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Press

PRIME MINISTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

There will be a lively run up to the Easter Recess with the following issues running perhaps in order of immediate excitement:

- your alleged share dealings
- Northern Ireland (Glenholmes statement today; your letter to Unionists)
- BL/Land Rover (?Statement, Tuesday; debate Wednesday)
- Harland and Wolff (order announced today); and Swan Hunter
- Petrol prices
- Select Committee report on tin crisis (Tuesday)
- Labour Party NEC hears cases against 12 Liverpool Militants (Wednesday)
- SDP's fifth anniversary (Wednesday)
- GLC/MCCs prepare for abolition (ceremonial last meetings, Thursday)
- NUT and NAS/UWT conferences over Easter

Other details:

INTERNATIONAL

- OECD economic committee policy meeting (today and Tuesday)
- Dutch court verdicts on extraditions of IFA terrorists (Tuesday)
- China National People's Congress in Peking (from Tuesday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Councils: Agriculture, CAP prices (today); Transport (Thursday)

PARLIAMENT

- Commons debates: - Budget ends (today); 3rd Reading, Gas Bill and Lords amendment: to Local Government Bill (Tuesday); handling of MPs' immigration cases (if not BL) Wednesday
- First for Questions: - Wales (today); DHSS (Tuesday); Scotland (Wednesday); Northern Ireland (Thursday)
- Select Committees: - Education: Sir Keith Joseph on primary schools (Tuesday)  
- Treasury: Chancellor on Budget (Wednesday)  
- Energy: Scargill on coal industry (Wednesday)
- Lords debates: - Rating system (Wednesday) - to be televised

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Formation of Ministerial Committee on crime prevention (today)
- Education Select Committee report on achievements of primary schools (today)
- Interim report from Trade and Industry Select Committee on tin crisis (Tuesday)
- Sir Alan Walters' book on economic renaissance of Britain (Wednesday)
- PAC report on expenditure on motorways and trunk roads (Wednesday)
- Clive Ponting book "Whitehall: tragedy and farce" published (Thursday)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- today: cyclical indicators
- Wednesday: Trade figures (February); CBI monthly trends (February); average earnings and unit costs (January); and new construction orders (January)
- Thursday: New vehicle registrations (February)

PAY NEGOTIATIONS

- Further education teachers (Wednesday); NHS Ambulancemen (Thursday)

INDUSTRY

- BL statement and debate
- Harland and Wolff order/Swan Hunter
- Vickers share purchase closing day (today)
- Electrical Power Engineers' Association conference (today to Wednesday)
- TUC General Council (Wednesday)

MEDIA

- SDP party political broadcast (Wednesday)
- BBC Radio 4 'Any Questions?', Friday, with Lord Fitt, Lord Chapple, Sir Campbell Fraser, chairman, Scottish TV; Mary Baker, chairman, Holiday Care Service

MINISTERS

- Home Secretary visits Tottenham (Tuesday)
- Malcolm Rifkind meets Scottish TUC (today) speaks at annual dinner Scottish Council (Development and Industry) (Tuesday)
- Lord Young opens Engineering ITB conference (today); opens Better Made in Britain exhibition (Tuesday)
- Kenneth Clarke meets Liverpool Archbishop and Bishop (Wednesday)
- Foreign Secretary goes to India and Pakistan (from Sunday)

PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK

- Monday: NUT conference (to Wednesday)  
NAS/UWT conference (to Friday)  
Deadline for unions to ballot on political funds  
Gartcosh steelworks close
- Tuesday: GLC/MCCs abolished  
Arts Council takes over South Bank  
Partial introduction of Crown Prosecution Service  
Prescription charges rise by 20p  
Prince and Princess of Wales open Terminal 4, Heathrow  
Home Secretary visits Channel Islands (to Friday)
- Wednesday: Federation of Conservative Students conference (to Friday)  
Official reserves