

PRIME MINISTER

HIGHLIGHTS

The Weekend

The Shops Bill, Northern Ireland and Libya were the main subjects of interest to the Sunday lobby.

On Sunday you attend centenary celebrations at St Paul's Church, London, and Mr Patten addresses a conference of Catholic Secondary schools.

Sir Keith Joseph appears on 'Weekend World'; and Mr. Nicholas Scott appears on 'This Week, Next Week'. King Juan Carlos is interviewed on BBC TV 2 on Sunday evening.

Main Events

On Monday the Prince and Princess of Wales begin a visit to Vienna. The Shops Bill is given a Second Reading. The NUJ hold their annual delegate meeting. Sir Keith Joseph addresses an Education Bill Conference. The NEDC discusses the Budget, and the Governor of the Bank of England gives evidence on the Budget to the TCSC. You attend a reception for Mr. St. John Stevas at the Economist. The producer price index for March is published.

Tuesday is the date by which firm bids for Land Rover should be submitted to BL. The White Paper on Intellectual Property and Innovation is published.

On Wednesday there will be a statement on Primary Health Care. You give an interview to 'El Pais'. The Chancellor addresses the Lombard Association. The unemployment and earnings figures for March are published.

On Thursday the OECD Ministerial Meeting begins: the Chancellor, Foreign Secretary and Trade Minister attend. Mr. Hawke meets President Reagan. You give an interview to Prince Michael of Greece.

On Friday you tour the South East Area. The RPI for March is published. The Prince of Wales visits environmental projects in Cardiff. The Labour NEC meets to discuss Liverpool Militants. The Royal Association for Disability Conference opens in Blackpool. The results of the Prison Officers Association ballot on industrial action may become known.

Parliament

Apart from the Shops Bill Second Reading on Monday and the Statement on Primary Health Care on Wednesday, the main items of interest are Tuesday's Timetable Motion on the Social Security Bill and Thursday's Opposition Day debate on education. There is a Private Members Bill on Friday on sales restrictions on tobacco products.

In the Lords there is an unstarred Question on Sizewell on Wednesday.

Other Events

Monday: The Channel Fixed Link Concession Agreement is published. Mr. Jopling and Mr. Gummer have bilateral talks in Paris with the French Minister of Agriculture. The European Parliament begins its Plenary Session. "World in Action" examines the diet of schoolchildren.

Tuesday: Conference of Committee of Directors of Polytechnics in Leeds.

Wednesday: The PSBR for March is published. Sir Geoffrey Howe addresses the Conservative Group of Europe. Mr. Hurd addresses the Reform Group. Mr. Walker appears on an LBC phone-in programme.

Thursday: The index of output of production for February is published. "Tomorrow's World" looks at reprocessing Britain's nuclear waste. "Worldwise Reports" looks at acid rain. "Brass Tacks" looks at toxic waste.

Friday: The cyclical indicators for March are published. Mr. Whitney appears on "Any Questions".

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