

July 3, 1990

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

- Prime Minister meets Chief Anyaoku, new Commonwealth Secretary-General
 - Foreign Secy meets Nelson Mandela
 - G24 Ministerial meeting, Brussels
 - Troika Ministerial meeting with Japan
 - First anniversary, Abolition of Dock Labour Scheme
 - Agricultural accident stats 1989/90
 - UK reserves (June)
 - ? Chairman of National Power announced
 - Announcement of decision on upgrading of A1
 - Publication OFT report on Timeshare
 - Publication Road lengths in Great Britain 1988-89
 - NUM executive receives report into allegations against Mr Scargill
 - World Cup semi-final
 - Commons: Questions: Health; Prime Minister
Debates: Housing; Schools; Student Loans Regulations
 - Lords: Debates: Cttee, Enterprise (Scotland) Bill;
3rd Rdg, Rights of Way Bill
3rd Rdg, Entertainments (Increased Penalties Bill)
 - Malcolm Rifkind meets Law Soc. of Scotland on Law Reform Bill
 - Lord President speaks at Swiss Bank Corporation dinner; attends Bow Dialogue
 - Chancellor meets Dr Poehl
 - John Gummer at Stratford upon Avon
 - John MacGregor opens Education, Training & Personnel Dev. conf
 - John Wakeham speaks at conf. on electricity supply in UK; visits Royal Agricultural Exhibition, Coventry
 - Nicholas Ridley speaks at National Physical Laboratory's Vesting Day
 - David Hunt at Toyota ground-breaking, Shotton
 - Norman Lamont speaks in Kingston
 - Michael Howard addresses National Retail Training Council conf
 - Cecil Parkinson tops out new terminal, Birmingham Airport
 - Chris Patten interview with International Environment Reporter; addresses top management programme dinner
 - Alan Clark on BBC 'Open Space' programme
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PRESS DIGESTMain News

Mandela causes uproar for telling British Govt to hold peace talks with IRA.

MPs unite to condemn his call and his refusal to call on IRA to end violence.

Kinnock says Mandela had been badly advised. Mandela faces a carpeting from you.

His remarks embarrass friends and create an awkwardness Downing Street and the ANC had hoped to avoid Independent.

Andrew Hunter claims circumstantial evidence IRA and ANC plotted to assassinate you during visit to Zimbabwe.

Hundreds of thousands of black South African workers stay at home in campaign to force the Govt to take firm action to stop continuing violence between Zulu factions in Natal Independent.

Mr Parkinson and BA start inquiries into the fake bomb carried on board an aircraft by the father of one of the Lockerbie victims Independent.

Claims that the Duke and Duchess of York's new home is guarded by only part-time security guard, and a moonlighter at that. Mirror says carelessness still reigns.

Gorbachev says there will be dark times ahead if anti-perestroika forces get the upper hand. Mikhail the Saviour sinks rebels - Express.

During his opening report to the 28th Congress he savages left and right of the Soviet Communist Party and tells his critics his reforms offer the only hope for the country's salvation Independent.

Mr Waldegrave rejects Labour call for immediate and direct aid to the Soviet Union Independent.

Delors thought to have been strongly critical of US rejection of EC's readiness to consider aid to Soviet Union at meeting with Italian govt yesterday FT.

Soviet Union has lifted blockage of Lithuania after its decision to freeze its declaration of independence.

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Anne McElroy, writing in the Times under the heading "Germany's new wall: fear on one side, conceit on the other", reports from East Berlin on divisions that spell danger. She concludes that the plan of the East German PM to overcome the division by sharing and listening to one another is not a mere recommendation for moral improvement. It is a political imperative.

Six high ranking Ministers of the Polish Govt are learning English at Ealing College, with more to follow in September Times.

Soviet Ambassador in Havana says Moscow will stand by Cuba as long as the US remains hostile Independent.

Telegraph says NATO summit is likely to highlight differences between you and Bush over deployment of tactical nuclear weapons.

Britain is ready to give up 3,000 warheads as part of deal to cut nuclear weapons by half Today.

Express says NATO leaders will this week throw an historic peace lifeline to Gorbachev.

President Bush has proposed changes in NATO nuclear doctrine which are intended to prove to Moscow that the alliance is adapting to the lowering of the military threat in Europe Times.

Bundesbank President Poehl chooses London to hint that he has dropped his opposition to sterling's entry into ERM, and predicts that it will come about shortly Independent.

FT leader on EMU and Poehl says he is correct both in the ultimate destination and the path. If EMU is to endure, the rest of the EC must not only reach German standards but accept their embodiment within EC monetary arrangements.

FT - Poehl rejecting hard ECU saying the idea had been considered back in 1978 when EMS was set up. Europe had now moved beyond this with the adoption of EMU.

Independent editorial, reviewing Poehl's speech last night, says it was designed to allay City fears about the scale of the burden West Germany was taking on with unification, and to allay Westminster fears that EMU would result in an unacceptable loss of sovereignty for the UK. It says if Europe is to continue to move towards EMU, it must establish a European Central Bank, independent of both the Community and national authorities with an overriding commitment to price stability.

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Peter Jenkins, in Independent, argues that a united Germany is a nation we need not fear. Germany's position on EC and Western European integration, and on relations with the US, is not surprising if we consider that the motive for unification was the rejection of Communism by the citizens of East Germany. He concludes that since the Cold War ended, power and influence among nations will depend less upon their military role and more on economic success. NATO itself may give way to other security arrangements and the relationship that has been made war between France and Germany unthinkable may be extended to embrace eventually the whole of Europe.

Peter Shore MP accuses the Labour Party leadership of sweeping under the carpet conditions set last year for British entry into ERM Times.

Britain still spending and borrowing "like crazy", as Today puts it.

But sterling soars on Poehl hint of early entry into the ERM.

Community charge review inches closer to a solution, with Chris Patten confidently expected to make a statement before summer recess Times.

Govt have eased capping of Brent, Southwark and Wigan councils - a move which will give the councils more money while individual charge payers will have smaller reductions than hoped FT.

Britain's ports heading for a business boom a year to the day dock labour scheme was ended Mail.

Woodrow Wyatt, commenting in the Times on this resounding success, urges the Govt to stop fiddling about and bring forward a Bill in November to privatise Trust ports forthwith. Many industrial users and property developers will not go into creative partnership with the Trust ports, which have an archaic structure, until they are certain the flexibility of privatisation that they need is definitely on its way.

Telegraph leader says nowhere is the practical success of the Govt's industrial reforms more obvious than in Britain's ports.

Labour Party to give councils powers to deny contracts to firms which refuse to operate equal opportunities and race policies Mail.

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French air traffic controllers walk out on 3-day strike, ending Thursday.

You make clear, in a letter to Kinnock, that you knew of the £44million in sweeteners given to BAe and deny you were involved in concealment of subsidies the EC has ordered the Govt to repay Independent.

Philips say nearly 10,000 jobs will have to go in Europe; firm runs up £600million losses.

Sir Jack Lyons was paid £3million to write a letter to you over Guinness offer for Distillers.

Simon Gourlay, NFU, calls for independent body to control food standards.

John Gummer rejecting the idea, says his own ministry is in the best position to protect consumers Times.

Britain leading fight to save the whale against Japan, Ireland and Norway.

Times leader says any appeal to the countries that still take part in hunting whales will only succeed if it is rooted in science, not sentiment. Western countries battery-farm their chickens, shoot game-birds, force-feed geese, slaughter their sheep and cows and rear calves unnaturally to produce veal. If the Japanese choose to kill unendangered species, countries can hardly plead for restraint where they themselves show none.

Accepting Enterprise Award, Brian Walden says he never believed in socialism and most Labour MPs he met in 13 years in Commons didn't either.

Labour Party promises to improve the quality of public services and to value, reward and respect those who devote their careers to them Times.

Robin Cook claims Govt is using taxpayers' money for Tory propoganda in spending £3million on NHS booklet on NHS reforms.

The first three hospitals - from Merseyside - apply for self-governing status.

Leaders of Britain's dentists fear their deal with the Govt over working practices could be lost because of opposition from their members Independent.

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Stonebridge Park, described as Britain's most lawless housing estate, is to be razed to the ground. Sun says countless other similar ghettos should be obliterated, too.

Governors of Norwich school start a row by allowing a teacher who was fined £250 for threatening behaviour in violent community charge demonstration in Norwich, to keep his job.

Plans to thwart the Govt's drive to encourage schools to opt out of local authority control are being drawn up in council offices Independent.

Children at Southwark primary school sent home for holidays three weeks early because of shortage of teachers Mirror.

Express says those who believe the secret for improving standards in schools is a massive injection of cash should look at a London comprehensive where the imposition of traditional discipline has dramatically improved exam results, cut truancy, and doubled demand for places.

Times leader on Labour's intention to attack the Govt's education policy in the Commons today says that schools' opting out offers parents some hope. The Govt has an attractive policy and Labour has to show an alternative more credible than the eternal cry of the Opposition, "Give more money".

Big clean up in Britain after thugs go on town centre violence against property, celebrating England's World Cup win over Camerouns.

Labour call for inquiry into deportations of soccer fans from Italy saying aircraft was booked into British airspace 3 days beforehand Independent.

Sun says it is good news Colin Moynihan is heading for the sack. Why do we need a Sports Minister?

Commons cross-party early day motion calls for central funding of law centres and extension of the service throughout the country Independent.

Murdoch confident Sky TV will break even towards the end of 1991, early 1992 after accumulating losses in excess of £300million Independent.

PRESS DIGEST

Sir Geoffrey Howe wins £160,000 bullet and bomb proof Jaguar as you back down after offering him a £25,000 Rover Sterling.

Andrew Lloyd-Webber's marriage to Sarah Brightman ends.

Hundred Britons trapped in Monrovia as rebels attack the Liberian capital cutting all main land routes out of the city Times.

Imelda Marcos cleared of fraud and racketeering; Khashoggi acquitted of helping her.

100 Muslim pilgrims die from suffocation in a pedestrian pass near Mecca Independent.

Meeting between North and South Korea today seen as signalling more conciliatory attitude by the North Independent.

Albanian legislators in Yugoslav province of Kosovo have declared independence but say they will remain within Yugoslav federation FT.

MANDELA

Star - Brian Hitchen says Mandela is no more a statesman than he is an astronaut. He is a puppet whose strings are being pulled. And there are signs world leaders are beginning to smell a rat.

Mirror says if politicians are not prepared to unleash the full weight of armed forces against IRA what is the alternative to Mandela's call for talks? It asks readers for their views.

Today says that by refusing to condemn IRA Mandela risks losing most of his wide support in Britain. He has failed completely to understand the difference in circumstances in his own country and in Ireland. He had better watch his words or his refusal to condemn IRA will undermine his position as a man of peace and reconciliation.

Express - Mandela under attack as 'dupe of IRA'. You are expected to explain the basic facts of life to him. Leader headed "Mind your own business, Mr Mandela" says his remarks show no understanding of the political realities. He should stick to his own problems and leave us to grapple with ours.

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Independent editorial says Mandela's comments on the IRA suggest he may suffer from a mixture of being badly advised and have difficult colleagues to please. Reviewing Peter Brooke's efforts to bring about talks, it says the tone of political debate in Ulster has changed, with most people expecting talks to begin in the Autumn. But most of the participants doubt whether a durable solution will result. Mr Brooke's strongest card has been that nobody has wished to be responsible for ending the process he initiated. He will need more than that to carry him past the obstacles ahead.

Mail leads with Don't Meddle, Mandela. You will tell him to concentrate on South Africa's problems. Leader headed "Nelson Mandela, warts and all" says Irish Ministers, knowing journalists would press him on this issue, should have briefed Mandela better. But why, if you are prepared to meet Mandela as member of organisation which refuses to abandon the armed struggle, should you not sit down with IRA? The answer is that there is no comparison between Ireland and South Africa.

Peter Stothard, Times US editor, assesses Mandela's impact on America. He says that to understand the yearning for him, to describe the willing suspension of moral rules, is not to forgive the American lapses of last week. Its media lay down before the force of a hurricane.

Telegraph leader says it is regrettable, to put it mildly, that Mandela has cast a shadow over his London visit by uttering foolish words. He ignores the simple truth about the existence of democratic choice in Ireland. His remarks are all of a piece with his ill-judged expression of support for Castro and Gaddafi. It is as difficult to justify his performance in Dublin as it is to support his refusal to make concessions to de Klerk.

Guardian leader says there was a predictability about the mess Mandela got into in Dublin. While there are point scoring arguments about Britain's contacts with terrorists, Mandela and his advisers were deeply foolish. In practice his remarks matter little. But what is beginning to matter is the schedule set by the ANC for Mandela.

FT - You will stress tomorrow that there can be no talking as long as IRA use violence.