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PRIME MINISTERTHE WEEK AHEAD

Party politics, in the wake of the by-election and local elections will linger on, with continuing speculation about a reshuffle. Your speech at the Scottish conference on Friday will thus assume greater significance.

The fall-out from Chernobyl will also continue to attract interest, with the Commons debating civil nuclear matters tomorrow.

You have a lot of foreign visitors - President and Prime Minister of Portugal (today); UN Secretary General (Wednesday) and Chinese Minister for Foreign Economic Relations (Wednesday)

Otherwise the main events are:

- Defence estimates (today)
- EC Foreign Affairs Council (today and Tuesday)
- SCPS, IRSF and FDA Civil Service union conferences
- NUM leaks discharge from receivership (Wednesday)
- Unemployment figures (Thursday)
- Index of Retail Prices (Friday)

INTERNATIONAL

- Portuguese President and Prime Minister visit London for 600th anniversary of Treaty of Windsor (today)
- Bank of International Settlements, Basle (today)
- Club of Paris meets on Cuban debt (today)
- Norwegian draft Budget (Tuesday)
- Perez de Cuellar, UNSG, visits London (Wednesday and Thursday)
- East/West talks on conventional weapons resume, Vienna (Thursday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Councils: Foreign Affairs, Fisheries (today and Tuesday); POCO (Wednesday and Thursday); Energy (Thursday)
- European Parliament
- Education Ministers' informal meeting, The Hague (Friday and Saturday)

PARLIAMENT

- Commons debates: Civil nuclear power (Tuesday); Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order (Tuesday); EC documents and equal treatment of sexes (Wed); Remaining Stages, Wages Bill (Thursday)
- First for Questions: Energy (today); Defence (Tuesday); DTI (Wednesday); Treasury (Thursday)
- Select Committees: Defence: George Younger on Estimates (Wednesday); Trade & Industry: Sir John Cuckney on Westland
- Lords debates: Continued televising of proceedings (today)

INDUSTRY/ECONOMY

- Union conferences: ASTMS (ends today); EEPTU; SCPS; TSSA (all week); Fire Brigade Union (Wednesday-Friday); IRSF (Tuesday-Friday); FDA (Thursday); Tobacco Workers Union (Thursday and Friday); Health Visitors Association (Saturday)
- NEDC discusses profit sharing
- NUM seeks end of receivership (Wednesday)
- BP and Royal Dutch Shell interim figures (Thursday)
- Institute of Water Pollution Control conference (Wednesday and Thursday)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- Today: producer price index (April)
- Tuesday: Building Societies monthly figures (April); credit business (March)
- Thursday: employment, unemployment, earnings and unit wage costs; output index (March); vehicle production (April)
- Friday: Index of retail prices (April); usable steel production (April)

## PAY NEGOTIATIONS

- Local authority manual workers (today)
- British Shipbuilders (Wednesday)
- NHS Admin and Clerical (Wednesday)
- ENFL industrials; water workers (Thursday)

## POLITICS

- Scottish Conservative Party conference, Perth (Wednesday-Friday)
- Welsh Labour Party conference, Swansea (Friday and Saturday)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLICATIONS

- Defence Estimates (today)
- Chief Inspector of Prisons annual report (Thursday)
- DES launches PRIME computers donation scheme to higher education (Thursday)
- Proposals for reforming nursing profession from General Council (Friday)

## MEDIA

- Norman Tebbit on LBC - Brian Hayes' 'phone-in (Tuesday)
- Douglas Hurd on BBC Radio 4 "Profile" (Thursday)
- Paul Channon, Denzil Davies MP, David Steel MP and Jo Foley on BBC TV "Question Time" (Thursday)
- David Hunt MP, Gwyneth Dunwoody MP, Cyril Smith MP and Arthur Scargill on BBC Radio 4 "Any Questions?" (Friday)

## MINISTERS

- Tom King in USA (extradition) (Monday-Wednesday)
- Nicholas Ridley addresses Franco-British Council (Wednesday)
- Foreign Secretary addresses Parlour Club (Thursday); at Scottish Party conference (Friday)
- Lord Young at the Association of British Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, Edinburgh (Thursday)
- Chancellor of the Exchequer visits Birmingham (Friday); addresses West Midlands CBI
- Sir Keith Joseph at Centre for Policy Studies Conference (Friday)
- Kenneth Baker visits North West (Friday)
- Home Secretary visits Liverpool police drugs squad (Friday)
- Nicholas Edwards addresses Town Planning Institute (Friday)

NEXT WEEK

- MONDAY:
- NUPE conference (all week)
  - Banking Union (EIFU) conference (to Wednesday)
  - Union of Communications Workers (formerly Postmen) conference (all week)
  - IPCS conference
  - Welsh Grand Committee debates Welsh Development Agency
  - Retail sales; PSBR (April)
  - Commons debates Remaining Stages, Social Security Bill

- TUESDAY:
- You meet president, European Parliament
  - Prison Officers' Association annual conference (all week)
  - Police Federation annual conference (all week)
  - Chelsea Flower Show
  - CBI/FT survey of distributive trades (April)
  - Home Secretary addresses Central Council of Probation Committees

- WEDNESDAY:
- TUC General Council
  - Dutch elections
  - World Cup begins in Mexico
  - New construction orders (March)
  - Home Secretary addresses Police Federation conference
  - Paul Channon addresses BIM annual lunch
  - Norman Fowler at Regional Health Authority Chairmen's meeting

- THURSDAY:
- You address CBI dinner
  - Foreign Secretary at Royal Academy banquet
  - British Association of Colliery Management conference (to Saturday)
  - Princess of Wales visits Newcastle upon Tyne
  - Cyclical indicators (April)
  - Kenneth Baker addresses Merseyside Chamber of Commerce dinner

- FRIDAY:
- Lord Whitelaw leads IPU delegation to Moscow
  - Home Secretary addresses Justice Clerks' conference
  - Sales and orders in engineering industry (February)
  - University technicians pay negotiations

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