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PRIME MINISTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

There is a lot of Government business this week but there are a number of issues which will make it a fairly lively week:

- Northern Ireland (one day strike today: your meeting with Kilfedder Wednesday)
- Johnson Matthey (?statement)
- Deadline for firm bids for BL (Tuesday)
- Teachers' pay (ACAS negotiations continue from today)
- Pensioners and the cold with your meeting with National Pensioners' Convention on Thursday when pensioners will lobby Parliament; and Commons will debate their plight
- White Paper on Criminal Justice Bill (Thursday)

Other items of note: the Queen is in Australia all week; the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group will be in South Africa all week; the SDP/Lib Alliance holds a conference on the economy (today); Ted Heath makes a speech critical of Government's economic policy (Tuesday) Eddie Shah launches his newspaper Today (Tuesday); and the Scottish Labour Party holds its conference at the weekend.

Other details:

INTERNATIONAL

- Council of Europe conference on sex equality (Lady Young attends from today)
- USA/Soviet arms talks session ends (Tuesday)
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association seminar, London (Tuesday-March 21)
- Geneva Motor Show opens (Thursday)
- Paris Club meets on Polish debt (Thursday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Councils: Industry (today); Environment (Thursday)
- EC/APC meeting on sugar prices (Tuesday)

PARLIAMENT

- Commons debates:
 - Wales (today); Adjournment on Wapping (today)
 - European Community (Wednesday)
 - Opposition day on plight of the elderly (Thursday)
- First for Questions:
 - Wales (Monday); DES (Tuesday); FCO (Wednesday); MAFF (Thursday)
- Select Committees:
 - T&I: Alan Clarke and Peter Morrison on tin crisis (Tuesday)
 - T&I: Michael Heseltine on Westland (Wednesday)
 - *industry* Defence: UDM on coal industry (Wednesday)
 - PAC: Lord Chancellor's Department on legal aid (Wednesday)
- Lords debates:
 - 2nd Reading, Drug Trafficking Offences Bill (Tuesday); nurses' concern about re-organisation of NHS (Tuesday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLICATIONS

- Appeal Court judgment on Liverpool/Lambeth illegal budget cases (Wednesday)
- MAC report on supply of postal franking machines (Wednesday)
- White Paper on Criminal Justice legislation (Thursday)
- National Audit Office report on legal aid fees (Thursday)
- Insurance Ombudsman's annual report (Thursday)
- DFSS guidance on prescription of pill to under 16s

INDUSTRY

- NACODS executive meets on strike ballot over closure of Bates Colliery (today)
- Passport office industrial action over withdrawal of allowance (today)
- Deadline for firm bids for BL and ARG lobby of Parliament (Tuesday); world conference of GM unions opens in Liverpool (Thursday)
- TUC president, Ken Gill, Communist, visits Rosyth (Tuesday); Kinnock (Friday)
- Daily Mail Ideal Homes Exhibition opens (Tuesday to March 30)
- NEDC (Wednesday)

EDUCATION

- Teachers' pay negotiations continue (from today)
- Sir Keith Joseph at National Association of Head Teachers' conference (Friday)

PAY NEGOTIATIONS:

- Electricity supply manuals and water supply manuals (both Thursday)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- Tuesday: UK reserves (February); capital issues and redemptions (February)
- Wednesday: Energy statistics (January)
- Thursday: Balance of payments; trade figures (4th Q)
- Friday: Housing starts and completions (January); house renovations (4th Q)

MINISTERS

- Kenneth Baker meets heads of building societies re-tenanted housing estates (today); Opens Thames Water ring main (Thursday); in Basingstoke (Friday)
- Foreign Secretary addresses Institute of Directors (Tuesday); in Scotland (Friday)
- William Waldegrave at pollution technology awards scheme (Tuesday)
- David Trippier presents Young Persons in Industry Awards (Wednesday)
- Lord Young and Kenneth Clarke meet Labour and Industrial Correspondents (Thursday).

MEDIA

- ITV World in Action tonight questions the Government's methods of selling off nationalised industries
- BBC Radio 4 Analysis, Wednesday, on the effects of falling oil prices
- Thames TV Eye, Thursday, on North Sea oil and falling oil prices
- BBC TV 1, Thursday, Question Time with Foreign Secretary, John Cunningham, Brenda Dean and Sir John Harvey-Jones (ICI)
- BBC Radio 4 Any Questions?, Friday, with Max Hastings, Bruce Kent, David Penhaligon and Jessica Martin

NEXT WEEK REVIEW

- Monday:
- Commons debates CAP
 - EC Foreign Affairs Council (also Tuesday)
 - European Parliament (all week)
 - Producer price index (February)
 - Civil Service industrials pay negotiations
- Tuesday:
- 4 Metropolitan Policemen in court over assault on innocent youths
 - Richard Luce's speech on the arts
 - Money supply (February)
 - Lord Young's lecture on inner city enterprise
 - Foreign Secretary at Conservative Party industrial forum lunch
- Wednesday:
- Anglo-Italian bilateral in Florence
 - Labour Party disciplinary hearing for Militants threatened with expulsion
 - National No Smoking Day
- Thursday:
- Anglo-German economic committee, Aachen
 - TUC women's conference, Leicester (and Friday)
 - Vehicle production (February)
 - NHS ancillaries pay negotiations
 - Home Secretary addresses national conference on housing crime and security
- Friday:
- Conservative Central Council, Felixstowe (and Saturday)
 - Steel production (February); and construction output (4th Q)
 - Norman Fowler at National Council for Careers and elderly dependents