

PRIME MINISTER

DIARY

Result of NUM ballot and executive council meeting.
The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh visit British Columbia.
Launch of Voluntary Home Defence Force.
EC Research Council.
TUC Steel Committee.
Mr Hurd at Committee on Disarmament, Geneva.
International Motor Show, Geneva (until 20 March).
EC European Parliament.

Publications

Consultative document on payment of wages by cheque.
Trade and Industry Committee: 2nd Report, British Steel Corporation
Prospects.
Select Committee on European Legislation: 10th Report.

Statistics

Provisional figures of vehicle production (Feb).

Pay

Primary and Secondary Teachers (England and Wales).
Bank employees.

Parliament

Commons

Questions:

Prime Minister, Northern Ireland.

Business:

Motion on the Appropriation (NI) Order.
Motion on the Rates (Amendment) (NI) Order.
Motion on the Licensing (International Airports)
(NI) Order.
Conditions governing the resale of gas and
electricity by landlords to tenants (Adjournment
debate).

Select Committees:

AGRICULTURE: Organisation and financing of
Agriculture research and development. (Witnesses:
Sir Gordon Cox, Prof.K. Mellanby, Dr W F J
Cuthbertson).

Lords: Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order. Motion for Approval.
Data Protection Bill(HC): Report (1st Day).

Ministers - see Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Coal

Blame for NUM rejection will not be pinned solely on Scargill; only Wales and Kent voted for stoppage. Executive now to rethink tactics.

D/Star: describes Scargill as trade unionism's Grand Old Duke of York.

Sun: says Scargill is defiant in defeat; leader says thank heavens for good sense of miners; Scargill casts himself as maker and breaker of governments and prepared to use blackmail to achieve his industrial ambitions - the miners deserve better.

Mirror: miners have voted for an orderly retreat; you know that they are keeping their powder dry. Scargill is victim of his self created image. Strong on words and weak on sense; report says union may decide president should stand for re-election instead of be appointed for life.

Express: says Scargill should now face re-election even though executive are rallying round him; and so should executive. Leadership is not merely out of touch with membership but remote from reality.

Mail: says King Arthur in chains is miners' target; Trevor Bell says we've got to start using our skills instead of our muscle; Scargill goes into hiding behind closed doors; leader points out that the Opposition did not come out against a pit strike - limited themselves to mealy mouthed carping against MacGregor; Mr Foot would fawn on any strike crazed executive - it is the lap dog of union barons; Paul Johnson says Scargill seems set to become the most disastrous figure in trade union history - truth is he is an out of date phenomenon. Media put him where he is; unless he can change his whole approach NUM will have to get rid of him

Telegraph: says vote has recorded 65% against strike; Gormley admitted into Parliamentary unions' group in face of left wing opposition; leader: vote is excellent news, and industry will benefit most; mood of NUM perhaps most striking proof of decline in union militancy.

Guardian: NUM wants to mend broken fences; call for breakaway union from NUM by power group who are "fed up with bickering and falling out". Leader says miners deserve a new sense of direction from a new chairman; not a holding operation.

Times: says a MMC report to be published next month is highly critical of NCB efficiency; conclusion welcomed in Downing Street and D/Energy; Paul Routledge says new NUM rule requiring elections would not apply to officials in post; in feature he says what even some of Scargill's supporters fear is that if he does not change NUM will become steadily less powerful at bargaining table and in trade union movement.

FT: says NUM may change its strategy.

Unions/Pay

Halewood

- Production of Ford Escourt at standstill - union claims man sacked for vandalism framed; Malcolm Thornton MP tells man either to own up or see solicitor; cost £8m so far.
- Pressed Steel Fisher threat to Maestro ended.
- ← Sun says many waterworkers claim they have already recovered lost pay through overtime.
- Shirley Williams criticises unions for resistance to change.
- London dockers vote to strike on Monday for pay parity with white collar staff.
- Farm pay up last year 10.7% to average of £106.76.

Economy

- Times says huge borrowing undershoot will help Chancellor's tax cuts.
- Edward Du Cann accuses Government of failing to curb spending.
- North Sea oil companies say they will seek a further price cut if OPEC goes for \$5 reduction.
- Telegraph sees OPEC keeping our Budget on melting pot.
- Labour TUC document says there will be no interference in free collective bargaining and no pay norms, but some form of incomes policy.
- ← Guardian says British investors are sending money abroad in ever increasing quantities.

- Mr Tebbit confirms Government is examining feasibility of offering young unemployed option of 12 months in Armed Forces.
- Christopher Huhne, Guardian, pronounces monetarism dead - we are left with old fashioned deflation and election year trimmings.
- Times says mortgage rate relief may rise to £35,000.

Industry

- Speculation that Sir Alistair Frame stood down because Government was demanding more steel cuts.
- Mail says privatisation likely to feature strongly in manifesto, including Heathrow.
- Mail says a new firm making a spotter plane with full order books can't get enough staff - 50 vacancies notified in Wiltshire.
- Jefferson, B/Telecom, gets 21% pay rise.
- 17 year old appointed marketing manager for computer firm.
- Call for Maestro to be programmed to talk in Welsh.
- FT says Spain appears to be giving way to mounting pressure on car tariffs.

Media

- | ITV bans Newark poultry firm's Buy British advert because it features No 10 and has a voice sounding like you - Mirror: "too political".

Politics

- B/Rail refuses to allow Foot to hold meeting inside Shildon wagon works
- Labour will give firm commitment to Scottish devolution in manifesto.
- Telegraph writes of Euro MEP plague swarming to get selected for Westminster seats.
- Guardian says Tom King is under increasing pressure to stop councils using their official machinery for political propaganda.

Local Authority

- Mail says race relations advisers may be appointed by Lambeth Council to vet books at public libraries - proposal to engage 9 at £9,000 a year.
- Tory controlled Merton Council first LA to scrap school meals.

Health/Welfare

- Consumers' Association reveals massive differences in price of spectacles charged by opticians.
- Private charges in NHS hospitals go up 6½%.
- 4 out of 10 social security claimants stop seeking benefits or reduce claims after being investigated.
- || Malcolm Dean, in Guardian, measures impact on people of 4 years of cuts - housing, education, social security and health.

Defence

- High Court orders end to Greenham Common demo; will be asked by Council today for eviction orders; Mirror: the women say they won't be moved - a political gag.
- Casper Weinberger says Russia is arming faster than ever - especially in space.

Mr Hurd will today initiate moves to ban chemical weapons.

Falklands

- Latin America, backing Argentina's claim, say Islands should be considered in any negotiations.

Northern Ireland

- EuroParliament decides to go ahead with inquiry.
- One protestor shot dead and two UDR part-timers injured in separate attacks after attempted murder of Republican.
- Tory MEPs say you were served badly by being advised to condemn study.

Law and Order

- 3 Asian women found murdered in Birmingham; 3 separate murders in London yesterday.
- Pictures published of body of Helen Smith; father claims they justify new inquiry.

- Press Council attacks Bill which will permit police to seize confidential material belonging to doctors and journalists.
- Royal College of Nursing say rape victims should be examined in hospital rather than at police stations.
- Magistrates claim sentences on violent offenders are ludicrously inadequate.

→ PLO dissident group threatens reprisals against British judges because of Argov case prison sentences.

People

- Pops note that Mark's minders lost him at Heathrow.
- Mirror diary features your "insult" to jobless youngsters who asked you to donate something to auction - a signed photo sent on your behalf

Sport

- MCC's 18,000 members are to vote on proposed tour of South Africa.

International

Zimbabwe: Nkomo flees for his life to Botswana; fears of civil war; Mail says if Nkomo's odyssey should bring him to UK we should not make him unwelcome; Telegraph say he is expected to arrive within days.

Central America: Pope attacks injustice and misery in Haiti.

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Ministers

Mr King launches Royal Institute of British Architects' Festival of Architecture, London.

Mr Fowler speaks at hospital discussion group, St Thomas's Hospital.

Mr Walker opens refrigerated storage and handling of frozen foods seminar, Royal Institute of Mechanical Engineers.

Mr Heseltine lunches with Dr Luns, Secretary General, NATO.

Mr Edwards attends dinner celebrating 25 years of Independent Television in Wales and West Cardiff.

Mrs Chalker visits Durham and Cleveland.

Mr Sproat speaks at National Federation of Site Operators' annual convention at Brighton.

Dr Boyson visits computer exhibition at St George's School, Harrow.

Mr Rossi speaks at Motability 'Fund-a-Car' competition, Midland Hotel, Manchester.

Mr Pattie visits Cossar Ltd, Harlow.

Mr Raison visits British Refugee Council.

Mr Mellor visits Essex fire brigade.

Mr Finsberg speaks at National Scheme for Domestic Services Management, Theobalds Park College, Walton Cross, Herts.

Lord Cockfield departs for trade visit to Oman and Egypt (until 18 March).

Mr Rees visits East Germany for trade promotions and attends Leipzig Trade Fair (until 13 March).

TV/Radio

ITV, 9.30pm - TV Eye examines conditions in El Salvador after the Pope's visit.

BBC 1, 10.20pm - Question Time with Neil Stewart, Des Wilson, Edwina Currie, John Thorne.