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PRIME MINISTER

MEDIA MEETING - APRIL 12, 1983

A G E N D A

1. The week ahead.
2. Broadcasting for the week.
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THIS WEEK - HIGHLIGHTS

We have in prospect probably the quietest week of any Parliamentary return in your Government. This will fuel stories that the Government is running out of steam. Leave aside the Middle East breakdown there is really not much that is very newsworthy. So beware.

The outstanding events are:

- Garret Fitzgerald starts meetings on his forum for a new Ireland - today
- Inauguration of "Britain salutes New York" festival (with prospect of Noraid reprisals) - Wednesday;
- Chancellor Kohl meets President Reagan - Thursday;
- Your IRN broadcast (20 minutes) - Thursday;
- Your meeting with Conservative candidates - Friday; probably one of the politically most newsworthy events;
- Bishop of Liverpool starts visit to Argentine - Friday.

There are Conservative Party political broadcasts on Wednesday.

Details:

International

- European Parliament (future financing of EC (Wednesday)); and lead in petrol (Thursday).)

Parliament

- Debates closed shop agreements (Wednesday) and Finance Bill (Thursday).

Industry

- Today the Ford 3-man inquiry starts work on Halewood dispute; BL/unions discuss Maestro strike; and BSC/ISTC discuss strike in S.Yorkshire.

Pay

- POEU (tomorrow); and teachers (E & W) (Friday).

Economic indicators

- Vehicle production - tomorrow;
- CGBR - Wednesday;
- Money supply - Thursday;
- Index of Industrial Production and steel production - Friday.

Law and Order

- Government reply to Home Affairs Select Committee report on Miscarriage of Justice; Police Complaints Board annual report and triennial report on work of Police Complaints Board - all Wednesday;
- Magistrates hear case against Downing St CND campaigners - Friday.

Ministers

- Chancellor at Conservative Party study forum (today) and Westminster Chamber of Commerce (Tuesday);
- Mr Lawson on Panorama (also Scargill) on future of coal industry (tonight);
- Mr Tebbit at Select Committee on Employment (on work of employment group) (Wednesday); and in Sheffield (Thursday); and Leeds and Keighley (Friday).

BROADCASTING

MONDAY, 11 APRIL

BBC 1 8.10pm Panorama: Future of Britain's coal industry - interviews with Nigel Lawson and Arthur Scargill; Report on fighting in Angola.

ITV 8.30pm World in Action: Harvest Gold: Britain's grain mountain and how farmers grow rich exploiting Government and EC subsidies. John Silkin and Richard Body interviewed.

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL

ITV 6.45pm Reporting London: Looks at the London Marathon and the 16 lost rivers of London. Live interview of topical interest - subject/interviewee not known.

Radio 4 8.05pm File of 4: Looks at world banking.

Channel 4 10.50pm Black on Black: Live debate from Merseyside on Government measures to reduce unemployment.

WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL

BBC 1 9.00pm)
ITV 10.00pm)
BBC 2 10.30pm) Party Political Broadcast: Conservative Party

Channel 4 10.30pm Twenty/Twenty Vision: Punters: Interview with five men who pay for sex.

THURSDAY, 14 APRIL

ITV 9.30pm TV Eye: Details will not be known until Monday.

BBC 2 10.20pm Question Time: With David Blunket, Leader of Sheffield Council; Rt Hon Edward du Cann; Andrew Knight, Editor, Economist; Sue Slipman, trade unionist.

Channel 4 11.15pm What the Papers Say: Gus Macdonald, Granada TV looks at the week's press.

FRIDAY, 15 APRIL

Radio 4 8.30pm Any Questions ?: From St Helens, Merseyside. Guests are Rt Hon Roy Hattersley; John Fitzpatrick; Margaret Simey and Eldon Griffiths, MP

LWT 10.30pm The London Programme: Looks at the "People's Republic of Islington".