

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends Anglo/Italian bilateral meeting, Florence
Labour Party disciplinary hearing for Liverpool members
EC Political Committee, The Hague (to March 13)
Spain votes on continuing in NATO
OECD - Working Party Three meeting (to March 13)
Institute of Water Pollution, Scottish Symposium, Glasgow
Society of Chief Personnel Officers in Local Government conference,
Bradford (to March 14)
National "No Smoking Day"

PUBLICATIONS

HOC: First Report Environment Select Committee Report on
Radio Active Waste (11.00)
HOC: First Report Home Affairs Select Committee - misuse of
hard drugs (Noon)
HOC: Second Report Select Committee on House of Commons
(Services) Cancer Screening (11.00)
HMT: Treasury Minute in Reply to the 1st-4th Reports 1985/86
from the Public Accounts Committee (15.30)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Trade & Industry; Environment

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Indecent Displays
(Newspapers) (Ms C Short)

Opposition Day (10th allotted day): "The City" on
an Opposition Motion

Debate entitled "Support for students in further
and higher education", on an Opposition Motion

Debate on a Motion to take Note of EC documents
relating to Community Steel

Adjournment Debate

Financial arrangements for residents in registered
rest homes for the elderly (Mr C Chope)

PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)Select Committees: FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: Overseas Development Administration
 Bilateral Country programmes
 Witness: Overseas Development Administration

SCOTTISH AFFAIRS

Subject: Public Expenditure
 Witness: Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind MP,
 Secretary of State for Scotland

WELSH AFFAIRS

Subject: Tourism in Wales
 Witness: Wales Tourist Board

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: BL (Landrover Leyland)
 Witnesses: Representatives of Landrover
 Leyland

EMPLOYMENT

Subject: Discrimination in Employment
 Witness: The Greater London Council

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: Enterprise Zones
 Witness: Mr Heiser, Permanent Secretary,
 Department of the Environment

SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Prison Medical Services'
 Witnesses: Institution of Professional Civil
 Servants; Association of Members of Boards
 of Visitors

ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Planning
 Witness: Lord Elton, Minister, Department of
 the Environment

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: The Tin Crisis
 Witness: The Department of Trade and Industry

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL

Felixstowe Dock and Railway

Lords

Short Debate on the legal status of nuclear war

Short Debate on the proposal for the establishment
 of an International Standing Consultation
 Commission to examine world disarmament proposals

Parliament Bill (HL): Second Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTMAJOR ISSUES ONLYNORTHERN IRELAND

- Guardian: The Government is trying to reduce Loyalist hostility by giving much more information about the workings of the intergovernmental conference. Tom King has sent out signals that ministers would like to get back round the negotiating table.
- The review of Northern Ireland's Flags and Emblems Act, which makes it an offence to fly a tricolour where a breach of the peace is likely, is likely to be shelved to keep Loyalists calm. Unionist MPs are likely to return to Westminster today to discuss the Agreement. Unless attitudes change, the Government is likely to decide not to renew the Ulster Assembly when it runs out this year.
- Times: Ministers are seriously concerned at Unionist reaction to the Agreement. It is significant that no date has been fixed for the next meeting of the Conference.
- Telegraph: You will snub Paisley and Molyneaux by not replying to their letter. Last night the Government sought an Order to enable Ministers to run local authority services in Ulster.

RAPE

- Times: The Government is to consider changing the law to prevent a repetition of the Patrick Reilly case, the man cleared of the sex murder of a young girl but given three life sentences yesterday after confessing to series of sexual attacks. You have asked Mr Hurd to look at the Scottish system which allows the jury to be aware of all the charges a defendant faces.
- Sun: You have written to the girl raped in the vicarage attack.
- Telegraph: Home Office statistics due out shortly are expected to show a significant increase in reported rapes.

BL

- Mirror: Britain's three most powerful unions (TGWU, AUEW and GMWU) are involved in a £10m bid for Land Rover. Their bid has been made through Unit Trust.

BRITISH AIRWAYS PRIVATISATION

- Telegraph: Mr Ridley will tell the Commons today that privatisation of BA planned for the summer, will be postponed again. Uncertainties about the outcome of negotiations over transatlantic routes make it too risky to stick to the June-July timing of the flotation. The Chancellor is examining options to avoid a loss of income from this latest disruption to the privatisation programme. There may be a further sale of BP share.

ECONOMY

- Times: Shares boom on hopes of base rate cut. The Budget is expected to include: new measures to boost the "enterprise culture"; increases in excise duties, particularly petrol; further National Insurance reform; modest increases in personal tax allowances.
- FT: City expects interest rate cut despite rise in money supply.
- Star: Tory MPs are fighting to make planned petrol increase in Budget only 10p instead of 20p.

FULHAM

- Times: The SDP will attempt this afternoon to move the writ for the Fulham by-election unless the Government agrees to do so.
- Guardian: The election is likely to be held on 10 April.

TEACHERS

- Guardian: Scottish teachers' unions have recommended acceptance of a pay offer worth nearly 15 per cent over two years - a far better deal than for England and Wales.
- FT: NUT says teachers in England and Wales are very angry.

NHS

- Guardian: You want to speed up privatisation of some NHS services. Ray Whitney has been given until September to present big savings in the NHS.

LEGAL AID

- Times: Several hundred families could be hit by a cut in legal aid which comes into force today. Concerned at the escalating costs of the legal aid scheme, the Government has launched a top level inquiry by civil servants.

NIMROD

- FT: Many US companies will be given 45 days from next Monday to provide initial proposals for supplying an alternative to NIMROD. GEC will be given the same specifications so that comparisons can be made.

AFGHAN VISITOR

- Mail: Picture of you with Abdul Haq. "Fight on", you tell him. He comes away, assured of British Government's full support.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Sir Keith Joseph attends conference on new developments in technical and vocational education in the Caribbean and the UK, London

DEM: Lord Young presents Young Chef and Young Waiter of the Year Awards, London

DEN: Mr Walker attends Industry Year Breakfast Special, Leicester

SO: Mr Rifkind attends 35th Parliamentary Seminar 1986 reception, London

DTI: Mr Channon attends Irish Ambassador's reception; meets Mexican Ambassador

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits Potato Marketing Board, Peterborough

DEM: Mr Trippier visits Tendring, Essex; later visits Waltham Forest Enterprise Agency

DEM: Mr Lang visits Dunchurch College of Management, Rugby

DEN: Mr Hunt attends 'Recycling Energy from Waste' Conference

DOE: Mr Waldegrave attends Consultative Council Local Government finance meeting

DOE: Sir George Young visits Coventry as part of urban programme; later addresses Institute of Plumbing President's dinner

DOE: Mr Tracey visits Cheltenham

HO: Mr Mellor addresses Royal Society of Health Conference on drugs; later addresses Inner City Action on drugs prevention

HO: Mr Shaw visits Wellingborough (crime prevention presentation)

OAL: Mr Luce speaks at Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts lunch, Bath

SO: Mr Ancram attends wave energy presentation, London

DTI: Mr Morrison attends Publishers Association dinner, London

DTI: Mr Howard opens Institute of Credit Management annual conference, London

DTp: Mr Mitchell addresses the Association of County Councils' conference and dinner, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

MOD: Mr Younger attends Anglo/Italian Summit, Florence (also Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Hurd and Mr Pattie)

MOD: Mr Lamont visits USA (to March 14)

FCO: Mr Renton visits UAE, Qatar and Bahrain (to March 19)

TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (16.05): repeat of Tuesday's programme

"Out of Court"; BBC 2 (19.30): features barrister musicians whose songs reflect divisions in the profession over pay and prospects

"All Our Working Lives"; BBC 2 (20.00): Looks at changes in the steel industry this century

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): 'New Eastenders' asks if the Canary Wharf skyscraper should go ahead without any overall plan for the East End

"Diverse Reports"; Channel 4 (20.30): Christine Chapman looks at legislation of the drug industry

"Q.E.D"; BBC 1 (21.30): "Understanding Rape" examines experiment in which rape victims confronted rapists
