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PRIME MINISTER

HIGHLIGHTS

The Weekend

South Africa will again be very prominent. The Sunday Lobby were preoccupied with South Africa and the Commonwealth Conference. There may be inquests on Thursday's by-election, and reverberations on the vote on MPs' allowances. Next week's very heavy schedule of announcements and issues may also be anticipated. On Saturday BBC 'Breakfast Time' begin a week broadcasting from the Falklands.

Main Events Next Week

On Monday the EC Foreign Affairs Council discusses South Africa. Mr Stanley departs for the Falkland Islands. You meet Mr Tunney in connection with a Trust for the disabled, and later you attend the Conservative Central Office for a Strategy Group meeting. Retail sales figures for June are published. The EC Budget Council discusses the 1987 budget.

On Tuesday the Rate Support Grant for 1987/88 is announced. You meet Mrs Reagan, and later attend a dinner in her honour. The Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment is expected to publish its report. President Reagan may make a major speech on South Africa. The US Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins its hearings on South Africa. Mr Baker appears before the Education Committee.

On Wednesday the Royal Wedding takes place. Sir Geoffrey Howe meets President Botha. Mrs Chalker makes a statement on the Foreign Affairs Council. The House of Commons debates social security. You attend the Lobby party in the evening.

On Thursday the Westland Report is published (and also the Government's Response to the TCSC's report on the duties and responsibilities of Civil Servants and Ministers). You meet the 1922 Committee. The Commonwealth Games begin. The Treasury launches the Personal Equity Plan. Consumer spending figures for 1986 Q2 are published. Mr Hurd appears on "All the Prime Minister's Men" (Channel 4 8pm).

On Friday you meet six boys from the Boys Brigade, and later present a British Standards Institution certificate to Norville Optical. The trade figures for June are published. The Government publishes its response to the Roskill Report on Fraud. The House of Commons rises. Mr Ridley visits Newcastle upon Tyne.

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