

PRIME MINISTER

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Two events, assuming Chernenko lives, dominate this week:

- coverage of your 10th anniversary as party leader (today); and
- will over 50% of the miners return to work and (tomorrow) will NACODS pipe down?

Other important issues are:

- whither the pound and interest rates?
- King Fahd, and Dausi Arabia, meets Reagan (today)
- 2nd Reading, Buses Bill, Commons (tomorrow)

You will be busy with the American media - Business Week, Wall Street Journal and CBS.

Other details:

INTERNATIONAL

- Foreign Secretary in Turkey (today)
- Bank of International Settlements, Basle (today)
- Papandreou begins visit to Moscow (today)
- Kaunda visits Greece (for 3 days from tomorrow)
- Kyprianou visits Yugoslavia (from today)
- US military exercises in Honduras begins (today)
- ILO 229th session begins in Geneva (today)
- First session, Guatemala/Belize talks begin, New York (tomorrow)
- Your meeting with Spanish Defence Minister (Friday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Councils: Internal Market; Consumer; Finance (today)
- EuroParliament (all week)
- Dooge Committee, Brussels (Wednesday and Thursday)
- Your meeting with Craxi (Thursday)

INDUSTRY

- Civil Servants lobby Parliament over Skillcentre closures (tomorrow)
- NPU annual meeting (tomorrow)
- MMC report on Ford franchise licences (Wednesday)
- TUC Youth Conference (Friday)

PAY NEGOTIATIONS

- School teachers (today); further education teachers (tomorrow); British printers/NCA (tomorrow); NHS ancillaries (Wednesday); National Bus and clearing banks (Thursday)

ECONOMY

- Henley Forecasting Centre conference on exchange rates (Wednesday)
- Spring Supplementary Estimates (Thursday)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- today: retail sales; producer price index
- Tuesday: Building Societies' monthly figures
- Wednesday: Index of Industrial Production
- Thursday: Car and commercial vehicle production

LAW AND ORDER

- John Patten press conference on misuse of drugs (today)
- Commission on Facial Equality operation of immigration control report (Tuesday)
- CMC meets on prescribing pill to under 16 girls (Thursday)
- Ian Botham, cricketer, before Scunthorpe Magistrates in drug charges (Thursday)

MINISTERS

- Norman Tebbit on BBC Panorama (tonight) - Government record
- Mr Heseltine receives delegations of trade unionists about Royal Ordnance factories (today)
- Peter Walker at launch of Milton Keynes Energy Park (tomorrow); Newspaper Society lunch (Friday)
- Mr Channot begins visit to Cameroons (Tuesday to Friday)
- Sir Keith Joseph at Birmingham Head Teachers' Conference (Wednesday)
- Mr Ridley at Bus and Coach Council dinner (Wednesday)
- Patrick Jenkin at BIM dinner (Wednesday)
- Lord Young in Bradford (Friday)
- Tom King visits Cheshire (Friday)

MEDIA

- BBC TV Question Time; Thursday; John Selwyn Gummer, George Robertson, Audrey Slaughter, Nipak Dandy
- BBC Radio 4 Any Questions?; Friday; Clive Sinclair, Jonathan Porritt, Professor Richard Gregory and Jean Denton.

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PRIME MINISTER

MAIN EVENTS

Prime Minister attends Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council Reception; gives interview to US magazine 'Business Week'; meets US astronauts; meets Prince and Princess of Wales, Downing Street

Prime Minister's 10th anniversary as Party Leader

Foreign Secretary begins visit to Turkey (to 13 February)

EC Internal Market, Brussels

EC Finance Council, Brussels

EC Informal Social Affairs Meeting, Brussels

European Parliament Plenary Session, Strasbourg (to 15 February)

Cypriot President Kyprianou begins visit to Belgrade (to 13 February)

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia visits Washington

US military manoeuvre 'Big Pine 3' begins, Honduras (to 3 May)

International Labour Organisation begins its 229th Session, Geneva (to 1 March)

Secretary of Export Credit Guarantee Department appears before Public Accounts Select Committee on ECGD's Trading Accounts 1983/84.

Burnham Committee meets to discuss teachers' pay

Home Affairs Select Committee visits Netherlands (to 11 February)

Trade and Industry Secretary appears on BBC-TV "Panorama"

STATISTICS

DTI: Producer Prices

DTI: Retail Sales (Jan prov)

PAY

DEM: Primary and Secondary School Teachers in England and Wales; (459,100); claim to secure phased return to salary levels with the 1974 Houghton report, including a minimum flat-rate increase of £1,200; settlement date 1.4.85

DEM: Scottish local authority electricians; (1,327); claim is for 27-30 per cent; settlement date 1.1.85

PARLIAMENT

Commons

Questions: Wales; Energy

Business: PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
Abortion (Mr E Leigh)
Government Assistance to Rural Communities in Scotland
(Mr N Fairburn)
Unauthorised Gipsy Encampments (Mrs A Rumbold)
Consideration of a Timetable Motion on the Local Government Bill
Control of Industrial Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1984
Adjournment Debate
Teachers' pay in Scotland (Dr G Strang)

Select Committees: TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE
Subject: The Government Expenditure
plans 1985-86 to 1987-88
Witnesses: HM Treasury officials

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
Subject: Export Credits Guarantee
Department current financial situation
and future prospects
Witness: Mr J Gill, CB, Export Credits
Guarantee Department

Lords: Debate on the Inspector's Report on the Airport Inquiries 1981-83
Licensing (Amendment) Bill (HL): Second Reading
UQ to ask HMG what steps they are taking to ensure reasonable
stability of the currency

MINISTERS - See Annex

PRESS DIGESTCOAL STRIKE

- Substantial return to work expected again today in spite of picketing and regional TUC efforts to stage "supportive" one-day strikes.
- Little chance of resumption of negotiations and NCB calls on miners, in full page adverts in Sunday newspapers, to help secure their future and get back to work.
- John Selwyn Gummer accuses Scargill of using lies deceit and violence to win the strike.
- Scargill repeats his readiness for "talks without pre-conditions".
- Working miners ask NCB to keep the strike going until over half the men are back to make life easier for them and more difficult for Scargill.
- Sun leader, on today's threatened disruption, says those taking part will accomplish precisely nothing. Coal strike is dead as a stuffed dodo. It hopes employers will dock the disrupters to the last penny.
- Mail says Mr Gummer said miners owe their fate to Scargill; MacGregor banking on a big surge back to work today; Telegraph says NCB expects drift back to quicken - NUM's immediate aim is to hold solid in South Wales, Yorkshire, Kent, Durham and Scotland.
- Kent leader says only reason negotiations are not taking place is political intervention by the Government.
- Ian Aitken, in Guardian, says senior Ministers fear the strike may be about to become a serious political liability.
- Times says fresh moves for ending the strike are discreetly under way but NCB say miners are being too vague and NUM say NCB is being too specific.
- FT finds slim hopes of a further attempt to agree an agenda for talks.

POLITICS

- Lots of coverage of your 10th anniversary as party leader, linked with MORI poll in Sunday Times which shows your popularity has fallen to below Falklands level - and Kinnock performs worse.
- Enoch Powell warm in his praise for you as national leader - coal strike is good illustration of your skill, determination, sheer courage and willpower.
- Mirror describes your last 10 years as 'The Wasted Years'. But Express and Mail applaud you.
- Express leader says 'Thank Goodness' you have dominated the last 10 years - after 6 years in Government you are still the only significant source of fresh ideas and radical thinking. And no one seriously doubts you could easily win a General Election tomorrow. "Ten more years, yes please" it adds.
- Mail says your ascendancy remains unchallenged. Your mission to shake Britain out of its decline has not yet succeeded. But on balance the shock administered to our system has done us good. You must however re-establish your forward momentum and battle for the whole of Britain. Robin Oakley does a 2 page centre spread and says you have left an indelible impression.
- Telegraph says you will characteristically adopt "Business as usual" today. Friend and foe regard you as being in undisputed command of Government and party but much remains to be achieved.
- Telegraph leader says in your next decade you will be judged by the fruits of policy. Among your greatest successes so far has been the widespread absorption into the political bloodstream of the awareness that there are limits to what Government can do for citizens.
- T.E. Utley, in Telegraph, while otherwise deeply grateful for your 10 years, ventures a criticism about your treatment of the CCO Research Department who should be given greater clout.
- Alfred Sherman, in Guardian, says you have succeeded in modifying the political culture and a hunger for change which brought your rise will increasingly shape the agenda for the next decade.

ECONOMY

- Mirror suggests Chancellor is prepared to spend reserves rather than raise interest rates to protect the £.
- Andrew Alexander, in Mail, says if you wonder why there seems to be such relentless pressure for increasing public expenditure just listen to pressure groups on an average day's output of BBC Radio 4.
- Telegraph says Ministers and Conservative MPs opposed to VAT on books and newspapers and children's shoes believe they are winning their case.
- US forecasters say £ will be at \$1.24 at the end of the year.
- Times says Chancellor still expects to cut taxes by £1bn but it will be exceptionally difficult for him to produce an acceptable budget.

INDUSTRY

- Honda pushing ahead to build a car manufacturing plant in Swindon.
- Sun feature on Tyne Shiprepairers says it can be done - bosses and workers can pull together and make profits.
- Postmen annoyed because they are to be taxed on the assumption they get £150 a year in tips.
- Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors says outlook for jobs is gloomy - on 3% of firms expecting to employ more.
- Development Commission reports a drift from rural areas where 9,000 jobs were lost in agriculture last year.
- Charles Irving MP attacks B/Rail plan to prevent 2nd class passengers from dining in Inter-City restaurant cars - allegations of B/Rail snobbery.
- John Moore, Financial Secretary, cites British Gas as an example of how lack of competition breeds a take-it-or-leave-it attitude.
- Livingstone New Town development Corporation will confirm rejection of Union Carbide plant today (Telegraph).
- Guardian leader bemoans the lack of a Government policy on the media, including the arts.
- Times says Tom King's first job today is to try to unravel the confusion over the future of Skillcentres.
- FT says several British companies are in the running for big computer orders for use in Russian schools.

UNIONS/PAY

- General Secretary of National Association of Head Teachers says Burnham, which meets today on teachers' pay claim, is rigged in favour of the NUT and hopelessly outdated.
- University lecturers calling for an independent review into the falling value of their salaries over the last 5 years.

UNIONS/PAY (Cont'd)

- FT says industry is starting to abandon the big cities where traditional trade union activism is strongest for smaller towns where labour is more pliant, according to South Bank Poly survey.

HEALTH/WELFARE

- D/Star speculating on the social security review, says pensioners' Christmas bonus and death and maternity grants may go. FT says State earning related pension will be abolished if Mr Fowler's recommendation is accepted.
- Kenneth Clarke confirms Government is considering making AIDS a notifiable disease.
Final version of restricted list of drugs expected within a fortnight saving £75m instead of £100m a year.

LOCAL AUTHORITY

- Guardian says Patrick Jenkin will have to answer this week for the allegation that he has misled the Commons over the provision of information by D/Environment officials of rate capping assumptions to a Haringey Conservative Councillor.

HOUSING

- Sun says it is quite outrageous that the Government should intend to allow MPs to claim mortgage interest repayments on second homes.
- Mail says old fashioned socialists have played Trots at their own game in Liverpool - infiltrated and won control of ward party where they want to start a housing cooperative.

LAW AND ORDER

- D/Star launches a campaign against violent crime, says "We've had enough", and asks readers whether they want to see a return of capital punishment for certain crimes, minimum (long) terms for rape and prosecution right of appeal against too lenient sentences.
- Sun says Moors murderer, Ian Brady, wants to kill himself because he thinks he is too evil to be set free.
- Home Secretary to be asked in Commons about allegations of Kangaroo courts and punishments at Styal women's prison. Meanwhile Norfolk councillor stunned by lavish facilities at Wayland Prison.
- Anthony Beaumont-Dark MP says it was disgraceful for the police to prosecute the have-a-go shopkeeper who attacked a burglar.
- Select Committee report will urge Government to ban lie detectors from commercial use (Times).

WEATHER

- 9 killed in M6 crash caused by drifting snow - family of 8 wiped out. Weather forecasters being criticised for not getting their snow warnings right.

DEFENCE

- Kohl and Hernu reveal differences in approach to SDI - Kohl for; Hernu has deep misgivings.

MOLESWORTH

- Police outnumbered demonstrators at CND rally at the base yesterday, 5 held.

UXB

- Several leaders applaud the courage of Captain Paddy Bowen and his team who defused the Sheffield unexploded bomb.

BELGRANO

- Sun says ex-Naval Officer is expected to face theft charges over disappearance of Conqueror log book.
- But Mirror says all the detectives have recovered in West Indies are maps they could have bought in Britain. MPs asking why they were sent on this "wild goose chase". Mail says the former officer in question, Lt Sethia, denies all knowledge of whereabouts of log.

ROYAL

- Prince Charles at the centre of a row over remarks that he was "pig sick over Government cuts to British Council's budget - he is patron of body.

PEOPLE

- Sri Lanka University wants to offer you an honorary degree in April.

ETHIOPIA

- Fund raising by showbiz stars for UN concern in difficulty because of South African ban which the Express says is silly and should be ended.

LIBYA

- Terry Waite on radio, says his mission to free the 4 British hostages wa almost wrecked by Wpc Fletcher memorial ceremony.
- Ron Brown MP says Libya has agreed to review sentences of two jailed Scots.

SOUTH AFRICA

- Nelson Mandela refuses freedom because he won't renounce the use of violence.

ROMANIA

- Ceaucessu proposes to Foreign Secretary that Britain and Romania should cooperate in the dissolution of Nato and Warsaw Pact.

FRANCE - Marchais re-elected secretary general of French Communist Party.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- CO: Lord Young speaks at a dinner with local businessmen, Folkestone
- MOD: Mr Heseltine receives delegation of trade unionists about Royal Ordnance plc
- SO: Mr Younger meets Dumfries & Galloway Regional Council, Glasgow
- MAFF: Mrs Fenner visits Thorntons Chocolate factory, Belper
- DEM: Mr Bottomley attends centenary lunch for National Cash Registers, HoC
- HO: Mr Mellor visits Camden and Islington re-drugs
- SO: Mr Ancram meets Scottish Institute of Housing, Edinburgh
- SO: Lord Gray visits Scottish Tourist Board, London Road Show, London
- SO: Mr Ancram, Mr MacKay and Solicitor General for Scotland give news conference on new measures against drug traffickers
- SO: Mr MacKay meets "Save Bruntsfield Hospital" Committee
- DTI: Mr Lamont delivers the Black Adder Lecture, Newcastle
- DTI: Lord Lucas addresses IT Seminar, Brunel University; visits Independent Broadcasting Authority, London
- DTI: Mr Butcher presents awards at the Wolverhampton Enterprise Agency
- DTI: Mr Trippier addresses a pre-IMBEX (clothing exhibition) reception, London
- DTp: Mr Spicer visits the Accidents Investigation Branch, Farnborough
- DTp: Mrs Chalker attends Q & A session Guild of Motoring, London

MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- FCO: Mr Rifkind departs for Rome for POCO meeting (to 13 February); onto Dooe Meeting, Brussels (to 14 February)
- DTI: Mr Channon attends EC Internal Market meeting, Brussels

TV AND RADIO

- "Voices in the Dark"; Thames; (12.30); legal and social provisions for the children of broken marriages
- "Vietnam, the 10,000 Day War"; Channel 4; (14.35); Morality and effectiveness of United States concentration bombing
- "The Kearney Programme"; LBC; (15.00); Lord Bethel on his visit to Nelson Mandela
- "Enterprise"; Radio 4; (19.20); Competition for new businesses
- "Submarine"; BBC 1; (19.40); Polaris patrol
- "Panorama"; BBC 1; (20.10); Norman Tebbit
- "World in Action"; Thames TV; (20.30) Mortgage arrear increases, Ian Gow
- "Pictures of Poland"; Channel 4 (21.00); The Road to Gdansk
- "Horizon"; BBC 2; (21.30); New military technology, and its impact on future wars
- "British Record Industry Awards"; BBC 1 and Radio 1; (21.30)
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