

14 July 1986

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Soviet Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze begins visit to the UK (to July 15)

EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (to July 15)

Labour Party Home Policy Committee meets to consider manifesto policies

Launch of Richard Branson job initiative (National Environment Work Scheme (NEWS) - UK 2000, Halifax (Environment and Employment Secretaries attend)

Princess Anne attends lunch given by the Foreign Press Association, London

Irish Parliamentarians begin visit to London (to July 15)

First public consultation meeting on primary health care

"Education and Change" Conference, Cambridge (to July 16)

Rural Water Supply contract for Malaysia announced by ODA

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STATISTICS

DTI: Producer price index numbers (June-prov)(11.30)

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PUBLICATIONS

DES: Youth Study preliminary report (Research into 16-19 year olds - jointly funded by MSC/DES/DEM)

HOC: 35th Report Public Accounts Committee - international collaborative projects for defence equipment - major project statement (Noon)

HMT: Consultative document on profit related pay

WO: Consultative paper on medium secure psychiatric units

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PAY

DEM: Local authority Chief officers and deputies; (5,400); substantial increase sought; settlement date 1.7.86

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PARLIAMENTCommonsQuestions: Transport; WalesBusiness:

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION

Agriculture and Rural Economy (Mr A Stewart)

Employment in Leicester (Mr D Spencer)

Conduct of the Prime Minister (Mr S Bell)

Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill: Remaining Stages

## OPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS

Felixstowe Dock and Railway Bill

## Adjournment Debate

Cuts in capital provision for residential homes in the  
Borders Region (Mr A Kirkwood)Select Committees

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Subject: The situation in South Africa

Witness: Sir Leslie Smith, Chairman,

British Industry Committee on South Africa

Lords

Social Security Bill: Report (1st Day)

Incest and Related Offences (Scotland) Bill (HL)

Consideration of Commons Amendments

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTSOUTH AFRICA

- Star: "Zola is out!" Organisers of the Commonwealth Games deny they barred her and swimmer Annette Cowley because of pressure from black African countries. She failed to meet "residential qualifications".
- Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee says the boycott could now end "if there is a little movement from Downing Street".
- Leader says it was inevitable that Zola Budd would be banned. "There is more to being English than buying a house in Guildford".
- Edward Heath, on Radio 4, urges you to abandon South Africa - even if it means a race war. You should tell President Botha he is on his own and you won't lift a finger to help him.
- Kenneth Kaunda says he finds it more and more difficult to see himself sitting side by side "with a lady who holds the views that Mrs Thatcher does on South Africa".
- Sun: "Fury over axed Zola". John Carlisle says the games are a farce. They have developed into a vendetta and should be cancelled.
- "Sad" Maggie slams the games boycott. You say it doesn't matter who pulls out, it won't end apartheid. The Commonwealth will endure.
- You emerged from the meeting with Mr Mulroney looking tired and tetchy after he told you to get into line with the rest of the Commonwealth.
- Leader says 'Let them all quit!' The ban on Zola Budd is anti-white rascism and the most sick-making decision in the history of sport.
- Express: "Zola is out of Games. South Africans axed as the boycott grows". Tanzania, Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda and Kenya have now pulled out.
- Edward Heath, this time talking on TV Am, says the Commonwealth is in danger. After sanctions there should be a trade blockade. Front-line states would need special help.
- "Games will go on, pledges Premier".
- Jon Akass column says Sir Geoffrey has come of South Africa looking like a hero.
- Mirror: "Zola Fury". There are hopes that the ban will halt the boycott bandwagon.
- "Sanctions: Now Heath joins in."
- Leader says the place for black Africa to fight you is at the Commonwealth conferecne. Boycotting the games is pointless and does nothing to stop apartheid.
- Mail: Commonwealth Games Federation officials acted without consultation
- As you flew back to London from Canada you appeared increasingly isolated. Mulroney carries more weight with the Queen than almost anyone else.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cont'd)

- The next US Ambassador to South Africa will be black.
- FCO official Ewen Ferguson has gone to Pretoria to discuss the possible release of Mandela.
- Today: You show no sign of changing your stance, despite mounting pressure at home and abroad. But Sir Geoffrey is likely to tell President Botha next week that Britain will get tough unless Pretoria offers concessions.
- Today: Pressure is growing in the US Congress to force President Reagan to adopt sanctions.
- Leader says the Games boycott is regrettable but understandable. It is a shot across Britain's bows ahead of the Summit.
- Telegraph: "Rebuff for Thatcher. Key talks fail to ease Commonwealth crisis". Mulroney made it plain he will insist on further sanctions. It was a severe blow to you and leaves you isolated. You appeared stressed by the outcome of the talks.
- "Reagan sticks to 'persuasion' on South Africa" but he faces major challenges when Congress returns this week.
- "Super-fixers" are descending on South Africa, preparing to make a quick profit if sanctions are introduced.
- Leader on Zola Budd ban is headed "Blackmail wins".
- Guardian: "Thatcher faces party revolt over sanctions". It is your most serious problem in five years. Cranley Onslow is being pressed by some of the most widely-respected figures in the party to tell you that the rift in the Commonwealth threatens party unity.
- Leader says this is a big issue and you have put our country on the wrong side of it. As long as you keep it there you will pull a lot of other things down with you.
- Ian Aitken: "Whisperings of mutiny among the bluebloods".
- FT: "Games boycott widens as pressure on Prime Minister over South Africa grows".
- Prime Minister is still determined to resist mounting pressure for economic sanctions.
- FT: British companies are reducing their stake in South Africa while continuing to support the government's view that economic sanctions do more harm than good.
- Schools are to reopen in the black townships.
- Leader says although a burden the Commonwealth is also a blessing that cannot be thrown away lightly. This aspect of British diplomacy needs more careful handling.

OIL

- Star: £1.50 petrol on the way.

WESTLAND

- Sun: The Trade and Industry Select Committee report due out next week will attack the Government and Sir Robert Armstrong and Bernard Ingham.
- Express: You are expected to escape criticism but your aides face the rap.
- Mail: "Westland 'scorcher'" on the way.
- Today: MPs investigating the Westland affair are demanding that Sir Robert Armstrong should resign.
- Guardian: One senior civil servant (unnamed) will be singled out for severe criticism in the report.

DRUGS

- Star: Leader, commenting on possession of heroin charges against Boy George, says there are signs that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor on drugs offences.
- Sun: A governor of Robert Browning Primary School, Southwark is a punk rocker hooked on heroin, it is claimed. Tories want him removed.

BY-ELECTION

- Today: Labour is set for a convincing win at Newcastle-under-Lyme. The only real contest is between Conservative and Alliance for second place.

POLITICS

- Sun: Norman Tebbit has told party agents to be prepared in case you call an election in June. Three million letters drumming up party support have gone out.
- Trevor Kavanagh, political editor, assesses "who's for the chor?" among ministers in the September reshuffle and gives marks out of 10.
- Guardian: David Steel is preparing the way for a possible Alliance merge

CPSA

- Times: High Court will decide today whether to overturn the union's ban on John Macreadie.

EDUCATION

- Telegraph: The four-term school year could be introduced in 1988, says the National Association of Head Teachers.

ROYALS

- Express: "Crusading Charles in fight for jobs". He is to be actively involved in a new scheme to aid inner cities.

SPORT

- Nigel Mansell wins British Grand Prix.

TRANSPORT

- Mail: British Rail bosses have banned the Central Transport consultative committee from revealing embarrassing figures about passenger complaints.
- Telegraph: B/Caledonia and the CAA have stopped the sale of 2 Airbuses to Libya.
- Guardian: The BL bus and parts sell-off deal has been agreed. An announcement will be made within two weeks.

LAW AND ORDER

- Sun: A tiny gun mounted on a finger ring is about to hit the weapons black market.
- Telegraph: Mr Hurd is to face questions this week over allegations that some policemen deliberately falsify reports about unsolved crimes in order to improve the "clear-up" rate.
- Times: Plans to allow evidence taken abroad from witnesses unwilling to come to Britain are being granted by Ministers and the Courts. The Government is expected to introduce legislation in the next session of Parliament.

HOUSING

- Express: New laws to boost home ownership are to be pushed through Parliament before the recess. The Government wants banks, building societies and major employers to support shared ownership schemes.
- Times: A right-to-buy Bill for tenants in mansion blocks is expected in the next parliamentary session.

CANADA TRIP

- Express: Centre page feature by Paul Potts with picture of you and Mr Thatcher headed "Superselling Maggie catches up with Concorde".
- Telegraph: George Jones says you are now a world leader who commands a crowd wherever you go. One can only admire the way you set such a cracking pace.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- Mail: The jobless figures for June, to be announced on Thursday, are expected to show a fall of 40,000.

JAPAN

- Express: Trade Minister, Alan Clark, is to give Japan a final warning this week to cut out their sharp trade practices, otherwise, there will be a curb on imports.

TELEVISION

- Telegraph: Most children live in homes with at least two television sets and some have up to 7, says the Book Marketing Council.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Star: More Ulster policemen may be suspended after a probe into "shoot-to-kill" tactics.
- Telegraph: 127 injured in Ulster clashes.
- A network of Roman Catholic priests and teaching Brothers is helping reformed IRA and INLA terrorists to find homes abroad to escape reprisals.
- Tom King is being called on to make a statement on Northern Ireland.
- The Congregation of the Martyrs Memorial Free Presbyterian Church prayed fervently yesterday for an end to the evils of the Anglo-Irish Agreement - and for Rev Paisley, who is on holiday.
- FT: "Government claims success in averting Ulster confrontation". But Nationalist politicians denounced the police compromise, which defused the situation, as a climbdown in the face of Loyalist threats.

HUMAN RIGHTS

- Guardian: The Government has abandoned the strategy of fighting to the last ditch individual petitions to the European Commission and is now ready to reach "friendly settlements" in cases it thinks it may lose.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Mirror: Children whose fathers are on the dole are turning into dead-end kids, according to the Family Policy Studies Centre.
- Guardian: The Government is to announce three more retreats over its Social Security Bill today in an attempt to forestall further embarrassing defeats in the Lords.
- Government plans to take away the right of 500,000 children to free school meals face a defeat in the Lords tomorrow.
- Telegraph: Telephone hotlines with a counselling service for sexually-abused children are to be set up in Leeds and Norwich.

NUCLEAR

- Today: Feature headed "Welcome to Sunny Sellafield" - about the plant's campaign to entice visitors.

COAL

- Guardian: New EEC rules governing state subsidies could speed British Coal's closure programme.

INDUSTRY

- FT: Mining equipment exports set record.

TIN

- Times: Senior EC officials will visit Cornish tin mines today.

PUBLIC SPENDING

- FT: More than half next year's £6.3bn contingency reserve is to be allocated to local authorities' current spending.
- Today: More public spending would be almost twice as popular as tax cuts with voters, according to a Marplan poll.

DEFENCE

- Telegraph: James Callaghan has given ministers permission to consult his government's confidential papers on his decision in 1977 to order Nimrod.
- Times: The Defence Secretary is seeking an extra £500million next year to maintain funding levels for the Armed Forces.

RUSSIA

- Guardian: Shevardnadze says arms controls are top of his agenda for today's meeting.
- Moscow has said there must be substantive agreement on some aspects of nuclear arms control before a summit can take place (Times).

JIM COE

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MOD: Mr Younger gives interview to Engineer magazine; later lunches with Mike Baker, David Coss and Rodney Foster of the BBC
- DEM: Mr Clarke makes inner city visit to Bristol
- DEN: Mr Walker addresses National Consumers' Council
- HO: Mr Hurd addresses English Speaking Union Conference, Oxford
- SO: Mr Rifkind opens Melrose railway station restoration; with Mr Stewart lunches with Scottish New Town Chairmen, Edinburgh
- DES: Mr Patten speaks to teacher training institutions about microelectronics in Education Support Unit, Birmingham; later addresses Able Children Conference, Oxford
- DES: Mr Dunn opens 17th International Physics Olympiad, Harrow School
- DEM: Mr Trippier speaks at Engineering Employers Conference, Oakham
- DOE: Mr Patten opens 'World Water' Conference, Olympia (Mr Raison (ODA) addresses conference)
- DOE: Sir George Young presents Building Centre 1986 Design Awards
- DOE: Lord Elton to announce decision on future of Croxteth Park, Liverpool
- FCO: Mrs Chalker addresses Foreign Affairs Forum on Government policy in South Africa
- HO: Lord Glenarthur visits Holloway Prison
- DTI: Mr Butcher visits NE region
- DTI: Mr Pattie launches office automation pilot study report - gives interview to BBC 'Breakfast Time'
- DTI: Lord Lucas opens Central School of Art & Designs annual degree exhibition, Institute of Directors, London
- DTP: Mr Bottomley opens Holdingham weighbridge, Lincs
- WO: Mr Roberts opens new British Telecom operational unit, Llandudno

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling and Mr Gummer attend EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (to July 15)
- FCO: Mr Renton departs for Geneva (to July 15)
- HO: Mr Mellor addresses European Parliament Special Committee on Drugs, Brussels

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TV AND RADIO

"World in Action"; ITV (20.30): Man who is blackmailing Britain. Efforts of Abu Nidal, of the PLO, to get comrades released from Britain's jails

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