

THIS WEEK - HIGHLIGHTS

With Parliament back, and agog to see how Mr Kinnock performs, it would have been a very busy week without the Lebanon and Grenada and the intensified discussion about the deployment of Cruise missiles.

The main action is in and around the House, with a strong law and order content.

Main events are:

- New Labour Shadow Cabinet (Wednesday); new Chief Whip (tomorrow); Islington by-elections (Thursday);
- NHS debate (Wednesday); statement on Griffiths report on NHS management (tomorrow);
- Trade Union Bill (Wednesday);
- Police and Criminal Evidence Bill (Thursday) with White Papers on police complaints procedure and independent prosecution service;
- Neilsen trial opens at Old Bailey (today);
- Prevention of Terrorism Bill second reading (today); Metropolitan Commissioner on terrorism at Euro-Atlantic Group (tonight);
- Statement on possible land storage sites for nuclear waste (tomorrow);
- Booker prize (Wednesday).

Other events:

Law and Order:

- Home Secretary's speeches to prison visitors (today); Howard League (Wednesday);
- Central Conference of Chief Constables (Thursday).

Parliament:

- Debates on disposal of BGC's offshore assets (tomorrow); Civil Defence regulations (Thursday); Civil Service (Friday);
- Publication of Shipbuilding Industry Bill (tomorrow).

Statements/Reports:

- Statements on Maze escape (today); B/Rail chairman's brief (today);
- Reports from DES (today); NERC (Wednesday); Ombudsman (Thursday);
- Inquiry into dispute between LT and Association of Minibus Operators (Wednesday).

Industry/Unions:

- CBI/BIM publish survey on British management and recession (tomorrow); CBI launches survey of wholesale and retail sectors (Thursday);
- TUC meets Sogat '82 on row over Fleet Street electricians (today);
- TUC General Council (Wednesday);
- Shipbuilding unions' delegate conference on B/Shipbuilders' survival plan (Friday);
- Dunlop Board meets (Friday).

Pay:

- Mr Jenkin meets LACSAB (today);
- Local Authority white collar (Thursday);
- Ford (Friday).

Economic Indicators:

- New vehicle registrations (tomorrow);
- balance of payments and trade figures (Wednesday);
- strike figures (Wednesday for Thursday);
- travel and tourism (Thursday).

International:

- OPEC long term strategy meeting, Vienna (Friday);
- Government reply to Defence Select Committee report on Falkland Islands (today);
- General elections: Zambia (Thursday); Swaziland (Friday).

European Community

- Councils - Finance (today); Research and Internal Market (Wednesday);
- Euro-Parliament (all week);
- EC Economic and Social Committee, Brussels (Tuesday-Thursday).

Monday, October 24

BROADCASTING

BBC 1	5.40pm	<u>Sixty Minutes</u> : the first edition of the new early evening news programme covering both national and regional news to be broadcast daily.
BBC 1	8.10pm	<u>Panorama</u> : The use of supergrasses in N. Ireland.
ITV	8.30pm	<u>World in Action</u> : Says US Defence Advisers are really pro-arms expansion and anti-SALT.
Channel 4	9.00pm	<u>The Arabs</u> : Close-up on the development of Cairo.
BBC 2	9.25pm	<u>Horizon</u> : 'The Cruel Choice' - an examination into whether experiments on animals are essential or useful for scientific/medical progress.
Radio 4	10.30pm	<u>Science Now</u> : A weekly review of scientific developments.

Tuesday, October 25

ITV	1.30pm	<u>A Plus</u> : The story of 3 women who have between them spent 125 years in Brockhall mental hospital.
BBC 1	3.25pm	<u>Ten Million People</u> : 'Life on a Pension' - the first of 5 programmes on Britain's elderly population.
Channel 4	6.30pm	<u>Utopia Limited</u> : Asks why, if there is enough food to feed the world, so many go hungry.
ITV	6.55pm	<u>Reporting London</u> : B/Rail "charm school" or HMI report on Sutton schools.
Radio 4	7.50pm	<u>File on 4</u> : Disarmament/CND.
ITV	10.30pm	<u>Healing the Wounds</u> : Features Dr John Robb and the ideas of the Northern Ireland Group - "a possible way out of the blood-letting" in the Province.

Wednesday, October 26

Channel 4	7.50pm	<u>Comment</u> : A Liberal MP (as yet unnamed).
Channel 4	8.30pm	<u>Twenty Twenty Vision</u> : 'The Scramble for Cable' - looks at the future for cable television.
BBC 1	9.30pm	<u>Rough Justice</u> : The second of a new series looks at evidence that a woman may have been wrongly imprisoned for murdering her 14 year old son.
Channel 4	10.00pm	<u>Opinions</u> : Tony Benn asks why there is such hostility to Marx's ideas in Britain today.

Thursday, October 27

BBC 2	7.10pm	<u>Open Space</u> : Peter Tatchell describes his experiences standing as MP for Bermondsey.
ITV	9.30pm	<u>TV Eye</u> : not yet finalised.
Channel 4	9.30pm	<u>The Nation's Health</u> : The difficulties of trying to get released from mental hospital.
BBC 2	9.30pm	<u>A Week of Sweet Water</u> : The story of 2 people trying to grow enough food to live in the Sahara.
BBC 1	9.50pm	<u>Question Time</u> : Panel includes John Selwyn Gummer, Ken Livingstone and Sir Clive Sinclair.
Channel 4	11.10pm	<u>What the Papers Say</u> : The Observer's Simon Hoggart reviews how the news was reported over the last seven days.

Friday, October 28

Radio 4	11.00am	<u>Pulling the Purse Strings</u> : The work of British overseas aid agencies in Africa and how their supporters are seen from the recipients' point of view.
BBC 2	7.50pm	<u>The Horizon Lecture</u> : Test-tube baby pioneer, Dr Robert Edwards, reflects on changes in attitude to invitro fertilization.
Radio 4	8.30pm	<u>Any Questions?</u> : Panel includes Timothy Raison and Lord Wilson. Questions will cover Third World matters only.
Channel 4	8.30pm	<u>A Week in Politics</u> : Peter Jay takes a fresh look at the political events of the week.
Channel 4	10.30pm	<u>Follow the Nation's Health</u> : Discussion on the state of mental health care in the UK.
ITV	10.30pm	<u>The London Programme</u> : Assessment of health care in London in the light of cuts.

Main Events:

New Parliamentary Session begins.

You meet Prime Minister of Tuvalu.

Second Reading of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill, House of Commons.

Home Secretary's speech at Prison Boards of Visitors' annual conference.

EC Finance Council, Luxembourg.

European Parliament meets, Strasbourg (until 28th).

Mr Jenkin meets LACSAB for talks on local government pay issues.

TUC "inner cabinet" meets leaders of SOGAT '82.

Dennis Nielsen trial opens, Old Bailey.

United Nations Day.

Duke of Edinburgh opens 22nd conference of British Commonwealth ex-Services League, Windsor Castle.

Prince and Princess of Wales attend performance of "Hay Fever", Queen's Theatre, in aid of Leukaemia Research Fund.

Fire Safety Week begins.

"16-18 Action Plan" conference opens, Glasgow.

Hong Kong industrial trade fair opens.

Statements:

Mr Prior's statement to the House of Commons on the Maze Prison Escape.
Mr Ridley's statement to the House of Commons on the remit of the Chairman of British Rail.

Publications:

Government response to Defence Select Committee Report on the Falkland Islands published.

Annual Report of the Department of Education and Science, 1982.

"Employers' Guide to the Cockcroft report on mathematics".

Working Party reports on disposal of spoil from NE Leicestershire coalfield.

Shirley Institute report on the flammability of nurses' uniforms.

Parliament
Commons:

Questions: Transport, Overseas Development Administration.

- Business: Second reading of the Prevention of Terrorism Bill.
- Lords: Business Motion on the Data Protection Bill (HL).
Second reading of Foster Children (Scotland) Bill (HL)
(Consolidation).
Report stage of Data Protection Bill (HL).
Motion for approval of Code of Local Government Audit Practice
for England and Wales 1983.
- Ministers - see Annex

PRESS DIGEST

Beirut Bombing

- Makes all front pages - D/Star "Bloody Savages"; Sun "Slaughter of the Peace Army"; Mail, pressure on Britain to withdraw - or step up number of troops in MNF - increases; Labour MPs will call for our withdrawal and handover to UN.
- Up to 200 killed. USA claims Iranian fanatics may have been responsible for suicide attack but pro-Syria group claims responsibility; USA will respond when perpetrators identified.
- President Reagan breaks holiday weekend to return to Washington - says they must be more determined than ever to ensure that part of world is not take over.
- French Defence Minister speaks of abominable attack against France and preace; echoes US pledge to keep forces there.
- Complete security review of British army base carried out after outrages; no hasty UK reaction - Mr Luce. Sir Anthony Kershaw says next time it could be ours - they ought to be taken out. Denis Healey says you should consider unilateral withdrawal.
- Enoch Powell says there is no justification for our troops being there.
- FT says Cheysson hints at withdrawal.

Comment

D/Star under heading "A proper peace or pull us out", says the carnage shows just how deadly dangerous peacekeeping is in Lebanon. British troops have so far escaped worst. We must be very careful not to be pulled into another Vietnam. If it is impossible to keep the peace we must pull out. Russia and rest of UN must be prepared to back a peacekeeping force before we even consider further involvement.

Sun says soldiers were sent to Lebanon with no thought of national gain; they were to hold the line for civilisation. Idea of withdrawal is tempting but must be resisted. Would simply open door to even greater slaughter and chaos in vital area of world.

Express says best response is to count slowly to 10 and then do it again. Peacekeepers' role has not been invalidated by this hideous event. Western interests would be damaged by withdrawal. Not a time to desert our allies.

Mail - Many criticisms may fairly be made of Reagan Administration's foreign policy but one charge cannot be sustained against it under Reagan - shirking international responsibilities. They have not retreated into Fortress America. They do more than their share.

Telegraph says to hold back Syrian-Soviet expansionism is a valid objective but not a sufficient one. If US and France are to stay, it will be necessary to adduce more precisely what they are fighting for.

Guardian - This is not now, in any traditional form, a peacekeeping role. Root of problem is what do Western 4 mean by peacekeeping. If it is not keeping but imposing do we have the manpower or objectives to make it stick? There must now be a strategy.

Times - no less shocking for being predictable. It is now impossible politically to pull out the MNF. West must not abandon effort to secure a negotiated settlement. What has happened is a test of Western nerves and statesmanship.

Grenada

- HMS destroyer Antrim on way to island as precautionary measure.
- 13 Nation Caribbean Community suspends Grenada and decides to impose economic and political sanctions.

Defence

- = More than 2 million said to have demonstrated in Western Europe against Cruise and Pershing.
- News that Cruise missiles will be operational by Christmas and arrive soon, overshadows 200-250,000 demonstration on Saturday - Guardian says MOD may change missile arrival programme as a result of publicity.
- Callaghan says deployment of Cruise will lead to greater tension; Russians will make counter response; Mrs Ruddock says CND will lie down in front of deployment vehicles.
- Mirror says over 1m people demonstrated throughout West Europe - probably biggest ever demo in support of wrong argument aimed at false target. CND has slipped into mistake of believing Americans and Russians are equally bad or mad, or both. NATO is our nuclear defence. Protests were a lost weekend. Were they to be otherwise they would be dangerous.
- Press Council upholds complaint by Northern Friends Peace Board CND sympathisers, against Sun which said they had allowed themselves to be duped by Russia with expenses-paid trip to Moscow - may be OK in leader but out of place in news report.
- Guardian worries about likely war censorship on basis of rules being tried out on Rhine exercise.
- FT writer attacks Thatcher/Mitterrand ^{position} on British and French independent deterrents. West needs progress on arms control, not as a favour to Russians; much to be gained by volunteering a demonstration of good will.

Economy

- Youthaid, independent charity, says half 18 year olds can't get a job and quarter those under 25 are unemployed.
- Paul Neild, stockbroker, claims Chancellor's aim of zero inflation would push up number of jobless to 4.5m.
- Norman Fowler emerges victor in public expenditure review - no cut in unemployment benefit next year; Telegraph leader says there is scope for genuine debate in Tory Party on public expenditure v taxation; Times says Treasury is now seeking £400m cuts in energy industries - higher prices next year.
- Telegraph says October Building Society receipts will exceed £1bn - a record; National Savings did very well in September.
- David Owen advocates a Ministry of Competition as part of plan to make present economic framework less rigid.
- Benefits for unemployed in Britain are lower proportion of earnings than in any other Western country and have fallen over last 10 years.

Industry

- Workers at Campbelltown shipyard pledge to work through holidays if necessary to help win orders.
- Ian MacGregor tells miners 5.2% is final - main impact of overtime ban will be felt by miners themselves; Guardian thinks he has thrown down gauntlet - he says it is an enormously generous offer.
- BL claims it could be put out of business by EC attempt to bring new car prices into line; we are virtually only country with (10%) car tax.
- B/Telecom row could widen today if it decides to sack 19 recalcitrant engineers.
- Billingham up in arms about prospect of old mine there being used to dump nuclear waste.
- Lotus back in black.
- Mr Walker asking local authorities to cut energy bills by £100m a year as he launches new "Save It" drive.
- Frozen vegetable sales up 50% in last 4 years.
- World airlines face another 2 or 3 years of losses - IATA.

- Clifford German, in Telegraph. on management buy-outs, says it is a sharp commentary on those who seem to be able to perform miracles when motivated by personal reward which they seemed incapable of when merely doing a job.

Labour Law

- Sun, commenting on judgement in Mercury case, says it shows Tebbit's law is not working. If this is not a political action it is difficult to see what is. Tom King must produce new law.
- Institute of Economic Affairs criticism of new trade union Bill for not facilitating transfer from one union to another and for not dealing with strikes in essential services.

Unions/Pay

- Railway guards strike over disciplining of guard for assaulting passenger over.
- Shell's 5 oil sites to decide whether to strike today over 4.5% pay offer.

Health

- D/Star and others says thousands of Civil Servants will lose their jobs if Government accepts Griffiths report to be published tomorrow.
- Cut price dialysis being offered by British Kidney Patient Association. BMJ says shortages are forcing barbaric choices on doctors.

- Mail gives warning against dangers of health foods.
- Guardian says Britain spends less than other comparable countries on health administration.

Education

- Catholic schools in England and Wales told by Church's education council to stop caning children.
- DBS appeals to 25,000 employers to help make youngsters numerate - possibly unprecedented, but FT says it deserves managers' attention.

Law and Order

- Parliamentary row expected tomorrow over judge's ban on sex allegation against MP.
- Woman's body found in Suffolk may be wife of Essex doctor.
- D/Star regrets that it will be 18 months before rules change and violent criminals can be sure of 20 year sentences.
- Sun says Mr Brittan is to give go ahead for 3 new prisons.
- Police evidence to be tape-recorded under Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.
- Janet Fookes MP seeking ban on import of American fighting dogs after weekend revelation about trade.
- Andrew Alexander, Mail, in attack on race relations industry - "Holy Inquisition of CRE" - says prospect of being accused of racism crows even you.
- Woman, 35, attacked by 3 black youths in Brixton raped and has skull and nose fractured.
- Heroin worth £3.5m on street seized from Asians at Heathrow.
- Eight antique clocks stolen from Houses of Parliament.
- Guardian, on parole policy, says to indicate to lifers that they are on their way to release and then to renege out of servility to you and party conference is not way to run a civilised penal system.

Local Authority

- Southwark Council's £1,000 a day bill for billeting tower block tenants in hotel while asbestos is cleared.

Northern Ireland

- Official Unionist Party wants charges brought against 19 recaptured Maze escapees; and 3 warders to be disciplined.
- IRA has links with gang mass producing British £20 notes.

Leaks

- Sun says Buckingham Palace staff have been warned not to leak or face loss of pensions, some say this is illegal.

International

USA - man who burst into Georgia golf course and took 7 hostages, charged with kidnapping and threatening President Reagan's life.

Australia - Bjelke-Petersen back in power in Queensland in spite of rout of Liberal Party.

Gulf - Iraq claims to have mined Iranian port.

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Ministers:

Mr Heseltine meets Italian Defence Minister and Australian Chief of the General Staff.

Mr Jenkin presents silver medal awards for the United Nations Environmental Programme.

Mr Lawson attends EC Finance Council, Luxembourg.

Mr Lee visits Devonport dockyard.

Mr Clarke speaks at MIND annual conference, Kensington.

Mr Patten attends British Sugar Bureau dinner, Park Lane.

Mr Buchanan-Smith speaks to Federation of European Petroleum and Gas Appliance Manufacturers, Brighton.

Sir George Young attends launch of Association of Community Technical Aids Centres, London.

Mr Hurd visits Crime Prevention Centre and Police HQ, Staffordshire.

Mr Stewart opens "16-18 Action Plan" conference, Glasgow.

Mr Baker speaks at BP Oil's competition prize-giving, Reading.

Mr Trippier speaks at opening of insurance seminar, Manchester, and at small firms seminar, Norwich Chamber of Trade.

Mr Mitchell meets the Air Transport Operators Association.

Mr Luce visits USA.