

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Institute of Personnel Management annual conference, Harrogate  
(to October 24)

TUC General Council

Teachers' management side meet on teachers' pay in England and  
Wales

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PUBLICATIONS

FCO: EC No 43(1986) Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters  
between EEC and Turkey fixing additional amount to be deducted for  
levy on imports of olive oil (1400)

HOC: Continental Shelf Act 1964 Report for year 1985/86 (1430)

C&E: Consultation document on policy review on "VAT and the  
small businessman

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PARLIAMENT

Commons

Business: Remaining stages on the Public Trustee and Administration of  
Funds Bill (Lords)

Proceedings on the Family Law Bill (Lords) and the  
Parliamentary Constituencies Bill (Lords)

Motions on Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Orders

Motion on the Second International Fund for Agricultural  
Development (Second Replenishment) Order

Adjournment Debate

The South East Dorset Structure Plan (Mr R Adley)

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MINISTERS - See Annex

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PRESS DIGESTPOLITICS

- Today MARPLAN poll shows your support up 6% to within a point of Labour - 41/40/Alliance 17. Labour's defence policy rejected 2-1.
- Court attempt fails to overthrow Labour Party's NEC decision blocking Leslie Huckfield as candidate in Knowsley N; by-election November 13.
- Sun on the latest opinion polls showing you level pegging, says this is almost unprecedented for a Government in mid-term. The idiocies of Labour are only part of the reason; the major one is that you have ignored the siren voices of the wets. Things will be better still if you cut taxes and go for a Spring election. Not only will you win but if you wish you can go on being Prime Minister until you have to be taken to the House in a wheelchair.
- Today on "Mr Kinnock's albatross" says Kinnock can't change his defence policy now. All credibility would disappear if he did. But that policy alone can lose him the election. But the Liberal's new stand gives the voters an opposition party with an acceptable attitude to nuclear weapons. But the Express wants to know whether Liberal policy is nuclear or just unclear.
- Guardian, while sympathising with Labour's problems in Knowsley N, says things do not justify Kinnock's heavy hand. He has gone too far in trying to suppress the rights of people in his party who disagree with him.
- Times: Neil Kinnock yesterday dramatically toned down pension pledges to the party conference by Michael Meacher. His commitment goes no further than £5 a week for single pensioners and £8 for married couples.
- Commenting on the Liberal's new defence policy, Geoffrey Smith in Times, says it will only stand a chance of convincing the public if a general assembly - the body which rejected the last policy - approves it.
- Tam Dalyell falls from grace with Left and is dropped by Campaign Group.

WESTLAND

- Peter Paterson, in Mail, says he sensed a collective sigh of exasperation on visits to Westland factories this week that their name is once more taken in vain by warring politicians. You know that the wound has been cauterised and that there are few votes to be won or lost over this episode. Heseltine has fallen too far to be able to work his way back.

MISS MCGOLDRICK

- NUT calls on Kenneth Baker to intervene and warns of strike action. Giles Radice says Brent council's refusal to reinstate Miss McGoldrick is "vindictive".
  - Today feature on "The New Bigots" says Miss McGoldrick's suspension tells us a great deal about the cancer eating away at far too many of Britain's Labour controlled councils and shows what can happen when an authority falls under the control of extremists. If Kinnock is to restore his party's reputation he must restrain a great many more people than a handful of Militants.
  - Mail says Kenneth Baker is ready to over-rule the council if they cannot give a good reason for not reinstating Miss McGoldrick.
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LAW AND ORDER

- Times: new system of disciplinary hearings of the more serious offences in prisons, proposed by the Government yesterday, may be challenged by European Convention on Human Rights, according to the Prison Reform Trust.

TRANSPORT

- Times: The Channel Tunnel will lead to an extra 20 million passengers a year passing through Waterloo Station and the result will be devastating for South East London, says Lambeth Council.
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Express says you face a revolt over rocketing rates in Tory Shires. Thames Water threatens 10% charges increas because Nicholas Ridley wants it to pay off its debt quicker.
- Express leader on latest dispatches from local government - Brent, Hackney, Haringey, Lambeth and Camden - all Labour controlled - "show us what life under Labour actually means". By their fruits ye shall know them.
- Mail leader says the Liberal Party must disown and ditch Liberal councillor who fired starting pistol in Hackney Council meeting. But it reserves its real fire for Labour councils and says the most notorious of town halls have been converted to theatres of municipal madness . Just as the Scargillites were ready to conscript the miners as cannon fodder in the class war, so there are Trots and other factions who would recruit underprivileged blacks to man the barricades. Big piece in Telegraph on democracy in jeopardy in town halls.
- Jack Cunningham's speech at the Association of Metropolitan Councils criticises the quality of local councillors who could not cope with the £30billion budget (Independent). He says that full time local politicians should be legitimised and paid proper salaries.

EDUCATION

- Student rugby team, soccer side and University's Officer Training Corps stop invasion of Left wing mob of Students Union when Ray Honeyford talks to students at Bristol University.
- An education "think tank", part of the Institute of Economic Affairs, was launched yesterday, and warned that Britain's education system was in a state of emergency and was betraying millions of people.

SUNDAY OPENING

- Star says that, as if it was really necessary, another opinion poll shows that the vast majority are in favour of Sunday shopping; MPs should have another go in a new session.

MEDIA

- Two Bristol newspapers and a freelance news agency ordered by court to produce unpublished photos of St Paul's riots. Guardian hopes the decision is challenged on appeal.
- Guardian says NGA has raised the prospect of withdrawing from the TUC if it does not take action against the EETPU over Wapping.
- Sir Tom McCaffrey, in Guardian, says when members of the Lobby vote next week they must realise that recent events have led to a loss of confidence in them and in the Downing Street spokesman - they should have a rigorous review. But reform can go too far.

BBC

- Norman Tebbit accuses Campbell-Savours of hiding behind the cloak of privilege in alleging CCO interfered with witnesses in libel case. Allegations that David Mitchell, CCO legal officer, approached witnesses denied.
- Joe Haines, in Mirror, says the Tories don't want a neutral or impartial BBC; they want a neutred and impotent one. He fears they will succeed.
- Ferdie Mount, in Telegraph, says the BBC debacle is due to a severe case of conspiracy theory among the staff of Panorama and indeed among television people as a whole. But he thinks you and Mr Tebbit are suffering from a bad bout of it, too, and your belief that the BBC is uniquely biased against this Government is not as easy to substantiate as you think.
- BBC said to have shelved the second drama, "Tumbledown", it was to have made on the Falklands.
- The Independent claims that it disclosed the existence of the letter, categorised by Cambell-Savours as a "crude attempt to squeeze witnesses", to Mr Gummer 3 days ago. Mr Tebbit concedes that a senior party official did indeed contact several potential witnesses in the BBC libel case but they were contacted before the libel action was initiated and immediately after the Panorama programme in order to advise Mr Gummer what the Party' attitude should be towards the programme.
- FT feature by Malcolm Rutherford examines the role of Central Office in the recent BBC controversy and concludes "the Government has a tendency to try to get away with things that it ought not to and to do so by sometimes dubious methods. It needs to be knocked a bit."

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Irish family on £2000 a week welfare leave hotel after complaints from other guests. Mail says they walked out saying the accommodation was not good enough.
- Esther Rantzen launches Britain's biggest campaign against child abuse of which there are said to be 1.5m victims.
- 29 babies born to heroin addict mothers with AIDS virus; 2 showing signs of having disease (Mail).
- Independent says that family doctors have rejected key parts in the Government's proposals to facilitate patients' complaints against doctors
- The Government's £2.5m campaign about AIDS has failed to lighten public knowledge about the disease. Fewer than one in three surveyed could recall the advertisements, according to a BMJ report (Independent).

UNEMPLOYMENT

- Sun and Mirror compete with action on jobs. Sun devotes a page to free adverts of jobs available all around the country - more than 1000 offices telephoned them with offers worth up to £300 a week.
- Mirror sets up a Jobline and leads with McDonald's hamburgers offering 1000 jobs; making a total of 1631 jobs on offer. It says bosses are flooding the Mirror with job offers. And it accuses the Sun of hypocrisy - as the paper which sacked 5500 - in trying to steal its idea.

ECONOMY

- Fears linger of further rise in interest rates after poor
- Sun says you got a boost yesterday as trade recovered with exports at a record.
- Times: Britain's consumer boom is leading to an alarming increase in imports; Phillips & Drew says the trade figures will get worse as we go into 1987. "There is no light at the end of the tunnel".
- Times: Kuwait's oil minister says oil prices could still fluctuate wildly until OPEC reached a more "scientific" agreement.
- Times leader says it presumes that the Government will reinstate a target for broad money when the fog over the figures clears. "It will not be enough simply to state a commitment towards disinflation - even for a government with as good a record on inflation as this one."
- Independent bemoans the lack of clear economic policy compounded by speeches by the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chancellor whose role in economic policy could be interpreted as peripheral. Politics is taking precedence over sound money and the markets will draw their own conclusions.
- FT: Financial markets uneasy over the Bank of England's suggestion on Wednesday that it might drop its formal target for sterling M3. Outlook for interest rates remains uncertain.
- FT: Pressure on the contingency reserve may mean the Government has to make a special financial allowance to cover the teachers' pay settlement. Special Cabinet on teachers pay is still undecided and divided. Most other spending programmes settled with some Ministers surprised at Treasury willingness to agree more money for special programmes.
- FT: More mortgage rates rise in response to last week's 1% rise in base rates.

INDUSTRY

- Times: Stress-related illness is a management rather than a medical problem, doctors at the conference "Stress in the City", warned yesterday
- The average female boss is better at her job than the average male boss, according to Bryan Nicholson, Chairman of MSC.
- BA's profits are set to take off next year, say brokers, Wood Mackenzie.
- Most CBI members see problems with profit-related pay.
- Select Committee on Trade & Industry has called for the Bank of England to supply documents and information on the International Tin Agreement, a move which the Independent says threatens to precipitate a constitutional trial of strength with the Government.
- Independent says that the Geever Tin Mine management have decided not to spend any more money on the mine. They are offering the mine to NIREX as a waste site - Independent
- FT: Leyland Trucks to lay off up to 1,000 assembly workers in Lancashire.
- FT: Pressure group urges Government to change its information technology policy to avoid more fragmentation in the industry.
- FT feature looks at Britain's role in the new Airbus venture and the case for Government funding.

EAST/WEST

- Reagan calls for end to tit-for-tat expulsions - hopes to put the issue behind them and get back to larger issues.
- Today thinks the expulsions are childish in the extreme. It is not what the world expects.
- Guardian says US Navy is believed to have approached the UK Government about extending its Poseidon nuclear base at Holy Loch.
- Times: A Japanese mission will go to the US next week in search of an SDI agreement more flexible than those reached with Britain and West Germany.
- Times leader says it would be preferable from Europe's point of view for the super powers to negotiate a substantial reduction in INF on both sides, rather than their complete removal.

IRELAND

- Dr Fitzgerald survives a vote of confidence with majority of 2.
- Times The RUC has earmarked "sacrificial lambs" in advance of the inquiry report into the force's alleged shoot-to-kill policy.

PEOPLE

- Prince Andrew said to have signed up for life in the Royal Navy.
- D/Star says a COI document makes a misleading claim about Princess Michael's Fine Arts diploma from the USA; COI says its information comes from Kensington Palace, paper says the course has little connection with the V and A.
- Roy Mason MP, to stand down at the next election.
- Critics say compensation of £98,000 is not enough for woman who had breasts removed before it was found she didn't have cancer; Sun leader demands the naming of those responsible.
- Peregrine Worsthorne, in the Sun, finds more wrong than right in contemporary Britain; and more hateful than lovable.
- Bokassa, back in Central Africa, faces trial.

MIDDLE EAST

- Jordan is about to launch a conference which could bring about fundamental changes to Middle East control in an initiative on the West Bank (Independent).

EC

- Times: Britain is preparing to get tough in its attempts to gain greater freedom for airlines within Europe.
- A European Parliament report proposes a special EEC fund to dispose of farm surpluses, to be financed by extra VAT contributions from member states.

FALKLANDS

- Guardian says the prospects of a unilateral declaration by Britain of a      mile fishing limit are strengthening.

MOZAMBIQUE

- Times: There are 10 contenders for the presidency and it will be some time before a clear successor emerges.

BERNARD INGHAM

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

DES: Mr Baker visits Newcastle

DEM: Lord Young attends Action for Jobs breakfast, Bournemouth; later visits Gosport

DOE: Mr Ridley speaks at opening of Arun District Council's civic offices

SO: Mr Rifkind and Mr Ancram meet COSLA to discuss local government funding, Edinburgh

HMT: Mr Lawson addresses Leicester University

HMT: Mr MacGregor addresses Andover Constituency Parliamentary Luncheon Club

MAFF: Mr Thompson attends Cocoa Chocolate Confectionery Alliance, Cake and Biscuit Alliance annual lunch, London

MOD: Mr Stanley visits RAF Lossiemouth

MOD: Lord Trefgarne meets Dutch Minister for Defence Procurement

DEM: Mr Trippier attends Institute of Directors Women's Conference, London; addresses businessmen's lunch, St Albans

DOE: Lord Skelmersdale speaks at National Garden Festival Awards ceremony, Stoke

DHSS: Lady Trumpington visits Wessex Medical School Trust

DHSS: Mrs Currie visits Derby DHSS office

DHSS: Mr Newton attends CWCC Charitable Evening, Essex

HO: Lord Caithness visits Midland Region Prison Office

HO: Mr Hogg visits Rampton Special Hospital

SO: Mr Ancram meets Scottish Licensed Trade Association to discuss rating reform, Edinburgh

DHSS: Lady Trumpington visits Wessex Medical School Trust, Southampton

SO: Mr Lang addresses Conference on Business Provision to Smaller Companies in Strathclyde, Paisley; later opens new computer aided design centre, University of Strathclyde

DTI: Lord Lucas attends IY presentation

WO: Mr Robinson visits Wrexham Borough Council housing schemes