

## PRIME MINISTER

### THE WEEK AHEAD

Four main issues dominate this week:

- follow up to Nigerian kidnap and consequences;
- coal strike (negotiations; NUM meetings; Scargills in court)
- local government developments (Liverpool, Paving Bill amendments)
- economic situation (£ after rise in interest rates; money supply, tomorrow; retail price index, Friday)

We also need to keep our eye on EC Finance Council (Budgetary discipline) today; Orange Day marches in Northern Ireland (Thursday); and result of GCHQ judicial review (tomorrow).

Details:

#### INTERNATIONAL

- 5-nation Defence Ministers on European fighter, Madrid (today)
- Arab Council of Economic Unit, Amman (tomorrow)
- International conference on African refugees, Geneva (from today)
- Runnymede Trust report on those detained under our immigration laws (today)
- Your speech to European Atlantic Group dinner (Wednesday)
- Legal talks on future of Gibraltar (Thursday and Friday)
- Swapo leaders before court, Namibia (Friday)
- New Zealand General Election (Saturday)

#### EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Councils: Finance and Agriculture (today and tomorrow)
- Commons debate on EC (tomorrow)
- Advocate General's opinion on Kent Kirk's appeal against illegal fishing (tomorrow)

#### COAL STRIKE

- NCB/NUM negotiations continue (today)
- Peter Walker on BBC Panorama (tonight)
- Immingham docks blacking meeting and implications (today)
- NUM executive (tomorrow)
- NUM delegate conference (Wednesday and Thursday)
- Scargill before Rotherham Court (tomorrow); Mrs Scargill at Mansfield (Wednesday)

#### UNIONS

- Tabling of amendment on postal ballots (today) for Lords debate (Thursday)
- High Court decision on Judicial Review of GCHQ action (tomorrow); Foreign Secretary to visit GCEQ (Friday)
- TUC economic committee (Wednesday)

#### PAY

- NHS ancillaries (tomorrow); local authority employers and teachers on pay restructuring (Friday)

#### INDUSTRY

- Reed International meets on Mirror Group flotation/sale (today)
- Commons Adjournment debate on Sealink privatisation (Wednesday)

#### TRANSPORT

- Ban on smoking on London Underground (from today)
- Bus de-regulation White Paper (?Thursday)

#### ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- today: producer price index
- tomorrow: money supply and vehicle production (both June); General Household Survey for 1983
- Friday: Retail Price Index; Building Society monthly figures; usable steel production; output index

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Mr Jenkin meets Liverpool City Council (today); Liverpool ratefixing (Wednesday)
- Tabling of Local Government (Interim Provision) Bill amendments for Lords
- RSG settlement/local government capital expenditure

#### STATEMENTS/PUBLICATIONS

- DES statement on Yough service (Wednesday)
- Chief Inspector of Constabulary report (Wednesday)
- DHSS report on diet and health (Thursday)
- Broadcasting Complaints Commission annual report (Thursday)
- White Paper on consumer safety (Thursday)
- Health Service Ombudsman report (Thursday)

#### RELIGION

- General Synod (this week); divorce and remarriage (tomorrow)

#### MEDIA

- BBC TV Question Time (Thursday) - Kenneth Clarke, Shirley Williams, Ken Livingstone; James Cooke
- BBC Radio 4 Any Questions? (Friday) - Robert Adley MP, Clive Jenkins, Molly Parkin, Sam Toy (Ford UK)

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MAIN EVENTS

HM The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh dines with the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs Jamieson

Prince of Wales opens the Mary Rose Exhibition in Her Majesty's Naval Base, Portsmouth

Environment Secretary meets members of Liverpool City Council to discuss their budget

Ban on smoking comes into effect on London Underground

Lea Hall colliery officials challenge Midlands NUM over suspensions begins in High Court

EC Finance Council meets, Brussels

EC Agriculture Council, Brussels (to 10 July)

Open Session on Inquiry into Provision for Retirement, House of Commons

Possible announcement on new format passports

Five-Nations Defence Ministers meeting, Madrid

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STATISTICS

DTI: Producer price index numbers (June-prov)

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PUBLICATIONS

DES: Record of proceedings on conference on head teachers' selection

DES: HMI report on the Youth Training Service 1983/84

HO: Runnymede Trust Report 'Immigration Prisoners'

LCD: Legal Aid annual report (NI court Service through the Lord Chancellor's Department) (1100)

WO: HMI report Myther Technical College

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PAY

DEM: British Waterways Board (901); claim for 5.2 per cent; settlement date 21.7.84

DEM: Local Authority Chief Officers and Chief Executives (5,734) substantial pay claim; settlement date 1.7.84

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PARLIAMENTCommonsQuestions: Transport; WalesBusiness: Private Members Motions

Mr D Ashby - Sport and Recreation

Mr B Mawhinney - Anglo-American Alliance

Cable and Broadcasting Bill (Lords); Remaining Stages

Agricultural Holdings Bill (Lords); Lords Amendments

Adjournment Debate

The Economic Situation of Grimsby sharefishermen (Mr A Mitchell)

Select Committees: ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Acid Rain

Witness: Hon William Waldegrave MP, Under-Secretary  
of State for the Environment

TREASURY AND CIVIL SERVICE

Subject: Long-term trends in resources and public  
expenditure

Witness: Institute for Fiscal Studies

Lords: Police and Criminal Evidence Bill: Committee (4th day)Animal Health and Welfare Bill (HL): Consideration of Commons  
AmendmentsMINISTERS - See AnnexPRESS DIGESTNIGERIAN KIDNAP

- Britons detained in Negeria held under armed guard for 36 hours, sleeping on floors.
- Speculation about expulsion of Nigerian High Commissioner.
- Sun says you are under pressure from Tory MPs to get rid of him; police convinced military regime were involved in plot; leader says Foreign Secretary's first duty this morning is to kick out Nigerian High Commissioner and staff - regime they represent has committed a criminal act before the eyes of the world.
- Express says Dikko may have been interrogated with truth drugs and electric shock treatment; Telegraph asserts he underwent truth drug ordeal.
- Mail says Scotland Yard has a damning dossier implicating Nigerian diplomats and Foreign Secretary with give High Commissioner 48 hours to provide full cooperation, including waiving diplomatic immunity; leader says it is well nigh impossible to believe Nigerian High Commission were unaware of this serious crime and such behaviour should not go unpunished; if any High Commission staff are further concerned in activity of this gravity post should be shut down.
- Telegraph says that in Nigeria we are likely to be condemned for having thwarted an attempt to capture Public Enemy No 1.
- George Robertson, Opposition Spokesman, and Ivan Lawrence call for resolute action.

NIGERIAN KIDNAP (CONT'D)

- Times says Ministers, led by you, are taking an extremely grave view of Dikko affair and Nigerian envoy faces expulsion of Nigerian official if links are proved.
- FT UK may expel diplomats over Dikko.

COAL STRIKE

- NCB launches its most ambitious back to work drive today, laying on 200 buses in the North East.
- Time running out for negotiations with NUM executive tomorrow.
- Threat of docks strike because BSC is moving iron ore from Immingham Docks.
- Police investigate fire which destroys office of Llanwern haulage company.
- Another advert in the series how striking miners have been misled - on what strike can achieve.
- D/Star says NCB is under pressure to settle because of the cost to the Government; partly because of Social Security payments.
- Sun says doctors are breaking NHS rules to help miners and families - free prescriptions, sick notes to avoid picket line duty.
- Express leader, under heading "No sell out to the mob" says you and MacGregor should not misunderstand public's desire for peace; no desire for peace at any price. You were not elected to office to preside over mob rule and you will surely fail to be re-elected if you allow it.
- Telegraph says Kaufman last night admitted that the miners' strike had harmed the Labour Party, but he says Government also seems to be suffering for not doing anything about it; NALGO faces growing revolt by members for giving NUM more than £30,000.
- John O'Sullivan examines the linking of Scargill and MacGregor in public's mind as being equally intransigent and says to give them the same weight is simple dishonesty. In any contest between thug and accountant the accountant will win in the end although the thug may do more damage.
- Guardian doubts whether there will be time or inclination to produce a formulae from the current talks; sees Scargill as already distancing himself from any conclusion to the dispute.

COAL STRIKE (CONT'D)

- Call for more vigorous support for miners by Kinnock in Guardian article by woman chairman of Socialist Society and chairman of Barnsley Women against pit closures; if he doesn't, they say, his rhetoric will play to increasingly empty houses.
- FT finds a mood of guarded optimism in coal dispute.
- FT says there is renewed prospect of national newspaper disruption with Scargill asking editors for space for NUM equivalent to that paid for by NCB advertisements; letter prompted by printworkers.

DEFENCE

- Service Chiefs have appealed directly to you against top level reorganisation of MoD but you support Mr Heseltine; but Defence Correspondent of Telegraph says they are likely to be less radical than he intended.
- Guardian p1 lead - Thatcher rebuffs Defence Chiefs - Heseltine triumphs over critics in Services merger struggle.
- Times p1 says Service Chiefs exercised their right to make representation to you. But unlikely any of Service Chiefs will resign.

UNIONS/PAY

- Express says National Front is infiltrating unions; leader says best counter to infiltration from Left and Right is secret ballot.
- lanh* - Dr Charles Hanson, economics lecturer, Newcastle University, says Government should resist temptation to do no more on trade union law if it hopes to promote economic recovery; it should in particular make strikes in essential services illegal; Times warmly commends further labour market liberalisation and reduction in trade union power.
- Equity to move to settle adverts dispute which has affected Channel 4 and TV-AM.
- Guardian says Norman Willis now seems set to succeed Len Murray.

ECONOMY

- Andrew Alexander, Mail, says it was depressing last week to observe readiness with which people said falling £ was perilous because it would cause inflation, we should relaxe.
- Telegraph, however, thinks there is more cause for worry in root cause of last week's interest rate rise - US deficit and interest rates - than other difficulties on UK political front.
- Guardian leader wants a new turnin economic policy - taxing companies which give excessive pay increases and running at lower level.
- Bill Ryrie, ODA, tipped as next head of International Finance Corporation,
- ITEM forecast in Guardian says investment and exports are picking up strongly, there will be scope for major tax cuts in 1986, economic growth will begin to slow next year and infaltion and unemployment will stabilise.
- Nigeria to demand higher oil production quota at OPEC talks tomorrow.

MEDIA

- Kinnock intervenes in Maxwell and Mirror Newspaper take-over bid - says newspaper ownership should not be allowed to pass into the hands of one man.
- Reed International says plans to launch Mirror Group shares on Stock Exchange going ahead.
- Maxwell gives Mirror Group until 5pm tomorrow to accept - otherwise he won't buy a share; National Association of Pension Funds watching situation closely in interests of its investments.
- Press Council criticises Daily Mail for intrusion and harassment in pursuing college lecturer.
- Newspaper Society offering print unions qualified job security agreement in return for full cooperation on new technology.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Labour councils declare war on Government's rate capping; Telegraph says they are planning to defy the law rather than cut services or sack workers.
- Soutwark Women's Committee cancel carnival beauty contest because, they say, it's sexist.
- Package of aid worth more than £15m offered to Liverpool; Guardian says it is far more generous than any of the participants believed possible a few weeks ago.

SOCIAL SECURITY

- Rhodes Boyson to investigate claims that those on social security are making a lot of money out of lodgers - should a loophole be closed?
- Civil Servant in line to become Director of drug firm association.

ENVIRONMENT

- Government Departments criticised by Lords Select Committee for paying insufficient attention to public concern over way farming methods are changing the countryside.



WATER

- Express leads with alleged plan by South West Water Authority to ship in supplies from North East.

EDUCATION

- Cardinal Hume to ban caning in Catholic schools in England and Wales.

TRANSPORT

- Mr Ridley to unveil this week plans to denationalise National Bus and de-regulate bus services; Telegraph ewlcomes idea, but says Mr Ridley should not under-estimate opposition.

POLITICS

- Ken Livingstone denies there is a plot to replace sitting Labour MPs in London constituencies; Mail says report of plot reveal Livingstone's other face - as ruthless power seeker and conspirator.
- Sun feature on who wipes smile off Kinnock's face - Livingstone, Benn and Scargill.
- David Steel says SDP/Liberal Alliance will enter Government in some form after next election.
- Telegraph says Norman Tebbit is to have a more prominent role in Conservative Party campaigning.
- Hugo Young, in Guardian, says Lords' Rebellion on Paving Bill constitutes a powerful case for a new electoral system.

PEOPLE

- Row over allegation that Michael Heseltine has stopped our Armes Services from taking part in next year's Round the World Yacht Race because there is a stop-over in South Africa.

LAW AND ORDER

- Express says murder trials to be held this year may be seriously affected by suicide of a pathologist who conducted post mortems on victims in Surrey, Hants and Dorset.
- Times says Government is considering arming courts with power to order reparation for victims of crime.

NORTHERN IRELAND

- Police say several large companies are being used as cover for PIRA financing.
- T C Utting wants Ian Gow as Northern Ireland Secretary, but says John Biffen, Cecil Parkinson, Michael Alison acceptable.
- Ferdie Mount, in Times, says if Jim Prior could be persuaded to stay on his next couple of years ought to be crowned with uncovenanted success - stale minds do solve problems.

FRANCE

- British holidaymaker injured with grappling hook as waterway blockade turns violent.

EC

- Plans to sell 300,000 tonnes of butter, cheap, to Arabs, causes row.
- Telegraph finds it a touch ironic that the Commission is in the lead in freeing up the car market when you are identified with championing the market place.

RUSSIA

- Reports that Mrs Sakharov may be put on trial.

CANADA

- Being taken for granted that Queen will postpone visit because there will be an election on September 4.

NEW ZEALAND

- Women abuse effort on ANZUS alliance of victory, which looks likely, for anti-nuclear Labour Party in Saturday's General Election.

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES ETC)

- MAFF: Mr Jopling hosts luncheon for Commissioner Natali, Carlton Gardens
- DOE: Mr Jenkin meets members of Liverpool City Council to discuss budget
- SO: Mr Younger to open new Computer Department of Registers, Edinburgh, and to tour HQ, Trustees Savings Bank
- MAFF: Lord Belstead attends National Institute of Agricultural Engineerings Diamond Jubilee dinner, Silsoe, Beds
- HO: Mr Mellor visits South Yorkshire Probation Service
- WO: Mr Stradling Thomas opens New Technology Access Centre, Newport
- DEN: Mr Buchanan Smith attends Chevron Petroleum Reception, London
- DEN: Lord Avon speaks at National Electrical Contractors Association Convention, London
- DHSS: Mr Clarke attends Association of Directors of Social Services lunch, London
- DTI: Mr Baker addresses Telecom Conference, London on "New IT in Education"
- DTI: Mr Trippier opens North East Thames Business Advice Centre
- SO: Mr Ancram to meet Glasgow District Council delegation on housing matters, and later visits Edinburgh Prison
- MOD: Mr Stanley to opening of Mary Rose Exhibition, Portsmouth
- MOD: Mr Lee to visit Vickers, Barrow and Yarrow Admiralty Research Department, Glasgow
- HMT: Mr Heyhoe addresses Establishments Officers meeting, Sunningdale

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MINISTERS (OVERSEAS VISITS)

- MOD: Mr Heseltine attends discussions on European Fighter Aircraft, Madrid
- DTI: Mr Channon visits Austria and Bulgaria (to 13 July)
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## BROADCASTING

### MONDAY, JULY 9

- Channel 4 7.50pm Comment: Robin Grove-White, director, Council for the Protection of Rural England.
- Channel 4 8.00pm Opinions: The roots of racism lie in the nature of Britain's immigration laws - Professor of Philosophy, Oxford University.
- BBC 1 8.10pm Panorama: "Living Dangerously" - Jeremy Paxman reports on the threat to Kuwait from the Gulf War. Also Peter Walker appearing.
- ITV 8.30pm World in Action: Profile of Jacek Kuron a Polish dissident.

### TUESDAY, JULY 10

- Radio 4 9.05am Tuesday Call:
- Radio 4 7.20pm File on Four: Focuses on Pirate Radio.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

- LBC 2.00pm Gill Pyrah and Guests: The Wednesday debate looks at the role of the GLC's Women's Committee.
- Channel 4 8.30pm Diverse Reports: Christopher Hird reports on how Britain's woodlands and forestry policy is good for the rich and bad for the rest of us.
- Radio 4 8.45pm Analysis: Chairman of Courtaulds on business, industry and the economy.
- LBC 10.00pm Nightline: Gerald Drewett, former Inland Revenue inspector and now leader of the Peace Tax campaign explains his bid to avoid paying for military spending out of his pay packet.
- LBC 10.20pm Ebony: "How will abolition of the GLC affect black people?" Report on the work of the Ethnic Minorities Unit.

### THURSDAY, JULY 12

- LBC 10.00am Brian Hayes: William Clark, foreign editor of the Observer, a vice president of the World Bank talks about a future world economic crisis.
- ITV 9.30pm TV Eye: With Alastair Burnet focuses on students who test new drugs and die.
- BBC 1 10.05pm Question Time: Guests include: James Cooke, Ken Livingstone, the Rt Hon Shirley Williams and Kenneth Clarke.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Radio 4	9.05am	<u>Desert Island Discs</u> : Lord Rothschild is the guest.
LBC	10.00am	<u>Brian Hayes</u> : Dr Madsen Pirie, President of the Adam Smith Institute reviews the week's news.
Radio 4	8.45pm	<u>Any Questions?</u> : with Molly Parkin, Sam Toy (Chairman and Managing Director of Ford), Clive Jenkins and MP Robert Adley