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Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Liaison Committee, held on Tuesday 17 January 1984 at 12 Downing Street.

Present: Viscount Whitelaw (Chairman)
 Mr John Wakeham
 Mr John Selwyn Gummer
 Mr Bernard Ingham
 Sir Christopher Lawson
 Mr Stephen Sherbourne
 Mr Anthony Shrimpsley
 Miss Alison Ward (Secretary)

ACTION

1. Terms of reference: it was agreed that the terms of reference of the Committee would be "To keep under review the presentation of Government policy and measures and to make recommendations".
2. The membership was agreed as those present, possibly inviting Ministers to attend as required. Papers are to be marked "Personal & Confidential".
3. Frequency of meetings: it was agreed that meetings will be held fortnightly, at 12 Downing Street, at 9.45 a.m.
4. Lord Whitelaw outlined some of the problems, many of which have arisen because some Departments are not informing No.10 (Bernard Ingham) or Central Office in advance of potentially 'problem' announcements, for example, the plastic National Insurance card. A general discussion followed. Bernard Ingham will instruct the Information Divisions of Government Departments to prepare a paper outlining their objectives, possible problems, and a forward diary for their Department for the coming year. BI
5. Lord Whitelaw said that, where appropriate, he would speak to Departmental Ministers to endorse Bernard Ingham's request. WW
6. It was agreed that Special Advisers to Ministers should be asked to identify future announcements of policy - both good and bad - in addition to any information supplied to Bernard Ingham. Stephen Sherbourne will arrange this, verbally, with the Special Advisers, stressing the need for confidentiality. SS
7. It was agreed that it was important to have a yardstick to measure progress by. Easter was agreed as the date for the first analysis.

8. The input of information to the Committee is to start as soon as possible.
9. Mr Ingham suggested the reintroduction of a system of speaking notes for Ministers. This was welcomed, and agreed that Messrs Ingham and Sherbourne would prepare a list of the major issues of each week, in time for Ministerial boxes on Thursday evenings. The paper would be issued in Lord Whitelaw's name. Lord Whitelaw would explore the best way to actually circulate the paper, via his office. Mr Selwyn Gummer said that Central Office was instituting a system of a 'Duty Area Member' for weekends, who could also have a copy of the speaking notes. BI
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10. Sir Christopher Lawson circulated an opinion poll on the Government's handling of problems, giving comparisons between July 1983 and January 1984, on various subjects.
- Arising from discussion of this paper, the following points arose:
- The Prime Minister's important forthcoming visit to Hungary.
- Pensions: the possibility of appointing a Minister for Pensions.
- Immigration: Mr Selwyn Gummer referred to a forthcoming Panorama programme with Mr Harvey Proctor.
11. Other subjects raised:
- The Chesterfield By-Election, and in particular to avoid "unpleasant" announcements shortly before or during the campaign.
- Mr Selwyn Gummer referred to the situation in Birkenhead, (Mr Frank Field / Trotskyists). Mr Shrimley will act on this.
- The forthcoming meeting of the Electricity Council.
- The proposed visit of MPs to Greenham Common Air Base.
12. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 7 February, at 9.45 a.m.



Government Chief Whip
12 Downing Street, London SW1

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18 January 1984

Dear Private Secretary

LIAISON COMMITTEE

Further to my letter of 12 January, there have been some alterations to the dates and times of the future meetings of this Committee. There will be no meeting on 24 January; the next meeting will be on 7 February. The revised arrangements are:

09.45 a.m. Tuesday 7 February
12.00 noon Tuesday 21 February
09.45 a.m. Tuesday 6 March
09.45 a.m. Tuesday 20 March
09.45 a.m. Tuesday 3 April
09.45 a.m. Tuesday 10 April

Yours sincerely
Alison Ward

Miss Alison Ward

Distribution:

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Mr Stephen Sherbourne
Mr Anthony Shrimley



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12 Downing Street, London SW1

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12 January 1984

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Dear Amanda,

LIAISON COMMITTEE

I write to confirm that Lord Whitelaw will chair a meeting of the Liaison Committee at 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday 17 January, at 12 Downing Street. The meeting will last for 45 minutes. As you know, there has been considerable difficulty in finding a mutually convenient time for this meeting, but Lord Whitelaw hopes that all Members of the Committee will be able to be present. (Bernard Ingham and Stephen Sherbourne will join the meeting at 9.30 a.m.)

Future meetings of the Committee will be as follows:

- 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 24 January
- 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 7 February
- 12.00 p.m. Tuesday 21 February
- 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 6 March
- 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 20 March
- 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 3 April
- 10.00 a.m. Tuesday 10 April

*Yours sincerely,
Alison*

Miss Alison Ward

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② BI + SJ to produce briefing doc by Thursday
meeting - BI to initiate
WW to process.

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Table 9 : Government's handling of problems

Questions and answers	Jan 84	Sept 83	Questions and answers	Today	Comparison
	Today	Comparison			
1 In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way the Government is handling:		(i)	i) The Common Market		(i)
a) Defence and armaments			Approve	51	48
Approve	53	48	Disapprove	34	38
Disapprove	36	42	Don't know	15	14
Don't know	11	10	j) Old age pensions		
b) Cost of living & prices			Approve	34	38
Approve	40	40	Disapprove	55	51
Disapprove	53	54	Don't know	11	11
Don't know	7	6	k) Immigration		
c) Economic and financial affairs generally			Approve	34	32
Approve	44	42	Disapprove	45	48
Disapprove	43	44	Don't know	21	20
Don't know	13	13	l) Roads		
d) Strikes and labour relations			Approve	26	25
Approve	50	41	Disapprove	51	55
Disapprove	40	48	Don't know	22	20
Don't know	10	11	m) Law and order		
e) Full employment			Approve	49	43
Approve	19	20	Disapprove	44	50
Disapprove	70	72	Don't know	7	7
Don't know	11	10	n) Taxation		
f) Education			Approve	30	33
Approve	28	31	Disapprove	57	57
Disapprove	63	58	Don't know	13	11
Don't know	10	11	(28.9-4.10.83)		
g) <u>The Health Service</u>					
Approve	19	30			
Disapprove	75	64			
Don't know	6	6			
h) Housing					
Approve	41	43			
Disapprove	42	43			
Don't know	16	14			

(i) July 1983

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LIAISON COMMITTEE

January 19, 1984

AGENDA

1. Terms of reference: It is proposed these should be:
"To keep under review the presentation of Government policy and measures and to make recommendations."

2. Membership and classification: Chairman to report on intended membership and proposal that papers should be classified "Personal and Confidential".

3. Frequency of meetings: It is proposed the Committee should meet fortnightly in the Chief Whip's Office, No 12 Downing Street, on Tuesday at 11.30am.

4. Diary 1984:
(previously circulated) To consider:
(i) Diary and main presentational concerns summarised in the covering note;
(ii) other issues.

5. Any other business:
 - Cenotaph representation;
 - Freedom of Information campaign;
 - Government's 5th Anniversary (May 4);
 - Elections: Local (May 3); European Assembly (June 14).

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DIARY: 1984

Attached is a diary for 1984 so far as we know the highlights at present (Annex I); and a list of the Prime Minister's speeches to date (Annex II).

These will be regularly up-dated and the main trade union conferences included on the diary when the list is to hand.

The main events are picked out in capitals.

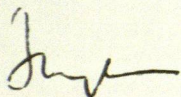
We are likely to be most concerned in 1984 with:

- US Presidential election (November 6);
- East/West relations and disarmament talks, plus deployment of Cruise and Pershing missiles;
- EC Budget reform (Euro Councils March 19-20 and June 25-26), with possibility of withholding after March 31;
- Euro Assembly elections (June 14);
- Local Government reform and rates control; (local elections May 3);
- Economy - Public Expenditure White Paper (mid-February); Budget Day (March 13); Economic Summit (June 7-9)l.

This is also Olympic Games year - Los Angeles (July 28-August 12).

In summary the Government's main presentational concerns in 1984 will be with:

- keeping the initiative in the defence/disarmament debate;
- holding fast to the objective of effective and lasting reform of the European Community;
- prosecuting a successful campaign in support of rate capping and local government reform;
- maintaining the momentum of industrial/commercial reform (privatisation/liberalisation) with the objective of increasing competition and efficiency;
- restoring the economy; and (more defensively);
- demonstrating that the NHS is safe in the Government's hands.



B. INGHAM
9 January 1984

DIARY FOR 1984

JANUARY

- 17 CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE OPENS, STOCKHOLM (Foreign Secretary meets Gromyko).
SECOND READING OF RATES BILL.

EC Consumer Affairs Council.

Index of Industrial Production (November).

Issue of stamps to commemorate 500th anniversary of the charter of the College of Arms.
- 18 PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS AT PARLIAMENTARY LOBBY CENTENARY LUNCH, SAVOY.

Cheysson presidential policy statement to European Parliament.

Average Earnings Index.
- 19 ELECTRICITY COUNCIL MEETS TO CONSIDER PRICES.

EC Industry Council.

Ideal Home Exhibition opens (to January 22).

Ninth centenary celebrations of Worcester Cathedral begin (to August 25).
- 20 RETAIL PRICES INDEX.

NUM PITHEAD BALLOT TO ELECT NEW GENERAL SECRETARY.

Prime Minister attends National Viewers' and Listeners' Association lunch, Langham Palace.
- 21 NUJ emergency delegate conference on ways of fighting the Government's Employment Acts.

January continued

- 22 UK ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY STRIKE SCHEDULED.
Monte Carlo rally begins (to January 28).
- Monday 23 EC FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL (to January 24).
- 25 8th round, Sino-British talks on future of Hong Kong, Peking (to January 26).
Trial in Toronto of Prime Minister's would-be assailant during September 1983 visit.
Prime Minister attends "Operation Raleigh" lunch, Intercontinental Hotel.
OVERSEAS TRADE FIGURES (December).
TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.
Burns night.
- 26 GENERAL ELECTION, GIBRALTAR.
ANGLO/ITALIAN SUMMIT, ROME (to January 27).
TGWU special rules revision conference to increase subscriptions.
Australia Day.
- 28 NGA MARCH, WARPINGTON.
- 29 REAGAN ANNOUNCES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION DECISION (five broadcast).
Presidential election, Ecuador.
- Monday 30 EC Fisheries Council.
Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (to February 3).

January continued

31 EC Ministerial political co-operation meeting, Paris.

FEBRUARY

2 PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO HUNGARY (to February 4).
UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES PUBLISHED.
EC informal meeting of social affairs Ministers.

TUC conference on shorter working week.

Monday 6 EC Agriculture Council (to February 7).
Producer Price Index.

7 Winter Olympic Games open, Sarajevo, Yugoslavia (to February 19)

8 PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS AT SMALL BUSINESS BUREAU CONFERENCE
LUNCH.

9 PRIME MINISTER MEETS VICE PRESIDENT BUSH.

DENNIS SKINNER (MOSCOW BANKER) INQUEST SCHEDULED TO OPEN,
CROYDON.

10 RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
Crufts Dog Show opens, Earls Court (to February 12).

Monday 13 EC Finance Council.

February continued

- 14 EC Energy Council.
Index of Production (December).
St Valentine's Day.
- 15 PRIME MINISTER AT NATIONAL UNION DINNER.
Average Earnings Index.
- 17 Prime Minister Muldoon, New Zealand, begins visit to London (to February 22).
Deadline for payment on Cable and Wireless share flotation.
- 19 Last day of Winter Olympic Games, Sarajevo.
Prince Andrew's birthday.
- Monday 20 EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels (to February 21).
- 21 Institute of Directors 35th Annual Convention opens, Royal Albert Hall (Mr Brittan).
Nicaraguan Council of State scheduled to announce timetable for elections.
7th European Information Technology and Automation exhibition and conference opens, Barbican (to February 24).
- 22 Prime Minister meets President Pertini of Italy.
- 23 Prince of Wales attends independence celebrations, Brunei.

February continued

- 24 Prime Minister's visit to West Midlands.
DEADLINE FOR UK/US WORKING GROUP ON UNITARY TAXATION TO
CONCLUDE DELIBERATIONS.
- 28 US Presidential Election: Democratic Primary, New Hampshire.
EC Research and Development Councils.
- 29 TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.

MARCH

- 1 St David's Day.
FEBRUARY UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.
EC Environment Council.
- 4 International RFU meeting, London, to discuss proposal for
Rugby "World Cup".
- Monday 5 EC Fisheries Council, Brussels.
- 6 Shrove Tuesday.
Prince of Wales at Jewish Welfare Board 125th anniversary
dinner, Guildhall.
- 7 Ash Wednesday.
"Daily Mail" Ideal Home exhibition opens, Earls Court
(to April 1).

March continued

- 10 PRIME MINISTER ATTENDS CONSERVATIVE PARTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE, LONDON.
Scottish Labour Party regional council meeting, Perth (to March 14).
- Monday 12 EC Foreign Affairs, Finance and Agriculture Council (to March 13).
Producer Price Index.
Commonwealth Day.
- 13 BUDGET DAY
US Presidential Election: Democrat primaries in Massachusetts, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Rhode Island.
Index of Production (January).
- 14 Average Earnings Index.
- 16 RETAIL PRICE INDEX.
- 17 St Patrick's Day (New York Parade).
England v Wales, Twickenham.
Prime Minister hosts reception for London Fashion Designers, Downing Street.
- Monday 19 EC EUROPEAN COUNCIL, BRUSSELS (to March 20).
- 20 US Presidential Election: Democrat primary, Illinois.
- 21 S/S Trade and Industry presents Export Award for Smaller Businesses, Savoy.

March continued

- 22 UNESCO one minute "World Silence for Peace".
- 23 CONSERVATIVE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, BIRMINGHAM (to March 24).
- 25 British Summer Time begins: clocks go forward.
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, EL SALVADOR.
- Monday 26 EC Agriculture Council (to March 27).
THE QUEEN AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH BEGIN STATE VISIT TO JORDAN
(to March 30).
Prime Minister attends Design Council car design exhibition
and reception, Design Centre.
- 28 TUC General Council; Labour Party NEX.
- 29 MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.
- 31 ? EC IN DEFAULT ON REPAYMENTS TO UK.
Grand National, Aintree.

APRIL

- 1 Commission for Racial Equality Code of Practice comes into
effect.
Mothering Sunday

April continued

- Monday 2 2nd anniversary of Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands.
EC Finance Council, Luxembourg.
71st Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference opens, Geneva
(to April 8).
- 3 NATO NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP MEETS, IZMIR, TURKEY (to April 4).
EC Industry Council, Luxembourg.
US Presidential Election: Democrat primary, New York.
- 4 Prime Minister opens Cabinet War Rooms.
- 5 EC Social Affairs Council, Luxembourg.
Federation of Conservative Students' conference opens,
Loughborough (to April 7).
- 6 PRIME MINISTER AT FEDERATION OF CONSERVATIVE STUDENTS'
CONFERENCE.
Joint Anglican/Catholic unity talks, Canterbury (to April 9).
- 7 US Presidential Election: Democrat primary, Louisiana.
- Monday 9 EC Agriculture Council, Luxembourg (to April 10).
Producer Price Index.
- 10 EC Agriculture Council, Luxembourg.
EC Ministerial political co-operation meeting, Luxembourg.
The Amir of Bahrain begins State Visit to UK (to April 13).

April continued

- 12 Index of Production (February).
 Badminton Horse Trials begin (to April 15).
- 13 RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
- 15 Palm Sunday.
- Monday 16 Prime Minister hosts dinner for the UN Administrative
 Committee on Co-ordination, Downing Street.
- 17 Prime Minister meets UN Secretary-General, Downing Street.
- 18 Average Earnings Index.
 Independence Day, Zimbabwe.
- 19 Maundy Thursday.
- 20 Good Friday.
- 23 Easter Monday.
 St George's Day.
- 24 US Presidential Election: Democrat primary, Pennsylvania.
- 27 APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.
- 29 EC/ACP Council, Suva (to May 4).

MAY

- 1 Christian Heritage Year begins.
May Day celebrations - Red Square parade, Moscow.
US Presidential Election: Democrat primaries, Washington and Tennessee.
- 2 International Garden Festival opens, Liverpool (to October 14).
- 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS.
The Pope begins visit to South Korea (to May 7).
- 4 GOVERNMENT'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY.
- 5 Anniversary of death of Bobby Sands, hunger striker.
- Monday 7 May Day Holiday.
EC Agriculture Council (to May 8).
- 8 Producer Price Index.
World Red Cross Day.
- 9 Prime Minister attends dedication service for Christian Heritage Year, Westminster Abbey.
Royal Windsor Horse Show opens (to May 13).
- 10 Scottish Conservative Party Conference opens, Perth (to May 12)
- 11 ? Scheduled start of English Rugby Union tour to South Africa.
- Monday 14 EC Foreign Affairs and Finance Councils (to May 15).
- 15 US Presidential Election: Democrat primaries in Nebraska and Oregon.

May continued

- 16 PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NSPCC.
Average Earnings Index.
European Cup-winners' Cup Final, Basle.
- 17 EC Transport Council, Brussels.
Index of Production (March).
- 18 RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
- 19 FA Cup Final, Wembley.
Opening match of West Indies' cricket tour at Worcester.
- Monday 21 2nd anniversary of British Forces' landing at San Carlos.
Prime Minister attends Netherlands/British Chamber of
Commerce lunch.
EC Education Council.
- 22 Conservative Party Women's conference, the Barbican
(to May 23).
EC Energy Council, Brussels.
Chelsea Flower Show opens (to May 25).
- 23 PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS AT CONSERVATIVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.
- 24 Scheduled date for Presidential election, Bangladesh.
EC Fisheries Council.
- 25 WEST GERMAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

May continued

- 28 EC informal meeting of Agriculture Ministers (to May 30).
Glyndbourne Spring Bank Holiday season opens (to August 17).
- 29 European Cup Final, Rome.
TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.

JUNE

- 1 MAY UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES PUBLISHED.
New controls on asbestos concentrations come into effect.
- 2 "Observer" Transatlantic Boat Race, Plymouth-Newport,
Rhode Island, begins.
Isle of Man TT motor-cycle races begin (to June 8).
- Monday 4 British Amateur Golf Championship begins, Formby.
EC Finance and Agriculture Councils, Luxembourg (to June 5).
- 5 US Presidential Election: Democrat primaries in California,
New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota and West Virginia.
EC Consumer Affairs Council, Luxembourg.
- 6 The Derby, Epsom.
- 7 SUMMIT OF INDUSTRIALISED NATIONS OPENS, LONDON (to June 9).
EC Social Affairs Council, Luxembourg.

June continued

- 9 The Oaks, Epsom.
- Monday 11 Producer Price Index.
- 12 European Nations' Football Championship Finals begin,
France (to June 27).
- 14 POLLING DAY IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, UK.
First Test Match, England v West Indies, Edgbaston.
2nd anniversary of Argentine surrender, Port Stanley.
- 15 Index of Production.
RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
World Children's Day.
- 16 The Queen's Official Birthday.
Publication of the Birthday Honours List.
Trooping of the Colour, Horseguards Parade.
- 17 Royal Highland Show opens, Ingliston (to June 21).
- Monday 18 EC FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL, LUXEMBOURG (to June 19).
- 19 Royal Ascot begins (to June 22).
- 20 Average Earnings Index.
- 21 Prince William's birthday.

June continued

- 22 Welsh Conservative Party Conference opens, Porthcawl
(to June 23).
- 23 PRIME MINISTER SPEAKS AT WELSH CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE.
- Monday 25 EC EUROPEAN COUNCIL (to June 26).
Wimbledon Tennis Championships begin (to July 8).
- 27 TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.
- 28 Prime Minister attends 1900 Club dinner.
EC Environment Council, Luxembourg.
Henley Royal Regatta begins (to July 1).
2nd Test Match, England v West Indies begins, Lords.
- 30 French Presidency of European Council ends.

JULY

- 1 Republic of Ireland assumes Presidency of the European
Council.
Princess of Wales' birthday.
- 3 Royal Agricultural Show opens, Stoneleigh (to July 6).
International Musical Eistedfodd begins, Llangollen
(to July 9).

July continued

- 4 Independence Day, USA.
- 5 JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES PUBLISHED.
- 7 Ladies' final, Wimbledon.
- 8 Men's final, Wimbledon.
- Monday 9 Producer Price Index.
- 11 Royal Tournament, Earls Court, begins (to July 28).
- 12 Third Test Match, Engalnd v West Indies begins, Headingley.
- 13 PRIME MINISTER VISITS THE LIVERPOOL GARDEN FESTIVAL.
RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
Index of Production.
The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh begin visit to Ontario,
Manitoba and New Brunswick (to July 27).
- Monday 16 US Presidential Election: Democrat Convention, San Francisco,
begins (to July 20).
- 18 Average Earnings Index.
- 19 Open Golf Championship begins, St Andrew's (to July 22).

July continued

- 20 Henry Wood Promenade Concert season begins, Royal Albert Hall (to September 15).
Democrat Convention, San Francisco, nominates Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidate for November election.
- 25 Sri Lankan UK cricket tour begins.
TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.
- 26 4th Test Match, England v West Indies, begins, Old Trafford.
- 27 5th anniversary of the assassination of Lord Mountbatten of Burma.
- 28 1984 OLYMPIC GAMES BEGIN, LOS ANGELES, USA (to August 12).
- 31 Goodwood Week begins (to August 4).

AUGUST

- 1 Prime Minister attends Building Societies Association lunch.
- 2 JULY UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES PUBLISHED.
- 4 Cowes Week begins, Isle of Wight (to August 12).
Royal National Eistedfodd of Wales begins (to August 11).
The Queen Mother's birthday (84).

August continued

- Monday 6 Producer Price Index.
- 7 Prince of Wales opens new Parliament House, Papua New Guinea.
- 9 5th Test Match, England v West Indies, begins, the Oval.
- 10 Edinburgh Military Tattoo begins (to September 1).
- 12 Grouse shooting season begins.
- Monday 13 Index of Production (June).
- 15 Average Earnings Index.
- 17 RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
- 19 Edinburgh International Festival begins (to September 8).
Last day of the 1984 Olympic Games, Los Angeles.
- 20 US Presidential Election: Republican Convention opens,
Dallas (to August 23).
- 23 England v Sri Lanka Test Match, Lords, begins.
- 27 Bank Holiday.
- 29 TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.
- 31 AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES PUBLISHED.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Royal Highland Gathering, Braemar.
Nat-West 1-day cricket competition final, Lords.
- Monday 3 TUC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS, BRIGHTON (to September 7).
Farnborough International Air Show and Flying Display
begins (to September 9).
- 5 Prime Minister visits Farnborough International Air Show.
- Monday 10 Producer Price Index.
- 13 Index of Production (July).
- 14 RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
- 15 Last Night of the Proms, Albert Hall.
- Monday 17 LIBERAL PARTY CONFERENCE OPENS, BOURNEMOUTH (to September 22).
- 19 Average Earnings Index.
- 26 TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.
- 27 Jewish New Year begins.

OCTOBER

- Monday 1 LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE OPENS, BLACKPOOL (to October 5).
- 2 Horse of the Year Show begins, Wembley Arena (to October 7).
- 4 SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES PUBLISHED.
- 6 Jewish Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).
- 8 Producer Price Index.
- 9 CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE, BRIGHTON (to October 12).
- 12 PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT THE CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE,
BRIGHTON.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
- Monday 15 Index of Production (August).
- 17 Average Earnings Index.
- 18 100th Birthday of Lord Shinwell of Easington.
- 23 PRESIDENT MITTERRAND OF FRANCE BEGINS STATE VISIT TO THE UK
(to October 26).
- 24 United Nations Day.
- 31 TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.

NOVEMBER

- 1 OCTOBER UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES PUBLISHED.
All Saints Day.
- 4 London to Brighton Veteran Car Run, Hyde Park-Brighton.
CBI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS, EASTBOURNE (to November 5).
- Monday 5 Producer Price Index.
- 6 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.
- 10 Lord Mayor's Procession and Show, London.
- 11 Remembrance Day.
- Monday 12 PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET, GUILDHALL.
Index of Production.
- 14 Average Earnings Index.
- 16 RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day, USA.
- Monday 26 Prime Minister's speech at the Carlton Club dinner.
- 27 Third Annual meeting of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries
Commission, London (to November 29).

November continued

- 28 Prime Minister opens Westminster Police Station, Curtis Green Building.
TUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.
- 29 St Andrew's Day.

DECEMBER

- 7/8 Soviet Union celebrates the 67th anniversary of October Revolution.
- 10 Producer Price Index.
- 13 Index of Production.
- 14 RETAIL PRICES INDEX.
- 19 Average Earnings Index.
RUC General Council; Labour Party NEC.
- 27 5th anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.
- 31 New Year Honours List published.

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECHES

January	18	Lobby centenary (lunch).
	20	National Viewers' and Listeners' Association award (lunch).
	25	"Operation Raleigh" launch (lunch).
February	8	Small Business Bureau conference (lunch).
	28	Grocers' dinner.
March	10	Conservative Party Local Government speech (lunch).
	24	Conservative Party Central Council speech.
	26	Design Council car design exhibition (evening).
April	4	Open War Cabinet rooms (am).
	6	Foreign and Commonwealth conference, Loughborough (evening).
May	11	Conservative Party Scottish conference, Perth
	16	Centenary AGM, NSPCC.
	21	Netherlands-British Chamber of Commerce and Anglo-Dutch Awards for Enterprise (lunch).
	23	Conservative Women's conference (pm).
June	23	Conservative Welsh conference.
July	11	European Atlantic Group (dinner).
October	12	Conservative Party conference (pm).
November	12	Lord Mayor's banquet (evening).
	26	Carlton Club lecture (evening).