

PRIME MINISTER

HIGHLIGHTS

The Weekend

While no subject seems likely to dominate the media this weekend, there are plenty of running stories, including law and order, British Leyland, Vickers, tin, Sellafield (to be featured on "Weekend World") and teachers; and, abroad, US aid to Ireland, and South Africa.

Weekend events include Saturday's Local Government Advisory Committee annual conference in Edinburgh (at which Mr Rifkind speaks), and Sunday's BAFTA awards.

"Face the Press" interviews the Syrian Foreign Minister. Mr Clark and Mr Archer appear on "My Britain" (helping to counter a rather critical view by journalist Christopher Hitchens).

Main Events

On Monday, there is a lobby of Parliament on Sunday Trading (2.30 pm). ECOFIN discusses the financial guidelines for CAP spending. The producer price index for February is published.

On Tuesday, four policemen appear in court over assaults on youths in Holloway. The money supply figures for mid-February are published.

On Wednesday you and other Ministers attend the Anglo-Italian bilateral meetings in Florence.

On Thursday the TUC Women's Conference begins in Leicester; and at about midnight the the Giotto spacecraft is due to encounter Halley's Comet.

On Friday the Conservative Central Council's annual meeting begins in Felixstowe.

Parliament

Key debates are Monday's on the 1986 CAP proposals, Tuesday's on putting Rating Commissioners into Northern Ireland, Wednesday's on the City (an Opposition Day Motion), and Friday's on NHS management reorganisation.

There is a Consolidated Fund Bill on Thursday.

Other Events

- Monday: You give an interview to Italian TV. "World in Action" talks to residents of Bradwell (short-listed for investigation as a nuclear waste site).
- Tuesday: Mr Luce makes a major speech on the arts. Lord Young lectures on inner city enterprise.
- Wednesday: Trade and Industry Committee hears evidence on Land Rover Leyland from company officials. Defence Committee hears evidence on the tin crisis from DTI witnesses. Mr Mellor addresses Royal Society of Health Conference on Drugs.
- Thursday: Treasury first order Questions. Mr Baker meets the Group of Eight from the Construction Industry. Mr Waldegrave visits the Hague re radioactive waste sites. Mr Hurd addresses National Conference on Housing, Crime and Security. BBC TV1 televises Giotto's encounter with Halley's comet.
- Friday: Mr Lamont appears on "Any Questions".

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