

PRIME MINISTER

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MAIN EVENTS

- Prime Minister returns from Houston. Prime Minister's statement on the Economic Summit.
 - Tidewater conference, Japan - to Tue - (Lynda Chalker)
 - EC Informal Transport Council, Turin (to July 13)
 - EC Political Co-operation mtg, Rome (to July 13)
 - X- Maltese Foreign Minister in UK *Select Cttee Report on BSE*
 - Report of the Gaming Board for Great Britain
 - ? CAA's advice on future of SE airport provision
 - Defence Select Cttee report on progress of Trident programme
 - Prime Minister's Statement on NATO-Economic Summits
 - Commons: Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister
Debate: Charge Capping
2nd Rdg, Jubilee Line Bill
Continuation Order on Service
Discipline Acts
 - Lords: Debate: Employment Bill, Cttee (D2)
 - Cecil Parkinson attends meeting of local authorities Advisory Cttee for Transport Safety
 - Kenneth Clarke addresses Conservative Medical Society AGM
 - Chris Patten speaks in Wirral
 - Michael Portillo visits Bristol (Inner Cities)
 - John Patten addresses South West Magistrates Assn
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Main News

Economic Summit opens way for trade reform with you winning backing for European line in cutting farm subsidies although no time limit set.

Gorbachev's man beats Ligachev to win post as Deputy General Secretary.

David Owen not expected to seek re-election as MP.

Mirror tips Jeffrey Archer to become Minister of Sport with a seat in the Lords and Edwina Currie being given top job at Tory Party HQ.

Times diary says that Colin Moynihan is letting it be known that he wants to stay put as Sports Minister: he doesn't want promotion because he is having a whale of a time.

Express P1 Lead The spectre of your former economic guru, Alan Walters yesterday returned to haunt the Government and plague the pound. Sterling slumped as he again poured cold water on the possibility of joining the EMS.

Mirror leader asks who is the REAL Chancellor, John Major or Sir Alan Walters? Perhaps Mrs Thatcher will tell us.

Senior Conservatives decide Alan Walters' attempts to delay ERM entry are doomed to fail because sterling may otherwise collapse and the City be left out in the financial cold Guardian.

Telegraph editorial says the pound will present the Government with further problems if it continues to rise. It concludes that what began as a blessing - the anticipation of ERM membership - may soon turn into a problem.

Sterling suffers a sharp setback as traders take profits after the currency fails to break 3Dm

President Bush comes to the defence of his son accused of involvement in a billion dollar banking scandal.

Commons TV to stay as all-party report declares the experiment an unqualified success.

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MPs warn Government against being bulldozed by Kohl into accepting total German unity by the end of the year.

Mirror continues its campaign against Scargill with a miner's wife saying he's no better than a scab for taking Russian miners' money.

Sun leader says isn't it strange that Kinnock has nothing to say in the Scargill saga. What's your trouble, Boyo, laryngitis?

N.C.R. | NUM Conference demands £50 a week rise for miners. Meanwhile Mail puts Scargill under the microscope as questions pile up over financial affairs during miners' strike.

Defiant Scargill faces pressure of wider inquiry after it emerges Mr Gavin Lightman could expand his report into the financial affairs of the NUM Telegraph.

Two of Britain's biggest unions are asking the Labour Party to consider an annual pay bargaining strategy along German and Japanese lines - settling the wages of most workers in the country in sets of linked and centralised negotiations Guardian.

Woolf inquiry told Governor of Dartmoor Prison, did not call in additional staff despite warnings of rioting because it was a "high cost option" Telegraph.

Home Secretary faces storm in the Commons today over collapse of the case against the Maquire Seven as he refers it to the Appeal Court. *May Report*

Lord Donaldson under fire as Maguire case is sent back to Appeal Court by Home Secretary after he had studied the May Report, due to be published today Telegraph.

Government urged to drop internment without trial by Lord Colville Telegraph.

SERC to announce plans next week to build official telescope which astronomers hope will disclose the ultimate fate of the universe.

Commission for Racial Equality urge estate agents to review their sales procedures to eliminate racial segregation Mail.

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New boom on way as house prices begin to pick up.

House of Lords grants interim relief to Spanish fishing boats to safeguard their rights, pending a ruling by the European Court on the issue Telegraph.

Mail Home Secretary gives go-ahead for the privatisation of new remand centres and prison escort duties. Leader, while supporting the move, asks who is going to guard the guards.

Labour to investigate new allegations that tax sweeteners offered BAe to buy Rover may have been £411m - not £44.4m as first accused Express.

EC Commission may have to re-open investigations into BAe's purchase of Rover, amid evidence that the company stands to gain up to £411m in tax concessions (the issue concerns what was agreed between the Government, Inland Revenue and BAe) Guardian.

Chris Buckland in Express says the Chancellor will face his toughest task today since moving into No 11 when Ministers arrive for the weekly Cabinet meeting with their begging bowls for 1991-92.

Independent editorial says delaying community care will be bad for everyone. Costs will continue to soar out of control. Many people who need care will be denied it. Any short-term relief for the Community Charge will be offset by much higher costs in the longer term. The Government may deservedly lose votes on the issue - many younger voters have elderly relatives whose welfare concerns them very directly. There is still time for second thoughts - but not much.

Chris Patten says high spending councils will be capped next year, as he prepares to announce results of his review of the poll tax before the Recess Telegraph.

Tougher litter controls proposed by Government could double cleaning costs and put up Community Charge Sun.

Poll tax protestors cause chaotic scenes in magistrates court in Fleetwood, Lancashire Guardian.

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Government seeks to dress up the now-certain postponement of its community care reforms as a phased introduction Guardian.

Today says you face the humiliation of losing your Commons seat as your constituency could be axed after next election in major shake-up of Parliamentary boundaries.

Labour selection contest in Perry Barr suggested after allegations of intimidation and rule-breaking by activists Independent.

Star says that callous social security chiefs in an unsigned letter have slashed the cash benefits of £37.55 a week to a 21 year old girl who has cancer and only a few weeks to live.

No Turning Back group postpones plans to publish its manifesto for the next election Telegraph.

British beef to be given a clean bill of health in Commons inquiry report due to be published today.

Percentage of commuters using their own means to travel into central London has risen for the first time since 1982 Telegraph.

Almost 60% of those aged between 15 and 24 keen to work in another European country for at least a year Telegraph.

Economic Summit

Mail Economic Summit ends with a harsh warning to Gorbachev. He is told that if he wants aid from the west, whether financial or technical, his reforms have to go faster and further.

Mirror G7 Summit was marked by bitter wrangling over Russia, global warming and food.

Today Britain is taking the lead in moves to save the rain-forests as you announce grants worth £100m to set up projects in Latin America and India.

Today Shoppers lose chance for cheaper food as G7 fail to cut farmers' subsidies after bitter opposition from France, Germany and Italy.

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Today leader says the Houston Summit's response to Gorbachev's appeal for economic help has been far too mean. Sun Kohl ignores pleas from you and Bush to wait six months as he pledges billions of pounds to Gorbachev. His gamble could give German firms a massive head-start as they bid for a stake in a future Soviet-free market economy.

Star You prevent a world trade war by acting as peacemaker between the US and Europe.

Independent Summit clears way for 1990s boon in global trade by agreeing for compromise. You win backing for European line on subsidies, but Bush is obliged to accept weaker language than Congress and public had expected.

Times Robin Oakley says you have been recast by your handlers as the go-between, the bridge-builder. We have been asked to believe in Britain the peacemaker when governments are in trouble, confrontations are rarely profitable and the new-style Mrs Thatcher is all of a piece with the Ministerial attempts to slow the political tempo by sending the Commons to sleep.

Telegraph editorial comments on the proposals for Mrs Chamorro's coalition Government, which it sees as grim saying she will probably have to back a 'modus vivendi' with Ostega to survive it comments on how hard it is for women leaders to overcome the legacy of long misrule.

Mandela arrives in Kenya amid speculation he is suffering from pneumonia Telegraph.

Syrian Foreign Minister says negotiations to free western hostage complicated by Israeli air raids into the Lebanon Telegraph.

Deaths increase as fresh Kenyan unrest simmers Telegraph.

Poland says West Germany refusing to discuss border treaty before unification Telgraph.

Independent editorial attacks Britain, strangely reticent protest to Kenya about the suppression of demands for multi-party democracy. This approach is odd not only because Arap Moi's presentation of his ethics deserves a stronger response but

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because Douglas Hurd last month set out a properly robust policy on democracy in Africa.