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An increase in tension in the Gulf causes OPEC to announce an increase in oil prices.

A new poll shows that the Conservative party has hit an all-time low in public esteem.

A General Strike is called, protesting against Margaret Thatcher's attempts to introduce a wages policy.

A lightning dock strike brings industry to a virtual standstill for a week.

Thatcher favourite to lead the Conservatives to another term in government.

European Commission on water standards discovers serious short cuts being taken and declares British water as unfit for hull Import levels hit an all time high.

Balance of Payments record deficit announced.

Exports hit an all time high.

Interest rates increased by the Chancellor to 16% in an effort to combat inflation.

Interest rates cut to 12%

Changes to the calculations of the Money Supply result in an increase in the amount of money circulating in the economy.

Black Friday - The bottom falls out of the market. Thousands are ruined!! Ha ha ha!!

The market jumps sky high!!

Government announces privatisation of the Electricity industry.

The government announces the very real possibility of withdrawal from the EEC.

EEC regulations tightened regarding the manufacture of motor vehicles.

Government set to collapse after its second defeat in the House.

Consumer spending at an all time low.

Thatcher fiercely criticised for privatisation of nuclear power stations.

Argentina launches aggressive attack upon the Falklands. Now in full control of the islands. Thatcher concedes defeat.

Government involvment in the cover up of illegal share deals leads to resignation of the government.

Labour party suffers ignominious defeat at 3 local by-elections.

Government announces compulsory privatisation of all National Health Service facilities.

Poll tax increase of 3% leads to civil disorder throughout the country.

Income tax rate lowered to 18%

VAT increased to 25%

Corporation Tax lowered to 26% for all companies.

Child benefit payments stopped.

Unemployment back up to over 3 million.

Government claims that unemployment is now below 1.5 million.

Increase to defence spending announced.

Increase to Law and Order budget announced.

State of emergency announced in South Africa.

Thatcher visits Moscow. Announces the beginning of a new era of Anglo-Soviet relationships.

Bush and Thatcher argue over the new SALT agreement.

Government announces trade sanctions on South Africa.

News of government proposals to close down the existing shipyards in the North East is leaked. Later confirmed as true by go

Government announces new training schemes to cope with the recent increase in unemployment in the over 40s.

Government introduces scheme designed to encourage employers to take on older staff.

Britain said to be lagging behind the rest of Europe in the use of new technology.

A north sea oil platform is destroyed in fierce winter gales.

A bomb planted by the IRA is discovered and successfully defused at the Conservative Party Headquarters.

The Prime Minister is photographed at a meeting with Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi. Britain condemned by the rest of the w Britain places import restrictions on Japanese consumer goods.

Japan places import levies on all European imports.

France refuses to allow the import of English meat.

Britons accused of murder in Saudi. Britain threatens sanctions if the death sentence is carried out.

Government announces the withdrawal of all American troops and warheads.

America becoming involved in skirmishes with Libya.

Pakistan explodes test nuclear bomb in direct violation of the agreements made with NATO. Pakistan now withdraws from wo Inflation spiralling out of control. The pound is devalued.

New credit regulations introduced by the Chancellor in a bid to counteract the rise in consumer debt.

Government looks set for defeat in General Election.

Gorbachev dies and is replaced by Vostosky, a traditional hard liner.

President Bush assassinated. Dan Quayle replaces him as American President.

The Data Protection Act is amended, the public is no longer allowed access to their personal records.

Government announces massive increase in Environmental budget.

Government bans all products containing CFCs.

Road Tax increased to œ150.

Motorists to be charged for use of motorways.

Alert at Sellafield causes grave doubts about the future of nuclear power in the UK.

British Rail privatisation announced.

British Rail share issue is disastrous.

Electricity share issue is the most successful to date.

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