

HIGHLIGHTS

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This note should highlight the main events and themes of the day. I have done so by definition

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~~The weekend media will carry~~ There will also be by-election postmortems and pieces on reshuffles, top salaries and Chernobyl. ~~There may be pieces on top salaries and reshuffles.~~ *and further coverage of*

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Main Events

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Not important Royal does not matter for these purposes

On Tuesday the UN Secretary General begins a visit to the UK. ~~You have an audience with the Queen.~~ Mr Tebbit appears on the Brian Hayes phone-in.

Not news.

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On Thursday the 1985 Annual Report of the Chief Inspector of Prisons is published. The index of industrial production for March is published. Also the unemployment and earnings figures for April. ~~Treasury are first for Questions.~~ Mr Hurd is interviewed on 'Profile'. Mr Channon appears on 'Question Time'. *231?*

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