

11 June 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen opens new medical precinct of the Royal College of Physicians, London

Prime Minister visits Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital; meets Children of Royal School for Deaf Children, Margate; later attends Chinese Party Secretary's dinner

Announcement on award to Bob Geldof

Princess of Wales opens "The Princess of Wales Hospital", Bridgend

SDP/Liberal Alliance publish Joint Commissions on Defence report

Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses Dragon Boat dinner (Anglo/Hong Kong Society)

PUBLICATIONS

HOC: 2nd Special Report of the Home Affairs Select Committee - misuse of hard drugs (11.00)

HOC: 24th Report Committee of Public Accounts - court building programme (Noon)

HOC: 25th Report Committee of Public Accounts - prison building programme (noon)

DES: Guidance booklet on AIDS

HMT: Treasury Minute replying to the 12th-14th and 16th-18th Reports of the Public Accounts Committee 1985-86 (1530)

HMT: Economic Progress Report (May/June)

PAY

DEM: NHS ancillary workers; (204,700): substantial increase sought; settlement date 1.4.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Trade and Industry

Business: 10 Minute Rule Bill: Crossbows (Restrictions) Bill (Mr D Dixon)
Motions on Orders and Regulations relating to the up-rating of Social Security Benefits and other related matters
Financial Services Bill: Progress on Remaining Stages
Crown Agents (Amendment) Bill: Remaining Stages
Adjournment Debate
Government policy on the control of dogs (Miss J Fookes)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees: WELSH AFFAIRS

Subject: Beef Variable Premium
 Witness: Welsh Office

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Subject: Rols-Royce Monitoring enquiry
 Witness: To be announced

SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Public Expenditure on the Social Services
 Witnesses: Mr Tony Newton, MP, Minister of State for
 Social Security and Rt Hon Barney Hayhoe, MP, Minister
 of State for Health

TRANSPORT

Subject: Financing of Rail Services
 Witnesses: Transport Salaried Staffs Association; Dr
 P Goodwin, Oxford University (at approx 5 pm)

ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments
 Witnesses: British Tourist Authority; English Tourist
 Board

JOINT COMMITTEE

Consolidation & c Bills
 Subject: Insolvency Bill and Company Directors'
 Disqualification Bill

COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILLS

British Railways (No 2)
 County of South Glamorgan (Taff Crossing)
 London Docklands Railway (City Extension)

Lords

Protection of Children (Tobacco) Bill: Committee
 Gas Bill: Committee (7th Day)
 Housing (Scotland) Bill: Third Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTPOLITICS

- BBC TV Newsnight poll gives Labour 8% lead.
 - Sun leader asks how daft is Kinnock - slightly, very or stark staring bonkers? It plumps for the last for endorsing Pat Wall as a Labour candidate after he had promised that a Marxist Labour Government would abolish monarchy and Lords, sack generals, admirals, air marshals, civil servants, police chiefs and judges.
 - Geoff Lawler MP, who beat Wall at last election, says Labour have chosen to be deliberately blind to the evidence.
 - Today says nothing could show more clearly the confusion into which the Labour Party has sunk than the decision to endorse Wall. This is no way for Kinnock to show he means business.
 - Express leader headed "Comrade Wall wins and the loser is Labour", says no evidence has appeared to suggest Wall has mellowed since his 1982 "abolish the monarchy" speech. Yet his endorsement was moved by Kinnock. May we now assume Kinnock endorses Wall's policies? So much for Kinnock's efforts to cut the Militant cancer from the body of his party. While Labour accepts men like Wall, and allows Fields and Nellist to sit in Commons, it cannot be considered fit to govern Britain.
 - Mail, on Kinnock's phoney war on Militant, says Kinnock's (and Hattersley's) blessing of Wall's credentials is further proof that his wrestling match with Merseyside militants is a gesture. Cosmetics not surgery is the speciality of the man who leads Labour and aspires to lead Britain. In Kinnock's tool kit the powder compact has displaced the scalpel.
 - Telegraph describes Wall as a Trojan horse and says those who give correct answers to innocent questions by Kinnock will have no trouble finding a path to the Commons.
 - Guardian says Wall's break with Militant falls well short of full-hearted conversion and Labour is still failing to draw the line in the right place.
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- John Vincent, in Sun, on Kaufman's explanation of Kinnock's immigration remarks in India, says a leader who lands his party with commitments his minders have to explain away will not long stand the pace as Prime Minister. Bill Deedes, in Telegraph, says the right and woeful conclusion to be drawn from Kinnock's remarks is that Labour has not seriously begun to think about policy.
 - Left complaining about insensitivity of two union Right wingers - Ken Cure and Charles Turnoch - as members of disciplinary body.

GELDOF

- Shares front pages with Magee, the Brighton bomber; Geldof says he is delighted and deeply honoured. Generally well received by media.
- D/Star: Saint Bob to get top gong. Sun: "Arise, Sir Bob" - if ever an honour were deserved its Geldof's KBE. Mirror: "Arise, Sir Bob - at last a Knighthood for Geldof".
- Express P1: "Arise Sir Bob Geldof - by royal request famine aid hero gets Knighthood - award acclaimed by MPs of all parties".
- Mail P1 lead: Geldof is Knighted - the man who touched the world's conscience; leader is delighted with the award - richly earned.
- Telegraph P1: Bob Geldof made honorary knight.
- Guardian P1: Geldof is given an honorary knighthood.
- Times P1: Knighthood for Bob Geldof.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Many front pages dominated by pictures of Patrick Magee, convicted of Brighton bombing and murder of five people - came within an inch of wiping out the British Government and then celebrated with a bottle of Vodka.
- Mirror among those papers who remember the victims.
- Telegraph says the Government will be right to put an end to the Assembly. The political vacuum must be filled, but the only way of filling it at present is through direct rule.
- Guardian says allegations against Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester did not come from Northern Ireland.

ECONOMY

- Surge in money supply taken rather calmly though fears that it has put off a cut in interest rates. Hits shares. £ surges ahead 2 points to nearly \$1.52.
- TUC getting ready to launch a campaign to create 1m jobs in 2 years.
- John Hoskyns, in article in Times, in support of tax cutting strategy.

INDUSTRY

- David Andrews, BL buyout leader, leaves BL.
- CAA gives go-ahead for £56 single fare across the Atlantic. Today leader says Britain is right to be taking a tough line with USA over access to a wider range of airports.
- Mirror says you bluntly refused to help Rolls-Royce with the £700m B/Airways order.
- You are expected to strengthen the advisory committee which vets senior civil servants moving to the private sector with a backbench Privy Councillor.

MEDIA

- Mail says Shah's newspaper "Today" is effectively up for sale because of a cash and circulation crisis.
- Shah and Maxwell talk on feasibility of printing a new London evening paper. FT says emergency board meeting will decide Today's fate tomorrow.
- Murdoch heads off trouble with journalists by offering them another 10% or £40-50 a week more; Home Secretary asks Wapping pickets to cool it.

- IBA censures Channel 4 series on Greek civil war which viewers claimed was "sheer Communist propaganda"; ordered to put on new balancing programme.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Derek Hatton leaves his £11,500 job with Knowsley Council after a row over hours; required to work only 17½ hours a week but under a change of rule would have had to clock on.
- Eight arrests as Left wing in Southwark has police eject squatters.

EDUCATION

- £20m more for GCSE - Sun: Top marks! Baker's £20m booster for new exam.
- Education Secretary also says he wants schools to have right to carry on caning but there will be a free vote and will give parents right to see sex education books. Also declares war on political propaganda in classroom.
- Today says Mr Baker clearly delighted his colleagues at his speed in combatting disaffection. Colin Welch, in Mail, describes Kenneth Baker as the "sleek new beak".
- Telegraph sketch writer - Baker is top of the class.
- Times says NUT was disappointed with Mr Baker's first performance.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- C&AG report says private patients/are being under-charged by up to £10,000 for operations. in the NHS

ASPIRIN

- 180 brands called in because of fears it could cause Reyes Syndrome in children.
- D/Star says the DHSS's decision is better late than never - why has it taken so long?
- Mail says withdrawal has to be right.

LAW AND ORDER

- Hammersmith police hunting rapist of girl, 4.

IRELAND

- Fitzgerald loses his coalition majority through the surprise resignation from Labour Party of former junior minister.

DEFENCE

- Mirror, pursuing the sinking of HMS Sheffield, says the MoD has consistently misled and lied in the 4 years since the ship went down with the loss of 20 lives.
- Commission for Racial Equality says black servicemen have poor promotion prospects and are noticeably absent on ceremonial occasions.
- Methodists, in report, say Christians may be morally justified in acts of non-violent civil disobedience against nuclear weapons.

SOUTH AFRICA

- EPG report warns you there may be only one last chance of avoiding a "dreadful bloodbath" (Mail).
- ITN cameraman seriously wounded by axe wielding blacks in Crossroads riots.
- John Vincent, in Sun, says all the wise men have predicted a war of black against white but they may have got it wrong. The nearer blacks get to power the more bitterly they will fight each other to be top dog.
- Guardian says South Africa is bent on collision course because yesterday it ditched the Commonwealth initiative.
- US House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee calls for tougher sanctions.

EC

- D/Star on survey of Euro towns in which Norwich (25) came top for Britain says even by its own peerless standards for wasting money, the EC has surpassed itself with this.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling opens ADAS/National Sheep Society Event, Darlington

DES: Mr Baker visits North Staffordshire Polytechnic

DEM: Lord Young addresses South Bucks/East Berks Chamber of Commerce, Slough

DOE: Mr Ridley visits Bath and speaks at National Trust dinner

DHSS: Mr Fowler opens ICI Liquid Antiseptic Plant, Macclesfield

DTI: Mr Channon addresses Israel Chamber of Commerce

WO: Mr Edwards accompanies Prince and Princess of Wales on their tour of BSC Port Talbot

MAFF: Mr Gummer launches Milk Marketing Board's Farmlink Service, London

MAFF: Mrs Fenner visits Cereals '86, Cirencester; later attends Chinese Secretary's dinner, London

DEM: Mr Tripper goes on speaking tour of Reading Careers and Education offices; later visits Woodspring Enterprise Agency, Weston Super Mare

DEM: Mr Lang visits Hereford and Worcester

DHSS: Mr Newton opens and addresses 'Discovery Day for the Disabled', Essex

HO: Mr Shaw addresses Regional Crime Prevention lunch, Norfolk

HO: Mr Waddington speaks to AGM of Institute of Charity fund raising managers

HO: Mr Mellor launches parents leaflet on drugs, DHSS

DTI: Mr Howard attends companies registration office bi-centennial reception and lunch

DTI: Mr Clark attends Hong Kong Association dinner

DTI: Mr Morrison opens Sentrymatic Factory, London

DTI: Lord Lucas addresses British Footwear Manufacturers lunch, London

DTP: Mr Bottomley addresses the Guild of Motoring Writers, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DOE: Mr Waldegrave and Mrs Rumbold attend EC Environment Council, Luxembourg (to June 13)

TV AND RADIO

"You and Yours"; BBC Radio 4 (12.00): from Scotland. Includes possible interview with Michael Ancram of Scottish Office on council housing

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

"Flashback"; Channel 4 (1830) reporting the Falklands conflict in 1982

"In Business" BBC Radio 4 (1920): Japanese investment in the UK

"Groundswell" BBC Radio 4 (1945): investigates the use of chemicals and destructive modern farming methods

"Analysis" BBC Radio 4 (20.15): what success is doing to West Germany and the Germans

"Diverse Reports" Channel 4 (2030)

"Coventry Sent to Coventry"; BBC Radio 4 (2130): interviews Geoffrey Holroyd, Director of Coventry Polytechnic

"The Africans" BBC 1 (2130): the intense competition for the religious souls of Africa
