

PRIME MINISTER

You have agreed to lunch at The Economist on Monday as guest of the Editor, Andrew Knight.

Those present will be:

Norman Macrae	-	Deputy Editor
Simon Jenkins	-	Political Editor
Sarah Hogg	-	Britain Editor and Economics Editor (who is, I believe, going to the Sunday Times)
Brenda Maddox	-	Home Affairs Editor
Mark Schreiber	-	Parliamentary Correspondent
Brian Beedham	-	Foreign Editor
Peter Martin	-	Acting Business Editor.

I shall accompany you.

Andrew Knight has apparently to leave at 2.30 to go to Heathrow to catch a plane at 3.30 for the USA where he is receiving an award. Caroline has said she would do her best to get you to The Economist for 12.45.

The Economist have nothing particularly special they wish to discuss but I am sure that they will concentrate upon the law and order/economic scene, since that is the news of the moment.

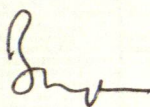
I attach a copy of The Economist which you may care to leaf through over the weekend. In addition, I attach an article from last week's edition, making some proposals about opening up the process of Government and briefing after Cabinet. Simon Jenkins shows himself to be very interested in this subject and may pursue.

In the nature of things - and bearing in mind the spirit of journalistic expertise around the table - I would expect the following points to arise:

- The inner cities problem as an adjunct to the riots/economy debate.

/- Public expenditure/tax:

- Public expenditure/tax: the prospects, bearing in mind the crowding demands for more rather than less expenditure.
- Prospects for a re-shuffle (about which the Lobby is increasingly excited).
- The approach to Ottawa and possibly the Commonwealth and North/South Summit Conferences.
- East/West relations/Afghanistan/Poland/Middle East.



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