

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS:

The PM started a meeting with President Kaunda at 10.30 am, resuming discussions which began last night. Lord Carrington was also present.

The PM will be in London this weekend. On Saturday evening she will attend the Annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall, afterwards the Royal British Legion Remembrance Dinner at the Dorchester Hotel. On Sunday the PM will attend the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph (11.00 am). The PM and Mr Thatcher will then lunch with the Bishop of London, the Rt Reverend Gerald Allison.

WHITE PAPER LIST:

The White Paper List was distributed.

RHODESIA:

Asked whether the meeting with President Kaunda this morning was at the PM's invitation, we said that it was mutually agreed last night that discussions should continue this morning. President Kaunda had had a heavy day yesterday having flown overnight from Zambia, and the Dinner also finished early in the evening because the PM had to go to the House. It therefore made sense to meet again this morning.

Discussions so far with President Kaunda had been friendly and businesslike. He had been given at last night's meetings a progress report on the talks at Lancaster House and had also been brought up-to-date on the legislation before the House.

We made it clear in our discussions with President Kaunda that we were negotiating in a tripartite meeting, not just with one other side. Bishop Muzerewa had moved a very long way and this had to be appreciated.

We said that we thought President Kaunda's presence here in London was helpful. Asked whether it would influence the outcome of the Lancaster House Conference in a favourable way, we said that it would be wise to wait and see. We still hoped that we were near to a settlement and wanted to maintain momentum.

As regards an announcement on the appointment of a Governor, we told correspondents that they were not entitled to assume that negotiations were still continuing with a particular individual. We do not expect an early announcement of the appointment and certainly not before the enabling Bill had received Royal Assent.

ROLLS ROYCE

It would be wrong to expect an early decision this side of the weekend. We knew of no meetings scheduled between Sir Keith Joseph and the NEB or Rolls Royce. However, the Government obviously wanted to see the situation resolved as soon as possible.

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IMMIGRATION:

We said that there was likely to be a statement accompanying the publication of the White Paper on Wednesday 14 November, "Proposals for Revision of Immigration Rules". Almost certainly the statement would be made by the Home Secretary rather than one of his Junior Ministers.

We said that immigration was probably considered at Cabinet yesterday, at least briefly.

BBC "PANORAMA"/IRA:

As in Bernard Ingham's minute to the PM (attached).

PM's SPEECHES:

We would let the Lobby have advance texts, under embargo, of the PM's speech at the Guildhall on 12 November.

PRIME MINISTER

BBC - PANORAMA

This issue arose at this morning's Lobby and I made the following points:-

- the BBC was conducting its own enquiry and clearly must have adequate time to do so;
- you, in the House yesterday, also left the matter with the police and the DPP;
- you remained very concerned about the situation and would hope for a full report at the earliest opportunity.

In response to a direct question from ITN as to whether you wished to modify your remarks in the House, in the light of the statement yesterday, I indicated that you still stood by what you had said.

David Holmes at the BBC approached me later to see if I could elaborate upon my reply to ITN. In reply, I indicated that there were several matters of concern in the Panorama filming, even if it were not a put-up job. Not the least of these were that the filming took place and, of course, the ability of the IRA to operate so openly for a time.

B. INGHAM

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