

MAIN EVENTS

The Queen visits the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, Tidworth

The Prince of Wales visits the Islands of Skokholm and Skomer, Dyfed for the golden anniversary of the Dyfed Wildlife Trust

EC: Industry Council, Luxembourg

King's Cross Fire Inquiry ends

Nominations for SLDP close

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Debate on Policing in London on a Motion for the Adjournment

Adjournment Debate: The protection of Southwark's archeological heritage (Mr Simon Hughes)

Lords: Starred Questions

Firearms Bill: Second Reading

UQ to ask HMG what is their response to the report of the National Audit Office on Urban Development Corporations

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MINISTERS - SEE ANNEX

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PRESS DIGEST

Nestles win their takeover battle for Rowntree - will Suchard now bid for Cadbury? Nestles declines to give pledge on Rowntree jobs.

Mail leader says that we easily forget that, even before the takeover battle, Nestles not only employed more in Britain than Rowntree, but Rowntree employed more abroad than at home. In retrospect, the foreign threat element seems to have been overdone.

Guardian says that if Rowntree saga does nothing else but awaken British industry to coming European challenge it will not have laid down its corporate identity in vain.

IRA bring down Army helicopter in Northern Ireland with, it is believed, machine gun fire.

EC farm Ministers conclude price agreement in advance of Hanover, effectively freezing prices for 1988-89.

Splitting of DHSS revived by official reports which reveal a bleak picture of customer dissatisfaction and low morale in social security. Mail sees DHSS officers being hived off and DHSS HQ being moved out of London.

George Younger seeks big increase in defence spending to avoid review of UK defence commitments (Independent).

Price Waterhouse report says community charge will cost as much to levy and administer as rates.

Cleveland parents, falsely accused of child abuse offences, to sue doctors and local authority. Renewed calls for report to be published quickly.

Mail says police have serious doubts on civil liberty grounds about identity cards, as canvassed by Metropolitan Police Commissioner. But Paul Johnson has no doubt ID cards would make Britain a safer place.

You criticise managers who complain about interest rate rises while at the same time giving away much more costly pay increases; short shrift for CBI criticism.

Barlow Clowes receivers have only £15million out of £180million debt.

PRESS DIGEST

MMC critical of Post Office management - among other things, for negotiating big overtime deals without knowing whether overtime was needed.

Big profits forecast for Rover by motor industry research unit at East Anglia University.

TGWU threatening to poach - or try to poach - EETPU members.

Eric Hammond, EETPU, says TUC is opposing "mood of our age"; if Gorbachev can respond to voice of people how could Norman Willis ignore it?

Trevor Clay, Royal College of Nursing general secretary, to retire next year because of health.

NUR calls two 24-hour strikes by technicians on July 4 and 11 in dispute over pay; staff shortages cause British Rail to cancel average of 55 trains a day.

Britain invents new form of aluminium for aircraft manufacture, according to Mail - stronger and lighter.

Future of Bradwell nuclear power station in doubt because of cost of safety work required.

Doctors call for substantial increase in fees for turning out at night; Today says no more money should be paid until GPs sort out their work schedules.

Assets worth £10million seized from drug barons and £1.5million confiscated by courts over past 18 months.

Immigration last year at the lowest level since war.

Telegraph feature calls on editors to put their house in order in relation to privacy of the individual; otherwise they will be required to do so by law.

Sinn Fein politicians who refuse to denounce violence likely to be barred from next May's council elections.

Claims that Princess Margaret's helicopter was involved in near miss with jumbo taking off from Heathrow last Wednesday.

Bryan Robson, England soccer captain, arrested on M62 on drink/drive charges.

PRESS DIGEST

Canada expels two more Russians in further tit for tat round of reprisals.

Moscow sends troops into troubled states of Armenia and Azerbaijan. Mail leader comments how right you were to warn us to keep up our guard.

Dukakis facing an investigation over a land deal involving building of new prison.

300 feared dead in Turkish landslide.

Pope meets Waldheim in visit to Austria.

Reagan admits he informed for FBI during anti-Communist witchhunt of '40s and '50s.

POLITICS

Sun leader says that, love her or hate her, Edwina Currie is generally right and is one of the better and more thoughtful politicians in the Government. Give her a leg up at the next reshuffle.

Express gives extensive coverage to Edwina Currie's interview with New York Times which portrays her as "a whimsical Tory, quite bold, bawdy and bright".

Express leader attacks Peter Bottomley for saying business men speeding along motorways in company cars are worse than soccer hooligans. What good does this do? His incessant hectoring is the political equivalent of junk mail - tiresome and unwanted.

Telegraph says Michael Heseltine, in pressing for a new look at regional policy, has raised another issue that urgently needs airing.

Independent - Home Office and Foreign Office are jointly preparing legislation which could entitle several million expatriate Britons to a postal vote in elections. The Bill in the Autumn will extend the time limit and make it much simpler to claim the right to vote.

HANOVER

Telegraph says you are refusing to join rest of EC in agreeing new sanctions against South Africa if Sharpeville Six are executed.

PRESS DIGEST

Independent - Britain may sour EC summit sweetness. The "strawberries and cream" summit could be soured by division between Britain and the rest over future monetary and social policy.

FT - Delors tells pre-summit press conference that Hanover Council could decide on new moves towards monetary union, such as a common central bank.

INDUSTRY

Independent - Post Office chiefs to meet Kenneth Clarke in next two weeks to call for development of new retail and financial businesses or face closure of hundreds of rural and neighbourhood post offices.

Independent - Four British scientists claim that plutonium from Britain's civilian nuclear power stations may have ended up in American nuclear weapons. More than two tonnes of plutonium - enough for 400 warheads - are unaccounted for by Government figures.

Times leads with Nestle takeover of Rowntree. York MP Conal Gregory seeks assurance about jobs and Bryan Gould attacks Government for refusing to defend British industry against foreign predators. Cadbury's shares jump 17p as Suchards could now make a bid for them. Comment in Business section congratulates Rowntree for negotiating skill, saying shareholders have good reason to toast the company and that no-one could claim the board sold its birthright cheaply.

Times - DTI public enemy number one when over 1,000 investors in Barlow Clowes meet in Manchester.

Times - Government plans to cut £20million a year from the payment to the European Organisation for Nuclear Research.

FT - Cabinet will be asked to choose shortly between options for converting Northern Ireland's Kilroot power station from oil to coal.

NHS

Times - National Association of Health Authorities says hospitals should publish comparative death rates so that patients know where they are likely to get the best and safest treatment.

PRESS DIGESTLAW & ORDER

Times - 19 jailed for up to a year for their part in soccer violence at Scarborough last August.

Times - Church of England charity says the amount of money spent on producing and consuming alcohol is a national disgrace and demands that money should be used to pay for alcohol education and special services for problem drinkers.

Times - Scottish solicitor plans to set up a network of firms offering "no win, no fee" deal for accident and personal injury claims.

EDUCATION

Independent - New research finds that the £1 billion Technical & Vocational Education Initiative, launched by the Government in 1983, has depressed examination results.

MEDIA

Independent - Sir Richard Attenborough hits at recent Government pronouncements on the future of television.

Independent leader looks at the Home Secretary's proposal to abolish the television licence in favour of subscription services from the BBC. It says critics believe the Government's motive is political. But technical developments make change inevitable. It concludes that the Government has probably not yet decided whether to do away with the BBC, but by abolishing the licence fee it will remove its principal means of applying pressure on the broadcasters.

SOVIET UNION

Times - Soviet troops move in to control ethnic unrest in Armenia; leader says Soviet Union is last of the European territorial empires and looks at the problems facing them over the many different nationalities and ethnic groups. It says the fundamental vulnerability of the Soviet system to national disintegration has been highlighted by the continuing violence in the Caucasus.

PRESS DIGESTIRAN

Times leader asks why pressure is coming from Tehran for the British Government to repair its relationship with Iran. It says the Government would be doing an injustice to the families of the hostages if it did not explore the possibility of opening a channel of communication. But the policy of "no deals" with either terrorists or their backers must remain.

Times - Iran accepts revised British proposal for mutual compensation for damage to each other's embassies.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

ANNEX

- ...: Mr Fowler visits Brathay Hall Trust
- DTI: Lord Young meets Professor Zdiskand Sadowski, Deputy Chairman of Polish Council of Ministers
- HO: Mr Hurd visits Kingston Police Station
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor addresses Coffee Trade Federations 6th International Coffee Congress, Dome Theatre, Brighton; later attends Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association, Summer Ball, Norfolk
- DEM: Mr Cope visits South West region
- DHSS: Mrs Currie visits General Practitioner Practice, Tipton
- DHSS: Mr Portillo visits Thanet local office
- DHSS: Mr Newton addresses National Association of Health Authorities conference, Harrogate
- DOE: Mrs Roe visits Normanton, Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield (housing)
- DOE: Lord Caithness visits the Water Research Council in Medmerham
- DOE: Mr Moynihan visits Wimbledon Tennis Championships
- DTI: Mr Maude speaks on 1992 Single European Market, McGrigor Donald, Glasgow
- HO: Mr Hogg visits Hull Prison
- HO: Lord Ferrers opens ACC/AMA seminar on police civilisation
- MAFF: Baroness Trumpington visits Lancashire NPU Vegetable Growers Farms; later visits NPU County Office, Skelmersdale
- SO: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton performs ceremony of handover of fire engines to Scottish Fire Service Training School, Gullane
- WO: Mr Roberts visits Mount Street School, Brecon
- WO: Mr Grist receives Giles Sports sponsorship cheque for young athletes on behalf of the Sports Council of Wales; later officially receives new patients charter from Welsh Association of Community Health Councils, Cardiff

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TV AND RADIO

- 'Today': BBC Radio 4 (6.30)
- 'Your Mind in Their Hands': BBC1 (11.00) Last in series on treatment of mental illness in the NHS
- 'Business Daily': C4 (12.30)
- 'The Parliament Programme': C4 (14.00)
- 'Dispatches': C4 (20.15) Weekly series of topical documentaries
- 'Any Questions?': BBC Radio 4 (20.20) Jonathan Dimbleby, Rabbi Julia Neuberger, Robin Cook and Teresa Gorman
- 'Law in Action': BBC Radio 4 (21.05) Issues from the courts and Parliament



TV AND RADIO (Cont'd)

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

'Newsnight': BBC2 (22.35)

'The Week in the Lords': BBC2 (23.25)

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