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SICK CHILDREN SENT HOME SOON

CHILDREN suffering from leukaemia may be sent home from hospital despite the risk of serious infection.

This attack on sick children is part of the cut in spending on health ordered by the government.

The health crisis has occurred in London where the hospital boards are cutting spending by £110m to comply with government measures to reduce public spending.

The axe has fallen on St Bartholemew's hospital which has pioneered treatment of leukaemia.

The care of afflicted children will be interrupted because of plans to close wards over the weekend to save money.

Doctors are up in arms about the economics.

This anger at the punishment of working-class children suffering from serious diseases has been increased by the news that the rich are planning their own break-away health service.

The main private health organisation announced yesterday that luxury hospitals were being built throughout

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

Britain to dodge the effects of spending cuts and the reduction of pay beds in National Health hospitals.

The expansion programme is backed by many Tory consultants who want to see a two-tier health service where the rich can buy treatment while ordinary wage earners must wait for beds and put up with inferior medical care.

This exploitation has emerged because of the Labour government's decision to accept the diktat from the international financiers who want to see the working class pay for the capitalist slump.

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Philip Agee

Ex-CIA man wants more time

PHILIP AGEE the former Central Intelligence Agency operative under threat of deportation by the Labour government, is to seek extra time for his appeal.

He will deliver a letter today to Home Secretary Merlyn Rees, asking him to extend the 14-day period allowed for appeal against the deportation order.

Both Agee and American journalist Mark Hosenball were served with deportation orders ten days ago under the Immigration Act on the grounds they are a threat to British security.

Rees has refused to reveal the specific charges against them.

The two deportees can appeal to a three-man committee appointed by the Home Secretary, but they will not be allowed to see the evidence (if any) against them.

• The Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee has organised a public meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Speakers include Philip Agee, Alan Sapper of the ACTT, E.P. Thompson, and Franco Caprino, the Italian militant who successfully fought a deportation order under the same Act in 1974.

Lively conference in Sheffield

SHEFFIELD — About 2,000 trades unionists and youth attended the 'Jobs for Youth Now' conference at the City Hall here yesterday.

The conference was organised by the Young Socialists and the All Trades Unions Alliance.

Conference passed a resolution declaring that the only way forward was through a struggle to bring the anti-working class Labour government down and force a general election on socialist policies to keep the Thatcher gang out.

• SEE special conference coverage and more photographs on pages seven, eight and nine.



CLARKE SPEAKS UP AGAIN ATTACK ON SPEED-UP TEAMS IN PITS

PLANS to send teams to the coalfields to drive up productivity have been attacked by a miners' leader.

Len Clarke, president of the 34,000 Nottinghamshire miners, attacks threats by National Coal Board chief Derek Ezra of higher coal prices and pit closures if output per man was not increased.

Clarke said in an interview: 'It is no good men sitting at national level, many of them who know very little about mining, forecasting what can be done by gazing into the crystal ball.'

Although the amount of coal produced by each miner per shift fell by 2 cwt last year to an average of 54 cwt, Clarke said it was largely due to geological problems, and also the lack of incentive to work.

He said: 'You cannot expect men to do £100 worth of work for a £67 wage.'

Clarke is a leading right-winger in the miners' union. But he has been the most outspoken on the claim for retirement of long-serving miners at 60 years of age.

Last Thursday he said the Labour government would have to fall if it could not give the miners what they wanted.

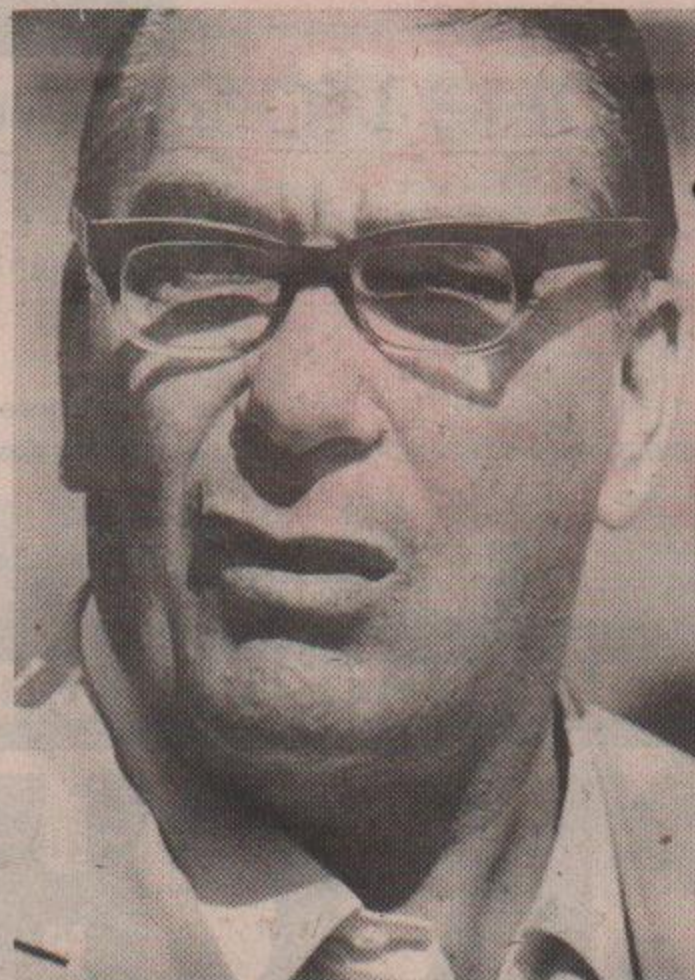
YOUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

Over the weekend his warnings were supported by Labour MP John Ryman, who told a meeting in his Blyth constituency.

'The Prime Minister should not take for granted the long-standing and traditional loyalty of coal miners to the Labour government.'

'The government and the Board are making a disastrous mistake in peremptorily rejecting the utterly reasonable demands of the miners for an earlier retiring age, thus forcing the National Union of Mineworkers to contemplate industrial action once a ballot has been taken of the members.'

Ryman added: 'While members of the diplomatic service, who retire on full pension at 60, enjoy their three-hour lunches in their clubs in Pall Mall, they might care to spare a thought for the miners in my constituency who have a 20-minute break underground at the coal face for their lunch.'



Len Clarke

No pensions perks for miners WHAT WE THINK

MINERS are being denied the right to retire early after a life-time down the pit while rich civil servants are getting thousands of pounds more in pensions, it was revealed this weekend.

Civil servants earning £8,500 or over a year cannot get any pay rises under the government's incomes policy. But the Civil Service Department has admitted these wealthy individuals are getting 'phantom' rises to which their retirement pensions are linked.

A man on £8,500 a year will, for example, be given a 'phantom' salary of £12,000 and his pension paid on the basis of the higher figure.

This is why London police chief Sir Robert Mark said he would be better off if he retired. Mark's wage is £18,675 a year, his pension is two-thirds of his salary based on a notional salary of £21,000 a year.

Miners will notice that none of the Fleet Street papers have exposed this scandal of high-paid scroungers who earn more in retirement than in work.

Instead the bourgeois Press and television will be concentrating their hatred on the miners who are demanding justice for the handful of men who work over 20 years in the mines and often end up crippled through accidents or wracked with dust disease.

Probe National Front 'screws' Rees told

A MEMBER of parliament called on Home Secretary Merlyn Rees to mount an 'urgent and searching inquiry' into the influence wielded by the National Front among prison officers.

Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, has now tabled a series of House of Commons questions in which he will call for details of the number of black and coloured prisoners who have been assaulted by prison officers or other prisoners in the past year.

Kilroy-Silk said: 'Since claims

have been made about the existence of National Front influence among prison officers, enough evidence has come to light to justify a government inquiry.'

'I have for instance had reports that a coloured prisoner at Wandsworth has been beaten up by prison officers.'

He said: 'an inquiry should certainly be conducted into this specific allegation. Indeed, the whole issue is serious enough to warrant a full-scale investigation.'

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Fueller's truce for quake supplies

AIRPORT fuellers broke their strike for one hour at Heathrow yesterday so that urgent relief supplies could be flown to earthquake victims in Turkey.

The fuellers' transport union branch secretary John Nugent and senior shop steward Ron Jiggins rushed to the airport from their homes, to fuel a Turkish Airlines jet which was taking vital blood supplies to Turkey, where it would be transferred to a military plane which would complete the journey.

Nugent said: 'If the Turkish Airlines aircraft had to stop elsewhere for fuel the connection would be missed and the blood would go off.'

Two tons of blood and transfusion equipment — which had been brought to Heathrow from Thetford, Norfolk, were loaded onto the Boeing 727 jet along with a ton of blankets and other relief supplies.

No action on offer for MP's letters

THE Director of Public Prosecutions has ordered that no action be taken on an allegation by a bankrupt businessman that he was offered more than £1m by a policeman and solicitor for the return of letters from an MP.

The director's recommendation comes at the end of a two-year investigation ordered by Sir Harold Wilson when he was Prime Minister.

Jesse Robert Rennie, 59, of Nantwich, Cheshire, has claimed that his bankruptcy would be quashed if he accepted the cash and handed over the letters. He alleged the money was to be paid out of government funds.

TRESPASS LAW THREAT TO OCCUPATION

New law condemned

LAWS to jail workers occupying factories were condemned yesterday by over 300 trades unionists, squatters and students.

They warned that the Criminal Justice Bill the government wants to pass in this session of parliament is a severe attack on workers' rights.

The meeting, organised by the Campaign Against the Criminal Trespass Laws at Reading University, said that five proposals in the legislation

would jeopardise the rights of workers to occupy their factories and launch sit-in strikes against employers.

Offences

Organiser Andy Friend said: 'There are strong indications that the Bill will be introduced into parliament early this session. So far the TUC General Council has opposed only two of the five proposed offences.'

'The fact that over 150 organisations, including labour

movement bodies have attended this conference shows a growing awareness of the threat contained in the Bill.

A delegation from the Labour Party national executive committee will shortly be putting the campaign case to the Home Secretary.

'Whatever the outcome of this meeting, the campaign will continue against this attempt to use the squatters issue to make criminals out of workers and trades unionists who occupy in defence of their jobs and those seeking to defend their living standards in the face of public spending cuts.'

University shut-down

COLOMBO — The Sri Lanka government has closed the country's six universities indefinitely because of disturbances and strikes. At one college earlier this month one student was shot dead and 61 injured in a clash with police.

An Education Ministry spokesman said: 'The situation was not at all conducive to have the campuses open.'

SA boycott

THE International Confederation of Free Trades Unions (ICFTU) has called a week's boycott of South African goods from January 17. Member unions are being asked not to handle goods bound to or from South Africa in South African ships or aircraft.

It's the little ones who suffer...

SCHOOL-CHILDREN are being forced to eat less meat because of the government's spending cuts.

The authorities in London and Manchester are planning to substitute synthetic meat for the real thing in school dinners to save money.

In London the education authority claims the use of vegetable protein 'spun' to look like meat will save

Less meat in school meals

£100,000.

From the beginning of January, when schoolchildren go back after the Christmas holidays, 10 per cent of the meals' meat content in 1,200 schools will be made up by protein — mainly soya

bean.

'This will mean over £100,000 off the costs of the school meals,' said an Inner London Education Authority spokesman.

A spokesman for the Vegetable Protein Association said that about

half the local authorities in Britain were already supplementing the school diet with the protein.

'Lancashire' has saved £100,000 and Leicestershire has saved £70,000 through using the vegetable protein,' she

said.

Now Manchester looks like following suit. After a tasting, councillors will decide next Thursday if the protein — which costs only 7p a pound — will go on their school menu.

The councils claim the

protein is just as good as meat. But the fact remains that the introduction of spun protein is an attempt to get working-class families to accept slump conditions and cheap food to pay for the economic crisis.

Behind this particular decision is the Labour government's cut in grants to local authorities made to satisfy the international financiers.



CHILDREN'S WARDS CLOSED

CHILDREN'S WARDS in leading British hospitals are being closed because of the government's spending cuts.

Among the first hospitals to suffer are those in London.

St Bartholomew's has been told to make savings of several millions and the management is planning to close wards at weekends and send home children, including some suffering from leukaemia.

Marcus Lipton, Labour member for Central Lambeth, is tabling a Commons question to Social Services Secretary David Ennals asking whether he has approved cuts which necessitate this closure 'thus involving serious risks to the children concerned'. Lipton said: 'The medical staff are deeply perturbed about this particular point.'

'I strongly believe that if economies have to be made, they should not be at the expense of sick children.'

The British Medical Association is also hostile to the cuts. It warns that government

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

plans to spread out National Health Service spending more thinly will level down medical care.

South London health authorities admit that the area, including St Thomas's and Guy's teaching hospitals, face cuts of £11.5m on a budget of £98m if the plans go through.

Nutcracker

London's health service has been caught in a financial nutcracker which is facing it with a crisis of proportions unknown since the NHS was founded.

In the short term, strict enforcement of government cash limits, linked to the failure to reduce inflation to single

figures, has faced some health authorities with cuts of millions of pounds which will have to come out of next year's budget.

Short-term cuts include closing ten wards in City and Hackney health districts, whose health authority is running £100,000 a month over budget. A total of 392 staff will be sacked.

In south-west London, the health authority will be £4m 'overspent' by March next year

unless inflation drops down to single figures.

In the North-West Thames region four hospitals and several other units are planned to close in the next 18 months to try to stop overspending of £3.2m.

But the long-term effects, if the government's plans go ahead on their present basis, are even more devastating.

North-West Thames stands to

lose £44m and has warned it would have to shut at least two teaching hospitals — probably St Mary's and the Middlesex.

North-East Thames has disclosed plans to shut well over 20 hospitals and other units, to try to save £49m over ten years.

And South-East Thames stands to lose £11m from one health area alone, with brand new developments at Guys (£15m) and St Thomas's (£26m) threatened.

The fourth London region — South-West Thames — is still too worried about its threatened £4m overspending this year to have dealt with the long-term problems.

Small bakers add 1/2p to loaves

BREAD from small bakers will go up by a 1/2p a loaf from today.

The price rises have been announced by the National Association of Master Bakers, Confectioners and Caterers, who got the go-ahead for the increase from the government.

The loaves affected will be the fresh, crusty traditional loaf found in the neighbourhood baker shop.

Prices of quality loaves vary, but a large loaf might now cost in the region of 25p to 28p. The small loaf might be around 18p to 22p plus the 1/2p increase.

SPENDING SPREE ON PRIVATE HOSPITALS

THE WEALTHY have started a spending spree on luxury medical care to escape the decline in national health hospitals.

Over 100 new private hospitals are being built.

In addition, seven private hospitals outside London are building extensions, adding beds, operating theatres or other facilities. All the schemes that are well advanced have

right-wing Tory consultants actively involved.

The multi-million spending spree on luxury health care is the reaction of the rich to the phasing-out of 1,000 of the 4,400 pay beds in the NHS over the next six months and the cuts in spending on national health.

Private hospitals and nursing homes under construction are at Peterborough, Wolverhampton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Leeds,

Basingstoke and Great Missenden.

Within London, the Harley Street Clinic is building a 135-bed unit at Nottingham Place, the Garden Clinic, Hendon, is adding ten beds, and the BUPA Florence Nightingale Hospital is being completely refurbished.

This expansion for the rich patient is the first stage in the development of a two-tier health system.

The working class will be forced to queue for years to get beds in overcrowded general hospitals starved of cash, while the private sector will enjoy the injections of millions of pounds plus the advantages of staff and equipment from the state system.

The only answer is to reverse all spending cuts, abolish all private medicine and guarantee the right of public medical care for all.

Teachers occupy union HQ

Protest over suspensions

NEARLY 300 teachers occupied their union's London headquarters on Saturday in protest against the suspension of 30 teachers who walked out of lessons after a colleague had received a warning from the headmaster.

The teacher, from Little Ilford school, Newham, east London, refused to cover for a teacher who was on maternity leave.

Eighty of the demonstrators walked into the executive's meeting after the union leaders refused to see a delegation from the teachers.

'There was no question of violence,' one of them said later. 'We just walked in and the executive simply walked out.'

One of the suspended teachers, Birendra Singh, stressed that none of those suspended were among the 80 in the executive chamber.

The first decision of the 80 squeezed around the executive table was to pass a resolution demanding that the suspension be lifted immediately and fully supporting their fight against the cuts in staffing as a result of spending cut-backs.

'We call upon all parents and fellow trade unionists to join with these teachers who are fighting to maintain education standards and their working conditions,' it added.

Laurence Moss, treasurer of the defence campaign and one of the suspended teachers, said the demonstration had been arranged when it was thought the appeal against the suspensions would be heard by the National Executive.

'Now we understand it would be another month, but we decided to go ahead so the feelings on this issue should be known,' he said.

It was normal for teachers not to cover a colleague away for a



Birendra Singh

long time, as on maternity leave.

The Little Ilford teachers in fact had applied to the union's action committee twice to back up their case.

The ban on cover after three days is already official in some parts of the country.

Said one of the demonstrators: 'We want it to be made national policy. I am one of 700 union members operating this ban unofficially in the London area. The union leaves us alone because there are so many of us — they picked on Little Ilford because they are out on their own in outer London.'

The demonstrators left the building after deciding to try to get further support in other schools for a ban on covering colleagues away for more than three days.

World NewsLine

Australian dollar is devalued

BY JOHN SPENCER

THE AUSTRALIAN government yesterday devalued the dollar by 17½ per cent in an attempt to slash the living standards of the working class.

The move by the Liberal-National Country Party government came only a few weeks after the announcement by Federal Treasurer Phillip Lynch that there were no plans to devalue.

The devaluation was welcomed by industrial and farming interests, which have for months been urging the government to take action to stem the decline in gold and foreign currency reserves.

But the opposition Labour Party said it underlined the failure of the year-old coalition government's economic policies.

The Tory government was dealt a bitter blow last week by the 2.2 per cent cost of living rise awarded to Australian workers by an arbitration commission.

The commission awarded the full cost of living rise despite government pressure to cut the size of the award.

The head of the arbitration commission, Mr Justice Moore, said there would be industrial chaos if the rise was not granted.

Devaluation is the Tory reply to the pay rise, which Lynch claimed would add about £140m to the annual wage bill.

Announcing the devaluation, Lynch attacked the arbitration commission, which he said was obviously reluctant to award a lower pay rise.

Investment

He added that it had become increasingly clear there was little or no chance of restoring the competitiveness of Australian industries by purely domestic policies.

International traders had been holding back investment in Australia because they were certain there would be devaluation.

Despite a resumption of overseas borrowings, Australia's international

Tories lash out at living standards

reserves have fallen by more than £620m over the past 12 months.

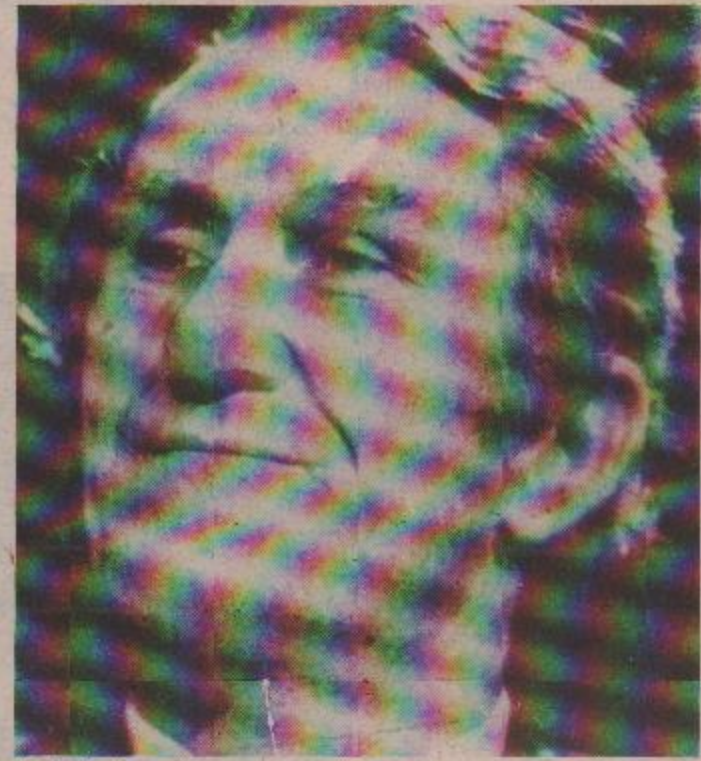
Lynch said the rate of loss had increased significantly in recent months and Australia faced the prospect of an even greater loss at the year's end.

Inflation is running at 12.2 per cent and there has been a very sharp increase in unemployment.

The number of jobless stands at 330,000 out of a working population of six million and there are predictions it could reach 400,000 by the end of the year.

Lynch claimed the devaluation would benefit Australian exporters, help those industries under pressure from imports and lead to a resumption of long-term investment capital.

Pressure for devaluation has come particularly from the



Malcolm Fraser

National Country Party, junior coalition partner with the Liberals.

The National Country Party represents the interests of the big ranchers and farmers in the Australian parliament.

Australia's devaluation had immediate repercussions on the Tory government in neighbouring New Zealand, which announced the closure of foreign exchange markets from this morning.

Last night, New Zealand economists were predicting a 10 per cent devaluation in reaction to the Australian measures.

SYDNEY — A 24-hour strike today will black out an estimated 80 per cent of the Australian Broadcasting Commission's radio and TV programmes. More than 2,000 employees will be protesting against a Tory government threat to the network's independence.

The Tories are introducing a Bill in parliament on Tuesday, which recommends a major restructuring of the government-financed network and widespread budget cuts.

General strike looms

THE Australian trade union movement is moving towards full-scale confrontation with the Tories over anti-union laws in the State of Victoria.

The Vital State Projects Bill, due to become law in the State this week, provides for fines of over £30,000 for organisations which declare State projects 'black'.

It empowers construction firms or anyone suffering damage through 'blackening' to sue the unions for damages in the courts.

The Supreme Court will be given power to restrain union 'blackening' of vital projects with injunctions — allowing jail sentences for individuals who refuse to comply.

Robert Hawke, president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, has promised a national response to any request for aid from the Victoria trade unions.

Britain accused of pro-Nkomo bias at Geneva

A PROMINENT Rhodesian black nationalist yesterday accused Britain, Zambia, and the Lonrho company of conspiring to have Joshua Nkomo appointed head of the proposed interim government in the country.

Dr Gordon Chavunduka, secretary-general of the United African National Council, led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, made the charge at a public meeting in Highfield African township before flying to Geneva to rejoin the talks.

A working committee of the UANC said at the weekend it had irrefutable evidence, in the

form of minutes of a meeting, showing that the leaders of Zambia, Tanzania, Botswana, Mozambique, and Angola want Nkomo to head the interim government.

He said Britain had agreed to this proposal.

The four nationalist delegations, together with the 'frontline' African states, want Britain to send a governor-general or similar figure to Rhodesia to oversee the transition to majority rule.

Edward Rowlands, Foreign Office Minister, has said that Britain is 'ready to assume whatever role and responsibility we see necessary,' thought it would not send troops or civil servants.

The conference opened formally a month ago today. But almost from the start it was bogged down on fixing a legal independence date for Rhodesia.

To overcome the impasse, conference chairman Ivor Richard has produced a formula giving Britain's firmest commitment so far that the independent black-ruled state of Zimbabwe will be born no later than March 1, 1978.

At nationalist insistence, the formula also notes the position of two key black leaders, Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo, that pre-independence processes like elections can be completed before December 1, 1977.

If they are, Britain is pledged to declare independence correspondingly earlier, conference sources said.

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Palestinians defy Syrian threats

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BEIRUT — The Palestinian commando movement has denounced Arab moves to 'betray our people', and reaffirmed its demand for the creation of an independent Palestinian state. The statement unveiled a new phase in the Palestinian struggle with the Syrian regime.

Palestinian leaders declared in a statement at the weekend they would 'preserve the Palestinian cause against attempts at liquidation and mishandling.'

Assad and Sadat agree on Geneva

CAIRO — Egypt and Syria are expected to embark on new moves aimed at the quick reconvening of the Geneva middle east peace conference, according to Egyptian Press reports.

The semi-official newspaper 'Al-Ahram' said there was complete agreement between Egypt and Syria during talks between Syrian president Hafez Al-Assad and Egyptian vice-president Hosni Mubarak in Damascus last Wednesday. 'Al-Ahram' said it was agreed to start procedures for the reconvening of the Geneva conference as soon as possible to discuss the regaining of Israeli-occupied Arab territories and the creation of the state of Palestine.

'Al-Ahram' said the Palestine National Council would discuss among other issues the creation of a provisional revolutionary Palestine government during its forthcoming meeting expected to be held in Cairo next January.

The statement, which did not mention Syria by name, was nevertheless intended as an unmistakable response to a Syrian newspaper article this week, which called for the exclusion of commandos from the Palestinian National Council. The article was published in the Damascus daily 'Al Baath', organ of Syria's ruling party.

The deployment of the Syrian Army through most of Lebanon under an Arab League 'peacekeeping' mandate this month gave Damascus the military objectives for which it was fighting in October.

Palestinian sources say that the commandos recognise they cannot withstand the Syrians militarily, especially since they have now withdrawn to refugee camp enclaves and to guerrilla bases along the Israeli border.

But the Palestinians are still determined to prevent Syrian president Hafez Al-Assad from imposing total domination of the commando movement, sources said.

The Palestinian statement was published after a series of visits to Damascus by Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation at the weekend.

It said that 'Israeli and imperialist attempts, as well as attempts by certain Arab regimes to create alternative leadership [of the Palestinians]

would deprive the Palestinian revolution of its tool and establish subversive leaderships that would agree with those regimes to betray our people.'

Assad has long wanted to force major changes in the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation — possibly including the ousting of Arafat himself.

Unconfirmed reports in the Lebanese Press today said that the Lebanese commander of the Syrian-dominated Arab League force demanded that the commandos surrender their heavy artillery to the Syrians.

They said the Palestinians refused.

The agreement endorsed by an Arab summit conference in Cairo last month permits the commandos to keep heavy weapons in their southern guerrilla bases.

Other Press reports said that Syria demanded that the commandos agree to undertake no guerrilla operations against Israel.

Palestinian sources said that while the guerrilla war on the border has not been resumed, the commandos would refuse any binding commitment to keep the peace.

Unions rally in Portugal

TRADE unionists staged big rallies in Lisbon, Oporto and Coimbra yesterday to protest at the Soares government's industrial policy.

Slogans

They chanted slogans against a freeze on collective wage-bargaining, a law enabling managements to dismiss workers more easily and a government decision to have Christmas bonuses paid partly in Treasury bonds.

The rallies were seen as part of a mounting Communist Party offensive before local government elections on December 12, which are expected to become a vote of confidence in the four-month-old minority government.

The Communist Party congress last month accused the Socialist Party of capitulating to the right with its harsh austerity measures to help the economy.

It called for the Socialist Party minority administration to be replaced by a Socialist Party-Communist Party coalition.

Another theme at yesterday's rallies was a demand that the government expropriate more private land.

Para-military Republican

Guyanese told — Do without milk and bread

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — The ruling People's National Congress (PNC) has told the people of Guyana to begin considering whether they could live without milk and bread.

A measure of things to come for the South American country was the 40 per cent rise in egg and poultry prices in just one week this month following a decision to abolish state subsidies worth many millions of pounds.

Guyana's exports have fallen this year. Productivity has been poor and appalling weather has ruined crops. Prime Minister Forbes Burnham recently told a state-owned newspaper that the economy was in a very serious state.

Informed sources in Georgetown said foreign exchange reserves, which once stood at more than £81m, are virtually exhausted.

Ambitious projects are likely to be cut back and other subsidies on sugar, electricity and drinking water, scrapped or severely reduced as part of the austerity programme.

Destroyed

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham said rice production was down 40 per cent and bauxite output down 50 per cent in 1976 compared with the previous year.

The Trade Ministry said the maize crop had been almost totally destroyed by unusually heavy rains.

Apart from subsidy cuts the 1977 budget is likely to contain increases in direct taxation to make up for depressed foreign earnings. Government sources said increased foreign aid from traditional donors was unlikely to be forthcoming.

Some trades have already begun hoarding in the expectation of major price rises. Four times the normal supplies of tinned milk was being distributed to retailers in one week in late November. Despite this, tinned milk has disappeared from some shop shelves.

Occupied

The land was occupied by the farm workers last year, but the Agriculture Ministry later decided it was too small to be covered by an agrarian reform law turning large farming estates into collectives.

Scrapped

A 14-ounce tin of milk has been retailing at about 14p under government controls and subsidies. Now it is rumoured that the price could rise to 29p though the government has given assurances that milk subsidies will not be scrapped.

Price increases are most likely to affect electricity, telephone service, electronic equipment, clothing, liquor, soft drinks and foreign cars.

EURO SUMMIT ON JAPAN'S EXPORTS

COMMON Market heads of government meet at The Hague today to discuss measures to prevent the influx of more Japanese goods.

Japan's trade surplus with the EEC is likely to reach £2,600m by the end of this year and earlier this month the Common Market warned it would impose import controls unless Japan cut exports.

The Japanese government promised to cut back on exports of cheap ballbearings and to maintain its voluntary ceiling on steel sales in Europe.

Deadlocked

But the negotiations are still deadlocked on two other key products — cars and ships. The Common Market has demanded an undertaking from Japan that it will not take more than 10 per cent of the British market.

But the Japanese motor

manufacturers say if they do restrict sales other foreign manufacturers will simply step into the breach.

European shipbuilders have demanded that Japan cut its production of ships to around 4m gross tons by 1980.

But under its present cutback programme, the Japanese government foresees production of 6.5 tons in 1980 — about one-third of existing Japanese capacity of 19m tons.

Japanese shipbuilders say this is as far as they can go.

Resistance to the cutbacks is building up among Japanese industrialists.

They fear that if too many concessions are made to the Common Market, other countries — particularly the US — will join the demand for restrictions on Japan's exports.

Charges

'We think the charges against our export and import policies are unjustified,' said one Tokyo

Foreign Ministry official.

'But the economic situation in the EEC is such that we feel for political reasons we must do something. You could say we are in the role of a scapegoat.'

Whatever measures the Japanese government agrees to take, they are thought unlikely to make a significant dent in the country's trade surplus with the EEC and it will not be long before European capitalists once again raise the cry for retaliation.

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The capitalist Press got itself into a frantic fix over the size of the demonstration.

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out with a front-page headline saying 50,000.

• The Sunday Telegraph said 30,000.

• The Sunday Express said 20,000.

• The ITN News said 5,000

• The Observer, now a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, said 10,000.

PRESS LIES CAN'T HIDE 'PEACE' FLOP

BY DEREK SADDLER



The Bognor Regis contingent

No matter what you might read in the Fleet Street Press and hear over the television, Saturday's 'peace' march in London wasn't what they prayed for.

This was in spite of one of the biggest Press build-ups in history.

All Friday night and Saturday morning the commercial radio stations pumped out propaganda for the 'peace women'. Mrs Betty Williams and Miss Mairead Corrigan.

Earlier in the week they had been predicting up to 50,000 marchers. In a moment of sublime euphoria someone else said the turn-out could be as high as 100,000.

Prayer

But the power of prayer didn't work, except in one or two isolated places. There was, for example, the small group clustered around a placard which said, 'Bognor Regis Wants Peace'.

Scotland Yard estimated that the total was about 15,000. But they failed to point out that only about 5,000 actually marched from Speakers Corner to Trafalgar Square: the rest simply came to the square as on-lookers. It made a total of not more than 10,000.

The crowd was almost outnumbered by police and Press men. And the interesting thing about the Press contingent was that an overwhelming part of it was from overseas: West German TV, the American network NBC, French, Italian and Swedish television.

No doubt they will be telling viewers about the 'tens of thousands' who came on the rally. It is noticeable that none of these TV companies bothered to cover the over 80,000-strong November 17 trade union rally against the cuts and the bankers.

Revival

The last time Trafalgar Square saw anything like this was when Malcolm Muggeridge, Mrs Mary Whitehouse and Cliff Richard had their abortive 'Festival of Light' parade. The same crowd, looking a little more bewildered, showed up for the revival performance.

Disc jockey Dave Lee Travis set about introducing the platform as if he was compering 'Sunday Night at the Palladium'. 'First of all we have Mrs Betty Williams. Next to her Mrs Jane Ewart-Biggs. And then comes the Archbishop of Canterbury' (more cheers). 'Followed by the Bishop of Westminster' (hurrah).

Towards the back of the square, the police decided to drive a wedge between the peace people and the Troops Out demonstrators. Once they established a tight cordon, they drove the demonstrators into the wall of the fountain. Policemen standing in the empty fountain had an easy job pulling out the most vocal demonstrators — like catching goldfish — and frog-marching them out of the square.



The 'Evening News', Saturday, November 27th



Joan Baez leads the singing from the platform

As the police unleashed this violent and unprovoked assault, women demonstrators and young students were crushed, pushed and kicked.

But the shouts and the occasional scream could not rise above the sound from the platform — an individual from 'The Strawbs' singing a folk number about peace and love.

But the folk atmosphere appeared to grip the revisionist demonstrators, for they soon started to sing 'All we are saying, Get the troops out' (with apologies to John Lennon's 'Give Peace a Chance').

Dissenters

When the prayers and speeches started, a group of dissenters began barracking from the front of the crowd: 'Get the troops out of Ireland' and 'Who's paying for the Peace Movement?'

Folksinger Joan Baez was rattled when members of the audience challenged her: 'Remember Vietnam, Joan. You were against the troops in Vietnam, what about Ireland?'

Mrs Williams was the only speaker to reply to the demonstrators. She tried to make fun of the chanting by saying: 'You boys will have sore throats tomorrow.'

But when she was directly asked to state whether she was in favour of the withdrawal of troops, she gave a V for victory sign in reverse. The archbishop almost fell off his seat.

Another speaker said: 'People have asked where the spiritual guidance for our movement has come from. I can tell them. It has come from...'

But his voice was drowned with shouts of 'The CIA!'

A radio reporter doing his broadcast from the square said into his microphone: 'This has been a wonderful demonstration. The battle for peace has been brought onto the streets of London. The simple message here today is a new society in Ulster based on love and joy.'

'Love and joy' for: THE unemployed? WORKING-class families living in housing slums? HOUSEWIVES who have to

suffer crippling increases in the cost of living while their men's wages are held down by government controls? COMMUNITIES which are policed day and night by army thugs? POLITICAL prisoners in Long Kesh and their womenfolk staging a protest in Belfast?

Bandwagon

The 'peace' bandwagon which reached London at the weekend has shown that it is a front for imperialism. That is why not a single trade union banner was present and why it was cold-shouldered by everyone except a motley collection of church wallahs from the petty bourgeoisie and the middle class.

The labour and trade union movement has the responsibility of answering the Press and television lie-machine by escalating the demand for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all British forces from Ireland (and that means the SAS assassins from the South as well).

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

APPEAL

for the Lebanese workers and the Palestinian refugees

Collect medical aid and clothing

Nineteen months of civil war — more than 40,000 killed — thousands maimed and wounded — families without fathers — children without homes — old people with no food or clothing — hospitals without drugs or bandages — refugee camps without water, electricity or food.

The Young Socialists issue an urgent call to the labour and trade union movement — give to those who have been battered by the artillery, driven out of

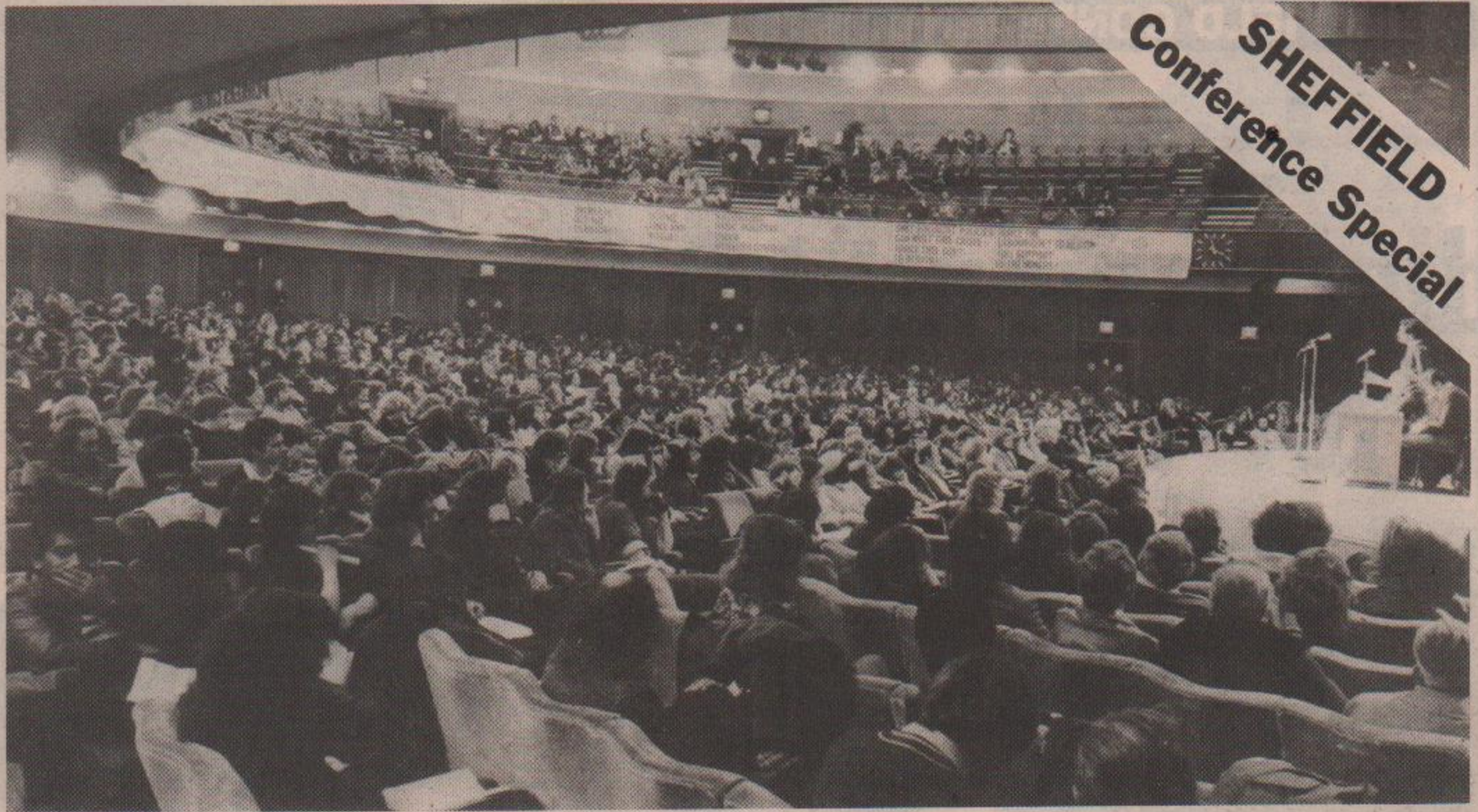
their homes and herded into ghettos in Lebanon by the Syrian-backed rightists.

Time is precious — it means lives. Arrange collections of medicine and clothing. Ask your local trade union branches and Constituency Labour Parties for contributions.

For details of the medical aid and clothing appeal, write to:

National Secretary
Young Socialists,
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SHEFFIELD
Conference Special



STOP THE CUTS... JOBS FOR YOUTH NOW... FORCE LABOUR TO RESIGN

A RALLYING call to trade unionists was issued yesterday at the Jobs for Youth Now conference in Sheffield, organised by the Young Socialists and the All Trades Unions Alliance.

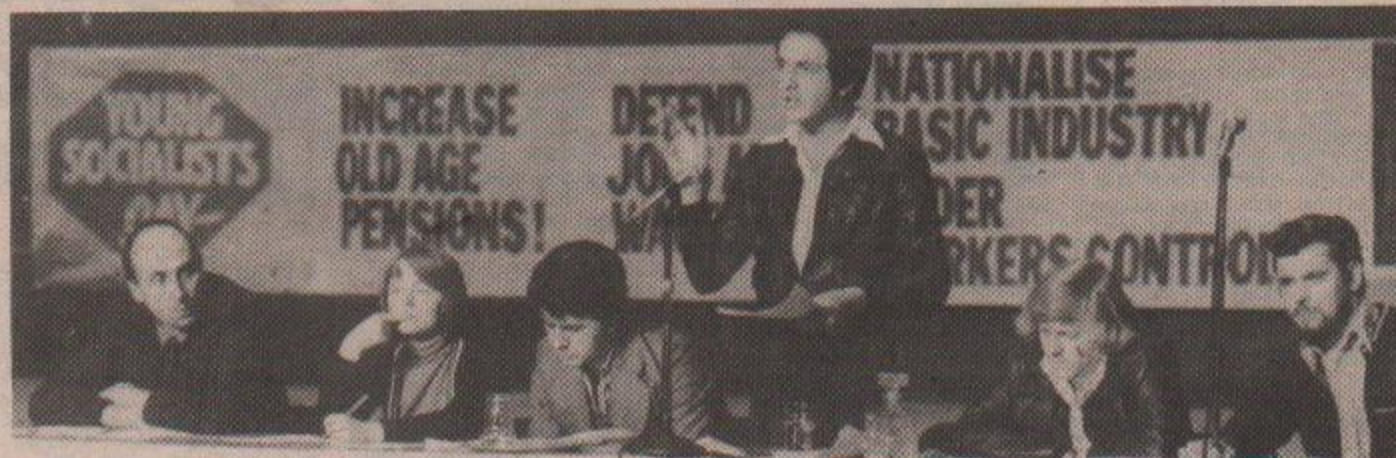
YS national secretary Simon Pirani called on trade union members from all branches of industry and the public service to take up the fight in their branches and factories to defend wages, jobs, conditions and living standards.

He was giving the opening report to 2,000 delegates and supporters who packed the City Hall yesterday.

Servants

Warning about the current visit of US Treasury Secretary William Simon, he said:

He will be giving the orders of the masters — the international bankers — to their humble servants in the Labour Cabinet. The orders are to make British workers and their families pay for the crisis of capitalism.



Simon Pirani, Young Socialists national secretary gives the main report at yesterday's conference

The slump which is devastating British capitalism is now staring millions of workers, students, youth and old aged pensioners in the face.

To defend their privileges the ruling class is preparing to plunge us into mass unemployment, poverty and dictatorship.

British capitalism was built on the backs of millions of colonial people who were enslaved to the City of London by the British Empire. Now the Empire has collapsed and its last outposts in South Africa and Rhodesia are being shaken by unstoppable revolutionary struggles.

Britain has lost the cheap food and fuel it plundered from the colonies. Its outdated industry cannot compete on world

markets. The strength of the working class, built up through 200 years of trade union struggle, poses the greatest threat to the ruling class and their paid servants in the Labour bureaucracy.

Ruins

The Labour government leaders have tried to force this working class back and failed. All their economic policies are in ruins as world markets shrink and demand falls and the trade war between the competing capitalist nations intensifies.

An army of 25 million or more workers are unemployed in the industrial countries. The inexorable drive for profit will turn the forces of production, under capitalism, to the forces of destruction. Only the taking of

power by the working class can stop the nuclear holocaust.

After almost three years of this Labour government, far from production going up, it is now actually lower than it was when the Tories crashed the economy and imposed the three-day week.

The loans from the IMF do not help finance economic growth, they are only used to repay previous loans and the gigantic amounts of interest that are piling up.

Since taking office, the government has connived with the trade union leaders to bring in one wage-cutting pay deal after another, while prices are ripping upwards. They have slashed public spending and encouraged unemployment. They have aided and abetted the racists.

The conference must spell out loud and clear in the working class movement: The forces of the state — the army and the police — are conspiring behind the scenes with the Labour government to smash the working class with violence.

It would be fatal to underestimate the danger of dictatorship. How else will the ruling class try to deal with millions of workers who will enter the battle in the coming period to defend their living standards?

With the imminent danger of a Tory government coming back as part of a drive to totalitarian rule, let no-one forget that it was this Labour government which opened the door.

What is responsible for the catastrophic by-election results and the massive working-class

abstentions if not the anti-working class policies of this Labour government?

This conference must issue a call to the working class. We must tell the trade unions — you are the oldest and most powerful trade union movement on earth. You have 11 million workers behind you.

Through the action of the miners for more pay, you brought down the last Tory government when it tried to impose the crisis on your backs.

Action

Don't sit back for one moment. Take class action now to force the rump Labour government to resign.

Labour Party members, demand an emergency conference to call the Labour Cabinet leaders to account. Adopt a socialist programme to take to the next General Election to defeat the Tories good and proper.

This is the only way. To allow the Labour government to stay in office is to allow them further time to connive with the forces of reaction.

He appealed for all those committed to the fight for socialism to join the Young Socialists, the All Trades Unions Alliance and the Workers Revolutionary Party and to build up the sales of the daily News Line.

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SHEFFIELD CONFERENCE

Liveliest of discussion at Jobs for Youth Now conference

SPEAKERS kept up a lively discussion on the issues facing the Labour and trade union movement at yesterday's Jobs for Youth Now! conference in Sheffield.

They came forward to speak on behalf of trade union branches, shop stewards' committees, trades councils and old aged pensioners' groups.

Conference chairman Peter Frome called on speakers to relate their first-hand experiences of the dole, the government's cuts, the struggle for decent wages as well as the crisis in education and the health service.

Among those who spoke were lodge officials from Yorkshire pits, a senior shop steward from Courtauld's

factory at Skelmersdale, Scottish transport workers, delegates from Ford factories and Sheffield steelworkers.

Old aged pensioners and school leavers also voiced their anger at the Labour government sell-out.

Two chartered trains brought London delegates and visitors to the conference while coaches began arriving at lunch-time from Scotland, the north east, the north west, the Midlands and South Wales.

A full report on delegates' contributions and interviews will appear in tomorrow's News Line.

THIS CONFERENCE of Young Socialists, trade unionists and old age pensioners warmly salutes the thousands of workers who have marched and struck against the reactionary policies of the Labour government which have brought the working class to the brink of disaster.

The November 17 demonstration against public expenditure cuts in London and the Glasgow transport strike have shown that the working class not only has no confidence in the Callaghan regime, but is determined to fight to the bitter end against the savage measures imposed by the International Monetary Fund.

Ballot

In particular the conference fully welcomes and supports the miners' ballot on early retirement, National Union of Miners president Joe Gormley's call for a General Election and Nottinghamshire area president Len Clarke's call for the bringing down of the Labour government if early retirement is not granted.

These actions and statements representing the pressure of the most decisive sections of the British working class vindicate completely the policies of the Workers Revolutionary Party adopted at the Special Conference in July 1975 and endorsed at the Second

Conference in October 1976 to bring down the Labour government and fight a General Election on socialist policies.

The miners have correctly seen the betrayals of the Labour government as inseparable from the preparations of the Tories to come back to power. In preparing to fight the Tories by forcing Labour to resign the miners have given a shattering reply to the revisionists, Labour Party centrists and the Stalinists who refuse to fight the betrayals of this MacDonaldite government and put forward the cowardly theory of the 'lesser evil' to justify their political support and protest.

Burden

The rump Labour government is a tool of the world bankers and wants to impose the full burden of the crisis on workers' backs with the help of the TUC. The social contract and TUC support for public expenditure cuts underlines the urgent need for new leadership in the unions on revolutionary socialist policies.

The Labour government cannot and will not change its policies because of pressure or protest from the unions. Immediately after the November 17 demonstration the government imposed a crippling credit squeeze and cut the rate support grant thus threatening the jobs of thousands of local government workers and increasing the cost of living.

These measures have been followed by increases in tuition fees and withdrawal of social security payments for students during Christmas and Easter vacations. Now heavy increases in taxation and massive cuts in public expenditure dictated by the International Monetary Fund inspectors are promised in the new mini-budget.

Powerful sections of the trade unions like the miners are in revolt against the capitalist policies of the government.

Not even the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party supports the

Cabinet.

It is clear the government does not have a shred of support in the working class and that its policies are completely bankrupt. The policies of the Labour leaders must be rejected and a full discussion on socialist policies must be organised now through the convening of an emergency Labour Party conference.

The government has no mandate to draft any letter of intent to the US banks until such a conference is held. The IMF must be told to go and the secret deal between the government and the world's bankers made public. Only in this way can the Labour Party and the trade unions prevent a disaster worse than 1931.

The capitalist policies of this rump Labour government have opened the door to the return of the reactionary and most vicious groups of Tories — determined to smash the unions and deprive workers of their basic rights.

The cornerstone of Tory policy remains membership of the European Common Market. Behind Thatcher stands the same group of capitalist reactionaries in Europe who urged Heath to take on the miners, dockers and engineers in 1972 and 1974. The defeat of Heath has forced the Tories to lean even more heavily on their European allies in order to launch new attacks against the working class.

Subsidies

The devaluation of the green pound, the abolition of food subsidies and the destruction of social services is the price which Britain must pay for entry into the Common Market. Mass unemployment, runaway inflation and the abolition of collective bargaining are the inescapable consequences of the Labour government's continued membership of the EEC.

The conference further pledges full support to the struggle to secure jobs for youth and adequate pensions for old

people and declares that these tasks can only be realised in the context of the struggle for a socialist Britain within a Socialist United States of Europe.

The Conference is firmly convinced that the working class which brought down the Tory government in 1974 can and must be mobilised on socialist policies to smash the conspiracies of right-wing Labour and the Tories to impose dictatorship, coalition and mass unemployment. There must be no return to the 1930s.

As a first step conference calls on delegates to fight for an emergency Labour Party conference to discuss socialist policies on which a general election can be fought and the government instructed to resign. At the same time we call on all trade unionists and Labour Party members to extend the struggle to concretise these policies by supporting the campaign and marches of the Young Socialists and their European brothers against unemployment and militarism in western Europe in 1977.

Marches

These marches will symbolise the unity and determination of British and European workers to prevent the slide to depression, dictatorship and World War and to establish workers' power and a planned socialist economy on a continental basis.

The Workers Revolutionary Party, All Trades Unions Alliance and Young Socialists will continue to fight against every attempt by the Stalinists and centrists to undermine this unity with the divisive fraud of import controls and the reformist leaders with their slogan of 'national unity'.

The revolutionary struggles now impending in Britain can be successfully fought only by a revolutionary leadership armed with the perspective of the European socialist revolution and the creation of the Socialist United States of Europe. This is the task of the Workers



A section of the audience



Yemeni Workers Union delegates arrive at the conference

Revolutionary Party, the All Trades Unions Alliance and the Young Socialists.

In conclusion, conference pledges to fight relentlessly and to spare no sacrifice to build the Workers Revolutionary Party and lead the struggle to bring down the Labour government, smash the Tory offensive and lead the working class to power.

- Jobs for Youth Now!
- Full industrial training for unemployed youth at trade union rates of pay!
- Increased pensions now!
- Support the miners!
- Force Labour to resign!
- Call emergency conference of Labour Party!
- For a general election on socialist policies!
- Campaign throughout the Labour movement for support for the European marches of the Young Socialists and European youth!
- Forward to the United Socialist States of Europe!

National Committee of the Young Socialist
November 28, 1976

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MICHAEL BANDA, Workers Revolutionary Party general secretary, said defence of the Arab and Palestinian revolution was inseparable from the struggle of workers in Britain against the slump.

He was moving an emergency resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon. Banda said:

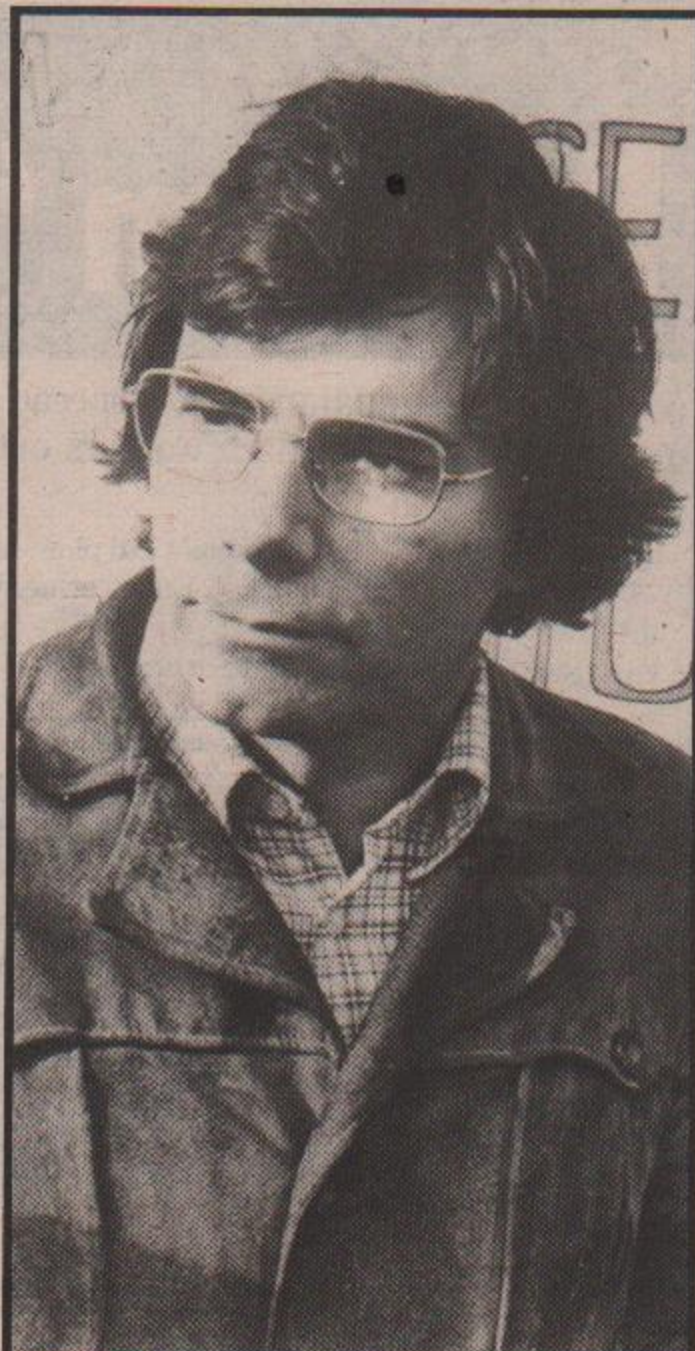
‘You can't remain neutral. This is a question of international working-class solidarity. We reject with utter contempt the revisionist suggestion that the Palestine Liberation Organisation has been defeated.

These revisionists have no confidence in the working class or with the Arab masses struggling for self-determination in Palestine and against their own reactionary regimes.

We unhesitatingly support the struggle of the Palestinian fighters and their Lebanese allies and condemn the Soviet bureaucracy which continues right up to this day to give moral, political and military support to the Syrian regime.

Their support for the Palestinians is absolutely hypocritical. Ever since 1947 the

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Philip Agee

UTRALITY ON DEFENCE OF ARAB REVOLUTION

Stalinist bureaucracy has accepted partition and today they stand for the perpetuation of existing frontiers.

The resolution was passed unanimously on a show of hands.

This conference of Young Socialists, trade unionists and old-age pensioners salutes the heroic 19-month struggle of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Lebanese working class against the Syrian and right-wing forces aided by Zionism and United States imperialism.

It applauds the refusal of these forces to surrender their aims and their arms to the Syrian capitalists.

The Syrian occupation of Lebanon is an outrage to the self-determination struggle of the PLO and a menace to the independent political and trade union organisation of the Lebanese working class. It has

nothing to do with 'preserving peace' or with the prevention of partition.

It is aimed at consolidating the political hold of the Syrian bourgeoisie in Lebanon with the aim of forming a confederation with the reactionary monarchy of Jordan in order to secure a diplomatic deal with Zionism and US imperialism against the Palestinian revolution.

Because of the fierce resistance of the PLO and the Lebanese working class, and the splits in the Arab League ruling classes, the Syrian army has been forced to call off its genocidal attacks against these forces and take measures to curb the excesses of the right-wing militia.

Danger

But the danger of another offensive to crush the PLO-left alliance remains so long as 25,000 Syrian troops, secret police and the Al Sa'iq commandos continue to remain

in Lebanon.

At the same time the Syrian government has not given up its aim of forcing the PLO to abandon any idea of an independent Palestine and accepting instead the ghetto state on the West Bank — threatened by Israel and Jordan alike.

Conference condemns the political duplicity of international Stalinism which has given political and military support to the Assad regime, while cynically selling arms to the rightists as well.

At the very beginning the Stalinist bureaucracy supported the partition of Palestine by the United Nations and the creation of Israel.

Only through the united struggle of Arab and Jewish workers for the defeat of the Israeli capitalist class and the creation of a united, secular, democratic, socialist Palestine, can the historic interests of Arab and Jewish workers be secured.

Stalinism remains the mortal enemy of such a goal.

The conference therefore pledges full support to the struggle for Palestine self-determination led by the PLO and demands that the Syrian government and the Arab League powers withdraw all Syrian troops from Lebanon.

We further endorse the appeal by the Young Socialists for clothing, medical supplies and blankets for the Palestinian refugees and the Lebanese victims of the Syrian occupation.

- Victory to the PLO!
- Withdraw Syrian troops!
- Down with Stalinist betrayals of the Arab workers!
- Down with Zionism and imperialism!

Conference calls for defence of threatened journalists

This conference condemns the threatened deportation of American writers Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball by the Labour government.

We call for the biggest campaign in the labour and trade union movement to demand that Home Secretary Merlyn Rees reverse his decision which is an attack on basic democratic rights.

Both these writers, members of the National Union of Journalists, have performed a great service to the labour movement here and abroad by exposing the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and other imperialist secret police agencies.

The CIA is the proven enemy of the working class in the major metropolitan countries as well as in the

colonial world.

It has been found guilty of assassinating political opponents, overthrowing governments, infiltrating trade unions, destabilising economies, committing acts of right-wing terror, as well as opening the mail and bugging the telephones of millions of American citizens.

The threatened deportation of Agee and Hosenball is a sinister blow aimed at all investigative journalism, particularly in the field of the conspiracies of the ruling class.

We call for a deluge of resolutions from trade union branches, shop stewards' committees, trades councils and Constituency Labour Parties demanding that Agee and Hosenball be allowed to stay in, and to kick the CIA OUT!

CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Durham 'blacking' campaign stepped up

A 'blacking' campaign is set to spread around the country in support of Co Durham workers out on strike for nine months.

Requests to 'black' the Vibroplant Ltd plant-hire firm have been sent by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers to its district committees all over the UK.

Vibro plant has 21 depots around the country.

The dispute is centred at the depot in Washington, Co Durham.

The 12 fitters on strike have been getting solid support from trade unionists in the North East, but lobbied the AUEW headquarters in London four weeks ago to get this support extended nationally.

The company has apparently gone into a campaign of silence, AUEW divisional organiser George Arnold said at the weekend.

Sacked

This firm has definite anti-trade union views. This was the real cause of the dispute, he told News Line.

The fitters walked out in April after a skilled man was sacked for refusing to do a labouring job. The dismissal was part of a wider attack on the union in the

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

depot.

Mr Arnold said the strikers had succeeded in resolving the original dispute. The conflict now concerns five scabs.

The five blacklegs are former AUEW members expelled from the union for refusing to comply with official union instructions to withdraw their labour in defence of trade unionism.

We are insisting the five be transferred, added Mr Arnold.

The various districts of our union will now be considering the 'blacking' issue and we are hopeful the pressure this brings will lead to a settlement.

Vibroplant strikers lobbying their union headquarters on November 2



MIDLANDS ACTION AGAINST THE CUTS

BIRMINGHAM — Big support is building up for action against public spending cuts in the Midlands this week.

Shop stewards representing 1,500 manual workers employed by West Midlands county council have added their support to a one-day strike on

Wednesday.

The strike is organised by the National Union of Public Employees and follows the 80,000 strong national demonstration against the cuts in London on November 17.

Teachers, hospital workers, and other public service workers are also joining the day of action.

CAR FIRM TO CLOSE

THE Reliant car firm is to close its service workshop at Tamworth, west Midlands, with the loss of 31 jobs.

It is the third phase of a 'slimming operation' the firm has been undergoing for the past three weeks. Managing director Raymond Wiggin said there would be no compulsory redundancies.

Reliant has called for 55 'volunteers' for redundancy at its Shenstone plant. Three-wheeler engine production at Shenstone was 'over-manned', the company states.

Another 20 jobs are being cut from the firm's Kettlebrook body-production plant.

South Wales jobs scare

NINETY jobs are being cut by the Penrad Group radiator firm in South Wales.

The Penarth-based group is trimming the workforce to about 170. Employees recently helped to improve productivity for the firm.

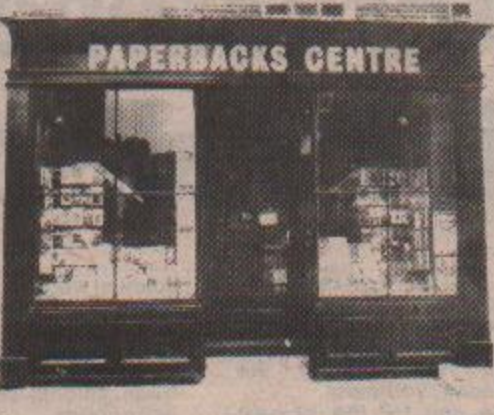
Tories plan selective education

THE TORIES are planning to bring in privileged selection in education, shadow Education Minister Rhodes Boyson announced at the weekend.

He told local Tories in Yarmouth that the government would repeal the comprehensive education Bill and set up an inquiry into secondary schools as soon as the Tory government got back.

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Fishguard ferry threat

A NINE-MAN deputation from West Wales visited Ireland at the weekend to study British Rail's proposal to close the Fishguard-Waterford ferry.

Redundancies would be caused on both sides of the Irish Sea if the closure goes

ahead.

A trade union official joined eight councillors on the visit. The twice-weekly service is losing £300,000 a year, claims British Rail.

Who really benefits from North Sea Oil?

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

ANTHONY Wedgwood Benn is attempting to cover-up for his own Energy Department's sell-out to the oil monopolies on the North Sea.

He says there must be a 'change of relationship' between the government — which works through the British National Oil Corporation — and the private interests that have rights to exploit the off-shore oil reserves.

The statement by Benn was prompted by a report which exposes as untrue earlier government statements assuring the public that oil was being developed for their benefit.

According to the report, the economy stands to become \$5 billion worse off because of the way the oil monopolies are exploiting the North Sea reserves.

Two experts who wrote the report say that by 1980 the loss to the public could be around £100 per head, per year.

Their claim: 'The loss alone . . . to the British economy . . . could be of the order of \$3,500m in foreign exchange terms and \$1,800m in terms of government revenue — the significance of either of which to the UK economy can hardly be overstated.'

Experts

The two experts are professor Peter Odell, director of the economic geographic institute at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, and Dr Kenneth Rossing, a senior lecturer at the institute. Both are foremost authorities on the North Sea oil and gas fields.

In their 192-page report they show how the short-term decisions of the oil giants to maximise their profits at a time

Wedgwood Benn



Energy Minister Benn is worried by the big con

of world capitalist slump go against any planned development of oil resources for the benefit of the whole British economy.

The two men say that under the regime of the monopolies the amount of declared reserves of a field is related to the level of investment the companies are prepared to make.

Hence, if a company decides to run down its investment plans because of the slump, it scales down its estimation of the amount of oil in the field that can be reserved for use.

Odell and Rossing give two examples of this policy:

- A 'down-grading' of the Piper field by the Occidental company from the 850 to 900 million barrels initial declaration to 642

million barrels when the company, for its own financial reasons, decided to use one drilling platform instead of two.

- AMOCO (Standard Oil of California — formerly part of the Rockefeller monopoly) have cut the 'recoverable reserves' of the Montrose field from 180 to 120 million barrels when their original two-platform development was replaced by one.

Reserves

The oil companies frequently deceive the public over these manipulations. The report says: 'Explanations . . . about such matters have often been presented to make it appear as

though such a "down-grading" of the figures means the disappearance of reserves which were hitherto thought to exist and to be recoverable. This is not so.'

The two experts blame the government and the civil servants who have given over North Sea oil to big business.

'In these respects,' says the report, 'yesterday's and today's decision-takers seem likely to have a great deal of explaining to do when the short-comings of their decisions are eventually revealed for what they were.'

That is, government acceptance of what should have been the unacceptable fact of the creaming of the North Sea's oil fields, for no better reason than that of the general failure to recognise that optimisation of

the short-term commercial interests of the companies concerned are not identical with the broader national interests.'

In pursuing their own commercial interests, Odell and Rossing calculate that at least 12,000 workers are being denied jobs because of under-investment on the North Sea.

Hostile

The authors reveal that at first they had the co-operation of the British monopoly BP and the Anglo-Dutch monopoly Shell in researching their report. But it was withdrawn later.

The oil companies were clearly hostile to the lines of Odell's and Rossing's inquiry, since it was uncovering the

main contradiction of monopoly capitalism — the inability of the capitalist system, organised into powerful private companies — to advance the forces of production.

The North Sea oil saga is an excellent example. Instead of developing this vital energy source for maximum benefit of working people, the monopolies would rather restrict production, cut down investment because of their financial crisis and increase prices by controlling the supply.

This destruction will become more marked as the world slump develops.

The only solution is the nationalisation of the oil giants — their drilling operations, transport networks and marketing organisations — without compensation and under workers' control.



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Who is the cycling civil servant? The Institute of Professional Civil Servants, which publishes the new rates in its journal, can't immediately put names to them.

With impeccable civil service logic, though, its spokesman pointed out: 'There must be some, otherwise why put up the rates?'

What do the allowances cover? Wear and tear on the trouser seat, hazarded one trouser-clipped non-civil servant. Though, he admitted, that might be offset by less wear and tear on shoes. As with the motorist, there's also rising fuel costs, as measured by the increased cost of food, even in civil service canteens.

Amnesty International report out on the Shah's vicious regime in Iran

Torture regime learns new methods... from Britain

'Not only does Iran have an appalling record in terms of political imprisonment, torture and killings... but on the other hand it enjoys increasing political, military and business support from Britain', Amnesty International director Paul Simpson said yesterday.

THE USE of electric shocks, whipping, rape, burning with a hot poker, tying people down on a white hot metal table, are just some of the torture methods used by the Shah's secret police, as described in a report which Amnesty has just published.

Since the beginning of 1972, well over 300 people have been executed by order of military tribunals. In the first nine months of this year the Iranian authorities announced 22 executions of political prisoners.

In the same nine months a further 69 political activists were killed while 'resisting arrest', according to the police.

All levels of Iranian society are permeated by informers working for the Shah's secret police, the National Intelligence and Security Organisation — SAVAK.

It 'has created an atmosphere of fear remarked on by visitors to Iran and emphasised by opponents to the regime outside the country', Amnesty says.

The head of SAVAK is appointed by Shah himself. Iran's parliament, consisting of the Majlis (Lower House) and the Senate, largely appointed by the Shah, is 'theoretically sovereign, but in practice the Crown is the sole source of authority'.

Rising to power when Iran was under joint British and Soviet occupation during the war, the present Shah, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, remained in a weak position.

In August 1953, the Amnesty report recalls, 'the Shah fled from Iran after a confrontation with Dr Mohammed Mossadeq, the Prime Minister, but the army remained loyal, defeated Mossadeq's supporters and arrested Mossadeq'.

We might observe — though the Amnesty pamphlet doesn't

REPORT REVIEW BY CHARLES PARKINS

— that it was the CIA which engineered the downfall of Mossadeq, who had incurred imperialist wrath by nationalising oil interests. Reference to how the Shah rose to his present power should not leave out his patrons.

Last year, the last vestige of parliamentary democracy was removed with the abolition of the token opposition party. Setting up his own National Resurgence Party, the Shah declared that those who did not support it either leave the country or go to jail.

Harassed

A recent account tells of a professor of literature accused of not supporting the Shah's policies. He was harassed, beaten, arrested and tortured, not because he had even actively opposed the Shah, but simply because in his lectures he had allegedly not upheld the ideology of the Shah's so-called 'White Revolution' of reform.

Even if Iranians are abroad, they are not safe from persecution by the Shah's regime. As articles in News Line have revealed, SAVAK has



Firing squad victims

its agents in Britain and other countries watching and harassing suspected opponents.

Under the Iranian Penal Code of 1931, serious offences include 'forming or belonging to organisations opposed to the monarchy, or having a collectivist ideology'; 'working for the separation of part of the state'; 'taking armed action against the government'; 'making propaganda inside Iran on behalf of people committing the above crimes or acting against the constitutional monarchy outside Iran'.

Until last year, an Iranian student who took part in political activity abroad could face ten years in jail if he returned to Iran. Under new changes in the law he may face life imprisonment.

Political opponents imprisoned by the regime number as many as 100,000. They include Marxists, Kurdish nationalists, Baluchis and Muslim idealists opposed to capitalism. In interviews with the western Press, the Shah generally suggests they are all terrorists. Amnesty says this is not so.

Illegal

Trade unions are illegal. Workers' protests are met with imprisonment and death.

Trials of political prisoners take place before military tribunals. The accused is denied any access to a lawyer while SAVAK completes its investigation, and then can choose 'defence counsel' from a short list provided by the tribunal, generally composed of army officers.



Shah of Iran

Maltreatment and torture do not always cease after trial, but may be carried on during the prison sentence. Prisoners have sometimes been reported 'shot while trying to escape' but their relatives are not allowed to see the body.

In 1972, Nuri Albala of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers was able to see the burn scars on the stomach and back of political prisoner Massoud Ahmadadeh.

The burns appeared several months old. He learnt how Ahmadadeh and other defendants had been strapped down on a metal table, which was then heated to white heat.

One of those so treated, Badizadeghan, was paralysed in his lower limbs afterwards, and could only move by crawling forward using his arms.

Asked about torture recently, the Shah told newsmen: 'Why should we not employ the same

methods as you Europeans? We have learned sophisticated methods of torture from you.'

Amnesty International, which is of course a British-based organisation, does not make any suggestions or speculation in its report as to what the new 'sophisticated' methods of torture might be that the Shah is boasting about, nor who he might have learnt them from.

Supplies

However, Mr. Simpson said yesterday: 'Our government supplies vast quantities of military supplies to Iran. UK firms compete for business from Iran. British scientists, medical and university personnel, apply for jobs there. We must ensure that if arms are sold, if business is done, if jobs are applied for, it must be with full understanding of the fear in which ordinary Iranians live'.

There shouldn't be much shortage of 'understanding', since British firms, including the government-owned Crown Agents (through its subsidiary, Millbank Technical Services) and personnel are helping to maintain that fear, by providing technical aid and surveillance equipment to the Shah's secret police.

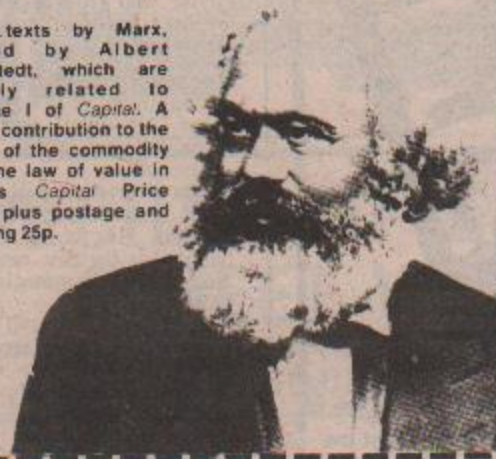
Simpson says: 'Britain has a special position from which to demand an end to repression in Iran.'

We would put things differently, 'Britain', that is, the Labour government, is one of the major supporters of repression in Iran. We have a special position — to get rid of that prop for repression.

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GRANADA

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6.00 GRANADA REPORTS.
6.45 OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!
7.30 CORONATION STREET
8.00 YANKS GO HOME: 'Off Limits.'
8.30 WORLD IN ACTION.
9.00 THE SWEENEY: 'Pay-Off.' "R.I.P. Eddie Glass." Or is he alive, well and living in Stoke Newington?
10.00 NEWS AT TEN.
10.30 PHYLLIS: Bess, Is You a Woman Now? Phyllis, phones her daughter and when a man answers, thinks the worst.
11.00 REPORTS POLITICS
11.30 SPY FORCE: 'The Countess.'
12.30 Closedown.

THAMES

9.30 For Schools. 10.35 Hammy Hamster's Adventures on the Riverbank. 11.00 For Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and the Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Musical Triangles. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Lunchtime Today. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: 'Murder at the Gallop'. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Batman. 5.45 News At 5.45.

6.00 TODAY.
6.45 OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS.
7.30 CORONATION STREET.
8.00 YANKS GO HOME: 'Off Limits.'
8.30 WORLD IN ACTION.
9.00 THE SWEENEY: 'Pay Off.'
10.00 NEWS AT TEN.
10.30 SEZ LES.
11.00 MUSICAL TRIANGLES.
11.30 PEOPLE AND POLITICS.
12.25 CLOSE Julian Battersby reads from the letters of Vincent Van Gogh followed by Closedown.

BBC 1

9.38 For Schools, Colleges. 12.10 Closedown. 12.45 Midday News, Weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45 Chigley. 2.01 For Schools, Colleges. 3.10 Anno Domini. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Deputy Dawg. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Blue Peter. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Go — USA. 5.35 Ivor the Engine.

5.40 EVENING NEWS: Weather
5.55 NATIONWIDE
6.50 SOME MOTHERS DO 'AVE 'EM with Michael Crawford and Michele Dotrice
7.20 ANGELS: 13: 'Woman of Property'
8.10 PANORAMA
9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS: Weather
9.25 MONDAY FILM: 'The Thomas Crown Affair' 1969 glossy bank robbery thriller directed by Norman Jewison and starring Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway
11.05 TONIGHT including the Kennedy Interview with John Aspinall, friend of Lord Lucan
11.45-11.47 Weatherman

BBC 2

11.00 Play School. 11.25 Closedown. 3.00 The Caterers. 3.25 Interval. 3.30 Politics Now. 3.55 Closedown.

7.00 NEWS ON 2 HEADLINES: Weather on 2
7.05 KNITTING FASHION: 8: 'Design in Colour'
7.30 NEWSDAY
8.10 DAVE ALLEN AT LARGE
9.00 I, CLAUDIUS: 11: 'A God in Colchester' Claudius reigns for his first year as emperor, blissfully ignorant of his wife's infidelity
9.50 HORIZON: 'Secrets of a Coral Island' The knowledge and skill passed through generations of Pacific island fishermen
10.40 POEMS AND PINTS Songs and poems performed by Ryan Davies, Mari Griffith, Brian Jacques, The Spinners, Norman Rossington at The Triton, Liverpool
11.10 LATE NEWS ON 2: Weather
11.20-11.25 Closedown: Jill Balcon reads C Day Lewis' 'Emily Brontë'

REGIONS

YORKSHIRE

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and The Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Hogan's Heroes. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Boney. 3.20 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Supersonic. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Calendar. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 The Sweeney. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Lifestyle. 11.00 Baretta. 11.55 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.25 Starting Point. 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and The Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Bygones. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Randal and Hopkirk Deceased. 3.20 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Batman. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.40 Police Call. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 The Sweeney. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Lifestyle. 11.00 The Craze. 12.00 Epilogue. 12.05 Closedown.

ANGLIA

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and The Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Out of Town. 1.00 News At One. Weather. 1.25 Anglia News. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Film: 'Female Artillery'. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Romper Room. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Supersonic. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home. 10.00 News At Ten. Weather. 10.30 Lifestyle. 11.00 Mystery Movie 'The Snoop Sisters'. 12.20 Reflection. Closedown.

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HTV

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and The Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Musical Triangles. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Report West. 1.25 Report Wales. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Help Yourself. 2.25 Film: 'My Darling Daughter's Anniversary'. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 The Muppet Show. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Report West. 6.22 Report Wales. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 The Sweeney. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.35 Hitchcock — Notorious. 12.25 Weather. Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV General except: 1.20-1.25 Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 2.00-2.25 Hamdden. 6.00-6.22 Y Dydd. 8.30-9.00 Yr Wythnos.

HTV WEST: As HTV General except: 10.47-11.05 Interlude. 1.20-1.30 Report West. 6.00-6.45 Report West.

ATV MIDLANDS

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and The Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 The Amazing World of Kreskin. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: 'MacMillan and Wife: No Hearts, No Flowers'. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Supersonic. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 ATV Today. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 The Sweeney. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Platform for Today. 11.15 Police Story. 12.10 Peter Anderson. 12.15 Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and The Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Southern News. weather. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Film:

The Chadwick Family. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Garnock's Way. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Day by Day. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 The Sweeney. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Shades of Salena. 11.00 Phyllis. 11.30 Southern News Extra. 11.40 Music with the Thomas Family. 11.45 Farm Progress. 12.15 Weather. Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and The Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.25 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: 'Colombo — The Most Crucial Game'. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Supersonic. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.20 Sports Desk. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home. 8.30 World in Action. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Musical Triangles. 11.00 The Collaborators. 11.55 Faith for Life. 12.00 Closedown.

CHANNEL

9.30 Schools. 11.55 Closedown. 1.20 News, What's On Where. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: 'Colombo — The Most Crucial Game'. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Supersonic. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Channel News: Weather. 6.10 The Beachcombers. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home — 'Off Limit'. 8.30 World in Action. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Musical Triangles. 11.00 The Collaborators. 11.55 Channel Gazette; News and Weather in French. Weather and Closedown.

BORDER

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Chorlton and The Wheelies. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Film: 'Banacek'. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Pauline's Quirkes. 5.15 Supersonic. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Border News and Lookaround. 6.15 Garnock Way. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Yanks Go Home. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 The Sweeney. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Border Month. 11.15 The Protectors. 11.45 Border News. Weather. 11.48 Closedown.

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Radio 1 VHF 88-91 MHz at certain times; 247m 1214kHz
Radio 2 VHF 88-91 MHz; 1500m 200kHz
Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz; 464m 647kHz

BBC RADIO 1
 6.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Noel Edmonds. 9.00 Tony Blackburn. 12.00 Paul Burnett. 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.02 David Hamilton (S). 4.30 It's D.L.T. OK 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.02 John Dunn (S). 11.00 John Peel (S). 12.00-12.05 As Radio 2.

BBC RADIO 2
 6.00 News Summary; Weather. 6.02 Paddy O Byrne (S) with 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.02 Terry Wogan (S) with 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02-11.30 Harry Carpenter's Open House (S) with 10.30 Waggoners Walk. 11.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.50 Sports Desk. 2.02 David Hamilton (S)

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with 2.45 and 3.45 Sports Desk. 4.30 Waggoners Walk. 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.47 John Dunn (S) with 5.45 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 Pop Score. 7.30 Alan Dell (S). The Dance Band Days. 8.02 The Big Band Sound. 9.02 Humphrey Lyttleton (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.07 Star Sound. 11.02 Michael Meach with The Late Show. 12.00-12.05 Midnight Newsroom. weather, motoring information.

BBC RADIO 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Overture (S) Concert. Donizetti, Loebl, Haydn. 8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (S) Vaughan Williams, Saint-Saens. Harty. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's

RADIO

(S) Stereophonic

Composer: Heinrich Schütz (S). 9.55 Talking About Music (S). 10.25 Piano Recital (S). Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin. 11.20 Gerhard (S). 11.45 Midday Concert (S) Elgar, Beethoven, Britten. 1.00 News. 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert (S) Shostakovich, Haydn. 2.00 Matinee Musicale (S). 3.00 Twentieth-Century Organ Music (S) from Vedast, Foster Lane, London. 3.45 Carl Orff (S) Concert. 4.55 Bandstand (S). 5.25 Atarah's Music Box (S). 5.45 Homeward Bound (S). 6.05 News. 6.10 Homeward Bound. 6.30 Lifelines. Home And Family. 7.30 Ebu Concert From Madrid (S) part 1: Gerhard, Poulenc, Malipiero. 8.20 Letter from Madrid. 8.40 Concert (S) part 2: Falla.

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Radio Scotland VHF 92-95MHz; 371m 809kHz

WALES
Radio 4 VHF 92-95MHz; 341m

Dukas. 9.25 Dialogue on the American Constitution. 10.20 Bach's Coffee Cantata (S). 10.55 Jazz in Britain (S) The Pete King Quartet. 11.25-11.30 News.

BBC RADIO 4

6.20 News. 6.22 Farming Week. 6.40 Prayer For The Day. 6.45 Today with News at 7.00 and 8.00. 8.45 James Cameron with the BBC Sound Archives. 9.00 News. 9.05 Start The Week with Richard Baker. 10.00 News. 10.05 Wildlife. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. 11.00 News. 11.05 Any Questions. 11.50 Announcements. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 Desert Island Discs.

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12.55 Weather and Programme News. 1.00 The World at One. News. 1.30 The Archers. 1.45 Woman's Hour. 2.45 Listen With Mother. 3.00 News. 3.05 Afternoon Theatre (S) 'Crocodile'. 4.35 Story Time. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.50 Financial Report. 5.55 Weather and Programme News. 6.00 News. 6.15 Many a Slip. 6.45 The Archers. 7.00 News. 7.05 The World in Focus. 7.30 Sixth Sense. 8.00 The Monday Play. Animals in the Zoo. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. News. 10.45 Book at Bedtime. 11.00 The Financial World Tonight. 11.15 Today in Parliament. 11.30 News preceded by Weather. 11.51-11.54 Inshore Forecast.



Ryan Davies, Mari Griffith and Norman Rossington in a new series 'Poems and Pints' on BBC 2 at 10.40. Tonight's programme is from the 'Triton' Liverpool

WINNING POST All today's horses and jockeys

COLD COMFORT FOR PUNTERS

THE BOOKIES could have a field day thanks to a lop-sided card including five novices' hurdles at today's WINDSOR meeting.

The best prospect for the punters to get their own back looks like the Arctic Heir, who lines up for the Round Oak Novices Chase (2.30).

This former inmate of Mick O'Toole's Kildare Yard turned in a remarkable effort on his seasonal debut when third to Supreme Halo and King Neptune at Ascot recently.

Having only his second public run over fences, Arctic Heir was in front at halfway, jumping well, until those two fitter rivals

came at him from the second-last.

Sure to be better suited by today's extra five furlongs, John Thorne's seven-year-old has less to do now, and ought to be little troubled in notching his first chasing success.

Smart

The White Hart Handicap Hurdle (3.00), provides a good opportunity for Heidelberg to follow up a smart performance over course and distance earlier this month.

Running for the first time in a year, Heidelberg looked good enough for second place behind Oranmore (receiving more than a stone) at the last. But lack of condition took its toll, and he faded to fourth place.

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

Anything but overburdened with today's weight, Heidelberg ought to have the measure, at the difference of only 2 lbs of consistent Dyscola.

Interesting Irish imports, Knock On and Royal Thrust, should enhance Fred Rimell's impressive WOLVERHAMPTON record and compensate him for the dismal showing of his Hennessy trio on Saturday.

Seven-year-old Knock On has a big reputation after landing the odds easily at Clonmel last season and at Limerick in September.

He faces nothing of note in the Wulfruna Handicap Chase (12.45) and could open his

fencing account at the first time of asking.

Royal Thrust, who showed clear signs of a return to form when runner-up to Gay Vulcan at Newbury on Friday, has very little to beat in the Wrottesley Handicap Chase (2.45).

Blistering

Escapologist gets a chance to put his Warwick form behind him in the Nuneaton Hurdle (1.45).

Ian Wardle's 8,000 guineas purchase ran a blistering debut over hurdles when running-up to Line Shooter at Chepstow.

Ian Watkinson, star of the

'Hennessy' show on Saturday, should score on Corrieghoil in the two-mile Coven Chase (2.15). The 10-year-old missed out last

season, but has returned better than ever, winning well at Worcester and over this course and distance.

WOLVERHAMPTON

12.45 WULFRUNA NOVICES CHASE £700

2m (13 runners)		
2 083-01F	ROSSBOROUGH (D)	Thomson Jones 5 11 3 S Smith-Eccles (5)
5 0000-00	CHINDOCK (FR)	J O Donoghue 9 10 10 P Butler (7)
6 FL03-00	COUNTY CLARE	R Cooper 7 10 10 A Webber
7 00	COURT MYTH (NZ)	D Nicholson 6 10 10 R F Davies
8 PP-P	FISHING TALE	P Horton 6 10 10 J Burke
9 02-2-0F0	KING'S ROBE (F)	W Jenkins 6 10 10 R F Davies
10 000-1-11	KNOCK ON	F Rimell 7 10 10 J Burke
11	LAW SOCIETY	M Oliver 5 10 10 P Blacker
12 0130-F0	LIGHT MASTER	E Jones 6 10 10 I Watkinson
13 003022	MALFORD GROVE	A Birch 6 10 10 C Astbury
14 PP	QUESTION MASTER II	M Scudamore 5 10 10 D Cartwright
15 02-3BFF	WHISTLERS BOY	H Morris 5 10 10 R Floyd (3)
16 0040-FF	YACHTSMAN	A Perry 6 10 10

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Knock On, 7-2 Rossborough, 6-1 Light Master, 8-1 King's Robe and Whistlers Boy, 12-1 Court Myth and Malford Grove, 20-1 others.

1.15 VICTORIA SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £500

2m (15 runners)		
1 PC-0000	QUACKATORY (D)	P Ransom 7 11 14 Mr F Ransom (7)
2 3334-00	DRYICE	D Wintle 8 11 13 Mr A Wathen (7)
3 000001	TUMBLE ROCK (D)	A Stevens 5 11 12 (7 ex) J King
6 100000	APPIN (D)	P Bevan 5 11 16 M Weatherer (7)
7 043P-00	GOLDEN PERCH	M Low 6 11 5 G P O'Brien (7)
8 010302	CERNAN (D)	N Hall 4 11 1 J R Evans
10 400F-4F	GONE FOR A BURTON	J Tierney 6 11 0 R F Davies
12 100-0P-0	MAIDENSGROVE	A Birch 5 10 9 R F Davies
13 0000P-P	LITTLEGOOD LAD (D)	J Webber 8 10 7 A Webber
14 P-000F0	KELLATER (D)	M Oliver 7 10 7 P Blacker
15 0	WILL BANK	J Searing 9 10 7 Mr H Brotherton (7)
17 3U0-00F	MIRAMOR	D Jones 8 10 7 D Cartwright
18 004004	GWENJOY	K Bridgwater 3 10 7 H Owen (7)
19 333332	DELAPRE LAD	J Peacock 13 10 7 R Crank
20	ROYAL SATEEN	J Gilbert 10 10 7 K Barnfield

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Tumble Rock, 3-1 Cernan, 9-2 Kallator, 6-1 Gone For a Burton, 8-1 Golden Perch, 10-1 Dry Ice, 20-1 others.

1.45 NUNEATON HURDLE £1,500

2m (12 runners)		
2 013112	ANOTHER DOVE (D)	G H Price 5 10 12 Mr Cecil Price (7)
3 42F0F3	CONSTABLE DODD (D)	Miss Morris 6 10 12 N Walkey
4 012-P00	KEILDER FOREST (D)	F Rimell 5 10 12 J Burke
5 00	OLD CARL	R Hollinshead 5 10 7 C Astbury
6 002-4	DUNRETT	P Makin 4 10 1 J King
7 0	ERNEST	B Cambridge 4 10 0 G Jones
8 20	ESCAPOLOGIST (BF)	I Wardle 4 10 1 S Smith-Eccles (3)
9 3	ISEULT	F Dever 4 10 1 F Leavy
10 P-	LENNOX	E Roberts 4 10 1 R Dickin
11 002-00	LIEBESLIED	W Jenkins 4 10 1 R F Davies
12 0	PATTERSON	T Taylor 4 10 1 G P O'Brien (7)
13	YELLOW PRINCE	A Stevens 4 10 1 J King

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Escapologist, 3-1 Another Dove, 9-2 Keilder Forest, 6-1 Constable Dodd, 10-1 Dunnett, 12-1 Iseult and Liebeslaid, 14-1 Yellow Prince, 20-1 others.

2.15 COVEN CHASE £800

2m (4 runners)		
2 1200-11	CORRIEGHOIL (C-D)	E Jones 10 11 8 I Watkinson
3 3210-P4	BIRDLAND	M H Easterday 8 11 5 J O'Neill
4 4P34-80	FARTHINGDALE (D)	G Yardley 9 10 7 D Cartwright
9 0004-00	RENWORTH BOY	E Roberts 6 10 7 R Dickin

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Corrieghoil, 9-4 Birdland, 8-1 Farthingdale, 12-1 Renworth Boy.

2.45 WROTTESELEY HANDICAP CHASE £1,000

3m (5 runners)		
1 3PU1-34	MR SAVIN (B)	Ld Moslyn 7 18 I Watkinson
2 0020-OF	ROYAL THRUST (D)	F Rimell 7 11 8 J Burke
3 201-PP	OSTRICH DUCK (C-D) (BF)	J Bissill 10 11 2 T Stack
4 22120	SPARROT (C-D)	W Clay 8 11 1 R F Davies
8 0-43033	NAVAL POWER (D)	M Scudamore 6 10 0 John Williams

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Royal Thrust, 3-1 Mr Savin, 4-1 Naval Power, 6-1 Ostrich Duck, 8-1 Sparrot.

3.15 BIRCHES BRIDGE H'CAP HURDLE £1,000

(4-Y-0) 2m (10 runners)		
1 1030-30	CARABINIER (D)	J Edwards 12 3 P Blacker
5 0-10240	SNOW MOUNTAIN (D)	A Stevens 11 5 Mr R Fear (7)
7 12-0030	QUICK HALF	D McCain 11 1 J O'Neill
8 21130-0	SAM BROWN (D)	K Bridgwater 10 13 N Tindler
10 1010-0	SARAGUSA (D)	H Westbrook 10 7 S Smith-Eccles (3)
11 240011	YULE LOG (D)	D Wintle 10 6 Mr A Wathen (7)
12 00-0131	BAGDAD GOLD (USA)	D Nicholson 10 5 A Webb (7)
14 00-00	PRIORY LAD	J O'Donoghue 10 0 P Butler (7)
18 003000	DARING DOLLY	G Dawson 10 0 R F Davies
19 230023	NIGHT MESSENGER	C Miller 10 0 D Cartwright

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Saragusa, 7-2 Bagdad Gold, 4-1 Snow Mountain, 5-1 Carabier, 6-1 Quick Half, 10-1 Yule Log, 12-1 Sam Browne, 20-1 others.

WINDSOR

12.00 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE DIV I

PART 1 £400 2m (14 runners)		
1 0400-01	MOUNT STREET	S Matthews 4 11 10 I Gebbie (7)
3 0F0	BOBBIE ROSE	L Bowman 5 11 6 Mr J Panvert (7)
7 402340	KUTUZOV	P Cole 5 11 6 R Champion
9 P	MISS LUCIE	J Gifford 5 11 6
11 000-2	PICKET	W Stephenson 5 11 6 S Hives (5)
13 0-00000	YOPI	J Joseph 5 11 6 Joe Guest
16 000-	BLACK ALICE	Parthar 4 11 0 J Moran
18 004-0	DOUBLE WHISKEY	G Balding 4 11 0 R C Bailey
22 F0	GREY PRESTO	D Jermy 4 11 0 S May
24 000F2P-	LACRIMALLY	G Harwood 4 11 0 C Read
26 04-0043	LUSTFUL LADY (BF)	N Mitchell 4 11 0 Mr N Mitchell (7)
28 0242-00	PICK ME	R Hawker 4 11 0 Mr A Waters (7)
32 0-P	STELLATA	S Mellor 4 11 0 J Glover
34 00	WELL COPPED	M McCourt 4 11 0 P Warner

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Mount Street, 7-2 Lustful Lady, 4-1 Picket, 5-1 Double Whiskey, 8-1 Lacrimally, 10-1 Pick Me, 12-1 Stellata, 16-1 others.

12.30 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE DIV II

PART 1 £400 2m (16 runners)		
2 004-401	I'M ALRIGHT JACK	W Sleeman 4 11 10 Mr C Sleeman (7)
5 P0	LOOK TWICE	G Ripley 5 11 6 G Gracey (7)
7 04-F	MILESIAN PRINCE	D Hanley 5 11 6 John Williams
10 0	SPEEDILY	J Thorne 5 11 6 P Hobbs (3)
12 0	ALLEGROVE	R Head 4 11 0 J Francombe
14 0	BEACH GUARD	Mrs Oughton 4 11 0 C Read
17 0	BUTTON	T Foster 4 11 0 G Thorne
19 00004-P	COMEDY TURN	T Gates 4 11 0 R Rowell
22 043P-00	GOLDEN AUTUMN	M Scudamore 4 11 0
25 00030-	HILL FLY (USA)	F Muggelidge 4 11 0 T Muggelidge (7)
28 0	HIPPARION	S Mellor 4 11 0 J Glover
31 00400-0	LE BEAU BETE	D Nicholson 4 11 0 M Stephens (7)
34 0-00	MARMALADE	G Balding 4 11 0 R Linley
37 0-00	OLDTIMER	D Gandolfo 4 11 0 P Barton
42 04	SCARLET LEADER	H Price 4 11 0 P Kellaway
42	VULSORY'S STAR	M McCourt 4 11 0 Mr G McCourt (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 I'm Alright Jack, 7-2 Scarlet Leader, 9-2 Milesian Prince, 5-1 Allegro, 8-1 Golden Autumn, 12-1 Comedy Turn, 14-1 others.

1.00 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE DIV I

PART 2 £400 2m (14 runners)		
2 03-0P21	ST GAWAIN	A Moore 4 11 10 C Read
6 00-0324	GAY HEATH	A Hobbs 5 11 6 P Hobbs (3)
8 00	LITTLE MIRACLE	G Small 5 11 6
10 0-0	MR STUBBS	G Kindersley 5 11 6 C Candy
12 0	WILLRAE (NZ)	S Mellor 5 11 6
15 F04-P00	BEVAN EXPRESS	G Ripley 4 11 0 G Gracey (7)
17 000-033	COMMANDER MAY (BF)	F Walwyn 4 11 0 B McNally (7)
21 0003-	GOLDENVILLE	F Muggelidge 4 11 0 Muggelidge (7)
23 3	HIGHLAND ORCHID	N Gaseles 4 11 0 M Floyd (5)
25 0000-00	LADY OF DARIEN	J Pullen 4 11 0 Joe Guest
27 0	MASTER STRAIGHT	W Musson 4 11 0
30 03200-0	SKYS THE LIMIT	Mrs Oughton 4 11 2
33 0	THE HOFSA	R Head 4 11 0
35 0-2	WHIRLITZER	A Pitt 4 11 0 I Cox (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Highland Orchid, 9-4 St Gawain, 7-2 Whirlitzer, 6-1 Commander Key, 10-1 Gay Heath, 12-1 others.

1.30 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE DIV II

PART 2 £400 2m (15 runners)		
4 PP	GANG WARFARE	H Willis 5 11 6
6 4-23	MIDSUMMER LAD (BF)	F Walwyn 5 11 6 W Smith
8 C	MONUMENTAL MOMENT	R Vibert 5 11 6 C Candy
11 0	TOWER BRIDGE	L Small 5 11 6
13 00	ANDREW	A Moore 4 11 0
15 0	BEE IN BONNET	O Nugent 4 11 0 S Jobar
18 00	CHINA WILLIAM	A Aylett 4 11 0 J Jenkins
20 00-0PP	DAVENTRY	J Long 4 11 0 J Long (5)
23 00	GOLDEN ENSIGN	D Dales 4 11 0 Joe Guest
27 00	JAMES THREE	D Underwood 4 11 0 R Atkins
29 02	LE DAUPHIN (BF)	G Kindersley 4 11 0 C Candy
33 P-00	MISS HAYMES	V Cross 4 11 0 F McKenna
36 F	ROYAL SUSANNA	R Blakeney 4 11 0 J McNaught
39 00-	TAKAR	W Stephenson 4 11 0 S Hives (5)
40	TARQUETTA	S Mellor 4 11 0

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Midsummer Lad, 4-1 Le Dauphin, 7-1 Bee In Bonnet, 10-1 Tarquetta, 14-1 James Three, 20-1 others.

2.00 SALT HILL HANDICAP CHASE £750

3m (9 runners)		
2 04-11U4	KING COMMANDER (C)	R Head 6 11 12 M Floyd (5)
5 0342F-4	TIM SMART	S Mellor 9 11 3 J Glover
6 110-P0P	KICK ON	K Lewis 9 11 3 H J Evans (3)
7 13P1-03	MICKEY HOUSE (C-D)	T Forster 7 10 13 G Thorne
8 P-22240	REDDER'S BOY	A Hobbs 12 10 13 P Hobbs (3)
9 301-003	SYBIL	D Nicholson 5 10 13 R Mangan (5)
10 02F-233	YELLOW STONE (D)	G Vergette 6 10 6 P J Kelly (5)
13 00243-0	CHANTER MARK (D)	H Nicholson 9 10 0 Mr D Darling (7)
14 01-0F0-P	AGROSTIS	J Joseph 6 10 0 Joe Guest

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Yellow Stone, 100-30 Mickey Mouse, 9-2 King Commander, 5-1 Tim Smart, 13-2 Sybil, 8-1 Redder's Boy, 10-1 Chatter Mark, 16-1 others.

2.30 ROUND OAK NOVICES H'CAP CHASE £600

2m 5f (10 runners)		
1 0034-13	ARCTIC ACTOR	A Connell 6 11 10 Mr C Saunders
2 10-1FF0	MOULDY OLD DOUGH	F Muggelidge 7 11 9 C Read
3 411332	TRANSFORMATION	J Old 7 11 6 R Champion
4 20-230-3	ARCTIC HEIR	J Thorne 7 11 8 P Hobbs (3)
5 030-13	BRYAN BORU (BF)	D Gandolfo 5 10 9 P Barton
6 4F22U-B	SOLARIUM	G Balding 6 10 9 R Linley
9 034-F00	CAISSA IRA	J Hayward 5 10 2 B McNally (7)
10 FF04-F0	VERONA BAY	R Armytage 6 10 0 H J Evans
11 3002-P	RINGCHAT	T Forster 6 10 0 G Thorne
12 4F4-0P4	PRIDES PAL	R Blakeney 6 10 0 P Buckle (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Arctic Heir, 100-30 Transformation, 9-2 Bryan Boru, 11-2 Solarium, 7-1 Arctic Actor, 9-1 Mouldy Old Dough, 10-1 Ringchat, 12-1 Verona Bay, 16-1 others.

3.00 WHITE HART H'CAP HURDLE £600

2m (10 runners)		
2 1200-3-4	HEIDELBERG	Mrs Oughton 7 11 6
3 040-244	DYSCOLE (FR)	P Mitchell 4 11 4
4 21222-0	TEXTRON (C-D)	T Forster 4 11 3 G Thorne
5 33-3311	NEW FORMULA	T Forster 6 11 2 J Marshall (5)
7 4000-0P	SARPEDON	R Smyth 4 10 9 R Forsyth (7)
8 130-004	BOOM BOOM	F Walwyn 4 10 8 W Smith
10 01001-0	FRISTON MIST	Miss Sinclair 5 10 9 R Rowell
11 00-1200-	PIRATE BELL	P Arthur 7 10 4 Mr D Cuthbert (7)
15 0-	HUSTINGS	Mrs Oughton 7 10 0 A Turrell
16 040013-	PELHAM WOOD	R Armytage 4 10 0 H J Evans

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Heidelberg, 4-1 Dyscole, 5-1 Boom Boom, 6-1 Textron, 7-1 New Formula, 8-1 Friston Mist, 10-1 Pelham Wood and Pirate Bell, 16-1 others.

3.30 ROYAL BOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE DIV III

£400 2m (22 Runners)		
2 0	COLD GEORGE	R Willis 5 11 6
3 P0P0-0	LEWESDON LADY	R Blakeney 5 11 6 Lady J McNaught
4 00000-0	MORE MUSIC	J Haine 5 11 6
6 0-0	SAINT DANIEL	T Forster 5 11 6 G Thorne
8 0F	AGRESIVA	G Kindersley 4 11 0 Mr C Watkins (7)
9 F	BEAU FLEECE	B Wise 4 11 0 C Bowen (7)
10 000-00	CAMINA	M Francis 4 11 0 P Kellaway
12 002	CHURCH BELLE	E Beeson 4 11 0 C Brown (5)
14 00-F	DEEP MEMORIES	T Forster 4 11 0 J Marshall (5)
15 0P00-44	DUBELLO	J Thorne 4 11 0 P Hobbs (3)
16 00-0	FALCON'S HEIR	R Akehurst 4 11 0 P McEntee
18 000-0	HARWOOD HALL	P Bailey 4 11 0 V Soane
19 0	HEARTSTRING	Mrs Ollivant 4 11 0 S Jobar
20 0	HOT HAND	D Morley 4 11 0 B R Davies
22 0F0	LOONG KOI	G Balding 4 11 0 R C Bailey
23 0000-	LORD TOBY	Mrs Finch 4 11 0 R J Owen (7)
24 000-	MISS ROSETTA	J Bradley 4 11 0 M Williams
26 0	PHYSICIST	J Gifford 4 11 0 R Champion
27 0	RING OF FIRE	C Dingwall 4 11 0 D O'Donovan
28 00-	ROYAL WAKE	W Stephenson 4 11 0 S Hives (5)
31 44	WILLINGS HOPE	F Mitchell 4 11 0 R G Hughes
32 3023-0	ZABAGLIONE	F Walwyn 4 11 0 W Smith

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Zabaglione, 4-1 Dubello, 9-2 Physicist, 5-1 Willings Hope, 13-2 Church Belle, 8-1 Saint Daniel, 9-1 Hot Hand, 10-1 Harwood Hall, 12-1 Deep Memories, 16-1 others.

WEEKEND RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Birmingham 0 Manchester City 0, Coventry 1 Arsenal 2, Derby 1 Sunderland 0, Leeds 2 Leicester 2, Liverpool 2 Bristol City 1, Manchester Utd 0, West Ham Utd 2, Middlesbrough 0, Ipswich 2, Newcastle 2 Q.P. Rangers 0, Norwich 1 Aston Villa 1, Tottenham H 2, Stoke 0, West Bromwich Alb 3 Everton 0.

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn 1 Hereford 0, Blackpool 3 Fulham 2, Bolton 1 Charlton 0, Bristol Rovers 3, Hull City 0, Cardiff 0, Nottm Forest 3, Chelsea 2 Burnley 1, Millwall 0, S. Shields Utd

SOCCER SPORTSLINE

IT'S HALF A SMILE

BY PAUL FELDMAN

AT SPURS

Win finally notched up at impatient White Hart Lane

KEITH Burkinshaw allowed himself only half a smile as the final whistle went at White Hart Lane to herald Spurs' first win in six matches.

One win doesn't change Tottenham's perilous position at the bottom of the table, nor the fragile nature of the team. And the nervous Spurs' manager knows it.

Chances were squandered wantonly by Moores and Conn and the defence, as always, looked panic-stricken when Stoke counter-attacked.

Not that Tony Waddington, the Stoke boss, had much to cheer about. Six away defeats out of nine games means there's a lot wrong there too.

There is enough talent at Stoke to do better, but confidence is missing away from home. Only young Garth Crooks and Alan Hudson made an impression.

Spurs' problems are more pressing, however. Conn, for all his talents, plays in fits and starts and Perryman's midfield work is uninspiring. Taylor had his best game for Spurs but is nowhere near his best yet.

Defence

In defence, a basic lack of organisation is apparent, with players bunching while, at the same time, offering no real challenge.

A more decisive team than Stoke might well have hit back harder when Spurs surrendered their early domination.

Until Tottenham scored after 48 minutes the funereal atmosphere over the ground seemed justified, with fans expecting the standard late goal by the opposition.

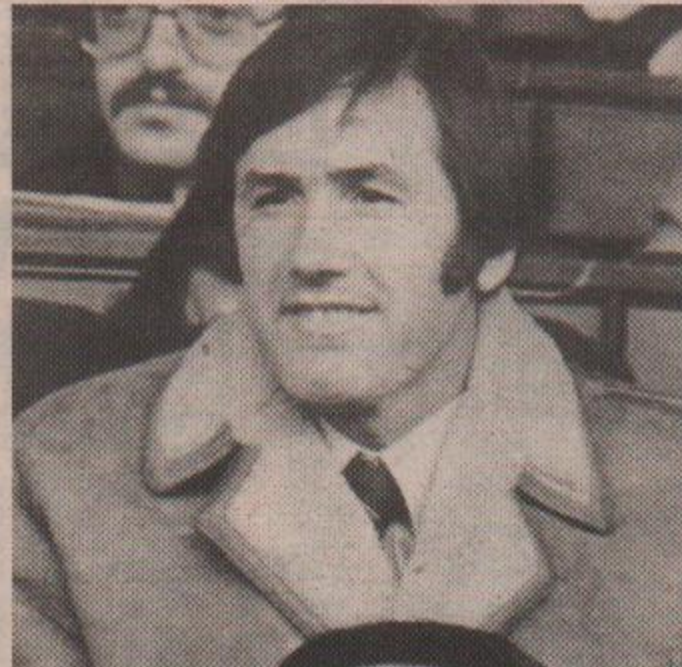
Keith Osgood changed all that. First he outjumped the Stoke defence to head in a Coates' corner and then converted a penalty after Conroy had needlessly fouled Young.

The defender became the club's top scorer with six goals, five of them from the spot. And that about sums up Spurs so far this season.

Torquay's new boss

FRANK O'Farrell takes over as manager of Torquay United today. He succeeds Malcolm Musgrove, who was sacked on Friday.

Torquay were the first league club managed by O'Farrell. He left in 1968 for Leicester and then moved to Manchester United and Cardiff before taking a post in the Middle East.



A smile almost breaks over Keith Burkinshaw's face as Spurs grab both points against Stoke at White Hart Lane

IT'S HARD WEATHER AT THE KOP

LIVERPOOL made such hard weather beating Bristol City that by the end the Kop was not looking forward to Portman Road and the clash with Ipswich next week.

City claimed with some justification that their play deserved a point and that only a post stopped them equalising late in the game.

Norman Hunter has added much-needed depth to City's defence and Tom Ritchie's early shock goal stunned the Kop.

Ritchie took his chance well, lobbing over Clemence after Fear had split Liverpool's defence.

Keegan, who had found little going right, headed Liverpool back into the game just before half-time and attacks rained down on City in the second half.

Welsh international Joey Jones hit a spectacular 30-yard goal after 56 minutes which proved the winner.



Burnley's Jim Thomson (centre) prays for success as his goalkeeper Alan Stevenson grabs the ball. Chelsea's Ken Swain (left) and Steve Wicks wait for a slip

Chelsea creep closer

AMID the frantic fund-raising at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea's revival continues apace with Division One football getting closer each week.

Their superiority over Burnley was much bigger than the 2-1 scoreline suggests. And only complacency can damage Eddie McCreadie's hopes.

Chelsea had Burnley's defence at sixes and sevens for

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long periods but in the end it was a Finnieston penalty (his 14th goal of the season) which proved the winner.

Ray Wilkins set up the first goal with a deep cross to the right which Swain headed back for Britton to slot home.

But the torrent of goals never

came and Noble was allowed to volley Burnley back into the game with 15 minutes left.

Irish international Mick Walsh pushed Blackpool into second place by scoring the winner after Fulham had wiped out an early 2-0 deficit at Bloomfield Road.

A Sam Allardyce goal was sufficient to give Bolton victory over Charlton, but Bolton dropped to third position because they have scored a goal fewer than Blackpool.

Hat-trick

A hat-trick by John Richards in his second game after a cartilage operation, helped Wolves to a 4-2 win at Orient. Orient's Gerry Queen scored a first half penalty but missed another after the interval when Orient trailed 3-2.

Nottingham Forest were another away side in good form, winning 3-0 at Cardiff after Peter Withe had put them ahead in 48 seconds.

Wrexham drew level on points with Third Division leaders Brighton by beating them 2-0 at the Goldstone Ground. Graham Whittle scored in the first half and Bobby Shinton, who scored a hat-trick in the previous week's FA cup tie was on target in the second half.



Keith Osgood is delighted with his first goal for Tottenham

SCOTTISH SCENE

Dundee Utd still second despite five

DUNDEE United's thrilling 5-1 win at Partick still keeps them in second place behind Aberdeen because of inferior goal difference.

Gordon Wallace and Paul Sturrock hit two each for United, George Fleming scoring the other. John Hansen scored Thistle's token reply.

Aberdeen had to struggle to beat Hibernian 1-0 at home and as so often this season, the experienced Joe Harper netted the match winner.

Rangers also stayed in contention, thanks to a 1-0 win

over Hearts in Edinburgh. Hearts had most of the play, but Rangers clinched the points with an opportunist goal from Derek Parlane after 33 minutes.

The game marked the return to the Rangers team of Colin Stein for the first time since November 1, 1975.

In the remaining premier league fixture, lowly Ayr United pulled off the shock of the day by trouncing Motherwell 4-1. Filippi, Cramond and McCall (two) scored for the part-timers and Peter Marinello for Motherwell.

Bottom team make it a scrap for Celtic

KILMARNOCK belied their bottom position and made championship favourites Celtic fight all the way for both points at Parkhead.

Although they were rated as no hopers, Kilmarnock opened extremely well and silenced the home crowd with a goal after only five minutes.

Struggled

Five Kilmarnock players were involved in building the move from their own half before the ball came to Ian McCullough just inside the Celtic 18-yard line and he

blasted it past Latchford.

Celtic struggled for much of the first half but just as it looked like Kilmarnock would go in with a lead, Celtic struck twice in 30 seconds.

Roddy McDonald's weak shot was diverted past Stewart in the Kilmarnock goal by Joe Craig.

Almost direct from the restart Celtic scored again. This time it was a left-foot drive from Paul Wilson which beat Stewart at the near post.

Although the second half provided no more goals, there were plenty of near things, with the bulk of the chances falling to Kilmarnock.

Saves

On two occasions, Latchford was forced to make excellent saves from Dave Provan before the Kilmarnock number 9 beat him with a twenty-yard drive which dipped too late.

A COMMON SHOCKER

MANCHESTER and London's East End shared a common shock as the most unlikely result of the day became known beyond the equally stunned 55,000 at Old Trafford.

Manchester United may have only one home victory to their credit this season. But that was one more than West Ham had achieved away from

Upton Park throughout 1976.

Tommy Docherty has already made some surprising changes to his team and can no longer find places for players West Ham would love to have. What will he do next to halt a slide that seemed impossible two months ago?

John Lyall has also spent some money, made some

experiments and is still scouring the country for a striker. That search should continue, as Billy Jennings, lethal though he is with his head, is a different player when the ball is at his feet.

His header sealed United's fate after half an hour; a typically stylish goal by Trevor Brooking had given

West Ham a 19th minute lead.

Brooking went on to dominate the whole match, leaving many wondering how different it might have been if Brian Greenhoff had been in midfield to combat him, instead of playing as usual in the back four. Perhaps Docherty will try that next.

A little blue lining on Newport cloud

NEWPORT County players and staff may have a happy Christmas after all — thanks to the generosity of Coventry City.

The Fourth Division club is due to fold on December 11 when all existing cash runs out.

But Coventry will play Newport in a fund-raising match tomorrow and the money from that could well stave off the closure date for some weeks.

'This is a wonderful gesture by Coventry,' said Newport chairman Cyril Rogers last night. 'If a few other big clubs were to follow suit, we could well survive until the end of the season.'

Already there are moves being made for a big match at Cardiff's Ninian Park in aid of destitute Newport.

'We are losing about £800 a week, so every extra £800 we can raise means another week of life for the club,' said Rogers.

Newport players and staff have been told by Rogers that if the club does go under, there will be no further pay for them. They would have to find other clubs or join the dole queue.

'All that would happen is that they would become preferential creditors for a share of any money realised by the sale of the club's assets — and that is not likely to be very much,' said manager Jimmy Scoular.



Jackie Charlton — thinking about moving on?

WHAT NOW JACK?

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JACK CHARLTON, who not long ago had high hopes of championship success with Middlesbrough, must be wondering where his future lies after a run of five defeats in six games.

Charlton stayed out of the limelight after Saturday's 2-0 home defeat against Ipswich, leaving Phil Boersma to explain how confidence has drained away after early season promise.

Once riding high at the top of the League, Middlesbrough have slumped into the bottom half of the table. They have scored only nine goals in 15 games and championship hopes have disappeared.

Charlton made it clear earlier this season that his future at Ayresome Park depended on success in this campaign. And unless Middlesbrough's fortunes change dramatically, Charlton could be tempted elsewhere in search of the impact he yearns to make on football.

Ipswich played a class above his side to make it 17 points out of the last 18. It puts them in the right frame of mind for the visit of leaders Liverpool next week.

Winger Clive Woods bemused the once-impregnable Boro defence while Brian Talbot and Kevin Beattie controlled the midfield. Upfront the deadly duo of Paul Mariner and Trevor Whymark opened the way to goal.



Ipswich's first came from £220,000 Paul Mariner (left) and Clive Woods tore Middlesbrough's defence to pieces down the left flank



After one of many fine runs by Woods, his corner was glanced in by Mariner as Middlesbrough stood and watched. Talbot and Woods combined for the second, with Talbot's finishing shot flying into the net before Platt could move.

And Graeme Souness, the backbone of Middlesbrough's flying start in August and September, summed up the collapse in form when his casual and careless ball put Whymark clear through to almost make it three.

Barber out of hospital

KEITH Barber, the Luton Town goalkeeper, who was carried off during the match at Notts County was allowed to leave hospital and return home yesterday. Doctors discovered that Barber had three broken ribs, not two as originally diagnosed.

Lloyd signs for Forest

COVENTRY'S former England defender, Larry Lloyd, will sign for Nottingham Forest for £65,000 today after being told he is not wanted at Highfield Road.

Lloyd said: 'I do not really want to leave Coventry but I saw the manager Gordon Milne last week and he told me I had no future there.'



Brian Little

Fast, furious... and useless soccer

JOHN Bond, outspoken manager of Norwich City, condemned the prevailing soccer fashion which is forcing his players to subdue their skill in favour of '100 mile an hour' football.

After a fast, tough and often thoughtless 1-1 draw with title-challengers Aston Villa, Bond said:

'If I was involved in that type of football every week I would go up the wall. It might be exciting for the spectators, but as far as England's football future is concerned, it is useless.'

Skillful

Bond is busy surrounding himself with skilful and experienced players like Martin Peters, Graham Paddon, Jimmy Neighbour and Peter

Osgood. But even they found themselves caught up by the whirlwind methods of the young Villa side.

'If Villa want to play like that, all well and good, but it's not my way', said Bond.

'English soccer will not get anywhere if we all continue to play like that.'

'The game is to do with skill, technique and ability, but in that type of game as soon as anything starts to happen, it is

bang — a foul. The awful thing is that if we had not competed like them, we would probably have lost.'

For the record, the game ended 1-1. Bowyer scored for Norwich and Little, the best player on the field, replied soon after.

Bond is not alone in thinking it's about time Don Revie gave Little a chance to add to his solitary cap two years ago.

Free contracts soon says Doug

FOOTBALLERS are near to winning freedom of contract after a long battle with the Football League, says Derek Dougan.

Dougan, chairman of the Professional Footballers Association, will tell players at their annual general meeting today that negotiations are going well.

'This is probably the most important thing to happen in our 69-year-history,' said Dougan yesterday. 'And I believe that agreement with the League is near.'

The players are demanding the freedom to choose a new club at the end of their contract and the right to look around for the highest wages.