

## PRIME MINISTER

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### The Weekend

Budget speculation following the Cabinet will be a major preoccupation for the media this weekend. Mr Murdoch's activities at Wapping will also feature, and possibly British Leyland and Westland; and, abroad, confirmation of the Philippines election results.

On Sunday, the Portuguese Presidential election is held, and Sir Geoffrey Howe leaves for Nepal.

Mr David Steel appears on "My Britain".

#### Main Events

On Monday The Queen begins her visit to Nepal and the Prince of Wales his visit to Texas. EC Ministers, except Italy and Denmark, sign the Single European Act. Argentine politicians begin a visit to the UK. You give a live interview to "Panorama".

On Tuesday you meet the Turkish Prime Minister, and later host dinner for him; you also give an interview to Turkish TV.

On Wednesday Mr Ridley opens the final section of the south part of the M25. You give an interview to Jean Rook; you have lunch with the Times; and later meet Dr Fitzgerald.

On Thursday firemen lobby Parliament; and the Education Bill is published. You attend the 75th anniversary reception of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

On Friday the RPI is published. You visit Bramshill Police College.

#### Parliament

A fairly busy week in the Commons, with the Timetable Motion on the Gas Bill on Monday, the remaining Stages of the Drug Trafficking Offences Bill on Tuesday, an Opposition Day debate on SDI on Wednesday and the Public Expenditure debate on Thursday.

There is an economic debate in the Lords on Wednesday.

Other Events

- Monday: Mrs Rumbold visits radioactive waste processing plant in Mol, Belgium.
- Tuesday: PSBR for January published. Mr Walker meets Norwegian Energy Minister, London. "South East Report" investigates effect of the Channel Tunnel. The Defence Committee hears evidence on Westland.
- Wednesday: GDP (1985 4th quarter) figures published. Earnings and unit labour cost figures published. The Defence Committee hears evidence on Westland. The Trade and Industry Committee hears evidence on Westland from Sir John Cuckney. Mr Walker gives evidence to the Energy Committee on the coal industry. Lord Young gives evidence to the Employment Committee. Mr A Clark gives evidence on the tin crisis to the Trade and Industry Committee.
- Thursday: Cyclical indicators for January and capital spending and stocks figures for 1984 (4th quarter) published. Mr Channon meets Mr Gyllenhammer of Volvo. Mr Brittan appears on "Question Time".
- Friday: Mr Jopling addresses seminar on "Farming and the Environment". Mr Tebbit appears on "Any Questions".

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