Romania demoralised by Iliescus policies and violence of pro-Govt miners, say they want to leave Independent.

ROVER

Mirror says Govt was put in the dock by EC. Damning judgment. Leader says the Govt cheated its own taxpayers and misled our Euro partners. No amount of bluster about protecting British industry or keeping it in British hands can excuse what the Govt did.

Independent editorial says arrogance of executive power that has come to mark public administration in Britain was twice brought to harsh judgment yesterday. rdoung was in a hurry and, being a bad bargainer, let his impatience show.