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What is Trotskyism?

By Cliff Slaughter

Workers Revolutionary Party Central Committee.

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RIGHT ROYAL FARCE

IN A PRIVATE mid-Victorian chapel in the grounds of Windsor Castle yesterday, the royal family went to morning service to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Queen's reign.

Chaplain, the Rev Anthony Harbottle, offered a special prayer:

'During the shifting sands and the changing times of the last 25 years, the royal family has advanced and adapted in a most remarkable way, and the debt we owe to the Queen and Prince Philip is incalculable.'

The debt they owe us is, however, calculable, and its amount was revealed in the Commons last week.

Taxpayers forked out a total of £1,665,000 last year to keep the royals in flunkies, palaces, yachts and corgi dogs. It was £265,000 more than the previous year and it went up because the Labour government passed a law to make the royal allowance 'inflation-proof'.

Though the figures were known, not a single Fleet Street newspaper mentioned them, until yesterday's revelations in the maverick 'Sunday Express', owned by the late Lord Beaverbrook.

This astronomic Family Income Supplement makes the royal family the biggest scroungers in the welfare state.

Last month Prince Philip had the temerity to protest that too much attention was being paid to the poor and the unfortunate — knowing all the time that the Labour government was about to line his pockets with a £20,000 a year tax-free hand-out.

The royal wage bonanza is revealed at the same time as the Labour government is examining ways of taxing the dole and driving the unemployed deeper into poverty and despair. The government knows that unemployment is going to soar towards 2 million this year. Employment Secretary Albert

PAGE ONE COMMENT

Booth said as much on radio on Saturday (see this page.)

Just as the Ramsay MacDonald government cut the dole in 1931, so Callaghan and Healey are preparing to tax the unemployed to satisfy the demands of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

This government's treachery and contempt for the working class knows no bounds.

The luxurious increase to the royal loafers of Windsor Castle is a provocation to every working man and woman in the land, to the 1.4 million who have been deprived of a job, and the 5 million who live on the poverty line.

For the rest of the year this Jubilee circus will be paraded through acres of sycophantic newsprint, on TV screens and cinemas. It is nothing but a desperate public relations stunt to rally a demoralised middle class round the tattered banner of pomp and patriotism.

As a revolutionary socialist newspaper, we reply to this obnoxious sideshow with a rallying call to the working class:

Campaign in the Labour Party and the trade unions for the abolition of the monarchy, the Lords, the Privy Council and all the archaic trappings of capitalist rule, and the bringing down of the Labour government that keeps them all in business.

● See 'Portrait of a Queen' by Richard Dignam — page 3.



Life is great on the welfare state

Row over 2 million jobless

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EMPLOYMENT Secretary Albert Booth is backtracking on a weekend statement that the number out of work could be 2 million by the end of the year.

He claimed that the newspapers had 'twisted' a sentence he used during a radio interview.

But a transcript of the broadcast shows that Booth did accept the possibility of 2 million unemployed. 'No,' he said, 'I'm not going to totally pooh-poo any figures.'

Yesterday's 'Sunday Telegraph' business survey forecast that 'unemployment will grow more serious as the year goes on'.

'Baby boom'

Most of those forced onto the dole will be young people who were born during the early 1960s 'baby boom', the analysts said.

Booth commented on the rise in youth unemployment saying: 'Ten per cent more people left school this year than last year and they have all to be found jobs.'

Albert Booth

'In the next four or five years there could be a further 800,000 to 1 million people who also will have to be found jobs.' Booth's answer? The dole for them.



FESTIVAL OF TROTSKYISM

SUNDAY MARCH 6, WEMBLEY CONFERENCE CENTRE
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE SEE P.6

£50,000 Development Fund

You know what to expect — so prepare now

OVER THE past week, everyone got a good look at what to expect in 1977.

The Labour government and the TUC leaders are planning another round of wage-cutting; prices are starting to go up as never before; and unemployment is growing.

At the same time, every single working class family knows what is happening to the social services.

Hospitals are being shut or run down, schools are being deprived of funds and proper teaching staff, council estates are falling into a state of complete disrepair.

In the wings, the Tories are urging on the Labour government. Like the bankers, the Tories aren't happy with the level of public spending cuts. They want more.

Our policy is to mobilise the working class to bring down the Labour government and force an immediate General Election.

Our chief concern is for the militancy and independence of the working class to be developed in struggle against the Labour traitors and the Tories as well.

This is where our £50,000 Development Fund comes in. It will give us the means to extend the readership of the daily News Line and the membership of our party.

We have detailed plans to expand the work of our party in the areas of great working class strength but

we need the money to do it.

Our appeal is direct and simple. We want all our members, supporters and readers to give as generously as possible to make this fund a success.

It will mean sacrifice by all of us, but we are not afraid to ask for that.

The history of the Trotskyist movement is based on the struggle for revolutionary socialist policies in the working class and the training and education of a Marxist cadre.

We have never shirked the responsibility of combatting the reformists, the Stalinists or the revisionists. The cutting edge of that fight gives us the great opportunities of today.

Everything must be done to complete the target of £50,000 by the Festival of Trotskyism on Sunday, March 6.

We are relying on you! Over the weekend we received:

Nottingham South £5;
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Bradford West £5;
Huddersfield £20; West
Leeds £6.50; Chelsea £5;
Peckham £21; Coventry
ATUA £4.50; Postal workers
£7; Central Middlesex £2.

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IT IS a short month and we are now at the end of our first week. Please don't let our fund be a huge last-minute effort this month. Make a start now to bring in everything you can.

The Queen's Silver Jubilee only highlights the parasitic role of the royal family. Millions are spent to keep them in luxury while for the working class, there are no resources to end the growing unemployment, huge cuts in social services and enormous attacks on living standards.

The News Line speaks out

on behalf of workers everywhere. We say the fight is against capitalism and all its decadent traditions. Join with us instead to build a revolutionary leadership to prepare the working class politically to take the power and establish the basis for a socialist society.

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OMBUDSMAN TO PROBE VACCINE CHILDREN

BY JOHN SPENCER

THE OMBUDSMAN is to investigate the cases of four children who suffered brain damage following whooping cough vaccinations.

Parents of vaccine-damaged children have been campaigning for compensation for the past three years. The Ombudsman's decision is their first real breakthrough.

Social Services Secretary David Ennals is expected to make a special statement on vaccination in the Commons tomorrow.

Compensation

But he is unlikely to offer compensation unless it is recommended by the Pearson Commission on Civil Liabilities, now studying the question of vaccine damage.

Ombudsman Sir Idwal Pugh decided to intervene despite the

fact that in three of the four cases vaccination occurred over a year ago. The usual time-limit on Ombudsman's investigations is one year.

In a letter to compensation campaigner Jack Ashley MP Pugh says he will be looking at charges that parents who agreed to vaccination were not informed of the risks involved by the Department of Health.

It has been known for some time that whooping-cough vaccine can occasionally produce reactions which can in

rare cases lead to permanent brain damage. Estimates of the risks vary from 1 in 10,000 to one in a million.

Relieved

Mrs Rosemary Fox, secretary of the Association of Parents of Vaccine Damaged Children, said yesterday: 'I'm extremely relieved and very pleased that the Ombudsman has taken this step. This is the biggest breakthrough so far in the campaign.'



Opposition draws big Indian rallies

NEW DELHI — India's main opposition parties drew a bigger and more enthusiastic crowd than prime minister Indira Gandhi yesterday when they launched their election campaign.

The Janata Alliance of four opposition parties joined forces at the mass rally with a group led by former agriculture minister Jagjivan Ram — which broke away from Gandhi's ruling Congress Party last week.

The rally was held at Ramila Arena, where on Saturday Gandhi had trouble with restive crowds and was forced to cut short her campaign-launching speech.

The crowd was markedly more enthusiastic and responsive. This reinforced a growing impression here that Ram's defection from the ruling party, along with two influential state leaders, had carried a tide of public opinion to the opposition camp.

PRISON BRUTALITY PICKET AT HOME SECRETARY'S HOUSE

DEMONSTRATORS staged a peaceful picket outside the home of Home Secretary Merlyn Rees in Middlesex yesterday.

They were protesting against brutality and victimisation of Irish republican prisoners in British jails.

The picket was

outnumbered by a large contingent of police who were stationed in the vicinity of Rees' home in Hatch End.

Protest

The protest was organised by the Prisoners' Aid Committee of the

London provisional Sinn Féin.

Rees has consistently refused to call an independent inquiry into the physical attacks on republican prisoners at Albany Prison on the Isle of Wight.

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PM wants 'zombies' in Commons

THE prime minister was accused of wanting a parliamentary Labour Party composed of 'political hacks and zombies'.

The criticism arose from Callaghan's dismissal of three parliamentary private secretaries who defied whips in the lobbies.

Two weeks earlier, two others suffered the same fate for defying government whips.

Tom Litterick, Labour MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, said yesterday: 'The sacking of these parliamentary private secretaries is ridiculous.'

'It demonstrates that Jim Callaghan is a rigid authoritarian whose interest in democracy is only marginal and who wants a Parliamentary Labour Party composed entirely of political hacks and zombies who are prepared to act only in relation to their desire to get a job and a lucrative career.'

'The people who are the Labour Party will be surprised and demoralised.'

Mr Sydney Bidwell, MP for

Southall, said: 'This is Callaghan's style.'

'But anyone who takes on the job of a Minister's sandwich-carrier is expected to toe the government line, and anybody who does not wish to conform should not take the job in the first place.'

'If they want to criticise the government they should stay out of the circle. It is no good offering me a job.'

Ian Mikardo, MP for Bethnal Green and Bow, has described the sackings as 'dictatorial stupidity' on the part of the Prime Minister.

How Fleet Street saw the reigning monarch on Jubilee Day

PORTRAIT OF A QUEEN

Deprived

□ HAS the Queen any daydreams? Yes indeed. She would like to ride unrecognised on a red London bus. To wander unaccompanied in a store. To catch a commuter train. To rent a week-end cottage in the country.

But these simple facets of life are banned for her — forever.

Audrey Whiting, 'Sunday Mirror'

Home life

□ Dressed and sitting down to breakfast, she would listen to the BBC news, peppered with the comments of her husband, who liked to provide his own running commentary on the world's events, and then for a quarter of an hour outside the dining room window Pipe Major MacDonald of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders would march up and down playing his bagpipes.

Robert Lacey, 'Sunday Times'

Some enchanted mornings...

□ She revels in the enchantment of rising at dawn to watch them come thundering past her down the dew-covered gallops and then to walk around the stables afterwards striking their glistening sides and talking horse talk with the nut-brown little men who worship at the same shrine.

Robert Lacey

And afternoons...

□ Jumping in and out of Landrovers with great wet Labradors is her idea of a perfect afternoon.

Robert Lacey

Ideal

□ A silver wedding photograph of Elizabeth II and Prince Philip showed them wearing a sweater and open necked shirt respectively. Each Queen has known how to achieve her own ideal.

Lady Longford wife of Lord Pörn

□ There are, however, times when the Queen may be called on to play a more tangible role than reading government papers and making what comments she thinks appropriate. In certain circumstances, when there is genuine doubt about the existence, or nature of a political majority in the Commons, the residual rights of the monarch to determine whether there should be a dissolution of parliament or who to send for could be a reality.

'Sunday Times' leader

What the equerry saw...

□ 'Do come inside and meet the Queen,' says an equerry. And in a small sitting room you find her enjoying gin and tonic before lunch in an orange pullover, among a lot of other people dressed in tweeds.

Robert Lacey



Hospital visits

□ She turns and there indeed is an angelic child, poignantly bandaged, its eyes shining with excitement at her arrival. And her face from smiling suddenly goes dead. She stares fiercely, almost unseeing at the child, then turns abruptly to walk on down the ward.

Robert Lacey

The hostess with the mostest

□ Her guests at Windsor could watch the planes in and out of Heathrow while they relaxed in the swimming pool, or, if privileged, sit on the Duke of Edinburgh's fully-saddled model pony to swipe polo-balls at tightly stretched netting.

Robert Lacey

Verse and worse...

□ In days of disillusion

However low we've been

To fire us and inspire us

God gave to us our Queen.

Sir John Betjeman, Poet Laureate

Mabel's night out...

□ She came especially to relish 'Mabel's night out' when the absence of the children's nanny gave her the chance to bath, change and put her sons to bed herself.

Look after the pennies...

□ When Charles lost a dog lead at Sandringham his mother sent him out next day to find it. 'Dog leads,' she said, 'cost money.'

Robert Lacey

At the wheel

□ Elizabeth II is well aware of the resentments that her special position and life-style can arouse in the rest of mankind. 'I quite agree with you, madam,' she once said as her car swept past a woman yelling with fury at the royal vehicle that had splattered her with mud in a lane near Sandringham. 'Hmmm?' said the Duke. 'What did she say darling?' 'She said, "bastards" replied the Queen.'

Robert Lacey, 'Sunday Times'

Meeting the People

□ In May, 1956, the Queen initiated a new method of receiving people at the Palace, over informal lunches to which would come half a dozen guests — at her earliest gatherings the editor of 'The Times', the Bishop of London, the Managing Director of Wembley Stadium, the headmaster of Eton and the Chairman of the National Coal Board. The intention was to give the Queen some contact with a cross-section of the country.

Robert Lacey

A Queen's Best Friend

□ Usually home by five, the Queen would kick off her shoes and into her room a footman would bear a tray of three dishes and several bowls containing separately cooked meat, gravy and dog biscuits. Over the carpet would be spread a white plastic sheet and bowls placed on it, and then, with a silver fork and spoon, the Queen would distribute the ingredients to her corgis, mixing the recipes she knew each of her pets preferred.

Robert Lacey

UN secretary meets with Arafat

DAMASCUS — UN Secretary General Kurt Waldheim flew on to Saudi Arabia yesterday on the next stop of his Middle East 'peace' mission.

Before leaving, he said: 'This is the last chance we have. If we fail, the danger of a military confrontation will be very near.'

Meeting

As well as meeting Syrian President Assad and Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam, Waldheim also had a meeting here with Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Arafat returned to Beirut yesterday. Earlier there had been speculation that he might meet King Hussein of Jordan, who arrived in Damascus yesterday for talks with Syrian leaders. The PLO chairman and the King have not met since Black September 1970, when the Jordanian army was launched against Palestinians in Amman.

A Palestinian delegation, headed by Khaled al-Fahoum, speaker of the Palestine National Council, is expected in Amman today for talks. There

were also reports from Amman that an Arab mini-summit, including Jordanian and PLO delegates, will be held in Damascus next month.

Egypt, Syria and Lebanon would also be at the summit. The Egyptian and Syrian governments have confirmed a joint command agreement between them. An Egyptian Foreign Ministry delegation is to have talks with Soviet officials next week, expected to touch on revival of the Geneva Middle East Peace conference.



Bob Wright



Terence Duffy

Wright stands for AUEW president

BOB WRIGHT was selected yesterday as the main 'left-wing' candidate to become president of the AUEW engineering union. Current president Hugh Scanlon is to retire soon.

Wright, recently elected to the AUEW's assistant secretaryship, has been promised 'whole-hearted support' by Scanlon.

About 280 delegates met in Birmingham yesterday to rubber-stamp his candidature.

At a similar caucus meeting in Leeds on Saturday, Midlands AUEW executive member Terence Duffy was selected as the main right-wing candidate.

Duffy and Wright contested the election for the post of Midlands executive member in 1975 and the former won comfortably. The Tory

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

Press will give rabid support to Duffy — who is a creature of the anti-communist bureaucracy in the AUEW. But Wright, speaking after his selection yesterday poured out the usual double-talk about what his policies were.

Other candidates will also be standing in the election later this year. Scanlon is due to retire in October 1978.

HAPPY TO JOIN FIGHTERS

FRANCISTON, Botswana — Only 51 of the 400 African school pupils who crossed into Botswana last week have agreed to return to Rhodesia with their parents. About 140 parents had travelled to Franciston at the weekend to see their children.

Bulawayo clerk Samson Nare, whose 17-year-old daughter Listanelo was one of those

who have chosen to stay said: 'I really expected my child to go with me.'

'The child is very happy', he observed, 'I do not know what has made her so happy.'

Most of the youth are waiting now for their next move — to train in Zambia as guerrilla fighters against the white racists. Of the 51 who went back with their parents most were girls aged under 16.

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Windscale men insist on lay-off pay

ABOUT 2,000 workers from the Windscale and Calder Hall nuclear plant in West Cumbria voted overwhelmingly at a mass meeting yesterday to continue the ten-day-old strike that has brought work at the reactor fuel reprocessing factory to a standstill.

The strike has shut down the atomic generators which send electricity into the national grid.

A total of 4,000 workers are affected by the strike which began over the payment of 1,000 men. The men had been sent home by management as a result of an earlier strike by 30 changing room attendants whose job it is to issue protective clothing to workers risking radiation contamination.

The workers' meeting, held on Whitehaven Rugby League club's ground, was called after top level weekend talks between senior representatives of the employers, British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, and officers of the six trade unions involved.

A peace formula put forward by the employers to the men offered payment of £15 a man for everyone involved to return to work so that negotiations to resolve the dispute could continue. This was turned down by a big majority.

Dispute shuts airport

GLASGOW airport was closed to passenger flights at the weekend in a dispute involving 44 firemen. The firemen said the dispute was a 'lock-out'.

They stopped work after the British Airports Authority said they would be taken off the payroll unless they called off a work-to-rule.

Shop stewards' chairman John Dobbie said the men would not return until they withdrew the 'ultimatum'.

A meeting of shop stewards has been fixed for today, but the men themselves are not due to meet until Thursday. He said that the dispute was primarily over manning levels and duties which the men say are not part of their normal tasks.

Delivery drivers call off strike

DRIVERS at six Coventry car delivery firms have called off a strike due start today. Talks on their demands are to be held.

There is still no production at Triumph, Coventry, however, because the delivery drivers are refusing to cross picket lines set up by paint shop workers who are protesting over a time and motion study exercise.



NATIONAL STRIKE PLANNED AGAINST DOCK CLOSURE

DOCKS shop stewards from 22 ports threatened a one-day national strike when they met in Preston, Lancs, on Saturday.

The packed meeting was the biggest unofficial gathering of its kind in the history of the docks industry.

The strike threat was unanimously decided upon in opposition to plans to close the port of Preston.

But the tough, uncompromising words spoken at the meeting also reflected growing anger by dockers over jobs and wages.

It was learned, for example, that Southampton dockers are still refusing to sign a wages deal outstanding since January.

Threats

Phil O'Hagan, of the Preston docks action committee, said after the meeting: 'Take it from me, the one-day strike is definitely on.'

'Feelings are running very high indeed over this issue. We all firmly believe the port will

not close despite threats being made by Preston council.'

O'Hagan said the date for the national docks strike had not yet been fixed. 'The possibility of an all-out national strike cannot be ruled out,' he added.

Industrial action on this issue would put the dockers on collision course with the Labour government.

The Labour cabinet has so far refused to intervene against the decision of Preston's Tory-controlled council to shut the port — sacking 500 dockworkers and spreading unemployment through local industry.

Last year the port made a loss of £1,250,000, say the Tories.

But Labour's Transport Secretary William Rodgers has made it clear there can be no

cash aid provided under the Industry Act or the Harbour Act of 1964.

He has also rejected suggestions that the government's Temporary Employment Subsidy should be made available.

Campaign

Dockers will now want to know what transport union secretary Jack Jones intends to do. Last year Jones committed himself to supporting the campaign to keep Preston open.

Saturday's meeting expressed the view that the planned closure was a direct threat to the National Dock Labour Scheme.

A re-called meeting of the stewards is being held in Preston on March 5.

Confident action by Wigan dustmen

WIGAN — Dustmen at the Frog Lane Depot are now in the third week of work-to-rule action against public spending cuts.

The Labour government has axed £7m from Wigan Metro Council's budget for next year.

The council are proposing to cut the men's overtime with total hours down from 45 to 40 hours a week.

During 18 months of negotiations the council only came up with one offer — a compensation fee of £300 — which has been rejected at two mass meetings.

Shop Steward Joe Baxter says: 'If we accept the cuts and the offer we stand to lose

£9 a week and the Metro would get their money back in 34 weeks.'

NUPE area officer Alan Clegg says: 'If we do not get a firm agreement, I can see the action escalating. The men would have to decide whether or not to strike.'

Over the past week there has been no contact between the council and the union.

The men have called a mass meeting for Friday to decide on further action.

Corby steelmen reject 'go back' plea

ATTEMPTS to halt an unofficial strike by labourers at the British Steel Works in Corby, Northants, failed yesterday. A spokesman for the Iron and Steel Trades Federation said later: 'It has taken a very serious turn.'

The strike is by 110 men involved in general labouring work. It began on Friday after a shop steward was sacked by the management after allegations that threats of violence had been made.

John Cowling, ISTF executive member called on a mass meeting of the men to end the strike.

He said later: 'It has taken a

very serious turn. The men will not accept a recommendation to return to work.

'We don't negotiate under duress. This is turning into a power struggle between the men and the management. There will be a further meeting tomorrow.'

He said it was likely the men involved would approach other branches to take action.

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Army calling the tune in Spain?

MADRID — Spanish police are holding a supporter of left-wing political prisoners, and reportedly attempting to link him with the shadowy underground group responsible for recent kidnappings.

The move follows demands from military chiefs for tougher repression against the left. And reports on the arrested left-winger appeared the day after the announcement of more spending on arms, and news that an Army general may take over the Interior Ministry.

The police yesterday did not confirm reports, which appeared in all the Madrid dailies that they were questioning a man called Luis Alonso Ribeiro, believed to be a member of Socorro Rojo (Red Aid), a group which aids political prisoners.

The papers said four other

people had been detained along with Alonso Ribeiro. The arrests had followed the shooting of three policemen in Madrid, and the kidnapping of General Emilio Villaescusa Quilis, president of the supreme military court.

A group calling itself Grapo — or 1st October Groups of Anti-Fascist Resistance — claimed responsibility for the shootings and the kidnapping.

Reports that the same gun was used both in the police killings and in the earlier massacre of a group of labour lawyers, lent weight to suspicion here that Grapo, supposedly an ultra-left group, is really acting as a cover for rightist provocateurs.

A senior Interior Ministry official, Jose Miguel Orit Bordas, insisted, however, in an interview published yesterday, that Grapo had been responsible for killings and kidnappings, and was a leftist organisation.

In a move seen as placating rightist Army generals — and bringing Spain in line with NATO requirements — a new

military budget announced at the weekend is to give more money to the armed forces for modernisation.

By a Royal decree, funds are to be made available for the forces to complete their 1976-9 modernisation plan, extended for another three years due to increased costs.

Only three weeks ago, the government gave the armed forces an additional 4,530m pesetas (£41m) to purchase new equipment, despite the current

economic slump and austerity cuts elsewhere.

The decree was signed on January 25, the day after Villaescusa Quilis was kidnapped.

The king saw second deputy premier Alfonso Orosario Garcia at the weekend, amid press speculation of a cabinet reshuffle. Among changes being mentioned was that an Army general may be given charge of the Interior Ministry, to have a crack-down on the working class and the left.

Junta torturers go free

ATHENS — Four senior police officers, convicted of torturing political prisoners during the rule of the colonel's junta, have been freed by an appeal court.

The court quashed the convictions of two retired police lieutenant generals and reduced the prison sentences of a major and a captain to fines.

General Constantine Karabatsos, General Xenophon Tzavaras, and Captain Mavroyannis Moroyannis had each been sentenced to three years' jail last October. Major George Karagiorgos had received two years and four months.

The charges against them included causing grievous bodily harm to imprisoned opponents of the seven-year military regime, which was brought down in 1974.

A fifth police officer convicted on the same charge, retired Lieutenant Colonel Vassilios Pavatas, had his six-year sentence reduced to 23 months in prison by the appeal court.

Sadat hits at the left

CAIRO — The Sadat regime in Egypt is preparing a series of trials of workers and youth arrested during last month's riots over food price increases.

Forty-two people are to be tried before a State Security Court, on charges of subversion, looting, murder and rioting in the delta town of Mansoura, Prosecutor-General Ibrahim Kalyoubi said at the weekend.

In a statement to the official Middle East News Agency, Kalyoubi said the accused were also charged with having distributed leaflets advocating the overthrow of the Sadat regime.



Sadat

● **TRIPOLI** — Libyan president Muammar Gaddafi has told Egypt's Sadat it would take half a century to 'wipe off the shame brought on by you and which we are trying hard to correct'.

Referring to a statement by Sadat that differences could be settled in half a minute, Gaddafi replied in a cable quoted by the Libyan ARNA news agency:

'How could we end in half a minute a problem of high treason, in which the Arab national is being betrayed and the existence of the Zionist entity in the heart of the Arab homeland legitimised.'



Gaddafi

OPEC oil price split deepens

Kuwait minister's warning

KUWAIT — The Saudi Arabian government has rejected an attempted compromise on oil prices aimed at restoring unity among oil-exporting countries, according to a report here.

The Kuwaiti newspaper 'al Watan' says the Saudis have rejected an offer by most fellow oil exporting countries to drop a proposed 5 per cent price increase in July, in return for Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates increasing the price of their oil by five per cent.

Sheikh Abdul-Aziz bin Khalifa, the Petroleum and Finance Minister of Qatar and currently president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, has been canvassing OPEC members



Desert production rig in the United Arab Emirates, at Abu Dhabi

for support on this proposal.

All OPEC members except Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates increased their prices by 10 per cent on January 1. The Saudis and their allies raised their prices by only 5 per cent.

Since then both Iran and Kuwait have seen their exports suffer by competition with the cheaper oils. Kuwait oil production fell last month by one third.

The Qatar proposal, to level the increases off at 10 per cent all round, was designed to stop the developing competition, which has already led to economic difficulties in Iran and Kuwait, and threatened political relations in the Gulf.

The report that Saudi Arabia has rejected the compromise

comes within a couple of days of a warning by Kuwaiti oil minister Abdel-Mutaleb al-Kazimi that 'defeat will be the fate of OPEC' if the present two-tier price system continued.

Since the January 1 increase, Kuwaiti crude costs \$12.37 a barrel. A similar quality crude from Saudi Arabia is being sold at \$11.69 a barrel, while a better quality crude which the Saudis also produce is priced at \$12.09.

Minister al-Kazimi, in a television interview, said Kuwaiti oil production had fallen from an average of 1.8 million barrels a day to 1.2 million. Demand was weak because producers of lighter oils (better quality) were offering theirs at cheaper rates.

He said he expected production to rise this month,

because buyers of Kuwaiti oil must honour contracts to balance their purchases every three months. Kuwait has recently rejected demands by major buyers to reduce the amount of oil for which they have contracted.

But al-Kazimi warned OPEC states could only achieve their rights through solidarity. 'Defeat will be the fate of OPEC if a compromise is not found to end the dual price system'.

According to 'al Watan', the Saudis have rejected the proposed 10-per-cent compromise, and suggested instead a 7-per-cent increase for all OPEC members. The paper said that the Saudis argued that any bigger increase would harm the world economy.

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VAT rise in Italy

ROME — Italian newspapers have reacted sceptically to the government's latest austerity package, saying it will accelerate inflation rather than halt it.

Among the new measures are to be an increase in Value-Added Tax from 12 to 14 per cent on most manufactured products, and standardisation of the rate for luxury goods at 32 per cent.

The moves were agreed by the cabinet on Friday, following a meeting the previous night of government and other party leaders, including the leaders of the Communist Party, who have been supporting the government.

Italy's applications for more credit from the International Monetary Fund are dependent on the government finding ways to cut public spending and labour costs drastically.

The VAT increases are designed to raise an extra 1,400 lire (£930m) so that firms can have their social security contributions reduced thus cutting labour costs.

But the influential daily 'Corriere della Sera' which speaks for the Milan industrialists, said at the weekend, that the 'government decisions' seem 'clearly insufficient', adding that any benefits would be long-term.

The tax increases, however,

will prove inflationary within a short time, the paper complained. Italy's inflation rate has been averaging around 2 per cent a year.

The big issue which is still to be faced is the pay escalator system, linking automatic pay rises to the cost of living.

Finance Minister Filippo Pandolfi said the government intends to prevent the VAT increases from effecting calculations for the escalator.

But this would require special legislation. The ruling Christian Democrats are under pressure from both the IMF and within their party to curb the escalator, but they also rely on the votes of the Communist Party deputies to get their austerity programme through.

The CP Stalinists would find it difficult to justify a retreat on the escalator, with the trade unions committed to defend the system. The escalator is regarded by Italian trade unionists as one of their main achievements. Only last week, while signing a deal with the employers' federation to cut costs, the union leaders had to demand a prior assurance that the escalator would not be touched.

Andreotti bombing attempt foiled?

ROME — Italian police may have foiled an assassination attempt on Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti yesterday. The police say they found a bomb comprising several sticks of dynamite yesterday on a train due to arrive at Rome's Tiburtina station from Naples.

Andreotti was due to arrive at the same station from northern Italy by another train, shortly after the arrival of the train with the bomb on board. But his train was stopped by police at a station outside the capital, and he was taken home by car.

The police said they received an anonymous tip-off from Naples about the bomb. The dynamite was found, just before it was due to explode, hidden in a toilet on the train.

South Africa
Unemployment rising
10,000 each month

MORE than a million African workers are now unemployed in South Africa. And a worsening recession is adding to the total by more than 10,000 a month.

In a detailed study produced for one of the country's leading banks, Professor P.J. van der Merwe of Pretoria University has calculated that on June 30 last year, unemployment stood at 151,000 in the urban areas.

In the rural areas, leaving out the so-called 'black homelands' assigned by the racist regime, the figure on the same date was 377,000.

In the 'homeland' areas — the 'bantustans' — an accurate unemployment category is difficult to demarcate. Many people who cannot get jobs will stay with relatives trying to scratch out a living in subsistence farming on poor

soils. But Professor van der Merwe estimates that there were 396,000 unemployed in the 'homeland' areas in June last year.

This makes a combined total of 924,000 unemployed. With unemployment increasing since then at a rate estimated to be at least 9,000 to 12,000 a month, this means the total must now be well over a million.

After last year's massive movement among the school-age youth of the African ghettos, the working unemployment rate is causing considerable fear among the privileged white minority, who realise they are sitting on a rumbling volcano.

• Canberra — unemployment in Australia rose to a record 354,589, or 5.8 per cent of the work force, during January this year according to official statistics issued yesterday.

Ancient Georgian city discovered

MOSCOW — The remains of an ancient city, built some 2,000 years ago and with a temple, palaces and bath houses, have been discovered in Soviet Georgia, TASS news agency reports.

Archaeologists found a depiction of Dionysus, the ancient Greek god of wine, among the remains of the temple. Large earthenware vessels used for maturing wine

were found where houses once stood.

The find, in northeast Georgia, confirmed accounts by ancient historians of a large city which existed in the area about 2,000 years ago, TASS said.

Part of the present-day Georgia, on the Black Sea, was known as Colchis to the ancient Greeks, who colonised the area.

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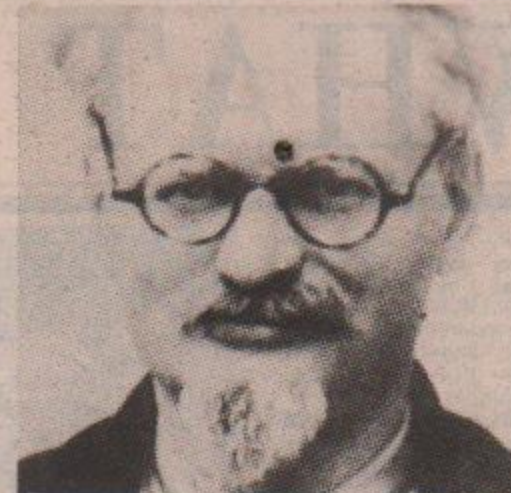
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WHAT IS TROTSKYISM?

By
Cliff
Slaughter



THIRTY-SEVEN years ago Leon Trotsky was assassinated. The murder was plotted and carried out by the secret police of Stalin and the Soviet bureaucracy, the GPU.

Trotsky was, after Lenin, the most outstanding leader of the Russian Revolution of October 1917, in which capitalism was overthrown.

Capitalist governments all over the world lived in fear of the Third (Communist) International in which he shared the top leadership. His name, as the organiser of the October uprising and then of the Red Army, struck fear into the hearts of the bourgeoisie everywhere. And yet it was the Stalinists, bureaucrats who falsely claimed to be the heirs of Marx, Engels, Lenin and the October Revolution, who struck him down.

Attack

Before Trotsky, they killed Zinoviev, Kamenev, Radek, Pyatakov, Bukharin and every single remaining leader of the Russian Revolution except Stalin himself.

Now the right-wing Labour Cabinet, in the person of Mrs Shirley Williams, Minister of Education, takes up the attack at the side of the Stalinists. What is the reason for this apparently strange alliance? The right-wing Labour leaders, of course, have always acted historically within their party to deny any freedoms to Trotskyists, but now Mrs Williams has actually ventured

to discuss the ideas of Trotskyism.

Naturally these great 'democrats' like to choose their own terms for a discussion. 'The Guardian' took almost a full page on January 22, 1977, to print her diatribe against Trotskyism, and she was front-page news and material for leader column praise in both that paper and the following day's 'Observer'.

'Freedom of the Press' will not extend to giving similar space to Trotskyists to reply.

Not only that: the Labour government of which she is part was behind a 100-strong police raid of the education centre of the Workers Revolutionary Party, trying to intimidate those present, on September 28-29, 1975.

Another page in the edition of the 'Observer' which reported her speech, carried the news that these same 'democrats', in the person of her fellow Cabinet Minister Mr Roy Mason, are recommending government censorship of BBC reporting from the north of Ireland!

All this is reminiscent of what Mrs Williams and her friends did when the Labour Party's Young Socialists voted in conference for the policy and leadership of Trotskyism in 1964: they simply expelled the elected national chairman and other national committee members and changed the constitution of the youth movement to deprive it of all independent powers.

So, when Mrs Williams asks: 'Do you accept that, if the cause of socialism (as you define it) and the cause of democracy should come into conflict, you will stand by democracy?'

We say that the real question for her and the Labour leadership is: 'If the survival of capitalism and your own privileges requires the ditching of democracy, will you not scrap that democracy?'

They have answered the question in practice: their

blood-brothers Noske, Ebert and Scheidemann, leaders of the German Social Democracy appointed to government at the end of World War I, conspired with the German military to butcher the vanguard of the German working class and preserve capitalist order.

The Labour leaders in Britain, ably assisted by the political line imposed on the Communist Party by Stalin, betrayed the 1926 General Strike, and thus condemned the working class to a long period of defeat.

This betrayal was a decisive

the historical crisis of capitalism had reached the point where capitalist (bourgeois) parliamentary democracy was powerless to prevent fascist dictatorship.

Capitalist parliamentary democracy is not a thing in itself, an absolute: it is a form of capitalist rule. It is a subordinate part of the capitalist state, bodies of armed men (police and army), which rules over the working class.

At a definite point in history in every capitalist country the crisis of the system becomes so

contrary, it must mobilise its independent strength and make the bid for winning state power under the leadership of the revolutionary working-class party.

Trotskyism is Marxism, carried forward and developed into this period of imperialism, of wars and revolutions and of the betrayals of Labourism and Stalinism. It is the body of theory and the revolutionary practice represented by the International Committee of the Fourth International whose section in Britain is the Workers Revolutionary Party.

What we have written down here about democracy, capitalism, and socialism is the lesson of Trotsky's and Lenin's theory and practice in the struggle of the international working class.

Mrs Williams, who now devotes so much time to attacking a distorted caricature of Trotsky's ideas, spent her political life, up to a few weeks ago, telling everyone that Trotsky, Lenin, Marx and Engels were outdated doctrinaires whose ideas had no relevance whatsoever for the working class of a country like Britain.

Now she is burning the midnight oil looking for quotations which will put a shiver down the spine of every one of her fellow middle-class parasites on the working class and galvanise them into actions against the most advanced workers and youth. We might say — a spectre is haunting the reformist Labour bureaucracy: the spectre of Trotskyism!

Why? Why now? After all these years?

We can be very blunt. The reformist bureaucracy is temporarily entrusted with the means of government in this country under conditions where state bankruptcy is staring the ruling class in the face.

In the next few years, a debt of nearly £20 billion must be paid to the international bankers. This

can only come from one source — from the backs of the working class.

But the British working class, on official figures, are now the worst paid in the whole of the 'advanced, capitalist world'. Wages have fallen far behind prices. One and a half million are jobless. The health and education services, housing and local government, all welfare amenities, are literally to be dismantled.

Vast industrial complexes are faced with total shutdown in the inevitable deepening of the slump internationally. Revolutionary struggles of the working class are unavoidable.

Trotskyism is the preparation and education of the working class, through the building of the Workers Revolutionary Party and its youth section, the Young Socialists, for the victory in these struggles.

Agents

Mrs Williams and the Labour leaders are the agents of the capitalist class in the labour movement trusted with the task of weakening the working class, tying it to the capitalist state and law and order (called 'democracy') so that capitalism can double the rate of exploitation and restore its profits for a few more desperate years.

They cannot do that without the use of unemployment and every other means to divide and weaken the working class. The Labour government, sustained by the Communist Party in the unions and the foreign policy of the Soviet government, is the principal instrument for holding down the working class while the capitalists complete their preparations. It is on their behalf that Mrs Williams attacks Trotskyism.

The choice is basically no different from Germany before Hitler's victory in 1933. The

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WILLIAMS ... Takes up attack on Trotskyism alongside the Stalinists

link in the chain of events which led to the success of Hitler in Germany. These Labour leaders, bleating about 'democracy' and 'the rule of law' in the way Mrs Williams does, used these phrases only to impose fatal limits on the action and independent struggle of the working class, making the victory of Hitler and Franco possible.

Fascism was the real result of their championship of bourgeois democracy. This was because

severe that the strength of the working class can no longer be contained by the mechanism of parliamentary democracy. The class enemy develops new ways of ruling — fascist bands and the fascist corporate state — and scraps parliamentary institutions.

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reformists and Stalinists do everything to prevent the unity and mobilisation of the working class for power, while the big bankers and monopolists complete their plans for dictatorship.

The difference today is that Trotskyism is a developed force, with its independent Party, daily newspaper, youth movement, and above all political and theoretical identity. To smash Trotskyism as a growing force is therefore the priority for the capitalists, for the Stalinist bureaucracy and for Mrs Williams and the Labour government.

Mrs Williams reserves great praise for what is now called (following Willy Brandt) Euro-communism. She refers to the Communist Parties of Britain, Spain, France, Italy and other countries, whose leaders have stated that they will defend the capitalist order of their own countries and renounce all revolutionary aims.

Distorted

The talk of these parties being independent of the Kremlin is entirely distorted. For example, Brezhnev two weeks ago pronounced that one of the reasons for Italy's economic and political crisis was that there were too many strikes! The opportunism of these 'communist' parties in becoming directly subservient to their own capitalist classes coincides with the interests of the Soviet bureaucracy in seeking 'peaceful co-existence' (i.e. no disturbance of the status quo, the balance of power) with imperialism.

If and when a military conflict does break out, then of course the danger to the conquests of the working class in the USSR (the nationalised state property, the exclusion of international capital from the country) would be enormously heightened by the desertion of these Stalinist parties, unable to resist the pressure of their 'own' ruling classes.

Only Trotskyism defends the gains of the October revolution from imperialism and from the Soviet bureaucracy.

Trotskyism is the theory and the movement led by Trotsky, which analysed and fought against the 'nationalist' tendency of Stalinism from its very origins back in 1924, when Stalin first introduced into the Bolshevik Party the theory of 'socialism in a single country'.

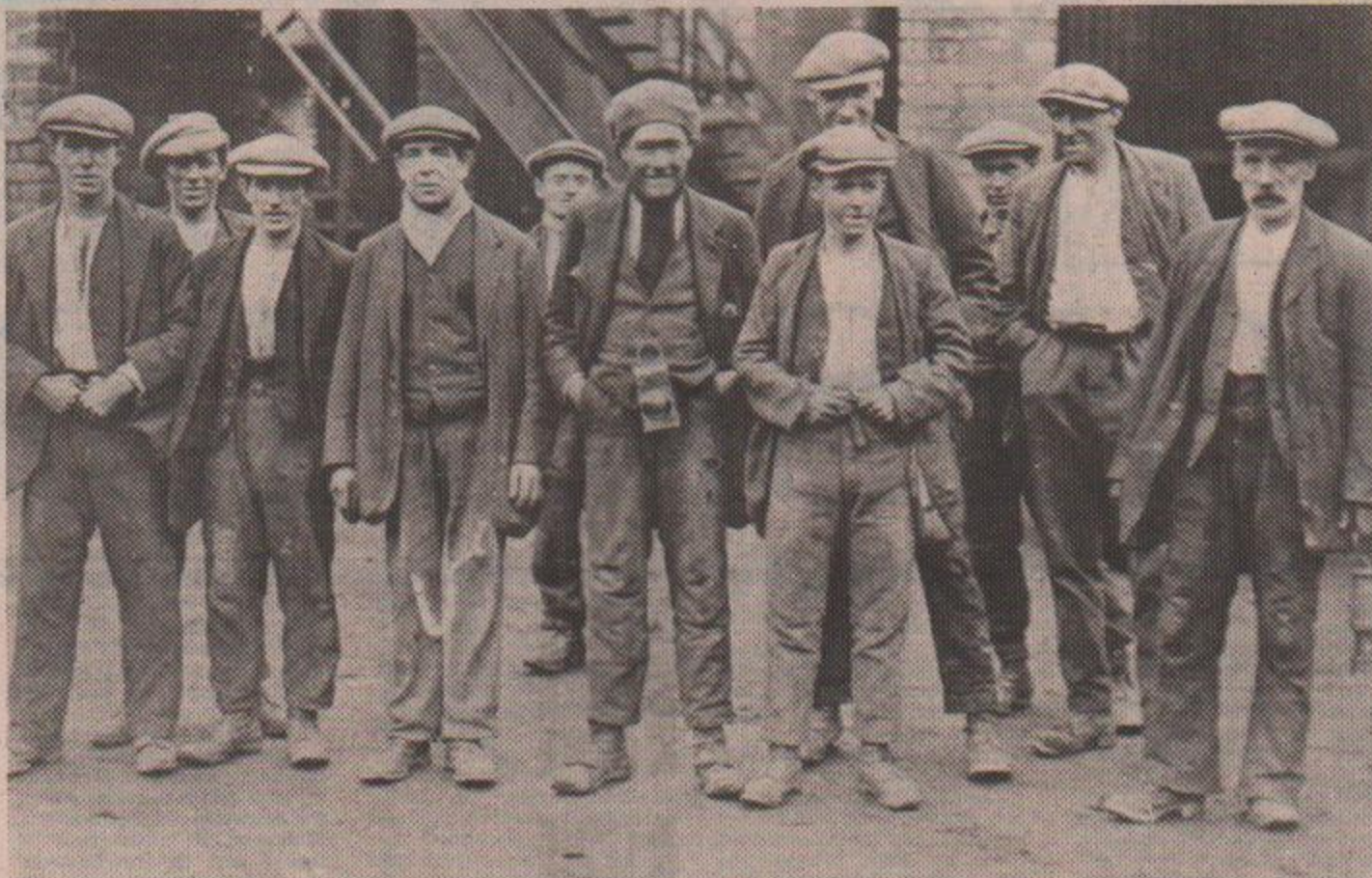
Theory

This theory, which is the very root of Stalinism, was in fact not original at all. It came from the very same social democracy which Mrs Shirley Williams espouses. Its author was the German reformist Vollmar as long ago as 1878.

Like Stalin, he argued from the uneven development of world capitalism and the impossibility of a simultaneous socialist revolution in all countries: 'Thus,' he wrote, 'we have come to the isolated socialist state, which I hope I have proven to be the most probable, although not the only possible way'.

Vollmar then saw a period of peaceful co-existence between this 'isolated socialist state' and world capitalism. At least Vollmar had in mind an industrially advanced country like Germany, whereas Stalin took over and applied this theory to economically and culturally backward Russia.

From this revision of Marxist internationalism, Stalin and the



The Labour leaders in Britain, ably assisted by the political line imposed on the Communist Party by Stalin (centre), betrayed the 1926 General Strike (left), condemning the work-

bureaucracy in the conditions of backward isolated Russia, broke from any control by the working class itself and became a parasitic and privileged growth on the workers' state. From this position of independence of the masses, they brutally cut down their opponents, in the first place Trotsky's supporters in the Left Opposition.

When Trotsky was fighting against these repressions, and after 1933 for a political revolution to restore Soviet democracy, the reformist ancestors of Mrs Williams were allies of the Stalinists in 'defence of democracy' which was supposed through the 'popular front' to stop fascism.

Paralysed

They were the ones who paralysed the working class in Spain and France in 1935-39, hammering home the last nails in the coffin of a Europe in which World War was inevitable from the time of Hitler's accession to power in 1933.

Only Trotsky and the Left Opposition provided any analysis and leadership for the working class in these years. The reformists and middle-class critics used Stalin's crimes to condemn socialism and Leninism.

Trotsky relentlessly subjected every defeat and every crisis of the workers' state to a Marxist scientific analysis. It was the isolation of the Soviet state from the world revolution and the acceptance of a capitulation to this isolation by the bureaucracy which accounted for the particularly malevolent character of the contradictions of the transitional period in the USSR.

As Stalin's faction caved in to this pressure of the bureaucracy, and through it, of imperialism, so the usurpation of workers' democracy by the bureaucratic state apparatus and the party machine became irresistible.

The Moscow Trials and the dictatorship of Stalin proved Trotsky right.

Internationally, Trotsky saw the defeat of the 1926 General Strike in Britain and of the Chinese Revolution of 1927 as historic landmarks. These were

the first consequences of the bureaucracy's abandonment of the independence of the revolutionary party. With capitulation to bureaucracy in the USSR went abandonment of the revolutionary role of the working class and the Communist Parties internationally.

Stalin's line was to forfeit independent communist leadership and the political independence of the working class for some sort of alliance and actual subordination to the middle-class nationalists or the reformist bureaucracy.

This appeared to provide secure conditions within which 'socialism in one country' could be built. But it was Trotsky whom history proved right. From these defeats came the weakening of the international working class and the revolutionary leadership, and from this the eventual defeats in Germany (1933) and Spain (1936-1938), the inevitability of World War II, with the dangers of destruction of the workers' state.

Once Hitler had triumphed in 1933, Trotsky concluded that the role of the bureaucracy was counter-revolutionary and from then on the formation of the Fourth International (1938) was an absolute necessity.

This is Trotskyism — the scientific analysis and struggle to intervene in an objective process resulting from the laws of development of capitalism.

It is not a matter of argument about 'democracy in general'. It is a matter of the struggle of the working class, the only revolutionary force in modern society, in the period when capitalism itself can no longer tolerate the preservation of bourgeois democracy itself.

The issue is revolution or counter-revolution.

This issue sometimes fades into the background for several years, as it did in the major capitalist countries after the Stalinist betrayal at the end of World War II, but Marxists (Trotskyists) understand that that is only the contradictory form in which the revolutionary opposites mature and force the issue to an even more intensive and extensive degree.

So that today the British working class is forced into revolutionary battles, not just by

the particularly acute historical contradictions of British capitalism, but above all by the concentration in Britain of the contradictions maturing in world capitalism and the world revolution.

Mrs Williams and the Labour bureaucracy sense that Trotskyism must now be openly declared the main danger, because Trotskyism is the organised consciousness of this objective necessity of world revolution in each country.

Trotsky made profound contributions to Marxism on this score, none of which Mrs Williams is capable of discussing. Of these matters, she displays an amazing ignorance... even for a Labour Minister of Education in the tradition of Mr Reg Prentice.

Analysis

It was Trotsky who put forward the theory of Permanent Revolution as far back as 1905. On the basis of Marx's theories and a Marxist analysis of the class forces in Russia, he showed that, even in backward countries where capitalism has not yet overthrown feudalism, the coming revolution must be led by the working class.

This offended the 'orthodox' Marxists who pointed out that in these countries the material pre-conditions (above all the forces of production) for building socialism did not yet exist.

They failed to see that every country's struggles were inevitably drawn into the melting pot of the developing international revolution, which was socialist in character, and that these preconditions for socialism had been created by capitalism internationally.

Lenin's theory of imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism in which the world is divided between a few great powers representing powerful banks and monopolies, a world system which 'broke at its weakest link' in Russia, shows us most clearly what the implications of Trotsky's theory were.

It meant that the fate of the working class in every country depended on the leadership of a party which was above all international, starting from the

world economy and its contradictions, from the world revolution and its strategy.

It was on this basis that Trotsky denounced the German Social Democratic (Labour) leaders in 1919, who betrayed and drowned in blood the German Revolution, as the ones fundamentally responsible for the isolation of the USSR and the eventual triumph of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

With a successful revolution in Germany, the revolutionary forces in the Bolshevik Party and the Soviet working class would have been enormously strengthened both politically and economically, and Stalin's faction would have been defeated. The epoch was one of world socialist revolution.

The one great crisis which remained to be resolved was the crisis of revolutionary working-class leadership.

It was this same perspective of world revolution which formed the basis of Trotsky's last long struggle (begun by Lenin himself) against Stalin and the Soviet bureaucracy (see Lenin's Testament in 'Moscow Trials Anthology', New Park Publications).

This bureaucracy subordinated the revolutionary

struggle in other countries to the tactics of its own strengthening and self-preservation in the USSR.

The nationalised property remained intact and still does today, but the bureaucracy, by first corroding the Bolshevik Party theoretically and then organisationally, built itself into a position where it became a privileged and tyrannical parasite on the state-owned property.

To preserve this, they found it necessary to zig-zag right and left in their policies, but the fundamental course was to the right, to the liquidation of the Communist International as an instrument of world revolution and eventually to the current policy of 'peaceful co-existence'.

Trotsky and his followers founded the Fourth International in 1938 at a time when the bitter consequences of these betrayals by Stalinism and social democracy dominated the experiences of the working class in every country.

The opponents of this decision to set up the Fourth International objected that Trotskyism was not a mass movement. Trotsky's reply to these critics is of great importance for us today, in the



Trotsky denounced the German Social Democratic leaders for betraying revolution of 1918-1919. He saw it, in line with his theory of permanent Russian Revolution. A successful overthrow in Germany after World War I, the USSR and not left the great conquest isolated and prey, eventual country policy.



class to a long period of defeat. This was a decisive link in a chain of events which led to the victories of Hitler in Germany and Franco in the Spanish Civil War (right)

training of a leadership for the proletarian revolution.

He told them very sharply that a mass revolutionary movement could not be built at any time that Marxists choose. We are not idealists but dialectical materialists. Theories and political perspectives can be realised in practice only when they are developed in conformity with the actual laws of development of the material world.

The class struggle, as one of the highest levels of development of the material world, has its own laws. In the period of defeats and their aftermath, it was necessary to fight in such a way as to extract from the experience every single lesson. This could only be done, not by contemplation, but by the determined struggle to defeat every move of the Stalinists and reformists who sought to destroy the movement.

In this way Marxism would be defended and developed and the theoretical weapons would be forged to anticipate and be ready for the inevitable changes which would be forced to the surface in future years.

For this, the founding of the Fourth International was the essential basis. It was the

decisive event after the Russian Revolution of 1917. Of all the preparations for the now maturing revolutionary struggles in Britain this founding of the Fourth International in 1938 was the most decisive.

Without this, the working class would be left today with no leadership to turn to except the Labour Party and the discredited Stalinists of the British Communist Party.

Achievement

Trotsky's crowning achievement was the struggle of 1939-1940 in the Socialist Workers Party (USA), in which he guided the newly born Fourth International to the fundamental basis of revolutionary politics, dialectical materialism.

World War II brought tremendous pressure of middle-class 'public opinion' on the Trotskyist movement, and some leading members, especially Max Shachtman and James Burnham, gave in to this pressure. They came up with the theory that the USSR was no longer a workers' state and there was no obligation on the Fourth International to defend it against imperialism.

Trotsky answered this argument in every point, but his principal target was the method, the philosophy of the middle-class opposition. They wanted only an 'experimental' pragmatic view of facts as they happened to come up. They denied that the Marxist world outlook, dialectical materialism, was necessary for the building and the policy of the revolutionary party. In fact, they shared the philosophy of the United States ruling class — pragmatism.

For revolutionary practice, a worked-out world outlook and, above all, a method of abstracting knowledge of the development of the material world was indispensable, as against adapting oneself to the status quo of capitalism.

'The dialectic is neither fiction nor mysticism, but a science of the forms of our thinking insofar as it is not limited to the daily problems of life but attempts to arrive at an understanding of more complicated and drawn-out

processes. ('In Defence of Marxism' p.63. New Park Publications Ltd.)

All the revisionists and renegades who today reject the struggle for dialectical materialism betray this last and most important struggle by Trotsky. Without the dialectic, Marxism becomes a lifeless dogma, 'a clock without a spring'.

With a consistent struggle for dialectical materialism as the core of our revolutionary practice we have the most basic defence against the ideological pressure of this class enemy.

'The dialectic is not a master key for all questions. It does not replace concrete scientific analysis. But it directs this analysis along the correct road, securing it against sterile wanderings in the desert of subjectivism and scholasticism.' ('In Defence of Marxism' p.68)

The building of a movement which could really defend the conquests of the October Revolution means building a leadership today independent of the Stalinist and reformist bureaucracies, able to wrest the leadership from them.

This cannot be done except on the basis of the method of dialectical materialism. For the most pressing practical task, such as revolutionary defence of the USSR, it was necessary to go to the foundations of philosophy. And so it is today.

Three years before his assassination, Leon Trotsky spoke out clearly on the matter of historical responsibility.

Writings

Anyone who accepted Mrs Shirley Williams' illiterate and philistine reference to Trotsky's writings as 'verbose and dogmatic, full of personal vilification of the most unpleasant kind' will find an answer on this question from Trotsky's 1937 speech ('I Stake My Life'), made when the Moscow Trials had condemned the Bolshevik leaders to death:

'The question is: to aid the demoralised bureaucracy, or the progressive forces of the people against the bureaucracy. The Moscow Trials are the signal. Woe to them who do not

heed! The Reichstag Trial [1933] surely had a great importance. But it concerned only vile fascism, that embodiment of all the vices of darkness and barbarism. The Moscow Trials are perpetrated under the banner of socialism. We will not concede this banner to the masters of falsehood!

If our generation happens to be too weak to establish socialism over the earth, we will hand the spotless banner down to our children. The struggle which is in the offing transcends by far the importance of individuals, factions and parties. It is the struggle for the future of all mankind. It will be severe, it will be lengthy. Whoever seeks physical comfort and spiritual calm let him step aside. In time of reaction it is more convenient to lean on the bureaucracy than on the truth. But all those for whom the word socialism is not a hollow sound but the content of their moral life — forward!

Neither threats, nor persecutions, nor violations can stop us! Be it even over our bleaching bones, the truth will triumph! We will blaze the trail for it. It will conquer! Under all the severe blows of fate, I shall be happy as in the best days of my youth! Because, my friends, the highest human happiness is not the exploitation of the present but the preparation of the future.'

The Stalinist bureaucracy could not tolerate this message. Twelve months later Trotsky's son Leon Sedov was delivered into the hands of the GPU assassins by the Stalinist agent Marc Zborowski (Etienne) who had infiltrated the Paris centre of the Fourth International.

Trotsky's secretaries, Klement and Wolf, the defector from the Stalinist police, Ignace Reiss, and countless others, were murdered.

Zborowski and others were already organising the eventual murder of Trotsky, through a network of GPU agents in France, Spain, the USA and Mexico.

These murders were terrible blows against the Fourth International, and against the working class of the whole world. But the GPU could not kill Trotskyism!

The 'spotless banner' was

handed on to our generation! There are those who today still call themselves Trotskyists who want to trample that banner in the dust. We refer to Joseph Hansen and George Novack of the Socialist Workers Party (USA) and their defenders like Ernest Mandel, Pierre Frank, Pierre Lambert and others.

They oppose furiously the full investigation of the GPU's role; they do not want a political struggle to defeat the cancer of Stalinism. They have covered up these vital historical questions and they want at all costs to go on covering them up, in order to preserve the opportunistic and unprincipled relations they have built up with the middle-class centrists throughout the capitalist world.

Liquidate

The struggle for Marxism, led for so long by Trotsky, has rested since 1953 with the International Committee of the Fourth International. In that year, a tendency led by Michel Pablo attempted to liquidate the Trotskyist movement by means of the theory that the Stalinist parties would be forced into the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.

In 1962-1963 Joseph Hansen led the Socialist Workers Party into the Pabloite camp, on the grounds that forces such as Castroism had removed the necessity for the independent revolutionary parties of the Fourth International.

The rejection by these people of any investigation into GPU penetration or into Trotsky's assassination is at one with their political capitulation to Stalinism.

We know that it is no longer the period of defeats in which Comrade Trotsky was compelled to fight. It is now our time, because it is the time of the working class internationally.

To us the struggle to clear away the 'unfinished business' of the Trotsky assassination and GPU penetration of our movement is the political core of the central battle to defeat Stalinism. The task is to establish Trotskyism, or revolutionary Marxism of our day, as the leadership of the working-class movement.

When Trotsky fought Stalin's betrayal in the British General Strike in 1926, he was standing on the firm foundation of a Marxist understanding of the class relations in Britain and in particular the role of the Labour reformists who were Mrs Williams' ancestors. In 1926 he wrote:

'Let us declare frankly, the sincere and profound enthusiasm with which we contemplate the products of the British genius in the most varied spheres of human creative endeavour, only the more sharply and pitilessly accentuate the spiritual narrowmindedness, the theoretical banality and the lack of revolutionary dignity, which characterise the authorised leaders of British socialism. They are not the heralds of a new world; they are but the surviving relics of an old culture which in their person expresses anxiety for its further fate.'

Yes, Trotsky understood Britain much better than Mrs Williams understands Trotsky. It was he who pronounced judgement on the 'Daily Mail' in 1926 after the General Strike as 'one of the most villainous papers in the world'.

And, as for Mrs Williams' defence of 'British democracy', Trotsky spoke for the millions of British trade unionists when he said, in the same speech:

'The strike was big enough, despite its defeat, to lay bare to the bones the whole fraud of British democracy.'

(Trotsky's Writings on Britain, New Park Publications Ltd, Vol 1, p.38)

And on the role of British Labour governments, including that in which Mrs Williams now sits, his warnings were clear and unmistakable. Of MacDonald's first Labour government in 1924, he wrote:

'This so-called Labour government is weighed down totally, to the very limit, with the worst petty-bourgeois prejudices and most disgraceful cowardice in relation to the big bourgeoisie.'

The way forward was not through these 'liveried lackeys of the bourgeoisie':

'The destiny of the British proletariat in their struggle will be linked with the destiny of all mankind. The whole world situation and the role of the British proletariat in production and society will guarantee its victory on condition there is a correct and resolute revolutionary leadership.'

('Where is Britain Going?' New Park Publications Ltd)

Chosen

Mrs Shirley Williams is the chosen representative of the right wing of the Labour bureaucracy to try and counter this revolutionary preparation.

She reveals the utter theoretical bankruptcy and corruption of that bureaucracy. She and her friends such as Jenkins, Callaghan, Prentice, Healey and others have nothing whatsoever in common with the working class or with socialism. They are the hirelings of monopoly capitalism. They willingly and enthusiastically carry out the instructions of the bankers of the IMF.

They fear the working class mortally, desperately.

That is why they must attack Trotskyism, because they recognise in their own way that Trotskyism is the authentic voice of the revolutionary historical mission of the working class: to liberate itself and in so doing to liberate humanity through the socialist revolution.



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HOME OFFICE ADMITS IRA MEN BEATEN UP

THE HOME OFFICE has admitted that prison warders seriously injured Sean Campbell, one of six IRA men beaten up in Albany jail, Isle of Wight, last September.

The Home Office Minister, Lord Harris, says in a letter to the Howard League for Penal Reform that Campbell suffered a broken leg, broken hand and extensive bruising and cuts to his body and face.

Sentence

Campbell, who is serving a ten-year sentence for conspiracy to cause explosions, began a hunger strike since January 15 in support of his demand for a transfer from Albany.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Sean Campbell and five of his six IRA comrades at the jail were beaten up after a demonstration against the solitary confinement of Brendan Dowd.

The other five IRA men — Eddie Byrne, Father Patrick Fell, John McClusky, Con McFadden and Liam McLarnon, were less seriously injured than Sean Campbell.

Details of the assaults have been sent by relatives to Amnesty International, the Howard League and the National Council for Civil Liberties, which have submitted an eight-point report to the Home Office.

The report states:

1. That more force may have been used than was required merely to restore order, and

that consequently the prisoners may have suffered injuries of varying degrees.

2. It is alleged at least some of the men did not receive adequate medical treatment for their injuries.

3. Prisoners may have been put into cellular (solitary) confinement before they had recovered from their injuries.

Injuries

4. Prisoners relatives say they were not informed officially of the incident or the prisoners' injuries and later requests for a second medical opinion were refused.

5. Basic amenities were removed from the cells of prisoners in solitary confinement — the report says this is 'particularly disturbing in view of the prisoners' injuries'.

6. The report voices concern over the length of solitary confinement sentences imposed by the board of visitors.

7. The fact that 'the maximum length of solitary confinement is apparently limited only by the length of a prisoners' sentence'. Under prison rules a maximum of 56 days' solitary can be imposed to run consecutively for each offence.

8. The fact that punishments like these can be handed down at an internal disciplinary hearing in the absence of legal or other representation of the prisoner.

Appeals launched over pub bomb sentences

TWO Irishmen and a teenage girl are to appeal against life sentences for bombings three defendants in the Balcombe Street siege trial have claimed responsibility for.

They are using the admission by the Balcombe Street siege men as new evidence and grounds for appeal. At the outset of the trial, three of the four accused made shock statements saying they carried out the bombings of the Guildford and Woolwich pubs frequented by soldiers. However, the police have not included these bombings in the 25 item indictment.

Last year Paul Michael Hill (22) and Patrick Armstrong (26) were given life and 35 year sentences after being found guilty of the Guildford and Woolwich bombings. Both denied the charges and claimed that confessions had been extracted by violence and intimidation.

The third accused, Carole Richardson (19) also said she was ill-treated by police and produced two witnesses who said she was at a south London dance the night of the Guildford bombings.

She is also appealing on grounds of new evidence.

TORTURE CHARGES HEARD TODAY

THE BRITISH government faces charges of torture at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg today.

The case is brought by the Irish government who have already won a declaration from the European Commission of Human Rights upholding their allegations of torture by the army and police against men rounded up after the introduction of internment without trial in the north of Ireland in 1971.

The British Government will be represented by Attorney-General Sam Silkin, who will face his

Irish opposite number Declan Costello.

The case is expected to be heard in public for the first time. The original Human Rights Commission hearing was in secret and the British were able to cover up the identities of the soldiers and police accused of torture.

The names of the men mentioned have been published in an Irish nationalist paper and a left-wing magazine in Britain.

The court is made up of judges from the 18 member-nations of the Council of Europe. The

preliminary hearings are expected to be taken up with discussions of procedure.

The case is very embarrassing to the British government and their occupation forces in the north.

They have lobbied ceaselessly behind the scenes to get the Irish government to drop their legal action.

But the Dublin administration cannot, because of public opinion. It was forced to launch its action to expose torture partly to appease the uproar in the south which followed internment and the filling of concentration

camps in the north with Republican internees.

To drop it at this stage would mean a further loss of support for the weakening Labour-Fine Gael coalition.

Another court case straining relations between Westminster and Dublin is the charges against eight members of the under-cover SAS regiment — the army's dirty-tricks killer squad.

They were arrested in the south carrying weapons on a secret mission. Despite appeals from the Labour government, the Irish government are making them stand trial in Dublin.

Confait case exposed forced confessions

TV REVIEW



Ronnie Leighton, Colin Lattimore and Ahmet Salih

ON APRIL 22, 1972, in an upstairs flat in Dogget Road, south east London, Maxwell Confait, a West Indian homosexual was found strangled.

Within days of the murder Det Chief Supt Alan Jones arrested three youths and took them to Lee Green police station. Colin Lattimore, Ronnie Leighton and Ahmet Salih signed statements confessing to the crime.

BY BRIAN MOORE

Although they immediately repudiated their confessions and protested their innocence, they were found guilty in court of arson and murder in the case of 18-year-old Colin Lattimore.

They were sent to jail on the evidence of their own confessions and would be there today but for the fact that their case was taken up by Christopher Price, MP, and the Young Socialists.

Forensic evidence which had been disregarded by the police put the time of death much earlier than the prosecution claimed.

Alibi

Since, from this evidence, the murder must have taken place between 8p.m. and 10p.m. at night, Lattimore had a cast iron alibi.

He was in fact playing table tennis at a Salvation Army youth club at that time and there were reliable witnesses to prove it.

After three years of jail an appeal court quashed the

sentence and the three youths were released.

So striking was their innocence and so dubious the circumstances surrounding their confessions, that a Home Office inquiry was set up, headed by Sir Henry Fisher.

The findings and recommendations of the report are expected to be published in the next few weeks. London Weekend's 'Weekend World' programme investigated the case yesterday and interviewed Colin Lattimore, Ronnie Leighton and Ahmet Salih.

The programme was a sobering piece of investigative journalism, for which the producers and researchers must be given full credit.

Lattimore, who is mentally retarded, said he was frightened when he was arrested.

'I thought I was going to get a whack. They kept putting words into my head. I started getting worried.'

He claimed the police told him if he confessed he could go home.

The other two also said they confessed so they could get out

of the police station.

Jones, in charge of the case at the time, has an interesting history of confessions. He led the hunt for the snatched baby girl Kirsten in Bromley, Kent. There again, the woman that he arrested signed a confession to the crime, but was found innocent.

Reforms

Lawyers are demanding reforms to make confessions alone as inadmissible evidence for guilt. They are concerned the way the police disregard Judges Rules which lay down conduct and rights for those who are held in custody.

Often, the programme pointed out, police refuse the presence of solicitors on the grounds that it delays their investigations.

The issues involved in the Confait case are far-reaching.

Many innocent men have been convicted of guilt on the strength of confessions alone. Not least of these was Timothy Evans, who was hanged for a murder committed by mass killer Christie in the 1950s.



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END PRIVATE PRACTICE IN NHS

Union evidence sent to
Royal Commission on health

SWIFT ACTION is needed to provide National Health Service facilities to avoid the need for patients to resort to nursing homes run for private profit.

This call is made today by the NALGO public service union, which has 81,000 members in the NHS.

In evidence to the Royal

Commission on the NHS, the union attacks the growing threat of private practice.

All private practice, both inside and outside the service should be abolished, states the union.

The government should introduce provisions for local inquiries in all cases where applications for new or renewed licenses for private hospitals are made.

Removal of 'pay-beds' from NHS hospitals must be speeded-up.

'Work for private patients in radiography and pathology laboratories should be clearly identified', NALGO demands.

The union's evidence to the commission contains many other policies, including stated opposition to spending cuts.

A call for taxes to replace national insurance contributions in financing the NHS because taxes 'are more clearly related to ability to pay', is made by NALGO General Secretary Geoffrey Drain.

Screening for 400 chemical workers

FOUR HUNDRED workers at a Derbyshire chemical factory are to undergo medical screening after three men were found to have contracted a skin disease.

The three men, who have been working with a chemical used in the production of herbicides, are believed to be suffering from chloracne.

The disease is caused by organo-chloride compounds similar to the chemicals which leaked out of a factory in Seveso, Italy, forcing the authorities to evacuate the surrounding area.

Explosion

Eighty workers at the Coalite plant at Bolsover, near Chesterfield, were affected by chloracne after an explosion at the plant nine years ago.

The latest outbreak is at the Staveley chemical works, Staveley, and management has ordered medical checks on the entire workforce.

Cheap

The document explains the many ways being used to cut NHS manpower — such as non-filling of vacancies and the use of voluntary labour and student nurses as cheap labour.

A recommendation is made for the pharmaceutical industry to be placed under 'public control' — but the right-wing NALGO executive council plainly has no intention of fighting for any expropriation of the drug monopolies.

The NALGO leaders are using the commission as a conscious diversion from using the independent strength of the working class.

Only this independent strength can defend the NHS. While the commission deliberates mountains of evidence — consigning the pleas of health service unions to the dustbin — the government's destruction of the service is already under way.



Part of the massive November 17 demonstration against the cuts

White-collar 'days of action' plan announced

DIVISIONAL councils of the 632,000-strong National Union of Public

Employees today publish details of plans for local demonstrations against

cuts in public spending.

NUPE general secretary Alan Fisher has written to the leaders of eight other public service trade unions asking for support.

Together, these unions cover 2.5 million members affiliated to the TUC.

The trade unions concerned are the National and Local Government Officers (NALGO); the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA); the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS); the National Union of Students (NUS); the Confederation of Health Service Employees (COHSE); the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS); the National Union of Teachers (NUT); and the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education (NATFHE) and the National Association of Probation Officers (NAPO).

The 'days of action' will include strikes, working to rule, demonstrations, leafletting, and other forms of protest action.

But the reformist organisers hope the campaign will not lead to any confrontation with the right-wing Labour government.

The decision to hold 'days of action' around the country was taken in December at a meeting in a London hotel attended by the general secretaries of eight public service unions.

Only a few weeks earlier, more than 80,000 workers turned out on that powerful November 17 demonstration in London against spending cuts.

Risk

The reformist union leaders decided they would not risk organising such a demonstration again — it would endanger their collaboration with the Labour government which has not only ignored November 17, but has gone on to intensify the cuts.

The union leaders fear demands that the Labour traitors be forced out of office just like Heath's Tory government was brought down by the miners in 1974.

Divisional Councils have decided to call days of action on the following basis:

WALES: Day of Action on February 26 linked with a demonstration in Cardiff.

NORTH EAST: (Yorkshire and Humberside) Day of Action on March 9 coupled with a demonstration in Leeds.

SCOTLAND: Day of Action in the second week of March to coincide with the NALGO Day of Action in Scotland.

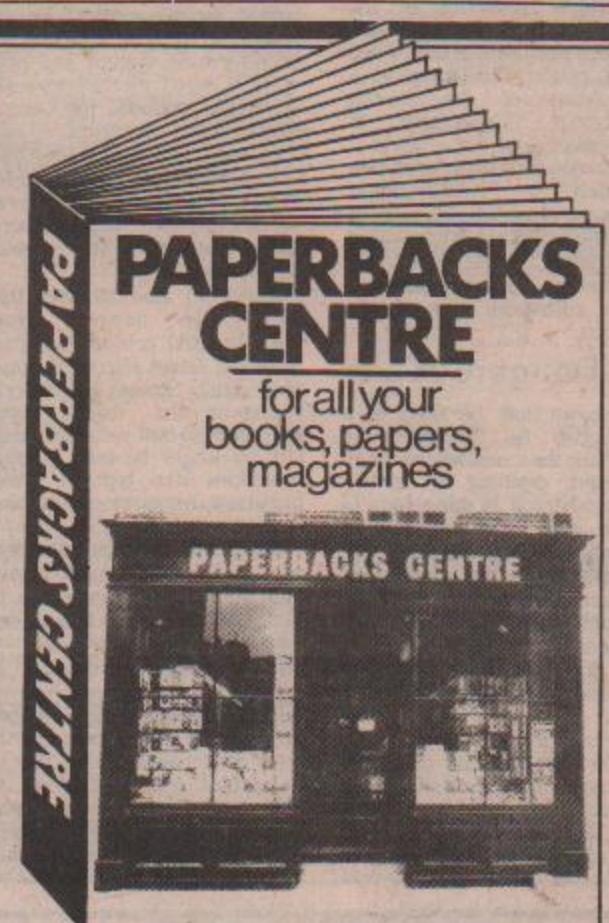
NORTHERN: (Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham, Cleveland) Day of Action in April.

LONDON: Day of Action May 11 coupled with a demonstration from Tower Hill to Kennington Park. There will be a delegate conference of London NUPE stewards on March 9 to carry forward the fight against the cuts.

EAST MIDLANDS: Week of Action from April 25 to May 1 linked to demonstrations and leafletting in Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Lincoln and Northampton.

SOUTH-WEST: (Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Avon, Gloucester, Dorset, Hants, I.O.W., Berks, Bucks, Oxon) Week of Action May 30-June 3, with action in two counties per day during that week.

SOUTH-EAST and NORTH-WEST Divisional Councils will be meeting shortly to decide on their plans.



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PILLS FOR PROFIT

International drugs racket slammed in new reports

By a Science Correspondent

OCCASIONALLY, but only occasionally, drug tragedies like the Thalidomide affair, come to light and shock the general public.

The initial exposures are followed by much soul-searching in the Press: 'How did it come about?', 'Can these tragedies be avoided in the future?' etc.

There is a general assumption behind these pious outcries that the drug companies are in the business primarily to cure the sick.

This is false. Under capitalism these companies are not benevolent institutions but big business; and their motive force isn't cure and care but profit.

Much recent research has added to the dossier on the drug multinationals, particularly in the poorer countries of the world. An important book has just been published in the United States, called 'The Drugging of the Americas' by Milton Silverman (University of California Press).

It compares the information provided by multinational pharmaceutical companies in promoting their products within the United States, with the information they provide for their customers in Latin America.

Dangerous

It shows that the sales of a drug can be increased by widening the cases where it can be used, omitting to specify cases where it is dangerous to use it, and by not mentioning adverse side-effects.

Furthermore the information is tailored (or doctored) for the appropriate market. The book includes painstaking research on a wide range of drugs. The eminent virologist Professor E.S. Anderson praised Dr Silverman's research in a recent 'New Scientist' (January 27) saying that it contains much disturbing information.

He takes the case of the drug chloramphenicol, whose use should be largely restricted to

cases of typhoid fever. But because of high-pressure selling in South America, particularly Columbia, it is widely consumed as 'a daily self-medication for all aches and ills'.

In the United States, there is comprehensive warning by the drug companies on the use of chloramphenicol. The firm of Park-Davis, for example, lists 'aplastic anaemia, other blood dyscrasias' described as potential fatal, as possible side-effects.

In Mexico, however, the same firm's listed complications are restricted to those affecting the blood-forming system and none at all is shown on the cartons of the drug produced for Central America and Argentina.

The example of chloramphenicol is repeated for other antibiotics, oral contraceptives, tranquillisers, anti-depressants, and steroid hormones.

Anderson also stresses that there are dangers from 'light-hearted' prescribing apart from the direct effects of abuse of a drug. Strains of bacteria resistant to drugs have emerged, so that valuable drugs can no longer be used to treat infections like typhoid fever, bacillary dysentery, wound and burns sepsis.

To sell their drugs as widely as possible, the companies have built up an army of salesmen. In the US there is about one representative of a pharmaceutical company to every ten doctors.

In Latin America, however, the ratio is far higher: one to eight in Ecuador; one to five in Colombia; and about one to three to Guatemala, Mexico and Brazil. They are largely ignorant of their products but are trained principally,



Victims of Thalidomide

Pressure selling and backhanders are 'widening the gulf between rich and poor'

according to Dr Silverman, 'to make a smooth and persuasive sales presentation' and apparently succeed to the detriment of the patients.

Prof Anderson's article is followed in the latest 'New Scientist' by a piece from Mike Muller on promotion tactics used by major US drug companies in the Philippines. He alleges that Mead Johnson's subsidiary has 'systematically sought to corrupt the medical profession in the Philippines'.

Inducements

Muller says the firm 'spends large sums as inducements to hospital administrators, paediatricians and obstetricians to persuade them to use its range of paediatric products

exclusively'. This leads, he claims 'to the inappropriate use of these products'.

Through their high-pressure selling strategy, Mead Johnson try to win exclusive markets in the nurseries of maternity hospitals and clinics. This also makes sure that a good proportion of the babies leaving hospital will continue in the company's bond.

Inducements to the medical profession include donations of equipment for nurseries and assistance with the furnishing of doctor's offices. Also 'entertainment' is provided for doctors from provincial cities visiting Manila.

Muller concludes that 'the allegations suggest a disturbing subversion of the medical profession's independence of

judgement, grotesquely widening the gulf between rich and poor in the Philippines'.

Most benefits go to the numerous private hospitals catering for the wealthy. Mead Johnson is prepared to be very generous to court the doctors, but it refused to pay its workers nationally-decreed wage rises. This led to a bitter strike last June in the company's Manila plant. The strike was illegal under the Philippine's dictatorial laws and hundreds of workers were jailed.

Competing

As a result, public health in the Philippines is appalling. Tuberculosis kills 40 per cent of the population. Although the government only caters for 30 per cent of active TB cases in its disease control programme, there are 800 brands of drugs produced by 200 companies competing for this market.

Also, drugs are misused and, not surprisingly, new strains of venereal disease resistant to treatment are emerging in the Philippines.

Muller quotes examples of excesses by other drug companies. In one case pre-printed prescription forms were issued, doubling as entries in a raffle with prizes such as cars to encourage doctors to prescribe the company's products.

The research carried out by Muller and Silverman is very valuable. But much more

remains to be uncovered about the activities of the drug companies. In Britain, methods are more subtle, but doctors are besieged with a bewildering display of leaflets, gadgets, and samples from the drug companies.

Backhanders

The huge British drug firm, ICI, admitted last September that it has paid nearly £1.35m in backhanders to government officials around the world. The pharmaceutical companies of course operate no differently from any other capitalist concern. Faced with the impact of the slump, their activities will become more feverish and more corners will be cut.

The last annual report of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI) showed that profits have been falling since 1967 ('Financial Times' July 7, 1976).

As Prof Anderson delicately put it: 'It has been uncomfortably apparent for some time that the profit motive — otherwise stated as a company's duty to its shareholders — is of prime importance in the pharmaceutical industry'.

The case for nationalisation, for workers' control of the whole health industry, could not be clearer — it is a question of life and death.



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12.15 CLOSE Roger Snowden reads prayers for peace, followed by Clowdown

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9.38 For Schools, Colleges. 10.45 You And Me. 11.00 For Schools, Colleges. 12.10 Closedown. 12.45 Midday News. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45 Camberwick Green. 2.01 For Schools, Colleges. 3.00 Closedown. 3.15 Songs Of Praise. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 It's The Wolf. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Blue Peter. 5.05 John Craven's News Round. 5.15 Lizzie Dripping Again. 5.45 Evening News; weatherman.

5.55 NATIONWIDE

6.50 ASK THE FAMILY

7.15 POLDARK part 6: Jinny's account of her husband's suffering in prison horrifies Ross

8.10 PANORAMA

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS

9.25 SERPICO: THE DEADLY GAME Feature introducing a new series starring David Birney

11.00 TONIGHT including the Kennedy Interview and News Headlines.

11.40-11.42 Weatherman; Regional News

BBC 2

11.00 Play School. 3.00 Contact. 3.30 The Education Debate. 4.00 Signs of Trouble: Delinquency. 4.25 Closedown.

6.30 OPEN UNIVERSITY. The Royal Institute of Chemistry Centenary 1877-1977 — 1: Frankland and Popular Science Education

7.00 NEWS ON 2 HEADLINES; Weather

7.05 WORDPOWER (series) part 5: Explain Yourself

7.30 NEWSDAY

7.45 THE MASTER GAME (series) Chess Tournament: Semi-Final

8.15 THE MORECAMBE AND WISE SHOW starring Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise with guests Diane Solomon, Champagne, Maggie Fitzgibbon, Jenny Lee-Wright

9.00 HEADMASTER. New six-part series by John Cullen, part 1: 'First Day'

9.50 THE AGE OF UNCERTAINTY (series) part 5: Lenin and the Great Ungluing. a personal view by John Kenneth Galbraith

10.45 CENTRE PLAY Celia Johnson as La Comtesse de Chemaille in 'The Emperor's New Hat'

11.15 LATE NEWS ON 2; Weather

11.25 OPEN DOOR The British Association of Social Workers present Social Workers — who Needs Them?

11.55-12.00 Music at Night for lute by Ferrabosco

REGIONS

CHANNEL

9.30 Schools. 11.55 Closedown. 1.20 News. What's On Where. Weather. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: Banacek. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 David Niven's World. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Channel News. Weather. 6.10 Speak Out. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Which Craft? 11.00 The Collaborators. 11.55 Channel Gazette. News and Weather in French. Weather and Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.30 Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.25 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30 Wish You Were Here. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: Banacek. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 David Niven's World. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.20 Sports Desk. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Which Craft? 11.00 News. Weather. 11.03 The Collaborators. 11.55 Fair for Life. 12.01 Closedown.

HTV

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Wish You Were Here. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Report West. 1.25 Report Wales. 1.30 Heart to Heart. 2.00 Out of Town. 2.30 Garmock Way. 2.55 The Zoo Gang. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 The Georgian House. 5.15 Star Maidens. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Report West. 6.22 Report Wales. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 News. Weather. 11.03 The Savage West. The Hills Run Red. 12.10 Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 2.00-2.30 Hamdden. 6.00-6.22 Y Dydd.

8.30-9.00 Yr Wythnos. 10.00-10.35 News at Ten followed by Report Wales Headlines. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 10.37-11.05 Interlude. 1.20-1.30 Report West Headlines. 6.22-6.45 Report West

SOUTHERN

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Survive. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 News. Weather. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 McMillan and Wife. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 Garmock Way. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Day by Day. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Phyllis. 11.30 News Extra. 11.40 The World of Faith. 11.45 Farm Progress. 12.10 Weather. Closedown.

ANGLIA

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Out of Town. 1.00 News At One. 1.25 Anglia News. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Film: And No One Could Save Her. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Romper Room. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 Run, Joe, Run. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Film: Hammerheads. 12.20 Christians in Action. Closedown.

ATV MIDLANDS

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 The Amazing World of Kreskin. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 McMillan and Wife. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 Survival. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 ATV Today. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Two's Company. 11.00 Platform for Today. 11.45 Wait Tili Your Father Gets Home. 12.15 Ian Knox. 12.20 Closedown.



Celia Johnson as La Comtesse de Chemaille in 'The Emperor's New Hat', tonight on BBC2 (10.45 p.m.)



Sabrina (Kate Jackson) and Jill (Farrah Fawcett-Majors) ponder their next perilous move in tonight's episode of 'Charlie's Angels' (ITV 9 p.m.)

ULSTER

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Wish You Were Here. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Luncheon. 1.30 Heart to Heart. 2.00 Women Only. 2.30 Film: 3.48 Ulster News. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 Garmock Way. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 UTV Reports. 6.05 Mary Tyler Moore Show. 6.30 Reports. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels.

10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Monday Night. 10.35 Monday Special. 11.35 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Kodak. 1.30 News At One. 1.30 Calendar News. Weather. 1.30 Mary Tyler Moore Show. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: 'The Return of Mr Moto'. 3.45 Cartoon Time. 3.50 Houseparty. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Calendar. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks.

7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wish You Were Here. 11.00 Film: The Sicilians. 12.05 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 On the Light Side. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 North East News. Lookaround. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: 'The Return of Mr Moto'. 3.50 Phyllis. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45

News At 5.45. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.40 Police Call. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wish You Were Here. 11.00 Champions. 11.30 Elaine, The Singer Of The Song. 12.00 Epilogue. 12.05 Closedown.

BORDER

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 The Doris Day Show. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Film: 'Man at the Crossroads'. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 Supernews. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Border News. Lookaround. 6.15 Garmock Way. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Rising Damp. 11.00 Tandarra. 11.57 Border News. Weather. 12.00 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Wish You Were Here. 1.00 News At One. 1.25 Road and Weather Report. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Beryl's Lot. 2.55 Marcus Welby MD. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 What's Your Problem? 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.35 Crimedesk. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Barbara Dickson in Concert. 11.00 Late Call. 11.25 Film: 'The Secret Night Caller'. 12.30 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

9.30 First Thing. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 And Maisy Too. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 The Amazing World of Kreskin. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Grampian News. 1.30 Indoor League. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Beryl's Lot. 2.55 Marcus Welby MD. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Clapperboard. 4.45 Children of the Stones. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Grampian Today. Weather. 6.10 Top Club. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz. 8.30 World in Action. 9.00 Charlie's Angels. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Film: 'Revenge'. 11.55 Reflections. 12.00 Closedown.

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RUGBY UNION

Uttley favoured to lead Lions

IRELAND 0 ENGLAND 4

MARTIN COOPER'S try on the hour to beat Ireland in Dublin completed England's remarkable transformation from consistent wooden-spoonists to Triple Crown and championship contenders.

France and Wales remain and, though both these sides represent far superior opposition, there must be a reasonable chance of England continuing the story of rags to riches.

France are occasionally fallible at Twickenham and Ireland captain, Tom Grace, believes 'England's pack will take Wales apart'.

England last opened the championship with two wins 17 years ago. It was also England's first triumph over Ireland since 1971, which was their last championship away.

England's attacking ambitions remain as limited as last season, and it is the standard of their defence, especially round the scrum, that has brought the change.

Happiness is no trifle against in two games compared with 13 wantonly conceded in four internationals last year.

Captain Roger Uttley named Charles Kent, the human battering ram at centre, as man of the match, but in truth his own game overshadowed that of all his colleagues.

His dominance in the line-outs enabled England to win them 25-17. He must now be favourite to captain the Lions.

England's inability to press home their possession resulted from Malcolm Young's failure to handle the slippery ball without persistent error. But no doubt he will be given another chance when the team to meet France is named.



ROGER UTTLEY — Tipped to lead British Lions

HOW THEY STAND

England	2	2	0	0	30	6	4
France	1	1	0	0	16	9	2
Wales	2	1	0	1	34	25	2
Scotland	1	0	0	1	6	26	0
Ireland	2	0	0	2	9	29	0

Matches to come: February 19, England v France and Scotland v Ireland; March 5, France v Scotland and Wales v England; March 19, Ireland v France and Scotland v Wales.

There could be a case for keeping Tony Neary to combat French line-out capacity, though the likeliest step is to recall the highly-rated Mike Rafter.

Ireland, who lost for the fourth successive time at home, are in a similar position to England three weeks ago. If the lack of creative backs or reliable goalkickers remain, they will stay in trouble and it must be a nightmare to think of ever playing without Mike Gibson.

FRENCH PACK STARVES WELSH BACKS

FRANCE 16 WALES 9

FRANCE was singing the praises of its pack yesterday after the way it crushed Wales to defeat in the Parc des Princes on Saturday.

One newspaper described it as a 'ferocious and terrifying pack'. It added: 'A new era has started for our rugby: "The Iron Age".'

The paper summed up the match as 'Strength 16, Talent 9'. And Welsh coach John Dawes was quick to admit that the French pack was much superior to the Welsh eight.

'We'll have to erase weaknesses, especially in the line-outs and scrum. The French pack was so much better, there are no arguments about it,' he said. Wales, whose backs showed they had lost nothing of their class, were torn apart in front, with the French packing two tight heads against none and winning twice as

many line-outs.

Indeed, with so much possession, it was a wonder that France took so long to establish a points margin big enough for victory.

But the try that did the damage, scored by winger Dominique Harize, was well worth waiting for. The ball went all along the backline before Harize dived over in the corner.

So the feared Welsh were put in their place and France have some basis for hoping it's their year for the championship after this display.

CRICKET

Tedious day from Bombay

INDORE, India — Vijay Mohanraj, a 22-year-old student, frustrated MCC and a capacity crowd of 25,000 with a painstaking innings of 76 not out in five hours here yesterday.

His innings was the centrepiece of a tedious day, as Bombay, India's national champions scored 201 for seven from 83 overs in reply to MCC's first innings total of 308 for four declared.

The pattern was set by Indian Test opener Sunil Gavaskar who scratched around for 14 runs in the first hour and three-quarters. The rest of the batsmen followed their captain's example, none more successfully than Mohanraj.

At 45, Gavaskar eventually succumbed, a ball from Selvey looping off his glove to Woolmer at slip, and it was left to Mohanraj to prop up the batting.

He gave no chances during his long stay and when he did decide to open out he showed his repertoire included some fine forcing strokes.

Derek Underwood took two wickets in the space of three balls, while Salvey's endeavours earned him an admonishing word from umpire Ramaswami when he bowled a short ball at tail ender Abdul Ismail.

MCC employed three wicketkeepers during the day. With Roger Tolchard still feeling pain from the right hand he injured during the third test, Derek Randall stood in for him.

But Randall bruised a finger taking a ball from Old and he handed the gloves to Mike Brearley before Tolchard had a brief spell behind the stumps in the final session.

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Sunderland dying, but not dead yet

Garland saver

BRISTOL CITY 1 NEWCASTLE 1

CHRIS Garland, Bristol City's £110,000 signing from Leicester, saved his club from defeat with a goal four minutes from time, his first since returning to Bristol.

City looked like paying for missed chances in the first half, when Burns put Newcastle ahead after 67 minutes. It was his 12th goal of the season but Bristol should have taken the lead in the first minute when Garland failed to score from three yards.

Two minutes from half time, Bristol also missed a penalty when Sweeney's spot kick was splendidly saved by Mahoney.

ARSENAL 0 SUNDERLAND 0

JIMMY Adamson, the Sunderland manager, smiles and says that his team are not dead yet, though two points in the last eleven games is not survival form.

It would take a long run of victories to give Sunderland a chance of avoiding relegation. And no one has to tell Adamson that goals are necessary to win games.

Sunderland have now gone a staggering 967 minutes since they scored their last League goal, though their boldness at Highbury deserved at least one.

Gary Rowell, Keith Arnott and Shaun Elliott all showed promise considering the weight

upon their shoulders from Sunderland's bottom position.

Arsenal had one of their off days, when all their talent comes to nothing but organised chaos. And when chances fell to MacDonald, Stapleton and Brady they found Barry Siddall

in great form in the Sunderland goal.

When Sunderland went forward, Arsenal's defence was hesitant and it needed Jimmy Rimmer, with the help of his cross bar, to stop the relegation candidates taking both points.

United still moving up

MAN UNITED 3 DERBY 1

MANCHESTER United stretched their unbeaten home league run to seven games. They have scored 15 goals in the process, conceding only two.

Despite the core-line, the game was one of the poorest seen at Old Trafford this season. United played well in patches, but too often were reduced to Derby's low level.

Macari gave United the lead in the eighth minute. Houston added a second in the 51st minute, following a free-kick for a foul on Coppell by Jeff King, which earned him a booking.

Steve Powell put through his own goal seven minutes later and ten minutes from then scored a consolation goal for Derby — his first for the club.

WINNING POST

CLOSE FINISHES DUE ON PLUMPTON CARD

SELECTIONS

3.15 Mayumbe
3.45 Lafitte
4.15 Bill Sikes

1.45 Changers Galore
2.15 Old Smokey (n.b.)
2.45 Buck's Head (nap)

PLUMPTON provides the only racing today, and although there may be no world-beaters on display, the meeting does promise some close finishes.

One horse who is overdue for a win is Buck's Head (2.45), who has run in two sellars this season. Now he goes up in class, but could well make the most of his chance under bottom weight in the Robertsbridge Handicap Chase.

Old Smokey (2.15) could repeat an October victory over track and trip in the seller, the Poynings Hurdle. He was making his seasonal debut when he beat Selway by a comfortable

two lengths at the end of October, and he then went on to score impressively at Fontwell.

He was only sixth to Super Saxon on his latest outing at Kempton, but he should return to winning form again against today's opposition.

Charlotte Brew, who hopes to become the first woman to ride in the Grand National, partners her intended Aintree mount, Barony Fort, in the opener, the Clayton Hunters' Chase.

She is the first to admit that

her chances of lifting the big chase are remote, but she can gain some valuable experience today, without, however, beating course scorer Changers Galore (1.45).

Neither division of the Hickstead Novices' Hurdle will take much winning. Two previous winners, Cinchid and Longacre, clash in the first part, but both of them are likely to be beaten by Mayumbe (3.15).

Trained in the West Country, Mayumbe was a convincing

winner at Leicester last month, and then came fourth in top class to Master Smudge at Ascot.

The second division should be within the capabilities of Bill Sikes (4.15), a New Zealand-bred who was introduced to the English racing scene at Huntingdon, where he finished fourth to Trio J on soft ground.

The best of the runners in the Albourne Maiden Chase look like Mr Moke and Lafitte. It should be a close thing, but Geoff Maundrell's ten-year-old Lafitte (3.45) invariably produces his form first time out and should win.

PLUMPTON

1.45 CLAYTON HUNTERS' CHASE £600

3m (14 runners)

1	00=F410-	BAROUCHE	GP-Hoblyn	8 12 10	Mr R Waley-Cohen (7)
2	0=010-	CHITTY BANG BANG	J Howgo	10 12 4	Mr R Burr (7)
3	43310=1-	GUIBURN	G Ham	13 12 4	Mrs J Hembrow (7)
4	044P-	BARONY FORT	Mrs R Brew	12 12 0	Miss C Brew (7)
5	P=20400-	BROUGH (C-D)	W Hacking	12 12 0	Mr R Hacking (7)
6	2212=B4-	CHAMPERS GALORE (C-D)	Mrs H Lilley	11 12 0	Mr D Turner (5)

10	00P002-	LAYDONEY	R Champion	10 12 0	Mr B Munro-Wilson (7)
11	311404=	PRINCE TACITUS	Mrs D Stanier	11 12 0	Mr D Evatt (3)
12	0P000P-	TERRY ROGERS	V Smith	9 12 0	Mrs S French (7)
13	P0P42P=	DINGAKA	W Hooper	10 11 7	Mr K Smith (7)
14	F3FP=23-	FASHION MAN	J M Turner	9 11 7	Mr J Brown (7)
15	P0=3030-	FRANWIN	S Galloway	11 11 7	Mr D Turner (5)
16		MAJESTIC BEAU	R Ewing	11 11 7	Mr R Ewing (7)
21	0403F=0-	OUR MARCHE	Miss J Collison	10 11 7	Mr C King (5)

PROBABLE SP: 100-30 Changers Galore, 9-2 Prince Tacitus, 5-1 Guiburn, 13-2 Franwin, 8-1 Barouche, 10-1 Barony Fort, Chitty Bang Bang, 12-1 Fashion Man, 14-1 Brough, 16-1 others.

2.15 POYNINGS SELLING HURDLE £400

2m (12 runners)

1	24P-0P0	AURIGA (C-D)	M Low	10 12 1	C Brown (5)
2	040P=P0	CLARENCE	P Forwood	12 12 1	Mr P Forwood (7)
4	20=1210	OLD SMOKEY (C-D)	M Bolton	8 12 1	C Brown (5)
5	F43-ag00U-	PARACHUTE PINE	J Sparing	8 12 1	Mr G McCourt (7)
6	420P0F	POTTERON	B Cambridge	8 12 1	Mr J Cambridge (7)
7	2=00002	RAMUK'S QUEEN (D)(BF)	W Marshall	6 12 1	W Smith
9	0412-00	TRAGACANTH (D)	A Madwar	7 12 1	Mr A Madwar (7)
10	B0	CELTIC QUERY	Mrs N Whitfield	4 11 0	Mr A Madwar (7)
12	0	GREAT THINGS	D Kent	4 11 0	C Smith (7)
13	4013	QUEEN OF THE SUN	A Davison	4 11 0	P Haynes
14	0	SANDWICH BAY	A Neaves	4 11 0	G Gracey (7)
15	0	TOWN COUNSELLOR	D Browning	4 11 0	S Smith-Eccles (3)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Old Smokey, 11-4 Ramuk's Queen, 4-1 Queen of the Sun, 5-1 Great Things, 10-1 Tragacanth, 12-1 Sandwich Bay, 16-1 Auriga, 20-1 others.

2.45 ROBERTSBRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE £1,200

2m (11 runners)

4	42-B03F	JAVE RIVER	S Mellor	8 11 8	J Glover
5	04FP-0P	SUN TRAP	Miss A Sinclair	7 11 5	J McNaught
6	00P=P13	DURHAM TOWN	K Ivory	8 11 3	D Sunderland
7	000=020	FRENCH COIN	Mrs A Oughton	8 11 2	N Holman (7)
8	4-UP02F	PADDY'S DELIGHT	A M Jones	7 11 2	C Read
9	3-F0003	CHOCOLATE KING	J George	7 11 1	M Floyd (5)
10	0-P3003	EVEN WILLIAM	G Kindersley	6 10 11	C Candy
11	P04P0	CLIFTON HOUSE	G Balding	6 10 10	Maj A Cramsie (7)
12	PO432-	KING SHAW	P Cundell	6 10 2	M O Halloran (5)
13	31PP-32	BUCKS HEAD (BF)	Mrs N Whitfield	11 10 0	C Smith (7)
14	00-FF42	EARLY SILVER	Mrs A Finch	8 10 0	G Thorne

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Paddy's Delight, 4-1 Jave River, 5-1 King Shaw, 13-2 French Coin, 8-1 Chocolate King, 10-1 Bucks Head, 12-1 Durham Town and Sun Trap, 14-1 others.

3.15 HICKSTEAD NOVICES' HURDLE DIV I £500

3m (12 runners)

1	0201	CINCHID	N Callaghan	6 12 1	J King
2	22-03B1	LONGACRE	D Gandolfo	6 12 1	P Barton
3	3014	MAYUMBE (FR)(D)	M Pipe	5 11 11	R Atkins
4	00	BENFRO BELLE	J Gifford	8 11 8	M Stanley (3)
5	0-00300	CHUNKY JOE	A Moore	7 11 8	J Jenkins
6	33-0042	CRITICISM	R Armitage	6 11 8	H J Evans
8		LITTLE STEN	B Cambridge	8 11 8	G Jones
9	0-00000	NORMAN SLAD	J Spearing	6 11 8	A Webber
10	BP	SPARES	C Wates	6 11 8	J McNaught
11	00=	TIME FLIES	D Claydon	7 11 8	Mr D Claydon (7)
16	P0	MILTON MOUNT	B Wise	5 11 4	C Bowen (5)
17	2-00000	RIGHT REGAL	J Old	5 11 4	R Champion

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Longacre, 3-1 Mayumbe, 4-1 Criticism, 9-2 Cinchid, 7-1 Benfro

3.45 ALBOURNE MAIDEN CHASE £600

2m (14 runners)

1	P04000	ABERLOUR	M Bolton	7 11 12	J Francome
4	00=0	BORDER PRINCE	C Neshfield	8 11 12	J McNaught
5	3F-00	BUFFALO BILL	P Dryden	8 11 12	C Brown (5)
6	F	BUNBURY	Mrs D Whiteman	7 11 12	Mr K Mason (7)
8	B	FLASHING GEM	L Cottrell	10 11 12	Joe Guest
12	P0220	ISLAY MALT	C James	12 11 12	G McNally
13	00=3-	LAFITTE	G Maundrell	10 11 12	Mr G Maundrell (7)
15	000UP2	MR MOKE	G Small	7 11 12	N Wakeley
16	P0=	QUINTON HOUSE	H Harper	10 11 12	Mr R Harper (7)
17	240=004	RETALIATION	R York	7 11 12	B McNally (7)
18	0=000F-	ROWLEY COTTAGE	Miss A Sinclair	9 11 12	R Rowell
21	4-F030P	VERONA BAY	R Armitage	7 11 12	H J Evans
22	3F003	LOONG KOI	P Arthur	5 11 2	C Bowen (5)
24	000000	ROBBIE	B Cambridge	5 11 2	T Stack

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Ilay Malt, 3-1 Lafitte, 5-1 Retaliation, 11-2 Verona Bay, 13-2 Mr Moke, 7-1 Aberlour, 10-1 Rowley Cottage, 12-1 others.

4.15 HICKSTEAD NOVICES' HURDLE DIV II £500

3m (13 runners)

1	00100	JAMES THREE	D Underwood	5 11 11	J McLean (7)
3	230200	CHATTERBOX	A Moore	6 11 8	C Read
5	220200	FRENCH REBEL	W Musson	7 11 8	B R Davies
6	0000	GIFT	P Forwood	6 11 8	Mr P Forwood (7)
7	0-0	MAYDAY II	H O'Neill	7 11 8	A Carroll (3)
8	0-0	PERSIAN CAVALIER	N Wakeley	5 11 8	N Wakeley
9	002F-00	PYROSYL	Mrs A Piggott	9 11 8	G Jones
10	2000=00	THE MERRICKSTAN	D Kent	8 11 8	P Haynes
11		BAYTHORNE	Mrs H Lilley	5 11 4	R Atkins
12	4	BILL SIKES	M Francis	5 11 4	P Kellaway
13	0F020	PINE LASS	D Gandolfo	5 11 4	P Barton
14	0-0	QUARTIC MELODY	J Old	5 11 4	C Candy
15	B02040	TURASCO	J Spearing	5 11 4	Mr G McCourt (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 French Rebel, 3-1 Pine Lass, 9-2 Bill Sikes, 6-1 James Three, 8-1 Chatterbox, 10-1 Turasco, 12-1 The Merrickstan, 14-1 others.

TUEART IS MAGIC



A cry for help from Everton goalkeeper Dave Lawson at Villa Park on Saturday. The cavalry never arrived and Villa won 2-0 (see page 16)

STOKE 0 MAN CITY 2
MANCHESTER CITY'S upward surge continues and 15 games without defeat is championship form without a shadow of a doubt.

Stoke had lost only once at home before City arrived but they found themselves on the receiving end right from the start.

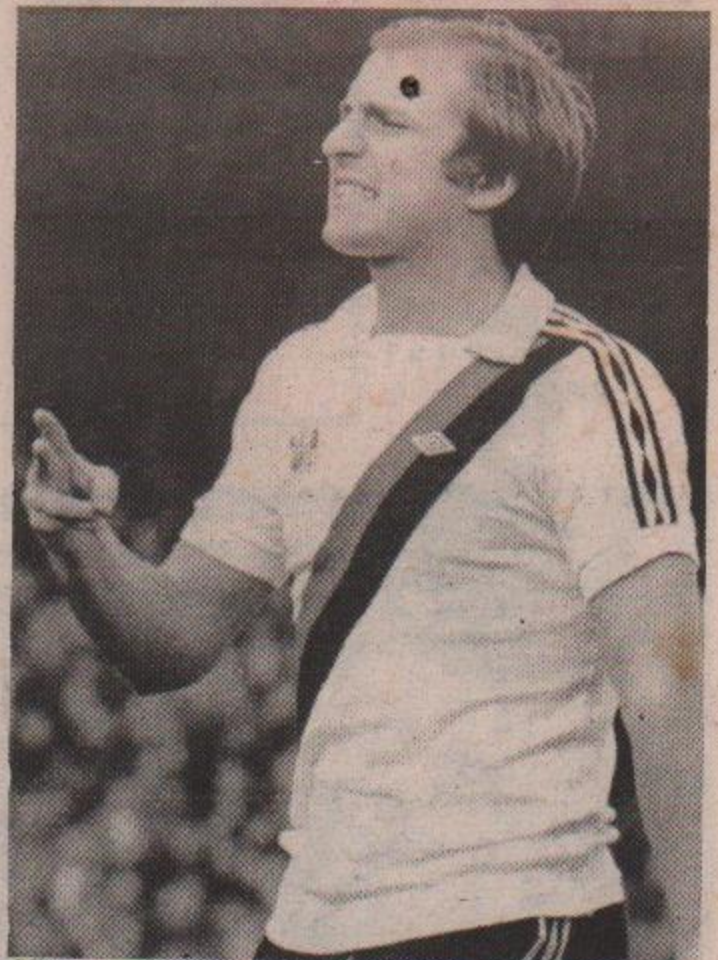
City have finally welded some consistency into the side and manager Tony Book must feel confident of picking up at least one trophy this season.

If Don Revie is looking for a striker, he could do worse than give Dennis Tueart a good run in an England shirt.

TUEART picked up the ball in his own half and started on a run for goal. Jinking and twisting through most of the Stoke defence, he put in a low hard shot and followed up Shilton's half stop to hit home a brilliant goal.

City seemed content to sit on their lead for the second half and let Stoke come at them and, though it wasn't pretty, it worked.

Then, Tueart popped up in the last minute to force two wonderful saves from Shilton, leaving ROYLE the simplest of openings to make sure of victory.



DENNIS TUEART — Took on the entire Stoke defence to score a superb goal for city

Bolton blunder on

MILLWALL 3 BOLTON 0
DEFENSIVE blunders cost promotion-chasing Bolton dearly at Millwall.

After 75 minutes, goalkeeper McDonagh was penalised for carrying the ball outside his area and Hazell rifled home Salvage's short

free-kick. Six minutes later, Salvage took advantage of a slip by Paul Jones to put the result beyond doubt.

Millwall, ahead after 36 minutes through John Seaman's header, withstood prolonged pressure after the interval as Bolton battled back.

Yorath has the last laugh

LEEDS 1 COVENTRY 2

COVENTRY captain Terry Yorath had the last laugh on his former Elland Road team mates and left Leeds manager Jimmy Armfield shaking his head in despair.

Sweeper

With Mick Coop playing as a sweeper behind the back four — it's up to other teams to work that one out, Yorath says — Coventry came prepared for a siege.

And high authorities were quoted in defence of these tactics, in fact no less a man than Don Revie himself. Said Yorath: 'He used to say to us that half a loaf was better than one.'

Without injured strikers Wallace and Ferguson, you could hardly blame Coventry, whose ambitions are limited by wanting to avoid relegation trouble.

And with three up-three down system making half Division

One nervous, fear is the driving force these days.

That's not to say Coventry can't play. In fact, when they went forward, prompted by Hutchison, they looked more effective than Leeds.

Passes

One move in the second half involved countless passes in the old Leeds' style and Armfield

must have been embarrassed to watch his side running about like rabbits.

After Joe Jordan had cancelled out Alan Green's 17th minute goal within 60 seconds, Leeds look set to win. But brave goalkeeping by Blyth and some wild shooting denied Leeds.

Gordon McQueen had a fine game until last-minute slackness outside his own area let Hutchison rob him and Donal Murphy made no mistake for the winner.

Liverpool serve notice

LIVERPOOL 4 BIRMINGHAM 1

LIVERPOOL have served notice that no one is taking the title away from Anfield without a fight.

The struggle to find their best form may have ended with this comprehensive defeat of Birmingham, despite going behind to a KENNY BURNS goal.

Liverpool strung passes together at a rapid rate in reply and from one of them Toshack was felled by Gallagher in the area and NEAL made no mistake from the spot.

TOSHACK, showing he was as sharp as ever, stepped into the act for his first goal, turning Heighway's shot into the net with a glance of his head before half-time.

Though Birmingham showed promise, they were constantly forced back by intense Liverpool pressure and when their defence cracked, TOSHACK was on hand to sweep home from three yards.

But it was the last goal which showed that Liverpool were back in form. The ball was swept forward into the space by Callaghan, for Keegan to seize onto inside the area.

Denied a shot, Keegan controlled the ball, turned, took three defenders with him and set up a chance for HEIGHWAY to smash past the helpless Latchford from 25 yards.

Wolves still hungry

WOLVES stretched their unbeaten League and Cup run to 11 games with a hard-earned victory over promotion rivals Forest.

For Wolves it completed a seasonal double, with both their goals coming in the first half. Had all their chances gone in, victory would have been even more emphatic, for Forest did not hit back until the last minute.

Willie Carr put Wolves ahead in the 32nd minute and four minutes later Larry Lloyd headed into his own net.

Bob Chapman, the Forest substitute, grabbed a consolation goal.

Celtic keep up goal blitz

CELTIC pushed their way clear of the Premier League field with another rush of goals and are now entitled to ask who are going to be second.

Jock Stein's men scored five in winning a Scottish Cup replay in mid week and they continued to

produce football of the highest quality in crushing Hibernian 4-2 at Parkhead.

Headers by JOHANNES EDVALDSSON and Ronnie GLAVIN gave Celtic a first half lead before BOBBY SMITH pulled one back for Hibs.

JOE CRAIG and GLAVIN hit the target in the second half to

put Celtic in a commanding position. Hibs never gave up the fight and ALLY MACLEOD scored late in the game.

Aberdeen shared the leadership with Celtic at the start of the day but a shock 2-1 defeat by Partick knocked them off the top.

JIM MELROSE gave spirited

Partick a half time lead. DOUG SOMMERS edged them further ahead before Aberdeen got on the score sheet through DREW JARVIE.

Rangers made a flying start with a goal inside two minutes by DEREK JOHNSTONE and Ayr looked in for a heavy thrashing — but it was another 70 minutes before TOMMY McLEAN wrapped it up with a second goal.

RESULTS

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal 0, Sunderland 0, Aston Villa 2, Everton 0, Bristol City 1, Newcastle 1, Leeds 1, Coventry 5, Leicester 2, West Ham 0, Liverpool 4, Birmingham 1, Manchester Utd 3, Derby 1, Middlesbrough 2, Tottenham 0, Norwich 1, West Brom Albion 0, Q.P.R. v Ipswich (postponed), Stoke 0, Manchester City 2.

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn 2, Cardiff 1, Carlisle 0, Chelsea 1, Fulham 1, Charlton 1, Hereford v Sheffield Utd (postponed), Luton 2, Burnley 0, Millwall 3, Bolton 0, Notts County 2, Plymouth 0, Oldham 4, Bristol Rovers 0, Orient v Blackpool.

Derlington 0, Bradford City 0, Halifax 6 (postponed), Southampton 2, Hull City 2, Wolverhampton 2, Nottm Forest 1.

DIVISION THREE

Brighton 2, Preston 0, Bury 4, York City 2, Chesterfield 1, Portsmouth 2, Crystal Palace 1, Tranmere 0, Gillingham 1, Walsall 0, Lincoln 5, Northampton 4, Mansfield 3, Rotherham 1, Oxford Utd 2, Chester 0, Peterborough 3, Grimsby 1, Reading 0, Shrewsbury 0, Sheffield Wed 1, Port Vale 2, Wrexham 2, Swindon 2.

DIVISION FOUR

Brentford 1, Huddersfield 3, Cambridge Utd 1, Exeter 1, Colchester 1, Rochdale 0.

Workington 1, Hartlepool 3, Crewe 0, Scunthorpe 0, Watford 0, Southport 0, Aldershot 1, Torquay 0, Doncaster 1.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Ayr 0, Rangers 2, Celtic 4, Hibernian 2, Dundee Utd v Motherwell (postponed), Hearts 4, Kilmarnock 0, Partick Th 2, Aberdeen 1.

SCOTTISH DIV ONE

Airdrie 1, Montrose 2, Arbroath 1, Queen of South 1, Clydebank 3, East Fife 1, Hamilton 2, Falkirk 2, Morton 2, St Johnstone 0, Raith 3, Dumbarton 1, St Mirren 3, Dundee 1.

SCOTTISH DIV TWO

Berwick 3, Queen's Park 2, Brechin 1, Alloa 3, Dunfermline 3, Albion Rovers 1, E. Stirlingshire 3, Meadowbank 2, Stenhousemuir 0, Forfar 1, Stirling Albion 3, Clyde 0, Stranraer 3, Cowdenbeath 1.

RUGBY UNION

International Matches
Ireland 0, England 4, France 16, Wales 9, Scotland B 16, France B 19.

Club Matches

Coventry 17, Cardiff 22, Edinburgh Wdvs 9, Keelo 18, Headingley 4, Richmond 3, Liverpool 18, Sale 12, Ldn Scottish 15.

Leicester 0, Ldn Welsh 13, Bedford 10, New Brighton 3, Gosforth 38, Oxford 10, Bridgwater 8, Alb 0, Penarth 11, Pontypool 19, Rugby 31, Chalfont 3, Saracens 9, Northampton 12, Wasps 3, Harlequins 16.

RUGBY LEAGUE

First Division
Leeds 13, Salford 28.

SUNDAY

SCOTTISH CUP
3rd rnd replay
Aloa 1, Queen's Park 0.

3rd round

Hibs 3, Partick 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Division One

Barrow 10, Bradford N 34, Hull KR 35, Oldham 5, Leigh 15, Warrington 18, Rochdale 9, Featherstone 15, Wakefield 1, 12 Widnes 8, Wigan 10, Workington T 13.

Division Two

Batley 22, Blackpool 7, Bramley 33, Doncaster 24, Halifax 10, Hull 30, Huddersfield 6, Keighley 15, Huyton 2, New Hunslet 15, Swinton 0, Dewsbury 8.

REVIE SENDS FOR WATSON

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAVE Watson, backbone of the impregnable Manchester City defence, was called up to the injury-hit England squad by Don Revie last night.

Watson, who won the last of his 17 caps 15 months ago in Portugal, could play in the friendly game against Holland at Wembley on Wednesday.

He has fought his way back into the England reckoning after overcoming a back injury which at one time threatened to end his career.

Revie was hit by injuries after Saturday's games and Liverpool's Phil Thompson pulled out of the squad with a groin injury after the match with Birmingham at Anfield.

Joe Royle, Trevor Francis, Trevor Cherry, Emlyn Hughes, Trevor Brooking and Dave Clement all have injuries. Revie rates all but Francis with a good chance of being fit.

Francis missed his last chance of an England cap through injury two-and-a-half years ago. He snapped a tendon in his knee and was out of the game for five months.

Revie said: 'Trevor Francis has bruised toes on his right foot and they are still very sore. At the moment he has a 50-50 chance of being fit.'

'We will continue the ice-pack treatment but unfortunately there seems to be very little improvement at the moment.'

Spirit

Revie added, 'The fact that all the injured players except Thompson, who has very bad groin strain, had turned up, shows the tremendous spirit that has built up in this squad.'

'It hasn't always been that way with England. Two and a half years ago I had a feeling some players did not want to play for England.'

'The pleasing thing now is that even the injured players turn up to let us have a look at them. They want to play if at all possible.'

Revie, who because of the injuries will not name his team until tomorrow afternoon, said he understood the anxiety of club managers when they released players to England.

'I have been accused of pulling players out of internationals when I was at Leeds,' he said. 'To be honest perhaps on a few occasions I did but over eight years we released players for about 350 caps. Sometimes we had eight or nine playing for their country in one week.'

LEICESTER manager Jimmy Bloomfield had mixed feelings about watching his side push West Ham another step closer to the Second Division.

His side's recent poor run means they need all the points they can get, but Bloomfield, a West Ham player in the mid-sixties, derived little pleasure from the 2-0 victory.

'I should be very upset if a club like West Ham were relegated,' he said. 'They have the right approach to the game even if they are not getting the right results at the moment.'

That won't be much consolation to West Ham, who are now just two points above bottom club Sunderland.

FIXTURES

Division Three: Mansfield v Oxford United; Port Vale v York.
Scottish Cup — third round: St Johnstone v Dundee.
Scottish Cup third round replay: Clydebank v Hamilton.
Scottish Premier: Aberdeen v Kilmarnock; Ayr United v Dundee United; Celtic v Hearts.
Scottish Div One: St Mirren v Dumbarton.



Everton's Mike Bernard arrives too late as Brian Little hits Aston Villa's second goal on Saturday

VILLA GOING PLACES

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

RON Saunders has put caution aside to announce that the team which already strikes fear into the hearts of visitors to Villa Park will be twice as good two years from now.

Gordon Lee doesn't have that long, and if he didn't know what he was up against when he took the Everton job a week ago, he certainly does now.

Except for brief flurries at the start of each half, Everton were hardly in the game. But Saunders insists that it is too early to talk of Villa winning an unprecedented treble, or even winning one trophy.

'In a couple of years, I think we'll have a very good side, but if they win anything this season they will regard it as a bonus,' says Saunders. 'They are still a very young side — their average

age is only 21 or 22 — and they are growing up together.'

Saunders' pleasure in his team's performance was unmistakable, however. On Dennis Mortimer: 'He had his usual outstanding game. Have you seen a better midfield player in England?' he asked, complaining that Mortimer was not in Don Revie's squad of 24.

Saunders was especially pleased at the way Mortimer's running set up Villa's second goal, leaving Brian Little a simple job to side foot home.

And, with obvious relish at his discovery of the League's most dangerous marksman Andy Gray, who injured his hip early in the game but stayed long enough to score Villa's first goal, and his 24th of the season.

Saunders remarked: 'I had to take him off — he'd only scored one!'

Alex Cropley, the frail-looking Scot, couldn't get into Arsenal's first team earlier this season, but, together with Mortimer, dominated the midfield. He must be on the verge of a Scotland recall — perhaps at the expense of Everton's Bruce Rioch.

Cropley's tackling, passing and running brought waves of applause from the 41,000 crowd, but Saunders believes there is much better to come.

'That was one of his worst games,' he claimed, and explained: 'He has had a groin injury and also has trouble with a hamstring. He hasn't done a full week's training for six

weeks, so he was struggling a bit.'

It hadn't looked like it, so there is obviously much to look forward to at Villa — and, despite his team's poor display, Lee thinks the same could be true of Goodison.

He has no sweeping chances in mind, and has confidently set his side a safety target of 38

points.

'Until Villa scored their first goal, I thought we could win. There were definite signs of composure and confidence, and that is the big problem,' he said.

Even so, Everton have still not won a League match since November, and on the latest evidence, things are getting worse rather than better.

Andy Grey, the League's top scorer, wins this aerial duel with David Jones to score his 24th goal of the season, and Villa's first against Everton



John Conteh fight switch

MIGUEL Cuello, the Argentine light heavyweight, who was due to fight John Conteh for the world title at Liverpool Stadium on March 5, pulled out yesterday with a cut eyebrow.

But the show goes on. His place will be taken by Len Hutchins of Detroit, ranked number six in the world, promoter Manny Goodall said last night.

The replacement came as the result of an hour's high pressure business by telephone between the promoter, the World Boxing Council president Jose Sulaiman in Mexico City, and Hutchings' manager Hank Groome in Detroit.

Sulaiman agreed to the switch and Groome agreed terms, the jubilant promoter announced, after negotiating yet another hurdle on the difficult road to staging his first major championship fight.

Having come to terms with Conteh and Cuello, Goodall first had to get the agreement of the WBC in

allowing the fight despite the fact that contracts were delivered several days after the official closing date.

News of Cuello's injury came in a news agency report from Buenos Aires. This said the Argentinian had suffered a cut eyebrow in training which needed three stitches and his manager there had asked the WBC to grant a postponement.

With the show less than a month away and television contracts signed, Goodall needed a credible opponent for March 5 and after considering Hutchins and another American, Mike Quarry, he contacted Hutchins.

'It will make no difference to the promotion,' he said. The seats are all sold and we do not expect anyone to ask for his money back.

What the people here most want to see is Conteh defending the world title in his home town. In any case I consider the substitute to be just as good an opponent as the original.