

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

London Transport fares increase (and campaign against payment).

Cable Television report/statement.

Your talks with Mrs Gandhi.

Indian Festival opens, London.

EC: Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels.

Nuclear Planning Group, Colorado Springs.

Third flight - Columbia space shuttle.

Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, Earls Court.

British Ski Trade Show, Harrogate.

London fashion exhibition, Olympia.

Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security meets, Ditchley Park.

Dunlop management/Unions meeting on grievances.

TUC F&GP Cttee considers reform of General Council.

Statistics:

Gross domestic product (4th qtr-prov).

Publications:

Information Technology Panel - report on cable systems.

Government's reply to the 3rd report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee on Public and Private Funding of the Arts.

Pay:

Tilbury dockers: mass meeting on arbitration.

Parliament:

Commons:

Questions:

Industry, Trade.

Business:

Second Reading of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill (Lords).

Proceedings on the Agricultural Training Board Bill (Lords) and on the Industrial Training Bill (Lords), which are Consolidated Measures.

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: Financial control and accountability in the National Health Service. (Witnesses: Sir Keith Stowe, KCB, DHSS; Mr A L Rennie, CB, Scottish Home and Health Dept; Mt T P Hughes, CB, Welsh Office)

Lords: Consolidated Fund (No 2) Bill: Second Reading and remaining stages.
Travel Concessions (London) Bill: Report.
Filament Lamps for Vehicles (Safety) Regulations 1982: Motion for Approval.
Coal Industry Bill: Second Reading.
Taking of Hostages Bill(HL): Third Reading.
Wages Councils (Abolition) Bill(HL): Second Reading.
U.Q. on hard drug taking by the young in major cities.
ROYAL ASSENT.

Ministers - see Annex

PRESS DIGEST:

Law and Order

- Mr Whitelaw faces a testing week and Telegraph expects him to offer sop to Tory backbenchers this evening, giving police wider and clearer powers of search and arrest.
- Mr Walker comes to Home Secretary's support but John Carlisle MP says that if Mr Whitelaw does not give a positive commitment to legislate to beat the crime wave he should be replaced.
- Some commentators beginning to wonder about Mr Whitelaw's long^{term} future.
- Mail says many people voted Tory last time because they wanted protection, and now feel let down.
- Telegraph says crime has risen all over Europe with France worst hit ahead of England and Wales.
- Telegraph leader says Govt does not give the impression that it knows what everyone else knows that public order in Britain is in serious trouble - public will want to know this week that Chief Constables are not to be inhibited from mounting special high profile operations in dangerous areas.
- Workers at Heathrow say new EC passport with computer check will be used to record movements of travellers as part of surveillance of private individuals.
- Guardian says ambiguous and contradictory statements by Home Office and police are concealing national computerisation of police intelligence records.
- Chief Constable Alderson, in Marxism Today, says police came close to military style role in riots last year; would not have taken much to drive them to point of no return; Sun wants to know why he came to make his point about democratic control of police in Marxism Today - got tell that to the residents of Siberian camps.

- NW Regional conference of Labour Party seeks inquiry into Chief Constable Anderton's conduct.

Crime

- Home Sec to review case of mental defective who admitted killing 26 in 11 fires after he says he is innocent.
- Father of last man reprieved from hanging and now free after 15 years in gaol says he should have been executed.
- Michael Meacher wants to know the purpose of MI5's data bank in Mayfair.
- Attorney-General promises DPP will investigate issue of new race hate comic.

London Transport

- The battle between LT and fare-breakers led by Wetzel opens; those who refuse to pay higher fares to be prosecuted.
- Wetzel urges people to break law and Sun says he is giving a disgraceful lead - perhaps whole London fares system does need overhaul but acting against law is no answer; time Wetzel was kicked off the bus.
- Mail asks what good is it putting more subsidy into transport system run by GLC that makes no effort to economise or deal with restrictive practices.

Hillhead

- Neck and neck in the final week with MORI poll showing this morning Tory just out ahead, but doing better when those who are certain to vote are identified.
- Akass, Sun, and Oakley, Mail, think Jenkins will just get it for SDP.
- Express - not putting it too highly to say that electors of Hillhead have it in their power to give kiss of life or kiss of death to SDP.

Meanwhile on the ground

- Malone accuses Jenkins of being responsible for slide in standards which makes people live in fear and Pastor Glass says the same though with more venom.
- Labour candidate attacks use of taxpayers' money by Tories in the form of handing out of glossy booklets on Trident decision at Mr Nott's meeting last week.

Politics

- Foot tries to get round abolition of Lords problem by proposing to strip them of power to delay legislation and to initiate any; Benn says Queen would not stand in way of Lords' abolition and he wants 10-15 MPs planted in each Department to ensure that Socialist policies are carried out.
- Mikardo tipped to succeed Clements as Editor of Tribune.
- Tatchell urges tenants not to pay rent increases even though, like Wetzel, he admits it might be illegal.

Economy

- Guardian says US money supply shows signs of stabilising.
- NatWest chairman supports Government's broad strategy.

- Petrol likely to go up 5-6p a gallon as oil companies withdraw support from garages; Guardian urges Govt to raise excise duties on petrol to offset oil price drop to encourage conservation and to hand back money in lower VAT.
- D/Star says Government is re-thinking Britoil sale.
- Express says there is room for much quiet satisfaction over OPEC whimpering about oil price fall.
- Times says Britain's standard of living is falling further behind that of our partners in Europe.
- MSC trying to orchestrate a united front to persuade Govt to raise £15 allowance to young trainees in new scheme.
- TUC opposes voluntary community work scheme because it fears it will depress wages and threaten benefits to those who don't volunteer.

Unions/Pay

- ASTMS in competition with ETU for recruitment of estimated 250,000 managers.
- Nurses expected to be asked this week whether to strike for more pay; teachers expected to be offered something like 6% on Thursday.
- BL workers back at top of carworkers' pay league because of productivity earnings - with more to come from deal due to be signed on Friday.
- 5-week Matthews turkey strike expected to be settled today with improved offer from £5.67 to £7 - a 10% rise.
- Guardian says leftwingers are moving to strengthen their hold on NUM executive by getting rid of number of executive seats.
- Ballot opens on whether NALGO should affiliate to Labour Party.

Industry

- Laker gives up plan to launch People's Airline; CAA says it is nonsense to say he was prevented by red tape; Laker now goes into travel consultancy business with Lonrho and Rowland says Skytrain ticket holders will get money - but about a year late.
- Times says British business stands to gain over £1bn worth of orders from Mrs Gandhi's visit.
- BA cabin staff throwing drink down the drain because strike by catering loaders is preventing bonding.
- Mail says 7 fare paying passengers turned away by BA from South African flight while employees on free tickets travelled; airline then paid £100 overnight compensation to those stranded.
- Speculation about replacement for Edwardes - George Turnbull mentioned as well as plan to split company into two - cars and other vehicles.
- FT says banks should take action before and not after crisis of the kind that hit Stone Platt.
- PQs about allegation that Talbot Linwood plant has been shipped to Japanese car plants in South Africa.
- Keith Stanton MP says BR is being dictatorial about banning smoking in restaurant and buffet cars.

Local Authorities

- Freedom Assn takes up case of Walsall dinner ladies and may try to press surcharging of councillors over compensation.
- Kaufman refuses to consult with Mr Heseltine over rate reform - says Tories have got themselves on a hook; don't know what to do; and Labour isn't going to help.
- Tory Blackburn Council angers Darwen for buying French wallpaper when factory in town employing 500 makes it.
- FT says mixture of tactical errors and vagaries of Govt grant mean biggest London rate rises this year are in Tory boroughs.

Education

- Reading university doctor says half students' grants spent on drink.
- Mary Warnock, Oxford research fellow, says half teachers in deprived areas have strong Marxist views.

Medical

- BMA says family doctors are subject of increasing number of violent attacks; want them to be able to strike off violent patients immediately.

Race

- Mr Heseltine according to FT, looking for black adviser and wants major banks to appoint black business development advisers.

Defence

- D/Star says sweeping cuts in RN training bases are expected to be announced this week (some papers say tomorrow).

Ireland

- Times says Govt plans to downgrade New University of Ulster and amalgamate it with Ulster Poly.
- Times leader says it cannot be said with certainty that Mr Prior's rolling devolution won't roll; benefits to province would be considerable if it did.
- Julien Amery promises to fight devolution proposals.
- Smyth, who succeeded Bradford as MP, moves house to help police protect him.

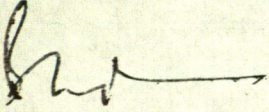
International

- Poland: Crowds turn out and demonstrate at Walesa christening because of Walesa's absence.
- France and Germany: both Mitterrand and Schmidt suffer election set backs.
- West Bank: serious rioting.
- Afghanistan: Lord Carrington says West must keep up pressure for Russian withdrawal.
- Thailand: Pilger, Mirror, buys 8 year old girl for £85 to highlight child trafficking.

- El Salvador: Duarte asks troops to stop shooting journalists; fears in USA that Reagan is being sucked into another Vietnam.
- Austria: wins £300m Soviet steel mill contract.

EC

- What precisely did Thorn say about us? Spokesman denies he used words "egoism" and "conceit".



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Ministers:

Mr Heseltine visits Liverpool.

Mr Edwards visits Clwyd County Council and opens Pinfold Lane Workshops.

Sir Keith Hoseph visits Science and Engineering Research Council Rutherford Appleton Laboratories, Oxfordshire. Mr Shelton accompanies him. (2.30pm).

Mr Younger speaks at Howden's Plant Group, Renfrew.

Mr Lawson visits the Nigg construction yard in Scotland and flies out to the Beatrice field in the North Sea.

Mr Fowler attends lunch, International Hospital Exhibition, Carlton Club, London. (12.30pm).

Mr Nott attends Nuclear Planning Group meeting, Colorado Springs (until 26 March).

Lord Carrington and Mr Atkins attend EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels.

Lord Bellwin chairs Lambeth Partnership meeting.

Sir George Young opens new housing scheme for "Opus", Ealing.

Mr Macfarlane visits East Midlands region.

Mr Shaw visits Bristol on planning matters.

Mr Morrison speaks to Greater London Area Conservative Trades Union, House of Commons.

Mr Baker speaks at Polytechnic of Central London.

Mr Baker at BT Gold launch.

Mr M Roberts at press conference on "Planning for Progress".
HMI Document.

Mr M Roberts has meeting with Afghan Resistance representatives, Cathays Park.

Mr Channon hosts reception following concert to launch opening of Festival of India. (10.15pm).

Mr Waldegrave visits Bradford University.

Mr Rossi attends press reception for launch of campaign to promote the International Symbol for Deaf People, Charing Cross Hotel, London. (11.00am).

Mr Rossi attends opening of Exhibition of Painting by Handicapped Adolescents, House of Commons. (7.30pm).

Mr Blaker addresses party from US National Defence University.

Mr Mellor meets the Society of British Pensioners Trade Union Association to talk on energy costs. (3.00pm).

Mr Pattie hosts reception for party from US National Defence University.

Lord Trenchard visits Egypt (until 26 March.)