

PRIME MINISTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

Coal strike - is this the end? - and interest rates following tomorrow's money supply figures are the two main domestic concerns in a crowded news week with:

- your speeches to Institute of Petroleum (Thursday) and YCs (Saturday)
- President Reagan's budget (today); State of the Union message (Wednesday)
- Spain opens border with Gibraltar (tomorrow, midnight) and Foreign Secretary's talks with S. Moran
- Teachers start disruptive action over pay (Wednesday)
- Commons debates rate capping (Wednesday) and water rates (Thursday); Patrick Jenkin sees rate capped authorities (today)
- Oscar awards (Wednesday)

Other major events are:

INTERNATIONAL

- Irish Foreign Minister visits London (today and Tuesday)
- Jewish 3-day gathering opens today, Jerusalem, of Nazi concentration camp survivors
- UN disarmament and chemical weapons conferences resume, Geneva (tomorrow)
- You see Vice Minister for Nicaragua (Friday)
- Foreign Secretary begins tour of Turkey, Romania and Bulgaria (Friday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Councils: Industry (today); Research (tomorrow); Culture (tomorrow); Energy (Thursday)
- People's Europe Committee, Brussels (today and tomorrow)
- EC Political Committee, Rome (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Social Affairs Ministers, Venice (Friday)

POLITICS

- Build up to your 10th anniversary as party leader (next Monday)
- All-Party Rights Committee launches campaign to incorporate EuroConvention on Human Rights into our legislation (today)
- Young Conservatives' conference (weekend)
- Denis Healey at Labour Festival, Glasgow (Saturday)

INDUSTRY

- Scottish Development Agency report on oil and gas market (today)
- NEDC on pay and jobs (Wednesday)
- Public meeting on proposal by Union Carbide to open factory at Livingstone (Wednesday)
- B/Fail launches East Coast line electrification scheme (Thursday)
- Inquiry opens into Todmorden tunnel rail crash (Friday)
- Dunlop's extraordinary meeting on re-structuring (Friday)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- today: credit business (December); UK reserves
- Wednesday: energy statistics

PAY NEGOTIATIONS

- electricity supply manuals and water supply manuals (both Thursday); municipal busmen (Friday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Prevention of Terrorism statistics, 1984 (today)
- Civil justice review (Wednesday)
- HSE report on Abbeysteads explosion (Thursday)

PARLIAMENT

- Commons debates: Coal industry and EEC External Services (on adjournment) both today; Wildlife and Countryside Amendment Bill (Friday)
- Lords: Frank Chapple to be introduced (Wednesday); Civil Defence debate (Wed

PARLIAMENT (CONT'D)

- Select Committees: Transport Secretary on financing of public transport services (Wednesday)
Chief of Defence Staff on commitments and resources (Wednesday)
MSC on YTS (Wednesday)

MINISTERS

- Chancellor at Overseas Bankers' Club dinner (tonight)
- Mr Younger in Oxford Union debate (tomorrow)
- Mr Tebbit presents Granada's What the Papers Say awards (tomorrow)
- Lord President addresses Agricultural Forum (Wednesday)
- Foreign Secretary addresses Policy Studies Institute (Wednesday)
- Sir Keith Joseph addresses English Speaking Union (Thursday)
- Mr Jenkin in Liverpool (Thursday and Friday)
- Home Secretary at Huddersfield Poly (Friday)

MEDIA

- BBC TV Panorama tonight on jobs
- BBC TV Question Time, Thursday: Elizabeth Cottrell, Chris Patten, John Gunnell and David Penhaligon
- Channel 4 A Week in Politics, Friday: Peter Jay interviews Norman Fowler
- BBC Radio 4 Any Questions? Friday, with Margaret Clay, Marghanita Laski and Michael Meacher

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MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends Winter Ball

Debate on the Coal Mining Dispute, House of Commons

Foreign Secretary meets Spanish Foreign Minister to discuss Gibraltar, Geneva (to 5 February)

Irish Foreign Minister, Mr Barry begins visit to London (to 5 February)

Building Societies meet to discuss mortgage rates

Prevention of Terrorism Act statistics 1984 published

EC Industry Council, Brussels

People's Europe Committee, Brussels (to 5 February)

Minister of State, Foreign Office (Mr Luce) gives evidence to Home Affairs Select Committee re-refugees

Adjournment debate on future of BBC external service, HoC

European Figureskating Championships, Gothenburg (to 10 February)

STATISTICS

DTI: Retail Sales (December final)

DTI: Credit Business (December)

HO: Prevention of Terrorism Act statistics 1984

PUBLICATIONS

MAFF: Farm Animal Welfare Council (Deer) Report

HOC: 3rd Report Treasury and Civil Service Committee - Special Supplementary Estimate Class II Vote X Budget of EC (11.00)

PAY

DEM: Scottish local authority engineering craftsmen; (1,658); claim is for substantial increase; settlement date 1.11.84

PARLIAMENTCommonsQuestions: Transport; Wales

Business Debate on the Coal Mining Dispute
 Immigration Appeals (Procedure) Rules
Adjournment Debate
 The future of the BBC external service (Mr C Townsend)

Select Committees: HOME AFFAIRS: SUB-COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS
 AND IMMIGRATION
 Subject: Refugees
 Witness: Mr Richard Luce MP, Minister of State, Foreign
 Office

ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Report and Accounts of the Sports Council
 Witness: Sports Council

Lords: Companies Bill (HL)) Committee on
 Business Names Bill (HL)) Re-Commitment
 Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Bill (HL)
 Companies Consolidation (Consequential Provisions) Bill (HL)
 Insolvency Bill (HL): Committee (2nd day)
 Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (NI) Order 1985. Motion for
 Approval

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTCOAL STRIKE

- NCB closes Frances Colliery in Fife, with loss of 500 jobs, because striking miners refused to help with underground fire. Adjoining colliery also threatened.
- 52 faces now lost and 15 giving cause for concern; 15% of workings in South Wales may have been lost.
- Surge in return to work expected today as Scargill urges picketing to be stepped up; Mirror says NCB expects another 8000 back this week.
- Roy Ottey, ex-NUM executive member, reveals how Scargill manipulated the NUM into a strike and Sun says it hopes Kinnock in today's debate will at least have the courage to tell miners to go back to work.
- Telegraph says Labour will try to portray you today as hell bent on a Falklands-style victory over Scargill.
- Mirror leader says Scargill refuses to admit he is beaten but the Labour Party is not so blind. Today it must speak up for miners and help to make future in pit villages brighter. Wants a £100m fund for new job opportunities.
- Express says Scargill's politically motivated strike is on the point of destroying the NUM and his members' jobs. They should end the suffering and waste and go back.
- Mail leader says that even with his gargantuan appetite for self-deception Scargill knows he is beaten: he now seems determined to stage manage his political martyrdom. Incredibly, this is the moment the Opposition have chosen to promote a full scale debate on the strike. But Labour's attitude towards the strike has been a national disgrace. Previous strikes have brought down Governments; this will be the first to have brought down a Socialist Opposition.
- Telegraph says there is a growing conviction both within NCB and trade union movement that today will show the dispute is free-wheeling to disintegration. Representatives of working miners lay plans for legal action to unseat Scargill.
- Telegraph leader will be surprised if today's debate does Labour any good. NUM has destroyed markets and capacity and it would be folly to assert that either can be retrieved.
- Guardian says Labour's attack today will focus on cost of dispute. Chairman of Welsh SDP urges men to return to work.
- FT says most miners' leaders will continue to refuse to sign an agreement with the NCB that uneconomic pits should close, even if large numbers return to work in next few weeks. South Wales urging recall of TUC Congress.
- Another FT story criticises lack of NCB consistency in what it wants from NUM - agreement to discuss uneconomic pit closures or on closures themselves.

UNIONS/PAY

- Government hopes to keep public sector pay rises down to 3%.
- Express says unions are trying to cover up where political funds go in conducting ballots as now required by law.
- Medlock Bibby to fight TGWU plans to discipline him and thousands of other dockers who broke last summer's strikes through the courts.
- Mail says 250 railmen are defecting from unions after one day stoppage on January 17 in support of miners.
- Institute of Directors wants an end to trade union immunities unless grievance procedures are followed.
- Guardian leader says a 7.5% package deal, linked to restructuring for teachers looks mighty tempting, even though it might not be the right price for a profession which has been depressed for years.

ECONOMY

- Financial markets expect a cut in interest rates after tomorrow's money supply figures.
- Andrew Alexander in Mail does not think \$ particularly strong against some currencies, with 10 year figures to prove it.
- Lots of publicity for a new jobs package in Spring including elimination of red tape and regulations.
- Mirror says Government plans to ease unemployment could hit working conditions for workers and quotes John Prescott as saying "We've got 19th Century unemployment figures; now we are going to get 19th Century standards as well!"
- Express finds news of the package "excellent" and "well overdue".
- James McMillan, in Express, says we are inflicting fearful damage on ourselves by our eagerness to buy imports at the expense of home produced goods.

ECONOMY

- Guardian says Government is seeking a better system of handling public expenditure review.
- Youthaid wants £100m said to be being saved because one third of YTS places remain unfilled to be spent on helping unemployed graduates to find jobs.
- Chamber of Commerce wants infrastructural spending boost of £1bn instead of tax cuts.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

- Guardian says ratecapped councils are ready to offer Patrick Jenkin a compromise - want a return to status quo pending outcome of an inquiry.

INDUSTRY

- Express reveals plans by food industry to use cobalt 60 gamma ray radiation treatment to keep food fresh and pure - likely to be approved by Government but will cause row with health food lobby.
- British industry spends less on training than their competitors - two-thirds less than 0.5% of turnover, according to Industrial Society survey.
- Manager of Devonport dockyard attacks 'unacceptable' level of absenteeism; AUEW and EETPU opposing plans to take on 174 apprentices at the yard because of fear of redundancies.
- Mail forecasts thousands more jobs in Britain from Vauxhall's plans to go hi-tech.
- CBI survey of small business shows they are doing more than anyone else to create jobs.
- Natural Environment Research Council corporate plan said to involve 1000 job losses in laboratories and institutes.
- Guardian says more than half the files on the Ronan Point building collapse inquiry are missing from the Department of the Environment.
- Times says liberating powers of competition have cut bus fares by 25% in the Welsh marshes and increased bus mileages and passenger numbers.
- Neddy says high prices, poor design and weak management may deprive UK of billions of pounds worth of offshore orders.

MEDIA

- Sun leader complains about the BBC bullying and boring its captive audience with its case for a £65 tv licence and calls on you to tell BBC you will not put up by a penny.
- Mail says Government is considering a £5 a year tax on car radios to help BBC.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- ASTMS says up to 5000 jobs could be lost by restrictions on NHS drug prescribing.
- Increasing concern about spread of AIDS, with MPs calling for it to be made notifiable; kidney swap patient dies of the disease, believed to have been picked up from blood transfusion in USA.
- Complaints that firemen who fought a warehouse blaze in Sheffield are still suffering from breathing difficulties after a month.
- Medical Research Council tells Professor Noble, who led honorary degree revolt against you, to start winding up his heart research project at Oxford.

EDUCATION

- Harold Macmillan, as Chancellor of Oxford University, regrets the self-inflicted wound of denying you an honorary degree; Jo Grimond, in Telegraph, is sorry Oxford has behaved towards you "like a spoiled brat". Hugo Young, in Guardian, says Oxford's decision was entirely political because they have been politicised against their will.
- UGC opposes ending of tenure on grounds nothing must be done to impair academic freedom.
- Eight members of Cambridge University Conservative Association resign after electoral irregularities.

LAW AND ORDER

- Myra Hindley will know whether she is to get parole this week.
- Home Secretary faces questions over deportation of 4 Arabs, believed to have come here on Syrian passports to kill PLO official - why were they let go?
- BMA says 16 servicemen died from gluesniffing between 1971 and 1983.
- Soviet scientist who has defected suggests KGB may be behind NATO bombings in Europe (Express).
- Jean Rook and husband tied up by wire and threatened with death by raider on their home.

TRAGEDIES

- 2 killed in Birmingham gas explosion.

ARTS/HERITAGE

- £20m needed in next 3 weeks to save three stately homes and contents - Weston Park, Kedleston Hall and Nostell Priory.

YALTA

- Times leader marking 40 years to the day the conference began says for tens of millions in Eastern Europe it is the symbol of their betrayal by the West into bondage.

IRELAND

- Security forces on border trying to stop a planned meeting between IRA and John Hume after fierce attack on terrorists by Dr Fitzgerald.
- Guardian says you have begun to repair the Chequers-induced breach by saying in a letter to Michael Mates there is much in the Northern Ireland Forum report with which you sympathise.

USA

- Reagan plans a big boost in defence spending and cuts in welfare in budget to be presented today.
- Guardian says he plans to treble "star wars" budget.

LIBYA

- High hopes for the release of our 4 hostages, in spite of Libyan anger about unveiling of memorial to Wpc Fletcher on Friday; Mail leader applauds Terry Waites sure-footed mission. Telegraph says some families critical of Government's neglect.

GREECE

- 70 US airmen injured by bomb explosion in Athens bar - planted by a rival bar owner?

EC

- Welsh lecturer claims support for farmers cost European taxpayers £40bn last year.

CUBA

- Castro expresses readiness for better relations with USA and offers cooperation in reaching settlements in Central America and Angola.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Archbishop Tutu will call for economic sanctions against South Africa if it does nothing about apartheid.

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MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- CO: Lord Young opens the Hi-tech Office, Garth Hill School, Bracknell
- MOD: Mr Heseltine meets Norwegian Chief of Defence Staff
- HO: Mr Brittan speaks at City of London; addresses SE Area Young Conservatives (pm)
- SO: Mr Younger meets Ferranti, Edinburgh
- HMT: Mr Lawson addresses Overseas Bankers Club annual banquet
- MAFF: Mr MacGregor visits Newcastle
- DES: Mr Brooke visits York University
- DEN: Mr Hunt visits the Coal Research Establishment, Nr Cheltenham; speaks at NCB staff college, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire
- DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith meets Sun Oil Co Incorporated, London
- DEN: Mr Goodlad visits Electricity Council Reserch Establishment, Capenhurst
- SO: Lord Gray attends Ensign Geophysics lunch, London
- SO: Mr Stewart gives news conference on 'Better Business Services', Dundee; visits Dundee Project (local enterprise trust) Dundee
- DTI: Mr Fletcher addresses British Standards Institute Consumer reception, London
- DTI: Mr Channon addresses ECGD advisory Council luncheon, London
- DTp: Mr Mitchell addresses Transport 2000 Consumer seminar on buses, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- FCO: Sir Geoffrey Howe departs for Geneva for talks with Spanish Foreign Minister about Gibraltar (to 5 February)
- MOD: Mr Stanley visits BAOR, Bielefeld

TV AND RADIO

- "The Good and the Great"; Radio 3; (19.00); Lord Franks, Lady Warnock
- "Enterprise"; Radio 4; (19.20); Competition for new business
- "Submarine"; BBC 1; (19.40); Taking a Polaris sub to sea
- "Panorama"; BBC 1; (20.10); Jobs - What's the answer?
- "World in Action"; Thames TV; (20.30)
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