

10 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister visits Paris for talks with President Mitterrand and M. Rocard

STATISTICS

BSC/BISPA: Usable steel production

DOE: Construction output (1st Qtr)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Debate on Women's Health on a Motion for the Adjournment

Adjournment Debate: Maternity facilities in Moray (Mrs M Ewing)

Lords: Starred Questions

Debate to call attention to recent developments in Hong Kong relating to the implementation of the Joint Declaration
UQ to ask HMG what action they propose to take regarding mentally disturbed remand prisoners being kept in custody in police cells

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

TGWU executive defies Ron Todd and withholds support for Kinnock-Hattersley ticket, hoping to bargain for a return to unilateralism in return for backing Hattersley.

Eric Hammond, EETPU, threatens to sue if expulsion from Labour Party follows departure from TUC.

EETPU withdraws invitation to Norman Willis to address conference.

Gattling sacked as England's captain makes the main news. Strongly denies sexual misconduct - threatens to sue newspapers.

Telecommunications workers vote by substantial majority to call for resignation of John Golding after allegations of sex scandal with call girl; he refuses to go.

Upbeat economic forecast for OECD but Britain's boom will slow down.

FT says Departmental PES bids are £10billion over White Paper figures.

British Telecom's £2,292million profits - up £225million; but Today says that as well as record profits there are record moans about its service.

British Telecom employees to get £38million in free shares because of contribution to improvements in services.

DTI warned 4 years ago about illegal trading by Barlow-Clowes; lawyers for investors may try to sue Department (Times).

President of Society of Motor Manufacturers credits you with car industry's revival.

£200million shopping centre, employing 11,000, planned for near Liverpool.

Government will require all who video-record TV programmes to wipe them clean after 28 days to protect copyright. Today says this will give the law a bad name and Government must think again. Express says present law is an ass and by attempting to make this change Ministers risk making asses of themselves.

Chief Constables concerned about violence in country towns because of excessive drinking.

PRESS DIGEST

Mail features Edwina Currie's cookbook - her special recipes for healthy eating.

Education chiefs to require parents appealing against GCSE grades to pay £100 to deter frivolous complaints.

Joe Haines in Mirror says BBC's 9 o'clock news last Friday featuring Reagan's speech and his praise for you and Monday's "so called" interview by four children were straightforward Tory propaganda.

Chancellor insists 15 commercial TV stations pay levy based on net advertising revenue rather than on profits as at present.

TV-AM bans its staff from taking part in Granada's World In Action programme on stand against restrictive practices.

Sun objects to DPP's blocking of Summons against Ron Brown MP; it says thugs belong in the dock.

Mail says France has fallen into line with Chancellor's debt relief initiative.

Chancellor will press strongly in Toronto for agreement in debt for sub-Saharan.

Lord Cockfield calls for a single Euro-economy, including central bank and common currency.

Home Office announces release and deportation of Iranian terrorist under normal parole arrangements.

Report that Ayatollah Khomeini has liver cancer and only a few months to live.

Sun readers say Lester Piggott should have been allowed to keep OBE.

MPs say Ethiopia is facing a famine worse than in 1984.

Pretoria threatens to take action against BBC over Wednesday's film on mistreatment of black children (Times).

PRESS DIGESTLABOUR PARTY

Star - Dream ticket snub for Labour.

Sun - Kinnock on trial - union militants refuse to back him over leadership battle. Ron Todd's job on the line - humiliating defeat. Great tactical victory for Left, one of them claims. Feature says suddenly Prescott is in contention for deputy leadership - Hattersley lacks bite.

Mirror - U-turn Kinnock is blackmailed.

Today - Union snubs Kinnock over leadership race; feature - Kinnock twists and turns to stay at the top.

Express page 1 - Kinnock union snubs dream ticket; Labour leadership lurches into deep trouble after humiliating vote from Kinnock's own union. Leader headed "Neil's ticket to nowhere" says he must be extremely worried by TGWU's failure to back him and Hattersley. TGWU could end up supporting Kinnock but making sure he remains unelectable.

Charles Moore, in Express, says what Kinnock is saying is that multilateralism has worked and should be supported. Now Hattersley becomes dispensable and now looks pointless. Will Kinnock now dump him?

Heffer says "this is a tremendously significant decision".

Mail page 1 - Transport union snubs Kinnock dream ticket.

Telegraph page 1 - Double blow to Kinnock from biggest union.

Guardian page 1 - Snub for dream ticket.

Independent - Labour to launch lottery to find their local party organisations.

RURAL VIOLENCE

Today says young men have always drunk too much to show off their macho manhood. The difference now is that they can afford to do it a lot more often. Pubs should police age limit properly.

PRESS DIGEST

Mail leader says it seems, in the light of the Chief Constables' report that nowhere in the country is safe from yobbery. We are paying the price of Sixties' liberalism. Youngsters have been reared by parents unwilling to say no and resent meeting a policeman who will. Fines which hurt are long overdue.

Ferdy Mount, in Telegraph, says there are quite specific actions which the Government can take to deter, control and punish yobs and it is for Home Secretary to take them.

VISIT TO ANTIQUES FAIR

Telegraph has picture of you looking at painting through magnifying glass, with story.

SEX & VIOLENCE

Telegraph leader says your crusade lacks coherence but strikes a deep chord with public.

TORONTO SUMMIT

FT - Lawson calls for firm plan on ensuring African debt. Leader sees Toronto as opportunity not only to endorse Mitterrand's package, but to set in train efforts to close the financing gap. Diary says Canadians have agreed to refer to newly industrialised economies rather than countries in deference to China's sensibilities over Taiwan. Diary also claims Mitterrand's new initiative follows from abandonment of co-habitation.

INDUSTRY

FT - Rolls-Royce plans £300million upagrade of RB-211 engine, to be used in part on Airbus A-330s.

Independent - Devonport to announce up to 2000 redundancies today.

NHS

Independent - New strains between you and Chancellor dismissed over how radical NHS reform should be. You are said to believe Chancellor should be bolder over tax reliefs for private health.

FT - Joe Rogaly turns his weekly column to NHS reform, concluding that if the health service is made more efficient it will cost more. You now understand this, as does the Chancellor, but the review has not yet solved the dilemma.

PRESS DIGESTENVIRONMENT

Some Conservative MPs table Commons motion deploring DTI's submission to public inquiry about housing at Foxleywood in Hampshire (Times).

EC

Prime Minister expected to stick to a largely economic agenda at Paris meeting (Times).

Kohl to meet Prime Minister at Chequers on 9 July. Anglo-German ties may be looking up at last after period of coolness.

Independent - Kohl says he will press you personally on 9 July for us to be full EMS member.

EAST-WEST

FT - Kohl hails new era in East-West relations following Moscow Summit.

Foreign Secretary warns Warsaw Pact countries that negotiations on reducing conventional forces in Europe could not go ahead until there had been further progress in area of human rights. (Times).

SOUTH AFRICA

Independent - Message from Nelson Mandela set to fuel row over his 70th birthday concert. Threat to BBC Bureau in Pretoria. Leader calls on BBC to admit political nature of the concert.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- DEM: Mr Fowler opens Small Firms Centre, Newcastle, attends MARI to present cheque and visits Nissan plant, Sunderland
- DTI: Lord Young speaks at London Chamber of Commerce annual lunch
- HMT: Mr Lawson addresses Oxford Dons
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor meets Jan Hinckens, Belgian NFU leader
- DEM: Mr Cope tours South West
- DES: Mr Jackson visits Culham College in Abingdon, Oxford
- DES: Lady Hooper addresses the National Training Programme for Caravanning, Camping and Self-Catering Industry Seminar at Evesham College
- DHSS: Mrs Currie visits Breast Cancer Screening Service, London
- DOE: Mr Trippier opens Rochdale Enterprise Centre
- DTI: Mr Maude visits Birmingham, Single Market Campaign
- DTp: Mr Bottomley visits Hawtal Vehicle Safety Company, Pitsea, Essex
- DTp: Lord Brabazon attends Aerodrome Owners Association lunch, Naval and Military Club, London
- HMT: Mr Lilley addresses the launch of the Cleveland Charity Trust Fund, North East England
- HMT: Mr Lamont and Mr Brooke visit the East Midlands
- HO: Mr Hogg visits Manchester re Drugs
- MAFF: Mr Gummer addresses the Association of Agricultural Valuers, AGM, Hereford
- MAFF: Baroness Trumpington visits South of England Show, Ardingly
- ODA: Mr Patten calls on President Mwinyi of Tanzania, Hotel Intercontinental, London
- WO: Mr Roberts visits Garden Festival, Glasgow
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- FCO: Mr Mellor departs for Potsdam conference, German Democratic Republic (to 11 June)
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MINISTERS (PRESS INTERVIEWS)

- HO: Mr Renton visits Radio Mercury
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TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Analysis': BBC Radio 4 (11.00) Parliament as a watchdog of Whitehall and the Cabinet. With John Biffen, Tony Benn and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead

'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)

'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)

'My Heroes': BBC Radio 4 (16.05) Cliff Morgan talks to Sir Antony Jay, partner in script-writing team of 'Yes Minister'

'Dispatches': C4 (20.15) Weekly series of topical documentaries

'Any Questions?': BBC Radio 4 (20.20) Lord St John of Fawsley, Arthur Scargill, Peter Snape

'Law in Action': New series. 'Spycatcher' and the House of Lords hearing

'The World Tonight': BBC Radio 4 (22.30) followed by 'The Financial World Tonight' and 'Today in Parliament'

'Newsnight': BBC 2 (22.50)

'The Week in the Lords': BBC 2 (23.40)
