

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Prime Minister would be meeting Signor Andreotti at 1130 for talks, followed by a working lunch. The main subjects of discussion would be the EEC and the preparations for the Strasbourg and Tokyo meetings. Signor Andreotti would leave No. 10 at about 1430 and return to Italy this evening.

At the weekend the Prime Minister would view the Trooping the Colour, visit the Finchley Hospital Fete on Saturday afternoon and spend the rest of the weekend at Chequers.

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MEETING WITH THE TUC

Arrangements were still being made for a meeting at a time that was mutually convenient. From the point of view of the Prime Minister's heavy programme next week, it still looked as if the meeting could, more conveniently, take place after the visit to Tokyo and Australia.

MINISTERS AND MPS' SALARIES

A time for the Prime Minister's meeting with the Leader of the Opposition mentioned at Question Time yesterday had not yet been fixed, but it would be at an early date. (The Prime Minister said yesterday that the meeting would be fixed "as expeditiously as possible").

In response to questions about the arrangements for publishing the Report on Ministers and MPs' Salaries and the Government's comments on it, we subsequently told the Lobby that the nature of the Report suggested that it would normally be handled by the Leader of the House. However, we could not yet say precisely how the Report would be handled this time. The first step would be for the talks between the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition to take place and then arrangements for publishing the Report and announcing the Government's comments on it would follow.

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