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PRICES increased by 71.2 per cent in the three years up to February 15, MPs were told yesterday.

BRING DOWN THE LIB-LAB COALITION

THE RUMP Labour government last night betrayed the labour movement and entered a coalition with the Liberal Party.

Government policy no longer belongs to Labour voters, the Labour Party conference, the trade unions or even Labour MPs.

Thirteen million Labour voters at the last election have been disenfranchised since all future legislation will be decided in secret between the Labour leaders and David Steel's puny group of anti-socialist Liberals.

To cling to office, Prime Minister Callaghan has made concessions to the Ulster Unionists and guaranteed that four of the most reactionary MPs in parliament abstained and helped the government through the no-confidence vote.

He offered Enoch Powell's friends more seats at Westminster to maintain their stranglehold on the Protestant and Catholic working class.

The government won the no-confidence vote by 322 to 298 — a majority of 24. Not one Labour MP voted against the coalition deal. The 13 Liberal MPs voted for the government and they were joined by Gerry Fitt, the Social Democratic and Labour Party member for Belfast, and Irish Independent member Frank Maguire.

The extreme right-wing Ulster Unionist faction split down the middle. Four voted with the Tory opposition and another four abstained.

No one should make any mistake — Callaghan's deal with the Liberals and the Orange Order goes far wider. In reality it is with the Tories as well, whose high officials from the banks and big business are desperately opposed to an election at present.

The Labour Cabinet's sell-out comes in a 400-word agreement between Callaghan and Steel.

BY OUR POLITICAL STAFF

The government is handing over policy-making powers to a coalition junta called a Joint Consultative Committee, which will meet under House of Commons leader Michael Foot.

This body is beyond the influence of any section of the labour movement and, according to the words of the agreement, will meet regularly to 'examine government policy and other issues prior to their coming before the House, and Liberal policy.'

As a feeble face-saver to cover up this non-elected coalition executive, the statement adds: 'The existence of this committee will not commit the government to accepting the views of the Liberal Party or the Liberal Party to supporting the government on any issue.'

But the rest of the agreement makes it quite clear that the concessions envisaged will all be in favour of the right-wing, anti-working-class Liberal Party.

The government, to win the backing of Steel and his MPs, has agreed to:

- **ABANDON** the Direct Labour Bill, which would extend public control in the building industry and further outlaw the scourge of lump labour.

- **DIRECT** elections for the capitalist European parliament, thereby hoping to strengthen the monopolist European Economic Community

- **GO** half way to accepting the Liberal electoral gimmick of proportional representation which Steel hopes will put more of his right-wing colleagues in parliament.

Piling betrayal upon betrayal the Cabinet has agreed to discuss the continuation of this coalition arrangement even after the next General Election.

The 'left'-talking 'Tribune' group of Labour MPs capitulated immediately to the coalition coup by the right wing.

Chairman Ron Thomas and others announced a farcical pose of voting to keep

the Callaghan government in office, at the same time as disclaiming responsibility for what it does.

'We are not parties to any kind of agreement such as has been announced,' said Thomas.

To cover his support for the reactionary coalition with the Liberals, Thomas claimed that he would vote against its more objectionable proposals.

But the 'Tribune'-ites will be responsible for any reactionary legislation that the right-wing coalition pushes through. For it is 'Tribune' group votes that have helped launch the Lib-Lab coalition in the first place.

The 'Tribune' group, by their vote last night in favour of Callaghan's coalition deal, have laid workers open to a constant repetition of this kind of sell-out to big business interests.

The entire Labour and trade union movement must act immediately and smash this coalition by bringing down the Callaghan Lib-Lab administration.

No working man or woman can owe political allegiance to a government that has not only broken its mandate on every issue to those who put it in office — but surrendered the last vestiges of its independence to the right-wing Liberals.

WE APPEAL:

- To all Labour Party members who know the destruction the MacDonald coalition brought down on the labour movement, to demand an emergency Labour Party conference to expel Callaghan and his entire Cabinet and go forward to a new election fought on a full socialist programme.

WE SAY:

- Trades unionists must flood their branches, district committees and national executives with resolutions for a mobilisation to kick Callaghan and his gang out now.

The mass movement must exercise its great strength and break for ever this coalition conspiracy against its living standards and basic rights. Stand up and be counted!

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF RAMSAY MACDONALD

Occupation victory

STUDENTS at the Royal College of Art in London yesterday lifted their four-week occupation after college authorities agreed to go against government education policy.

The RCA ruling body — the College Council — have agreed not to impose higher fee increases on foreign students and will not apply the 10 per cent quota on foreign student intake demanded by the government.

The Council has also agreed to put up £30,000 out of college funds to help self-supporting students at the RCA.

Another concession is the abolition of the college finance and general purposes committee in favour of a policy committee with National Union of Students and other college union representatives. This will handle all financial matters save those connected with salaries and other staff payments.

No real pay increase for 30 years!

Low Pay Unit report

INFLATION and higher taxes have wiped out the value of every pay rise won by workers over the last 30 years.

This astonishing statistic is included in a pre-Budget memorandum submitted to the government by the Low Pay Unit.



THE reactionary Tory MP Rhodes Boyson and his associates yesterday launched their 'Black Paper 77' on education, claiming that Prime Minister James Callaghan and Education Secretary Shirley Williams were converts to their ideas.

'We are happy to see

the Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister wearing our clothes,' they declared at a Press conference in London.

Contributors to the latest Black Paper include Hans Eysenck, who believes that blacks are genetically less intelligent than whites; Max Beloff, who runs the only private, fee-paying university in Britain; Caroline Cox, Keith Jacka and John Marks, who

compiled a virulent attack on left-wing students at North London Polytechnic; and Dolly Walker who was instrumental in the right-wing attack on the teachers at William Tyndale school.

The fact that the Tyndale teachers are still appearing before a disciplinary tribunal which could deprive them of their livelihoods has not prevented Mrs Walker from denouncing them in print.

Among the demands included in this new

At yesterday's Press conference (left to right): Rhodes Boyson, Brian Cox, Raymond Baldwin, Dolly Walker and Hans Eysenck

pamphlet are: a national attainment test for all children at the age of seven; direct grant schools to be retained as 'super-selective academic schools'; and the closure of all departments in polytechnics except science, engineering and business.

TUC calls step up of Grunwick black

THE TUC yesterday called on unions to step up their black on Grunwick, the North London film processing firm that sacked their work force to prevent them organising a union.

The TUC general council said all unions should boycott supplies to and from the factory. They are also asking individual trades unionists not to send their films to the company for processing.

Grunwick also operates under the names of Cooper and Pearson, Bonuspool and Tricolour.

The strikers lobbied the TUC headquarters and staff at the TUC joined them. Their strike for union recognition and the right to negotiate decent wage rates is in its 32nd week and despite verbal backing from the TUC this company is still flouting basic trade union principles.

Roy Grantham, general secretary of APEX, the union the 100 strikers joined, has called on unions to halt gas, water and electricity supplies.

Grunwick's have threatened the Union of Post Office workers with an injunction for blacking mail supplies.

It concludes there has virtually 'been no free collective bargaining since the end of World War II in the sense of trade unions winning real pay rises for their members.'

Governments had held down real wages whether by pay policies or taxes for 30 years, it goes on.

In periods of 'free collective bargaining' such as the early stages of the current 'social contract', any real rises were snatched back in income tax, the report adds.

Giving detailed figures, the memorandum shows that of the £42.10 a week increase in the average man's wage since 1970, all but 24p of its value had been wiped out by inflation and higher taxes.

The document, called 'Wages Free Fall' (a pun on the Fleet Street myth of a 'wages free-for-all'), recommends the trade unions 'shake up' the tax system if they want to be taken seriously about restoring free collective bargaining.

The Pay Unit's figures prove an alarming discrimination, by both Tory and Labour governments alike, against the lower paid over taxation.

Those who can afford it least have had their taxes increased the most.

Things have got worse since the Labour government imposed its 'social contract' with the help of the TUC bureaucracy.

Low-paid workers with two children have had their taxes doubled in the last three years — a 100 per cent increase.

At the other end of the scale, the higher paid have had their taxes increased by only 25 per cent, not even in line with inflation.

In between them, the average wage earner has had to fork out 40 per cent more in taxes, the same rise as the rate of inflation.

The poor worker with children is now losing 11 per cent of his income to the taxman, something he can ill afford.

The average wage earner is losing 19 per cent. The higher paid have only 25 per cent docked from their much bigger incomes.

THREE more tremors rumbled across Iran's southern coast yesterday, as the death toll in a series of earthquakes rose to 83.

Official Iran Radio reported from Tehran that rescue teams had found more bodies under the rubble of ruined houses in villages around the port city of Bandar Abbas.

The shocks came as the country celebrated the Persian New Year (Nowruz) and Bandar Abbas was packed with 20,000 tourists, many of them foreigners.

But the Iranian authorities said none of these had been killed.

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The youth of the Fourth International are marching against unemployment and the threat of war. They are on the road in Germany and Scotland, heading for London and the greatest rally our movement can muster in London on April 24.

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£50,000 Development Fund

Meet the challenge!

THE Callaghan Government has decided to cling to office through a sordid deal with the avowed enemies of the working class — the Liberal Party and the Ulster Unionists.

Needless to say, the parliamentary 'lefts' have capitulated as usual and gone along with this latest betrayal of Labour supporters.

A government which came to power on workers votes — after a miners' strike defeated the Tories — is now the pliant tool of an open capitalist party and the Orange Order.

All pretence of socialism has been publicly abandoned. What more confirmation could be needed of our Party's call for the working class to force this rump Labour Government to resign?

Only the programme and practice of world Trotskyism has the answer to the problems of the working class — as our Euro Marches are now showing.

But we must have the funds to provide our party with the vital resources it needs to meet the challenge and opportunities opening up before us.

We are not far from completing our £50,000 target, but it has slowed down dangerously in the last few days.

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KIRKBY WORK-IN CALLED OFF

THE WORK-IN at Plessey's factory in Kirkby, Merseyside, was called off yesterday morning, after a vote against stewards' recommendation to continue.

A continuation of the meeting in the afternoon called for the vote to be re-taken, but this was shouted down.

Workers claimed they did not realise the vote meant letting management back into the factory.

Management were locked out after Plessey made its announcements of plant closures and redundancies nearly three weeks ago.

Many workers also felt that staff members present at both morning and afternoon sessions of the meeting had deliberately created confusion.

The predominant feeling of the workforce was that the fight had to go on.

EEPTU members finally demanded their own meeting, a demand to which stewards reluctantly conceded.

Management were back in the factory in discussions with stewards almost immediately after the meeting was over.

With 90 days deadline for sackings at various Plessey factories growing shorter, the union bureaucracy are lining up thousands of Plessey workers for the same betrayal as befell Courtaulds workers recently.

Tool stewards to meet again

LEYLAND toolroom workers will make 'certain recommendations' to their full committee of shop stewards on Saturday.

Following a meeting of toolroom negotiators in Birmingham yesterday, committee chairman Roy Fraser said he personally did not think there would be a decision to resume their recent four-week strike.

'There was no talk about a further strike', the Press Association quoted Fraser as saying. He would not say whether any other form of industrial action had been considered.

Governor's court order

THE governor of the Irish Republic's main provisional IRA jail — Portlaoise — was called before Dublin's Special Criminal Court yesterday after the non-appearance of two hunger-strikers on hijacking, firearms and assault charges.

Governor William Reilly was summoned by the no-jury court's three judges who refused to accept medical certificates as evidence that the accused were unfit to attend.

The judges ordered Reilly to be in court again today, with a prison doctor to satisfy them about the men's absence.

WE DIDN'T STOP VITAL DRUGS

SAY DISMISSED HOSPITAL STRIKERS

HOSPITAL workers on strike in Epsom reacted angrily yesterday to claims that they had stopped vital drugs reaching mentally handicapped children.

Surrey health authorities launched the propaganda attack to coincide with dismissal notices sent out to 30 strikers.

One of the pickets outside Manor hospital, Epsom, told News Line: 'It is we who have the interests of the patients at heart — not the authorities.'

'They are spreading untrue information against us. We have been allowing all drugs and other emergency supplies through. Members of our own union on strike have even offered to deliver these supplies themselves. They are drivers and that is their usual job. But management have refused to co-operate,' he said.

The attack on the workers — many of them Spanish-born domestics — started when mid-Surrey hospital district management telephoned Fleet Street with a statement at about noon yesterday.

At 1.37p.m. the Press Association news agency wired to all daily newspapers a story which began: 'Strikers who stopped vital drugs reaching mentally handicapped children in hospital at Epsom, Surrey, were dismissed today.'

It went on to claim that pickets belonging to the transport union had stopped the drugs from entering Manor hospital which has 900 psychiatric patients including 50 children.

The agency story quoted a hospital spokesman as saying the drugs were a vital part of their therapy 'and if they are withheld or delayed the children can easily become disturbed.'

But last night Mick Martin, public services national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, accused the hospital management of dirty tactics.

'I think it is time the Secretary

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

of State for Health investigated what is going on in the Surrey area health authority', said Martin.

'Whenever our members have a bona-fide complaint, management play this kind of tactic.'

'This time the allegations are about drugs. But during a previous dispute the management played on the fears of parents of psychiatric patients and got parents to phone Transport House with protests.'

'All kinds of ways are used to

get at our members', he added.

Frank Martin, transport union shop steward for the domestic staff at Manor hospital, said: 'Management are trying to make cuts in staff and if we don't win this dispute, cuts will hit everybody including patients.'

He said the dispute started when management tried to force acceptance of new work rotas which would disrupt family lives.

Management had overthrown a vote rejecting the new rotas, said pickets, who include domestics, drivers and laundry workers.



A striker sits in the road to stop an estate car breaking through a picket line yesterday outside Manor Hospital, Epsom. As the estate car, driven by a local businessman, arrived at the gates, the picket sat down and pushed his legs under the bogger. 'Will you support our strike?' a Spanish worker asks. The businessman replies: 'I'm losing money from it, I want to go through.' But the picket shouts back: 'We've lost £100 in wages. We're not moving.' The businessman reversed and drove away.

Post unions right to strike

THE Post Office unions are to meet Eric Varley, Industry Secretary, soon to discuss changes in the law which would make clear the postal workers' right to strike.

The unions feel this is necessary in view of the National Association for Freedom appeal court

injunction stopping their planned one-week ban on communications with South Africa.

A TUC observer will be at the discussions.

Bail law attacked

DISCRIMINATION against working-class defendants over bail applications should be ended, says a report out today.

In a memorandum to the Royal Commission on Legal Services, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders says that regarding bail there is a 'law for the rich and a law for the poor'.

It points out that, at present, there are two systems of appeal against a refusal of bail at a magistrates court: through the

Crown Office, generally only available to those who can afford a solicitor, or through the official solicitor.

'In 1975, the success rate of applications made through the official Solicitor was 9.4 per cent and of applications made through the Crown Office was 41.7 per cent,' says the memo.

'The regulations should be amended to make clear provision for legal aid for an application to a judge in chambers on behalf of persons committed to the crown court.'

STUDENTS OCCUPY TRANSPORT HOUSE, PICKET COURT

A HIGH COURT judge yesterday refused to jail two students who have been involved in a sit-in at London's School of Oriental and African studies.

The protest is being staged against the government increases in tuition fees.

The school's authorities had sought orders to jail student union president Peter Alexander, 23, and former president Tom Hickey, 25.

The judge said he would let them go with a solemn warning.

If they committed further breaches of the injunction, it would not be possible to deal with the matter so leniently.

Afterwards Hickey said the outcome was a vindication of what the students had done. The School's director, Professor Charles Donald Cowan, said his main concern had been to get the school back to normal. He was unable to say whether disciplinary action would be taken against the students involved.

Dennis Henry, counsel for the college authorities, read affidavits from Cowan and other college officials.

They complained that the work of the college, which has some 900 students, had been disrupted, that students' personal files had been read by those in occupation and that there was a danger of degree examination papers being found and read by the students.

● EARLIER about 30 students occupied the first floor of Labour Party headquarters in London in protest against increased



fees. They took over the party's general office and switchboard at Transport House for two hours.

The occupation, however, did not delay the start of the Party's National Executive Committee meeting on the top floor. The demonstration, organised by the London Co-ordinating Committee, later went to the High Court in solidarity with the SOAS students.

Charles Clarke, president of the National Union of Students, later condemned the occupation at Transport House.

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MY FRIEND THE PORN TYCOON

A FORMER Scotland Yard Porn Squad chief yesterday told an Old Bailey jury of holidays and dinners he and his wife had with ex-pornography tycoon Eric 'John' Mason.

'He was excellent company. We had a lot in common, and he was a world-travelled, knowledgeable man. I got to like him very much. In a word, I treated him as a friend,' said Det Chief Insp Alfred 'Bill' Moody, 51.

Moody, one of six detectives accused in the police bribes trial, was giving defence evidence on the 18th day. He has pleaded not guilty to seven charges of conspiracy and corruption alleging that he accepted bribes totalling £24,945 from pornographers as inducement or reward for showing favour.

Mason — described during the trial as a leading dirty bookshop owner — has said that 148 Scotland Yard men received corrupt payments from him over 20 years.

Moody told of a visit to Mason's house at Brighton in

January 1968 when Mason gave him his address in Sitges, Spain, where he had a villa, and his phone number.

'He asked me if I was passing through Barcelona to ring and call in to see him.'

Moody said he spent five days there with his family. He added:



Moody

'Mason was an entirely different person in Spain, and very relaxed. We played golf together and I met many other friends and business associates there.'

On November 11, 1968, Mason was holding a birthday party at the White House in London's Regent's Park.

I had some dinners and holidays with him — Scotland Yard chief

'He asked me to book an up-to-date band for him,' said Moody. He said he went to the party and also booked a band for Mason's daughter's wedding on September 23, 1969, and attended the reception.

The Crown has alleged that Moody and officers he commanded at the Obscene Publications Squad deliberately prepared reports to the Director

of Public Prosecutions Office so that they would decide not to prosecute.

Asked about a number of specific allegations by former Obscene Publications Squad detective Ernest Culver of corruption, Det Chief Supt Moody said they were false, untrue, and malicious.

Transferred

He denied allegations by Culver that when he took over the squad he said he was going to organise the collection of bribes from pornographers as it had never been organised before; and that he was present when pornography was transferred from his car to Mason's car.

Moody also denied allegations by former Scotland Yard Detective Sergeant Frank Andrews that several times he handed money to Andrews and told him to share it out, and that on occasions Moody had taken Andrews to pornographers to collect money.

He denied he had taken Andrews to meet Mason at convivial lunches.

Publisher wins 'Eye' libel suit

'PRIVATE EYE' is to pay damages and costs for libelling Lord Weidenfeld in relation to Sir Harold Wilson's memoirs.

A gossip item in the 'Grovel' column in January 1976 suggested Weidenfeld had paid Wilson £25,000 for the right to publish his memoirs, so he would get a peerage.

Mr John Preville told Mr Justice Melford Stevenson in the High Court yesterday: 'The allegation was aggravated by the suggestion that in the event the memoirs were a financial disaster.'

'The truth is a very different story. No money changed hands between Weidenfeld and Nicolson Ltd., let alone Lord Weidenfeld, and Sir Harold.'

'Weidenfeld and Nicolson in fact acquired the necessary rights (in partnership with Michael Joseph Ltd) from Times Newspapers, who had purchased them from Sir Harold.'

Lord Weidenfeld had sued Pressdram Ltd., Moore Harness Ltd., and Mr Richard Ingrams — the publishers, distributors and editor of 'Private Eye'.

Their counsel, Mr Desmond Browne, said they accepted that the allegations were entirely untrue and they withdrew them unreservedly. They apologised to Lord Weidenfeld for publishing them.

'Bumf-ridden' NHS

THE bureaucratic, bumf-ridden health service was bitterly criticised yesterday by the staid Royal College of Nursing.

It attacked the Department of Health for doing both too much and too little to run the NHS.

In evidence to the Royal Commission on the NHS, the College said the increase in bureaucracy is 'the subject of universal execration' within the service.

It called for the abolition of one of the three tiers — the area health authorities — and told the Commission that one of the 14 NHS regions is reputed to spend £1m a year on paper.

That, the College says, is turned into circulars,

memoranda, notes and instructions, which deflect staff from their tasks when they read them and often take more time when they have to sit on committees to discuss them.

Then, the College said, someone has to empty the bins of the flm-worth of paper.

But, 'the confusion in the chain of command starts at the top'.

The Department of Health spends £12m employing 998 professional advisers — but there is a persistent lack of definition.

'Budgets are cut, but there is no guidance as to how the cuts should be made.'

'Pay awards are agreed — for nurses and junior doctors — seemingly without regard for the revenue consequences which are only partly funded.'

'Circulars are issued about fire precautions, family

planning, hearing aids and chiropody without suggestions as to how the finance should be produced.'

'On the one hand the Department of Health is doing too much and usurping and overlapping offices in the field, on the other it fails to give guidance or take a firm decision when decisions are required.'

In its evidence, the College, which represents 80,000 nurses, advocates better health education, more community services, fewer administrators and the unification of the health and social services.

It also calls for an independent audit of waiting lists to see why they are so long — with action to solve social problems where they prove to be the cause; for example, when beds are blocked by patients who have no home to go to.

MY MONEY GOES TO LIBERALS ON CONDITION

— Millionaire

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

the nation from further harmful socialist methods'.

There was no doubt, he said, that if his three 'test conditions' were not met, his support would end.

Twice before the Liberals had been tempted into some kind of coalition, and on both 'they were annihilated'.

If the party was seen to become absorbed by Labour this time his cash supply would cease.

De Chabris arrived in Britain four years ago and reputedly paid £90,000 for a period house

near Canterbury. He was then known as George Marks.

Later he added 'de Chabris' to his name, and also apparently changed the Marks to Marc.

At the time he declared his intention to save the Liberal Club and, indeed, the Liberal Party, saying:

'I believe the only way to govern Britain today is with a middle-of-the-road government.'

'Anyone in the Liberal Party would make a good leader.'

'If it costs me a million or two to save the party, then that's OK by me.'

Controversy raged over his £150,000 investment in the National Liberal Club in Whitehall and Young Liberal president Peter Hain demanded an inquiry into de Chabris.



Louise Jameson



Norman Beaton



Clive Merrison



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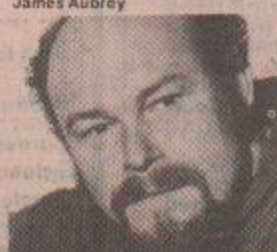
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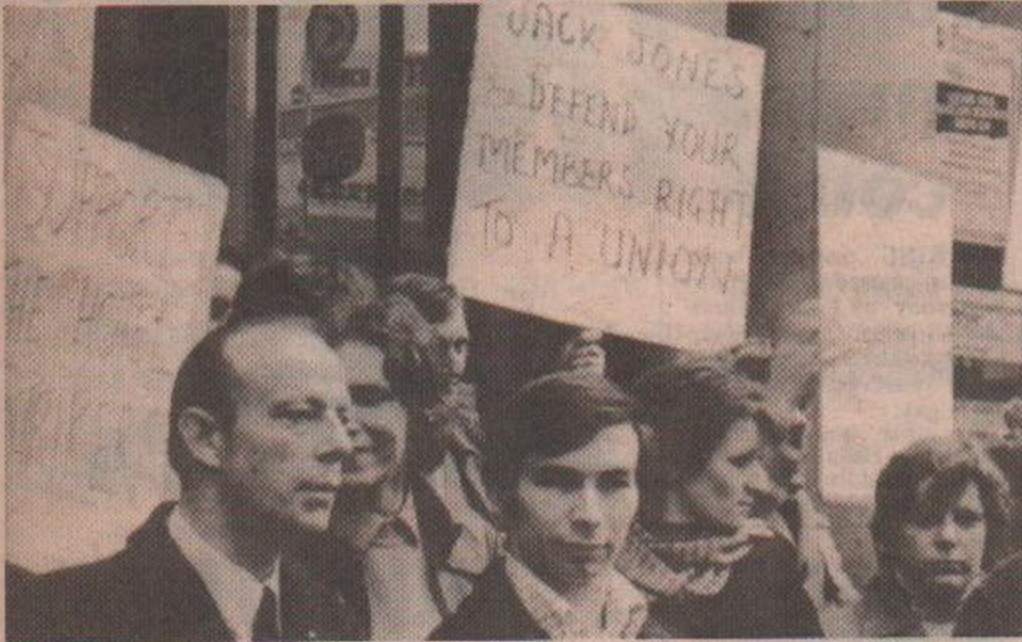


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'Black THF' call by hotel workers



HOTEL WORKERS fired fierce criticism yesterday at union leaders refusing to back a bitter struggle against Britain's biggest catering company.

A protest lobby was staged outside Transport House in London to demand a country-wide 'black' against the company, Trust House Forte.

Taking part in the lobby were workers who have been on official strike for nearly four months at THF hotels in Oxford and Sheffield.

Workers in the fifth week of strike action at the THF-owned 'Night Out' night club in Birmingham also backed the protest.

Strong support came, too, from shop stewards from a number of London hotels. They were angry at the leadership of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and the General and Municipal Workers' Union.

Official

Margaret Petricevic, shop steward at the Grosvenor Hotel in Sheffield, told News Line: 'More than 30 of us have been on strike since December 15.'

'We are fighting on our own, getting no support from T&GWU officials. This is despite the fact that it is an official strike for union recognition.'

'Trust House Forte is a really big organisation. Personally, I feel the T&GWU



DAVID SMITH ...
Demanded national 'black'

leaders are dragging their feet because they are frightened', said Margaret.

She added: 'The regional secretary of the union, Ernest Hayhurst, has told us we are fighting a losing battle.'

'Before we went out on strike the officials said they'd support us. They won't even order a "black" on the company in our area. We've heard that Jack Jones has refused to call a "black" at national level.'

David Smith, shop steward at the Kensington Close Hotel in London, said: 'I think these officials are just a bunch of



MARGARET PETRICEVIC ...
Union chiefs dragging feet

careerists. 'I am a member of the G&MWU London hotels No. 1 branch and we have passed a resolution demanding the union "blacks" THF nationally.'

'The G&MWU has members in electricity, gas, all kinds of services. Recognition disputes could be won in a couple of days. But the union leaders won't fight' said David.

Sean Morrisoe, secretary of the Hotel and Catering Industry joint shop stewards' committee, said: 'Low wages are notorious in this industry. Conditions are so bad that



Outside Transport House, transport union headquarters yesterday, were workers on strike at the Randolph and Linton Lodge hotels in Oxford; the Grosvenor Hotel in Sheffield; and the 'Night Out' club in Birmingham. Later they marched (left) to parliament to demand support from union-sponsored Labour MPs.

Angry lobby of union headquarters

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

anyone who tries to organise a union can find themselves sacked. The hotel monopolies see unionisation as a threat to their profits.

'Unions have launched recruitment drives but as soon as the workers get victimised for organising the union, the union leaders refuse to mobilise the strength of the union to protect them.'

'This is why we've formed our joint stewards' committee.'

'About 1973, it seems the T&GWU and G&MWU officials got a map and virtually shared out the areas they would recruit in. But the so-called recognition agreements they have signed with the employers are so vague they are almost worthless.'

Effective

A statement from the joint steward's committee said:

'A policy of national "black" by the T&GWU of all Trust House Forte companies has been called for at every level of the union, from the hotel workers' own branches up to the Food, Drink and Tobacco trade group committee at national level.'

'No-one can question that this is the one effective course of action. In fact the only reason the strikes have not been won already is due to the T&GWU undemocratic refusal to implement this policy.'

'When the proposal was raised at the General Executive Committee meeting three weeks ago, it was Jack Jones himself who was the main opponent to its acceptance', said the statement.

Shop stewards at yesterday's lobby said that union leaders were saying the imposition of a national 'black' would be 'illegal'.

They claimed the extreme right-wing National Association For Freedom (NAFF) had been closely involved in supporting action against the hotel strikers.

LAWYERS DEFEND HOUSE MONOPOLY

THE British Legal Association, representing about 2,000 solicitors, has attacked as 'wild and woolly wishful thinking' a call by the Consumers Association for an end to solicitors' monopoly in the legal work of buying and selling

houses. The call to end the 'high priced monopoly' came in evidence to the Royal Commission on legal services.

MP Tom Litterick's condition is 'unchanged' said a spokesman for Warwick Hospital yesterday. Litterick, MP for Selly Oak, Birmingham, was admitted to

the coronary care unit of the hospital last week after being taken ill at his home in Kenilworth.

Kodak snap up market

KODAK are hoping to snap up the instant camera market with three new models on the market from May 16. Polaroid successfully claimed an infringement of patents in the High Court, but this was lifted on appeal and later confirmed by the House of Lords. The Law Lords were told in December it could take eight years to decide the patent action.

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HOLLAND

Early election

Cabinet resigns in coalition split

THE HAGUE — The Netherlands was plunged into a premature election campaign yesterday after the collapse of Prime Minister Joop den Uyl's five-party centre-left government.

The Cabinet resigned on Tuesday night — nine weeks before elections were due — because four Catholic and two Protestant ministers refused to accept the final Cabinet version of a controversial land reform Bill, den Uyl said.

The rebel ministers led by deputy premier Andreas van Agt claimed the Bill did not provide sufficient compensation for owners bought out under compulsory purchase orders.

Queen Juliana has asked the complete Cabinet to remain in office on a caretaker basis and no date has yet been announced for the dissolution of parliament.

The collapse of the coalition

dealt a fatal blow to several Bills — probably including legislation on profit-sharing, investment planning and works councils — which den Uyl had hoped to push through parliament before the elections.

He said he would consult the various parliamentary factions on which Bills could still be passed before the dissolution.

Political commentators traced the government's fall to worsening tensions between den Uyl's Labour Party and the Catholic and Protestant 'confessional' parties in the run-up to the elections.

The two Confessional Parties,

plus the small Calvinist Christian Historical Union, which has been in opposition, have been linked together in an electoral alliance since last year.

Den Uyl's government, formed in May 1973 after almost half a year of painful bargaining, had controlled 97 seats in the 150-member lower house. The Labour Party had 43 seats.

The Labour Party chairman, Mrs Ien van den Heuvel, said the way the government fell would make any future coalition between Labour and the Confessional Parties difficult.

Israeli port workers invade court

STRIKING dockers burst into a courtroom in Haifa yesterday, as Israel's three main ports were again paralysed by a strike of 4,500 dock workers demanding more pay.

The strike, which began on Tuesday in Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat, came at the height of the citrus exporting season and has affected 13 fruit-carrying vessels.

Port officials said that 70 vessels were idle altogether yesterday morning.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin discussed the situation with the Ministers of Labour and Transport and they apparently decided to stand firm against the strike, fearing that a dockers' victory would open the floodgates to renewed wage claims from other workers which could paralyse the country.

The Haifa court was convened yesterday at the request of the Israeli Ports Authority to order strikers back to work in Haifa and Ashdod.

Another court in Beersheba ordered workers at Eilat to return to work temporarily until a full court hearing is held today.

The government has already decided that, if the labour court fails to resolve the dispute, an emergency 'back to work' regulation will be invoked against a small, select band of port workers in order to save the fruit.

Whether that would be obeyed is another question.

As the Israeli economy reeled under the effects of the dockers' action, it received another blow.

Employees of Israel's biggest bank — the Bank Le'umi — said they would strike today and tomorrow in support of wage demands.

THERE are nearly 5,800,000 people out of work in the Common Market, according to EEC figures released in Brussels yesterday. This is 200,000 more than was admitted a year ago, and works out at 5.5 per cent of the working-age population.

Unemployment over the last twelve months has increased in every Common Market country except West Germany and Holland, the report says.



FUKUDA

FUKUDA 'WORLD SLIDE' WARNING

Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda ended his visit to the United States yesterday with a strong warning against a 'world slide' into protectionist trade policies.

And he added that 1977 was 'parallel' to the years before the 1930s world slump.

Fukuda's trade warning was issued amid strong pressures in Congress and some US trade circles for higher tariffs on Japanese imports, particularly colour television sets.

Speaking at a National Press Club luncheon, Fukuda said he felt 'deep anxiety about the social and political consequences for the world if we slide once again into protectionism or a break-up into rival trade blocs'.

Such a course, he said, 'can only exacerbate world economic conditions'.

He claimed he had warned Japanese industrialists against 'too aggressive' export policies. But Fukuda's reassurance was undermined since it coincided with announcements of a record February production total of motor vehicles in Japan.

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association said 630,217 vehicles were produced last month — 6 per cent higher than January and 9.9 per cent higher than February last year — because they expected an

increase in exports!

Fukuda's speech reflected the strong emphasis in his talks with President Carter on the world economy in general and Japanese-US trade relations in particular.

Satisfaction

The Japanese premier expressed 'satisfaction' at the talks in which the two leaders agreed to 'do their best' (!) to help stimulate the world economy.

In more realistic terms, Fukuda said that 'many features' of the present economic climate were parallel to the years leading to the great depression.

Fukuda said he had been assured of continued political support from the United States.

Specifically, he had been told that US ground forces would be withdrawn from South Korea only in close consultation with Tokyo and Seoul, Mr Fukuda said.

New probe into Lockheed payments ... in USA

A new probe is being made into payments by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, this time inside the United States itself.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has filed papers within a district court in Washington asking for a subpoena to force Lockheed's chief lawyer, John Martin, to testify before the agency.

Lockheed has admitted making illegal foreign payments of more than \$20m.

The scandal resulted in a former Japanese Prime Minister, Kakuei Tanaka, being put on trial on bribery charges.

Two former Defence Ministers — Luigi Gui and Mario Tanassi — are also to go on trial in Italy.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands had a devastating fall from grace when he was shown to have had 'unwise dealings' with Lockheed.

But the aircraft firm always denied making any illegal payments inside the United States.

Now, however, the Securities and Exchange Commission wants to investigate whether Lockheed first sent money abroad and then brought it back for payments inside the US.

SEC is particularly interested in what happened to cash totalling over \$460,000 which was left in a Swiss bank account after some foreign payments were made in the early 1970s.

Stressing that the Justice Department is considering bringing criminal charges, SEC said this week that it believed this money may have been used to make domestic payments.

The Washington court hearings will be held later this month.

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

The Young Socialists issue an urgent call to the labour and trade union movement — give to those who have been battered by the artillery, driven out of their homes and herded into ghettos in Lebanon by the Syrian-backed rightists.

Time is precious — it means lives. Arrange collection of medicine and warm clothing. Woollen blankets, warm children's wear, winter underwear and clothing are now desperately needed. The extremely cold winter that has now set in means that thousands face death from exposure. Act at once. Ask your local trade union branches and Constituency Labour Parties for contributions.

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

*National Secretary
Young Socialists
21b Old Town
London SW4 0JT

ROME ON STRIKE

ONE and a half million workers in Rome and the surrounding Lazio province went on strike yesterday against the wage-cutting policies of the Stalinist-backed Christian Democratic government.

The strike was called by Italy's three trade union confederations against the proposed terms of a \$530m loan being sought by the government from the International Monetary Fund.

Guarded

Riot police guarded key buildings in the centre of Rome as thousands of people gathered to demonstrate near the basilica of St John Lateran.

As the working class showed its strength, Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti repeated that he was confident some agreement could be reached between the main parties including the Stalinists — over the IMF deal.

Andreotti was speaking after separate talks with Communist Party leader Enrico Berlinguer and Christian Democratic Party president Aldo Moro.

The IMF's main proposal is that price increases caused by higher taxation must not be compensated for by wage increases under the existing cost-of-living arrangements.

The government has already transferred the cost of social welfare contributions from the employers to taxation.

In addition, Andreotti plans to introduce extra taxation later this year to raise 2,000 billion lire (about £1.3 billion).

Despite this, CP leader Berlinguer made it clear after his meeting with the Prime Minister on Tuesday night that his party did not want to precipitate a government crisis.

Referring to the IMF terms, Berlinguer said: 'Of course, creditors are entitled to receive guarantees.'

Stressed

All he stressed was that the 'means on how to reach the conditions agreed upon' should be decided in the Italian parliament.

Berlinguer told reporters that there was still room for manoeuvre for a compromise solution.

● The United States has granted a visitor's visa to a high-ranking member of the Italian Communist Party.

In a reversal of previous US



Andreotti



Berlinguer

policies to all members of Communist Parties, Signor Elio Gabbuggiani, the Mayor of Florence, is to be allowed entry to the USA.

SYRIAN SOLDIERS KILLED JUMBLATT

Iraq confirms charges

THE Iraqi Press office in London has confirmed charges — reported in News Line on Tuesday — that Syrian soldiers killed Lebanese left-wing leader Kemal Jumblatt.

A Press release datelined Cairo says this information is based on investigations carried out by Jumblatt's family and his Progressive Socialist Party.

The Iraqi News Agency says the investigations show that the killing on March 16 was carried out by four Syrian soldiers, who escaped to Damascus and were working under the orders of Colonel Rifaat Assad.

The colonel is the brother of Syrian President Hafez Assad and head of Syria's Defence Units regiments.

Jumblatt was shot dead by four gunmen in an American Pontiac sports car which overtook his car as he was heading for Beirut from his

village of Mukhtara in the mountains south east of Beirut.

The investigations carried out by Jumblatt's family and party have now revealed details of the murderers' escape.

The four men abandoned their Pontiac sports car when it ran off the road a few miles from the scene of the assassination and commandeered a car belonging to a Lebanese citizen.

They then drove the commandeered car unhindered past several Syrian army checkpoints to the Sailome Building Headquarters of the Syrian-dominated Arab deterrent force in the Sin-el-Fil suburb of Beirut.

From there, a Mercedes car which was parked near the building took them straight to Damascus.

New evidence points to Damascus

BEIRUT — The Iraqi number plates found on the car used by the assassins of Lebanese leftist leader Kemal Jumblatt were stolen from their original owner in Damascus last month, according to a Press statement by the owner himself.

The number plates, 72719 Bahgdad, were found attached to the red Pontiac Firebird abandoned by the killers a short distance away from the scene of the assassination, and appeared in many Lebanese Press photographs.

But Iraqi contractor Bakr Abdurrazzaq Mahmoud maintains that the plates were expertly stolen from his own Egyptian-manufactured Fiat

during a visit he paid to Damascus early last month.

In a statement to the Iraqi weekly 'Alif Ba', Bakr Mahmoud described how he and his father drove to Syria last month via Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

At the Syrian border at Deraa, the couple ran into trouble with Syrian officials because the father — an Imam at a Baghdad Mosque — had a name similar to that of a man currently being sought by the Syrian authorities.

He was ordered to report to the 'Political Security' headquarters in Damascus for questioning, and the pair were confined to the Rafidain hotel in the Syrian capital for two nights. When the interrogations

proved negative they were allowed to leave, but Bakr Mahmoud discovered that during the second night the number plates had been expertly removed from his car, which was parked in front of the hotel.

They drove immediately to the Iraqi border, Mahmoud said, but experienced no difficulty with the Syrian border authorities despite the missing number plates.

The Iraqi contractor's story is furnished with a good deal of detail — such as his passport number, 19580-76007 — which should presumably make it easy to corroborate or refute the allegations.

Shelling East Lebanon

from Jim Muir in Beirut

SOME of the heaviest shelling so far witnessed in south Lebanon was reported yesterday from the troubled border regions.

Casualties were reported high in ferocious exchanges of heavy-calibre artillery between Israeli-backed rightist forces at Qlaia and leftist and Palestinian forces at nearby Tiyyiba and Hasbaya.

Civilian losses were said to be particularly high in the bombardment of Hasbaya, which began on Tuesday and continued with redoubled intensity yesterday.

Five Palestinian fighters were killed in this area, according to reliable sources, while a top rightist-Christian commander from Qlaia was reported dead on arrival at the nearby Israeli border clinic.

As the fighting raged, south Lebanon was one of the topics on the agenda at an important meeting in Beirut yesterday

morning of the four-party Arab ambassadorial committee with President Elias Sarkis.

The committee was charged by last autumn's Riyadh and Cairo summits with supervising the implementation of the 1969 Cairo accord between the Lebanese state and the Palestinians in Lebanon.

No details were released or comments made after the meeting, but Beirut Press opinion expected the ambassadors to prepare a timetable for further steps to restore the state's authority to all parts of Lebanon, and particularly the south.

Much dissent has been voiced over how the Cairo agreement should be interpreted, with rightist leaders demanding a wholesale disarmament of the Palestinians throughout the country — including the removal of light arms, a move strongly resisted by the Palestinians.

But President Sarkis is believed to give priority to restoring stability to the south in the framework of a plan for a return of the Lebanese internal security forces to police the area while the conflicting factions stand down their arms, as

happened in the rest of the country when the largely Syrian Arab Deterrent Forces made their entry last November.

The application of the Cairo agreement would see the Palestinians withdraw from their current positions throughout south Lebanon to the base area allocated to them in the rugged Arqoub area, just east of the current fighting.

But the Palestinians are unlikely to withdraw unless they have guarantees that their enemies, who are backed by the Israelis, will not close in on them in their last refuge.

Meanwhile the repercussions of the leftist leader Kemal Jumblatt's assassination last week continued, with the leftist 'nationalist movement' which Jumblatt led calling a General Strike for today throughout the country.

In Jumblatt's own Shouf territory, thousands of his supporters rallied yesterday in the traditional remembrance ceremonies which take place one week after the death of any Arab figure. The leftist parties have also named May 1 as an international, Arab and Lebanese day of remembrance for Kemal Jumblatt.

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- Trade union unity throughout all the EEC countries

Welcome from youth in Essen

ESSEN — Young German workers clapped and cheered as we marched into this town, on Tuesday night.

It had been a long haul from Bochum that day and the marchers were aroused by this greeting.

Essen is the town that Krupp built. And Arndt Krupp, today's heir of the fabulous steel fortune and son of Friedrich Krupp, the financier of Hitler, still owns most of the town.

His ancestors came to Essen in the middle of the 19th Century. It was then a small town set in the rural land of the Ruhr valley.

He founded his empire on steel. He bought up the land and built on it close to his giant steel works clusters of small houses for his workers.

He paid the wages and they paid it back in rents. He bought the shops and workers had to buy their provisions from them.

Essen remained Krupp's company store right up until the 1930s. Arndt Krupp still owns the steelworks, houses, even the streets in parts of Essen. Whole areas the size of a London borough belong to him.

This year Krupp sold his interest in shops. Last year he closed down the Krupp

FROM BRIAN MOORE

Machine Company. This year the steel workers are on short time.

In the south of Essen is a vast Park with a lake and a huge stately mansion. It takes up one tenth of the land of the city. It is the ancestral home of the Krupp family. Today it is open as a museum, but every acre of the land and the building remains in the family's hands.

In 1952 Essen was the biggest mining area in Europe.

Forced

Today there is only one pit left. Many of the workers in this town are former miners. When they were thrown out of work in the big crisis of 1965-1967, they were forced to go either into the steel industry or into some of the new chemical plants.

Today these same miners are yet again threatened with losing their jobs.

The working class of Essen has a great revolutionary history.

In 1920 it was the central stronghold of the workers' Red Army who rose up in an armed insurrection.

The battle of Wasser Turm (Water Tower) in 1920 was a high point of revolutionary struggle. Armed police and troops of the bourgeoisie had occupied the town. It was all that was left to them in

the battle with the workers' Red Army.

The police force wanted to negotiate peace talks, but as the workers' representatives approached the tower, the police opened fire on them and killed them all.

The workers were so enraged at this murderous treachery that they stormed the tower and slaughtered and disarmed the forces of reaction.

Today the social democrats who dominate the politics of the town and the trade union movement do everything in their power to hide that history.

But that history the young Euro-Marchers invoked yesterday as they marched on the centre of Essen.

It is a wilderness of towering office blocks, tram lines and motorways.

By nine o'clock at night the streets are deserted.

This is a working class that after the war put up with long shift working and high productivity deals. They accepted this because they could see rewards in terms of hard cash and the improvement of living standards.

The sons and daughters of that generation leave school only to go on the dole.

The Essen youth are attracted by the Euro-March and some have joined us.

The fight is to take them to London with us all the way.



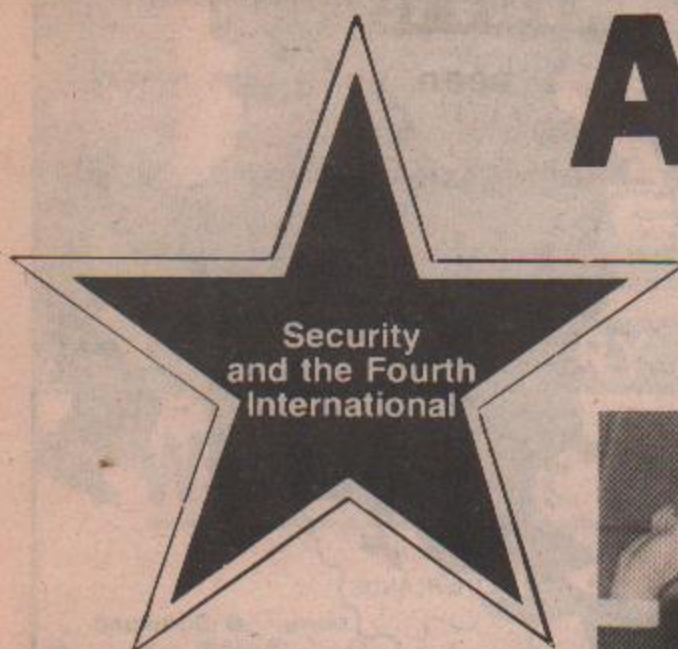
Euro-marchers in Germany (above) march into Essen in the industrial Ruhr after a long haul from Bochum, while their Sc... earned meal-break by the roadside.

- Answer inflation — support all wage demands
- Down with imperialism — full support for all national liberation movements
- Full support for the PLO as the leadership of the Palestinian revolution
- Withdraw all British troops from Ulster
- Against the capitalist Common Market
- For the Socialist United States of Europe



Fish comrades (right) take a well

She has agreed to let the marchers have the use of the launderette free of charge.



An open letter to J from the Worker

DAVID North, national secretary of the Workers League of the United States, has written to the revisionist Socialist Workers Party calling for the immediate establishment of a commission of inquiry into the GPU murder of Leon Trotsky.

It follows the repeated public declaration by SWP leaders Joseph Hansen and George Novack that Sylvia Franklin, one-time personal secretary to the late James P. Cannon, was an 'exemplary comrade' in their party.

After painstaking investigation over almost two years, the International Committee of the Fourth International has proved beyond any doubt that she was a GPU agent all along.

She played a key role in the GPU network which carried out the assassination of the Bolshevik leader in Mexico on August 20, 1940.

On January 1, 1976, the International Committee indicted both Hansen and Novack as accomplices of the GPU for shielding Franklin when she was a known GPU agent. That has been proved completely.

On March 8, 1977, at a public meeting in Paris the facts about Franklin were acknowledged by Jean Van Heijenoort, Trotsky's longest-serving secretary, and Michel Pablo, who was secretary of the Fourth International in the period after the war until the late 1950s.

Following these admissions the Workers League, the American Trotskyist party which has fraternal relations with the International Committee, has demanded the suspension of Hansen and Novack from the SWP and an International Commission of inquiry. We reprint the Workers League letter in full.



Ernest Mandel, Tim Wohlforth and George Novack at the revisionists' meeting, in London, on January 14th 1977

Jack Barnes
National Secretary
Socialist Workers Party
New York

March 18, 1977

Dear Comrade Barnes:

On March 8, 1977, at a public meeting in Paris, a sensational admission about GPU penetration of the Fourth International was made by two men who had once played leading roles in the Trotskyist movement.

Jean Van Heijenoort, the secretary of Leon Trotsky from 1932 to 1940 and later International Correspondence Secretary of the Fourth International, and Michel Pablo (Raptis), secretary of the International Secretariat after

World War II, conceded that the squad of GPU conspirators who plotted and executed the assassination of Trotsky included the long-time personal secretary of the founder of the Socialist Workers Party, James P. Cannon.

They named as an agent Sylvia Franklin, party name Caldwell, who worked at Cannon's side in the SWP national headquarters at 116 University Place in New York City from 1938 to 1947.

Van Heijenoort told the Paris audience that 'everything in my mind at the present time goes in the direction that Sylvia was an agent of the GPU.'

When asked in front of the audience whether he agreed with Van Heijenoort, Pablo replied: 'Oh, I think so, definitely. I think she was, yes, an agent. I think so. And I think it is right that they must admit it. That's my position. The Socialist Workers Party must admit it.'

As national secretary of the SWP, the significance of their statements must be immediately clear to you. Their denunciation of Sylvia Franklin as a GPU agent utterly exposes the criminal fraud that the two leaders of your organisation — Joseph Hansen and George Novack — have sought to perpetrate against the Trotskyist movement.

For the last two years they have lavished praise upon Sylvia Franklin. They have responded to the documented exposure of Franklin as a GPU spy by the International Committee with a campaign of unrestrained slanders, lies and provocations — the main target being Comrade G. Healy of the Workers Revolutionary Party.

Hansen and Novack have refused to remove Franklin from her honoured pedestal in the Pantheon of SWP heroines despite the overwhelming proof that she played a key role in the GPU plot to murder Trotsky.

As the ex-Stalinist Louis Budenz declared in an affidavit of November 11, 1950:

'By first volunteering to do secretarial work in the national Trotskyite offices in New York, Sylvia Franklin under the direction of Roberts-Rabinowitz, gradually made herself indispensable to James Cannon, then head of the American Trotskyites. She became his secretary and served in that capacity for some time. Roberts-Rabinowitz advised me that she had proved to be invaluable in bringing copies of all of Trotsky's mail and other Trotskyite communications to him for his information.'

By the time Budenz made this statement, Sylvia Franklin had already made her hasty

exit from 116 University Place and the SWP cover-up of her spy role had already begun. After first learning in 1947 that Franklin was a GPU agent, the SWP rigged a Control Commission report to clear her.

In 1960, Sylvia Franklin made page one in newspapers all over the country when she was named as a co-conspirator — along with the late GPU boss Lavrenti Beria — in the Robert Soblen spy ring. The SWP had no public comment on the indictment at the time.

The International Committee has published photostat copies of official court briefs and indictments in which the name of this spy appears. It has published newspaper accounts of her role in the GPU spy network. It has published sworn court testimony and the recollections of people — including one-time SWP leader Grace Carlson — who knew her.

The case against Sylvia Franklin is unassailable. You and the entire leadership of the SWP know this to be a fact. But Hansen and Novack have desperately attempted to maintain the cover-up.

● In the November 24, 1975 issue of 'Intercontinental Press', Hansen wrote:

'Sylvia Caldwell (that was her party name) worked very hard in her rather difficult assignment of managing the office of the Socialist Workers Party, which included helping Cannon in a secretarial capacity. In fact all the comrades who shared these often irksome chores with her regarded her as exemplary. They burned as much as she did over the foul slander spread by Budenz.'

● In the December 8, 1975 issue of 'Intercontinental Press', George Novack denounced the International Committee for making 'indiscriminate allegations' against Franklin while providing 'no new probative evidence'.

● The most gushing tribute to Franklin has come from the pen of Mrs Reba Hansen — who took over for Franklin in the SWP headquarters after the spy flew the coop. In the 1976 Pathfinder book, 'James P. Cannon As We Knew Him', Reba Hansen composed this panegyric:

'When the load in the national office was heavy and Sylvia needed help, I gave her a hand, working very closely with her. Her efficiency impressed me. She knew how to do everything that was necessary to keep a one-person office running smoothly. Her devotion to the movement and her readiness to



Joseph Hansen

ack Barnes rs League



Trotsky (far left) with a party of friends in Mexico. On the right is Jean Van Heijenoort

put in long hours of hard work inspired us all. 'Sylvia and I became close collaborators and good personal friends. She was a warm human being.'

When Reba Hansen wrote those lines, she knew that Franklin-Caldwell had been named as a GPU agent. As one who claims loyalty to the principles for which Trotsky fought and died, are you not sickened as you read Hansen's homage to Franklin? Are there not members of the SWP Political Committee who are both ashamed and outraged as Hansen and Novack flaunt their admiration for a woman who has Trotsky's blood on her hands?

Pablo and Van Heijenoort are compelled to admit — beneath the weight of evidence presented by the International Committee — that Reba Hansen's 'good personal friend' was a GPU agent!

Only last summer, 'Intercontinental Press' praised Van Heijenoort and Pablo as 'veteran battlers' when their names were listed as supporters — though not signatories — of Hansen's so-called 'verdict' in which he labelled the International Committee's investigation into the assassination of Trotsky as a 'Shameless Frame-up'.

The basis of that 'verdict' was supposedly that 'Healy and his associates have not brought forward the slightest probative evidence, documents, or testimony to substantiate their libellous accusations against Hansen and Novack, the nominal targets of the attacks.'

Now that Pablo and Van Heijenoort declare that the evidence assembled by the International Committee compels them to conclude that Franklin was an agent, will not the SWP leadership abandon its support for the proven cover-up of GPU agents by Hansen and Novack?

Van Heijenoort stated that he believed that the SWP was covering up for Franklin because 'they are very eager to preserve the memory of Cannon and they don't want to say Cannon was deceived for a long time.'

Van Heijenoort added that the defence of Franklin was 'a kind of veneration of Cannon, and not wanting to see the memory of Cannon tarnished by that.'

This explanation cannot be accepted, and certainly will not be tolerated by those older members of the SWP who worked for many years with Cannon. The issue here is not the veneration of Cannon but the veneration of Franklin! Those who defend Franklin and cover up for her crimes have nothing whatsoever in common with the Cannon who founded the Trotskyist movement in the United States.

Comrade Barnes, would you still endeavour to deny that Sylvia Franklin was a GPU agent?

Would you still endeavour to challenge the accusation of the International Committee that 'Joseph Hansen and George Novack have protected and covered up for Sylvia Franklin, the GPU agent in the Socialist Workers Party who became personal secretary to the late James P. Cannon throughout the 1940s'?

That Hansen and Novack are accomplices of the GPU, as charged by the International Committee, has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt.

The statements of Van Heijenoort and Pablo alone make it clear that Hansen and Novack have been lying about Franklin. That they perpetuate this lie is a measure of not only their hatred of Trotskyism but also of their contempt for the sincere members of the Socialist Workers Party who want to know the truth.

The exposure of this lie places upon you, Comrade Barnes, a grave responsibility.

You must place before the SWP Political Committee a motion for the suspension of Hansen and Novack from your Party pending an investigation by a Commission of Inquiry into all aspects of the assassination of Trotsky and GPU penetration of the Fourth International as called for by the International Committee.

You must rise above all sectarian and factional considerations and join with the International Committee in preparing for the establishment of a Commission and the launching of the inquiry.

Fraternally,
David North
Workers League
national secretary

PUBLIC DEBATE PROPOSED

THE following letter has been sent by Workers Revolutionary Party general secretary Michael Banda to the International Marxist Group:

B Grogan,
General Secretary,
International Marxist Group,
London, NI.

Dear Comrade,

Your public meeting on January 14, 1977, under the title 'Defend Workers' Democracy from Healy's Slanders' did not allow any questions or discussion on the issues which the speakers raised.

Many of those who attended considered such procedure as unsatisfactory, since the problem of 'Security and the Fourth International' was only dealt with in a very inadequate way by the platform.

The Political Committee of the Workers Revolutionary Party proposes a public debate with the International Marxist Group on 'Security and the Fourth International' under conditions which would allow time for

questions and discussion from the floor. All expenses of the debate would be shared by the WRP and the IMG.

For our part the debate could be held any time during the month of April.

We await your reply.

Fraternally,
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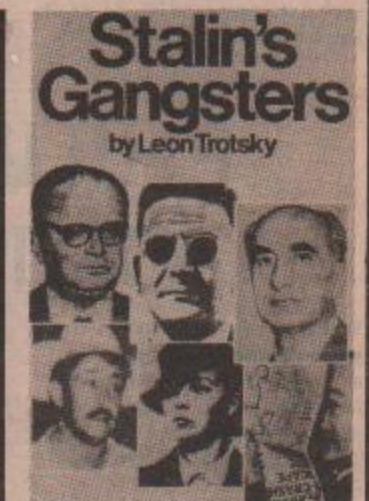
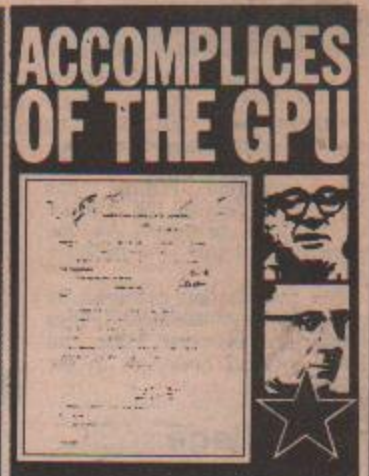
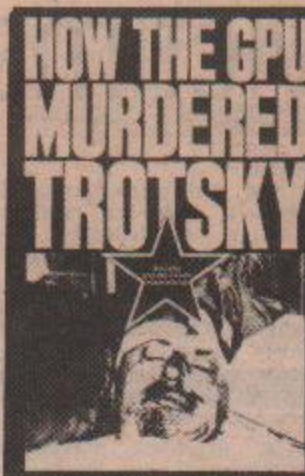
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THE TORTURE REGIMES

ARGENTINA

ARGENTINE President General Jorge Rafael Videla's statement ('L'Express', Paris, March 15) that 'there are no Argentinians detained for their political opinions' is shown to be a lie by the findings of an Amnesty International report released yesterday.

An Amnesty International mission visited Argentina in November 1976 and two former political prisoners were present when the report was issued yesterday.

Maximo Pedro Victoria is an Argentine nuclear scientist and former employee of the Argentine Atomic Energy Commission until his detention in April last year.

He was held without charge for six months and subjected to violent beatings during a transfer to Sierra Chica prison in Buenos Aires province.

Two of Videla's

victims speak out

Pressure

After international pressure, particularly by the scientific community, Maximo Pedro Victoria was released in September 1976.

He is now engaged in research in Belgium.

Enrique Rodriguez Larreta is a Uruguayan journalist who has worked for 15 years for such Uruguayan newspapers as 'El Pais', 'Clarín' and 'Primera Hora'.

He was abducted in Buenos Aires in July 1976, tortured in an unofficial detention centre, then transferred to detention in Uruguay, along with more than 20 other Uruguayans kidnapped in Argentina.

Others have not been so 'lucky' as Victoria and Larreta.

Since the coup of March 1976, the Argentine regime has refused to disclose the number of political prisoners on the grounds that this is a military secret.

But information gathered by Amnesty International indicates there are between 5,000 and 6,000 political prisoners in the country.

Siege

Most of these are detained under the terms of the state of siege which exists in Argentina. They have not been charged

or tried.

Tried and untried political prisoners alike are held in punitive conditions, the Amnesty International report says.

Numerous personal testimonies show that torture is widely practised, particularly during transfer from one prison to another and during the initial period of arrest.

The Argentine president's assurance of his desire 'to restore human rights and constitutional guarantees' is not borne out by events, Amnesty says.



Argentinian political refugees Maximo Pedro Victoria (left) and Enrique Rodriguez Larreta at yesterday's Press conference.

Since January this year, five political prisoners, alleged to be members of a left-wing armed organisation, were shot while 'trying to escape' from a jail in La Plata.

Shooting

A similar report concerns the shooting of 17 prisoners during 1976 in the Cordoba Penitentiary.

According to Amnesty International, evidence indicates that they were victims of unofficial executions.

The most recent such death

reported was that of Alberto Braicovich, who was shot during a transfer in early March.

The Amnesty International report lists 489 people who have disappeared without trace since the coup.

But it adds that a full list would contain between 2,000 and 3,000 cases. And, it says, there appears to be no decline in the 'daily disappearances'.

Some victims reappear in official custody, and others turn up in unofficial detention centres like the 'Campo de la Atomica' in Buenos Aires.

But many more are found dead or vanish without trace.

PHILIPPINES TRY TO BLUFF OUT AMNESTY REPORT

THE Philippine government has criticised a report by Amnesty International which said that torture was widely used against political prisoners.

Biased

Solicitor General Estelito P. Mendoza claims the Amnesty report was 'in the main, based on fabrications, biased and without factual foundation'.

The criticisms were published yesterday by Amnesty in a second edition

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

of its 1976 report on conditions in the islands.

The report was drawn up by Washington lawyer Thomas C. Jones and Wen Hsien-huang, a member of Amnesty's international secretariat, following a visit to the Philippines towards the end of 1975.

Of 101 prisoners interviewed by the teams at detention centres in Luzon, 71 said they had been tortured.

Political prisoners were subject to 'indefinite detention, in many cases for several years, without being

informed of the charges and without trial of the issues', the Amnesty delegates reported.

Comment

In his 8,000-word comment, Mendoza asserts that those interviewed were 'extreme subversives who gave fabricated and untrue accounts of torture'.

Mendoza also claims that the mission was used 'as a propaganda tool by those who would subvert and overthrow by force the government of the

Philippines.

'The Philippines will of course continue to condemn torture', he adds, 'and punish all public officers and employees who maltreat prisoners. In fact, it has lately intensified its efforts to discipline and punish erring police and army men.'

An Amnesty International spokesman said yesterday they welcomed the opportunity to make the Philippine criticism of their work available.

At the same time the organisation reasserted that it knew torture had been widespread and was continuing.

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5.40 EVENING NEWS

5.55 NATIONWIDE

6.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD Raymond Baxter presents this week's look at the scientific inventions which could be used to benefit mankind

7.10 TOP OF THE POPS introduced by Dave Lee Travis

7.40 THE ROCKFORD FILES *Resurrection in Black and White* Our man Jim discovers peculiar penal pastimes

8.30 TASTE FOR ADVENTURE *New York Emergency* Tonight's film shows us a week in the life of two of Manhattan's Emergency Squad — a volunteer section of New York's police force which deals with the suicides, hijacks, bomb scares etc — real regular guys, who are only human after all

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS

9.25 THE BRITISH ACADEMY AWARDS presented by the young filly — Mrs Mark Phillips

11.00 TONIGHT including News Headlines

11.40-11.42 Weatherman, Closedown

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 Open University. 11.00-11.25 Play School. 4.55 Open University

7.00 NEWS ON 2 HEADLINES

7.05 HAVING A BABY the first in this 15 part series looks at the team of doctors and nurses who look after mother and baby both ante and post natal.

7.30 NEWSDAY presented by Michael Charlton and Charles Wheeler

8.05 THE BOOK PROGRAMME *David Hockney by David Hockney* The controversial painter talks about his autobiography in an interview with Robert Robinson

8.35 JUST A NIMMO a whole 30 minutes of the inimitable Derek Nimmo

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9.30 BEETHOVEN PLUS ONE The String Quintet Opus 29

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11.35 LATE NEWS ON 2, weather

11.45-11.50 CLOSEDOWN Rosalind Shanks reads *Black Rook in Rainy Weather* by Sylvia Plath

THAMES

9.30 For Schools. 10.40 Simon in the Land of Chalk Drawings. 11.00 For Schools continued. 12.00 Little Blue. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.15 Today's Post. 1.25 Crown Court. 1.55 Mid-week Racing. 3.20 Rooms. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Mr and Mrs.

6.00 TODAY with Eamonn Andrews

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 BIG BOY NOW! *Edgar's Other Woman*

7.30 THE HEAVY MOB

8.00 PLANET OF THE APES

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 THE POISONING OF MICHIGAN *This Week Special* investigates the major human disaster which has struck an estimated 75 per cent of Michigan's 9 million inhabitants with varying degrees of damage to the brain, liver and nervous system, with unknown genetic effects. The disaster occurred because in 1973 a chemical company dispatched thousands of pounds of poisonous chemical PBB instead of a special animal feed. How did it happen? Why was it undiscovered for three years? No research has been done into the effects of PBB on humans or animals... Director: Norman Fenton, Producer: David Eistein

11.45 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

12.00 Father

12.25 CLOSE Rosemary Simonds reads from *Love Reaches Out* by Ulrich Schaffer

GRANADA

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Little Blue. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.15 This is Your Right. 1.25 Crown Court. 1.55 Mid-week Racing from Doncaster. 2.00, 2.30 and 3.00. 3.20 Rooms. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. 5.10 This is Your Right. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS with Gordon Burns and Trevor Hyett

6.30 THE ADVENTURER Gene Barry in *Nearly the End of the Picture*. Two beautiful girls and a painting in a puzzle that proves perilous

7.00 BIG BOY NOW! *Edgar's Other Woman*. Tony's deal to buy a vintage car doesn't run smoothly

7.30 THE HEAVY MOB with Windsor Davies, Michael Robbins. Comic crime-busting when bungling George Fletcher goes into business to protect the public

8.00 THE ACTION FILM Charlton Heston, Roddy McDowall in *Planet of the Apes*. Resurrection of the original film about astronauts hurtling 2,000 years through time and space to crash-land on an unidentified planet... with a neat punch-line at the end

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 THE POISONING OF MICHIGAN

11.45 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

12.00 JOHNNY STACCATO A jazz musician becomes involved in a web of crime...

12.35 Closedown

REGIONS

CHANNEL

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Closedown. 1.20 Lunchtime News. What's On Where and Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 1.55 Racing from Doncaster. 3.20 Rooms. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Count of Monte Cristo. 4.45 Thunderbirds. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Channel News and Weather. 6.10 Lassaie. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Big Boy Now. 7.30 The Heavy Mob. 8.00 Film: Planet of the Apes. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Inner Space. 11.00 Baretta. 11.55 News and Weather in French followed by Weather. Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Little Blue. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.15 Westward News Headlines. 1.25 Crown Court. 1.55

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SOUTHERN

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Little Blue. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Southern News. 1.25 Crown Court. 1.55 Racing from Doncaster. 3.20 Rooms. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Betty Boop. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Day by Day. 6.35 University Challenge. 7.05 Big Boy Now. 7.30 The Heavy Mob. 8.00 Film: Planet of the Apes. 10.00 News at

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ULSTER

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Little Blue. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.15 Lunchtime. 1.25 Crown Court. 1.55 Racing from Doncaster. 3.20 Rooms. 3.48 Ulster News Headlines. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Skippy. 4.45 Space 1999. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Ulster News. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Reports. 7.00 Big Boy Now. 7.30 The Heavy Mob. 8.00 Film: Planet of the Apes. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Murray's London. 11.00 What's it All About? 11.30 The Entertainers. 12.00 Bedtime. 12.10 Closedown.

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9.25 Starting Point. 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Little Blue. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.15 North East News. Lookaround. 1.25 Crown Court. 1.55 Racing. 3.20 Rooms. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Beachcombers. 4.50 Little House on the Prairie. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Big Boy Now. 7.30 The Heavy Mob. 8.00 Film: Planet of the Apes. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 What Fella? 11.45 The Adventurer. 12.15 Epilogue. 12.20 Closedown.

BORDER

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Little Blue. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Border News. 1.25 Crown Court. 1.55 Racing. 3.20 Rooms. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Border News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Big Boy Now. 7.30 The Heavy Mob. 8.00 Film: Planet of the Apes. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The Poisoning of Michigan. 11.30 The Collaborators. 12.25 Border News. Weather. 12.28 Closedown.

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9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Little Blue. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.15 Report Wales Headlines. 1.25 Crown Court. 1.55 Racing from Doncaster. 3.20 Rooms. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Breaking News. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Report West. 6.10 Report Wales. 6.35 Dave Allen and Friends. 7.35 The Bionic Woman. 8.00 Film: Planet of the Apes. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The Poisoning of Michigan. 11.45 Police Story. 12.45 Weather and Closedown.

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EDDERY CAN START WELL WITH REGION

THE 1977 flat racing season gets under way this afternoon, not, as it used to, with an apprentices' race at the now defunct Lincoln track, but with the Silver Jubilee Stakes at DONCASTER.

Three times champion Pat Eddery may not start by winning the first race, but he should land the day's principal prize on Region (3.00).

A son of Realm, the late-maturing Region did not appear until last August, when he was unplaced. But it took him only two more outings to register a success, which came over six furlongs at Ayr's big September fixture.

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2.00 La Ville de Rire
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3.45 Master Vesuvius
4.15 Landslide
4.45 Social Contract

Although he carries a fair amount of weight, there should be no doubt about Region staying the seven-furlong trip, as he is out of a Relko mare.

Mrs McArdy, who won her last four juvenile races, looks the obvious danger. But Region should get Peter Walwyn, who was so narrowly pipped for last year's trainer's title, off on the right note.

La Ville de Rire (2.00), trained by Billy Watts, should be the flat season's first winner by landing the Silver Jubilee Stakes.

This filly gained a game victory over five furlongs of the course in her final race last season, and having made good progress over the winter, is fully expected to cope with six furlongs today.

Doubly Hopeful and Major Role should fight out the finish of the 1¼ miles Leger Way Handicap.

Major Role (2.30) looks the better prospect of the two, although he took a long time to chalk up a win on the flat last year.

It finally came at Nottingham in late October, and then he was beaten again in his final outing at Leicester. But he was not unduly pressed after his winning chance had disappeared on that occasion.

He should not need so long to get into his stride this term, as he is fit after a winter of hurdling, in which he notched up one success from four outings.

And as he is well placed in the handicap, he should just

manage to win, although Doubly Hopeful was mightily consistent last year, and will run him close.

The March Stakes, run over the round course on which a low draw is not such a handicap, may go to the Bill Marshall-trained Rolleston, who wound up last season with an all-the-way win over the same trip at Warwick.

Meanwhile, National Hunt racing continues, and at WORCESTER, True Song (3.00) and Ron Atkins look a winning combination in the Joe Coral Handicap Hurdle.

It is a long time since True Song won a race, but in today's company, even with top weight, he must have an excellent chance.

The best bet at TAUNTON could be previous course and distance winner King's Hazard (3.15) in the Thurlston Handicap Hurdle.

WORCESTER (NH)

2.00 SPINNERS NOVICES HURDLE DIV I £400
(4-Y-O) 2m (16 runners)
1 DB0011 NEW CITY J Berry 11.6 S Houliker (7)
2 00 ALI'S CHANDY D Quartermaine 10.10 J Bishop (5)
3 00 BORDER THYME J Peacock 10.10 R Crank
4 00 CASE STUDY J Joseph 10.10 Joe Guest
5 00 CONNOTATION E Jones 10.10 I Watkinson
6 00 CROOK OF DEVON F Gilman 10.10 T Casey
7 00 DAYGO F Cotton 10.10 A Webber
8 00 DUNEEDS DAUGHTER J Spearing 10.10 L Green (7)
9 00 FAIRY CARAVAN Rex Carter 10.10 D Briscoe
10 00 ISLAND MIST H Nicholson 10.10 L Whyte (7)
11 342533 LLOYD ARDUA B Cambridge 10.10 G Jones
12 00 MARCH MORNING D Ringer 10.10 S Jobar
13 00033 NEW BEE D Nugent 10.10 P Barton
14 00 PALAKAN D Gandolfo 10.10 P Steel (3)
15 00 STARYLLIS GIRL D Carey 10.10 G Thorne
16 00 THE DRUNKEN DUCK D Gandolfo 10.10 G Thorne
17 00 Daughter, 8-1 Island Mist, 12-1 Fairy Caravan and Lloyd Ardua, 16-1 Connotation, 20-1 others.

2.30 BOWLERS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE £500
2m 4f (7 runners)
2 OFF122 JIMMY MIFF (BF) I Wardle 5.10.7 S Smith-Eccles
3 00-201F REGAL CHOICE J Haine 7.10.9 R Mangan (3)
4 00-201F PATRONAGE (D) J Edwards 7.10.10 (10 ex) H J Evans
5 00-201F ALPENSTOCK S Mellor 10.10 (10 ex) R Hyett
6 00-201F LORD OF THE RINGS D Pearson 8.10.0 D T Evans
7 00-201F VELVET KING M Tate 9.10.0 C Smith (5)
8 00-201F CAGALEENA J Powell 7.10.0 D Cartwright
9 00-201F Daughter, 8-1 Velvety King, 12-1 Cagaleena, 16-1 Lord of the Rings.

3.00 JOE CORAL HANDICAP HURDLE £2,000
2m 4f (11 runners)
1 4030P3 TRUE SONG (D) O Underwood 8.11.12 R Atkins
2 00-0000 GRAND KING (C-D) M Tate 8.11.10 C Smith (5)
3 112P-00 WOTDYKNOW G Richards 6.11.10 J O'Neill
4 1310 LINKENHOLT (D) P Cole 7.11.4 R Champion
5 111200 CROWN MATRIMONIAL (C) I Dudgeon 5.11.3 R Floyd (3)
6 14-3200 TAROT F Winter 5.11.0 J Francome
7 100000 GLENDALE (C-D) J Spearing 10.10.13 G McCourt (7)
8 04-0131 TARA DREAM T Forsler 7.11.4 G Thorne
9 12-0000 CABAR FEIDH P Caver 5.10.12 A Webber
10 4330-80 SOMETHINGS MISSING D Barons 9.10.4 R Davies
11 04-0003 START-ANWE (C) R Murphy 7.10.0 R Davies
12 12-0P-00 Daughter, 7-1 Somethings Missing, 8-1 Glendale, 10-1 Linkenholt, 14-1 Tarot and Crown Matrimonial, 16-1 others.

3.30 WORCESTERSHIRE CCC H'CAP CHASE £800
3m (8 runners)
4 003102 SYBIL (C) (D) D Nicholson 6.11.6 R Mangan (3)
5 033031 REDDER'S BOY (D) A Hobbs 13.11.6 (8 ex) P Hobbs
6 01-1140 TOM BOMBE T Forsler 7.11.4 G Thorne
7 01-1140 DREAMALONG (D) R J Smith 11.11.0 (8 ex) D Cartwright
8 01-1140 MR RUSTY (D) F Gilman 10.10.8 T Casey
9 01-1140 MY SUNSHINE S Mellor 7.10.7 S Jobar
10 2F0003 ALGE M Tate 7.10.4 R Mann
11 302344 BOURDON E Jones 10.10.2 I Watkinson
12 302344 Daughter, 3-1 Redder's Boy, 100-30 Alge, 5-1 Dreamalong, 6-1 Sybil, 8-1 Tom Bombadil and Bourdon, 14-1 My Sunshine, 20-1 Mr Rusty.

4.00 BATSMAN'S HANDICAP HURDLE £550
3m (7 runners)
1 320003 GOOD PROSPECT (D) J Edwards 8.12.5 Mr J Edwards (7)
2 00P420 WILLOW HOUND Mrs Finch 10.11.2 J O'Neill
3 04-0013 NAPAZI G Richards 7.10.6 J J Francis
4 04-0013 SUPER SAXON P Kellaway 10.10.6 R Davies
5 000000 BONNY ROYAL (D) W Whiston 9.10.0 R Davies
6 000000 GOLDEN FIGHTER E Trant 7.10.0 Mrs Jenny Hombrow (7)
7 013-422 BOBETTE M Delahouke 5.10.0 Mr J Butchard (7)
8 013-422 Daughter, 9-4 Bobette, 5-2 Good Prospect, 7-2 Napazi, 10-1 Willow Hound and Super Saxon, 12-1 Bonny Royal, 20-1 Golden Fighter.

4.30 SPINNERS NOVICES HURDLE DIV II £400
(4-Y-O) 2m (12 runners)
1 0 ADMIRAL FRANCIS R Turner 10.10 S C Knight
2 0 CAPTIVE KNIGHT H Collingridge 10.10 I Watkinson
3 043000 DOCTOR FEELGOOD Rex Carter 10.10 D Briscoe
4 42220 DUCKDOWN D Gandolfo 10.10 P Barton
5 000000 GENTLE KNIGHT (USA) F Winter 10.10 J Francis
6 000000 LEEANN LAD D Quartermaine 10.10 J Bishop (5)
7 000000 LE MELOS J Hurley 10.10 J Barlow (5)
8 0004 ORANGE GIN D Ringer 10.10 Mr J Pritchard (7)
9 00 PALL TAVI E Warren 10.10 R Atkins
10 00 PERSONAL CALL R Atkins 10.10 Mr P Barry (5)
11 00 SPACE SONG W Whiston 10.10 Mr P Barry (5)
12 00 SPANISH EDITION Mrs Goldcott 10.10 Mrs Sue Goldcott (7)
13 00 Daughter, 15-8 Duckdown, 7-2 Orange Gin, 11-2 Admiral Francis, 5-1 Gentle Knight, 10-1 Doctor Feelgood, 12-1 Space Song and Personal Call, 20-1 others.

Lincoln hopes beat the drought



JOHN DUNLOP ... Two Lincoln hopes

ARUNDEL trainer John Dunlop has had just the training gallops he needs to prepare his Lincoln hopes, Man of Harlech and Trusted.

The sawdust gallop snaking through beautiful parkland for 13 furlongs beat last summer's drought and the winter-long rains. Man of Harlech, winner of last year's Free Handicap, is the one the 38-year-old trainer fancies on Saturday.

'The colt is very well treated on his running in that Newmarket race, but he disappointed afterwards. It is a question of whether he comes back to that form,' Dunlop says.

Trusted is weighted 21lbs above him on 8-11. Winning races like the William Hill Silver Vase at Newmarket and Ayr's Joe Coral Handicap meant a steep rise in the official ratings.

Rested

On the other hand, Trusted was rested at the stud after jarring his shoulder when fourth in the William Hill Gold Cup in early August, and looks a picture after his vacation.

There are 92 horses at the Castle Stables and if there is a classic in store this season, Dunlop believes it will be with one of the fillies.

Three have been nominated for the 1,000 Guineas — Be Easy, Kilavea and Waterbuck.

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Be Easy was second, three lengths behind Durtal, in the William Hill Cheveley Park Stakes in which they met at level stakes.

Durtal figures on the 8-8 mark in the Free Handicap, 9lbs above Dunlop's charge and that matter has not escaped his attention.

'I may well run her in that before going for the Guineas,' he says, adding: 'She has made good physical progress — thickened into a strong filly.'

Kilavea came home unchallenged in her only outing, at Goodwood in September, and Waterbuck also gave signs of developing into a useful performer when scoring at Haydock in late October.

DONCASTER ITV 2.00, 2.30

DRAW ADVANTAGE: 5 to 8f high, 8f and over low.

2.00 SILVER JUBILEE STAKES £3,000
(3-Y-O) 6f (7 runners)
4 (2) 3410 DON WEISSEY 9.5 E Hide
5 (7) 00121 HYVER HILL (D) H Price 9.5 B Taylor
6 (5) 103201 LA VILLE DE RIRE (C) (D) J W Watts 9.5 J Mercer
7 (1) 020410 SNAP HAPPY J Winter 9.5 B Raymond
8 (6) 42210 CHAMPAGNE WILLIE (D) N Callaghan 9.0 J Lynch
9 (4) 040200 SEAFIELDS K Mitchell 8.11 J Higgins
10 (3) 02 FAIRLY HOT (USA) H Wragg 8.8 P Eddery
11 (1) 000000 Daughter, 6-4 La Ville de Rire, 3-1 Hyver Hill, 9-2 Champagne Willie, 8-1 Don, 12-1 Snap Happy, 20-1 Fairly Hot and Seafields.

2.30 LEGER WAY HANDICAP STAKES £2,500
1m 2f (12 runners)
2 (9) 0 40044 FLAMEPROOF H Nicholson 4.9.5 P Eddery
3 (6) 3 02141 SCARLET THREAD H Francis 4.8.12 J Mercer
4 (10) 123411 DOUBLY HOPEFUL B Lunness 4.8.11 M Simmonite (7)
5 (2) 001-000 GOLD CLAIM C Bewicke 5.8.6 W Carson
6 (10) 22120 SHUWAIMAN H Price 4.8.11 B Taylor
7 (5) 100032 WHIRLOW GREEN (C-D) J Winter 6.8.2 G Lewis
8 (11) 000210 MAJOR ROLE B Swift 7.8.1 R Fox
9 (11) 114030 MANTOP C Brittain 5.7.10 S Webster (3)
10 (12) 020000 MR MELLORS W Wharton 4.7.8
11 (4) 221000 SHINE ONE Denys Smith 5.7.7
12 (1) 004000 FRENCH HARMONY D Underwood 5.7.7 E McKay
13 (7) 000000 SAME AS TOM K Mitchell 4.7.7 D Johnson
14 (1) 000000 Daughter, 8-10 and 15.

PROBABLE SP: 100-30 Major Role, 9-2 Shuwaïman, 11-2 Doubly Hopeful, 6-1 Scarlet Thread, 7-1 Mantop, 8-1 Whirlow Green, 10-1 Flameproof, 12-1 Gold Claim, 16-1 others.

3.00 TOTE SPRING HANDICAP STAKES £6,000
(3-Y-O) 7f (21 runners)
1 (18) 012030 CLADDAGH (USA) H Wragg 9.4 R Fox
2 (12) 21211 ASPECT G P Gordon 8.13 Eldin
3 (3) 041111 MRS MCARDY (C) M W Easterby 8.13 J Mercer
4 (8) 021 REGION P Walwyn 8.13 P Eddery
5 (4) 2210 STEPHENDRE T Fairhurst 8.11 C Eccleston
6 (16) 00001 TUDOR JIG (D) M W Easterby 8.10 E Hide
7 (16) 0104 CARRIAGE WAY (C) H Price 8.7 B Taylor
8 (9) 000130 MERRY MUSKETEER M Jarvis 8.6 B Raymond
9 (14) 034001 GODILA W Gray 8.4 E Apter
10 (19) 002 NEVER SAY GUY S Hall 8.3 E Johnson
11 (11) 310 BEDLAM HILL J W Watts 8.2 J Lowe
12 (2) 032014 SEALED BRIEF (D) N Adam 8.2 T McKeown
13 (15) 300214 RED JOHNNIE (C) C Brittain 8.1 A Bond
14 (17) 01 ARCTIC TRIBUNE R Jarvis 8.0 M L Thomas
15 (17) 222323 GUARD DUTY N Angus 7.13 P Turk
16 (7) 2304 DONZEL G Harwood 7.11 W Carson
17 (14) 00310 RIBOSA R Smyth 7.10 D Cullen
18 (1) 000101 BURLEY C Hill 7.9 K Lewis
19 (20) 011010 BEDFORD LODGE (D) N Callaghan 7.3 R Still
20 (21) 300100 CAERNARVON KING R Hollinshead 7.3 M Wigham (7)
21 (5) 1004 GOLD PEARL A Stevens 7.2 D Mackay
22 (1) 000000 Daughter, 9-2 Aspect, 5-1 Region, 6-1 Donzel, 13-2 Tudor Jig, 7-1 Arctic Tribune, 8-1 Bedford Lodge, 10-1 Claddagh, 12-1 Merry Musqueteer, 14-1 Mrs McCarty and Carriage Way, 16-1 others.

3.30 MARCH STAKES £2,500
(3-Y-O) 1m (18 runners)
1 (2) 301012 GLEAMING WAVE B Lunness 9.4 M Simmonite (7)
2 (4) 004310 ALLTYRE D Underwood 9.0 G Starkey
3 (5) 1200 DO BETTER P Walwyn 9.0 P Eddery

TAUNTON (NH)

2.15 WEST MONKTON HANDICAP CHASE £1,000
2m 3f (12 runners)
1 1-20221 GO-OVER (C-D) J Thorne 9.12.3 R Evans
2 041140 SIXER (C-D) G Clay 13.10.9 P Warner
3 3404U0 FLICKITY PRINCE (C-D) G Bosley 11.10.4 Mr K Bosley (7)
4 4022-0P LAVA STAR C Popham 10.10.3 Mr C Popham (7)
5 F14-000 WEMBDON HILL (C) Mrs V Cole 7.10.2 Mr A Walter (7)
6 300332 DURHAM TOWN (C) Kivory 8.10.0 M O'Halloran (5)
7 00PP0 CLIFF TOP J Thorne 8.10.0 P Blacker
8 00P000 CAMP CARSON Mrs L Dingwall 10.10.0 J Southern
9 3000F0 SKY MYTH L Kennard 5.10.0 C Jones (5)
10 00P-04P ARNE FOLLY Mrs M Heasman 14.10.0 P Leach
11 F-00300 MARCIA'S MARK B Scriven 12.10.0 Mr C Gray (7)
12 2-00000 SUPERLATIVE PRINCE T Hallett 6.10.0 T Hallett (5)
13 00-0000 Daughter, 7-4 Go-Over, 7-2 Durham Town, 6-1 Sixer, 8-1 Flickity Prince, 10-1 Lava Star, 14-1 Sky Myth and Marcia's Mark, 20-1 others.

2.45 CROWCOMBE SELLING HURDLE £400
2m 3f (22 runners)
1 000031 AIRY FAIRY O O'Neill 9.11.13 A Webb (7)
2 00-0002 BLASTA BLAZE O O'Neill 12.11.13 Mr M Caswell (7)
3 020F04 DEIDI (C) J Baker 8.11.13 S May
4 P8000FP GREAT SURPRISE (C-D) Kivory 8.11.13 M O'Halloran (5)
5 000003 JOHNNY BINGO E Edmunds 6.11.13 Mr B Thomas (7)
6 00F00-0 KING GIPSY M McCourt 7.11.13 G McCourt (7)
7 00P-000 LETOY (C) L Waring 8.11.13 A Waring (7)
8 00-0000 DALOJA Mrs C Davies 5.11.8 Mr A Walter (7)
9 00-0000 LIZARDON I Dudgeon 6.11.8 R Linley
10 040-20 MILITAIRE G Pike 6.11.8 Mr P Bowden (7)
11 00-0000 MIRAMAR B Bradley 9.11.8 M Williams
12 00-0000 PPO H Wakenham 10.11.8 M Barrett (7)
13 02F-000 PYROSYL Mrs A Piggott 9.11.8
14 2PU0FP RARE CHANCE H Manners 7.11.8 Mr S Pearce (7)
15 00-0000 ROYAL SATEEN J Gilbert 11.11.8 S May
16 F04032 SEPHEREEN R Keenor 8.11.8 John Williams
17 00-0024 SLIPKNOT R Keenor 7.11.8 Mr J Frost (7)
18 00-0000 STEPHEN'S GIFT Williams 6.11.8 I Flower (7)
19 F Topsy's Friend R Payne 6.11.8 Mr M Ayliffe (7)
20 0P00-0 WATERVILLE N Ayliffe 7.11.8 P Russell
21 00-0000 CHANDA R Bower 4.11.0
22 00-0000 Daughter, 6-4 Airy Fairy, 11-4 Blasta Blaze, 9-2 Sephereen, 7-1 Militaire, 10-1 Deidi, 12-1 Hardstick, 20-1 others.

3.15 THURLOXTON HANDICAP HURDLE £700
2m (8 runners)
1 04 BULLSHOT (USA) R Armytage 8.12.7 S Parkyn
2 003000 CANTLIE (C-D) L Kennard 11.11.13 R R Evans
3 2-1112-2 CWM CASTELL (D) J Thorne 7.10.11 P Blacker
4 P-00000 HAZY MELODY (C) L Kennard 5.10.5 C Jones (5)
5 000020 BALITREE (D) (BF) D Barons 5.10.4 P Leach
6 00=1000 COMEDIANS (C-D) J Cobden 6.10.0 S May
7 F30002 CHORONOS (D) O'Neill 5.10.0
8 2F-000 THE DOYLE Mrs J Foster 7.10.0
9 00-0000 Daughter, 11-8 Cwm Castell, 5-2 King's Hazard, 4-1 Balitree, 8-1 Bullshot, 12-1 Comedians, 16-1 others.

3.45 SOMERSET HUNTERS' PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP CHASE £400 3m 1f (10 runners)
1 20-3-P3P BLUE GOBLIN G Pike 9.12.10 Mr P Bowden
2 00-0000 DUNANY POINT (C-D) Mrs N Cooombe 14.12.7 Mr N Weedon (7)
3 00-0000 AGMOSHT M Bartlett 9.12.0 Mr M Bartlett (7)
4 413-BF HOROSCOPE White 12.12.0 Mrs R White (7)
5 11444-0 KING'S FAVORITE (C-D) Wates 10.12.0 Mr A Wates (5)
6 2-113F-0 MASTER VESUVIUS (C-D) H Geddes 13.12.0 Mr R S Hunt (7)
7 PPO-0 PROFESSOR HIGGINS R Keenor 11.12.0 Mr G Edwards (7)
8 20-31-00 VODKA CUP T Gibbon 11.12.0 Mr T Mooney (7)
9 18-4P0-PF0 WOODSIDE R Igar 9.12.0 Mr R Igar (7)
10 00-0000 Daughter, 10-1 Vodka Cup, 14-1 Dunany Point, 20-1 others.

30, 3.00

5 (1)	40010-	REPPIN CASTLE (D) A Smith 90	B Henry
6 (10)	040021-	ROLLESTON (D) W Marshall 90	YR Marshall
7 (3)	020103-	SOLCHELLA R Stubbs 90	M L Thomas
8 (9)	302201-	CATCHWORD (D) W Esley 811	G Cadwaladr
9 (3)	02-	ALEXANDER THE GREAT S Hall 89	E Hilde
10 (8)	00430-	BOUCHER GARCON S Norton 89	M Wood (7)
11 (15)	000003-	DUST-UP R Hollinshead 89	Tives
12 (16)	00-	KIRBY VALUER G Hunter 89	J Mercer
13 (7)	0-	LOVE FROM VERONA B Hills 89	E Johnson
14 (17)	002204-	LUCKY SOVEREIGN (USA) H Wragg 89	B Taylor
15 (16)	0420-	MESOLONGI C Brittain 89	E Braddley (7)
16 (14)	0-	MR REPRESENTER B Hills 89	R Street
17 (12)	00004-	MUMMY'S STAR G P-Gordon 89	E Elidin
18 (11)	000032-	NICOLENE I Walker 86	A Bond
19 (8)	300044-	THE GOD DAUGHTER T Craid 86	K Leeson

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Lucky Sovereign, 11-2 Do Better, 6-1 Gleaming Wave and Alexandra the Great, 13-2 Love from Verona, 8-1 Rolleston, 10-1 Allityre, 12-1 Nicolene, 14-1 Reppin Castle, 16-1 others.

4.00 BROCKLESBY STAKES £2,500 (2-Y-O c & g) 5f (18 runners)

1 (13)	BOW BUTTS S Wainwright 811	W Carson
2 (18)	BUSTANI N Callaghan 811	J Lynch
3 (7)	CHANUKAH P Kellaway 811	J Mercer
4 (1)	FRIMLEY PARK P Arthur 811	J Rowe
5 (14)	GOLDEN LIBRA R Hannon 811	P Madden
6 (11)	GREAT APPEAL C Brittain 811	R Fox
7 (9)	HIGH ROLLER G Peter-Hoblyn 811	P Cook
8 (15)	LIME GROVE C Hill 811	G Starkey
9 (16)	MAYSUS M H Easterby 811	M Birch
10 (13)	OAKENASH R Hollinshead 811	Tives
11 (10)	PURE PURPLE T Fairhurst 811	C Eccleston
12 (10)	ROH-FAB P Ronan 811	J Seagrave
13 (14)	SAINTLY ONE B Swift 811	G Lewis
14 (17)	SARARD W Wharton 811	P Eddery
15 (4)	SLITHERUM R Hannon 811	F Durr
16 (13)	TELECOMMUNICATION W Marshall 811	R Marshall
17 (12)	VALE OF KENT J Powney 811	S Eccles
18 (5)	ZEBRA CROSSING T Moony 811	M L Thomas

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Great Appeal, 4-1 Saintly One and Slitherum, 6-1 Bow Butts, 8-1 Sarard, 10-1 Bustani, 12-1 Roh-Fab and Lime Grove, 14-1 others.

4.30 WILL SCOTT HANDICAP STAKES £2,000 1m.5f (17 runners)

1 (13)	122114-	ALVERTON (C-D) M H Easterby 79 12	T O Ryan (5)
2 (16)	001121-	VENTREX C Brittain 490	R Fox
3 (18)	30-0203-	SEVENTH QUADRANT S Nesbitt 78 11	A Crook (7)
4 (14)	434212	TONY E Wymes 589	W Carson
5 (9)	4111-43	SOLDIER ROSE H Price 589	B Taylor
6 (1)	221333-	BREEZE WAGON F Rimell 484	Tives
7 (12)	330044-	HIGH AND LOW W D Francis 684	P Cook
8 (11)	212220-	HILL STATION M Bolton 583	P Eddery
9 (15)	003314-	PRINCE OF PLEASURE N Callaghan 4711	M L Thomas
10 (8)	003314-	BEN DONACHAN D Underwood 4711	D McKee
11 (17)	220440-	APPLE OF MY EYE F Rimell 875	M Wigham (5)
12 (15)	400000-	BLACK RAY D Hanley 477	R Street
13 (14)	3PP000	AMBER SAM R Hollinshead 477	J Haines (7)
14 (2)	31-3000	ZARAJEFF (FR) B Swift 477	E J Gray (7)
15 (10)	041303	TAJ GIRL W Stephenson 477	S Hill (7)
16 (17)	040000-5	LOONG KOL P Arthur 577	R Bull
17 (4)	0-00000	LIN SLIPPER K Michard 477	J Higgins

PROBABLE SP: 100-30 Tony, 9-2 Prince of Pleasure, 5-1 Alverton, 6-1 Ventrex, 7-1 Breeze Wagon, 10-1 Ben Donachan, 12-1 Soldier Rose, 16-1 others.

4.15 PITMINSTER 4-Y-O NOVICES' HURDLE DIV I £450 2m (17 runners)

1	OP0	ALBA RETTER L Kennard 10 10	C Jones (5)
2	PF	BEAM SPLITTER L Waring 10 10	A Waring (7)
3	0	BRANDYLAND Mrs A Oughton 10 10	C Read
4	04	CANT REASON Mrs L Dingwall 10 10	G Williams (7)
5	P	DANCING SPARTAN I Maddocks 10 10	M Charles (7)
6	0	HEATHERCOCK R Armytage 10 10	S Parkyn
7	000	HETHER FOX M Salaman 10 10	M Ley (7)
8	F00	INGRESS D Barons 10 10	M Barrett (7)
9	00	JOLLY LATE Mrs A Piggott 10 10	G Jones
10	000404	LANDSLIDE B Palling 10 10	V Soane
11	00220	MAYO MELODY J Bradley 10 10	C Candy
12	00220	PRINCES ARCADE (BF) G Kindersley 10 10	I Flower
13	U04	ROYAL PEAR PEARL H Payne 10 10	M Floyd (3)
14	000P	SADAT T Nicholas 10 10	S May
15	00	SILVERSMITH (FR) I Wardle 10 10	P Leach
16	0	SPRING STORM D Barons 10 10	B Forsey
17	400P	THE DUPESDOWN A House 10 10	

PROBABLE SP: 6-1 Princes Arcade, 7-2 Landslide, 5-1 Cant Reason, 8-1 Brandyland, 10-1 Royal Pearl, 12-1 The Dupesdown and Spring Storm, 20-1 others.

4.45 PITMINSTER 4-Y-O NOVICES' HURDLE DIV II £450 2m (8 runners)

1	0F0004	BANJO BONES G Kindersley 10 10	C Candy
2	0	BRAVE ELBOW R Viper 10 10	R R Evans
3	0000	KUANU L Kennard 10 10	Mr R Hoare (7)
4	2P00	LAMP SHADE Mrs E Harden 10 10	I Gebbie (7)
5	0000	MIRACLES COTTAGE S Matthews 10 10	J Williams
6	40000	PENHILL COTTAGE R Keenor 10 10	V Soane
7	0032	SOCIAL CONTRACT B Palling 10 10	F Collins (3)
8	0	STREAKY RITA A Gadd 10 10	

PROBABLE SP: evens Social Contract, 4-1 Banjo Bones, 11-2 Lampshade, 10-1 Kuanu, 12-1 Brave Elbow, 14-1 Penhill Cottage, 20-1 others.

OFFICIAL GOING

Doncaster — soft (stalls: stands side on straight course; inside on round course).
Taunton — soft.
Worcester — heavy.

WORCESTER

2.15 (2m)	WHICKER'S WORLD, C Faulkner (8-1), Sky Tudor (5-2 fav), Hot Toddy (15-20), Supreme Narrator (12-14), 17 ran, 2, 4, (D Jeremy) T. 72p, 16p, 15p, 24p.
2.45 (3m)	KNIGHT VALIANT, Mr J Walton (5-4 fav), Tarquann (4-12), Royal Alibi (8-13), Just Now (9-14), 7 ran, 14, 15, (Mrs J Struthers) T. 22p, 20p, 24p, DF. 36p.
3.15 (3m 11)	CALDBECK, J L Goulding (5-2 fav), Silhouette (4-12), Cala Lionga (6-13), Kirwaugh (9-24), 8 ran, 8, nd, (D W Macdonald) T. 62p, 19p, 14p, 17p, DF. 44p.
3.45 (2m)	WYLLAM BOY, T Stack (6-4 fav), Soutra (6-12), Rozinante (10-10), Gone Out (5-14), 7 ran, 1, 5, (W A Stephenson) T. 21p, 16p, 22p, DF. 64p.
4.15 (2m)	INDIAN EMPEROR, Mr J Walton (11-10 on fav), Welton Lad (4-12), King Ross (16-10), Sing My Heart (16-14), 11 ran, 4, 20, (F T Walton) T. 21p, 11p, 26p, 22p.
4.45 (2m)	OFF THE TRACK, C Hawkins (10-11), Mr Resistor (16-12), Minimiz (11-10 fav), Common City (14-14), 22 ran, 8, 4, (S J Leadbetter) T. 88p, 25p, £1.14, 12p.

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BEDFORD BACK ON TRACK

May 18 set
for Crystal
Palace race



DAVE BEDFORD (top) is happy again. Olympic champion Jacek Wszola (above right) and Dwight Stones (left) will re-live their Montreal battle

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAVE BEDFORD makes his return to the track at Crystal Palace on May 18. Bedford, whose career seemed finished after a succession of injuries, has made a comeback in cross country events and is back to international level.

He is due to run in the 3,000 metres, the longest event of the meeting, on the track where he produced some of his greatest performances.

Athletes from 19 countries have been invited to compete in a full programme of international events. They include Filbert Bayi of Tanzania, a team from Kenya and Rod Dixon of New Zealand.

The meeting organiser, Alan Pascoe, said 'We are waiting to see what developments there are regarding New Zealand and African athletes competing at the same meeting.'

'There are suggestions from the United States that the problem has been virtually solved.'

But Pascoe could be wrong because Jamaica, for example, have refused to invite New Zealanders to a meeting in Kingston in May.

Olympic champions from five nations as well as leading African runners have been invited to the meeting.

TANZANIA will boycott the World Athletics Cup in Dusseldorf, West Germany, next September if New Zealand takes part.

The Jamaicans say they have complied with the African boycott of New Zealand over that country's sporting links with South Africa.

One of the highlights of the Crystal Palace meeting could be the re-staging of the Olympic high-jump battle between Dwight Stones (USA) and gold medalist Jacek Wszola (Poland).

Czech team for Wales

SIX members of the Czechoslovak team which won the European championship last year are included in the squad of 21 players notified to the Welsh FA for their World Cup qualifying game at Wrexham on March 30. A seventh, Capkovik, was in the list, but has since been withdrawn.

The squad is: Michalik, Vencel, Hruška, Pivarnik, Viroš, Jurkdmik, Stambacher, Goegh, Dobias, Paurik, Tomanek, Mráz, Pollak, Kozak, Paznenka, Cvorak, any, Vesely, Nehoda, Gajdusek, Moder.

LEICESTER City midfielder player Keith Weller, has had a manipulation of his injured right knee and is doubtful for next Saturday's game against Bristol City. He also missed last weekend's game with Stoke.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA beat Greece 4-0 in a friendly in Prague last night. The Czechs play Wales in the World Cup in Wrexham next week.

Tarback still smiling

COMEDIAN Jimmy Tarback pulled out of his London musical show to partner PGA champion Neil Coles into the last 16 of the Sunningdale foursomes yesterday.

They beat the all-professional combination of Robin Richards and Eric Stillwell by 3 and 2 in the fourth round.

Third try at League Cup at Old Trafford

EVERTON and Aston Villa will make a third attempt to settle the League Cup at Old Trafford on April 13.

There definitely will not be a fourth game because if the clubs are still level after 90 minutes and extra time, penalties will decide the result.

It would be the first time a major domestic competition was decided on penalties, the norm in Europe.

Both clubs have agreed with the League to charge less than normal admission for a Cup final to help fans.

They have laid big sums to get to the drawn games at Wembley and Villa Park. But they will still have to pay £1 to

stand at Old Trafford, with seats at £1.50, £2 and £3.

Aston Villa have already played 14½ hours in the competition, but with a profit of around £250,000 from their matches, the run has proved financially rewarding.

FLANKER GOES EAST

NAIRN MACEWAN, the Highland flanker whose last appearance for Scotland ended with a broken jaw at Twickenham two years ago, will again wear a Scottish shirt when he goes as player-coach on the far east tour in September.

MacEwan, 35, is captain and coach of Highland and won 20 caps. The manager will be Tom

Pearson, convenor of the Scottish selection committee, and the assistant manager is fellow-selector George Thomson.

Scotland play five games — one in Bangkok, one in Hong Kong and three in Japan, leaving on September 1 and returning 20 days later. The party will be named next week.

Krol to move Holland

RUUD KROL, star defender of Ajax Amsterdam and Holland's national team, will leave his club at the end of this season to play abroad.

Krol, who played in Holland's losing 1974 World Cup final team against West Germany in Munich, said: 'This is my last season with Ajax. I want to face the challenge of soccer in a foreign country.'

The 27-year-old Ajax captain has played 44 times for Holland.

Stoke visit

STOKE city take a full strength side to Hereford on Saturday to play in the Herefordshire FA Invitation trophy final.

Starkey for The Lincoln

GREVILLE STARKEY, who won the Lincoln nine years ago on Frankincense, has been engaged by John Dunlop to ride Man of Harlech in Saturday's first big race of the flat season at Doncaster. The Arundel trainer also saddles Trusted, ridden by stable jockey Ron Hutchinson.

TEAMS from Britain, United States, Canada and Sweden are among the first to accept invitations to compete for the Pernod Trophy in the £30,000 indoor tennis series in the autumn.

The venues are Edinburgh September 26-October 1, and Sunderland October 3-8, with the final leg at Bournemouth on October 10-15.

THE World Cup, the FA Cup and the Ashes will be among exhibits in an exhibition of sporting trophies of the world being staged in London from May 10 to July 11.

Six-a-side cricket finals

SURVIVORS of an entry of 1,000 clubs will play off the semi-finals and final of the Wrigley six-a-side indoor cricket competition at the Harrow Leisure Centre on Saturday. The winners take the Wrigley Trophy and a £200 first prize.

HARRY GIBBS will referee the world welterweight title eliminator between John Stracey and Dave Green, at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on Tuesday.

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Nurburgring ban threat

LAUDA RAPS 'DEATH TRACK'

BY PAUL FELDMAN

NIKI LAUDA returned to the Nurburgring 'death track' yesterday and declared that Grand Prix drivers would refuse to compete there this year.

Former world champion Lauda was nearly killed in an accident at Nurburgring last August. The circuit has claimed the lives of 50 drivers.

Yesterday Lauda returned to the scene of the accident with Ulsterman John Watson to inspect the track.

Then they announced that their fellow drivers would not drive there until the 14.2 mile track is substantially altered. After going round the track in a bus, Lauda said:

Promised

"We only raced here in 1976 because we were promised that 18 critical points, about which we had complained, would be improved. Nothing has happened. Some gentlemen have talked too much and done too little."

The West German Automobile Club said immediately that it had no option but to switch this year's Grand Prix to

Hockenheim as a result of the drivers' ban.

Drivers and car constructors have slammed the 'Ring' circuit as too dangerous.

They say that the track — the biggest in Formula One racing — is too long for emergency services to arrive quickly. The West German Grand Prix is scheduled for July 31.

This is the second time in the 50-year history of

Nurburgring, traditional home of the West German Grand Prix, that drivers have boycotted the circuit. They refused to race there in 1970.

The debate on the track's safety reached a peak last summer, when Lauda was critically injured in a crash.

He made a remarkable recovery and is again taking part in this year's world championship.

PRIDE TAKES A DIVE

SPURS and Derby scraped a point each at White Hart Lane, but lost more of their once-proud reputation in a game of abysmal quality.

Derby, without an away win in 11 months, tried to set a new world record for back passing to goalkeeper Colin Boulton.

Spurs, beaten 8-2 at Derby earlier in the season, huffed and puffed without ever really looking convincing.

SPURS 0 DERBY 0

Boulton gave Derby, who lost Charlie George after 25 minutes, a point they hardly deserved with superb saves from Ralph Coates and Peter Taylor.

But he was well beaten by a fierce first-half shot from Glen Hoddle, which hit a post and rebounded to Coates.

But in keeping with the

VILLA ROAR BACK

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ASTON VILLA 4 SUNDERLAND 1

SUNDERLAND defender Colin Waldron was sent off last night as Aston Villa renewed their title challenge.

As Sunderland plunged deeper into relegation trouble, Waldron, on loan from Manchester United, got his marching orders.

Waldron was booked in the first half for a crash tackle on Villa's inspiration, Dennis Mortimer.

His 69th-minute dismissal was inevitable following his second-half foul on Brian Little.

By then Villa were leading 3-1 and after Waldron's departure they completed the rout with an 86th-minute goal from John Deehan, who scored their third, ten minutes into the second half.

Mortimer, the best uncapped midfield player, says Villa manager Ron Saunders, frequently embarrassed Sunderland's square defence by racing through on his own.

He was the source of goals for John Gidman (27

minutes), celebrating his England call-up, and Andy Gray, who confirmed his return to fitness with his 25th goal of the season after 35 minutes.

Consolation

Sunderland's consolation goal came from Mel Holden and their misery was completed with bookings for Elliott and Arnott.

Villa showed they have thrown off the FA Cup defeat at Old Trafford. Now they are nine points behind leaders Ipswich, with a staggering five games in hand.



JOHN DEEHAN ... two goals for Villa last night

Coppell rescues United

MAN UTD 2 WEST BROM 2

STEVE COPPELL saved Manchester United's unbeaten run with an equaliser two minutes from time against a revitalised West Brom at Old Trafford last night.

The goal extended United's run to 15 games without defeat, but even the most partisan among yet another massive crowd of over 51,000 would be forced to admit they were fortunate to grab the point.

Johnny Giles' Albion are running into their best form since clinching promotion last season, and they showed it by going two goals ahead inside 35 minutes.

United pulled one back with a Gordon Hill penalty three minutes from half time, and then Old Trafford was gripped with worry until Coppell came to the rescue.

West Brom had to survive a brisk opening spell from a characteristically attacking United side, but

having done that they looked a really dangerous side.

Their first goal was a typically opportunist effort by David Cross, who has already proved Johnny Giles to be one of the League's most astute dealers in the transfer market.

Record

Cross, who joined Albion from Coventry's reserves early this season, beat Houston to a Mulligan cross and flicked his side into an 18th-minute lead.

Bryan Robson continued his incredible scoring record when he headed Albion's second ten minutes before half-time. That was his eighth goal in as many games — not bad

for a midfielder.

Old Trafford was well shocked, but United's recovery began only eight minutes later, when Hill made no mistake from the penalty spot after Robertson had floored Jimmy Greenhoff.

United went on to make the better chances in the second half. But until Coppell scored the equaliser Albion's stand-in goalkeeper Hodden was rarely tested.

Todd and Pearson injured

DON REVIE'S worst fears came true last night with injuries to two key players, Stuart Pearson and Colin Todd.

Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty said after the West Brom game at Old Trafford:

"We have withdrawn Stuart Pearson from the England squad to play Luxembourg. He got a thigh strain and there is no way he will recover in time."

Derby defender Colin Todd strained a thigh muscle and took a knock on the ankle during the game at Tottenham and could miss England's game.

DIVISION ONE

A Villa	4	Sun'land	1
Leeds	3	Norwich	2
Man Utd	2	WBA	2
N'castle	1	Cov'try	0
Stoke	1	Arsenal	1
Spurs	0	Derby	0

DIVISION TWO

Hereford	2	Sheff Utd	2
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DIVISION FOUR

Crewe	2	Newport	0
Brentford	3	Watford	0
Torquay	0	S'port	0

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Abdeen	2	M'rwel	1
Hibs	3	Hearts	1
Rangers	1	Ayr	1

BRADY IS SENT OFF

STOKE 1 ARSENAL 1

for the foul and ordered Brady off.

The game opened in dramatic style with Arsenal scoring in the first minute. Brady was again involved, putting over a cross from the left for David Price to head past Shilton.

Stoke hit back with an equaliser three minutes

LIAM BRADY, Arsenal's Republic of Ireland international midfielder player, was sent off in the 30th minute after an explosive encounter with Steve Waddington, son of Stoke's newly-departed manager.

Brady, twice brought down by Waddington, retaliated with a savage blow to the Irishman's face. Referee Treford Mills booked Waddington

later. Terry Conroy, another Irish international, picked up a ball just inside the Arsenal half and ran forward some 15 yards before sending in a 25 yards shot to beat Rimmer.

The second half had nothing like the action of the first, though the referee was brought into action again to book Arsenal's Sammy Nelson, this time for a body check on Waddington.