

PRIME MINISTER

23 JUNE 1988

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets President Von Weizaecker of West Germany.

The Prince Edward visits Madame Tussaud's to open the Grand Hall and unveil his portrait.

EC: Fisheries Council, Luxembourg

Ministerial Group on the misuse of drugs - Media Seminar

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STATISTICS

DTI: Manufacturers' and distributors' stocks (1st qtr-rev)

HO: Immigration statistics (1st qtr 1988)

HO: Immigration from Indian Sub-Continent 1987

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PUBLICATIONS

LRT Strategy Statement

Health Service Commissioners Fourth Report: Session 1987/88.  
Selected Investigations completed March 1988.

Efficiency Scrutinies of Social Security regional organisation  
and of DHSS HQ relocation

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Home Office; Northern Ireland; Prime Minister

Business: Opposition Day (15th allotted day):  
There will be a debate on an Opposition Motion on Wales.  
Motion on the Building Societies (Commercial Assets and Services)  
Motion on the Building Societies (Limits on Commercial Assets) Order

OPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS

Associated British Ports (No 2) Bill  
Associated British Ports (Barrow) Bill

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PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)

Adjournment Debate: The impact of the nurses pay review on St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham (Sir Philip Goodhart)

Select Committees: COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL  
City of London (Spitalfields Market)

Lords: Starred Questions

Education Reform Bill: Report (3rd Rdg)  
Access to Medical Reports Bill: (3rd Rdg)

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

Canadian Parliament furious over your "meddling" in domestic politics; some MPs walk out.

TUC give EETPU 14 days in which to recant - or face expulsion from July 7 if it does not toe the line on no-strike deals.

Interest rates up 0.5% to 9% to damp down inflation - could trigger rise in mortgage rates, but Halifax and Abbey National say not yet. CBI critical of rise.

FT Lex column says the decision to raise rates was taken on purely domestic grounds and suggests your view may be gaining ground against the Chancellor in which case the stronger sterling is the better.

Guardian leader asks how much further has British merchant fleet to decline before Government takes the problem seriously.

Guardian - says EC examination of Rover deal may not be completed by end-July as Government hopes.

Former British Telecom chairman, Sir George Jefferson, picked up £900,000 in golden handshake when he retired.

CBI wants us to harmonise time with Europe - time we ticked with EC.

Hattersley launches Kensington by-election with an attack on your policies as being responsible for crime wave of "typhoon" proportions.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner backs idea of identity cards and genetic fingerprinting of the entire population - and he wants the police to get tougher.

Government under increasing pressure to publish Cleveland child abuse report early after alleged leak in paper to conference by Lord Chancellor's Department.

Guardian says that the Lord Chancellor's Department's paper accurately summarised the unpublished report.

Mail leads with report which says the official inquiry has condemned Doctors Higgs and Wyatt at the centre of the case.

Labour Party NEC bans strike-bound TV-AM crews from its annual conference.

PRESS DIGEST

Home Secretary foresees the time when BBC licence fee could be replaced by subscription. Today says future of broadcasting must be settled in market place. Express hopes days of licence fee are numbered.

Times says there is no hope that televising of Parliament will start in November - Select Committee looks to launch in New Year.

Attorney General attacks Nigel West for refusing to delete material from spy book out today.

Nicholas Ridley to force local authorities to smarten up empty houses and find tenants for them - or sell them off.

Labour Party split over religious education - some say Christian teaching is a charade.

Michael Heseltine, in Telegraph, argues for a more imaginative regional policy to ease pressures on South East and reduce need for more building there.

Government hopes to change operation consent forms to prevent, for example, breast removals without patient's approval.

Family doctors come out against giving patients AIDS tests without their knowing.

Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable RUC, to retire next year - not connected with Stalker affair, he says.

Sir Gordon Shattock, survivor of Brighton bomb, to marry again.

Teresa Gorman MP praises ticket touts at Wimbledon for getting tickets to people who value them.

Your tribute to T E Utley on front page of Times.

Hopes rise for release of Terry Waite and other British hostages after Iranian politician tells visiting British politicians that Iran would ask its friends in Beirut to help locate them.

TUC

Star - Superbrat Hammond, by Willis.

PRESS DIGEST

Sun - 'Brat' bust up as Hambo gets boot - union boss defiant; leader says yesterday was a good day for democracy; Hammond represents not the dinosaur face but the realistic, enterprising face of trade unionism. Outside the TUC the EETPU can find freedom.

Mirror - Out you go Superbrat. TUC dislikes Eric; leader says not even Norman Tebbit could injure the unions as much as they mutilated themselves yesterday. Hammond is hated by Left but has strength in that he is doing what his members want.

Today - Boot for rebel union.

Express - Civil war hits TUC - ban on electricians opens split. Unions will now be at each others' throats as they fight for reorganisation; leader says what Norman Willis calls anarchy - the charge against the EETPU - others call competition. Some of those who voted for the suspension of the electricians yesterday are likely to find themselves generals without armies in a few years' time.

Mail - Sparks fly as TUC sacks electricians. Defiant Hammond refuses to give in over strike deals.

Telegraph - Electricians ready for showdown. But Hammond warns employers that no-strike deals do not provide an easy way to success. Leader says TUC has taken a further step towards its own obsolescence with the decision to suspend EETPU. But the trend towards a handful of super unions straddling a number of industries is not necessarily conducive to better industrial relations.

Guardian - TUC leader warns of anarchy as electricians are suspended. Hugo Young says that if Hammond is seriously interested in improving the prospect of non-Conservative Government he should be leading his people not only out of the TUC but out of the Labour Party as well.

YOUR OTTAWA SPEECH

Mirror - MPs walk out over Maggie's speech in protest at your remarks. But this protest apart, you were given a warm welcome.

Today - Maggie's nuclear sales pitch - using Canadian Parliament address to try to sell subs worth £4billion.

PRESS DIGEST

Express - Canada fury over "meddling" Maggie - Opposition MPs accuse you of interference in free trade.

Mail explores how to put the sparkle in city streets after your complimentary remarks about Toronto. You are given a tumultuous standing welcome by Parliament - never in all your 9 years' travelling have you had such a euphoric reception.

Telegraph - Canada row over Thatcher "meddling". Picture of applauding MPs after your speech.

Guardian - Thatcher's battle of Trafalgar against French submarines. Canadian Government decision on July 13 or 14.

Times - Uproar breaks out in Canadian Parliament after you anger Opposition MPs by using your address to speak up forcefully in favour on free trade deal between the US and Canada. You won, however, a two minute standing ovation before you spoke.

FT - Thatcher hails "East-West era of hope". In a wide-ranging, hard-hitting and occasionally humourous address you resisted all but the most fleeting reference to nuclear submarines; but make a more vigorous sales pitch during a working lunch.

Independent - Canadian MPs outraged by partisan Thatcher. Opposition claims you gave a campaigning speech on behalf of Mulroney. The ensuing row rages in Canadian House of Commons for most of the afternoon but you continue with your official engagements unaware of the furore you left behind.

TORONTO SUMMIT

Times leader looks at the purpose of summits saying that the one in Toronto has been judged to have a blander taste than usual. It puts this down partly to the seven having an unusual degree of consensus about economic policy. It concludes that after your past scorn for Summitry, your own conversion is eloquent testimony to the increasing interdependence of the world and the need to keep dialogue going.

FT - EC and US each claim victory on farm subsidies.

HANOVER COUNCIL

William Cash MP writing in the Times warns against Europe's creeping federation. At Hanover next week he says that we should not lose sight of the long-term shift which is transferring power from the parliaments of member nations to the bureaucracies of

PRESS DIGEST

Brussels and Strasbourg. The British Empire was formed "in a fit of absence of mind". Will the same apply to Europe?

FT - Sam Brittan says common EC currency and central banks will be on the agenda with the British characteristically the least enthusiastic.

RACE

Sun takes issue with chairman of CRE: racial discrimination, it says, is not widespread - racists are only a tiny minority like the white soccer thugs who disgraced us in Europe.

ENVIRONMENT

Times leads with Nicholas Ridley telling the Commons that the Government will legislate in the autumn to force local authorities to put the 112,000 empty council houses back into use.

Times - Police launch fraud probe into building services department at Tower Hamlets.

FT - Hazardous Wastes Inspectorate says there are too few inspectors of nuclear waste sites.

Independent - Third report of the Hazardous Waste Inspectorate criticises almost every aspect of waste disposal in Britain.

POLITICS

Independent - Labour right dismayed by Kinnock defence stance. Peter Jenkins, under the heading "The void on Labour's front bench", says that Kinnock has nailed himself to the CND mast in such a fashion that it will be difficult to get down in time for the next general election.

SOCCER HOOLIGANS

Times says Colin Moynihan will present next Thursday's Cabinet with a draft Bill giving Ministers the right to order football clubs to have 100% membership schemes.

LAW & ORDER

Times - Lord Chancellor tells Lisbon conference of his concern that some countries fail to use legal conventions to deal with child kidnapping by parents across borders.

PRESS DIGEST

Times - Police success in prosecuting Triad gangsters in Britain being regarded as the start of an international assault on Chinese criminals.

Independent - Douglas Hurd likely to back experimental Coventry by-law making it illegal to drink alcohol in public places.

Independent leader says you appear determined to publish a profoundly unsatisfactory White Paper next week. Your attitude should satisfy the most secretive of civil servants. It says that by treating all secrets as matters of life and death, you discredit the whole idea of secrecy, and it calls for the Bill to be rejected.

CLEVELAND INQUIRY

Times - Lord Chancellor denies suggestion that he or his department leaked the Cleveland child sex abuse inquiry findings in paper prepared for Lisbon conference. Separate feature story looking at the aftermath of the Government's inquiry says that the innocents are still facing a stigma.

ECONOMY

FT - Cabinet Office is to review quality of official economic statistics following TCSC criticisms.

FT - NEDO forecasts construction output rise is likely to continue for another 18 months.

Independent - Inflation fears force up interest rates for third time this month. Irate reaction from CBI: John Banham warns that industry's costs would rise by £125million in a full year and exports would be hampered. He also says it will fail to curb inflation. Bank of England surprises MPs by saying Britain is committed to ultimate goal of single European currency and central bank.

MEDIA

Independent - Douglas Hurd signals possible end to IBA's central role in regulating commercial television. You will chair a meeting later in July to work out final proposals for Broadcasting White Paper though this will not cover possible long-term changes to the BBC.



PRESS DIGESTHEALTH

Times - Oxford University scientists develop new type of drug to treat migraine.

FT - Government reply to social services committee rejects call for more money to deal with current and past underfunding.

Independent - Ministers bracing themselves for heavy criticism over plight of the disabled when the government publishes a report showing there are 6 million people with disabilities - double the figure estimated in the last survey 20 years ago.

Independent - NHS review considering scrapping health authorities and replacing them with management boards with separate bodies to represent consumers.

INNER CITIES

Independent - MPs, the building industry and developers all voice fears that the Government's inner cities' policy would be threatened by EC VAT ruling. Lobby grows to persuade Government to soften the blow.

DEFENCE

FT - Royal Navy postpones by 24 hours a visit to Malta in the hope of finalising a deal that would allow four warships to enter harbour without having to declare whether they were carrying nuclear arms.

OVERSEES AID

FT - OECD figures show that 18 leading industrialised nations gave 2% less aid in real terms to Third World last year. UK disbursements fell by 2.8% in sterling terms and 7% in volume.

INDUSTRY

Times - Prince of Wales meets successful black business people and agencies trying to create jobs in ethnic communities.

Times - EC plan to phase out noisy jet planes could lead to higher fares.

FT - CAA is to study handling of air traffic over London and the South East at request of Government, reporting in July next year.

PRESS DIGEST

FT - BAA confirms it will not build a second runway at Gatwick.

EDUCATION

Times - Women's Studies Committee says Oxford University needs to do more to encourage women academics.

EC

Times - Up to 10 million professional people will be able to practise their careers anywhere in EC following agreement over mutual recognition of diplomas.

IRAN/MPs

Times - Archbishop of Canterbury hopeful over hostages on return of Parliamentary delegation from Iran. They urge Government to send a diplomat to man the empty Embassy in Teheran as next step towards the normalisation of ties.

Independent - UK envoys and kidnap group in Beirut talks. Embassy officials have spoken to officials of Hezbollah in Beirut, though Whitehall stresses contacts do not indicate shift in Britain's "no deal" policy.

Independent - The four parliamentarians who visited Iran call for the Government to reinstate diplomatic presence in Teheran.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DEN: Mr Parkinson addresses the British Israel Chamber of Commerce 40th Anniversary dinner, London

DEM: Mr Nicholls tours North West

DEM: Mr Lee addresses Master Innholders Careers Seminar, London; later lunches with London Brewers Council, London

DES: Mrs Rumbold visits Leicester University

DES: Mr Dunn receives delegation led by Dudley Smith MP from St Michael's Day Special School, Warks, about closure

DHSS: Mrs Currie addresses Overseas Doctors Association, London

DOE: Mr Waldegrave attends Council for the Protection of Rural England conference in London

DOE: Mr Chope addresses the Finchley Business Bureau on unified business rate

DOE: Mrs Roe visits Chelmsford

DTI: Mr Clark meets Israeli Minister for Energy and Infrastructure, Mr Schachal

DTP: Mr Bottomley visits Ratcliff Tail Lifts Ltd, Welwyn Garden City

HO: Mr Hogg hosts 4th Drugs Media Seminar

MAPP: Baroness Trumpington visits Unilever Crushes at Erith, Kent; later attends Agricultural Attaches's dinner, York

MAPP: Mr Thompson visits Hertfordshire College of Agriculture and Horticulture, St Albans

OAL: Mr Luce makes arts visit to East Anglia

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DES: Mr Jackson attends CFRN council meeting, Geneva (to 24 June)

MAPP: Mr Gummer attends Fisheries Council, Luxembourg

MOD: Mr Freeman visits NATO and SHAPE, Belgium

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TV AND RADIO

'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)

'Your Mind in Their Hands': BBC1 (11.00) The treatment of mental illness in the NHS. Part Five: Schizophrenia

'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)

'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)

'Nature': BBC2 (20.30) From Atomic Power to Zoos. This week, nuclear waste disposal

'This Week': ITV (20.30)

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

'The City Programme': ITV (22.35)

'Newsnight': BBC2 (22.55)

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