

PRIME MINISTER

LIAISON COMMITTEE

DIARY TO END OF YEAR

The diary at Annex I looks forward over the rest of this year with the more important events and issues in capitals. Channel 4 will be launched on November 2. A diary for 1983 will be available for the next meeting.

28th October.

Apart from unemployment and various forms of election fever, the period ahead will be dominated by:

- Queen's speech (Nov. 3);
- pay negotiations - including NHS; NUM ballot; motor car industry including BL;
- steel market and possible further BSC rundown;
- US/EC trade issues and, more generally rise of protectionism (Gatt Ministerial meeting, November);
- Euro Budget re-negotiation (though this will be more for 1983); Euro Council, Copenhagen, early December;
- privatisation measures - especially Britoil;
- Chancellor's statement on economic forecasts/public expenditure (late November);
- Northern Ireland - post-elections situation;
- Falklands - Franks inquiry and response to Shackleton Report.

Interest is also likely to build up in the work of the Boundary Commission and the political effect of its proposals.

Your engagements include:

- two bilaterals - with West Germany (October 28-29) and France (Nov.4-5);
- four major speeches - Lord Mayor's Banquet (Nov.15); to North Atlantic Assembly (Nov.17); St.Andrew's Night dinner, Glasgow (Nov.26); and Conference on Information Technology (Dec.8);
- and two regional tours - Cornwall and West Country (Nov.19); and South East (Dec.17).

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OCTOBER

- 20 ELECTIONS TO NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY.
- 20 Debate on Opposition Motion on NHS.
- 20 — International Motor Show, Birmingham.
- 20 Institute of Personnel Management Conference, Harrogate.
- 21 US International Trade Commission final determination on EC steel tariffs.
- 21 Mr Nott starts visit to Falklands.
- 22 Debate on Scott Report (Index Linked Pensions).
- 24 Clocks go back.
- 25 EC: Foreign Affairs Council (to 25), Luxembourg.
- 25 European Parliament, Strasbourg (to 29).
- 26 UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.
- 26 Changes in Immigration rules to be announced.
- 27 Prime Minister talks with Prime Minister of Luxembourg.
- 27 TUC General Council; Labour Party National Executive.
- 28 PRIME MINISTER'S BILATERAL WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL, BONN (to 29).
- 28 or 29 Parliament rises.
- 28/29 NUM pit-head ballot.

NOVEMBER

- ? Consultative document on further trade union reform.
- 2 Pay settlement dates for NUM and BL.
- 2 Transfer of Britoil shares to the Secretary of State for Energy.
- 2 Official reserves.
- 2 CHANNEL 4 OPENS.
- 3 QUEEN'S SPEECH.
- 3 Prime Minister's talks with Prime Minister of Swaziland.
- 4 BILATERAL WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, PARIS (to 5).
- 9 CGBR.

November contd.

- 10 NEDC.
- 10 Prime Minister's talks with Emir of Qatar (or 24 November).
- 11 PRIME MINISTER ATTENDS ROYAL ACADEMY CENTENARY DINNER.
- 12 INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES.
- 13 Lord Mayor's Show.
- 13 Prime Minister's speech at British Legion.
- 14 Remembrance Sunday.
- 15 PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH, LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.
- 16 Visit of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands (to 18).
- 17 PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY, LONDON.
- 18 Presentation of Humble Address to Queen.
- 19 PRIME MINISTER'S REGIONAL TOUR OF CORNWALL AND WEST COUNTRY.
- 23 UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.
- 23 GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING (to 26).
- 24 TUC General Council; Labour Party National Executive.
- 26 PRIME MINISTER'S ST ANDREW'S NIGHT DINNER SPEECH, GLASGOW.
- 29 Annual Conference of British/Irish Association, Lambeth Palace.
- 30 Deadline for settlement of EC Budget problem.
- late ECONOMIC FORECASTS/PUBLIC EXPENDITURE STATEMENT BY CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.

DECEMBER

- 2 Official reserves.
- 3 EUROPEAN COUNCIL, COPENHAGEN (to 4).
- 6 WPI.
- 8 PRIME MINISTER OPENS CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BARBICAN.
- 9 CGBR.
- 15 Association of University Teachers' conference, Bradford (to 17).

December contd.

- 17 PRIME MINISTER'S SOUTH EASTERN TOUR.
- 17 INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES.
- 21 UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.
- 22 TUC General Council; Labour Party Executive,
- 24 Recess.
- ? by end FRANKS REPORT ON HANDLING OF FALKLAND ISLANDS.
year
- ? " Government response to Shackleton Report.
- ? " Boundary Commission reports.