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LIAISON COMMITTEE

Tuesday 5th February

AGENDA

1. Bernard Ingham's programme of forthcoming events
2. Any other business.

THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

The main events over the next two weeks are:

- coal strike - is this the end?
- interest rates down? - money supply figures (today)
- Spain to open Gibraltar border (tonight); and Foreign Secretary's talks, Geneva
- President Reagan's State of the Union message (tomorrow)
- Teachers start disruptive action over pay (tomorrow)
- Commons debates on rate capping (tomorrow); water rates (Thursday)
- Prime Minister's speeches to Institute of Petroleum (Thursday); and Young Conservatives conference (Saturday)
- NEDC discusses pay and jobs (Wednesday)
- Prime Minister's 10th anniversary as party leader (next Monday)
- Bills next week: 2nd Reading, Buses Bill; and Civil Aviation Bill, Committee Stage (today week).

Major issues between now and Easter:

- Arms control negotiations (Prime Minister's visit to Washington February 19-21)
- Budget (March 19)
- Review of labour market policy, job support and enterprise culture
- Pay settlements
- DHSS reviews of Supplementary Benefit, housing benefit, children and young people's benefits and pensions
- TRUC prescription and dental charges
- settlement of restricted list for drugs supplied under NHS
- rate capping; GLC/MCC abolition
- White Paper on home improvement grants
- Urban programme allocation
- Heathrow/Stansted/airports policy
- BBC licence fee.

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Spain opens border with Gibraltar; Foreign Secretary opens talks with S. Moran, Geneva

3-day gathering in Jerusalem of survivors of Nazi concentration camps

UN disarmament and chemical weapons talks resume Geneva

Irish Foreign Minister visits London
EC Research and Culture Councils, Brussels
EC Political Committee, Rome (to 6 February)

Juvenile Offenders Statistical Bulletin

Mr Jenkin at Chartered Institution of Building Services dinner

Home Secretary addresses City of London School; later SE Area Young Conservatives

Mr Younger in Oxford Union debate

Mr Tebbit presents Granada TV's 'What the Papers Say' awards

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President Reagan's State of the Union message

NEDC - pay and jobs

Teachers in England and Wales begin disruptive action

Commons debates rate capping order

Transport Secretary before Select Committee on financing of public transport services

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6 (Cont'd) Public meeting into proposed siting of Union Carbide factory at Livingstone (to 7 February)

Lord Chancellor announces civil justice review

Lord Chapple introduced, Lords

Oscar awards

Provisional Energy Statistics

Lords debates on Civil Defence and on drug prescribing in NHS

Select Committees: Chief of the Defence Staff on commitments and resources

Manpower Services Commission on YTS

Foreign Secretary addresses Policy Studies Institute

Mr Ridley addresses County Surveyors Society annual dinner

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Prime Minister addresses Institute of Petroleum dinner

EC Energy Council, Brussels

President Reagan meets Bob Hawke

Cartegena Debtors Summit, Santa Domingo

B/Rail launches East Coast line electrification

Health and Safety Executive - Abbeystead's explosion report

Statistical bulletin on reconviction and recalls of life licences

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7 (Cont'd)

Survey of inter-war private housing in Scotland

Pay Negotiations: Electricity supply manuals; Water supply manuals

Commons debates water rates; and on adjournment proposed restrictions on NHS drug prescribing

Sir Keith Joseph delivers English Speaking Union lecture

Mr Jenkin attends dinner with Liverpool editors

BBC TV "Question Time"; Chris Patten, Dr Elizabeth Cottrell, John Gunnell and David Penhaligon

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Princess of Wales visits Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, Cambridge

Prime Minister meets Vice-Minister, Nicaragua

Commons 2nd Reading Private Members' Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill

Inquiry into Todmorden tunnel railway accident

Dunlop's extraordinary company meeting on restructuring

Norman Fowler on Channel 4's 'A Week in Politics'

Patrick Jenkin visits Liverpool

Foreign Secretary starts tour of Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria

EC Informal meeting Social Affairs Ministers, Venice

Cruft's Dog Show, Earls Court (to 10 February)

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Pay Negotiations: Municipal busmen

Mr Heseltine meets Casper Weinberger, Ditchley Park Conference

Mr Walker meets Director-General, European Commission Energy Directorate

Home Secretary speaks at Huddersfield Polytechnic

Mr Edwards opens Innovation and Technology Seminar, Cardiff

BBC Radio 4 "Any Questions?"; Marghanita Laski, Michael Meacher, Margaret Clay

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Prime Minister addresses Young Conservative Conference, Bournemouth

Labour Party festival, Glasgow (Denis Healey)

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Young Conservatives Conference

Mr Channon attends EC Internal Market meeting, Brussels

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Prime Minister's 10th anniversary as Party Leader (photocall)

Prime Minister attends Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council Reception

EC Internal Market Finance and Social Affairs Councils, Brussels

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- 11 (Cont'd) European Parliament, Strasbourg (all week)
- King Fahd of Saudi Arabia visits Washington
- Producer prices index; Retail sales (Jan prov)
- Lord Young speaks at businessmen's dinner, Folkestone
- Mr Rifkind at POCO meeting (to 13 February)
- Mr Channon addresses MEPs, Strasbourg
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- 12 EC Political Cooperation Ministerial, Rome
- Civil Aviation Bill, Committee Stage
- Commission for Racial Equality - report on operation of immigration control
- Mr Jopling at NFU dinner
- Mr Heseltine addresses London Business School
- Mr Walker attends press launch of the Milton Keynes Energy Park
- John Patten press conference on misuse of drugs
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- 13 The Queen visits 'The Golden Age of Anglo-Saxon Art' exhibition, British Museum
- Prime Minister attends National Union Executive Committee Dinner
- EC Dooge Committee, Brussels (to 14 February)

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Mr Heseltine debates at Glasgow University 'This House regrets the absence of greatness in politics'

Sir Keith Joseph opening address to Birmingham Headteachers' Association conference

Mr Jenkin addresses British Institute of Management dinner

Home Secretary speaks at Queen Mary's College

Mr Ridley addresses the Bus and Coach Council annual dinner

Mr Channon begins trade visit to the Cameroons (to 18 February)

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Prime Minister meets S. Craxi

Ian Botham before Scunthorpe Magistrates Court on drug charges

'Politics and Power' conference, Central Hall

Spring Supplementary Estimates; Car and commercial vehicle production (Jan)

Pay negotiations: National Bus Co manuals; bank employees

Mr Heseltine meets Spanish Defence Minister

Home Secretary at Press Association lunch

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Prime Minister meets Spanish Defence Minister

TUC youth conference, London

Lord Young visits Bradford

Mr Heseltine visits British Hovercraft, Isle of Wight

Mr King visits Cheshire

Mr Walker at Newspaper Conference lunch

Home Secretary addresses Beaconsfield Conservative Association

Lord Gowrie at re-opening of Atkinson Art Gallery, Liverpool

Mr Younger hosts dinner for Principals of Scottish Universities in Edinburgh

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Commons Agriculture Select Committee begins visit to Spain and Portugal (to 23 February)

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Completion of final phase of Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon

EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels (to 19 February)

People's Europe Committee, Brussels (to 19 February)

Northern Ireland Secretary appears on TVS "Questions"

BBC "Panorama" programme features AEW Nimrod

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Prime Minister departs for USA