

PRIME MINISTER

HIGHLIGHTS

The Weekend

British Leyland will continue to grip the media over the weekend with the Shops Bill and the privatisation of the Forestry Commission and matters nuclear likely to be considered worthy of media attention. Northern Ireland will also be covered.

On Saturday Lady Young begins a visit to the Falkland Islands.

Mr Norman Tebbit appears on "Any Questions" (BBC Radio 4, 13.10) with Mr David Steel, Mr Gerald Kauffman and Anne Leslie. Sunday's edition of "The Money Programme" (BBC 2 at 18.30) features Eddie Shah and Neil Kinnock "Faces the Press" on Channel 4 at 13.30.

Main Events

On Monday Lord Carrington begins a visit to the UK. The Home Secretary meets deputation including boys from Holloway assaulted by police. You meet the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, the Hon Father Walter Lini, in the morning and industrialists in the afternoon. Mr Renton goes to Geneva to address the Conference on Disarmament.

On Tuesday you meet Mr Paisley and Mr Molyneaux and host the Better Made in Britain seminar.

On Wednesday you take part in the Jimmy Young Show on BBC Radio 2 and lunch with the Unquoted Companies Group. Leon Brittan gives evidence to the Trade and Industry Select Committee on Westland plc and the Labour Party consider the report on Militant.

On Thursday you meet John Hume MP and later Peregrine Worsthorne before looking in at the Barnet Civic Charity Ball at the Dorchester after dinner. The Danes hold their referendum on Community reform.

On Friday you meet Vice Chancellor Steger of Austria and later record an interview for the BBC's 50th Anniversary. Burnham Committee on teachers' pay meets.

Parliament

On Monday there is a debate on the Second Report of the Select Committee on Social Services on Children in Care.

There will be a statement on NIREX, possibly on Tuesday, and on Thursday the 2nd, 3rd and 4th reports of the Select Committee on Procedure of Session 1984/85 and the first report of the Select Committee on Procedure of this session will be debated.

Other Events

- Monday: Mr Jopling and Mr Gummer in Brussels for the EC Agriculture council and Mrs Rumbold visits the Channel Tunnel site.
- Tuesday: The Foreign Secretary attends the POCO meeting in the Hague. The Dutch Deputy Prime Minister, Dr van Ardenne visits London. Mr Patten addresses the Educational Publishers' lunch.
- Wednesday: Deadline for NI local authorities to set a rate. Secretary to the Cabinet gives evidence to the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee on duties and responsibilities between Civil Servants and Ministers. Soviet Communist Party Congress begins.
- Thursday: EC Transport Council meeting. February unemployment figures announced.
- Friday: Home Secretary visits Handsworth; TUC General Council meet and the deadline for bus operators to nominate routes/services is reached.

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