

2 June 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister accepts presentation of souvenir by Boys and Girls Brigades  
EC Internal Market Council, Luxembourg  
WEU Assembly, Paris (to June 5)  
Mark Hogg inquest opens, Exeter (allegations of assault by police and/or  
prison officers)  
National Union of Seamen biennial general meeting, Liverpool (to June 6)  
Anglo/Cuban Joint Commission meets, Havana  
House of Lords returns following Spring Bank Holiday Recess

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STATISTICS

CBI: CBI Monthly Trends Enquiry (May)

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PUBLICATIONS

HOC: Standing Orders Committee Special Report - Channel Tunnel Bill  
(Non-compliance with standing orders ) (11.00)

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PAY

DEM: Civil Service industrial grades; (105,000); settlement date 1.7.86  
DEM: London Regional Transport bus drivers and conductors; (18,900);  
settlement date 28.3.86  
DEM: Local authority APT & C grades; (64,000); 12% sought; settlement  
date 1.7.86

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PARLIAMENT

Lords Education Bill: Third Reading  
Social Security Bill: Second Reading  
Protection of Children (Tobacco) Bill: Second Reading

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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LITTER

- Richard Branson confirms the Government has invited him to spearhead a nationwide Clean up Britain campaign; an appealing challenge, he says.
- Labour Party and Unions claim litter is the result of Government cuts.
- Chairman of Keep Britain Tidy says it is a most imaginative appointment.
- D/Star finds rubbish and litter outside his company's HQ in London; and Today says he won't need to look further than his own backyard when he starts cleaning up Britain.
- Sun says Branson envisages reclaiming derelict land, planting trees and rebuilding walls as well as cleaning up rubbish; leader: what an imaginative choice!
- Mirror: Bring on the Branson; he's Tories Mr Clean; leader says whatever else this Government may be running out of it isn't gimmicks; though Britain does need a major tidy up. But the solution does not lie with Mr Branson and an army of young clean up campaigners but with all of us.
- Today: Your choice of Branson is imaginative and sensible - he has both the enthusiasm and entrepreneurial flair.
- Express says Branson is to spearhead a Government campaign to create 50,000 jobs; centre page feature on "the tidy-up Tycoon"
- Mail says Branson is aiming to create 35,000 jobs; leader also says it is an imaginative choice. The appeal of the campaign has to be pride. You should not talk of litter aid since it sounds a shade patronising.
- Telegraph says the Government plans to spend £25m to create 5000 jobs.
- Guardian leads with critics "rubbishing" the Branson scheme.
- Times: Branson's hopes for 15,000 new jobs.

UNIONS

- Threat of national postal strike as extension of disruption in North of England; Sun says the Government is dead right to plan to break the Post Office's monopoly if a national strike goes ahead; Express leader tells postmen not to repeat the folly of 1971 when they struck for 7 weeks and took 5 years to recover lost wages; Mail says postmen are subject to near suicidal spasms of industrial action. Their strike 15 years ago shattered the morale of their union.
- Telegraph says it is futile for the postmen to resist progress.
- 1500 shipyard workers at Scott Lithgow want to forego a pay rise to save jobs and win orders.
- GMBTU Official wants motorists to boycott petrol company promotions because free glasses are imported, throwing British glass workers on the dole.
- Shop stewards expected to recommend end to 3 week strike at Vickers shipyard, Barrow, after improved 13% pay offer.
- Low Pay Unit claims one-third of white collar workers in local government are below poverty line.
- Guardian leader says if the Government is to press ahead with GCSE teachers should not make a meal of their objections.

INDUSTRY

- Fears of arson at Sizewell nuclear power station fire; no radiation involved.
- Orkney Islands canvassing idea of leaving UK for Denmark in protest against Dounreay nuclear development (Telegraph).
- Express says Government has dismissed the idea of bigger lorries on our roads.
- Chairman of B/Caledonian says the airline is not for sale.
- Failure of Ariane rocket deepens western space exploration crisis.
- Ford stepping up UK production to 500,000 vehicles a year.

MEDIA

- Eddie Shah says "today" is here to stay after Sunday newspaper stories of financial trouble and boardroom differences. Guardian says he confirmed he needs a new £4m boost.
- Paul Johnson leaves Mail for Express. Keith Waterhouse starts writing for Mail.
- Guardian claims a new sales record - 538,295, increase of 45,000 in 12 months.

ECONOMY

- Hoare Govett forecasts 2% fall in mortgage rates, 2.5% fall in base rates and 1.8% inflation by the end of the year.
- CBI predicts improvement in manufacturing output; high pay deals are hitting the recovery.
- Sun on plans to cut basic tax rate in USA to 15p, says a growing number of experts believe that is what is needed here.
- Falling oil prices force Saudi Arabia to devalue 2.7%.

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

- Sun says Messrs Baker, Fowler and Clarke are demanding more spending
- Peter Tapsell MP, according to Today, says that unless you increase expenditure publicly, your chances of winning the next election are very slight. Robert Hicks MP hopes you won't be too firmly committed to tax cuts.
- Telegraph says the annual battle over public expenditure begins officially today amid divisions throughout the party over priority for tax cuts; leader says the fate of the Tory Party could depend on the Chancellor's sums. The formidable achievements of the Thatcher years (set out elsewhere by T E Utley) are not yet so obvious to the electorate that the party could weather Treasury miscalculations.
- Guardian says Cabinet believes you are planning spending programme to change the Tory image.
- Times: says Ministers pushing for increased spending on education, health and housing are expected to appeal openly to Backbenchers to help squeeze more money out of Treasury; additional bids now £7bn.
- FT puts extra bids at £7bn.

POLITICS

- Today says Owen and Steel are about to split over Britain's nuclear deterrent.
- Labour's unofficial black sections threaten to boycott Jo Richardson MP unless she steps down as chairman of its new Black and Asian Advisory Committee.

LAW AND ORDER

- Metropolitan Police Commissioner says hostility to police is often stored up by Left views of party extremists fill him with alarm. Clare Short MP says his criticisms are dangerous.
- Wigan CND member tomorrow to bring a summons against you alleging that you conspired with Reagan to murder Libyan citizens.
- Man, 77, needs 116 stitches after 2 men attack him for £3 near his Glasgow home.
- Express claims Government's war against drugs is failing on three counts: inadequate money for remedial work; inadequate police resources; a refusal by doctors to help many who seek advice.

HIPPIES

- Sun says you have ordered the Lord Chancellor and Home Office to crack down on hippies who damage farmers' land.
- Police motor cyclist hurt when rammed by hippy vehicle in weekend series of confrontations between police and convoy in South of England - 20 arrests.
  - Times says Ministers are supporting moves to simplify and speed up court procedures against trespassers.

DEFENCE

- Telegraph says Reagan is planning a sweeping nuclear missile build-up following the announcement that the USA will no longer be bound by SALT II treaty limits.
- Guardian says hawks and doves in US Administration are deeply divided over the move and leader says it is the wrong way to reassure Mr Gorbachev.

SPORT

- Claims that British soccer hooligans are slipping into Mexico via Texas.

AFRICA

- UN agrees a new \$128bn over 5 years deal to help Africa's economic recovery.

SPAIN

- Bomb explodes at Spanish hotel where 200 British holidaymakers are staying; no one hurt and little damage.

WEST GERMANY

- Nuclear reactor shut down because of leak - allegation of cover up since May 4.

POLAND

- Leader of Solidarity arrested after 4 years on the run.

USA

- Express thanks Reagan for his weekend broadcast appeal on behalf of extradition treaty.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Black policeman buried alive by blacks at funeral.



MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker addresses British Association Science Audit Conference; later attends annual Training Conference of Association of chief Education Social Workers, Bournemouth

DEN: Mr Walker addresses Joint Services Defence College, Greenwich

HO: Mr Hurd addresses National Federation of Retail Newsagents

MAFF: Mrs Fenner attends Royal Warrant Holders' Association annual lunch, London

DES: Mr Walden visits Aberdeen University

DEN: Mr Hunt addresses Energy Efficiency breakfast special, Manchester

DEM: Mr Trippier meets Executive Chief Committee of Engineering Employers Association, Eccles; later visits factories in Manchester area

FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses Anglo/Ivory Coast annual lunch

FCO: Mr Renton addresses dinner given by European Committee of the US Chamber of Commerce

DHSS: Mr Whitney attends 'Age Well' show, London; later visits Jenner Health Centre, South London

HO: Mr Waddington visits City of London Polytechnic Ethnic Minority British Development Unit

SO: Mr Ancram opens new visitors centre, Fort George, Inverness

DTI: Mr Pattie attends Euroconstituency lunch

DTP: Mr Spicer visits Norwich Airport

DTP: Mr Bottomley meets marketing directors in vehicle freight industry, HoC

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Mrs Chalker departs for Harare

DHSS: Mr Newton attends Rehabilitation International Conference: Legislation of Equalisation of Opportunities for Disabled Persons, Vienna

SO: Mr Stewart visits USA (to June 9) and Mexico

DTI: Mr Clark and Mr Butcher attend EC Internal Market Council, Brussels

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TV AND RADIO

"Money Box"; BBC Radio 4 (10.00): repeat of Saturday's programme

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00):

"The Marketing Mix"; Channel 4 (18.30): looks at the corporate image of General Motors and other companies

"Comment"; Channel 4 (19.50): with Simon Gourlay, President of the National Farmers Union

"World in Action"; ITV (10.30): Britain's nuclear future

"Panorama"; BBC 1 (21.30): a comparison between secondary education in the North East and West Germany