

PRIME MINISTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

The follow up to the Brighton bombing and the coal strike are the main events this week. You will comment on both in your live Channel 4 broadcast today - the start of a very busy week for you, including your lunch for EBC executives (tomorrow), your receipt of the National Free Enterprise Award (Wednesday) and your 25th anniversary dinner in Finchley (Saturday).

The coal talks continue today and tonight EBC Panorama investigates power station duration while ITV's World in Action looks at Scargill and MacGregor.

Among other events: Lord Shinwell's 100th birthday (Thursday); the Booker and Nobel Economics prizes announced (Thursday); Mosley papers released (Wednesday); and the House of Lords returns a week before the Commons tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL

- Cyprus talks resume, UN (today)
- Trial of 18 opens in Grenada (tomorrow)
- Trial of Michael O'Rourke, deported on gun smuggling charges from USA, Dublin (Tuesday)
- Ceacescu in Bonn (today to Wednesday)
- Anglo-Italian Summit (Thursday and Friday)
- Mitterrand in Algeria (Friday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Your talks with M. Delors (today)
- Councils: Ecofin (today); Research (tomorrow)

INDUSTRY

- Energy efficiency campaign launched by Peter Walker (today)
- Motorcycle industry code of practice published (today)
- Enterprise Britain exhibition opens, Barbican (tomorrow)
- Exhibition to publicise vacancies unfilled through Job Centres, Wembley (Wednesday)
- International Motor Show opens, Birmingham (Wednesday)
- Peter Walker inaugurates Mobil's Beryl B Platform (Wednesday)
- CBI Council (Wednesday)

PAY

- Local authority manual workers (today); Ford (Friday)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- today: output (August); retail sales (September)
- Tuesday: PSBR (September)
- Wednesday: Average earnings (August)
- Thursday: Money supply (September); consumers' expenditure (3rd Q); institutional investment (2nd Q)

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Medical Research Council's report on physical damage caused by alcohol (tomorrow)
- Help the Aged annual report (Wednesday)
- Environmental Health Congress opens, Harrogate (Wednesday to Friday)
- Health Visitors' annual conference (Thursday to Saturday)

EDUCATION

- European conference of World Confederation of Organisations of the Teaching Profession (Friday to Sunday)
- Sir Keith Joseph opens Education for Capability Recognition Day (tomorrow)

MINISTERS

- Peter Walker addresses Tory Reform Group, Cambridge (today)
- Mr Brittan receives deputation from West Yorks County Council (today); meets Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of Birmingham to discuss immigration (Tuesday)
- Foreign Secretary at American Chamber of Commerce (tomorrow); addresses German Society for Foreign Policy, Bonn (Wednesday)

MINISTERS (CONT'D)

- Kenneth Baker debates with Ken Livingstone on BBC TV (tomorrow)
- Patrick Jenkin interviewed by Brian Walden on LWT GLC abolition special (Friday)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer at Lord Mayor's banquet for bankers and merchants (Thursday)
- Mr Heseltine begins visit to Middle East (Friday to Wednesday)

MEDIA

- BBC 2 TV Thursday: How the Foreign Press views the Prime Minister
- BBC TV Question Time, Thursday: David Young, Polly Toynbee, George Galloway and Robert Maxwell
- BBC Radio 4 Any Questions? Friday: Sheila McKechnie (ASTMS); Michael Winner (film producer); Prof Ted Wragg (Exeter); Dan Cherrington, Devon farmer.

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MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister gives live interview to Channel 4 TV 'A Plus 4' programme and later hosts dinner for Mr Delors, President Elect of EC

Cyprus 'Proximity' talks resume, UN

Trial monitoring period for Evidential Breath Testing Machine ends

ECofIN meeting, Luxembourg

Energy Efficiency Publicity Campaign launched by Energy Secretary

STATISTICS

CSO: Index of output of the production industries (August)

DTI: Retail sales (September - prov)

PAY

DEM: Local authority manual workers; (1,012,356); claim to be presented; settlement date 4.11.84

PRESS DIGESTBOMBING

- Queen speaks to you and Reagan by 'phone from Wyoming.
- "Sleeper" bomb blew up conference hotel; pictures of your damaged rooms.
- Next 48 hours said to be crucial for Mrs Tebbit; Sun says she has virtually no chance of walking again; but Express says there is new hope as she moves her fingers.
- Irish claims that IRA planned to attack you and Cabinet at Blackpool last year, but called it off at last minute.
- Mail says Scotland Yard has pulled off a major coup against IRA by uncovering their store of long term timing devices near Dublin.
- Peter Bruinvels MP to try to get new vote on hanging for terrorists.
- Leading American newspapers attack NORAIID.
- Gerry Fitt says that had the IRA succeeded in wiping out Cabinet there would have been massive retaliation by public against Irish living in Britain.
- Ted Heath attacks "sloppy" security at Grand Hotel; Sun says Commander Hucklesby furious that Special Branch "sat on" warnings of an IRA attack.
- D/Star leads with Dublin here I come - defiant Maggie to keep Summit date - a reference to your intention to go to Dublin for a bilateral to defy bombers. Guardian expects you to reject pressure to cancel summit with Fitzgerald.
- Sun leads with you breaking down and weeping at Church Service yesterday; and so do other 'pops'.
- Mirror leader says bomb may have been planted by an Irish terrorist but fingerprints on it were American. US politicians from the President down readily denounce IRA fund raisers in America but do little effectively to stop them. As New York Times said yesterday, how would Americans like it if money were raised in another country to finance the assassination of their President; Keith Waterhouse wonders whether IRA has any idea of the boost it has given your Government - they've almost outclassed Galtieri and Labour's Blackpool Conference in restoring your flagging fortunes.
- Express leader says while the outrage will change some of the public aspects of our political life, changes need not be as drastic as some fear provided we are vigilant.
- Mail says Ministers plan to turn the bombing into a propaganda drive against NORAIID; leader says that sadly life cannot in many respects go on as before; security will have to be vastly tighter; UK and Republic Government should mount a unified propaganda assault on public opinion in the US and spur our Western partners into stronger joint action against all terrorists.

BOMBING (Cont'd)

- Telegraph leader canvasses new co-operative measures between UK and Dublin, but worries whether Dublin and SDLP would not spoil it by seeing it as Irish unity by instalments; another leader argues that from Scargillism to bombs and guns is a difference of degree; not of kind John O'Sullivan says you dominate the political scene like no PM since Macmillan and this makes you an even more attractive target for the terrorists who failed last Friday.
- Guardian claims none of building firms renovating Grand before the conference was vetted by the police; says long delay IRA fuses are not new; leader wants you to act on the Irish problem with half the resolution you showed on Friday.
- FT leader says your change of style in your speech, in recognising the complex regional mix that makes up the country, was welcome and the theme of your Government in future should be that we are all going in the same direction, if at different speeds. And the lesson of the bomb is that Ireland is a piece of unfinished business which should be placed at the top of your agenda. Never were the circumstances more ripe for a concerted search for a settlement.

LAW AND ORDER

- Express says French have won the right to have their own armed guard on Mitterrand next week.
- Mail says black activists are demanding apartheid in Britain because they want to break up mixed race families.

COAL STRIKE

- NCB/NUM talks resume this evening at ACAS amid conflicting forecasts of outcome; Express sees it as a desperate race to solve the dispute before Scargill is jailed for contempt.
- D/Star says both sides seem to be taking a more hopeful view; Sun leader fears idea of an advisory body on pit closures is wrong and dangerous - handing Scargill a constant opportunity to make mischief. Mr MacGregor must stand on the first principle that he and not Scargill wreckers run the industry.
- Geoffrey Goodman, in Mirror, says all sides know the time has come to settle the dispute; scene set for final encounter.
- Express under heading "No sell out to Scargill's bullies" says uneconomic pits must be closed and NCB must preserve its right to do so. ACAS is doing its best to fudge and more worrying is MacGregor's apparent willingness to go along. Proposed independent review body ludicrous. If Board compromises on its right and duty to close uneconomic pits, Scargillism and everything it represents will have won.
- Telegraph and Times lists 3 major issues which divide the parties - withdrawal of closure programme, keep open 5 named pits and reinstate 200-300 miners dismissed for offences during the strike. FT says NUM and NCB are divided by only two words but a vast division of principle.
- Kinnock attacks Scargill's bully boys in stronger terms than at Labour's Conference, according to Sun; absolutely unacceptable and says British police are the finest in the world; Eric Hammond, EEPTU, says colleagues in Labour movement are jelly-like for failing to condemn picket violence.

ECONOMY

- Both David Owen and Roy Hattersley go on the offensive on jobs - Owen proposes £2.9 bn expenditure to take 1m off the dole by 1987. Hattersley gives absolute and unqualified promise to cut dole queues with import restrictions, price controls and incomes policy.
- Telegraph leader, disagreeing with Robbie Gilbert's criticism in an article alongside of Chancellor's emphasis on no-tech jobs in service industries, says nothing will offer us much comfort until we make some progress with the log jam of our labour markets.
- MSC says number of self-employed has risen from 1.84m in 70s to 2.250m.
- Building Societies' Association thought likely to cut interest rates before Christmas in view of strong receipts.
- FT thinks first ideas of taxing child benefits have been dropped.

INDUSTRY

- BL to offer 10% over 2 years.
- Times feature on design.

CHUNNEL

- Sun says we are set to join forces with France to build the £4bn project as a way of creating new jobs.

POLITICS

- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says Labour's self deception about the Conservative Party is damaging. It is not an elite - it has become a completely classless party of ordinary people.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

- New save-GLC advert in national press says Patrick Jenkin is ignoring Greater London Development Plan.
- Guardian says probation officers may take industrial action if rate capping costs jobs.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Family Policy Research Centre says half families of unemployed men have to rely on second hand shoes.
- Doctor claims Britain's doctors are losing their caring touch and patients are suffering because the classic bedside manner is out of fashion.

DEFENCE

- Bruce Kent to retire as Secretary of CND at Easter - cannot cope with greater load of administrative work.
- Russia says it is fitting cruise missiles to strategic bombers and submarines in apparent attempt to intimidate West (Telegraph).

SOUTH AFRICA

- Labour MP, Donald Anderson, on visit to Durban detainees, stirs Pik Botha to anger with remarks about regime.

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MINISTERS (UK VISIT, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling hosts luncheon for food exporters, Admiralty House; attends launch of Oxford Cheese and later attends dinner in honour of M Delors
- DES: Sir Keith Joseph addresses St Clement Danes Parents Association, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth (20.15)
- DEN: Mr Walker addresses the Tory Reform Group, Cambridge and later meets Said Bin Ahmed Al Chanfari, Oman Minister for Petroleum and Minerals (16.30)
- DOE: Mr Jenkin performs opening ceremony of restored House of Lords ceiling (17.00)
- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses the A D Little Ltd luncheon
- HO: Mr Brittan receives a deputation from West Yorkshire County Council (pm)
- DTp: Mr Ridley presents awards for long service safe driving, Gloucester and speaks at ROSPA Congress
- MAFF: Lord Belstead attends Food Exporters luncheon, London
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner addresses Canterbury Farmers Club, East Kent Branch
- MOD: Mr Lee visits Strike Command and visits Dowty Electronics Acton and Greenford and later dines with Canadian Defence Minister
- DEM: Mr Morrison addresses Croydon Chamber of Commerce dinner - Trainee of the Year, Croydon
- DEM: Mr Clark addresses Engineering Employers' Federation, London
- DEN: Mr Hunt visits the Energy from Waste Projects at Purfleet and Dagenham
- DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith attends Breakfast Seminar, Glasgow and later visits Weir Pumps Ltd and Bauteil Ltd, Glasgow
- DHSS: Mr Clarke visits Picker International (X-ray equipment manufacturers), Wembley
- DHSS: Lord Glenarthur addresses Griffiths Report Seminar, London
- HO: Mr Shaw meets Police Federation and Superintendents' Association delegations
- DTI: Mr Fletcher addresses Unit Trust Association, London
- DTI: Mr Butcher addresses Design Management luncheon, London
- WO: Mr Stradling-Thomas visits Sports Council for Wales, Cardiff (11.00)

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- HMT: Mr Lawson attends ECoFIN, Luxembourg
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor visits Denmark to discuss fisheries matters
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TV AND RADIO

"A Plus 4"; Channel 4 TV: (15.30); first programme of a new series interviews the Prime Minister at Downing Street

"Comment"; Channel 4 TV: (19.50); with Tim Pat Coogan, Editor of the Dublin newspaper 'The Irish Press'

"Influences"; BBC Radio 4; (19.50); new series features mother and daughter Baronnes Phillips JP and Gwyneth Dunwoody MP

"Panorama"; BBC 1 TV; (20.10); "The Battle for Power" reports on the Government's plans and tactics to keep power stations working during the current miners' strike

"World in Action"; ITV; (20.30); "The Coal Warriors" - looks at episodes in the lives of Arthur Scargill and Ian MacGregor which have led to the present situation

"The Oldest Rebel - The Life and Times of Lord Shinwell; Channel 4 TV; (21.00)
