

P.P.B.



10 DOWNING STREET

MR. GOW

MR. HOWE

You ought to be aware
of the attached. Could you
please have your advice ready
when the topic is raised.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

5 February 1981

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Gow
Mr. Howe

The Chairman rang me today to say that he and what he describes as "his advisers" are very anxious that you should make a Party Political Broadcast. He wanted 4 March; that is the day of the St. Lawrence Jewry speech and two days after your return from America. The next proposal was Wednesday 1 April and I attach a diary for that week as well as the week before and the week after. Naturally I told the Chairman that it was a very bad week (although it could be worse) and told him under no circumstances to commit you to anything until he had spoken to you at his weekly meeting on Monday. This he proposes to do, so this minute is for information only.

Week before Budget →

Central Council Saty before

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5 February 1981

Monday 23 March - Tuesday 24 March

European Council - The Hague

Wednesday 25 March

0830 Hair
K/f for Statement
Lunch in flat
1530 Statement
1730 Chancellor of the Exchequer
K/f for speech

Thursday 26 March

0930 Messrs. Gow, Howe, Ingham & Sanders
1030 Cabinet
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 Questions
Evening K/f for speech

Friday 27 March

0930 Media
To Cardiff +DT

Saturday 28 March

1200 Central Council Meeting Cardiff +DT
Address Conference

Sunday 29 March

1930 Dinner: Sir Hector & Lady Laing +DT

Monday 30 March

0830 Hair
1000 Media
1015 Chief Whip
1045-1115 Chief Whip, Home Secretary and Chairman
1200 or after Talks
lunch Lunch in honour of President Koyo of Panama No.10
1830 Reception: Centenary of Royal National Mission
to Deep Sea Fishermen +DT

Tuesday 31 March

0915 Messrs. Gow, Howe, Ingham and Sanders
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 Questions
? Look in at St. Joseph's Hospice Reception to launch
International Conference on Human Value

Wednesday 1 April

1200 General chat with Regional Editors
1300 Lunch for Junior Ministers
1730 Chancellor of the Exchequer

Thursday 2 April

0830 Hair
0930 Messrs. Gow, Howe, Ingham and Sanders
1030 Cabinet
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing No.10
1515 Questions H/C
Dine and sleep +DT Windsor

Friday 3 April

0930 Media
1200 Patricia Hodgson for Womens Conference Speech
1500 Depart London
1600 Open new editorial offices of Hendon Times, 71 Church
Road, Hendon, NW4
1730 Surgery
2000 Central and West Branches Social Evening - Friern
Barnet Town Hall, N11
Afterwards? To Chequers?

Monday 6 April

0830 Hair
1000 Media
1015 Chief Whip
1045 Chief Whip, Home Secretary & Chairman
1200 Talks
Lunch for Prime Minister of Peru
1830 Reception for the Media No.10
K/f for Diplomatic Writers Speech

Tuesday 7 April

0915 Messrs. Gow, Howe, Ingham and Sanders
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 Questions
Annual Dinner of Ross McWhirter Foundation - Skinners Hal

Wednesday 8 April

0830 Dentist
0930 K/f for Diplomatic Writers speech
1730 Chancellor of the Exchequer
Dinner: Defence and Diplomatic Writers Association
Speech

Thursday 9 April

0830 Hair
0930 Messrs. Gow, Howe, Ingham and Sanders
1030 Cabinet
1300 Lunch and Questions Briefing No.10
1515 Questions H/C

Friday 10 April

Open new GEC factory at Neston