

PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets Dr Henry Kissinger (photocall); and later greets First Earth Run children at Downing Street (photocall)

Security debate in the Commons

The Princess of Wales opens the new headquarters of The Body Shop at Hawthorn Road, Wick, Littlehampton; and in the evening visits the Downland Housing Society Project, run by the Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus at 5 Grand Avenue, Worthing, West Sussex

Further consultation on RSG announced

EC Fisheries Council

British Gas share offer closes

NEDC

STATISTICS

Advance Energy statistics (Oct)

Detailed analysis of employment, unemployment, earnings prices and other indicators

Tourism statistics

PUBLICATIONS

Historic Buildings Council for Scotland, reports for 1983-84 and 1984-85 (15.30)

PAY

NHS: London weighting; 210,730; claim is for substantial rises in the rates of allowance, 1 July

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Opposition Day (3rd allotted day)
Debate on the need for a Select Committee of Privy Councillors to oversee the Security Services on a motion in the names of the Leaders of the Liberal and Social Democratic Parties.
Followed by a debate on Defence on a motion in the names of the Leaders of the Liberal and Social Democratic Parties.

Afterwards,
Debate on EC Documents relating to research and technological development.

Business:

Adjournments

The accountability of the security services (Mr D Sedgemore)

Select Committees: SCOTTISH AFFAIRS

Subject: Hospital Provision

Witness: Common Services Agency

PARLIAMENT (Cont'd)Select Committees (Cont'd)

EMPLOYMENT

Subject: The work of the Department of Employment Group
 Witnesses: Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment and Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP, the Paymaster General

SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: Primary Health Care
 Witnesses: British Medical Association; Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Property Services Agency
 Witnesses: Sir Nigel Mobbs; Lord Chancellor's Department officials (at 5.15 pm)

COMMITTEE ON UNOPPOSED BILLS

1. River Humber (Burcom Outfall) (Lords)
2. Mersey Docks and Harbours (Lords)

Lords

Debate to call attention to the present state of the nation's defence capability, and to the case for retaining a nuclear deterrent.

MINISTERS - See AnnexPRESS DIGESTMI5

- Government appeals against Judge's ruling that it must hand over secrets to the defence.
- Press give Kinnock a battering after the Commons exchanges.
- Kinnock, from the USA, says you are not concerned with national security; only with the Government's embarrassment.
- Hattersley challenges you to say openly whether you have decided to exclude Kinnock from security briefings.
- Star: Now Kinnock faces a secrets "freeze" - he may have destroyed his right of access to Government secrets; his officials 'amazed' at this threat.
- Mirror P2 reports George Foulkes MP as saying he has secret information that MPs' 'phones are tapped - and no other coverage of the case.
- Sun P2: I'll cut off Kinnock secrets says Maggie - your "scathing" attack on Kinnock; leader says it is time we started being frank about Australia - it is in an almighty mess; unions dominated by Marxist wreckers; its cricketers pathetic; Malcolm Fraser loses trousers and Hawke cries. All they are good at is whingeing.

MI5 (Cont'd)

- John Vincent, in Sun, says going to court was a mistake and choosing Sir Robert as key witness only made things worse because he lacks horse sense. But Kinnock's admission that he is working hand in glove with the defence is a pretty obvious blunder and we should remember his last real test of responsibility was as president of Cardiff Students' Union.
- Today P2: I won't tell Kinnock any more secrets - Thatcher fury over spy case.
- Express P1 lead: I can't trust Kinnock now; Maggie may break secrets pact with the Opposition.
- Mail P1 lead: The heat's on Kinnock; Maggie challenge: Can Labour leader ever be trusted with state secrets? In effect you are accusing Labour's leader of behaviour amounting to treachery against the Crown - he could hardly face a graver charge.
- Mail leader notes that 'spook mania' has not dented the Government's standing at all, judging from the MORI poll; if anything it may have strengthened it. You may be wrong footed over security but you are not wrong headed.
- Telegraph P1: Kinnock faces loss of security briefings.
- Guardian P1: Thatcher and Kinnock swap MI5 accusations across the Atlantic. Kinnock's office infuriated with your attack.
- Times P1 lead: 'Thatcher warns Labour leader over MI5 secrets case'. Kinnock could be left out of spy briefings; Kinnock says you know that anything you have told him in confidence in the last 3 years has been kept secret.
- Times adds that concern is being voiced at the highest levels in British government about apparent leaks from the confidential hearings in the Wright case. There is anxiety that a person closely involved in the production of Wright's book is a member of the defence team.
- The head of MI5 delivered a stinging rebuke against Mr Wright earlier this year at a gathering of MI5 pensioners.
- Geoffrey Smith, in Times, says that in today's debate the Government has to show that it has been consistent and politically sensible in defence of the principle of confidentiality.
- Times leader says you were right to imply that Mr Kinnock was risking his access to intelligence briefings. But your reaction is an exaggerated one to an impropriety which has mainly benefited the Government.
- Independent: You join backbenchers in an attack on Kinnock.
- Independent: The Irish court's decision to allow the sale of "One Girl's War" was based in part on a 1980 Australian court policy which states there was no absolute right of confidentiality between governments and their employees.
- Independent: Peter Hennessy discusses control of the secret state and says the secret services need their Lord Rayner as well as their Mr Clean.
- FT: You reconsider the long-standing convention of giving the Leader of the Opposition access to information on security issues.

KINNOCK IN USA

- Star and Mirror ignore him, but Sun says Kinnock stunned his US hosts by blasting the Iran deal on TV and describing the crisis as a fiasco - a mixture of tragedy and farce.
- Today gives a few lines to his "ridiculing" you as one of the few people in the world who believe the USA would allow Britain to buy Trident.
- Today feature says it is amazing to see Kinnock careering around the USA when there is "the very real prospect" of inflicting defeat on you.
- Express leader says Kinnock's speech at Harvard will have done nothing to calm American fears about his party's defence policies; on the contrary it will have confirmed them. His problem is not that the Americans fail to understand his policies but that they understand them too well.
- Express feature reports Kinnock's Harvard "vision of a mini-Britain" - to rid the nation of the burdens of nostalgia and delusions of grandeur; Labour's party political broadcast this evening will try to sell non-nuclear defence by persuading them that increased conventional forces will make the country safer.
- Mail P1 lead says the MI5 allegations should have him catching the next 'plane home to defend his integrity.
- Telegraph back page - Kinnock says it is vital for NATO to shift from its nuclear orientation; feature on the "empty seats which greet Neil's eloquence" - his visit is turning into a damp squib.
- Guardian publishes an edited extract of Kinnock's Harvard speech under heading "Kinnock tells the Labour defence policy like it is".
- Times: 'Kinnock accuses America of bad faith over Trident'. He says President Reagan's promise to you that Britain could continue to buy Trident will never be implemented.
- Independent: Kinnock says your joint statement with President Reagan at Camp David was "a tribute to the communique drafters' art" but Britain could be denied Trident in spite of it. He has broken the convention which moderates criticism of the Government by senior politicians when abroad.
- Independent editorial says Kinnock in the US is on a hiding to nothing. No matter how persuasive he is he will not convince the US that his defence policy is not disastrous for NATO.
- FT: Small piece, inside page, reporting Mr Kinnock's view that nuclear arms escalation is the wrong choice for Britain [otherwise ignored].

DEFENCE

- Sir Michael Howard, in Telegraph, says NATO remains one of the strongest guarantees that humanity - in every sense of the word - will continue to survive.
- Telegraph leader on Kissinger's Ernest Bevin Memorial Lecture says that if Bevin found himself on successive evenings in the audience of Kinnock and Kissinger there is little doubt whose world now he would have found more plausible.

USA

- Record drop in Reagan's popularity rating from 67 to 46%.
- Reagan seeks the appointment of a special independent investigator to look into Iranian arms dealing.
- George Gale, in Mirror, says Reagan has been either uninformed and incompetent or stupid and incompetent and a great disservice has been done to the USA and the Western alliance.
- Today says Reagan has secretly approached Nixon on how to handle the crisis.
- Telegraph says Reagan's new security chief is widely respected.
- Times: In Paris, Weinberger said he was "horrified" to learn that money from arms sales to Iran was diverted to the Contras.
- Independent: President Reagan bought a little respite by setting up a judicial probe into the Iran deal.

ECONOMY

- Express says if indeed one in three children under 5 have building society accounts and half in 6-9 age group, we are witnessing a most welcome development - the saving habit.
- Independent: Robin Cook says there is a strong suggestion of a link between Guinness investigation and the US Stock Exchange investigation into Ivan Boesky.
- FT: Mr Lawson promises to keep £ steady. Neither devaluation nor protectionism are options to improve Britain's trade position.
- FT: Steadier pound lifts reserves in November.
- FT: House prices rise by 13.6%.

BRITISH GAS

- 10am deadline today for share applications - up to 3m believed to have applied. But the Star says the only share the unemployed are interested in is a share in the nation's prosperity and Sid should tell the Chancellor to create jobs.

BRITISH LEYLAND

- More job losses in Leyland Trucks feared after Paul Channon reveals talks with Daf and Paccar. Today says Daf is more acceptable.
- FT: Most MPs of all parties prefer collaboration with DAF; leader says it is to be hoped that this latest effort is not aborted by another burst of misplaced nationalism.

INDUSTRY

- Geoffrey Collier, resigned Morgan Grenfell official, accused of share dealing offences.
- United States Lines sacks its British workforce without compensation - D/Employment says the company has to pay under British law and is studying the case.
- Express says Nissan believes its new plant will create 11,000 jobs - contracts awarded to 31 British suppliers and work will start next year on building a new industrial estate for component makers who want to be in North East.
- Trading standards officers in Liverpool say cheap and dangerous toys are being aimed at areas of high unemployment.
- Times: Cazenove and Wood MacKenzie, stockbrokers to Guinness at the time of the bid for distillers, have also been asked to help in the inquiry into share dealings.

UNIONS

- NU Seamen says the QE2 will not be allowed to sail again without a British crew.
- Sun extends its sympathy to a Labour councillor in Liverpool who stole a kiss and gets banned from TGWU meetings for six months. What on earth has the odd smacker to do with a trade union?

MEDIA

- Usual threat to Christmas TV - this time from an electricians' pay and pensions dispute; ballot result expected December 21.
- Today reports that the Communist Morning Star yesterday sacked 39 £600 a week printers because they work only 45 minutes of their 8 hour shift.
- Tory MPs accuse Alasdair Milne of "arrogant complacency".
- BBC resisting Auditor General's efforts to open up BBC books on grounds of management independence.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Nicholas Ridley to announce today a better deal for Tory heartlands - £1bn more to be made available to councils.
- Audit Commission warns that London is going broke because of the 'creative accounting' of Labour-controlled boroughs.
- Mail interview with John Hamilton - ex head of Liverpool City Council on his years of torment in Hatton's shadow.

AIDS

- Nurses who refuse to care for AIDS patients risk being disciplined, says Royal College of Nursing.
- Star: Maggie's rap for gay outcasts; AIDS threat makes them unacceptable - "them" meaning their "behaviour", according to the story. Express treats it slightly differently - AIDS will hit gay life, says Maggie. You believe homosexuals will be driven back into the closet by AIDS.
- Mirror does one of its "Government starving the NHS stories" - AIDS will plunge hard-up hospitals into a new cash crisis.
- John Vincent, in Sun, says the Labour Party is in a fix because its conference voted 4.8 to 1.3m for a public campaign for gay rights.
- Times: A warning that loose-living among international bureaucrats and jet-setting businessmen threatens to spread AIDS will be given by the Prime Minister at the European Summit.
- Up to 100,000 people in Britain may be carrying the AIDS virus and a substantial proportion will develop the disease within the next three years, says a consultant physician at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

TEACHERS ETC

- Kenneth Baker accuses NUT of spoiling for another round of classroom chaos (Sun).
- DES admits student grants are inadequate.
- FT: Mr Baker hints at flexibility in teachers' settlement.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Times: The Government is expected to try and block the attempt by David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, to bring in a bill to abolish the TV licence fee for pensioners.

LAW AND ORDER

- Mirror leader on Home Office statement that any visit by Myra Hyndley to Saddleworth Moors would not be announced in advance; this, it says, ought to have been the policy from the start. Manchester police have extracted every ounce of publicity from the digging - turned it into a circus.
- Sun reports a deadly new weapon being used by thugs to ambush its delivery lorries - steel spikes screwed into metal bars which are left on roads.
- Police arrest second man in connection with railway-related murders and rapes in South East.
- Today takes Rodney Bickerstaffe (NUPE) to task for blaming violence in the NHS on Government cuts, mass unemployment and social deprivation - some people, it says, never miss a chance to make a political point. We will only find answers when we reject his universal remedy - blame it all on the Government.
- Roger Gale MP to try to force another vote on hanging in Commons, using Criminal Justice Bill as his vehicle.
- Times: Disturbances broke out at Ulster's Maze prison yesterday as prison officers began "major" industrial action over the suspension of a colleague for allegedly sleeping on duty.

SPORT

- Reports that 26 Britons facing extradition to Belgium for Heysel Stadium disaster could also be extradited to Rome to face manslaughter charges.
- Mail notes that with our tax rates Liverpool would have to pay Ian Rush £600,000 a year to match an Italian club's offer. But how many more would turn this gold Rush into a stampede if Labour reintroduced penal levels of tax?

PEOPLE

- Edwina Currie in a 'jobs for the boys' allegation - that a £29m health authority contract has been awarded to a firm her husband and brother-in-law work for. Mail says this is a Labour attempt to smear her.
- Tom Arnold MP accused of drink driving offence.
- John Browne MP, whose ex-wife is threatened with jail and who plans to remarry, is in trouble with his constituency.

INDIA

- Police arrest 1,300 in New Delhi as Hindus clash with Sikhs following Sikh violence in the Punjab.

EC

- Britain may be forced to pay £25m bill for milk 'offences' under CAP.
- FT: Britain guilty of breaking EC milk rules and seems likely to lose substantial payments from EC's agricultural fund; leader argues that present system keeps milk prices higher than they need be and the milk board's monopoly is likely to prove an increasing source of political and legal embarrassment.
- FT: Ministers test EC views on air transport reforms to determine whether to revive their package of changes for the next meeting of Transport Ministers in Brussels.

FRANCE

- FT: France to buy £49bn of Norwegian gas.

SPAIN

- Fraga quits as Opposition leader after defeat in Basque elections.

FALKLANDS

- Fishing zone a success as most countries fishing in the waters have applied for licences (Independent). Russia and Bulgaria are notable exceptions but they are expected to keep away.

- DEM: Lord Young appears before the Employment Select Committee
- DEM: Mr Walker opens National Energy Management Conference and Exhibition, Birmingham
- DTI: Mr Channon addresses Consumer Goods Study Group Dinner
- DEM: Mr Lee presents Apprentice of the Year awards, MOD
- DEM: Mr Trippier at Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
- DES: Mrs Rumbold Addresses Council for Independent Education
- DHSS: Baroness Trumpington visits Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Hackney
- DOE: Lord Skelmersdale takes part in forum at Town and Country planning Association conference in Cheltenham on the theme "Countryside in the 1990s"
- DOE: Mr Waldergrave presents Keep Britain Tidy awards, House of Commons
- DOE: Mr Tracey interviewed on LBC, Pete Murray programme, (Sport in Schools)
- DTI: Mr Howard addresses CBI Conference (FS Act) and Association of Insurance and Risk Managers in Industry and Commerce (Financial Services and Insurance and Product Liability)
- DTP: Mr Bottomley visits the Crime Prevention Bus, Chester-le-Street, County Durham
- HMT: Mr Macgregor to address the Economic Research Council
- HMT: Mr Brooke to visit Dorset House customs offices
- HO: Mr Mellor addresses National Association of New Teachers and young Conservative lawyers (re Drugs)
- HO: Lord Caithness visits RAF Drayton
- MAFF: Lord Belstead visits Smithfield Show
- MAFF: Mr Thompson visits Beefeaters Distillery; later attends variety holdings reception, Claridges
- MOD: Mr Hamilton presents awards at Apprentices Award Ceremony and later attends DMA Council dinner
- OAL: Mr Luce speaks at Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme reception, Maidstone
- SO: Mr Ancram meets Confederation of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) Housing Committee, Edinburgh
- WO: Mr Roberts attends British Tourist Authority Commendation Schemes Award Ceremony, London and later CBI pay presentation, London
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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling and Mr Gummer attend Fisheries Council, Brussels
- MOD: Mr Younger attends Europgroup in Brussels (to 5 December)
- DTP: Mr Spicer visits Portugal for discussions on aviation liberalisation with Portugese minister of Transport
- SO: Mr Mackay attends council of EC Ministers, Brussels
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TV AND RADIO

"Party Political Broadcast" (Labour): BBC Radio 4 (13.35); BBC 1 (21.00); ITV (22.00); BBC 2 (22.45)

"The Reith Lectures 1986"; BBC Radio 4 (19.45): Fundamantal rights of citizens

"Analysis"; BBC Radio 4 (20.15): Looks at Kenneth Baker's proposal for 20 inner-city technology colleges
