

THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Law

The main events in the period immediately ahead are:

- coal strike
- follow-up to Anglo-Irish summit - statement today
- BT flotation (Commons statement - December 3)
- publication of GLC/MCC Abolition Bill (Thursday);  
ILEA "no cuts" budget (today)
- Peter Walker's Middle Way - 50 years on' lecture (today)
- Commons debates on Civil Aviation Bill (Wednesday);  
Overseas aid (Thursday); Warnock (Friday)
- Leader of the Opposition visits Moscow (tomorrow to Monday)
- Mr Gorbachev visits Britain (December 3-7)
- CND annual conference (Friday November 23-25)

Looking longer term up to Christmas, the main issues, apart from the coal strike are:

- Debate on Autumn Statement
- Anglo-French Summit (end November)
- EC - completion of Fontainebleau settlement; and  
allocation of portfolios to new Commissioners;  
EuroCouncil, Dublin, December 3-4
- Announcement of new regional policy
- Gorbachev visit to UK (early December)
- Hong Kong consultation and debate; plus Prime Minister's  
visit to Peking (just before Christmas)

Other pre-Christmas issues, judging from Departmental returns, of which the Committee should be aware, are:

ENVIRONMENT: RSG settlement; policy statement on radioactive wastes; decision on planning application for London Docklands airport; report on Carsington dam failure.

ENERGY: Open Cast Coal Bill; replies to MMC reports on South Wales and Yorkshire Electricity Boards.

TRANSPORT: Archway decision; publication of Public Transport Bill; Stanstead/Terminal 5 report.

FCO: ?UNESCO withdrawal; Ethiopia; and aid generally.

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DHSS: Family Practitioner Green Paper; Cohort Study  
of Unemployment.

TREASURY: Chancellor of the Exchequer to address  
Institute of Directors' annual dinner (December 11)

The next unemployment figures are due on November 29. The December retail price index will be published on December 14.

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Peter Walker's "Middle Way - 50 years on" lecture

EC Budget Council; Political Co-operation Ministerial meeting, Brussels

Meeting between ECOFIN and European Parliament, Brussels

ECOSOC Plenary Session, Brussels (to November 22)

Council of Europe (to November 27)

ILEA to fix 'No-Cuts' budget

Adult training awareness campaign to be launched (Tom King)

B/Telecom prospectus published

Christmas stamps go on sale

Sir Keith Joseph attends 2-day OECD Ministerial Education Committee, Paris

Mr Heseltine meets Backbench Defence Committee on Trident costs

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Prime Minister hosts dinner for Prime Minister of Portugal

Leader of the Opposition leaves for Moscow (to November 26)

EC Industry Council

Ad Hoc Committee on Institutions (Dooge) (to November 22)

Civil Aviation Bill, 2nd Reading (Heathrow/Stanstead)

Mr Waldegrave before Commons Select Committee on working of Wildlife and Countryside Act

Auld Report on Sunday trading to be published.

Planting of tree in St James's Square to commemorate Wpc Fletcher

Trade figures

Criminal Statistics - Scotland 1980-82

One-day "strike" by University students against cuts in grants

Annual report, Horserace Betting Levy Board 1983

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21 (Cont'd) Mr Jenkin lunch with Merseyside Business Community/Financial Institutions, London

Mr Walker inaugurates Conoco's tension leg platform, Hutton Oilfield

Lord Jellicoe hosts reception for Indian Chamber of Commerce mission to UK

Conservative Party political broadcasts

22 Thanksgiving Day, USA

Publication of GLC/MCC Abolition Bill

Commons debates overseas aid

EC Steel/Shipbuilding Council, Brussels

Meeting of EC Culture Ministers, Brussels

Meeting of EC Transport Ministers, Paris

Neil Macfarlane meets press on report on football fan violence

Lord Young addresses British Retailers Association, London

Mr Walker at NCB Advanced Management Seminar

Ian MacGregor gives Harvard Business School lecture, Paris

Mr Jenkin meets voluntary organisations, London

Mr Heseltine at IEPG, The Hague

BBC TV Question Time - 10.15 - Douglas Hurd, Barbara Castle, Detta O'Cathain, Archie Kirkwood

23 Annual CND Conference opens, Sheffield (to November 25)

Commons debate Warnock Report

Publication: Representation of the People Bill

Statistics: Finished steel consumption and stock changes (3rd Q); Sales and orders, engineering industries (August)

Lord Young addresses Union of Independent Companies

Mr Younger at dinner for Scottish Chief Constables

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- 23 (Cont'd) Mr Ridley opens new continental grain installation,  
Liverpool
- Mr Shaw visits West Yorkshire police; Mr Waddington in  
Nottingham
- Pay negotiations: further education teachers
- BBC Radio 4: 8.45pm - Edwina Currie, Baroness Phillips,  
John Pardoe, the Reverend Donald Reeves
- 25 Parliamentary elections, Bangladesh
- Patrick Jenkin on LWT "Weekend World" on GLC/MCC abolition
- 26 Prime Minister addresses Carlton Club dinner
- Social Security uprating
- EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels (to November 27)
- Anglo-Spanish Ministerial contacts on Gibraltar (to  
November 27)
- European Regional Development Fund announcement
- Inter-Parliamentary Union conference on the Environment,  
Nairobi (to December 2)
- Pay negotiations: local government white collar workers
- Mr Jenkin addresses Public Works Municipal Services Congress,  
Birmingham
- Mr Ridley in Italy to discuss liberalisation of air fares
- 27 Third annual meeting, North-East Atlantic Fisheries  
Commission, London (to November 29)
- Mr Walker opens Pilkington's new glass factory, Corby
- Mr Heseltine addresses Oxford Union debate on nuclear defence
- Scottish Office prisons: annual report

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TUC General Council

Statement on regional development grant policy

Closing date for application for B/Telecom shares

Quarterly housing statistics

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Unemployment and unfilled vacancies

Prime Minister attends Franco-British bilateral meeting,  
Paris

EC-Budget Council

Princess Anne opens Liverpool Freeport

BBC Annual report and accounts

Sir Keith Joseph addresses CBI conference on higher education

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Labour Party rally in support of miners

Franco-British Council Conference, Avignon (to December 2)

St Andrew's Day

Company liquidity survey (3rd Q)

Natural Environment Research Council annual report

Mr Brittan visits Northumbria police

Mr Younger meets Scottish TUC on local authority  
expenditure and manpower

DECEMBER

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Australian General Election

Princess Anne begins visit to the United Arab Emirates  
(to December 4)

Housing Defects Act provisions come into effect

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3 Prime Minister attends European Council Summit, Dublin  
(to December 4)

Commons statement: B/Telecom flotation

EC Fisheries Council, Brussels (to December 4)

Mr Gorbachev and Soviet Delegation visit Britain  
(to December 7)

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