

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

A meeting of Ministers lasting an hour beginning at 0945 included the Chancellor, the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of State for Trade and the Secretary of State for Industry.

At 1045 a meeting of the Overseas and Defence Policy Committee began, at which the following were present:-

The Prime Minister

Home Secretary	Foreign Secretary
Chancellor of the Exchequer	S/S for Defence
Lord Privy Seal	S/S for Trade
S/S for Northern Ireland	Lord Chancellor
Attorney General.	

There would be another meeting of Ministers this afternoon at 1600 and this evening the Prime Minister would be seeing at 1830 the officers, regional secretaries and chairmen of the Young Conservatives. This was an annual event and more details could be obtained from Conservative Central Office.

LEGISLATION PROGRAMME

The following Bills would be nodded for next Monday, 22 October when the House reassembled and publication of them would quickly follow thereafter:-

- . Shipbuilding
- . Industry
- . Isle of Man
- Insurance Companies
- Consular Fees (Amendment)
- European Communities (Enlargement)

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

In confirming details for the Prime Minister's visit to Luxembourg, we said that Mrs. Thatcher would be making major speeches on three occasions this autumn as follows:-

Luxembourg - 18 October:
 Churchill Memorial Lecture (EEC Topics);
 Lord Mayor's Banquet, 12 November where traditionally the Prime Minister dealt with major foreign affairs themes;
 North America in December, when the theme was likely to be of an economic nature - details, timing and location still to be announced.

LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 4.00 date: 17.10.79

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This morning's briefing was repeated.

ADDITIONAL POINTS

At 1600 the Prime Minister met: the Home Secretary;
Chancellor of the Exchequer;
S/S for Industry;
S/S for Wales;
S/S for Employment;
S/S for Trade;
S/S for Energy;
S/S for Social Services;
Min. for Agriculture;
Chief Secretary to the Treasury;
Min./State; D/Env. (Tom King); and
Min./State, Scottish Office (Earl Mansfield)

In reply to Lobby questions our guidance was that this meeting covered the economy generally. Several subjects were discussed, but not public expenditure or staff cuts.

SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Mr. Botha has brought a message from the South African Prime Minister for Mrs. Thatcher: accordingly Lord Carrington would be bringing Mr. Botha over to Downing Street for a few minutes at about 1800. (The Foreign Secretary and Mr. Botha were to meet at 1700).

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