

PRIME MINISTER

THIS WEEK - HIGHLIGHTS

Now that the hijack is over it looks rather boring.

St Saviour's School re-opens (and now settles down).

ECONOMIC

Run up to Budget; Labour Party unveils alternative Budget (Tues).  
CBI economic trends (today).  
UK reserves and capital issues and redemptions (Feb)(tomorrow).  
HP and instamlent credit (Jan); housing starts and completions (Jan)  
and company liquidity survey (Q4) -(Fri).  
EC Agricultural Council (today and Tomorrow).  
OECD Manpower and Social Affairs Ministers (Wed-Fri).

INDUSTRIAL

Times - new deadline(Wed).  
British Rail rostering talks (and Croydon crash inquiry opens,  
Wed).  
Tobacco/sports sponsorship agreement (tomorrow or Wed).  
Public sector references to MMC in 1982.  
Aims of Industry reveals Socialist threat to industry (tomorrow).  
Quinquennial report on NI contracting out terms (Wed).

PAY

Teachers (Wed).  
Power workers (Thurs).

POLITICS

Belfast South by-election (Thurs).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Defence: adventure training (Wed).  
Direct broadcasting by satellite (Thurs).  
Death grant consultative document (Fri).

INTERNATIONAL

ILO report on Poland (? tomorrow).

MINISTERS

Mr Younger at Scottish Prison Governors' conference (today).  
Mr Nott on IRN - defence issues (tomorrow).  
Mr Jenkin gives "Industry Today" address, St Paul's (tomorrow).  
Sir Keith Joseph on Thames TV Eye on university cuts (Thurs).  
Lord Gowrie on BBC Question Time (Thurs).

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DIARY

Jarozelski visits Moscow.

Hijack; ?Statement.

EC: Agriculture Council, Brussels.

UK-USA air fares rise.

West Midlands fares up 70%.

British Transport Docks Board EFC.

Further meeting on BR rostering dispute.

Plaque of Dylan Thomas unveiled, Westminster Abbey.

TV Licence anti-evasion campaign, the Midlands.

International Light Show, Olympia.

Hydraulics and Pneumatics Exhibition, Birmingham.

International Electrical Exhibition, Birmingham.

MARECS communications satellite becomes operational.

Lord Carrington in Kenya.

MSC launches youth training workshop at Ford, Dagenham.

Channel Tunnel consortium announces plans.

Driving test fee up to £13.

Statistics:

CBI Monthly Trends Inquiry (Feb).

Parliament:

Commons:

Questions:

Trade, Energy.

Business:

Remaining stages of the Travel Concessions (London):

Motions on the Northern Ireland Orders on Appropriation and Limitation Amendment.

Proceedings on the Agricultural Training Board Bill (Lords) and on the Industrial Training Bill (Lords), which are Consolidation Measures.

Select Committees: HOME AFFAIRS: SUB-COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS AND IMMIGRATION. National Health Service treatment of overseas visitors. (Witness: Secretary of State for Social Services).

ENERGY: Combined Heat and Power. (Witnesses: District Heating Assoc., Basingstoke and Deanborough Council; Mr L Graninger.)

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS: Fees paid to Works Consultants. (Witnesses: Sir Kenneth Stowe, DHSS; Mr Alfred, PSA; Mr Rennie, Scottish Home and Health Dept; Mr T P Hughes, Welsh Office).

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE: Supplementary Estimates Class II, Vote 12: Budget of the European Communities. (Witnesses: HMT and FCO officials).

Lords: Taking of Hostages Bill(HL): Second Reading. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Decision of 7th December 1981 on Supplementary Revenue) Order 1982: Motion for Approval.

Debate on the 8th Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution on Oil Pollution of the Sea (Cmd. 8358) and the Reports of the ECC on the Action Plan for the Mediterranean and Marine Pollution (30th and 31st Reports).

Ministers - see Annex

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PRESS DIGEST

Family Hijack Over

- You are absolutely delighted; message hi-jackers from Britain is that you are not going to get any change here; Kambona becomes minor hero with pops; Cobra featured as backroom seigebusters; But who are "mystery rebels"?
- Mirror says: cost was nearly £25,000 an hour and total bill could be £0.5m; who will pay? - Not ratepayers says chairman of county council.
- BBC didn't mention SAS presence on bulletins but says no request was made to it; just supplied normal cautions.
- Incident highlights Nyrere's problems in Tanzania.

Comment:

Express: Peaceful end reflects great credit on everyone from Home Sec downwards; full marks; hijackers made a serious mistake coming to Britain; heartening message for all hijack victims heading into British airspace - we'll take good care of you.

Mail: British routine at its best.

Times: Police had to put up with complaints from journalists and relatives of hostages about lack of information but clearly vindicated by result; they must have discretion on amount of information they disclose; all in all a good day for Britain.

### Sport

- Future of English international cricket put in jeopardy by arrival of 12 cricketers in South Africa, being paid nearly £50,000 each, in deal cooked up by South African Cricket Union and South African Breweries as sponsors.
- Press gallery dismayed by Boycott's "pirates".
- Mirror scathing: they are as contemptible as any mercenary who hires out his gun; being bribed; political pawns; will hurt the vast majority of people in South Africa and far more than staggering damage they could inflict on British sport.
- Basque terrorists say they will call a truce for the World Cup.

### Taylor/Burton

- The other main story dominated at least the pops is the Elizabeth Taylor-Richard Burton re-union.

MEANWHILE back to the mundane life .....

### Budget/Economy

- 3.1.
- FT says that latest reports highlight the Chancellor's Budget dilemma and seem likely to leave him with only £1bn to give away in tax cuts.
  - CBI see no real recovery in underlying level of output, though manufacturing orders improve; London Business School forecasts rises in output of 1.5% this year and 2% next; engineers dispute idea of export boom; FT trends survey more optimistic.
  - Institute of Economic Affairs says you are leading Britain to economic miracle of the kind experienced by Germany and France because of your refusal to do a u-turn.
  - } Tory MPs apparently think they are winning argument for direct tax cuts rather than more aid for industry but Guardian says betting is on a cut in NI surcharge and a better than indexed increase in tax thresholds.
  - Lots of reports think excise duties will be increased but only 1p on pint of beer.
  - Andrew Alexander writes the alternative budget speech and says best course would be to leave PSBR at £8bn, but instead goes for middle course of £2bn on top of that.

### Unions/Pay

- John Boyd, AUEW, calls today for a ban on strikes in nationalised industries and public services except in wholly exceptional and outrageous circumstances; and says it is not right that publicly owned industries should be bailed out by taxpayer in circumstances which would bankrupt private companies.
- NUPE, however, threatens strikes to break through 4%.
- ← Directors' pay rose average of 14%; 25% got more than 21% mostly because of bonuses or profitsharing; 25% 5% or less;.
- BL insists that Cowley shop stewards should return to workbench; full time shop stewards a thing of the past.
- NALGO strikers travel 55 miles to Hants to check up on Islington social services official who takes in for weekend 4 'teenagers abandoned by staff'.

- || Sun says how tragic of Halewood workers to jeopardise future by going on strike for workshy layabout who is sacked; Ford released work record of man who got 12 black marks in 3 years.

### Industry

- Do it below*
- TUC, in paper to NEDC, want £25 a week job subsidy in regions to replace REP and regional industrial planning councils.
  - FT leader says British posrts and Govt face some hard decisions; but if employers want to make headway they will have to prove crisis is genuine and they are making genuing efforts to improve efficiency and get rid of restrictive practices.
  - Electricity Consumers' Council says borrowing limits and financial targets are forcing up prices at time of falling demand.
  - Govt tells CEGB it will have to pay for PWR inquiry at Sizewell.
  - BL blocks a full Parliamentary investigation into sale of assets - says PAC and C&AG don't qualify as properly authorised investigators (Times).
  - B/Gas says Govt will have to wait until well into next financial year before Wytch Farm oilfield can be sold - will take that time for independent survey and sale process.

### Local Authorities

- Lloyds expert suggests three alternatives to rates - 5p on tax rates; combination of higher taxes and end to mortgage relief; or end to subsidies to industry and higher Corporation tax.
- Jack Straw says ratepayers in 54 Labour shire counties pay 2p a week less than Tory controlled; average rate rise this time will be nearly 19%.
- Express says Liverpool is a cautionary tale for the best of Britain - fragmented politically, economically, socially and racially.
- Labour leaders on Leamington Spa council criticises wealthy mayor who spends nearly one third of allowance on clothes.

### Education

- Police stand by as St Saviour's School opens with new iron will head.
- Sun says self help is best help - reference to parents at Dartford girls school which has not been painted for 25 years doing it themselves.
- National Assn of Head Teachers advises members to carry on caning except where officially banned by LA; wants urgent meeting with Sir Keith.
- Vice Chancellor of Manchester becomes early supporter of students' campaign for more grant.
- Keith Waterhouse, Mirror, says it seems likely that Govt will follow Thatcher instinct on caning judgement and do damn all; everytime we appear before EuroCourt is a deep humiliation for Britain.
- Monty Finniston, Chancellor of Stirling University, attacks Govt and UGC over cuts; accuses Govt of dictatorial dogmatism.

### Medical

- 100 sacks of dangerous medical waste from same Harley Street clinic from which confidential records were found dumped last year being sought; Greville Janner wants full inquiry.
- Mrs Dunwoody accuses Saudi Arabia of poaching our nurses at £10,000 a time.
- In spite of low temperatures, common cold not causing more trouble than usual this winter.

### Defence

- Mr Nott says we need to spend £10bn on Trident in case unthinkable happens - allies don't come to our aid.
- Govt plans to adapt holiday airliners in emergency as fuel tankers.
- Sun launches campaign to prevent cuts in overseas Army allowances.
- John Heddly MP alleges PSA sold married quarters at price which enabled speculator to make £0.3m profit.

### EC

- EuroParliament uses up 80 trees a month largely in useless bumph.
- Advertising campaign launched to persuade Euro MPs to vote for seal import ban.
- Guardian says Schmidt/Mitterand summit refurbished duumvirate and made Mandate trouble for you.

### Law and Order

- Row between Judge Lawton and Chief Constable Pain at weekend conference; judge wants magistrates to be tougher on violent crime and asks question about crooked police officers which Pain finds more offensive.
- } Scarman, at Conway Hall, wants independents to inspect police interview rooms and stations. }

### Northern Ireland

- Kincora detectives re-open files on 11 year-old boy murdered 9 years ago.
- 2 Irishmen being questioned in USA for Lord Mountbatten murder.
- NIO officials in last stages of negotiating with US company to open 1000- job factory near Belfast.

### Politics

- Fred Mulley fails to win re-selection - beaten by Benn's bover boys; Guardian says claim that next PLP will represent continuity rather than change and proud traditions rather than recently imported ones can hardly survive if present trends continue.
- Telegraph asks how can South Yorkshire - Scargill's fief - be reclaimed for old fashioned democracy.
- SDP morale slumps after ORC poll in Hillhead; SDP student conference wants private schools to be integratef into State system.
- Motions on TSSA conference agenda challenge continued support for Labour Party - turn to SDP.
- Enoch Powell advises people to vote Labour to get us out of EC.

Ministers:

Sir Keith Joseph visits the Staff College, Camberley. (11.15 am).  
Mr Heseltine visits Wakefield for Association of Metropolitan Authorities annual seminar.  
Mr Heseltine addresses Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors annual general meeting.  
Mr Younger opens Scottish Prison Governors Annual Conference, Peebles.  
Mr Fowler addresses Regional Administrators, King Edward Hospital Fund for London dinner, London. (7.30 pm).  
Mr Tebbit meets Scottish TUC, London.  
Mr Shelton visits Quorn Hall and National Youth Bureau, Leicester.  
Lord Ferrers visits Midland Region (and 2 March).  
Sir George Young lunches with Housing Corporation.  
Mr Macfarlane visits Stonehenge.  
Mr Baker makes first 'phone call via the MARECS satellite, followed by press conference.  
Mr Lamont visits British Shipbuilders, Bickers, Barrow.  
Mr Fletcher visits Glasgow High School.  
Mr Stewart attends Local Government Access (for the disabled) Officers seminar, Glasgow.  
Mr Raison visits Brent Community Relations Council. (11.00 am).  
Mr Morrison visits two YOP schemes in Hackney.  
Lord Trenchard lunches with Defence Manufacturers Association.

VISITS

Sheikh Hisham Nazei, Saudi Arabian Minister of Planning, visits the UK (until 3 March).

Amnesty International

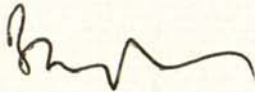
- Campaign begins to get rid of Thorpe and Sun, Express and Mail (while much more sympathetic to him) think it would be best if he resigns.

Arts

- You announce gift of £200,000 to Royal School of Music.

International

- Pope: warns Jesuits to stay out of politics; tells great powers not to interfere in El Salvador.
- Atlanta: Police convinced Williams not responsible for all killings of young blacks.
- Zimbabwe: Nkomo may have to stand trial.
- Libya: CIA says Gaddafi was wounded in assassination attempt two months ago.
- France: 40 demonstrators and 15 police injured in demo against nuclear power station.
- Portugal: wants East European missions to cut by 30%.
- Poland: 2 of Walesa's sons see him; regime to allow people and Solidarity to leave for good.



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