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PRIME MINISTER

HIGHLIGHTS

The Weekend

The Sunday Lobby are pursuing the Bristow allegations, though without very much conviction; and also the BL-Ford decision, which they see as a climbdown.

Weekend events which will command attention include the Young Conservatives Conference and the first redundancies at Gartcosh; and, abroad, the Philippines election results.

Mr Kinnock is interviewed on "Weekend World".

Main Events

On Monday Mr Rifkind meets representatives of the Church of Scotland/Roman Catholic Church to discuss the Scottish teachers' dispute; and Congressman Kemp calls on you. On Tuesday the Scottish Appeal Court hears the TSB Appeal; the EEPTU meets to consider the TUC instructions over Wapping; and you address the NFU dinner. On Wednesday you sign the Channel Link Treaty with President Mitterrand in Canterbury, and later attend The Queen's Awards for Exports and Technology reception at Buckingham Palace; Westland shareholders meet; students lobby Parliament over grants; and the Labour Party NEC meet to discuss expulsions of Militant Tendency. On Thursday the Royal College of Nursing lobby Parliament; Mr Ridley visits Washington to discuss the air service agreement; and you meet a delegation from Comex. On Friday you visit Remploy.

Parliament

In the Commons the main event will be the Opposition Day motion on Wednesday on the Government's economic policy and the level of unemployment.

Other interesting debates are Monday's debate on the Channel Link, Tuesday's Second Reading of the Wages Bill, and Friday's debates on the MFA and on the Roskill Report on Fraud.

In the Lords, there is a debate on Roskill on Monday; and the Second Day of the Report Stage of the Shops Bill is on Wednesday.

Other Events

Monday: The Producer Price Index for January published. The EC Agricultural Council meets. Mr Patten

launches PICKUP scheme for continuing education in nursing and professional health care. "Panorama" looks at the position of Ulster Unionists.

Tuesday: Mr Jopling addresses the NFU AGM (and later attends the NFU dinner).

Wednesday: The Social Services Committee publish a report on the reform of social security; and the Environment Committee publish a report on the leak of a draft report on radioactive waste. The Trade and Industry Committee hear evidence on Westland from Aerospace unions. The TCSC hear evidence from Mr Callaghan on the duties and responsibilities of Civil Servants and Ministers. "Diverse Reports" argues that Channel Tunnel is a waste of money.

Thursday: Treasury First Order Questions. Mr Hurd meets representatives of the AMA on policing.

Friday: Index of Industrial Production for December published. Lord Young appears on "Any Questions".

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