

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

European Council, Brussels.

Royal Assent for Canada Bill.

Mr Fowler meets nurses representatives.

Two tier motor-cycle test introduced.

CPF, CEDEFOP, MSC conference: "Ways to Work".

BR introduces smoking ban in restaurant and buffet cars.

Statistics:

CBI Monthly Trends Inquiry (Mar).

Quarterly analysis of bank advances (mid-Feb).

Publications:

"Planning Vocational Preparation Initiatives for Unemployed Young People."

Pay:

Ambulancemen: Whitley Council. Management response to claim.

Parliament

Commons:

Questions: Trade, Energy.

Business: Debate on THE TRIDENT PROGRAMME.  
Motions on the Wool Textile Industry (Amendment)  
Orders.

Select Committees: TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE: The 1982 Budget and the Government's Expenditure Plans 1982-83 to 1984-85. (Witness: The Rt Hon Gordon Richardson MBE, Governor of the Bank of England).  
PUBLIC ACCOUNT: Investment in Hebridean fish Industry. (Witnesses: Mr R Cowan, Highlands and Islands Development Board; Dr R G L McCrone, Scottish Economic Planning Department).

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Caribbean and Central America:  
British approach to security, stability and  
development. (Witness: Mr Paul Sutton).

Lords:

Antiquities Bill(HL): Report.  
Copyright Act 1956 (Amendment) Bill(HL): Committee.  
Shops Bill(HL): Committee.  
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill:  
Committee. (3rd day).  
ROYAL ASSENT.

Ministers - see Annex:

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PRESS DIGEST

Falkland Islands

- Most papers have confrontation stories as Argentina is reported to be sending gunboats to South Georgia and the British "John Bliscoe" is said to be heading towards the Islands with marines from Montevideo. It is thought unlikely that the Argentines will be removed from South Georgia for fear of provoking an incident.
- Telegraph leader says both Argentina and UK behaving as they might be expected to. Moral case for British sovereignty unanswerable though that has not stopped Government entering negotiations with Argentinian.
- Times leader says Britain should help islanders get best possible deal with Argentina and three well-armed patrol craft would be a lot more use than HMS Endurance.
- D/Mail leader asks if it is prudent to spend so much seeking to avert a third world war. Gunboats still have their uses.

El Salvador

- Reports of high turn-out for election in some areas despite violence.
- Times leader on American fears of domino effect in Central America.
- Haig says future level of US support will depend on the form and adherence to human rights.

Law and Order

- Further reports of Prime Minister's Harrogate speech. Telegraph says she injected greatest passion in section on law and order.
- Telegraph leader warns Tories against trying to imitate SDP. Contrasts Jenkins-type permissive society with PM's puritan ethic.
- D/Express leader on "Thatcher's crusade".
- Major Mirror feature on violence in Britain's cities.
- Stories of weekend attacks on two London bus conductors, an Asian student and a 10 year old girl.

Police

- Thames Valley Police to recruit squad of "junior policemen" to teach teenagers good citizenship and understanding of police.

- Chairman of Metropolitan branch of Police Federation says a further 9,000 CID men necessary to fight crime in London.
- Brixton police agree to consult community liaison committees on general matters of policy.
- Guardian leader criticises new stop-and-search proposals.

#### Northern Ireland

- Ulster Police inspector murdered as he left church yesterday.

#### Economy

- CBI forecast modest growth in out-put over next four months.
- Telegraph reports examples of export lead growth.
- Survey by Manpower indicates more employers expecting to take on staff than a year ago.
- Banks stepping up recruitment this year.
- Record level of bank lending to companies and households. 82% of new lending to households is for mortgages.
- Decline in gold price may reduce value of reserves by \$2.3b.
- Treasury working paper refutes view that British oil wealth must lead to contraction in relative size of manufacturing sector.
- FT leader on Bank of England investment policy for reserves.

#### Oil

- Kuwait has joined Saudi Arabia in threatening sanctions against Western oil companies unless they increase shipments from Nigeria.

#### Industry

- Brazil likely to cancel £280m coal project involving Northern Engineering Industries.
- Sale of Stone Platt textile machinery subsidiary expected today.
- BL still refusing to pay higher BSC prices.

#### Privatisation

- Nigel Lawson to introduce legislation to end state monopoly of electricity generation. FT says Prime Minister supports strongly his determination to introduce more competition to state monopolies.

#### Belvoir

- FT sees disagreement within Cabinet.

#### Disputes/Pay

- BR fear McCarthy will find in favour of ASLEF and are said to be prepared to implement flexible rostering nevertheless.
- D/Mail leader talks of "Sir Peter Bluster's last stand".
- Sun leader argues for "sensible deal with ASLEF".
- Doctors to be offered 7% (Sun).
- Kenneth Clark warns that country can only afford 4% for NHS.
- Bank staffs to get 9-9.5%.
- West Midland engineering firms settling for less than inflation rate.

- Vehicles sabotaged at Heathrow. Striking baggage handlers claim they are not responsible.
- EEF calls for end of Truck Acts.

#### Employment Bill

- Mr Tebbit thought to have hinted that he will accept amendments to Employment Bill.
- Express expects Tory MPs to demand tougher legislation.
- Print Unions ready to oppose closed shop measures.
- FT reviews possibility of Unions successfully opposing implementation of Bill.

#### MSC

- Guardian says there are fears among Commissioners about its continued existence.
- Times says TUC Commissioners may give up seats in protest at Government's reactionary policies.

#### Defence

- Sir John Fieldhouse, C in C optimistic about naval capability after present round of cuts.

#### Pensions

- DHSS plan for retirement at 63 on lower pension.

#### Race Relations

- David Lane calls for stronger Act and major attack on racial discrimination.

#### EEC

- Previews of Summit say it will be dominated by economic issues, especially unemployment.
- Clashes with French and Italian farmers expected today. Mrs Thatcher is said to be the main target.

#### International

- Israel claim that sacked Arab mayors were involved in West Bank "rebellion plans".
- French unions and employers said to be unenthusiastic about earlier retirement proposals.
- Mitterand calls for slowing in pace of reform.
- Iran claims more successes in Gulf War.
- Mrs Gandhi described her UK talks as "extremely good and satisfying".
- US Senators said to be increasing pressure for action against subsidised export credits.
- Survey suggests that majority of Americans hope President Reagan will not seek second term.

#### Politics

- In weekend recriminations Labour MPs claim Trotskyites for Hillhead defeat. Agreement on
- Agreement on SDP/Liberal share of seats in Devon and Cornwall expected this week.

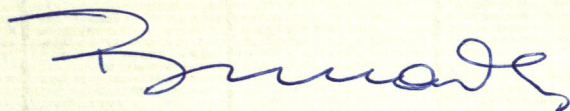
- Peterborough remarks on future cash-saving switch for Conservative Central Council meeting.

Chancellor of the Exchequer

- Interview by Jean Rook in the Express.

Mark Thatcher

- Special Branch guard for US visit.



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ANNEX

Ministers:

Sir Keith Joseph addresses Secondary Heads Association conference, Exeter (11.30am).

Mr Younger attends Economic Community seminar, Gorebridge.

Mr Tebbit delivers New Training Initiative speech to Ashbridge Management College Seminar on the industrial training revolution, Cavendish Centre, London. (11.00am).

Mr Tebbit visits Community Project Foundation conference, Kensington Town Hall. (4.00pm).

Mr Fowler visits Bethlem Drug Dependency Unit, Maudsley Hospital. (11.30am).

Mr Walker visits MAFF regional office, Reading.

Mr Heseltine, Mr King, Mr Stanley and Mr Shaw visit Birmingham to look at Land Register sites.

Lord Carrington attends European Council, Brussels (until 30 March).

Sir George Young at handing over key ceremony at Treggaron Gardens, Kingston-on-Thames.

Lord Ferrers visits Food Research Institute, Norwich.

Mrs Fenner addresses London Area Launch of EDC Productivity Report, London.

Dr Vaughan launches RoSPA Home Safety Display.

Mr Baker speaks at ASLIB meeting on IT year.

Mr Morrison speaks at seminar, Ashridge Management College.

Mr Channon addresses Prison Libraries Group conference, Nottingham (2.45pm).

Lord Mansfield addresses Scottish Quality Beef and Lamb Association Ltd Annual General Meeting, Edinburgh.

Mr Rifkind visits Tayside Police, Balluniefield.

Mr Marten visits Bangladesh and Bangkok (until 6April).

Mr Moore visits Germany for talks on Nuclear Energy (and 30 March).

Mr Wiggin visits Portugal - British Army Training Area and HQ IBERLANT.

TV/Radio

Sir Keith Joseph, Radio Devon Air. (2.30pm).