

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Thatcher was chairing a meeting of Ministers which began at 10.30 a.m. Present were:

The Prime Minister

Home Secretary	S/S for Industry
Chancellor of the Exchequer	S/S for Employment
Lord President	S/S for Trade
S/S for the Environment	Chief Secretary, Treasury
S/S for Energy	S/S for Social Services
Foreign Secretary	Solicitor General

She would take Questions in the House this afternoon.

PNQs RUNNING

Advice from Civil Aviation Authority on DC10 safety implications (Cranley Onslow).

Lobby were invited to attend an unattributable background briefing on the Strasbourg Meeting in the FCO at 11.00 tomorrow to be given by Mr. James and Mr. Nick Fenn (FCO News Department).

MEETING WITH THE TUC

The date of the meeting between the PM and the TUC Economic Committee would be next Monday and would be announced in Questions today. The Secretary of State for Employment, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and possibly the Secretary of State for Industry would probably attend, with other Ministers, as required. A timetable of Government action on Trade Union matters was unlikely to be available next week. The key to the talks would be productivity but not necessarily in a wage negotiation context.

MINISTERS' AND MPS' SALARIES

The PM was expected to consult with colleagues before seeing the Leader of the Opposition. Several options were then open to Government:

- (a) Publication of report plus decision to be announced by Leader of House (Thursday) or
- (b) next week, if PM wished to be present.
- (c) Publication without a decision.

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We gave the following outline travel timetable:

Thursday, 21 June - Leave for Strasbourg

Friday, 22 June - Return from Strasbourg
(evening)

Tuesday, 26 June - Leave for Tokyo

Monday, 2 or
Tuesday, 3 July - Return from Tokyo, via Australia.

INCOMES POLICY

The Lobby were advised to ignore the Guardian story on Incomes Policy as something entirely contrary to Government policy.

HANGING DEBATE

No date had been arranged.

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This morning's briefing was repeated. The Prime Minister took Questions.

STRASBOURG

Members of the Lobby were invited to make contact with Henry James at his hotel in Strasbourg. He reminded them of tomorrow's briefing in the Foreign Office by himself and Nick Fenn.

FORUM FOR ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS

Lobby were told that the forum, described in Questions by the Prime Minister as "wider than the TUC and CBI", had so far been discussed internally and was in embryonic form. No results were likely before the autumn. It was agreed that it might be discussed at the meeting on Monday afternoon between the TUC Economic Committee and the PM. Papers on the subject were being prepared within Departments for Ministerial consideration.

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