PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen visits RAF Locking, Weston-Super-Mare

Belfast MP, Peter Robinson appears in court in Irish Republic

Association of Local Authority Valuers and Estate Surveyors AGM, London

STATISTICS

DEN: Energy Trends (August) (11.30)

DHSS: Low income statistics (?)

PUBLICATIONS

PCA: Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration 4th Report Session 1985-86, Health Service Commissioner 1984-85 (11.00)

PCA: Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration 5th Report Session 1985-86, selected cases 1986 Vol IV (Noon)

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries & Food; Treasury; Prime Minister

Business: Consideration of any Lords Amendments which may be received to the Financial Services Bill

Adjournment Debate

The future development of the Fife West District General Hospital (Mr D Douglas)

Select Committees: EUROPEAN LEGISLATION

Subject: The 1987 European Community Budget Witnesses: Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Minister of State

Treasury, and officials of HM Treasury

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

FALKLANDS

- Argentina regrets 150-mile fisheries protection zone declared yesterday.
- Star says Britain is prepared to fight a new cod war to protect Falklands fishing grounds.
- Sun: Fish war looms with the Argies.
- Mirror: Fish war threat to Falklands; Today devotes only 8 lines to the move.
- Express: Britain warns Argentina it is prepared to use the armed forces against Argentina to protect Islanders' fishing rights.
- Mail: Howe ends Falklands fishing free for all.
- <u>FT</u>: Argentina denounces the fishing zone and Alfonsin called an immediate meeting with the Foreign Minister and defence chief:
- Guardian P1 lead: Britain imposes Falklands fish zone.

WESTLAND

- Dalyell calls you a long series of names and gets thrown out of the House.
- Leon Brittan attacks Heseltine's break with collective responsibility.
- Doesn't make front pages of the "pops".
- Star: Liar row Tam is expelled.
- Sun: Tam told get out!
- Mirror P2: "Maggie's a liar" MP kicked out.
- Today P2: You crook, MP tells Thatcher.
- Express P2: 'Liar' MP booted out for attacking Premier.
- Mail P2: "Liar Maggie" fury; Dalyell ordered out in Westland row.
- Telegraph P1: Brittan finally gives vent to his anger over Heseltine's conduct; Commons ban on Dalyell.
- Independent: Brittan blames Heseltine (P1). Tam Dalyell forced to leave Chamber after accusations against you. Leader says Westland is not another Watergate but its fallout continues to discredit you.
- <u>FT</u>: The Government mounted some elaborate diversionary tactics yesterday in an attempt to take the heat off you in the debate. The announcement about the Falklands fishing zone was one of the ploys.
- <u>Times</u>: Tam Dalyell was expelled from the House after refusing to withdraw remarks accusing you of lying.
- Guardian: Dalyell expelled after calling Thatcher a liar.

TEACHERS

- Sun: "Maggie gives £1.5bn to Sir" in return for strict codes of conduct.
- Mirror: Teachers to get a 16% rise.
- Today: Teachers' 16% is now on the table.
- Express: Teachers' new deal worth £2.5bn.
- Mail: You will rely on parent power to sell the new 16% deal which goes on offer today.
- Telegraph: 16% offer likely for teachers.
- <u>Independent</u>: Cabinet set to approve 1-year pay and conditions deal for teachers today. It will give them 8% each year and Government will make available £600m, starting next January.
- <u>FT</u>: Teachers are to be presented with pay increases of 15-16% over 2 years in return for specific commitments on duties; the Government is prepared, if necessary, to introduce legislation in England and Wales, but not in Scotland, laying down contractual duties.
- The expected intervention of the Government was criticised by the NUT as "bully-boy tactics"; the NAS/UWT is unlikely to be reconciled to any settlement acceptable to the Government (FT).
- <u>Times</u> P1: "Baker to offer teachers 16% over two years". The deal will add about £3bn to the pay bill in the next 4 years. In his statement to the House he will make only a veiled threat of new laws next session.

EDUCATION

- Parents in Wolverhampton furious because head of a comprehensive has ordered compulsory lessons in Punjabi.
- Mail says Jonathan Savery who was told to leave his school the day after he shared a platform with Ray Honeyford is now at home on full pay not knowing where he would work next if the LEA won't say why.
- Nearly 900 British secondary school teachers apply for 50 posts in New Zealand.

POLITICS

- Sun features David Owen who, it says, has been shaken to learn that far from grabbing power from you he will be lucky to scrape home as an MP.
- Two Left wingers Robert Hughes and Robin Cook lose out in Labour Party Shadow Cabinet elections; in come Gould and Clark.
- Militant loses its first vote in Liverpool Council and Hatton storms out.
- Today, a day later than others, says voters are taking a sharp left turn, according to a survey into social attitudes.
- David Owen advocates local income tax in place of rates.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Rev Michael Saward, Ealing, one of 5 vicars protesting about proposed gay rights education plan by Labour council.

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

- Chancellor's autumn statement being pencilled in for mid-November, provided Star Chamber finishes its work next week (Independent).

LOBBY

- FT: The votes indicate that there is significant support for a clarification of the present system. The Guardian is seeking clarification from the Chairman of the Lobby about the nature of the inquiry before deciding on further action.
- Times: The closeness of the vote surprised many journalists.

ARCHER

- Lawyer admits he tipped off press about Jeffery Archer's alleged link with a prostitute because he thought it was of major journalistic and public importance. Denies doing it for financial or political gain.
- News of the World says he was after money.
- Sun prints topless picture of the prostitute.
- Express features Mary Archer "The calm throughout the storm".
- Mail: Lawyer: I did tip off press.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

- Star launches a campaign to persuade people NOT to buy the white poppy. British Legion and Group Captain Cheshire furious about this attempt "to hijack Remebrance Day"; leader says the idea is an insult to our heroes and adds that it plumbs further depths when the lily-livered white feather brigade get the blessing of wishy washy Bishop.
- Bishop of Salisbury, who originally backed white poppies, says he is now deeply distressed that his words have been taken as an attack on Flanders poppies.
- Sun calls the Peace Pledge Union, whose idea white poppies are, misguided, incredibly their stunt has been blessed by the Bishop of Salisbury one more demonstration of the manner in which the Church shows its total misunderstanding of the needs and feelings of people; empty hearts are to blame for empty pews.

HOUSING

- <u>Sun</u> attacks Michael Heseltine, millionaire and man of property, for wanting to make life even more difficult for ordinary people buying a home.
- Christopher Monckton, in <u>Today</u>, says redistributing mortgage interest relief would not benefit the poor at all.
- Express leader, headed "Tax grabber Neil offers no relief" says no wonder Kinnock is guarded about his plans for it looks as if millions could be clobbered. Independent observers say Labour's taxing and spending sums do not add up except to the greatest unhappiness of the greatest numbers.
- Mail leader says with one bound Kinnock is up to his neck in trouble. His mortgage tax plans are all part of the Socialist master plan to clobber the middle class. Killing the goose that lays the golden egg is precisely what would happen if Labour's economically illiterate and socially vindictive policies are let loose on us.
- Frank Chapple, in <u>Mail</u>: what's got into Kinnock who is fast becoming a bigger electoral liability than Hatton first with defence and now with mortgage policy; Labour, he says, are hopelessly out of touch with modern Britain.
- Guardian says Kinnock and Heseltine are bravely courting political oblivion by daring to suggest mortgage relief could be modified.
- <u>Mirror</u> leader says Prince Charles speaks for millions in despair when he condemns the decay at the heart of Britain's cities. These millions and Prince Charles demand that the Government should allow councils to spend £6.2bn which they have in capital. Express says housebuilders are angry with Prince over his attack.
- John Patten plans new cheap flats to help house youngsters who move to where work is.
- The House Building Federation has issued a firm denial that they are leaving inner cities to decay. The Prince has got it wrong, they say.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- NUPE reports calls for public inquiry into conditions in which elderly live in private nursing homes.
- FT: DHSS is considering plans to recruit in areas of high unemployment to fill job vacancies in London.

AIDS

- Expert says advice offered by loony Left Manchester City Council on how to avoid the disease is "totally irrelevant". Mailleads with report that the Council has told its employees that anyone revealing that a colleague has AIDS will commit "a serious disciplinary offence". Conservative councillor says it will soon be impossible to get a job with this council unless you are black, disabled, gay or have AIDS.
- <u>Times</u> Leader says health education should not shrink from pointing out that traditional sexual morality is the best way to avoid a horrible death. There are worse things than looking old-fashioned.

INDUSTRY

- Green shield stamps making a comeback in Britain.
- CBI says Britain faces a gloomy future if plans to build more nuclear power stations are shelved.
- Express report on National Freight Corporation, a bankrupt nationalised company which has been transformed into a multi-million pound winner by the workers who bought it; leader: "Who says privatisation isn't good for us? More please, Mrs Thatcher, and quickly".
- Chunnel first stage financing completed successfully.
- <u>Independent</u>: 3 days after the Big Bang, the City's dream of an electronic future is in tatters. Leader says setting a single day for effecting change broke golden rule that financing services should be improved step by step.
- Government departments holding talks to establish new national structure to cope with nuclear disaster in future (<u>Independent</u>). John Dunster, NRPB director, told journalists that lessons had been learned and organisational changes were needed after Chernobyl.
- <u>FT</u>: Emergency measures implemented overnight by the Stock Exchange kept its price and trading information system on the air all day.
- <u>Times</u>: Sir John Burgh, Director General of the British Council, accuses the <u>Government of inflicting grave damage</u> on Britain's interests by ignoring the importance of international cultural relations.
- FT: A revolutionary energy-saving plant in Cheshire is in danger of closing with substantial loss of public funds because of a delay by DOE in deciding whether the new plant can use a chimney which it has been given planning permission to build.

ECONOMY

- <u>Times</u>: Leader says the government cannot make any claims about its efforts on behalf of the unemployed that arise only from statistical changes. Weeding out a few shirkers does not alter the still unsatisfactory trend.
- FT: Article on the unemployment statistics and the new test for claimants says it seems a reasonably safe assumption that the official jobless count will fall in the run-up to the general election. 'Whether that will be simply a statistical illusion or not is a much harder question'.
- Youthaid claims 6 out of 10 YTS leavers get work, 1 in 3 join the jobless queue and 1 in 10 goes into education of "something else".
- <u>FT</u>: Sam Brittan says that rising inflation greater than any official forecast is a near certainty unless a floor is put under sterling. Sensible advocates of the EMS do not regard it as a soft option.

. MEDIA

- Norman Tebbit attacks "Nazi-style" union attacks on Sun.

M25

- Lots of coverage. Sun uses your quote about not being able to stand those who carp and criticise when they ought to be congratulating Britain.
- Big front page picture of you on M25 in Today which says in a leader that it is a grand old British custom to put the boot into our achievements even before they are complete. Inside Today has a big piece with more pictures headed "New motorway is a winner, says Maggie".
- Mail does a 2-page spread on the M25 and how long it takes to drive round it compared with through London.
- Telegraph has a picture of you in the middle of the empty motorway on P1 and back page piece "M25 a showpiece for Britain, says Thatcher".
- Independent: Picture of you cutting tape, across 4 cols on pl. Story inside says you attacked the motorway's critics.
- Guardian, with picture Thatcher drives home message over M25 critics.
- FT: Short news story on your opening of the M25 concentrates on your attack on the road's critics.
- Times: Picture and report of M25 opening.

PEOPLE

- Edwina Currie's home is daubed with rude slogans in red paint.

LAW AND ORDER

- <u>Mirror</u> says Harvey Proctor MP is to face criminal charges following allegation of spanking sessions with teenage boys; file to go to DPP and charges expected within 10 days.
- Baby girl thrown over a wall by two black muggers of her mother in N. London in hospital with head injuries.

TERRORISM

- Today says France has signed a "peace" agreement with a Syrian-backed terrorist group which carried out the recent bombing raids in Paris.
- <u>Times</u>: The West German Ambassador in Damascus is to present the Syrian government with British evidence of their involvement in terrorism and ask for an explanation.
- <u>Independent:</u> P1 lead: Paris charged with making terror bargain. French Government remains silent on accusations of negotiating with terrorists over early release of Ibrahim Abdullah.
- FT: Britain has asked Australia to represent UK interests in Syria; Germany is delaying a decision in replacing its outgoing Ambassador.

EAST-WEST

Times: Max Kampelman, the US chief arms negotiatior, who arrives in London today, will confirm to the British Government that President Peagan's proposal to eliminate ballistic nuclear missiles within 10 years is now part of the American package at Geneva. You are expected to underline that you have no intention of putting Trident into the calculations.

ESSEX MURDER

- Home Secretary calls for report from Chief Constable of Essex on handling of Bamber murder case in which CID is said to have made many blunders.

SAUDI ARABIA

- Sheikh Yamani replaced as oil Minister after 24 years. Telegraph leads with his removal and fears chaos in oil markets.

IRELAND

- Furious with Gaddafi over his TV interview for encouraging IRA.

 Express leader: Can anyone doubt you were right and brave to support

 Reagan's attempt to topple Gaddafi in April?
- <u>Times</u>: Security forces suspect that Libya provided more than flm and weapons to the IRA last year.

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- Foreign Secretary to visit Russia next year as guest of Shevardnadze.

SOUTH AFRICA

- . A group of Wessex, West and Welsh councils has struck South Africa off its list of suppliers.

EC

- Britainselling 1m tonnes of heavily subsidised grain to Russia as part of EC bid to keep US out of this market (Express).

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

MAFF: Mr Jopling addresses Covent Garden Market Authority Silver Jubilee dinner, London

DEM: Lord Young attends Oxford Society debate

DEM: Mr Clarke gives interview to Border TV

DHSS: Mr Powler addresses CBI pensions conference, London

MAFF: Mr Gummer visits South West Regional dinner, Bristol

MOD: Lord Trefgarne meets Spanish Defence Minister

DES: Mr Dunn visits Caldcraft special needs centre

DES: Mr Walden visits Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge

DEM: Mr Lee attends 'Action for Jobs' breakfast, Chester; later visits Bolton

DEM: Mr Trippier hosts meeting of Nat West regional bank managers, Reading

DEN: Mr Hunt opens Institute of Civil Engineers Symposium on tidal power, London

DOE: Mr Patten addresses British Property Federation Conference, Brighton

FCO: Lady Young addresses Mid-Sussex Conservative Association Chairman's dinner

HO: Mr Hogg addresses Association of British Chamber of Commerce Crime Prevention Conference, Coventry

HO: Lord Caithness visits Leeds and Rudgate prisons

ODA: Mr Patten addresses European Parliament Development Committee, London

DTI: Mr Pattie addresses America-European Community Association

DTp: Mr Spicer visits Field Aircraft Services, Heathrow

DTp: Mr Mitchell chairs 8th Meeting of the Channel Tunnel Joint Consultative Committee, Canterbury

HMT: Mr Lamont opens Money '86 exhibition, Olympia

HMT: Mr Brooke speaks at the Scrutiny Committee on the 1987 EC Budget

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

FCO: Mrs Chalker visits Paris (to October 31)

OAL: Mr Luce attends EC Cultural Ministers meeting, Brussels

TV AND RADIO

"Childwatch"; BBC 1 (20.30): Programme in two parts which also sees launch of "Childline".

"This Week"; ITV (21.30)

"Question Time"; BBC 1 (22.45): With the Rt Hon Paul Channon MP, Conagh McDonald MP, Andrew Neil