

PRIME MINISTERTHE WEEK AHEAD

This week is of course dominated by the Budget which will also bring the Green Paper on personal taxation, the Financial Statement and Budget Report. Supplementary Estimates and the Civil List as well as the PSBR for February.

Other dominant issues are:

- OPEC on production and prices (today and Tuesday)
- BL (? at Cabinet)
- B/Airways privatisation (Lord King sees you today)
- GCHQ (Foreign Secretary sees unions tomorrow)
- Index of Retail Prices (February) on Friday
- Fulham by-election (all week)

Other details:

INTERNATIONAL

- French general election follow up
- Swiss referendum on membership of UN follow up
- South African Budget (today)
- Preparatory meeting for new round of GATT, Geneva (today-Thursday)
- Visit by Cap Weinburger to UK (from today)
- Reagan/Mulroney bilateral (including acid rain) Tuesday
- Nuclear Planning Group, Wurzburg - George Younger (from Wednesday)
- George Shultz starts tour of France, Turkey, Greece and Italy (Friday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Councils: Fish and Internal Market (both Tuesday); Energy (Thursday)

PARLIAMENT

- Lobby on youth opportunities (Wednesday)
- Commons debates: Remaining stages, Gas Bill (today); Budget (Tuesday-Thursday incl)
- First for Questions: Transport (today); Employment (Tuesday); Environment (Wednesday); Home Office (Thursday)
- Select Committee: Trade and Industry hears Paul Channon, Sikorsky, Bristow and B/Aerospace on Westland (Wednesday)
- Lords debates: 3rd Reading, Local Government Bill (Tuesday); Needs of voluntary organisations post-GLC/MCCs abolition (Wednesday); British competition policy (Thursday)

INDUSTRY

- TUC conference on future industrial relations legislation (Wednesday)
- NU of Insurance Workers conference (Wednesday and Thursday)
- Your visit to bi-centenary of Board of Trade (Friday)
- ACTT conference, London (Saturday and Sunday)
- Industry Year conference with Lord Young, Norman Willis (Sunday)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- today: retail sales (February)
- Tuesday: Index of production (January); PSBR (February)
- Wednesday: Average earnings and unit labour costs (January)
- Thursday: CBI/FT survey of distributive trades (February)
- Friday: Index of Retail Prices (February); GDP (4th Q); sales and orders in engineering (December)

LAW AND ORDER

- Prison population projections to 1994 (today)
- Immigration statistics (4th Q) Tuesday
- WHO Conference on drug misuse, London (from Tuesday, you visit reception Wednesday)
- Ombudsman's report, 1985 (Thursday)
- Scottish Prison Officers' Association annual conference, Perth (Thursday and Friday)
- Judicial review of barristers' fees (Thursday)
- Euro Road Safety Year conference, Kensington (Thursday)

## MINISTERS

- Foreign Secretary addresses Foreign Press Association (today); visits Greece and Yugoslavia (from Thursday)
- Sir Keith Joseph visits University College, Swansea (today)
- Lord Young opens Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors' conference, Cardiff (today); on Merseyside (Friday)
- Home Secretary visits Maidstone Prison (today); in West Yorkshire (Friday)
- Malcolm Rifkind at COSLA conference, Peebles (Friday)
- Kenneth Baker at opening of Greater Manchester Exhibition Centre (Friday)

## MEDIA

- ITV 'World in Action', tonight, interviews Clive Ponting and secretive world of Whitehall
- BBC TV 'Panorama', tonight, interview Chris Patten on money crisis in schools
- BBC TV 'Question Time', Thursday, with John MacGregor, Baroness Saegar and Rosalind Gilmore
- Thames TV Eye, Thursday, on Sellafield
- BBC Radio 4 'Any Questions?', Friday, with John Moore MP, Brian MacArthur, Geoffrey Robinson MP and Polly Toynbee
- Channel 4 'A Week in Politics', Friday, reviews Conservative Party over last three years and interviews Norman Tebbit

## PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK

- Monday:
- Conclusion of Budget debate
  - London busmen due to begin indefinite strike over closures
  - Royal Assent, Local Government Bill
  - Electrical Power Engineers' Association conference (to March 26)
  - Cyclical indicators
- Tuesday:
- Home Secretary visits Tottenham
  - Dutch court verdicts on extradition of two IPA terrorists expected
- Wednesday:
- Labour Party NEC hears charges against 12 Liverpool Militants
  - Lords rise for Easter Recess
  - TUC General Council
  - Sir Alan Walters' book "Britain's economic renaissance" published
  - Trade figures (February)
  - CBI monthly trends (March)
  - Further education teachers' pay talks
- Thursday:
- Commons rise for Easter Recess
  - Unemployment figures
  - Clive Ponting's book "Whitehall: Tragedy and Farce" published
  - Exhibition to mark 900th anniversary of Doomsday Book opens, Winchester
  - NHS Ambulancemen pay talks

## OVER EASTER

- Northern Ireland: 14th anniversary of direct rule, March 30; Belfast City Council meets on rates etc (April 2)
- Teachers' unions conferences: NUT (March 29-April 2); NAS/UWT (March 31-April 4)
- British Summer Time starts (Easter Sunday, March 30)
- Cartcosh steelworks due to close (March 31)
- Political fund ballots to be compelled (March 31)
- GLC/MCCs to be abolished (from March 31)
- Introduction of Crown Prosecution Service (April 1)
- Higher NHS prescription charges (from April 1)
- Federation of Conservative Students conference, Scarborough (April 2-4)