

Parliament

PRIME MINISTER

Parliamentary Affairs

The business is not yet finalised, but my latest information is that the business managers have decided to accommodate Opposition demands for a debate on outbreaks of civil violence, and expect to offer next Thursday. This will provide an opportunity for the Home Secretary to report on these matters generally.

The Chancellor of the Duchy may also wish to tell colleagues what he has in mind about debates on the Brandt Commission Report and on BBC External Services.

You will also want to alert your colleagues to the arrangements for the humble Address to The Queen on the occasion of the marriage of the Prince of Wales. For reasons which are explained in a note elsewhere in the box, this will now have to be moved in the House on either Thursday, 16 July or (if you decide not to make an out-of-town visit) on Friday, 17 July. The Address will be presented at the Palace by a delegation of seven, probably comprising yourself, the Home Secretary, the Leader of the House; the Leader of the Opposition plus one; Mr. Steel; and the Speaker. The presentation will take place at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, 23 July, and Cabinet that day will therefore start at 11.00 a.m.

(SIGNED) M.A.P.

External Services

24 July

Concluding Address

8 July 1981