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THIS WEEKEND - HIGHLIGHTS

The following will feature:

- Budget fever
- English cricketers in South Africa
- Trident
- British Rail
- The forthcoming EC Mandate row.

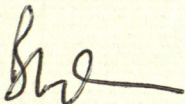
It is however rather uneventful apart from sport.

Mr Tebbit at NW Area Conservative Club Conference (Saturday).

Yorkshire Cricket Club considers Boycott's future (Sun).

You are on Pete Murray Show, Sunday, 11.00 pm.

LWT Weekend World - The Future of the Labour Party - Hattersley, Sunday, noon.



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DIARY

Belfast South by-election result.

OECD, Paris.

President Mitterrand in Israel.

International Electrical Exhibition, Birmingham.

International Oceanological Equipment and Services Exhibition, Brighton.

International Production Engineering and Productivity Exhibition and Conference, Olympia.

National Glazing Exhibition, London.

Government changes.

T&CCB meet to finalise recommendations on 12 cricketers in South Africa.

Statistics:

Hire Purchase and other instalment credit business (Jan).

Housing starts and completions (Jan).

House renovations (4th qtr).

Company liquidity survey (4th qtr) (British Business).

Publications:

British Business - Austin Ambassador launch, Channel links, BOTB annual report.

Pay:

Medical Laboratory Scientific Officers: Management response to claim.  
Ambulance Officers submit claim.

Ministers - see Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

Budget

- EC says there should not be a restrictive budget next week.
- } Beckett doesn't see oil price fall as a reason for being restrictive and adds that state of economy may make it impossible for employers to give adequate support to youth training scheme.
- Guardian weighs in on the side of a reflationary budget and says it is only common sense and logical.



- Multinational companies warn they will consider moving their operations abroad if Budget contained proposed legislation on international tax avoidance.
- RSPCA want increase in dog licence.

#### EC

- Britain to pay through the nose this year, according to D/Star White Paper estimates out net contribution at £622m compared with £55m this year.
- Seen as underlining need for urgent reform of Euro Budget.
- Sun: Eurocrats want us to pay a bigger rise to make French farmers fatter - you must tell Europe - not bloody likely.
- Mirror: the disclosure could seriously disrupt the Chancellor's Budget plans.

#### Economy

- Roy Jenkins unveils £4bn boost to create 1m jobs.
- Otaiba calls on OPEC countries to freeze oil prices pending emergency meeting.
- UK Govt increases oil production estimates for next few years - could reach 130m tonnes by mid-80's.
- US businessmen urge Reagan to make radical changes to economic policies to prevent country undergoing prolonged recession and high interest rates.

#### Industrial Problems

- BR: Government makes it clear in raising borrowing limits taxpayer will not foot bill for strike - fares, jobs, network, electrification all in peril.
- Laker: Loses his privilege of free first class flight from at least BA and B/Cal who are refused temporary permission to take over Laker LA route.

#### Other Industry

- Post Office saves £12m by cutting down on skiving; overall rise in productivity of 3% and 11% in London.
- Beer sales touched lowest level last month for 14 years.
- Fleet Holdings, new owners of Express Newspapers, makes successful debut.
- Select Cttee accuses B/Shipbuilders of sloppy management.
- Times says 4 top executives of CEGB, including England, may lose jobs when contracts come up for renewal; England's thinly veiled attack on Govt for continually attacking efficiency and performance of nationalised industries.
- Times says BL is expected to lose £500m last year - £35m better than previous year..
- BL Ambassador hatchback makes its debut today at £5-7000.



### Media

- Welcome and lots of coverage for launching of Direct Broadcasting by Satellite.
- Express says it is timely and very much the kind of growth industry we ought to be in.
- Peter Blaker wins substantial damages from Private Eye.
- } Lots of coverage of Carol who gets a job with LBC; says she won't stand any nonsense with those people who try to get at you.

### Unions/Pay

- Bank clerks accept 8.5%. Power workers reject 8% - want same as miners.
- Teachers give local authorities 48 hours' notice of industrial trouble after breakdown of pay talks; plans to slim down numbers of teachers by 38,000 by '84-85.
- General Sec of CPSA tells Newcastle members not to vote for Trot; Mail says quite right and why don't more union leaders do same.
- Dispute over warnings given to shop stewards caught in canteen having a cuppa hits 3 Sunderland shipyards - want final warnings withdrawn.
- Notts Area calling on Gormley to resign at last meeting of union's executive, but he is expected to survive.

### Cricket

- This story is becoming a will-she;won't-she condemn the South African 12? saga; press at it again today.
- Lancaster, Mirror, says your line is clear: "This is a free country and people have right to play where the hell they like" - exactly the line taken by DT in 1979.
- Express says T&CCB looks set not to ban them from county cricket; decision on Tuesday.
- Jamaica bans 12 from playing there.
- } Mail feature on the hypocrisy and hysteria which this issue has generated this week.

### Defence

- Dad's Army idea comes in for more stick.
- D/Star - what chance has Dad's Army got against trained professionals we should meet threat with a regular Army.
- Mirror: Adventure training scheme (which keeps Blashers very busy) can do more good than harm; MPs who gripe at it have forgotten what it's like to be young; but Dad's Army is difficult to take seriously.
- All the evidence however is that public is taking it seriously - lots of inquiries.
- Times leader says we should use spare military training capacity to turn out people trained for modern economy.
- Fearless and Intrepid may be reprieved.
- FT says it looks as if Mt Nott will get Trident backing.

### Local Authorities

- Nationalists begin Welsh water rate boycott.



Education

- Sun says what bigotry there is over refusal to give Church of Scotland christened girl a bus pass to Church of England school - Church of Scotland does happen to be Christian too.
- NUT wants native languages taught as well as English in our schools.

Law and Order

- Durham detective shot dead at point blank range by wage snatcher; two men detained; elsewhere another raider shot by police.
- D/Star says Tory MPs are demanding resignation of Home Secretary over rise in mugging and violent crime - critics Procter and Lewisham Tory.
- Mr Pym to conduct inquiry into use of researchers by MPs (but mostly because of overloading of Commons facilities); Express says no security problem because no State secrets ever come anywhere near the place.
- Holiday home fire at Bangor second time in 5 weeks.
- Police to hold community meeting in Brixton on Tuesday on how to combat crime.
- Mail feature behind the curtains - of pensioners who are afraid to go out on housing estates.
- Telegraph says more white youths than black were arrested during last summer's riots.
- Black awarded compensation against OPCS because he was refused enumerator job in Liverpool - only black to apply.

Northern Ireland

- Will Tuite, arrested in Republic, be extradited or tried in Republic - or released?
- Canadians lose Howell, another IRA man, on arrival in Paris on deportation trip.

Transport

- LT to cut out 2000 jobs next year as part of 5000 sliming in 2 years.
- 4 London Tube workers demoted after Mirror allegations of drinking on duty.

People

- Thorpe resigns director post of Amnesty International after revolt within organisation - generally thought to have done decent thing.

RSPCA

- Top official who is sacked speaks of jealousy, envy and scapgoats.
- Mark fails to find an industrial sponsor for Formula 1 racing.

Sport

- MORI poll in D/Star says 96% of women don't go to football matches and don't want to - AND 78% of men don't bother either; only 40% watch it on telly every week.



Politics

- Labour Weekly brands Sir Ronald Bell, funeral today, as neo-nazi.
- Foot refuses to support all party campaign to put up statute to Baldwin in Palace of Westminster.
- Euro Tories to oppose list/PR system at 1984 election.
- TGWU solves problem of how it will vote in next depute leadership election - won't consult members.
- Stephen Ross MP to have heart surgery.

International

- France: begins to produce neutron bomb.
- Israel: Begin taken ill at Mitterrand banquet; Mitterrand asks Isrealis to provide home for Palestinian people.
- Tonga: devastated by cyclone; Australians send help.
- Zimbabwe: 7 white MPs resign from Ian Smith's party and sit as independents.
- Arctic: 2 British explorers stranded 500 miles from Pole after base camp fire burns out transport.
- Canada: Queen to visit shortly to mark patriation of constitution.
- Poland: We will only welcome those who want to emigrate; not going to play regime's dirty game.
- Tanzania: Crowds welcome return of hostages in Dar.
- Switzerland: Lost only 15 days through strikes last year.
- Germany: Die Ziet giving readers course in DT English.

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Ministers:

Mr Jenkin visits Portsmouth Dockyards.  
Mr Howell visits Hertfordshire County Council.  
Mr Younger addresses Institute of Housing Scottish conference, Pitlochry.  
Mr Tebbit at OECD, Paris.  
Mr Baker visits York University and Vickers Instruments, York.  
Mr Wakeham visits Maldon telephone exchange.  
Mr Clarke chairs the North East Regional Annual Consultative Committee Meeting, Harrogate. (10.30 am).  
Mr Blaker addresses British Atlantic Committee Youth Seminar at English Speaking Union.  
Mr Shelton visits Adult Education Centre, University of Exeter.  
Sir George Young attends London Housebuilders Federation presentation on low cost homes.  
Lord Ferrers addresses annual luncheon of Council of Institution of Water Engineers, London.  
Mr Gray visits Cammell Laird shipyard, Liverpool.  
Mr Stewart visits Inverclyde Royal Hospital, and Greenock and Barrhead Health Centres.  
Mr Rossi visits Family Fund, York.  
Mrs Chalker visits Hull Local Office.  
Mrs Chalker visits York Local Office (2.30 pm).  
Lord Elton visits Broadmoor Hospital.  
Mr Waddington attends Springboard '82, Blackpool.  
Mr Rees addresses the Export Guarantees Advisory Council.  
Mr Lamont visits Airbus Industrie, Toulouse.

TV/Radio:

Mr Edwards, BBC Wales, 'Week In, Week Out', on the rates.