

Thursday, 30 June, 1983

PRIME MINISTER

Diary

The Queen reviews the Royal Scots, Holyrood Park.

Prime Minister's reception for Exporters, No 10.

House of Commons debate on resolutions relating to Finance Bill.

House of Commons debate on the White Paper on the Development of Cable Systems and Services.

1922 Committee elections.

EC Parliamentary Assembly, Luxembourg.

Membership of Boundary Commission for Scotland announced.

Henley Regatta opens (until 3 July).

Ballot for Private Members' Bills, House of Commons.

Statistics:

Energy Trends (April).

Unemployment and unfilled vacancies (May-final).

Employment in the production industries (April).

Overtime and short-time working in manufacturing industries (April).

Stoppages of work due to industrial disputes (May).

Publications:

Scottish Development Agency annual report, 1982.

Crofters' Commission annual report.

Annual report of the Ancient Monuments for Scotland.

Education Select Committee report on Northern Ireland.

Employment Gazette published.

ACAS annual report published.

Laying and publication of SI 1983/686: Personal injuries (civilians) Scheme 1983.

24th annual report of the Public Records Office.

Education statistics in Wales.

Parliament
Commons

Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister.

Business: Ways and Means Resolutions relating to the Finance Bill.
Debate on White Paper on the development of Cable Systems and Services.

Motion on the Local Loans (Increase of Limit) Order.
The agreement between HM Government and the tobacco industry concerning the sponsorship of sporting events (Adjournment Debate).

Lords: Parochial Charities (Neighbourhood Trusts) Bill(HC): 2nd reading.
Debate on the expansion of the role of the probation service.

Ministers - see annex

PRESS DIGEST

Mr Pym's Speech

- D/Star: page 4 - Pym's blast for Maggie - made his bid to become leader of Tory Opposition to you. You must show you can represent those who can't stand on their own two feet.
- Sun: page 2 - Pym's warning to Thatcher as he rallies wets.
- Mirror: page 1 - Pym's revenge; he fires back at hurtful Maggie - he did an Anna Ford last night; Terence Lancaster sees him crowned as new King of Tory West.
- Express: page 1 lead - Into battle! Bitter Pym onslaught on Thatcherism - blistering attack; takes over mantle of No 1 danger man.
- Mail: page 1 - Sacked Pym throws down gauntlet - key to challenge is how Government copes with unemployment.
- Telegraph: page 1 - Pym in plea to Premier - use your talents to serve all; strong feeling he will prove more troublesome than other sacked wets.
- Guardian - Pym chides Thatcher over attitude to jobless.
- Guardian: page 1 - Pym puts himself at head of wets - jobs must be first priority he says; established himself as perhaps leader of only effective opposition in new Parliament.

Comment

D/Star: brilliant speech; take note; tell Cabinet to launch massive national programme to fight unemployment.

Politics

- Some Labour MPs send Jim Callaghan to Coventry for "helping to lose election"; he is unrepentant and says unilateralism is now dead.
- Sun leader asks Hattersley, who now rounds on Bennite extremists, why he (and Healey) didn't object to Marxist manifesto during election.
- Hattersley calls for some form of wage restraint.
- Mr Biffen tells Labour that if it fails to pursue moderate, consensus policies public will turn to Alliance.
- Left-wing London Labour Briefing dismisses Kinnock as "preaching careerist" supports Heffer and Meacher.

- Telegraph says Dorney Wood is being allocated to Lord President.

Honours

- D/Star says you have chopped 15 names from Foot's list - only 7 now to be honoured.
- Sun: If Foot believes in abolition of Lords why is he asking for 27 peers? If it is his intention to reward party loyalists with ermine and attendance money he must not get away with it.
- Mirror: Foot's likely lords get chop - Foot on the spot for wanting too many new peers; leader says this is no way to run a Parliament; you have all the powers you need in Commons and you don't need Lords as a poodle; if opposition to you there breaks down it will speed end of Lords as we know it.
- Express: under heading 'Foot's folly in ermine', says there is something quite batty about his request for more than 20 new peers given Labour Party wants to abolish Lords. Day by day Labour becomes more loony.
- Mail: Foot's Lords in waiting - more than 20 Labour veterans on tenterhooks.
- Telegraph says you have ordered inquiry into leak; rehearses large number of candidates from all parties.
- Telegraph leader says you don't need to defend your Lords majority over zealously. No cause for you to feel generous in victory, but something to be said for redeeming sections of Labour Party.

- Times says you have forced Mr Foot to accept your ruling he should nominate only 8 or 9.

Economy

- Chancellor hints that tax cuts may be on way; priorities, says Express, curbing inflation and public spending and cutting taxes.
- Sun says unemployment figures will drop below 3m today - but there will be a political row because of exclusion of schoolleavers.
- West German inflation down to 2.4% - lowest for 4 years.
- Adam Smith Institute blames too much public spending, not too little, for high level of unemployment - Telegraph.
- Telegraph says while industry and services argue whether business is recovering, the City is going full blast raising new money.

Race

- UN conference calls for ban on South Africans from Wimbledon, Henley, Open golf and county cricket; Mr Macfarlane says we support Gleneagles but individual South Africans welcome here.

Industry

- BL wins £7m Singapore order for 200 double-decker buses.
- B/Airways £77m profit. £5m better than predicted; National Bus record profit of £39.5m.
- Petrol to go up another 6p a gallon next week as companies end subsidies; petrol sales picking up for first time since 1979.
- Government should be able to sell part of 75% stake in INMOS by early next year - pre-tax profit of £4.2m announced.
- Tin mining in Cornwall enjoying best success for over 60 years.
- Times says Britain is being ordered to make further steel cutbacks by EuroCommission.
- Asbestos fall out alert from big Ordnance Depot fire in Shropshire.