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LIAISON COMMITTEE - DIARY FOR 1982

This note deals with the diary to the end of the year, looking beyond the frenetic period over the next 10 days to the Recess.

The period is likely to be marked by a rising political temperature as we move into the last 12-18 months of this Government.

Over the five months you are due to have:

- one major overseas tour (Far East);
- 3 regional tours in the UK;
- 2 EC bilaterals (in France and Germany); and to make
- 7 major speeches including that at the Party Conference and in the debate on the Queen's Speech.

*Pay round  
Pub. Exp. review  
Ind. Rel.  
Europe*

The period includes:

- the party conference season which is likely to find the Labour Party in renewed turmoil; the SDP will parade a leader;
- fresh negotiations on the reform of the EC Budget;
- the report of the Falkland Islands inquiry, which it is hoped will come before the end of the year;
- a new Defence White Paper; and
- the hearing in November of the spying charge against Prime.

Economically, the period includes:

- the Trades Union Congress at the beginning of September, which more or less coincides with the opening of a new pay round, though this year a substantial part of the old one may be unsettled;
- the public expenditure review, which is complicated this year by the cost of the Falklands campaign; and
- consultation on further industrial relations legislation to democratise the unions.

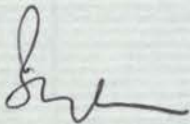
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Three continuing presentational problems assume increased significance:

- economic performance, and especially unemployment and inflation;
- the pay round; and
- relations with the EC, including Budget reform.

Officials will be giving special attention to these.

Finally, once opinion settles down and is not distracted by the spate of incidents we have had recently, it is likely to show renewed concern for the more traditional concept of law and order. It may well then be receptive to views on how standards and values in society are to be restored.



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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

JULY

- 22 PRIME MINISTER AT 1922 COMMITTEE. x
- 26 Falkland Islands Service.  
PRIME MINISTER GIVES ARMY MEMORIAL LECTURE.
- 27 PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES CONSERVATIVE UNIONIST PEERS. x
- 28 TUC General Council; Labour Party Executive.
- 30 PRIME MINISTER AT GUILD OF BRITISH NEWSPAPER EDITORS' DINNER,  
HENDON. x
- RECESS. x

AUGUST

- 9 WPI.
- 10 Central Government borrowing requirement.
- 16 Index of Retail Prices.
- 23 US Administration ruling on EC steel products.
- 24 Unemployment figures.
- 25 TUC General Council; Labour Party National Executive.
- 30 Bank Holiday.

late month - result of Royal College of Nursing pay ballot.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 PRIME MINISTER AT SCOTTISH CBI DINNER.
- 2 Official Reserves.
- 6 TUC CONGRESS, Brighton (to 10).
- 7 WPI.
- 16-29 PRIME MINISTER IN JAPAN, CHINA AND HONG KONG.
- 16 Scottish Prison Officers' Association conference (to 17).
- 17 Index of Retail Prices.
- 20 LIBERAL PARTY ASSEMBLY, Bournemouth (to 25).
- 21 Unemployment figures.
- 22 TUC General Council; Labour Party National Executive.
- 27 LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE, Blackpool (to Oct 1).
- 30 Deadline for Hunt report on Cable broadcasting.

OCTOBER

- 4 Official Reserves.
- 5 CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE, Brighton (to 8).
- 8 PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO PARTY CONFERENCE.
- 11 CGBR; WPI.  
SDP CONFERENCE, Cardiff (to 12).
- 13 SDP CONFERENCE, Derby (to 14).
- 15 SDP CONFERENCE, Great Yarmouth (to 16).  
Index of Retail Prices.
- 19 PLAID CYMRU CONFERENCE, (to 21).
- 20 Elections to Northern Ireland Assembly.  
International Motor Show.  
Institute of Personnel Management Conference, Harrogate.
- 24 Clocks go back.
- 26 ? Unemployment figures.
- 27 TUC General Council; Labour Party National Executive.
- 28 BILATERAL WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, BONN (to 29).

NOVEMBER

- ? Prime GCHQ espionage charge to be heard this month.
- 2 Official Reserves.
- 3 QUEEN'S SPEECH.
- 4 BILATERAL WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, PARIS (to 5).
- 9 CGBR.
- 12 Index of Retail Prices.
- 13 Lord Mayor's Show.
- 14 Remembrance Sunday.
- 15 PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH, LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.
- 16 Visit of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands (to 18).
- 17 PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY, LONDON.
- 18 Presentation of Humble Address to Queen.
- 19 PRIME MINISTER'S REGIONAL TOUR OF CORNWALL AND WEST COUNTRY.

NOVEMBER/cntd

- 23 ? Unemployment figures.
- 24 TUC General Council; Labour Party National Executive.
- 26 PRIME MINISTER'S ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT DINNER SPEECH, GLASGOW.
- 30 Deadline for settlement of EC Budget problem.

DECEMBER

- 2 Official Reserves.
- 3 EUROPEAN COUNCIL, COPENHAGEN (to 4).
- 6 WPI.
- 8 PRIME MINISTER OPENS CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BARBICAN.
- 9 CGBR.
- 15 Association of University Teachers' Conference, Bradford (to 17).
- 17 Index of Retail Prices.
- 21 ? Unemployment figures.
- 22 TUC General Council; Labour Party Executive.
- 24 Recess.
- ? Franks report on handling of Falkland Islands.