

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets King Hussein of Jordan
NUS lobby Parliament re sanctions against South Africa
Opposition Day Debate on South Africa, HoC
15th Conference of European Ministers of Justice, Oslo

STATISTICS

OPCS: Adoptions in England and Wales 1984
OPCS: International migration mid 1984 to mid 1985
OPCS: Population trends
OPCS: Marriage and divorce statistics 1984
HMT/
CSO: Public Sector borrowing requirement (May)
HMT: Summer Supplementary estimates

PUBLICATIONS

HO: Police Complaints Authority: Special Report on Police National
Computer (1530)

PAY

DEM: Scottish further education teachers; increases of 20% sought;
settlement date 1.4.86

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Defence; Employment; Prime Minister

Business:

10 Minute Rule Bill: Remands in Custody (Compensation) (Mr G Bermingham)

Opposition Day (16th allotted day): Debate on South Africa

Debate on EC Document 9360/84 as amended by EC Document 5752/86 relating
to EC proposals on the marketing and testing of medicinal products

Adjournment Debate

The appointment and role of the independent directors of the Observer
newspaper (Mr T Smith)

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees:Lords

Forestry Bill: Committee
 Health Service Joint Consultative Committee (Access to Information) Bill:
 Committee
 Safety at Sea Bill: Committee
 Civil Protection in Peacetime Bill: Committee
 Social Security Bill: Committee (1st Day)
 Airports Bill: Third Reading

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Reports that 8 died in yesterday's 10th anniversary of Soweto which was sealed off by the authorities - "like a graveyard". New restrictions on Mrs Mandela.
- Blacks stay away from work. Express man who got into Soweto says armed police defused anniversary.
- But news blackout prevents true picture emerging.
- Claims that troops stormed a church where white South Africans were holding a memorial service.
- Bishop Moekoena, in Britain campaigning against all out sanctions, says Glasgow's renaming of St George's Square as Nelson Mandela Place is "an insult to moderate people".
- Denis Healey to go to South Africa next week; hopes to visit Mandela.
- Kinnock accuses you of getting the worst of both worlds by being "dog in the manger over sanctions".
- At least 3000 detained since state of emergency was introduced (FT).
- EC defers decisions on measures.
- Archbishop Runcie calls for "stronger measures" and Archbishop Hume wants economic, moral and political pressure; anti-apartheid campaigners to march on Westminster calling for sanctions.
- Terry Waite expected to deliver personal message to Tutu today.
- Today has features on why sanctions are not the simple answer and why they didn't crush Rhodesia, but on the latter point writer says Government of the day did not seriously try to cut off oil. Leader says you have been left in no doubt future of Commonwealth is at stake if you refuse to impose sanctions.
- Express leader says Pretoria's claim to be more democratic than most black African states rings hollow today.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd)

- Conservative MPs who favour tougher action against South Africa admitted yesterday that they could find little to argue with in Labour's motion to be debated today. Labour has put the Government on the spot (Times).
- Times leader says the Government was right to have opposed comprehensive sanctions in Brussels yesterday - but might have defended its principles with less ambiguity and embarrassment. It should do so in today's debate.
- Telegraph reports Ramphal saying you are "coming round" to the idea of sanctions; leader says it is witless to demand the sort of sanctions which will destroy South Africa, savage our own economy and plunge South Africa's black neighbours into a crisis. Our aim must be stronger, inexorable pressure quickly.
- Julian Critchley, in Telegraph, says we cannot afford to be seen to be dragging our feet over measures.
- Guardian says Government will play for time in today's debate. Leader says that to argue as EPG and Kinnock do that the choice lies between sanctions and the holocaust is to overstate the potential of sanctions. These are rightly seen as the most the outside world can do short of naval blockade.
- Hugo Young in Guardian argues that sanctions now go with the grain of history and self interest and would assist the cause of Black South Africa. Britain should for once consider leading the world.

INDUSTRY

- Top Rank buy Ladbroke's £67.5m bingo chain.
- 1,000 Plessey workers in Notts forgo pay rise to help 300 colleagues on short time.
- GM to get rid of 1500-1800 truck making jobs at Bedford.
- ACARD report says Britain's computer software industry is threatened with extinction within 10 years in the face of US and Japanese microchip invasion (Mail).
- IBM has chosen a site at Havant, Portsmouth, as the sole worldwide manufacturing plant for a memory system to be used with part of its computer range.
- Austin Rover expects a first-half loss of £20m.
- Raleigh is at long last set to break into the world's biggest market for bicycles - China.
- Fears in Scotland about the future of Ravenscraig are likely to be revived following yesterday's announcement of a £13m investment in refining equipment at BSC's Teesside works.
- Government appears to be considering action to protect Britain's copyright industries from international piracy. The DTI is to call a Ministerial meeting, probably next month.
- Water authority proposals for privatising the water industry in a simultaneous flotation rather than authority by authority may be impractical, according to merchant banks. The scale of the exercise might overwhelm the market (FT).
- Eurotunnel plans to raise £200m through an international share placing.
- Tape manufacturers take full-page advertisements in today's papers attacking government plans for a tape levy.

ECONOMY

- Jock Bruce-Gardyne, in Telegraph, warns of the penalty that lies behind the siren calls to allow a little more inflation.
- Guardian says the Government will have to find a new policy to restrain wages, monetarism and exhortation having failed, or inflation will backfire in the run-up to the election.

UNIONS

- NALGO accepts 5.9% for NHS; local government staff refuse it. Sun says John MacGregor warned employers to keep pay rises below 1% or jobs will be lost.
- UDM, whom Kinnock refuses to address, sets up political fund but money won't necessarily go to Labour.
- A print worker who lost his job after being expelled from his union is to get £38,000 compensation from the Government.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Derek Hatton elected chairman of Merseyside fire and civil defence authority.
- Liverpool delays eviction of man, owing £1000 in rent, although neighbours have been put out for owing much less; he has just been elected to Knowsley Council and is alleged to have Militant links.

HOUSING

- Geoffrey Pattie says all that we have to show for "countless billions" spent on council houses are "the world's most expensive slums"; many councils don't even bother to collect rents - they just demand more cash from Government. Opposition and Anthony Beaumont-Dark MP attack speech as disgraceful. Times suggests he has put himself forward as Right wing candidate to succeed you.
- Hattersley says a Labour Government will pour money into the construction industry and housing to create jobs.
- House prices have continued to rise rapidly in recent months but a further fall in interest rates will be needed to sustain the momentum, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

HOUSING (Cont'd)

- Times leader says there is something wrong when the Government can give its approval to a large expansion of private investment in housing (to which the tax system makes a handsome subsidy) and at the same time argue that there would be inflationary effects if local authorities used capital receipts for building, repair work and improvement grants.
- Tim Congdon, of stockbrokers, Messels, considers whether the house buying boom will be your salvation at the General Election.

EDUCATION

- D/Star leader calls for a clean up of universities after the Olivia Channon case; a great deal more supervision of students and discipline are required.
- Government launches a new policy to promote language teaching in schools.
- Mail says a new school in Surrey, endorsed by you for its commitment to traditional values, is to be run by a woman who had an illegitimate child by Stuart Sexton, political adviser.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Case of 2 pools winners, sharing £69,000, who continued drawing social security; "shopped" by a relative and fined.
- Ted Heath demands more spending on hospitals and/the idea of business-style management. criticises
- Mirror leader on crisis in city hospitals, debated in Commons yesterday, says there are not enough doctors, nurses, beds or equipment. There must be action.
- Express says those soccer fans who have gone to Mexico on social security will face a fine or jail if they claim unemployment benefit for the time they have been away.
- Express leader says the little wheeze of these people insults the taxpayer and injures the good name of the vast majority of dole-drawers.
- Woman sacked after inquiry into Jasmine Beckford case now in £10,000 a year job with Enfield social services caring for mentally handicapped.
- Hospital Consultants' and Specialists' Association reports hundreds of vacant doctor posts in hospitals.

MEDIA

- Sun says it is typical of arrogant BBC to show England v. Paraguay world cup game tomorrow even though it is on ITV whose turn it was to show big match.
- Cost of policing Wapping exceeds £0.5m.

LAW AND ORDER

- Britain calling for strong action against cannabis and amphetamine trafficking in Holland. Sun alerts us to crack, a corruption of cocaine which is 10 times more powerful and instantly addictive.

INNER CITIES

- Church of England proposes to spend an extra £30m over the next 5 years in deprived areas of inner cities. There will be more money for salaries for the clergy working in those areas.

DEFENCE

- David Owen warns against expelling American forces from nuclear bases in Britain - runs risk of destroying Anglo-American defence alliance. Wins backing of SDP national committee for his stand on nuclear deterrent.
- New Soviet offer on arms reductions - a cut back to 1600 strategic delivery launchers on either side.- linked with a ban on SDI deployment.
- MoD has given Grumman of the US a further three weeks to prepare competitive bid to complete the Nimrod project (FT).
- Two Tory MPs want reintroduction of Home Guard.
- Jane's Directory says Russia is 10 years ahead of the US in practical use of space.

POLITICS

- Mail feature, on Labour's attack on Ian MacGregor's knighthood, says cruel envy and unrelenting desire to punish can be seen constantly through the cracks in Kinnock's facade of moderation. Labour Party has a cold heart, full of calculating malice - and it knows no forgiveness.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Paisley calls on workers to down tools at noon today, in protest at planned meeting of Anglo-Irish Conference.
- BBC TV Panorama says John Stalker, Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, was about to act on MI5 involvement in RUC "shoot to kill" allegations when he was suspended.
- IRA admit killing an Ulster businessman because his firm carried out work at security force bases.
- Republic Ministers back Bob Geldof's criticism of IRA (Mail) - Mail leader says Geldof knows how to reach people and rile them.

PRINCE PHILIP

- Calls Gaddafi an idiot in magazine article. Says he has nightmares about the kind of world his grandchildren will live in.

PEOPLE

- Anthony Beaumont-Dark MP protesting to US Ambassador about Mark Thatcher's Texan neighbours for "hounding him from apartment to apartment".
- Express feature on Harvey Proctor MP says he has a unique talent for courting scandal.
- John Moore, Secretary of State Transport, wins National Free Enterprise Award.

SPAIN

- More ETA bombs in tourist resorts - no injuries. Tim Eggar talks to British tourists during his visit to check up on safety - some think he is trying to pick them up or sell them time-shares.

ARGENTINE

- A new production line in Argentina for the A4 Skyhawk fighter is being negotiated by McDonnell Douglas and an Argentine aircraft company.

SUDAN

- Conditions are now critical, with millions facing starvation because of unrest caused by the guerrilla war and the breakdown of law and order (Times).

MIDDLE EAST

- Times: Known supporters of the PLO are being refused entry to Jordan. It is an attempt to starve those PLO leaders still working from Amman of the support they need to maintain operations.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MOD: Mr Younger meets Belgian Defence Minister, M De Donnea

DHSS: Mr Fowler visits Home Life House (private residential homes) Bexhill

HO: Mr Hurd speaks at dinner of British Security Industry Association

SO: Mr Rifkind gives interview to BBC World Service on the role of junior Government Ministers

DTI: Mr Channon addresses Institute of Directors, London

MAFF: Mrs Fenner presents prizes at MAFF sports day, London

DES: Mr Dunn launches videos at National Council of Voluntary Youth Services

DEM: Mr Trippier visits Responsive College Project, Bedford; later speaks to BTEC Engineering Seminar, London

DEM: Mr Lang attends IBA lunch, London

DEN: Mr Hunt addresses UDM Conference, Buxton

DOE: Mr Waldegrave opens Esso's new engine laboratory, Abingdon

FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses Tropical Africa Advisory Group lunch

HO: Mr Waddington meets NCVO Women's Organisations Interest Group

OAL: Mr Luce speaks at Museum of the Year Awards lunch

ODA: Mr Raison gives informal address to the World Development Movement meeting, Uxbridge

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

DOE: Mr Ridley visits France to view radioactive waste sites

DTI: Mr Butcher visits Aspen, USA (to June 20)

DTP: Mr Bottomley looks at provision for cyclists and pedestrians in the Netherlands (to June 19)

TV AND RADIO

"File on 4"; BBC Radio 4 (19.20): Examines sponsorship money in sport; where do you draw line between amateur and professional?
