

PRIME MINISTER

Announcements are expected on:

Joint Decision.

Pay Review Bodies.

Prime investigation.

£500,000 Severn Barrage Pilot Scheme.

Innovation Linked Investment scheme.

← Pensioners' Christmas bonus.

Roads programme.

Ancient Monuments in Wales.

Welsh Development Agency

● Royal Assent for Energy Bill.

Amendment to Equal Opportunities Act.

Qualification period for Young Workers' Scheme.

Main events:

Scottish Conservative Party Conference, Perth.

2nd European Disarmament Convention opens, West Berlin (until 14th).

"People's March for Jobs" rally, Free Trade Hall, Manchester.

Statistics:

● Provisional figures of vehicle production (April).

MMC report on mergers in food and marketing.

Publications:

Scottish Law Commission report on outdated rules in the law of husband and wife.

White Paper on scientific procedures on living animals.

Parliament:

Commons:

Questions:

Northern Ireland, Prime Minister.

Business:

Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.

Consideration of any Lords Amendments which may be received to the Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (Lords).

Proceedings on the County Courts (penalties for contempt) Bill (Lords).

Motions on the Northern Ireland 1974 (Interim period extension) Order and on the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) Order.

Select
Committees:

PRIVATE BILL COMMITTEES
Ginns and Gutteridge, Leicester (Crematorium) Bill.
British Railways Bill.

PRESS DIGEST

Election

- Gallup gives you 16.5% lead; and you are most popular leader.
- Labour Party agrees manifesto in quick time - virtually same as Left wing campaign document published in March.
- SDP/Libs fail to win equal PPB time.
- TUC challenges claim that economic recovery is under way.
- Conservatives pledge to restore tax cuts blocked by Labour.

D/Star: says its no good Tories saying spending cuts won't damage welfare state or Labour trying to fudge its more controversial commitments or Alliance on the one hand and on the other hand policies.

Sun: Maggie races ahead by whacking 17.5% and Foot dips in leadership stakes; leader says Foot's "shambling" performance on TV about Labour's spending programme was terrifying and had not the remotest idea of cost; doubts whether he could get past 10 without taking off his socks.

Mirror: Devotes its leader to lighthearted attack on Screaming Lord Sutch's party; asks if Sutch is aware that lunatics don't have votes.

Express: concentrates on your big lead "as Labour lurch Left"; Healey admits manifesto could face Labour with difficult choices; leader says if you are buying a house beware of Labour; its assault on mortgage allowances shows Left's deep antagonism to home ownership; its programme should be called "No hope for home buyers".

Mail: leads on Left wins all down the line - Moderates silenced over Labour manifesto; Tory lead grows; Mr Pym says Foot has good reason to be writing letter to Andropov - he will need friends in Kremlin by the time his Administration has finished with Britain's defence.

Leader says Labour Left takes over whereas in all previous elections there has been a compromise on the manifesto; if British public vote for it and win they will not be able to claim they were deceived.

Telegraph: leads on Gallup; leader says economic picture hardly corresponds to Labour's cherished picture of imminent economic collapse.

Guardian: (on back page) - Labour need to match 1945 landslide to win; leader says you can safely stay away from Williamsburg; it is already a missed opportunity; but your presence at Stuttgart is virtually mandatory.

Times: leads on Labour agreeing manifesto at record speed.

FT: leads on reprieve for Budget tax and home loan concessions; Labour first to unveil manifesto; leader says your indecision over going to Williamsburg distressing; you really ought to make up your mind to go.

Your broadcast

- D/Star: page 2 - My Way - we must win back customers - Maggie.
- Sun: Kremlin is watching and hoping for Labour victory.
- Mirror: A frog in her throat - election fever has caught up with you with nasty cold.
- Express: You are fighting a cold; no short cut to jobs - Labour's pledge to create 1m new jobs dishonest.
- Mail: "Maggie - This is my way" - and then proceeds to give a potted version of the points you made.
- Telegraph: you predict rejection of Labour policy.

Policy

- Labour agree manifesto in an hour.
- Government tells Inland Revenue to carry on processing tax changes proposed in Budget but (temporarily) blocked by Labour.
- Roy Jenkins argues that proportional representation would bring a better climate for industry.
- Foot claims there will be a Beeching-style hatchet job on B/Rail with loss of 100,000 jobs if Government returned.
- Students and college lecturers to mount election campaign against education cuts in marginals.
- Telegraph says there will be another debate on death penalty in new Parliament if Conservatives get back.
- Government gives Bristol and Tyneside £250,000 each for sporting ventures.

- Ralph Howell MP, in Telegraph, says that unless we cut public expenditure by £15-20bn - 5-7% of GDP - we will never find answer to unemployment and poverty trap and restore incentive to work.

Politics

- Ken Livingstone barred from Brent East and says he won't go to court.
- Benn tries to get Speaker to rule a Sun telephone poll of his constituency "corrupt"; Sun leader says trust "Little Benn" to make a fool of himself - pathetic twaddle Sun guilty of corruption.
- Ousted Arthur Lewis to stand against Left winger Banks as "official Labour candidate for 38 years".
- Tom McNally, SDP MP, condemns Mirror for its declared support of Labour.
- Michael Heseltine, on LBC, challenges CND to put up candidates; CND to deliver 1.5m leaflets in marginal seats.
- CPSA votes to set up political fund in support of Labour; trade unions generally agree on how to share out £2.25m promised to Labour Party.
- Mail feature on the audience that the NUR failed to deliver yesterday in Central Hall, Westminster, for Foot.
- Stanley Clinton Davies rejected by Hackney South for Left's Brian Sedgemoor. Sedgemoor.
- Gordon Reece called back at end of this week.
- Pravda predicts a Tory defeat.

Unions/Pay

- 6,000 London schoolmasters to strike next week against new ILEA conditions of service.
- CPSA officials to strike for an hour today in protest against Left wing call to reduce their salaries.

- Sir Peter Parker pledges a 7 month B/Rail fares standstill after revealing loss of £174m caused by strikes; another 13,000 redundancies foreshadowed.
- Ian MacGregor says BSC is on course to break even this year.
- Government has ordered NCB to bring production into line with sales and end unprofitable business.
- Cunard buys two cruise liners from Norway.
- Guardian says BNFL and MOD refuse to confirm or deny whether Windscale is stepping up production of weapons grade plutonium for America.

Media

- Mr Muldoon calls a Sun journalist - Royal reporter Harry Arnold - a "rat-bag".

Charity

- RSPCA, which lost £1.5m in 1981 announced £500,000 surplus.

Education

- Nottingham girl banned from O levels because her hair is streaked green.

Defence

- Solzhenitsyn says young supporters of unilateral disarmament are unable to distinguish between good and evil.
- Guardian says Civil Servants face lie detector tests.

Medical/Welfare

- Catholic Bishops want many test tube baby experiments made illegal.
- Telegraph says thousands of women are registering for unemployment, even though they do not qualify for benefit to protect pension rights.
- Guardian says there are 8,000 fewer NHS beds compared with 1979.

Law and Order

- 6 prisoners who escaped at Liphook are recaptured.
- London policeman jailed for sex offences to be questioned about murders of woman and two girls.
- Papsiou says he will try to return again to Britain.

Russia

- Sakharov barred from travelling abroad.

China

- Seeking membership of Antarctic Treaty.

Northern Ireland

- Sergeant's wife dies trying to save him from being shot by IRA.
- Sun discloses existence in Hants of 30-strong police team employed to gather intelligence about the IRA.
- Bishop Daly calls on Ulster voters to spurn men of violence.

Local Authority

- GLC gives money of indirect benefit to DT's firm, Chipmans - £140,000 grant to Fulham FC to rebuild pitch.

Falklands

- Paul Foot, Mirror, returns to Belgrano and asks how much you knew about Peruvian peace treaty.

International

Afghanistan: Telegraph says Russia has switched to open attack on freedom fighters.

EC: No specific rebate arranged for Britain but officials say there is enough in kitty; Guardian leads on report that Kohl is deeply angered by your deliberate ~~snub~~ in threatening to stay away from Stuttgart.

France: 12 hurt in another student riot in Paris; trouble also in Lyon and Cannes.

South Africa: Express leader sees a gleam of light there in vote on constitutional reforms.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES, ETC)

- DES: Sir Keith Joseph visits Preston (until 13 May)
- SO: Mr Younger speaks at Conservative Party Conference, Perth
- DOI: Mr Jenkin visits Scotland
- MOD: Mr Heseltine speaks at Scottish Conservative Party conference, Perth
- DOI: Mr Baker opens Alfred Marks Bureau and speaks on Alvey report at CBI conference, London
- DOI: Mr Butcher opens Telesoftware colloquium, London
- SO: Lord Mansfield opens British Rail shopping development, Aviemore
- MOD: Mr Stewart visits Defence Components Expo 83, Brighton
- DHSS: Mr Finsberg visits Wakefield Health Authority, (all day)
- DHSS: Mr Clarke opens new psycho-geriatric unit, Highlands Hospital, Winchmore Hill, London (11.00 am)
- DES: Mr Waidegrave at Brunel Engineering Centre Trust meeting, (2.30 pm)
- DEM: Mr Gray at launch of mooring platform by Prince Charles, Howard/Doris Yard, Kishorn
- DTP: Mrs Chalker opens annual conference of the Institute of Road Traffic Engineers, Solihull, (10.20 am)
- WO: Mr Roberts speaks at Association of Welsh Health Authorities dinner, Tenby
- HO: Mr Waddington meets Consultancy Committee of Accountancy Bodies on data protection

MAJOR VISITS (INWARD AND OUTWARD)

- MOD: Mr Heseltine visits Canada and US (until 18 May)
- DOT: Dr Vaughan visits Gabon, Cameroon and Congo for Trade talks (until 20 May)
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