

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

Direct Broadcasting by Satellite Statement.

Belfast South Be-election.

OECD, Paris.

President Mitterand in Israel.

Ian Smith may be asked to resign as Zimbabwe Republican Front leader.

FCO Bicentenary lecture by Professor Michael Howard at Chatham House.

Seal Cull Protest Group Statement on banning of Canadian seal products.

Flotation of Fleet Newspapers (Express Group).

BA and TGWU meet ACAS on baggage handlers dispute.

Liberal Party political broadcast.

Electricity Council Conference, Harrogate.

International Light Show, Olympia.

Hydraulics and Pneumatics Exhibition, Birmingham.

International Electrical Exhibition, Birmingham.

Drawing Office Show, Wembley.

National Glazing Exhibition, London.

International Oceanological Equipment and Services Exhibition, Brighton.

International Production Engineering and Productivity Exhibition and Conference, Olympia.

Publications:

1982 Community Budget.

Census 1981 County Report - Isle of Wight, Part 1.

Boundary Commission revised recommendations: East Sussex, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and South Yorkshire.

RADAR Booklet: Employers Guide to Disability.

Trade and Industry Select Committee Report (10.00 am).

Advisory Council on Energy Conservation Report.

Pay:

Electricity Supply Manuals: National Joint Board meeting.

Parliament:

Commons:

Questions:

Prime Minister, MAFF.

Business:

Remaining stages of the Coal Industry Bill.
Motions on the Mineworkers' Pensions Scheme and on
the Redundant Mineworkers Concessionary Coal Orders.
Motion on the Report of the Court of Auditors of the
European Community for 1980, and Documents
11456/81 and C344.

Select Committees:

AGRICULTURE: Less Favoured Areas. (Witnesses:
National Farmers' Union).

Lords:

Civil Jurisdiction & Judgements Bill(HL): Third
Reading.
Mental Health (Amendment) Bill(HL): Third Reading.
Antiquities Bill(HL): Committee.

Ministers - see Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Economy

- Sun is beginning to shine through - trade surplus may have been record £6bn last year and volume expected to be up this year; British companies have secured £5bn worth of orders over last 18 months securing or creating 150,000 jobs.
- Market scents lower interest rates, though Bank moves to apply brake to fall as £ gains ground.
- Fall in oil prices being seen increasingly as good news - see Sun and Express leaders - and puts pressure on OPEC to call emergency meeting, probably at end of this month.
- First rise in energy consumption in UK detected since slump.
- Professor Hague wants to try to reach an understanding with OPEC on steady real increases in oil prices and fears there won't be a substantial economic improvement until 1990s.

Budget

- D/Star says rarely can a Chancellor have found himself so powerless to influence country's economic destiny - and forecasts increase in petrol duty; lop rise says Express.
- Telegraph says Shore's alternative budget wasn't worth waiting for.
- Telegraph leader says Chancellor must re-state MTFs to restore credibility to monetary targets; clarify exchange and interest rate policy; and strike a balance between conflicting arguments over PSBR.
- Which? says 2.5m are victims of coding mistakes by Inland Revenue.

Unemployment

- Daily Star features your press for its get up and go award to help unemployed.
- Blashers to command adventure training scheme announced yesterday by Mr Nott.
- TUC wants Govt to pay employers £25 a week subsidy for a year for every unemployed worker they take on.
- BL to make another 200 redundant at Bathgate because they have lost excavator engines order because men went on strike.

Unions/Pay

- COHSE rejects idea of making nurses a special case and says they will go on strike if they don't get 12% but in ways that won't affect patients.
- Teachers threaten industrial action as talks break down when employers refuse to raise 3.4% offer or to go to arbitration.

Labour Law

- Energy unions in TUC warn employers of mutually supportive industrial action if they try to use Tebbit's law, especially on closed shop.

Industrial Issues

- Laker: BA take good care of Sir Freddie by flying him home first class and free from Miami (because still President of an airline) while 20 of his stranded passengers fly tourist behind him, having had to fork out £130 to do so.
- Mail praises B/Cal for its flair in public relations by bringing home some Laker stranded passengers free at request of Mail.
- Rail: Buckton fails to turn up to see Tory MPs last night - unwell.
- APT breaks down again on trial.
- One of two trainees who blew the gaff on rail fiddling fails to turn up for appeal and other's fails - sacked co-driver of East Croydon train which crashed told how he clocked on and then went home to bed.
- Gas Prices: Standing charges to rise again to 500% level when Govt came to office; D/Star says there is nothing modest about gas profit at £156m and it can afford to freeze prices - Mr Lawson should start caring for people; rise in standing charges a scandal.
- Mirror says that only high speed thing about gas since Govt came to office has been rise in price.
- Times: Murdoch looks like winning - or at least getting 400 of 600 redundancies he requires.

Cricket

- Your written answer yesterday seen as toughening up your stance.
- Gooch says they will stay in South Africa to encourage multi-racial sport.
- First match goes ahead in spite of an appeal from the TCCB.
- Northants wants 12 effectively banned from first class cricket, but Mail NOP poll reveals that most of the country is behind Boycott and team - 8 out of 10 either in favour or think it of no importance.
- Bangor Rugby Club, NI, to send team to South Africa.

Industry

- Tougher curb on tobacco advertising and companies to sponsor £3m independent research into health risks.
- FT says British Gas is rallying opposition in House to ending of monopoly.
- British Roads Federation says £100m must be spent on repairing roads.
- Robert Maxwell may bid for ACC.
- Part of Galloway coast cordoned off because potentially dangerous chemicals washed ashore from wrecked ship.
- Braniff, Continental and World Airlines in USA in serious financial trouble.
- FT says Ministers will today consider a cheap electricity package to try to keep Invergordon going.
- D/Industry extending regional subsidies to service industries.
- Post Office expects to make £80m profit.
- Gatwick Airport now fourth busiest in world.

Defence

- Lots of gibes about Mr Nott's plan to revive dad's or grandad's army with Home Service force.
- But Mail says gibe misses the point - it makes sense to beef up TA and a trained reserve improves credibility of nation's security.

EC

- Euro Court to consider fairness of UK Equal Pay Act on March 23.
- Commission takes proceedings against France over £510m national aids for agriculture.

Russia

- Attack on Brezhnev gets past censor and Times says there is an extraordinary atmosphere of scandal and intrigue in Moscow - must be a power struggle on.

Media

- Press Council condemns as gross intrusion pictures by D/Star and Sun of Princess Diana in bikini - but both papers unrepentent.
- Lady Di reported to have fallen out of love with Highgrove and to be looking for new home.

Local Authorities

- West Midlands County Council to spend £35,000 on new loo for two canteen staff.
- Girl refused bus pass to Portsmouth Church of England School because she was christened in Church of Scotland.
- Sun says Hillingdon may have a case in sending training bill to social worker who had a baby but they are being grossly offensive.
- Sun takes the mickey out of Livingstone's nuclear free zone and says if a missile falls on Red Ken's London Brezhnev will clearly be breaking a local by-law.
- Tories resign Berkshire chairmanship after Labour and Libs gang up to pass 27½% rate rise.

Medical

- Record damages to woman paralysed after hospital blunder; health authorities admit criticisms of handling; solicitor handling their defence to be investigated.
- Opticians may have made £5-6m profit buying cheap lenses abroad - DHSS.
- Guardian says foam insulation banned in US because of cancer scare in use in 1.5m homes in UK.

Education

- Notts CC to ban the cane.

People

- Swansea Council issues to demolition orders on rat infested houses owned by Mr Heseltine's mother.
- RSPCA sack high living director and financial controller and make controller of inspectorate redundant.
- Ian Trethowan to become chairman of Horse race levy Betting Board.

Politics

- Times says there has been a marked fall in support for Alliance in past few months, and confirmed by local elections; but Guardian says SDP is still performing phenomenally well for a third aprt.
- Hillhead being portrayed as Jenkins' last stand.

Law and Order

- Frauds cost Barclaycard company £5m a year.
- Hijack: Essex Council wants Govt to pay more as 5 Tanzanians charged.
- MI5 has established a £20m computer which, it is claimed could tape records of the whole population.
- MPs being subjected to check on use of secretaries and researchers on security grounds.
- McNee at top of National Front's hit list - personal details published in its youth newspaper.
- Mail feature says cash rewards are making bounty hunting a most effective crime fighter.
- Investigation report into how blood given freely in Britain came to be sold abroad goes to DPP.
- West Midlands Council decides to cut police overtime to save money - Jill Knight angry.
- Warning of more arson attacks on second homes in Wales.

Ireland

- Princess Anne in Ulster.
- Times leader on decline of IRA warns Mr Prior and new PM of Republic to do nothing to give them new hope.
- Hysetr, forklift truck firm, to consider putting up factory near Belfast.

International

- Poland - Internees (4000 of them) to be allowed to apply for emigration on March 15.
- Belgium - 2 die and 3 wounded in shooting at Belgian-Yugoslav cultural office.
- USA - Mirror says Reagan's honeymoon with people now definitely over.
- Israel - Troops begin to move out settlers (in rather brutal fashion) preparatory to hand over of Sinai; Mail says at least Begin is keeping his word; Israel to seek closer links with Europe after Mitterrand's visit.
- South Africa - 16 right wing rebels expelled from National Party.

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ANNEX

Ministers:

- Mr Nott meets French Defence Minister (M. Hernu).
Mr Tebbit at OECD, Paris.
Mr Atkins visits Australasia (until 19 March).
Mr Younger and Lord Mansfield dine at National Farmers Union dinner, Dunblane.
Mr Wakeham visits Warren Spring Laboratory, Stevenage.
Mr Baker speaks at launch of Pergamon Infoline computer.
Mr Waldegrave visits Aberdeen University.
Mr Shelton launches the Devon Science and Technology Regional Organisation, Plymouth.
Mr Moore visits Culham Nuclear Power Station.
Mr Stanley speaks at 1982 Building Industry Convention BMPs Symposium on "Construction and Changes".
Dr Vaughan attends "Nottingham Rickets Campaign Launch". (1.00 pm).
Lord Trenchard visits Ferranti, Edinburgh (and 5 March).
Mr Pattie visits Hall Russell, Aberdeen.

TV/Radio:

- Lord Gowrie, BBC1, 'Question Time'.