

PRIME MINISTER

MEDIA MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1983

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THE WEEK AHEAD

This is a rather bitty week in which the highlights, apart from Wimbledon seem likely to be:

- Commons debates on welfare state (today); foreign affairs and defence (tomorrow); economy and unemployment (Wed.) and Cable TV (Thursday);
- NUR and Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions' conferences - (first such inquests on Labour's election defeat);
- EC Fisheries Council (quotas) (today and tomorrow);
- CBI trends (and your meeting with CBI leaders) (today);
- Unemployment figures (Thursday);
- Princess of Wales' birthday (Friday).

Other events:

International

- Malawi general election (Wednesday);
- Sir Joshua Hassan, Gibraltar Chief Minister, meets Mr Heseltine and Mr Raison (dockyard) (Wednesday).

European Community

- Councils - Fisheries (today and tomorrow); Research (tomorrow);
- Parliamentary Assembly, Luxembourg (Wednesday to Friday).

Industrial/Economic

- Your meeting with Royal College of Nursing (Wednesday);
- Your reception for exporters (Thursday);
- British Airports Authority annual report (Wednesday);
- ACAS annual report (Thursday).

Economic Indicators

- CBI industrial trends (today for tomorrow);
- 1st Qtr personal income, expenditure and savings and quarterly analysis of bank advances (Wednesday);
- Unemployment and strike figures (Thursday).

Parliament

- Statement on Falklands airport (today);
- Mr Prior speaks to NI Assembly on political development (tomorrow);
- Lords debate economic and industrial affairs (Wednesday);
- Adjournment debates: problems of Vietnam refugees (Wednesday); and Government/tobacco industry agreement on sports sponsorship (Thursday).

Ministers

- Mr Jenkin opens Holocaust Memorial Garden, Hyde Park (today);
  - Sir Keith Joseph meets IBA on TV and schoolchildren report (Wed.);
  - Mr Tebbit at Faringdon branch, NUJ (Thursday);
  - Mr Jenkin at annual conference, Association of District Councils (Friday).
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BROADCASTING - THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, June 27

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| BBC 1   | 8.10pm  | <u>Panorama</u> : Richard Lindley presents a programme on warship design including 590 and Type 23 ships. [NB: If Calvi inquest closes before Monday, Panorama will switch to this topic].                 |
| ITV     | 8.30pm  | <u>World in Action Special</u> : The building industry takes another hammering this week. Success stories that turned sour. Timber-frame houses - how durable are they? Interview with Sir Lawrie Barrett. |
| BBC 2   | 9.00pm  | <u>Private Lives</u> : Maria Aitken peeps into the private lives of A J P Taylor and Barbara Castle.   |
| Radio 4 | 11.15pm | <u>The Financial World Tonight</u> :   |
| Radio 4 | 11.30pm | <u>Today in Parliament</u> .   |

Tuesday, June 28

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| Radio 4   | 12.02pm | <u>You and Yours</u> : Latest trends in consumer protection. A look at the Trading Standards Officers' conference at Eastbourne.          |
| Radio 4   | 8.05pm  | <u>File on Four</u> : from Manchester. (Content not yet known).   |
| Channel 4 | 8.30pm  | <u>For What It's Worth</u> : Consumer champions Stafford and Junor look at the buyer's rights.  |
| BBC 1     | 9.25pm  | <u>South Africa Sport and the Boycott</u> : Ron Pickering looks at 5 sports in South Africa.  |
| BBC 1     | 10.30pm | <u>People and Power</u> : The new group of radical Conservatives. What are their ideas and how much influence do they have over the Govt? |

Wednesday, June 29

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| Radio 4   | 12.02pm | <u>You and Yours</u> : Latest consumer news and report from Trading Standards Officers'                   |
|           | 7.20pm  | <u>Your Move or Mine</u> : The housing world - new developments and some costly problems are highlighted. |
| Channel 4 | 7.50pm  | <u>Comment</u> : A Labour politician (not yet named) will air his views on the political scene.           |
| Radio 4   | 11.30pm | <u>Today in Parliament</u> .  |

Thursday, June 30

Radio 4	12.02pm	<u>You and Yours</u> : Latest consumer news and BBC shopping basket survey of food prices.
Channel 4	8.00pm	<u>Opinions</u> : Has the Labour Party a future? Bob Rowthorne, author and reader in economics at Cambridge attempts to find an answer.
ITV	9.30pm	<u>TV Eye</u> : Likely to be a film about use of polygraphs, truth drugs, hypnosis and lie detectors.
Radio 4	10.00pm	<u>The World Tonight</u> :
BBC 1	10.20pm	<u>Question Time</u> : Sir Robin Day presides over topical arguments. Tonight people of East Anglia quiz Enoch Powell, Norman St John Stevas and George Thomas.
Radio 4	11.15pm	<u>Financial World Tonight</u> :
Radio 4	11.30pm	<u>Today in Parliament</u> .

Friday, July 1

Radio 4	12.02pm	<u>You and Yours</u> : Norman Tozer seeks value for money in his regular weekly survey of consumer goods.
ITV	11.30pm	<u>The London Programme</u> : Number one in a two-part investigation into the business and workforce exodus from London.

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DIARY

Prime Minister meets CBI

House of Commons debate on the Address - The Welfare State

EC Fish Council, Luxembourg

NUR Annual General Meeting, Bridlington (until 8 July)

Sir George Young launches Capital Radio Urban Programme

STATISTICS

CBI: CBI Monthly trends inquiry (June)

PUBLICATIONS

HOC: Education, Science and Arts Committee; 2nd Report - Further and Higher Education in Northern Ireland (Vols 1 & 2) - 1200

PARLIAMENT

Commons:

Questions: Wales, Energy

Business: Debate on the Welfare State  
Village school closures in North Bedfordshire (Adjournment Debate)

MINISTERS (UK VISITS, SPEECHES, ETC)

DOE: Mr Jenkin opens Holocaust Memorial Garden, Hyde Park (11.00am)

DEM: Mr Morrison speaks to European Academy conference, Barbican Centre (2.15 pm)

SO: Mr Stewart opens the Scottish Micro Electronic Development Programme conference, Edinburgh and meets Chairman of Exxon Chemicals, Dover House

MAFF: Lord Belstead visits East Malling Research Station, Kent

HO: Mr Hurd lunches with Independent Broadcasting Authority

SO: Mr Ancram chairs meeting of Glasgow Eastern Area Renewal Governing committee

DEN: Mr Buchanan-Smith visits Offshore Supplies and meets Glasgow press.

DEN: Mr Shaw at Association of British Mining Equipment and Manufacturers exhibition, Bretby, Yorkshire.

Korean Parliamentary delegation visits Britain.

MOD: Mr Heseltine meets Spanish Under Secretary for Defence, Senor Eduardo Senna

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PRESS DIGEST

Ripper Memoirs

- Nicholas Winterton suggests legal ban on publication by police officers of intimate details of crimes for 10 years.
- Home Office official writes to mother of victims regretting Gregory's publication with your full backing.
- Press Council to look into £40,000 payment by Mail on Sunday.
- Hattersley wants Chief Constable to set standards for themselves - senior Civil Servants would never act in this way.
- D/Star: Halt Ripper story - blast from Tom Torney MP who wants Home Secretary to ban further publication of Gregory's memoirs.
- Sun: Ban the Ripper cash in.
- Mirror: Both Gregory and Mail on Sunday, with contemptible hypocrisy, say his story is being told because the public has right to know what went wrong. Rubbish. But if Gregory wants to prove sincerity let him give fee to relatives of Ripper's victims.
- Express: John Alderson, ex-Chief Constable, Devon and Cornwall, says if it is wrong - and it is - for criminals and families to benefit financially from newspapers it is too appalling to even contemplate a police officer gaining from similar disclosures. Why did Home Office not order inquiry?
- Mail on Sunday editor says Home Office should be last to complain about its carrying Gregory's memoirs; if it had people's interests genuinely at heart it would have made public its own inquiry months ago; says Labour MPs attacking his newspaper are hypocritical since they are normally in forefront of campaign for freedom of information.
- Mail coming to the Sunday's aid, says pressure is growing for Home Office and internal West Yorkshire Police inquiry reports to be published; leader says ours is a very secret society compared with USA and Scandinavia and while talking about freedom a lot you seem as disinclined as your predecessors to enlarge an individual's right to know. A more forthcoming Home Office could knock the bottom out of the market for former Chief Constables' memoirs.
- Telegraph: page 2 - Regret at Ripper memoirs.

- Guardian under heading "A demeaning transaction" says Mrs Hill, mother of Ripper victim, finds cheque-book chief constables cashing in on their most inglorious cases deeply offensive - and she's dead right. Worse, it seems to be part of growing tendency among Britain's leading policemen. Police better paid than ever before; something demeaning and greedy about the rush to tell all. Diminishes chief constables in public eye. Far better if incoming chief constables undertook a 10-year moratorium on autobiographies, so cheque-books grow cold in waiting.
- Times says Government is under increasing pressure to ensure no police officer could make money in future out of information gained in course of official duties; MPs of all parties outraged.

### Hanging

- Eldon Griffiths says police, almost to a man, for hanging for cold-blooded murders.
- William Clarke MP to try to get debate delayed until autumn - Home Office establishment bouncing us into rushed debate.
- D/Star: Lawyers rule out hanging - could scupper campaign to bring back capital punishment. Chairman of Criminal Bar Association says up to 9 out of 10 barristers against it.
- Sun: Attorney General says he does not think capital punishment will be restored when all the arguments have been heard.
- Express: says a tug of war is under way in Tory Party to prevent "shadow of noose falling over party conference" - could mar your victory celebration.
- Mail: You have been warned that a Commons vote for hanging would bring a full-scale revolt in Lords; Government majority cannot be guaranteed.
- Guardian: Havers says he would not put black mark against barristers who refuse to prosecute on grounds of conscience.

### Law and Order

- Devon and Cornwall police to fly to Australia in effort to solve Genette Tate's disappearance; Sun says a convicted killer has confessed to her murder and police are going to Australia to interview relatives of man.
- Schoolgirl, 8, hit by police training bullet in Surrey - travelled 3 times normal maximum.
- Mail leader says left-wing GLC and ILEA ruling that displays of physical affection by homosexual men and women in schools should be permitted is thoroughly irresponsible and one more reason why these authorities should be scrapped.
- Times returns to unpublished CPRS report on alcoholism; National Association of Health Authorities now want it published.

### Politics

- RSPCA animal meeting decides to consider dropping charitable status, at cost of £1.5m, so that it can campaign politically for animal rights.
- Conservative controlled Cardiff City Council plans to ban quasi-political organisations like CND from campaigning in shopping centre.
- Peter Shore says every member of constituency party should be given chance of leadership vote; Times says Kinnock's bid gained ground at weekend.
- Andrew Alexander, in Mail, says Government may believe its opponents' propaganda about its being extreme. But this is a now or never moment in British politics and you should use your majority - never leave till tomorrow what you can do today on public spending/deficit rent controls and union reform.
- Gallup says a clear majority favours some form of PR; but majority against multi-member seats.
- Government expected to agree electoral reform soon, including holiday postal votes and deposits.
- John Patten, DHSS Minister, accuses Alliance of big lie tactics during election.
- Telegraph commenting on Left's threat of extra Parliamentary action, says Heath Government was doomed the day it failed to break the Saltle blockade. Overwhelming majority of Britons want to live under rule of law, but they need constant reassurance in word and deed that it will be upheld without fear or favour.
- More Tory trouble in North Wales - Geraint Morgan complains Welsh Secretary wanted Beata Brookes to win candidature for Clwyd NW.

- Gerald Kaufman, in Times, calls for reform of trade union procedures in Labour leadership - democracy demands highest standards if its decisions are to be respected.

### Economy

- CBI says Britain is fighting its way out of recession - economy slowly improving; but they want cuts in interest rates and NI surcharge; and recovery is patchy.
- Paul Neild, of Philips and Drew, says inflation will be kept in check over next 5 years; you should concentrate on keeping £ competitive.
- Barclays raise mortgage rate 0.75% to 11% from July 1.
- Unemployment this month should fall below 3m because 120,000 school-leavers excluded - May!
- National Food Survey says we are spending more on food and eating better and more sensibly.
- Professor Budd calls for greater budgetary flexibility and more capital spending.
- Patrick Minford, in Telegraph, says model of Cambridge Economic Policy Group (Godley's lot) is hopelessly flawed.
- Times says Britain's deficit on manufacturerd trade is an acceptable feature of our economy.

### Industry

- BL car plants broke even in first six months and now believed to be making money for first time in 5 years.
- Sun attacks Sheffield Council for conducting inquisition <sup>obvious</sup> seeking financial aid, including showing their products are socially useful.
- Guardian says MMC report on coal industry reveals mining as one of the great industrial horror stories of our times - one which reflects not the least credit on anyone. No moral, economic or social case for it - nor even in terms of miners' own interest. Government should explore turning industry into worker-owned cooperative.
- Toyota pulls out of proposed tie up with Lotus.



### Unions/Pay

- B/Telecom engineers being called out on selective strike today in protest against privatisation.
- NUM accepts invitation from Russia of 25 places at Soviet trade union school for British miners - but who will sacrifice a month's pay?
- Sun, attacking Scargill for refusing to accept election result, suggests an election in NUM to see if miners still want Scargill.
- Sun also attacks NUPE at St Thomas's for threatening to black a kidney machine given by BUPA - Socialist equality producing equal misery.
- NUR planning massive conference snub for Sid Weighell this week - won't even mention his name.
- Gavin Laird, AUEW, urges TUC to talk to Government about TU reform.

### Transport

- French coach driver dozes off at wheel and causes crash which kills 5 Britons.
- Mrs Barbara Castle calls for investigation - alarmed by reports of overworked French drivers.
- Sun leads with tales of other lucky escapes at hands of dozy or daredevil and boozy Continental drivers.
- D/Star asks how safe are holiday coaches? Coaches seem to have got bigger and flashier but they are apparently unable to roll over and stay intact. Too many people use them for doubts about their safety to remain.
- Sun: action must be taken to improve safety of holidaymakers; European countries must get together.
- NUR wants meeting with Tom King on Serpell.
- Chief Accident Inspector, D/Trade, says Luton runway is too short to give safety margin.
- Telegraph says doctors want compulsory seat belts in rear of cars.

Ireland

- Foreign Minister Barry to meet leaders of Irish community in Britain next month.

Defence

- Express says Britain and NATO allies divided over whether to cut back stockpile of 6,000 NATO nuclear weapons in Europe.
- Guardian leads with story from USA that Reagan Administration has said Russians have signalled a readiness to reduce weapons at START talks.

People

- Mirror diary says DT is getting adept at hiding his glass when photographers are around; and that Carol is cashing in on being your daughter.

Falklands

- Customs investigating illegal leather imports from Argentine; inquiries in Northants.

International

Italy: Set back for Communists in general election.

Poland: Walesa says Pope did not ask him to finish as head of Solidarity; Vatican journalist who suggested he should step down resigns as deputy editor of newspaper.

Russia: ~~5~~ <sup>5</sup> ~~submarines~~ <sup>Submarines</sup>, including 4 who took refuge in US Embassy, being allowed to emigrate to Israel.

Japan: Landslide vote for Conservatives in election of Upper House -  
Nakasone likely to control all committees.

Chile: Unions call off general strike because of failure to win  
widespread support.

Israel: Begin surrenders to hunger strike doctors.

Middle East: Big Arafat v Syria battle over PLO leadership; Arafat  
seeks to moderate Syrians by Russian influence.

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