

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS:

At 1050 the Prime Minister received a courtesy call from the Greek Minister of Co-ordination, Mr Constandinos Mitsotakis. At 1115 the PM will have talks with the President of Indonesia (the second day of his four day visit). This will be followed by a lunch in the President's honour at No 10. This evening at 1830 the PM will have an audience of The Queen.

IN THE HOUSE:

Two statements:

- i Home Secretary on Immigration Rules White Paper
- ii Peter Walker following the Council of Ministers' (Agriculture) Meeting on 12/13 November

We believe that the Home Secretary and Mr Timothy Raison will be seeing the Lobby after the oral statement to brief them on the White Paper.

We had not been alerted to any Written Answers of importance today.

This evening the PM will be meeting two Northern Ireland MPs separately in the House of Commons on the security problem in Northern Ireland: Mr Molyneaux at 1600; Mr Paisley at 2015. Mr Fitt, who was also invited, had decided not to accept the offer of a meeting. The talks should not be seen in connection with the Consultative Document due next week. Mr Paisley had asked for a meeting on security and the PM had replied making the point that we all shared concern about terrorism and she and the SS for Northern Ireland would be happy to meet Mr Paisley and the others if they wanted. We could not give guidance on what form the meeting would take.

RHODESIA:

The name of the Governor was not likely to be announced when the Bill receives Royal Assent. The Conference is still going on. The Foreign Secretary is anxious to move the Conference along today. The important point was to get agreement at the Conference and then have the Governor in as soon as possible.

NUM/NCB PAY TALKS:

We said that the Government is not involved in these negotiations. However, the NCB had made clear that they hoped to cover the cost of any increased offer in higher prices. We said it was obvious that pay negotiations are reflected in higher prices, not only in the coal industry, but in other related industries.

The morning Lobby was repeated.

STATEMENT ON THE ECONOMY:

We confirmed that there will probably be a statement by the Chancellor on monetary control in the House tomorrow. We could give no guidance on how far this statement would go. However, we thought the Lobby should not expect a "package". No guidance was offered on how high the MLR figure might be. But we reminded them that Nat West and Cootts had raised their base lending rate to $15\frac{1}{2}\%$.

METRICATION BOARD:

There was a Written PQ and press notice today announcing that the Metrication Board would be wound-up in April 1980.