

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

Water strike - talks continue.

EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels.

EC (Informal) Social Affairs Ministerial Meeting, Bonn.

EC Economic and Social Committee Plenary Session, Brussels (until 24.2.83)

CND Lobby Parliament.

Charter Consolidated Directors meet on take-over bid for Anderson, Strathclyde.

Mr Heath on latest Brandt Report.

Announcement of Nurses Pay Review Body.

Statistics

Cyclical indicators (Jan).

Labour Force Survey 1981: country of birth and ethnic origin.

Births by birthplace of parent 1981.

Birth by birthplace of mother 1981: local authority areas.

Country of birth, Great Britain (from the 1981 Census).

Pay

Electricity supply manuals: offer of 4.5% on average earnings.

Publications

Annual Review of Agriculture 1983.

The Legal Aid Annual Reports 1981-82.

Parliament

Commons

Questions:

Prime Minister, Education and Science.

Business:

10 Minute Rule Bill: Housing.

Debate on the West Midlands (Opposition Motion).

Debate on Yorkshire and Humberside (Opposition Motion).

Nuclear Material (Offences) Bill: Remaining stages.

The effect of Forestry Commission policy on rural

employment: Motion for the adjournment.

Select Committees: PROCEDURE (FINANCE): Financial Procedure. (Witness: Rt Hon John Biffen MP, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons).
ENVIRONMENT: Problems of Management of Urban Renewal. (Witness: Professor Murray Stewart, Bristol University; Brent Borough Council).
COMMITTEE ON A PRIVATE BILL: (To consider the Epsom and Walton Downs (Regulation) Bill (Lords)).

Lords: Data Protection Bill (HL): Committee (3rd day).
Dentists Bill (HL): Third Reading.

Ministers - see Annex

Water - see Annex I

PRESS DIGEST

Politics

- Alliance said to be coming up fast on rails in Bermondsey after Foot goes to speak for Tatchell; Tatchell's agent drops clanger by saying Alliance is only 1,000 behind and that everyone is likely to gang up to stop his candidate.
- Tory candidate in Bermondsey in trouble over "typing error"; square described as "niggers" paradise instead of "muggers".
- Robin Oakley, Mail, says lesson of last 6 months is that people have no faith in Opposition they have got; Bermondsey might start creation of new one.
- Telegraph says Mr Foot is more ambitious than he looks and he believes unilateralism would be quickly fudged if Healey succeeded.

- Mail says girls overturn Labour's hold on Leeds University Students' Union - biggest swing to right in 20 years.
- D/Star's round of political parties' features Cecil Parkinson - says David Steel emerging as a real nasty little piece of work.
- Express highlights "the real cost of keeping the Prime Minister" - £2m it says.
- Canavan ordered out of House for allegations against Lord Cockfield in Anderson-Strathclyde case.

- Sun leader says MPs who work only a four day week - and don't turn up to defeat Right of Reply Bill - should only be paid for four days.

Comment

D/Star: refers to political bigotry of Islington, Lambeth and GLC and says this kind of socialism strikes fear into hearts of traditional Labour voters and warms cockles of your heart.

Express: Terrible truth dawning on Labour Party - Bermondsey may herald beginning of the end.

EC

- Mr Hurd says you will raise 1983 et seq Budget issue at March EuroCouncil unless there is a decisive breakthrough in next 4 weeks.
- EC Foreign Ministers to ask Shultz to exercise restraint over subsidised exports of farm products.

Unions/Pay

- Bank workers at London Airport given £700 each for calling off a 2-week strike after Midland dropped its 24-hour service with loss of overtime.
- Pay freeze planned for British Shipbuilders.
- TUC drops threat to "black" Blackpool over privatisation of services.
- Guardian says Labour leaders won a new promise of agreement on contest of incomes enshrined in phrase - "with rights would go responsibilities"

- 28 miners sacked for staging a sit-in at threatened Lewis - Merthyr pit - Morning Star makes it front page lead.

Industry

- John Fraser MP calls for new rules to identify where "British" cars made abroad were actually manufactured.
- Geoffrey Goodman, Mirror, says appointment of MacGregor to NCB is a compliment to Scargill.
- || Chairman of Linotype Paul resigns in protest over transfer of 500 jobs from Cheltenham to Germany.
- Advertising Association says ads have no effect on drink consumption.
- Thousands of gallons of British skimmed milk going to Benelux in spite of our attitude to UHT.
- Familiar John Pilger feature in Mirror looking on black side of "burst North Sea oil bubble".
- Norway, after Royal Commission report, may curb power of Statoil.
- Unrest flares in French car industry.

Economy

- Fears of international oil price war take shine off £ - OPEC planning emergency summit in Vienna.
- Times suggests Gulf States may be planning to cut oil price by 20%.
- No shortage of houses but first time buyers now being forced to offer close to asking price.

Local Authorities

- || Islington Councillors who had warned ratepayers of 30% rise in rates plan to give themselves a pay rise.
- Leeds to spend £1.3m more on social services to provide 500 new jobs.

Royal

- Queen gags the Sun - says Sun.
- High Court grants injunction to stop former Palace storeman from selling tales about life in the Royal Household to Sun, who say they will vigorously contest it.
- Calls for new code of conduct between Palace and press. ||
- Princess Diana faces animal rights demo today when she visits Herts Glaxo Pharmaceutical factory where live experiments are carried out.

- Mirror leader says punishing Fagan Police Sgt. at Palace for what happened is like court-martialling a corporal for Dunkirk.
- Welsh farmer offered £75,000 compensation for leaving farm taken over by Prince Charles.

Law and Order

- Mirror and Express features on ex-Major at whose home 2 Germans wanted for questioning about para outrage who wanted to build up a para-military force of right wing youngsters.

Media

- TV-AM loses 300,000 more viewers - now down to 500,000.

Northern Ireland

- GLC proposes to give £50,000 to Troops Out Movement; Shirley Williams says Labour Party in London has lost its head completely. Labour Party stresses it is opposed to Troops Out Movement.

- Police Sgt. killed by bomb in Armagh.

Defence

- 12 women protestors in Cheshire invade BNFL duck pond and declare it a nuclear free zone.
- Guardian writer says successive US Governments have refused to give Whitehall concrete assurances about consultation over use of American nuclear weapons based in Britain so as not to limit freedom of action.
- Foot, writing in Guardian, suggests Disraeli's remark about Conservative Government being organised hypocrisy especially designed for its current defence policy.

Race

- Sun leader says before Mrs Gandhi mounts pulpit again to lecture Britain on immigrants and racism she should clear up her foul mess in Assam.
- Express say tragic events of Assam show that authoritarian Mrs Gandhi does not know best.

Welfare

- Film producer's report alleges brutality and drug abuse in London area mental hospitals.
- Express says strain of trying to find work for jobless youngsters is showing among N.Tyneside careers officers.
- Sun claims inquiry into Hackney Council's delinquent girls' centre has proved its allegations of prostitution, drug taking and glue sniffing.
- Mrs Dunwoody warns Civil Servants against private health deal; charges to Kent Council staff rose 87% in one year.
- West Glamorgan Council criticised for putting 14 year old girl on pill Mail leader asks whether Council has fought good fight or just taking easy way out?

Falklands

- Dr John Gilbert, returning from Islands, calls for marriageable women to go there.
- Admiral Lewin in Telegraph says it wasn't Labour's 2 frigates and sub that held Argentine in 1977 but our total sea power.
- Buenos Aires news agency says decision to invade Falklands was taken on January 12, 1982.

International

Malta: Hijackers with 165 hostages on board, threaten to blow up airliner

Lebanon: Many trapped in mountain blizzards; Syrian stop US and Italian troops from joining in rescue.

USA: Mondale declares himself Presidential candidate and wants to restore America's global leadership.

Zimbabwe: Mail says Nkomo's future is in balance; could face prosecution for sedition.

UN: Security Council agrees to meet today on Libya's complaint about US offshore naval movements.

Russia: Telegraph says Russia hints that Scharansky might be freed if he behaves and West drops ballyhoo.

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Ministers:

Mr Whitelaw meets London Conservative MPs on London policing.

Mr Fowler visits ACCEPT, Western Clinic, London SW6.

Mr Tebbit at informal meeting of Ministers of the European Commission, Bonn.

Mr Heseltine visits British Forces in Germany (until 24).

Lord Ferrers addresses South East Asia Trade Advisory Group's seminar at Centre Point.

Lord Mansfield speaks at "Taste of Scotland" seminar, Gleneagles.

Mr MacKay addresses World Health Organisation international meeting on alcohol related problems, Edinburgh.

Mr Mellor visits Wandsworth Prison.

Lord Avon opens the Royal Institute of British Architects^{and}/Confederation of Industrial Building Services, Energy Fair, and speaks to the Greater London area women's association.

Mr Morrison, Mr Gummer at preview of new BL car, Cowley.

Mr Brittan speaks at Institute of Directors' International Conference, London.

Mr MacKay lunches with Egyptian Health Minister, Bute House, Edinburgh.

Lord Cockfield attends Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels.

Mr Pattie visits USA (until March 3).