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PRIME MINISTER

THIS WEEK - HIGHLIGHTS

The major event this week is, of course, the Autumn Statement on Thursday. Otherwise international affairs are likely to have more significance than domestic events in view of:

- Reagan's return from South Korea;
- Your speech to the Lord Mayor's Banquet (and the Yugoslav Prime Minister's visit on Wednesday);
- Foreign Secretary's speech to the Royal Commonwealth Society (today);
- Resumption of Hong Kong talks in Peking (today);
- UN General Assembly vote on Falklands (tomorrow);
- OPEC Ministerial strategy meeting in London (from tomorrow);
- Organisation of American States meets (all week);
- SDP, FDP and "Green" Party conferences in West Germany on Pershing deployment (Friday and weekend).

Tension at Greenham Common will also mount this week.

Other highlights:

European Community

- Finance and Agriculture Councils (today and tomorrow);
- EuroParliament (all week);
- Sports Ministers meet on football violence (Wednesday and Thursday).

Parliament/Politics

- FT 2-day conference on the Second Thatcher Government (Messrs Walker tomorrow and King and Fowler on Wednesday);
- Commons debate cuts in home improvement grants and new milk regulations (Wednesday);
- 2nd reading Coal Industry Bill (tomorrow) gives chance for row over gas and electricity price rises;
- 2nd reading of Televising of Parliament Bill (Friday).

Law and Order

- Lords debate crimes of violence (tomorrow);
- Policy Studies Institute report on Metropolitan Police and policing London (Friday).

Economic Indicators

- Industrial production; retail sales (today);
- Average earnings; PSBR - new series (Wednesday);
- GDP (3rd qtr); manufacturers' and service capital spending and stocks (Thursday);
- Cyclical indicators (Friday).

Pay

- Ford (today); bakers (Thursday).

Ministers

- Mr Jenkin at Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Thursday).

Media

- Sir Douglas Wass second Reith Lecture - Wednesday, 7.45pm, BBC Radio 4;
- Your interview for BBC 2 TV programme on Palace of Westminster - Thursday, 9.30pm.

Others

- Your visit to enthronement of Archbishop of York (Friday);
- Beaujolais Nouveau race (tomorrow).

BROADCASTING

Monday, November 14

BBC 1	8.10pm	<u>Panorama</u> : The war between Europe and American manufacturers to sell the next generation airliners. Will the European Airbus go ahead?
ITV	8.30pm	<u>World in Action</u> : Report on present US foreign policy and its likely effects on Presidential Election next year.
Radio 4	9.15pm	<u>The Lord Mayor's Banquet</u> : Relay of major speeches at the Banquet.
Radio 3	9.30pm	<u>Parliament and the Making of Law</u> : Lord Hailsham discusses legal issues with Lord McCluskey and Sir Idwell Pugh, Sir Patrick Neill.

Tuesday, November 15

BBC 1	3.25pm	<u>Ten Million People</u> : Considers the increasing problems of dependent elderly people and the strains they impose on their families.
Channel 4	6.30pm	<u>Utopia Limited</u> : Study of the way Sri Lanka is coping with the problem of diminishing food supplies.
Radio 4	7.50pm	<u>File on 4</u> : Investigation of prison overcrowding and its effects on the holding of prisoners on remand.
BBC 2	8.00pm	<u>Brass Tacks Report</u> : Examination of the £300m pa slimming industry in the UK.
BBC 1	10.20pm	<u>Out of Court</u> : A weekly look at law and order
ITV	10.30pm	<u>Nicaragua: A Nation's Right to Life</u> : John Pilger report on whether Nicaragua can survive surrounded by US troops and allies.

Wednesday, November 16

Radio 4	7.45pm	<u>The Reith Lectures</u> : "Cabinet: Directorate and Directory" - 2nd of six talks by Sir Douglas Wass on government and the governed.
Channel 4	7.50pm	<u>Comment</u> : A Conservative MP - yet to be named
Channel 4	8.30pm	<u>20/20 Vision</u> : "The Quiet Crisis" shows the increasing problems of children looking after their elderly parents.

BBC 1 9.25pm QED: Study of the polygraph (lie detector) at use in US and how it may be used in Britain in the future in the field of national security.

Thursday, November 17

BBC 2 7.05pm Open Space: "Falkland Sound to Plymouth Sound" - a play based on the experiences of a naval officer killed aboard HMS Glamorgan.

BBC 2 8.30pm Global Report: "The Nuclear Lagoon" focusses on Kwajalein Atoll in the Pacific which surrounds the world's largest lagoon - a target area for US missiles - and the effects of the missiles on the local people.

BBC 2 9.30pm The Great Palace: The Story of Parliament: The third of eight programmes looking behind the doors of Westminster and Parliament.

BBC 1 10.15pm Question Time: Panel includes Paddy Ashdown MP, George Walden MP, Anne Clwyd MP and Bernard Levin.

Channel 4 11.40pm What the Papers Say: Harold Evans takes a critical look at the past week's papers.

Friday, November 18

Radio 4 8.30pm Any Questions: Panel includes Roy Hattersley, John Biggs-Davidson, Claire Brooks and Tim Coogan. From Northern Ireland.

Channel 4 8.30pm A Week in Politics: Peter Jay takes a fresh look at British politics over the last week.

Radio 3 9.20pm Third Opinion: In New York economist, Peter Oppenheimer, talks to Sir Donald Maitland about the world economy.

BBC 2 10.15pm The Light of Experience: US writer Jim Garrison explains his fight against nuclear weapons and war, and mis-information put out by pro-nuclear propagandists.

ITV 10.30pm The London Programme: How can the police catch London rapists?

Channel 4 10.30pm Picture of Health: "A Bit of Class" shows how social inequality affects health. Set in London's East End.

MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh begin State Visit to Bangladesh (until 17 Nov)

Prince of Wales' birthday

Prime Minister's speech at the Lord Mayor's Banquet, Guildhall

6th round of Sino-British talks on the future of Hong Kong begin, Peking (until 15 Nov)

UN General Assembly debate on the Falkland Islands (until 15 Nov.)

Lebanon National Reconciliation conference resumes, Geneva

Organisation of American States General Assembly opens (until 19 Nov.)

EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (until 15 Nov)

EC Finance Council, Brussels

EC part-session of European Parliament, Strasbourg (until 18 Nov)

Second reading of the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill, House of Commons

Sir Joshua Hassan speaks at Chatham House on "The Prospects for Gibraltar"

Greenham Common women appear at Newbury magistrates' court to face criminal damage charges

Shell oil tanker drivers' overtime ban begins.

Launch of CAD/CAM (computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacture) mobile demonstration unit

Organisation for International Economic Relations conference on "The World Recovery 1983/84" opens, Budapest (until 15 Nov)

"Women in Politics" (300 Group) Nancy Astor Day

STATISTICS

CSO: Index of industrial production (Sept)

DTI: Retail sales (Oct-prov)

PUBLICATIONS

DHSS: "Fire Safety in Health Care Premises"; Hospital Technical Memorandum (1530)

PAY

Ford Motor Co/union manuals; (48,000); resumption of negotiations; settlement date 30.11.83

Parliament

Commons

Questions: Attorney General; ODA.

Business: Second Reading of the Education (Grants and Awards) Bill.
The Road network in the West Midlands (Adjournment Debate)

Select Committees: PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: Various matters relating to the National Health Service (Witnesses: Sir Kenneth Stowe, DHSS; Sir Trevor Hughes, Welsh Office; Mr A L Rennie, Scottish Home and Health Department).

Lords: British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Bill: 2nd Reading.
Travel Concessions for the Unemployed Bill (HL):
2nd Reading.
Debate on 10th Report (Session 1982-83) of the European Communities Committee on the Polluter Pays Principle.
Debate on 5th Report of the European Communities Committee on the European Monetary System.

Ministers - see Annex

PRESS DIGEST

CND

- Bruce Kent in trouble for paying tribute to Communist Party in speech to its party conference - Morning Star headline across front page "Partners in Peace" - CND leader praises Communist role.
- Says CND owes debt of gratitude to Morning Star for steady, honest and generous coverage of disarmament case.
- Archbishop of Canterbury, in address in East Germany, speaks of nuclear arms race madness; Mail, under heading "An Innocent Abroad", says Christians cannot quarrel with the main emotional thrust of the sermon, but the propaganda use to which the sermon might be put by Kremlin is disquieting; Telegraph says Runcie and Kent did little to promote moral leadership of Church this weekend, and suggests in case Runcie that a long spoon is required in supping with the devil.
- John Biggs-Davidson MP wants Cardinal Hume to review Kent position. Peter Cadogan, international secretary of Green CND, says something like this is disastrous for them.
- French RC Bishops reject pacifism and approve of nuclear deterrence.

- D/Star, page 1 - A message from the D/Star to Monsignor Kent: For God's sake, Belt up.
- Sun, page 2 - CND priest pays tribute to Reds.
- Mirror, page 2 - CND priest's tribute to the Reds.
- Express, page 1 - Storm erupts as CND praises Reds. Vatican is shocked by "peace partners" speech. Propaganda coup as Kent speaks to Communist Party. Hume expected to call for transcript; leader asks if there is no end to Kent nonsense. He should ask his Communist chums to use their influence about SS20s but preferably he should go back to altar.
- Mail, page 1 lead - My debt to the Reds - Bruce Kent praises Communists.
- Telegraph, page 1 - CND partners of Communists.
- Guardian ignores the whole thing and the Times uses apparently an agency piece on page 1.

Defence

John Silken to demand statement of Michael Heseltine today in view of reports that Cruise will arrive tomorrow.

- Now a new "mole" in ^{MOI}~~CND~~ - papers alleging a cover-up on excessive spending leaked to Observer; Silken to raise leak in Commons.
- Guardian says Britain's undertaking to increase defence spending by at least 3% a year in real terms has finally been abandoned.
- Times says Trudeau calls for a forum in which global limits on strategic arms would be set for all 5 nuclear weapons states; European leaders have given him "assurance of their personal attention to this programme"

- Computer programme developed by Government to look at possible effects in Britain of nuclear holocaust envisages "for first time" a limited economic recovery.
- Mr Heseltine rules out re-opening deductions of pay from British officers held prisoner in 1939-45 war.
- FT says President Reagan says he does not want nuclear weapons on his soil.

Falklands

- Tam Dalyell outburst on Remembrance Day Service at Cambridge - says evil intention pervades your conduct; sinking of Belgrano destroyed only foundation for honourable and lasting peace. You are a "scoundrel".
- Guardian says it is all a costly, self-defeating mess. The problem is that we cannot bring ourselves to bargain with anyone.
- New Argentine Foreign Minister quoted in Times as saying: If US want to lift their arms embargo they can do so, but buying weapons is not one of our priorities.
- Times leader calls first for gesture of goodwill to Argentina by reducing exclusion zone to coastal waters, then invite Alfonsin's representative to Falklands to see for himself work of reconstruction and plans for new airfield. And we should tell UN we are prepared to discuss all differences with democratically inspired Argentine Government.

Politics

- Benn says he would like to become Labour candidate for Chesterfield; Peter Heathfield, local miners' leader, hints he will back him.
- D/Star says Kinnock needs Benn like a hole in the head; Benn would be a liability not an asset.
- Sun says Kinnock must be cursing Eric Varley's resignation.
- Mirror sees Benn's bid gaining support; and Mail says it must be an awful prospect for Kinnock and Hattersley; Telegraph wonders how much more talent, experience and temperate opinion is to depart the Labour Party after Varley.

- Jim Wightman, in Telegraph, says there is evidence of a lack of collective confidence in individual policies among members of Government
- Future of British Euro Communist leadership now looks more secure after weekend conference.

- Controversial black woman councillor in Brent leaves Labour Party and says she wants to join Tories; she has consistently attacked teaching standards for black children and firm believer in discipline. She says Labour has moved so far Left as to be unrecognisable.

Public Expenditure

- Under heading, "Shameful Mr. L", D/Star asks how Chancellor can justify putting up gas and electricity prices when industry have not asked for them. Well might he blush. Bills are high enough and if they go up again to balance Chancellor's books it will be shameful, cynical and brazen.
- Express leader, on why taxes must be cut, says last week Ministers agreed on a backdoor tax increase by advising gas and electricity price rises. And now Chancellor will announce increase in higher level NI contributions. Also expected to warn on Thursday against expecting tax cuts in next year's Budget. This soak the rich mentality is what we expect of Kinnock not you. Grounds for reducing tax are moral, economic and pressing.
- Guardian, under heading "A tax by any other name", says raising the prices of utilities is a use of monopoly power every bit as ancient as the salt tax and almost as pernicious. Urgent case for taking nationalised industry borrowing out of PSBR and hence for taking state industry prices out of political arena.

- Head of Institute of Directors' policy unit, Graham Mather, says the Government has forgotten, if it ever really knew, why it regards cutting taxes as a high priority.
- Times says "taxes are likely to rise for well paid as a result of increased ceiling for NI contributions".
- FT says Cabinet has revised its commitment on NATO spending (economics' correspondent).
- FT says that if gas and electricity prices are being raised only to keep prices at economic levels, the position needs to be set out in the fullest detail together with opposing arguments.

Unions/Pay

- TUC seeks a common public sector pay settlement date in April - and a busting of the 3% guideline.
- Scargill accuses Ian MacGregor of blatant interference in affairs of NUM for suggesting NCB might hold a ballot on overtime ban.
- Sun says there is just one reason why Scargill and Left-wing extremists are preventing vote on overtime ban - they are afraid they would lose. NCB offer is fair. Let's have a vote soon; report claims men are furious over losing up to £40 a week in bonuses.
- Express asserts that Scargill faces a ballot rebellion; white collar sector will call for ballot next month.
- Low Pay Unit claims there are almost 750,000 Scottish workers earning less than £90 a week and many employers under-paying illegally.

Industry

- Consumers' Association's Good Hotel Guide calls on hotels to end automatic service charges and stop staff touting for tips - speaks of institutionalised begging and extortion.
- Mirror leader, associated with sweat shops in East End, cites them as an example of Victorian values. Factory inspectors should make them safe.
- Maxwell closes Park Royal works and starts dismantling machinery.
- Guardian says scientist who warned Minister 3 years ago that Windscale public beaches contained hot spots of radioactivity was summarily dismissed; still out of work.
- Guardian says first Civil Service Commissioner touring universities says political views do not matter - he or she could have been a member of an extreme Left-wing group, what matters is whether they can look at all aspects of a problem.
- Guardian says Nissan union leader is softening his opposition to UK plant.
- Building industry says slump is worsening. ←
- Times says a battle is looming over the privatisation of gas and electricity between Mr Walker and Chancellor.
- FT says big changes are being proposed for nuclear industry organisatio

Law and Order

- Sun says social security fiddlers are using false names and borrowing NI numbers or birth certificates to claim up to 3 payments a week.
- Security guard who was sacked after robbers had tied dummy bomb to his body says he doesn't want his job back.

National Trust

- Mail says Trust has spent more than £400,000 bying and refurbishing a stately home in Wiltshire to house its accounts and trading departments; elegance brought gasps from guests at weekend party there.

Grenada/Central America

- 20 Tory MPs add names to New York Times advert welcoming US initiative; 90 Grenadians held in custody by Americans.
- USA to send 1,000 troops to Costa Rica amid mounting tension in Central America; says they are for "civil action" such as road building. McFarlane says USA would support any decision by Central American allies to invade Nicaragua to protect themselves from Nicaraguan inspired revolutions.

EC

- Peter Hordern MP says France's distortion of EC to suit its own ends and barriers against overseas trade must be ended; we should refuse to increase our subscription and demand a liberal trading EC economy looking outwards to rest of world.
- More than £100m of cheap butter feared sent to Russia in defiance of Afghanistan embargo.
- Sinn Fein ready to take up any seats won in EuroParliament; Gerry Adams takes over as SF president.
- Commission acts to try to end steel price cutting war.

Russia

- Editor of Izvestia says Andropov will make a public appearance soon.

Middle East

- Talks between Gemayel and Assad delayed because of sudden Assad illness
- Peter Jenkin, Guardian, thinks Reagan will plump for caution in Middle East (and Nicaragua).

Northern Ireland

- One policeman dies, 7 others injured, in IRA mortar attack on Co. Tyrone police station.
- Mail says a sergeant major in UDR has written a 96-page textbook on close combat which could be valuable to terrorists; mail order issue prompts call for Parliamentary inquiry.
- Guardian says Gerry Adams takes over Sinn Fein leadership with a declaration of commitment to political violence.

Zimbabwe

- Sun leader attacks Malcolm Rifkind for saying our relations with Zimbabwe are in good condition when 3 acquitted British officers are still in jail. Until they are freed our relations are definitely imperilled.
- 5 British women held in visit round-up in Gweru; eventually released.

Hong Kong

- Express feature says Hong Kong is going to loom ever large in our political life and by spring it could be filling Foreign Secretary's whole horizon.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MOD: Mr Heseltine, with Mr Stanley, visits 5th Infantry Brigade, Aldershot
- DEN: Mr Walker opens Hereford and Worcester County Council's 50th building incorporating an Energy Management System, Worcester; and speaks to Parliamentary Group for Alternative Energy Strategies, House of Commons (18.00)
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe speaks to Royal Commonwealth Society
- DOE: Mr Jenkin visits Liverpool
- HO: Mr Brittan attends Lord Mayor's Banquet, Guildhall
- SO: Mr Younger meets the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for talks on the shipbuilding industry, Edinburgh
- HMT: Mr Rees speaks at Anglo-Turkish Society annual dinner, London
- MAFF: Lord Belstead meets Israeli Minister for Agriculture, Mr Grupper
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner launches the English Wine and Cheese race, House of Commons
- DOE: Mr Macfarlane launches British Sugar Bureau "Sugar Supports British Sportswomen" sponsorship scheme, London (pm)
- FCO: Mr Rifkind speaks to British Chamber of Commerce for Belgium and Luxembourg
- DHSS: Lord Glenarthur visits DHSS offices, Aberdeen (all day)
- DHSS: Mr Clarke attends National Council of Voluntary Organisations' reception, Bedford Square (18.30)
- HO: Lord Elton visits Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade
- HO: Mr Waddington attends National Council of Voluntary Organisations' annual general meeting
- ODA: Mr Raison has talks with Sir Ralph Verney, Chairman National Conservancy Council, on world conservation strategy issues
- DTI: Mr Baker speaks at launch of CAD/CAM (computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacture) mobile demonstration unit (11.00)
- DTI: Mr Butcher speaks to the Birmingham Branch of the Institute of Marketing
- DT: Mr Trippier opens an Institute of Chartered Accountants seminar, and visits the English Industrial Estates, Newcastle
- DTP: Mrs Chalker lunches with Thai Minister for Transport and Kenneth Baker, MP; and, with Mr Waldegrave, has talks with Herr Spranger, Federal German Interior Minister (15.30)

- SO: Mr Stewart meets Scottish Secondary School Teachers Association and National Association of School Teachers/Union of Women Teachers, for talks, Edinburgh
- SO: Lord Gray meets the Highlands and Islands Fishermen's Association, attends launch of Highland Forest Products plc, Inverness; and attends Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Dinner, Edinburgh
- WO: Mr Stradling Thomas opens Town Shopping Centre, Rhyl, Clwyd (12.15)
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MAJOR VISITS

- HMT: Mr Lawson attends EC Finance Council, Brussels
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor attends EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (until 15 Nov)
- FCO: Mr Rifkind visits Luxembourg (until 15 Nov)
- MOD: Mr Pattie visits Spain (until 15 Nov)