

PRIME MINISTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

The state of the pound/dollar in the wake of your Washington visit and the extent of the return to work in the coal strike are the two main issues this week.

Other important events include:

- Irish Forum, San Francisco, in Ireland (all week)
- the build up to your meeting with Prime Minister Lange next Monday
- trade figures (tomorrow)
- TUC General Council reconsiders its attitude to IR legislation (Wednesday)

It is St David's Day on Friday.

Other details:

INTERNATIONAL

- Pakistani General Election (today); provincial elections (Thursday)
- Trial of Norwegian spy opens (today)
- Chancellor Kohl's state of the nation speech (Wednesday)
- Franco-German bilateral, Paris (Thursday)
- Gromyko visits Spain (Thursday and Friday)
- Your meeting with President Kyprianou (Thursday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Your meeting with Belgian Prime Minister (Saturday)
- Councils: Agriculture - price fixing (today and tomorrow); Foreign Affairs - enlargement (today, tomorrow and Thursday)
- EC Social and Economic Committee (Wednesday and Thursday)
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DEFENCE

- Prince of Wales opens extension to Northwood control centre (Wednesday)
- Lange, New Zealand, and Rev. Jerry Falwell debate nuclear issue at Oxford Union (Friday)

PARLIAMENT/POLITICS

- Debates: Rate capping orders (tonight); local authority capital expenditure (Wednesday); Adjournment on future of National Theatre (tonight)
- Select Committees: Employment - MSC on its corporate plan, 1985-86 (Wednesday)
Energy - Treasury and FCO on oil pricing (Thursday)
- Labour Party NEC (Wednesday)

INDUSTRY

- Sir James Cleminson, CBI, on mission to Tokyo to open up market (from today)
- Lord Young leaves with trade mission to China and Hong Kong (Wednesday)
- You open Technology 2000 Exhibition, Imperial College (Wednesday)
- Select Committee report on ECGD (Thursday)
- ICI annual results (Thursday)

UNIONS/PAY

- NAS/UWT half day strike (tomorrow)
- Agricultural Wages Board (tomorrow)
- Local Authority and electricity supply manual pay negotiations (Friday)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- today: CBI trends
- Tuesday: trade figures
- Wednesday: new vehicle registrations
- Thursday: energy trends - coal stocks; strike figures; overseas trade and tourism

LAW AND ORDER

- Health and Home Secretaries launch campaign against hard drugs (Wednesday)
- Hearing of ritual slaughter in street charge, Manchester (tomorrow)

HEALTH/WELFARE

- Public hearing into food poisoning outbreak at Wakefield hospital opens (tomorrow)
- You open scanner at Chelsea hospital (Friday)

MINISTERS

- Home Secretary at East Midlands Area Industrial Council lunch (today)
- Lord Young at London conference on employment (today)
- Norman Tebbit at Institute of Directors' convention (tomorrow); Institute of Export lunch (Wednesday); Retail Consortium lunch (Friday)
- Patrick Jenkin presents conservation awards, London (tomorrow)
- Tom King in North East (Wednesday); in Notts (Friday)
- Home Secretary visits Greater Manchester Police and Manchester University (Friday)

MEDIA

- Queen visits Times on bicentenary (Thursday)
- ITV World in Action tonight on US customs officers alleged sympathetic to IRA
- BBC TV Panorama tonight on Zimbabwe elections
- BBC TV Question Time, Thursday, Norman Lamont, Norman Willis, Jonathan Porritt and Elizabeth Rees
- Two-hour ITV special on coal strike in anniversary of proposed closure of Cortonwood (Friday)
- BBC Radio 4 Any Questions?, Friday, Richard Needham, David Waterstone, Dr Kim Howells, Claire Rayner

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MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister meets Vice-President of Italy
Princess of Wales visits Taurus Training Workshop, Swindon
Motion on 'Rate-capping', HOC
EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels (to 26 February)
EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (to 26 February)
National Assembly Elections, Pakistan
First Session of newly elected Parliament, Singapore
Dr David Owen presents British Association of Industrial Editors
'Communicator of the Year' awards, Savoy Hotel

STATISTICS

CBI: CBI monthly trends inquiry

PUBLICATIONS

DHSS: SI 1985/202 - Road Traffic Accidents (Payments for treatment)
(England and Wales) Order 1985

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Transport; Wales

Business: Motion on the Rate Limitation (Prescribed Maximum) (Rates) Order
Motion on the Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors
on the Financial year 1983
Adjournment Debate
The future of the National Theatre (Mr C Freud)

Select Committees ENERGY
Subject: Government Oil Pricing Policy
Witness: B P Oil International Ltd

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Subject: National Health Service: Energy Conservation
Witnesses: Sir Kenneth Stowe, Department of Health and
Social Security; Sir Trevor Hughes, Welsh Office; Mr W K
Reid, Scottish Home and Health Department

Lords Administration of Justice Bill (HL): Report
Socialised Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges)
(Amendment) Order 1985: Motion for Approval
International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
(Legal Capacities) Order 1985: Motion for Approval
UQ on import of books from Argentina.

PRESS DIGESTCOAL STRIKE

- Big returns to work expected today in what is seen as a decisive week. Jack Taylor, Yorkshire, thinks people will drift back.
- 101 arrested at demonstration in Whitehall; 4 policemen injured in clashes with trouble makers. Police blame about 200 drunks not connected with demonstrators. Mail: Pit violence comes to Whitehall.
- Unions say 80,000 took part; police say number nearer 12,000.
- Norman Willis frequently criticised at Trafalgar Square rally.
- Scargill to see TUC today and rail unions to review their support tomorrow: calls in other unions to cut cash aid to NUM. TUC will tell NUM there is nothing more they can do.
- Notts area votes to end overtime ban and earns a congratulatory leader from the Sun who say the miners generally have nothing to lose but Scargill from around their necks.
- Hundreds of working miners expelled from NUM in Durham to take their cases to court.
- Telegraph leader says Scargill's defeat opens the way for progress for the industry producing coal in order to create value, not as high cost outdoor relief for redundant member of the NUM.
- Guardian says TUC leaders reported a serious disagreement last week between Scargill and McGahey over the handling of the dispute.
- Times reports NCB confident that more than half miners will be back at work within a week - ie 6000 will return to work this week; and it says oil fired stations are gradually being moved to stand-by status as more coal is delivered.
- FT leads on Scargill's description of strike as beginning "a resistance movement similar to the one which worked throughout World War II"; and Jack Taylor, Yorks, forecasts that we would now see guerrilla type war in the pits.

ECONOMY/BUDGET

- Two upbeat forecasts today from London Business School and CBI. Express leads with: "Britain's on the brink of a boom". Export orders at their highest for seven years and investment in manufacturing up 15% in first 9 months of last year.
- Express leader says the plunging pound has a sunny flip side. The whole economy seems to be stepping up a gear and an EC report predicts our growth will outstrip the rest. We could however still do with a tax cuts tonic from the Chancellor.
- Mail reports CBI as saying you are good news. Your policies have resulted in plumper order books, rising output and ever growing confidence in budiness world.
- Philips and Drew forecast 5p on a gallon and £5 on car tax; 5p on cigarettes and 1p on beer in Budget.
- Mail says Chancellor is being forced to switch from a tax reforming Budget to a defensive one.
- Only 1500 of 5000 "Lads' Army" scheme for jobless youths filled.
- Times says Tory MPs have warned the Chancellor not to tax pension funds.
- FT sees the prospect of a tight budget.
- Times claims that Central Bank governors will this week set out to prove if necessary that co-ordinated intervention (against the dollar) is a workable option.
- FT leader says Budget will be an immediate success if it increases confidence in financial markets, but it will deserve praise longer term only if it is a budget for jobs.

INDUSTRY

- Bulgarians promise to stop fake production of "Scottish Whisky"
- British Telecom says 83,000 of its 229,000 eligible employees have joined a discount share option.
- National Freight Corportation to make 1300 redundant in its loss making parcels group.
- Telegraph says Ministers will tomorrow make another attempt to clear away red tape hindering small businesses.
- Telegraph says CEGB is planning four or five more PWR reactors if it gets the go ahead at Sizewell.
- Moss Evans, TGWU, to take charge of appeal against complaints of ballot rigging in the election of his successor.

INDUSTRY (CONT'D)

- Shell offers a new productivity deal to its drivers with a 20% cut in work force 15% improvement in work performance and up to 30% pay rise.
- West Midlands CBI reports US companies, encouraged by the strength of the dollar, setting up manufacturing in the UK. Trend expected to accelerate.

POLITICS

- Sun leader wants you to turn your mind to strengthening your Government after your return from Washington - get rid of Patrick Jenkin and Nicholas Ridley and send for Cecil Parkinson.
- Roy Hattersley comes out in favour of one-man-one-vote selection of Parliamentary candidates.
- Less than 4 trade unionists out of 10 want their unions to have political funds; but Labour Party would now draw 54% support from trade unionists according to Channel 4 poll.
- Guardian says David Owen has personally blocked an attempt further to integrate Alliance parties by appointing joint Shadow Spokesmen in Commons.
- Times says MPs are being forced to spend longer time at the Commons for at least 10 years and this session could break all records for late sittings.
- Right wingers take control of Greater London Young Conservatives (Times).
- Times first of 3 features on the storms beneath the surface of the Alliance and "the increasingly autocratic court of Dr Owen".

NORTHERN IRELAND

- John Hume meets IRA representatives, but not for long because he won't agree to be filmed; Unionists protest.
- Police deny man shot as an informer by IRA in Londonderry worked for them; former UDR man shot dead in Londonderry.
- Mirror leader on protests after the shooting of 3 men whom the IRA say were on active service; those who live by ambush must be ready to die by it as well. Express, in similar vein, says the killing of the 3 will have given the vast majority in the UK a grim satisfaction. No one seriously imagines men carrying rocket launchers, rifles and petrol bombs were out on a nocturnal nature ramble. Guardian leader, referring to row over killing of 3, says IRA is interested in establishing security forces are always in the wrong, and that cannot be accepted.
- Telegraph says after losing 8 men in 3 months, the IRA has started a drive in Republican areas to track down suspected informers.

LAW AND ORDER

- Midland Bank says police have done best for pay since you came to office - most of them have doubled their pay.
- D/Star says Home Secretary is preparing new laws, as part of review of Public Order Act, to crack down on flying pickets.
- Sun says police officers guarding Royal Family are to get a crash course in the latest terrorist techniques.
- Heroin worth £3m seized at Heathrow.
- Forged dollars with a face value of £2m netted in raid on Newcastle on Tyne printing works.
- Mail says Scotland Yard has traced half the £2bn bullion haul from the Heathrow robbery.
- Mail leader on 'phone tapping is against prosecuting ex-MI5 officers. Public and Parliamentary row over the revelations should do more good than harm. The TV programme should be shown and Home Secretary should be regularly roughed up over 'phone tapping; David Steel wants a long-stop committee of senior politicians and judges to check up on use of tapping. NCCL may take MI5 phone taps to EuroCourt.
- Telegraph says Home Secretary is ready to challenge Lords over proposal that court of appeal should review controversially lenient sentences.
- Telegraph says you have now convinced Anthony Kershaw, Chairman Foreign Affairs Select Committee, there should be no further inquiry into allegations that Sir Roger Hollis was a spy.
- Guardian says a shortage of GCHQ radio operators is affecting its work.
- Hugo Young in Guardian says the MI5 surveillance film banned by the IBA would not imperil national security one jot if screened.
- Times says Mr Justice McCowan's direction to the jury that the policies of the State were the policies of the Government then in power was disgraceful and its endorsement by the Attorney General was both disgraceful and damaging. Ministers should clarify.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- John Patten tells TV viewers there is no risk of AIDS from sharing same air space or drinking from same cup.
- Tessa Gorman, Westminster City Councillor, on housing benefit rackets in Mail, says we need to encourage the private developer into building homes to rent; and to do that we must abolish rent control and security of tenure.

EDUCATION

- Fred Jarvis, NUT, says teachers have been led up the garden path over money available for pay rises - 4000 teachers in 216 schools called out on 3-day strike from tomorrow.

DEFENCE

- Guardian says Christian CND are trying to persuade Archbishop of Canterbury to stop Church of England selling land to the MoD at Molesworth.

MEDIA

- Public pressure forces Central TV to withdraw all bar a glimpse of Spitting Images puppet of Queen Mother.
- Companies deny they turned down live broadcast on political grounds.
- Telegraph says that ITV chiefs are however privately admitting that they bungled in not screening speech.
- Eddie Shah planning to launch a national newspaper, but unions sceptical of his chances.

YOUR WASHINGTON SPEECH

- Yorkshire TV say it would have been unfair to children to drop their programmes and broadcast you live.

PEOPLE

- Sun says you are considering buying a Nash house in Kent Terrace. And the Times goes into greater detail.
- Guardian profile of Lord Young.

RUSSIA

- Chernenko appears in public at last - voting; Mail leader describes his appearance before the cameras as a danse macabre. Has there been so grisly a charade since the dead legionnaires in Beau Geste were propped around the walls of the Fort to fool the beseigers?

SUDAN

- Desperation there with economy near collapse (Telegraph).

GERMANY

- Martin Bangemann becomes new FDP leader after Genscher.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling attends 'Food from Britain Breakfast' and launches the FFB quality mark, later opens International Food Exhibition '85, London
- CO: Lord Young speaks to East Midlands Allied Press, HoC; speaks at Conference on Employment, London
- HO: Mr Brittan speaks at E Midlands Area Industrial Council lunch, HOC
- SO: Mr Younger opens Sheridan Hotel, Edinburgh; meets Grampian Regional Council about local government finance, Edinburgh
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner attends Food Manufacturers' Federation President's reception and dinner, London
- DEM: Mr Bottomley meets General-Secretary Scottish TUC; attends lunch and press conference, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; views YTS Scheme, Glasgow
- DEM: Mr Morrison speaks to the Meat Industry Conference, London
- DOE: Mr Waldegrave meets Swedish MP, Mr Olav Johansson to discuss acid rain
- FCO: Mr Rifkind addresses America/European Community Association
- FCO: Mr Luce addresses English Speaking Union
- DHSS: Mr Clarke addresses AMA, London
- DHSS: Mr Whitney visits Salvation Army re-establishment centre, London
- SO: Lord Gray opens SDA small business division stand, International Food Exhibition, London
- SO: Mr Stewart visits ASSET Enterprise Trust, Ayrshire; opens Star Life Crisps factory
- DTI: Lord Lucas visits Southampton University
- DTI: Mr Butcher visits Polytechnic of South Bank, London
- DTI: Mr Trippier visits Enterprise Centre, Bricton
- DTI: Mr Channon attends lunch with Yugoslav Federal Council Member, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling and Mr MacGregor attend EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (to 26 February)
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TV AND RADIO

- "Vietnam, the 10,000 Day War"; Channel 4; (14.35): The Tet offensive 1968
- "Panorama"; BBC 1; (20.10): Zimbabwe's elections
- "World in Action"; Thames TV; (20.30)
- "Pictures of Poland"; Channel 4; (21.00): Far from Poland