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HIGHLIGHTS

The Weekend

The weekend media are still very interested in the Westland issue, though we detect some abatement. They are showing great interest in your Channel Link announcement on Monday. Weekend events which will command attention include the Ulster Protest Rally in Ballymena, the Teachers' Special Conference on Pay, both on Saturday, and the G5 meeting of Finance Ministers in London.

Mr Brittan will appear on "Weekend World" (Sunday ITV 12 noon) and Lord Young on "This Week, Next Week", (Sunday, BBC1 TV, 1 pm) both on the subject of Westland. Mr Hurd will appear on "Face the Press" (Channel 4, 1.30 pm).

Main Events

On Monday you visit Lille to announce the Channel Link decision. On Tuesday you meet the Japanese Foreign Minister and later attend the 30 Club dinner (speech). The Defence Committee begins taking evidence on Westland. ACAS talks begin on teachers' pay. On Wednesday you meet the Israeli Prime Minister and later host dinner for him. Thursday sees the Northern Ireland by-elections, the arrival of the Australian Minister for Resources and Energy for discussions on Maralinga, a meeting of the Teachers' Pay Management Panel and London-wide parents' action group rallies on teachers' pay. You attend a reception by the Israeli Prime Minister and later attend an NSPCC dinner. On Friday you lunch with London Editors.

Parliament

The RSG for England and Wales is debated on Monday (and for Scotland on Wednesday). On Tuesday the remaining Stages of the Drug Trafficking Offences Bill are debated. Wednesday sees the remaining Stages of the Local Government Bill. On Thursday there are debates on Gartcosh and schools. Friday's Private members Motions include Mr Churchill's Bill on Obscene Publications, and the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill is given Second Reading. Mr Penhaligon proposes an Adjournment Debate on the tin industry in Cornwall.

Other Events

Monday: Index of production for November. Mr Hurd gives interview to Radio London on black

Londoners. Mr Brittan and Mr Channon meet Russian Ministers. Mr Whitney visits Suffolk House.

- Tuesday: Cyclical indicators for December. Energy Committee Report on Gas Regulation Policy. Report into outbreak of food poisoning at Stanley Royd Hospital.
- Wednesday: (Critical) Report on Artificial Limb and Appliance Centres. Mr Fowler gives evidence on social security reform to the Social Services Committee. Mr Heath, Mr Jenkin and Mr Benn give evidence to the TCSC on Civil Servants' and Ministers' duties and responsibilities. Lady Trumpington visits Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Mr Howard addresses FT Conference on the City.
- Thursday: Mr Stanley attends dinner in honour of Sir Rex Hunt.
- Friday: "Ulster By-Election Special" (BBC Radio 4, 3 pm). "Northern Ireland Election Special" (BBC1 TV, 3.55 pm).

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