

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

Economy Debate.

'Which Computer?' Show at National Exhibition Centre.

Mental Health Review Tribunal Hearing for Michael Fagan, Liverpool.

Mr Gromyko in Bonn.

Statistics:

Indices of average earnings (Nov).

Indices of basic rates of wages (Dec).

Construction - new orders (Nov).

Industrial and Commercial companies capital account and net borrowing requirement (3rd qtr).

Parliament

Commons

Questions: Transport, Environment.

Business: 10-Minute Rule Bill; Rent (Agriculture)(Scotland).
Opposition Motion on 'The Economic Crisis'.
Motions on Welsh Support Grant Reports, 1980, 1982 and 1983-84.

Select Committees: DEFENCE: Future Defence of the Falkland Islands.
(Witnesses: Mr F E C Gregory, Dr Peter Calvert and Dr John Simpson of Southampton University).
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS: Expenditure Session: Arts and Libraries. (Witnesses: Rt Hon Paul Channon MP, Minister for the Arts).
HOME AFFAIRS: Representation of the People Act 1949. (Witnesses: Organisations of United Kingdom Citizens Residents Abroad).
INDUSTRY AND TRADE: British Steel Corporation's Prospects. (Witnesses: Trades Union Congress Steel Committee).
ENERGY: Energy Research, Development and Demonstration in the United Kingdom. (Witnesses: UK Atomic Energy Authority).

Select Cttees: SOCIAL SERVICES: Children in Care. (Witnesses:
(continued) Association of County Councils; Association of
Metropolitan Authorities; London Boroughs Assoc.).
EMPLOYMENT: The Work of the Health and Safety
Commission and Executive: Asbestos. (Witness: HSE).

Lords: ODA Debate on British Volunteer Programme and
Development Education.

Publications:

Construction and New Orders figures.
Publication of Occasional Paper on Education in the Community.
1st Report of the Liaison Committee - The Select Committee System.

Ministers - See Annex

PRESS DIGEST

You wear specs for first time; Franks competes in papers unsuccessfully with charging of Waldorf policemen.

FRANKS

D/Star: Falklands - Maggie in the Clear - but relegated to 2 full pages inside; rocket for spy chiefs; you order big shake up. Reproduces much of Annex A - quotes one Service Chief as saying maybe newspaper critics who did not know what they were talking about will shut up now.

Sun: Falklands All Clear for Maggie - but also on inside pages; Mrs T cleared of blame for Falklands; Lord Carrington and Nott rapped; Annex A "10 tall tales of war" reproduced.

Mirror: Page 2 - Thatcher wins again - Falklands probe puts her in clear; Islands to stay a fortress.

Express: Falklands: Maggie's victory - yomp all over your critics; FCO and Intelligence Service get off with only rap on knuckles. Inside pages deal with "The last minute war".

Mail: Not guilty. First to raise alert was Maggie. Gives Opposition remarkably little to bite on. Three page digest and one devoted to the truth about 10 Tall Tales - Annex A.

Telegraph: Thatcher is exonerated. Decision to invade could not have been foreseen; sketch writer says Opposition were appalling sight when you delivered news. Over 3 pages of coverage to report including Annex A.

Guardian: Thatcher is cleared of Falklands blame - you secure what looked remarkably like a clean bill of health. Carrington and aides exonerated; Intelligence Service due for shake up. 2 inside pages of report; Annex A summarised.

Times: Thatcher cleared of Falklands blame by Franks; Fortress policy seen as only British option. Intelligence changes recommended. 2 pages of coverage inside - including Annex A. Central feature - Carrington comes in from the cold.

FT: Franks says Government not to blame for Junta's invasion, wrong signals caused Argentine to misjudge UK commitment to Falklands. Thatcher repulses Opposition attack. You emerge politically unscathed.

Reaction News

- Ministers who resigned or have left delighted with report.
- Some Falkland Islanders critical - but John Cheek says he had expected invasion later in year.
- Sun says Foot was left floundering.
- Lord Carrington says he would make some decisions again.
- Argentine leaders silent on findings.

Falklands

- General Thorne to be replaced in April.

Comment

D/Star: "The Guilty Men of Whitehall" - accusing finger points to FCO to so simple Smileys with first class degrees and third class grasp of reality; to Civil Servants striving for medals and gongs while ignoring demands for contingency planning - must become last victims of war.

Sun: Vindicates you; then goes on to attack 'pin-stripe brigade'. For all Foot's bluster, Opposition do not come out smelling of violets. Chief lesson is best chance of avoiding future tragedies is to make all realise we will stand by our people and interests.

Mirror: "Against all evidence" cleared you of blame against all its own evidence; back where we were but 250 dead Britons later. Terence Lancaster - you won not only the war but the inquest as well. Matt Coady - Times accused of war news management.

Express: "A footnote to history". Report offers no comfort to Opposition who should beware of scavenging for debating points; that will rouse public ire. We sailed, we fought, we conquered. That is what counts. George Gale in page account "Why the buck stops at the Foreign Office" says Lord Carrington was justified in resigning and plenty of justification for Nott's resignation too.

Mail

- Under heading "These were not their finest months", says it cannot be said Ministers and officials come through investigation with flying colours. But resignation of Lord Carrington, two other FCO Ministers and departure of Nott is more than sufficient atonement. Slate has been wiped clean. Under you Britain won glorious victory. Now let there be an end to carping. Hugh Trevor-Roper on the spy network that let us down.

Telegraph: Silly to have expected any scandalous revelation but Franks praise so faint as to be damning. Whole history reveals over reaching failure to recognise real nature of situation. Striking story of how British Governments can become so oversubtle as to neglect their principal duty.

Guardian: Report is a tragedy, not a crime thriller. Taint of doziness. Detailed chronicle without villains but precious few heroes. But political frailty. Franks only opening act in tragedy with many years to run. Dead end remains. Peter Jenkins describes it as an acquittal but a grave indictment of myopic and craven political irresponsibility, the chief weight of which must be levelled against the present Government.

Times: On main point, you and your Government could not ask for more. But clear nerve centre of British Government over-tranquillised by long peace. No aptitude for crisis management.

FT: Errors of omission and commission. But Lord Carrington comes out well. Real lesson is how important it is for Departments with overlapping interests to work closely together. On evidence of Franks there is a long way to go.

Law and Order

- One detective charged with attempted murder, another with attempted shooting in Waldorf case.
- 20 year old Lance Corporal gets 4 years for trying to start in spying business.

Unions/Pay

- Troops on stand-by for water strike; unions and management at ACAS; Express says it will not be end of world if they strike; no-one indispensable.
- Dentists want £5.565 rise to £22,000.
- Bank workers want 10%.
- ASLEF call in Lord McCarthy on Bedford/St Pancras row - after agreeing to one man operation.
- Provincial journalists accept £4-6 a week.

Economy

- Industrial production at lowest level for 16 years.
- 500 job seekers besiege factory in West Mids for 15 places.
- Telegraph carries new record number of jobs advertisements tomorrow - 14 pages.

Industry

- Sanyo to build VTRs in Britain - 100 new jobs at Lowestoft; and Hitachi to build £15m factory in Shropshire.
- IBM Greenock wins US small business computer order - and 400 new jobs.
- Janet Reger lingerie firm goes under.
- New oil find in North Sea by Sun Oil.

Transport

- Paul Foot, Mirror, puts the spotlight on Alfred Goldstein of Serpell Report.

EC

- Sun says we are close to settling fish war.
- French threaten to ban butter from New Zealand unless they get their way over sales to Russia.

Local Authorities

- Privilege case against Livingstone to be made in Commons today.

Defence

- Gromyko rejects zero option.
- You are to take part in Wintex '83.

Northern Ireland

- Bishop of Down and Connor denounces IRA over killing of judge; but another police reservist shot dead in his shop.

Media

- Guild of British Newspaper Editors write to Times on Water Bill and admission of press to meetings.

Race

- Times says Ministers have abandoned hope of uniting Conservative Party in Parliament on immigration rules and decided to rely on opposition votes.

Education

- SDP plan to scrap remaining 200 Grammar schools and turn them into comprehensives.

Royal

- Prince Edward going to Jesus, Cambridge.

International

Eire - plans referendum on abortion.

Spain - Runaway jeweller to be charged today.

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Ministers

Mr Tebbit speaks at Rotary Club, Cafe Royal.

Sir Geoffrey Howe speaks to the Parliamentary Press Gallery luncheon Club, House of Commons.

Lord Cockfield and Mr Sproat attend British Tourist Authority lunch.

Dr Vaughan addresses Grievson Grant (Stockbrokers) lunch.

Mrs Fenner attends British Soft Drink Council lunch.

Mr Clarke addresses Forum of Health Care Professions, London.

Mr Newton visits National Children's Bureau, Islington.

Mr Waddington attends Union of Muslim Organisations of UK and Eire.

Mr M Roberts opens IT Conference in Wales.

Mr Baker speaks at IT Conference in Wales.

Dr Boyson visits Yehudi Menuhin School, Cobham, Surrey.

Mr MacGregor opens South Bank Business Centre, London.

Lord Trefgarne visits Public Health Laboratory Service, Guildford.

Mr Mayhew meets Law Society re. Police Bill.

Mr Brittan addresses Queen Mary's College Conservative Association.

Lord Belstead visits Austria for talks with Foreign Minister (until 21 Jan)