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STEEL GLOATS OVER PACT

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

THE right-wing Liberals yesterday guaranteed there would be no socialist working-class measures so long as their coalition with the Callaghan government lasted.

Liberal leader David Steel paraded his smiling MPs before the Press and pledged:

'Mrs Thatcher has spoken about socialism being sustained by Liberal MPs.'

'The truth is that socialism is what this country is not now going to get so long as this agreement lasts.'

Asked what 'socialist' measures he wanted the government to drop, Steel outlined a series of right-wing demands that the Liberals are insisting the Callaghan Cabinet accept.

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- Opposition to the trade union principle of the closed shop.
- The abandonment of legislation to extend public ownership of building and outlaw the lump labour scourge.
- Rejection of the Bullock committee proposals for one-third trade union representation on company boards.



David Steel

- Direct elections to the so-called European parliament to strengthen the monopoly capitalist Common Market.
- Higher taxes of goods and services, and lower income tax, to shift the tax burden away from the middle class and wealthy, on to the shoulders of the working class.
- The complete scrapping of the Labour Party conference decision to nationalise banking and insurance.

For good measure Steel said the Liberals had noted the 'sinister phrase' in the Queen's speech promising that 'other measures would be brought forward' by the government this parliamentary session.

'THIS MAN IS AN AGENT'



John Banks

Barrister tells Old Bailey

BY NEWS LINE REPORTER

MERCENARY recruiter John Banks was a special agent used by Special Branch, military intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

This was revealed by defence counsel Rock Tansey in a sworn statement said to have been made by Banks, who is the star prosecution witness in an IRA arms trial.

In front of a surprised jury Tansey read the statement in full, which had already been given to two reporters from the London 'Evening Standard'.

The 48-page statement revealed clandestine assignments in the 'third world', Libya, Algeria and parts of South Africa, as well as border-crossings from West into East Germany.

Tansey accused Banks of being a special agent used by the secret police to lie and, if need be, to kill.

The statement said that Security Advisory Services Limited was formed in June 1975

with directors Frank Perrin, Barry Madison, Lloyd Johnson and Roger Day. Banks was an adviser.

He said that a man named Nick Hall paid \$250,000 to recruit mercenaries for Angola and the money was handed over at the Piccadilly Hotel in London on January 15, 1976.

Brand new

'The notes were brand new and I believe they were printed in London at the Aldermanbury Bank.'

When the 19 recruits left Heathrow airport they had SAS identification cards and a typed sheet with their details and photographs, but no official passports.

'At that time I had had a close relationship with the Special Branch for about three years and had told them about recruitment.'

'The man at the Special Branch I was in contact with was Det Insp Ray Tucker. That was why there was no hindrance at the airport.'

Continuing, the statement said: 'Also four years ago I went to the cavalry barracks at Hounslow. At the barracks are the offices of Military Intelligence 90, and Major Cardwell met me.'

'That meeting was about Libya and training camps for terrorists in Algeria.'

Explaining his relationship with the secret police, Banks said:

'I have had dealings with the security forces in connection with the IRA in 1975 and 1974, but have signed the Official Secrets Act so I am not at liberty to discuss it. One was in Southampton and one was in London.'

Dealings

'The British security forces knew about the arms dealings with Jordan. They also knew about the Israelis asking me to have a crack at Carlos (the Jackal).'

He also mentioned links with A R A M C O, an Arabian-American oil company, which he described as 'the biggest front for the CIA anywhere in the world'.

Home for sale

IF you're looking for somewhere to live or a new home to go to, rush along to Hampstead in north London to see Ravi Tikkoo's abode.

The multi-millionaire tanker owner has

placed it on the market with a price tag of £3.5m!

Along with the house you get a cricket pitch and a three-hole golf course.

The 20-room home has a central security control room with TV monitoring equipment with video

tape to record intruders.

Earlier this month Tikkoo sent a team of 'maritime mercenaries' to take over his strike-bound tanker, 'Globtik Venus', in Le Havre.

Tikkoo is quitting Britain next month because of tax fears.

SUGAR PRICE UP

THE price of sugar has nearly trebled since Britain joined the Common Market, Prices Under-Secretary Robert MacLennan admitted yesterday.

MacLennan said sugar had risen from 9.6p per kilo to 25.5p. One dozen standard eggs now cost 51p

compared with 22.2p in December 1972.

He said Danish butter had increased from 25.2p per lb to 59.5p, Cheddar cheese from 32.0p per lb to 59.5p, silverside boned beef from 59.5p to 113.4p per lb, leg of pork from 39.8p to 68.8p per lb, middle cut bacon from 39.1p per lb to 81.7p, a standard white sliced loaf from

10.4p to 19.8p, and a 3lb bag of self-raising flour from 12.1p to 23.6p.

In a memorandum to Prices Secretary Hattersley yesterday, the Confederation of British Industry said the proposed new price controls could not be justified.

It was 'ridiculous conceit' to introduce them, the CBI added.

BRING DOWN THE LIB-LAB COALITION

THE Lib-Lab coalition is in effect a coalition with the Tories as well. There is no fundamental difference between the Liberals and the Tories — both agree to the hilt on capitalism.

As long as Prime Minister Callaghan does the 'dirty work' for the Tories — that is to slash the standard of living — then, as far as the City is concerned, he is the man for the job.

After all, wasn't it the pro-Tory 'Financial Times' that said recently that Callaghan is 'the best Tory Prime Minister we've got'?

In reality what has happened is this: the Tories have put in a Liberal Party Receiver to see that this treacherous, bankrupt government manages their affairs properly.

The London 'Evening Standard' was quick to see what's involved in the coalition. Yesterday's editorial was headed: 'All Conservatives Now'. It said: 'Better for the immediate future the conservatives we know, led even as they are by Callaghan and Steel. And come on the Conservative Party, pull yourselves together.'

Dyed-in-the-wool

The 'Tribune'-ites — Eric Heffer and company — know this very well. But they voted for it to a man in Wednesday night's confidence vote. Despite their 'left' talk they are dyed-in-the-wool parliamentary opportunists: the closest they get to the working class is in words at the weekend.

What about the role of the Stalinists from the British Communist Party? They are the trained experts in political cowardice — 'left' burlings in the 'Morning Star', but no lead to the working class. Yesterday's 'Star' was a classic example of its type. Its editorial started with the tough-sounding heading, 'Reject this deal'. But it concluded: 'The movement must hammer home the demand for measures to tackle the crisis in the interests of the people.'

What 'measures'? What 'people'? The fact is that the Stalinist and revisionist 'theory' of 'pressure' on

the government has proved in practice to be utterly bankrupt. Are they now seriously suggesting that the coalition with a capitalist party can be moved 'left'?

When the task in front of the working class is to establish its political independence and bring down the coalition, the Stalinists are crawling in behind it. They did the same thing with the Industrial Relations Act under the Tories in the early 1970s. They called marches and one-day protests just to let off steam. In short, it is to break up and dissipate the energies of the mass movement to bring down the Lib-Lab coalition.

Instead of the mobilisation of the working class, the Stalinists are preparing to use the Leyland conference in Birmingham on April 3 as a diversionary talking-shop.

In this dirty work they have the wholehearted support of all the revisionist and fake 'left' groups.

The Stalinists and revisionists are mortally frightened of the mass movement. They know it can bring down the rump government and be strengthened enormously in the process. They are more frightened of this strength than they are of the Labour, Liberal and Tory leaders.

The Stalinists follow the 'peaceful road' to socialism which in practice means class collaboration. The revisionist groups in words reject the 'peaceful road', but in practice tail-end the Stalinists.

In their attitude towards the Lib-Lab coalition they have shown precisely where they stand in relation to the class struggle and the future of the working class. They are unmistakably in the camp of the class enemy.

The Workers Revolutionary Party is separated sharply from the 'left' Labourites, 'Tribune'-ites, Stalinists and revisionists by its full support for the mass movement of the working class. Only this movement can defend wages, jobs and living standards.

Each one of these basic questions facing the whole labour and trade union movement is political because they can only be won by

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bringing down the Lib-Lab coalition government.

To bring down the Lib-Labs today is to prepare for the defeat of Toryism tomorrow. To sustain it in office in any way — as do the 'left' MPs and the Stalinists — is the certain road to defeat of the working class.

Sighed with relief

The capitalist Press know this better than anyone else and they sighed with relief yesterday at the emergence of the coalition. They openly stated it was better for the mass attacks on workers' living standards to be carried out by the Labourites and Liberals, while the Tories wait in the wings.

There is only one reply to this great treachery: Build up the militancy of

the mass movement against the employers, the Tories and the coalition. That is the most urgent need of the hour.

The Workers Revolutionary Party and its youth section, the Young Socialists, have already given the lead.

Euro-March '77, comprising youth from eight countries, set off from Dortmund last Monday on a 500-mile march to London.

Simultaneously a Scottish contingent began a regional march in Scotland and three more will start from Merseyside, East Anglia and South Wales early in April.

In every city and town on their way, on the Continent and in Britain, the young marchers are arousing the working class against growing unemployment, rising prices, the spending cuts dictated by the International Monetary Fund.

They are saying: Take the profits out of food by nationalising the food

monopolies; open the books of the multi-national corporations and 'No' to wage controls; down with NATO and war preparations; 'No' to the capitalist Common Market and 'Yes' to the United Socialist States of Europe.

When Euro-March '77 lands at Dover on April 17, trade unionists from all over Britain are welcome to greet their European brothers. In a one-week campaign, Euro-March '77 will stage a triumphant demonstration to London arriving on Sunday, April 24.

Main question

On that day at Alexandra Palace, a giant rally will be held focussing on one question — the main question: calling for the mobilisation of the independent strength of the working class to bring down the Lib-Lab coalition government!

STEEL GLOATS OVER PACT

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The arrogant Steel quipped: 'Measures will be laid before us no doubt, but they will not be socialist measures.'

Steel revealed that he and his 13-strong parliamentary colleagues are preparing to exercise their new power by appointing a 'shadow administration' containing spokesmen who will work together with the various Labour government ministers.

Steel is even going to ask whether the Liberals' outside advisers can be brought in on government policy-making decisions.

At one stage Steel went to gloat over the way that the coalition deal had disenfranchised Labour voters.

He said that anyone who wanted to continue the Lib-Lab deal should vote Liberal, and not Labour in the Stechford by-election.

Asked whether this meant he was saying that workers could therefore not support the Callaghan government any longer, Steel's confident facade crumbled, and he stuttered that it was not up to him to advise Labour voters how to act.

The arrogance of the Liberals at being elevated from a clique of middle-class political climbers to men with a veto on the labour movement, was further demonstrated in an outburst from John Pardoe MP.

Playing for laughs from the capitalist Pressmen, the right-wing populist claimed he had written next week's budget speech to be delivered by Chancellor of the Exchequer, Denis Healey.

Garage occupied

WORKERS occupying bus garages will halt services in Coventry today. Over 130 craftsmen, supported by 400 maintenance men from the transport union, have taken over two garages and are stopping all buses save those serving schools and hospitals.

They are striking because management of the West Midlands Transport Authority are breaking long standing working agreements.

They also want negotiations over free travel passes similar to those enjoyed by craft workers outside Coventry as part of the introduction of an auto-fare system on buses.

THE AUEW shop stewards' committee at Cigarette Components UK Ltd in Jarrow, Durham, has unanimously passed the following resolution:

This committee condemns the action and attitude of Hugh Scanlon and the executive in their handling of the British Leyland strike on a claim which they themselves stated publicly as completely justifiable.

They have not carried out their mandate as our union leaders to protect our members and their living standards, and we feel that the best service they could now perform to the AUEW is to resign forthwith.

A LEEDS travel firm has closed down after running into difficulties because of links with the Overseas Relatives Reunion Club of Scarborough, which last week had 2,000 reservations cancelled by an air firm to which it owed money.

Michael Davies, office manager for Nova World Travel Ltd, said 'We issued tickets to the club on payment by return. We have not been paid and it runs into thousands of pounds.'

But he claimed that no holidaymaker would lose by the closure because Nova was a member of the Association of British Travel Agents and the public were protected under the benefit rules of the ABTA fund.

Young Socialists
International Youth Committee of Fourth International

First-ever EURO-MARCH '77

- JOBS NOW!
- AGAINST THE COMMON MARKET!
- FOR UNITED SOCIALIST STATES OF EUROPE!

The Euro-March is on the road. The marchers from eight European countries left Dortmund at the weekend to travel for five weeks campaigning through West Germany, Belgium and France.

A contingent of the march also left Glasgow at the weekend. On Monday April 4, contingents set off from Liverpool, Swansea and Norwich. They will all meet up in

DOVER, SUNDAY APRIL 17

then campaign for a week through southern England on their way to a

**MASS INTERNATIONAL RALLY
Sunday April 24
ALEXANDRA PALACE
Wood Green, London**

Give your support to the marches! Join in with your banner! Send financial support! Come to Alexandra Palace on April 24!

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THE Callaghan government has crawled to the reactionary Liberals in parliament in order to continue to carry out the anti-working-class attacks demanded by the IMF.

Every Labour supporter and trade unionist in the country has been betrayed. We must turn out at once to the factories and the housing estates to build the Workers Revolutionary Party as the alternative to these traitors. We must win thousands of new readers to News Line.

To continue to produce our paper at the price of 6p we have to ensure that our appeal fund reaches £4,000 each month. This month we are a long, long way behind. Today's post brought £98.80. We cannot leave the fund so low. Fight now to bring it in.

Only News Line warned of the coalition danger. Now that we have a Lib-Lab coalition in power, only News Line calls on workers to bring it down. Support the News Line. Send your donation in to the fund at once. Post it to:

The News Line
March Appeal Fund
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Make big sacrifice for campaign

THE campaign to mobilise the working class against this rotten coalition is going to occupy all our resources. It means expanding the circulation of the News Line among workers from every sector of the trade union movement.

We are appealing for it to be finished in the shortest possible time. It means sacrifice from everyone — cash, cheques, money orders and pledges.

Please take this appeal seriously and rush all you can to us.

Yesterday we received:

Crawley reader £1.10;
Canning Town £7; Bexley £5;
West End £20; Professional workers £5.45; Preston £1; totalling: £39.55.

TOTAL to date: £42,805.56.

Post all donations to:

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Now that their own MPs have betrayed them, the labour movement knows that it must do the job.

Never before has the expansion of our Party's work been more decisive.

At the centre of this is the completion of our £50,000 Development Fund.

Bomb blast at RUC barracks

THE British military occupation of northern Ireland led to new bomb blasts in the territory yesterday.

One of the attacks, on the Royal Ulster Constabulary barracks at Donegal Pass, was committed by the IRA.

The Belfast Republican Press Centre put out a statement saying: 'The Belfast Brigade, Irish Republican Army, claim responsibility for the attack on Donegal Pass RUC barracks.'

'This barracks has in the past been a venue for RUC torture and brutality on victims taken from Republican areas.'

'It has also been used as a base for plain-clothes undercover surveillance squads.'

'The Irish Republican Army will increasingly attack these loyalist forces as they enter a prominent role in the "Ulsterisation" process.'

The statement was signed on behalf of the Belfast Brigade by Sean O'Neill.

The other attack wounded a former Lord Chief Justice of the British imperialist regime, Justice MacDermott.

His son, also a judge, recently sentenced members of the outlawed UVF to prison sentences totalling hundreds of years.

The UVF is one of the most extreme para-military pro-British capitalist groups among the sectarian protestant bigots of the Orange Order. They butchered the Miami Show Band, among others.

MacDermott was among several injured in a bomb blast during a lecture given by the ex-Chief Justice at Ulster College, outside Belfast.

The attack was the second at the College. Several weeks ago, a bomb exploded during a visit by British army recruiting officers.

Fiat up prices

THE price of Fiat cars is to rise by an average of 6 per cent for all models delivered to dealers after April 12, the company announced today. But since the higher prices will include the cost of front seat belts, previously listed as an extra, the increase will effectively be between 4.5 and 5 per cent, depending on the model.



Pickets at the gate while yesterday afternoon's meeting was in progress. Left to right: Mary Westhead, Pat Higgins, Mary Daly and Lyn Sale

Kirkby stewards abdicate

BY KATHY HILTON

MERSEYSIDE — Events took a series of dramatic turns at Plessey's Kirkby factory yesterday.

For while the shop stewards committee complained of the lack of fighting capacity in the workforce and eventually resigned, angry women workers formed a picket at the main gate to prevent management attempts to move £70,000 worth of goods from the factory.

Stewards claimed their decision followed Wednesday's meeting at which workers voted against the recommendation to continue the work in.

Workers claim Wednesday's meeting was deliberately engineered to create confusion, and many felt they had been cheated into allowing management back into the factory.

The anger workers felt when they saw goods being moved, the product of the three weeks work-in, was reinforced when they saw their wage packets.

Some contained as little as 50p, when a loan, last week's form of 'payment', was deducted.

At a meeting yesterday afternoon ex-stewards refused to withdraw their resignation and had no proposals for the fight.

A resolution to elect a new committee was rejected as were calls to resume the work-in and continue with the halting of the movement of goods.

It was finally agreed to call on senior EEPFU stewards from Edge Lane factory to address a meeting today.

Moody admits porn squad corruption

A FORMER Scotland Yard chief told the police bribes trial at the Old Bailey today that he was now satisfied there was 'corruption on a substantial scale' in the Obscene Publications Squad — but he did not know of it at the time.

Alfred 'Bill' Moody, 51, a retired Detective Chief Superintendent, and former head of the squad, who has

pleaded not guilty to seven charges alleging that he accepted bribes totalling £24,945 from pornographers as an inducement or reward for showing favour, was being cross-examined by David Tudor-Price for the Crown.

Service

He said his total service in the Obscene Publications Squad was three years, spread over two periods between 1965 and 1970.

Tudor-Price asked: 'Are you entirely satisfied that corruption existed on the squad?'

Moody replied: 'I am satisfied, having heard the evidence that there was some corruption on the squad.'

Justice Mars-Jones then asked Moody if he accepted that there was corruption on a substantial scale and he replied: 'Yes, my Lord.'

Seveso disease at Derbys plant

PART of a British chemical firm was shut down yesterday after 28 workers were confirmed to have the skin disease chloracne — a mild version of the disease that followed the Seveso 'poison cloud' disaster in Italy.

Cleaning and modification is to be carried out at the works — Staveley chemical plant, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire — on the orders of the Health and Safety Executive.

The 28 found were to have the disease after the entire 400 staff were screened following three cases at the end of last year.

Chloracne produces acne like spots concentrated round the eyes. In its mild form it is barely noticeable.

The Staveley workers in the affected section have been transferred and there have been no lay-offs.

Man dies in custody

WEST Midlands police launched an investigation this afternoon into the death of a 53-year-old man shortly after he was arrested by two police officers.

A West Midlands police spokesman said the man, Mr Samuel Hill, of Shannon Walk, Brownhills, Walsall, had been involved in a 'violent struggle' with the two officers who went to his home with five warrants for non-payment of fines.

The man was put into a police van, but on the way to Aldridge police station he collapsed.

At the station, a police surgeon was immediately called and certified that Mr Hill was dead. A post-mortem examination carried out by a Home Office pathologist revealed that Mr Hill had died from a heart attack.

The investigation is being led by Det. Supt Geoffrey Bradford and a report will be submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

An inquest is expected to be opened tomorrow.

Associated

They had either worked in or been associated with the dichloro aniline (DCA) unit during production of the herbicide diuron, said a spokesman for the firm.

Medical tests and a full investigation of the plant have been headed by Dr Kenneth Crow, a consultant dermatologist who was closely associated with the Seveso epidemic.

Actors' right-wing given right to appeal

THE Lords Appeal Committee yesterday granted Marius Goring leave of appeal against the Appeal Court decision refusing him and the Council of Actors Equity permission to change the rules of the union by referendum.

Mr Alexander Irvine and the Hon Melville Williams, on behalf of Equity members Graham Hamilton and Corin Redgrave, told the Lords Appeal Committee that Goring was the odd man out.

Equity Council did not support him.

The two respondents, while they thought the Appeal Court ruling only partly satisfactory, accepted the decision as a workable one.

Mr S.J. Scher, on behalf of Goring, who was accompanied at the hearing by Greta Gouret and Peter Honri, two Equity Councillors, said that Goring had a lot of support in the union.

Equity Council supported him. The Council wanted the referendum — they simply had not become involved in the hearing because of the financial reasons involved.

The Hon Melville Williams said that Goring's petition included much narrative containing allegations for which no proof had been offered.

Lord Wilberforce replied: 'It's a racy document... a harmless attempt to introduce a bit of prejudice.'

The Appeal Committee gave Goring two weeks to file his appeal.

Graham Hamilton and Corin Redgrave were granted leave to cross appeal. Lord Wilberforce, presiding, warned that all parties were at full risk as to costs.

The dispute in Equity began in 1975, when the right-wing Council joined by Nigel Davenport and Lord Olivier, called a Special General Meeting for rule changes to



Marius Goring

permit them to change the rules of the union by referendum.

These proposals were defeated and did not obtain the two-thirds majority required to carry rule changes.

The right-wing Act For Equity was formed, and in the 1976 elections gained a majority on the Council.

It was then that the Council took the union to court in an attempt to get the powers which the membership had refused.

The Chancery Court ruled in their favour and a flood of referenda were issued immediately.

If these were validated by the House of Lords, the membership would be unable to decide union policy.

As soon as Chancery Court gave its ruling Corin Redgrave appealed. He was joined a few days later by Graham Hamilton.

However, Act For Equity issued the referendum in defiance of the appeal and two injunctions which sought to prevent them.

Although the results of the referendum were claimed to be in favour of the Council's proposals, area committees, a Theatre in Education Conference and two Equity variety branches all passed resolutions demanding the Council resign and supporting the appeal. These represented at least 200 companies of Equity.

Now there is a grave danger that the House of Lords may validate the rule change referendum with a decision later this year. So the membership now faces a further stage in their resolute fight to defend basic, democratic rights.

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The conference takes place in the middle of our Euro-marches. Five marches, against unemployment, from Dortmund, West Germany, from Glasgow, begin weekend March 19-20. They are joined by marches from Liverpool, Swansea and Norwich on April 4. All converge on London on April 24 for a mass rally at Alexandra Palace, Wood Green.

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Fourth channel wide open to big bosses

IT'S 'MONOPOLY' TV

Lord Annan at yesterday's Press conference giving details of the inquiry team's report



THE fourth television channel recommended in the Annan report on broadcasting, published yesterday, will be wide open to the monopolies and big business commercial television.

The Annan inquiry team say the channel should be controlled by a new body —

the Open Broadcasting Authority — to show programmes made or sponsored by companies, the ITV corporations, government and pressure groups.

The committee has made no ruling as to how much time on the channel will go to non-commercial interests.

Asked if he thought that the power of companies and the ITV would turn the channel into a

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voice for big business, Annan replied:

'You must generate money for the channel yet at the same time we do not want it to become another ITV channel.'

The fourth channel will be financed from block advertising, cultural shows and sporting programmes sponsored by big business and by government and education institutions buying time. The

60,000-word report calls for no major changes in the capitalist-controlled television and radio media.

There are proposals to hive off local radio and future local television under a local broadcasting authority.

The report says a public inquiry body should be set up to re-examine broadcasting every seven years and there is a recommendation for a complaints commission to hear protests from people or groups who feel they have been

misrepresented in programmes.

At a Press conference yesterday, Annan made much play of these adjustments, suggesting that the aim of the report was to make broadcasters 'more responsive' to the public through parliament.

But the 16-strong inquiry team firmly turned down the call by broadcasting unions for 50-per-cent representation on the controlling bodies of the BBC and Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Telephone bills strike in talks

LEADERS of two public service unions were meeting the Post Office yesterday in an attempt to resolve the dispute which has so far delayed the issue of half-a-million telephone bills.

The delayed bills represent about £10m-worth of revenue to the Post Office.

Members of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, and the Civil and Public Services Association, in the PO's data processing service are operating an overtime ban and a number of other sanctions in response to management's dilatory attitude in settling a claim.

No progress has been made since the action — which is officially backed by the unions — began on February 28.

The claim was originally submitted in March last year and is for maintenance of earnings during a PO run-down of 12 computer centres.

The run-down, and the switch to a new range of computers, involves a drastic drop in wages for hundreds of workers.

Whilst PO officials recognise the principle at stake they have so far only made a limited offer and are unwilling to make any guarantees to computer centre workers who find themselves outside the terms of the offer.

SLATER: NEW COURT MOVE

THE Department of Trade is to appeal against the acquittal of financier Jim Slater on 15 charges alleging contravention of the Companies Act.

The 47-year-old former chief of the Slater Walker group was cleared in February of charges of misusing more than £4m of his company's funds in share deals.

The magistrate decided that there was no case to answer. But the Department is to appeal in the Division on a point of law.

It only brought the case after spending years investigating Slater's affairs. There has been much criticism of the magistrates' court decision.

Amin pilot to stay

CHARLES BALIDAWA, the 27-year-old pilot who fled Uganda to seek refuge in Britain is to be allowed to stay.

The Home Office spokesman said: 'He is to be allowed to stay for 12 months initially.'

Balidawa was proclaimed a national hero by President Amin for landing his aircraft carrying a party of Britons during a storm.

He defected from a flying school in Perth, where he had been sent for training with other Ugandans.

Church rapped over Ulster

NEARLY 60 per cent of English Catholics who took part in a major survey believe their church is not doing enough about the troubles in Northern Ireland.

This was disclosed yesterday in the survey's findings, reached after a computer was fed with detailed questionnaires filled in by more than 20,000 Catholics in the UK and the Irish Republic.

The survey was sponsored by three Catholic newspapers: the 'Catholic Herald', the 'Scottish Catholic Observer' and the 'Catholic Standard' (Dublin).

Meehan rejects 'ridiculous' £7,500 award

PATRICK MEEHAN, who received a Queen's pardon after serving seven years of a life sentence for a murder he did not commit, has rejected an award of £7,500 compensation.

The idea that he would take the money was 'ridiculous', he said, and warned that he intended taking certain people to court, possibly including the Crown Office.

He said: 'There is no question of it. I am rejecting it completely. Even if it had been £20,000, I would still have refused it.'

'They have assessed it at £7,500 because I was not a good character and I had a record. But this was a terrible ordeal for me and my family. My daughter had a nervous breakdown and ended up in hospital.'

A Scottish Office statement said that the amount of compensation had taken into

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account Mr Meehan's previous convictions and evidence about his way of life at the time of his arrest in July 1969.

One reason for turning down the award was that he had been asked to sign a statement that he would not take proceedings against anyone who testified at his trial, he said.

Meehan was freed from Peterhead prison last May, after being granted a Queen's pardon.



Patrick Meehan

He had been convicted of murdering Mrs Rachel Ross at her Ayr bungalow in 1969. Following Mr Meehan's release, Ian Waddell was arrested and tried for the same murder — but was acquitted.

Mr Joseph Beltrami, the Glasgow solicitor who acted for Mr Meehan at the time of his trial, said:

'I am astonished at this award. It seems to me to be an

insult to Meehan. I am utterly astounded at the award being so minimal. I expected another amount to be added to that figure. I expected it to be £75,000.'

Mr Beltrami, who is a member of the committee which has been fighting Meehan's case, said he would be contacting Ludovic Kennedy, the chairman, to arrange an early meeting to discuss the award and the proposed inquiry.



Louise Jameson



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Robert Powell



Alison Fiske



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'Socialist Worker' pays bank union damages

THE 'Socialist Worker' newspaper has agreed to pay damages of £500 and costs to the National Union of Bank employees in settlement of a lawsuit over an article which, it was claimed, gave the impression that the union advocated and practised racist policies.

Mr Justice Melford Stevenson was told in the High Court yesterday that 'Socialist Worker' Printers and Publishers, who were not represented, had not agreed to the making of a statement in open court, which is the usual procedure in such cases.

The article was published on November 15, 1975.

USDAW President

SYD TIERNEY, Labour MP for Birmingham Yardley and a former milkman, has been elected president of the 400,000-strong Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers.

He will take over the unpaid post for a two-year term at the end of the union's annual conference at Scarborough, from April 24 to 26.

Tierney, an USDAW member for 36 years whose home is at Leicester, was a full-time official for over 20 years.



WORKERS at the ASDA stores in Widnes, locked out by management for more than two weeks in a union recognition dispute, have now been subjected to further attacks on their rights.

After a test case was put forward, the Ministry of Social Security ruled that they would not pay out money to people who were locked out.

The dispute arose when the ASDA company refused to recognise the Widnes workers' right, as members of the T&GWU, to negotiate their own wage demands. All other ASDA stores are organised by the G&MWU.

Despite these attacks, they are determined to win. They have elected an action committee and hold weekly meetings. Support is coming in from many sections of workers.

Norman Williams, district organiser for the T&GWU, said yesterday he is expecting official backing for the dispute.

Members of the ASDA action committee yesterday

CUTS ARE BIGGER THAN YOU THINK CLAIM

THE government was accused by a senior trade union official yesterday of deliberately creating unemployment and of 'making much bigger cuts than are generally recognised'.

'We must assume that the Treasury is fully and cynically aware of the effect on jobs of current economic policy', said Alan Jinkinson, local government officer of the public service union NALGO.

Speaking to a Campaign Against the Cuts meeting in Merton, south London, Jinkinson said:

'In 1977-1978, public expenditure will be reduced in real terms by 3.3 per cent. This is not a cut in 'planned' expenditure: it means jobs and services.

The government said that it was going to 'level off' public spending: what has happened is that in 1977-1978 and 1978-1979 it

will be below the levels in 1975-1976 and 1976-1977.

'This is adding to the total number of unemployed at a time when that total has reached nearly 1.5 million and, unless the public spending cuts are reversed, this will continue all through 1977 and 1978 and up to April 1979.'

He went on: 'The recent White Paper (Cmd. 6721) very strongly hints of even more cuts to come. This would have a disastrous effect on jobs and services with a further massive erosion of the social wage.'

'The government grossly underestimated the rate of inflation as the basis for local authority spending limits last year — and robbed local authorities of the money needed to bridge that gap.'

'This year, the cash limit has been set at 8 per cent (a 10-per-cent increase in costs) when inflation is likely to be at least 16 per cent.'

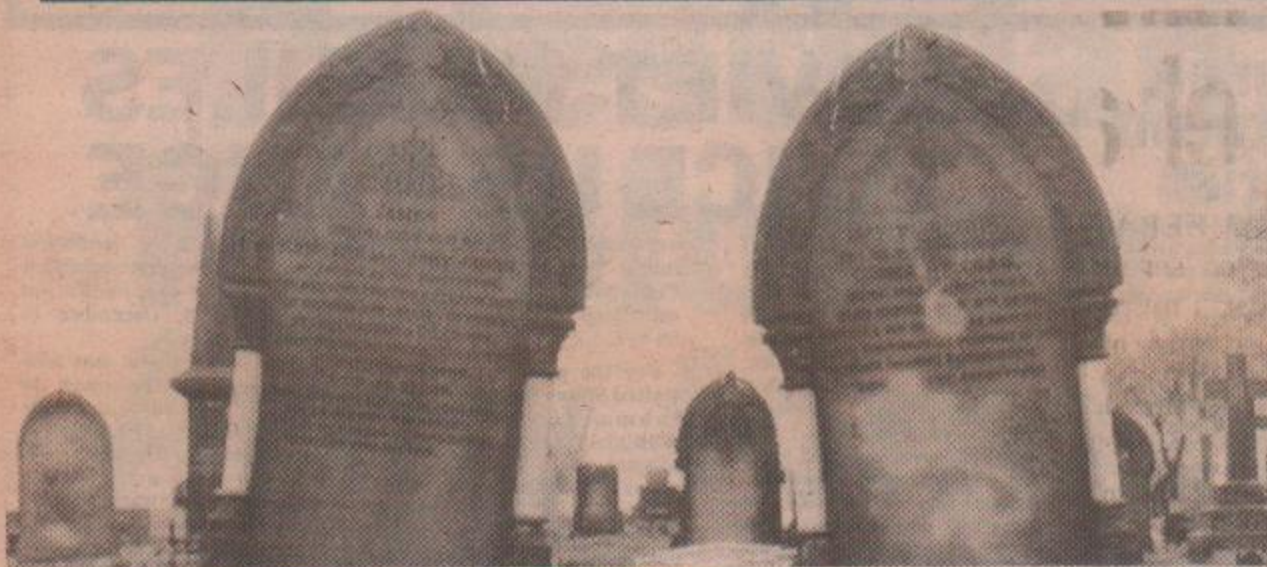
SECOND DUSTMAN CRUSHED

AN inquiry was launched yesterday into the second death of a dustman killed in the grinding mechanism of his cart.

Reginald Berry, 52, of Barnstaple, was killed while

collecting refuse from the Pottington Industrial estate.

As the inquiry was launched, an inquest was reopened in Penzance, Cornwall, on Eric Harris, 48, who died in a similar fashion on February 10.



Gravestones of two of the miners killed in the Featherstone Massacre

MINERS SACK HISTORIAN

THE Yorkshire Area of the National Union of Mineworkers has told Dr Robert Neville of Leeds University that it does not want him to continue as author of the official 'History of the Yorkshire Miners'.

Disagreements arose mainly over the author's presentation of the famous Featherstone massacre of 1893, when troops were called in to mow down locked-out miners at Acton Hall Colliery, Featherstone.

The union is insisting, quite rightly, that it is entitled to a say in the 'terminology' used about its members in its official history.

A statement released by the Yorkshire NUM in Barnsley yesterday read:

'Dr Neville wrote to the NUM asking that the union and he should reach an understanding on the mechanism of writing the History of the Yorkshire Miners.'

'He submitted a sample chapter on the Featherstone Massacre in 1893 and on 'Studies in the Yorkshire Coal Industry'.

'He asked "if these would be acceptable from the union" point of view, as chapters of the official history. The sample

Row over Featherstone Massacre incident

chapters were discussed with Dr Neville and the full executive committee were then able to read them.

'Without any advice from any area official, the committee came to the decision that the chapter on Featherstone was unacceptable.'

'Dr Neville categorically refused to change the terminology and, as a result, the union decided Dr Neville should not write the official History of the Yorkshire Miners.'

'There has been no question at any time of the union wishing to "rewrite" history.'

'We are of the view that the union has the right, in having its official history written, to have some say in the terminology used to describe the unions membership.'

IRA explains its strategy in north

DUBLIN — The Irish Republican Publicity Bureau has issued a statement explaining the policy behind the war of nerves against British companies and personnel in Northern Ireland.

The statement says:

'There has been some controversy over action taken by active service units of the Irish Republican Army against members of the business class in the Six Counties.'

In June 1976 after a clear warning a series of political attacks against businessmen and their interests was initiated by the IRA. This protracted action was taken to combat threatened 'definite action' from a right-wing group, representing 'the whole Loyalist spectrum'.

A spokesman admitted involvement of businessmen and their control over 'most units of the Ulster Service Corps'. Since then, in order to combat this threat, some action has been taken against these elements.

More recently, however, a separate series of attacks have been made on certain figures who are involved in the senior management of British economic interests in the Six Counties.

These attacks were related to the role played by the people involved. In all cases those executed by the IRA played a prominent role in the effort to stabilise the British-orientated Six County economy.

This economy has never served the interests of the people. It is geared completely to their exploitation and is to the benefit of those in control.

The war is not merely a conflict between Republican and British forces. It is a conflict between the interests which these forces represent.

British imperialism exerts political, social, cultural and military control in pursuit of economic gains. Those involved in the management of the economy serve British interests. They represent and maintain economic interests which make war necessary.

From the CBI and from the

Chambers of Commerce have come calls for increased military repression of the Republican people. This repression is geared to the interests of imperialism and to the economic interests of those involved.

While this remains so those representing these interests are invaluable assets to British intentions. Unlike British troops they are not expendable. Thus the outcry.

P. O'Neill ... Irish Republican Publicity Bureau

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DEPORTED BISHOP LANDS IN LONDON

BISHOP Donald Lamont, infiltrated guerrilla movements, deported from Rhodesia for allegedly helping rebels, said at Heathrow Airport yesterday (above) that the Smith regime was doomed. But he claimed that a 'peaceful solution' was still possible. The Bishop insisted he had done nothing wrong in giving medical supplies to alleged guerrillas. He said security forces had told him their own men had

asked what the security forces would do if they were told guerrillas were at a mission and infiltrators were among them, the security man replied "Shoot the lot", the Bishop said. He said the Smith government in Rhodesia no longer needed to publish the names of people sentenced to death or imprisoned.

NEW INDIAN PM — BUT ALLIANCE SPLITS

MORARJI DESAI, 81, became the first non-Congress Prime Minister of India yesterday — and immediately precipitated a split in the alliance of parties which won this week's elections.

Desai's election was approved unanimously by members of his own four-group Janata Party.



Jagjivan Ram

But the ceremony was boycotted by Jagjivan Ram, chairman of Congress for Democracy (CDF), which supported the Janata Party against Indira Gandhi's Congress Party.

Ram, 68, issued a statement from his home saying that his Congress for Democracy would not join the new government.

Several leading members of the Janata Party hurried to Ram's house immediately after Desai's election in an effort to

persuade him to change his stand.

Ram had been Desai's only rival for the post of Prime Minister.

Ram said the CDF would support the Janata Party 'in accordance with election manifesto', but reiterated that it would remain a separate party inside and outside parliament.

The Congress for Democracy, formed only seven weeks ago, when Ram resigned as Agriculture Minister in Gandhi's cabinet, won only 28

seats in this week's elections.

The Janata Party, an alliance ranging from an ultra-right wing Hindu religious party to the Socialist Party led by trade union leader George Fernandes, holds 271 seats in the 542 seat Lower House.

But the support of the CDF is important because of the huge influence which Ram and his deputy Hemwanti Nandan Baguguna wield in northern India.

Ram is regarded as the leader of India's 80 million Harijans ('untouchables').

German investment caution

WEST Germany's 16 billion Deutschmark investment programme was launched this week amid public doubts about the 'upward course' of the economy that was forecast at the beginning of the year.

Finance Minister Hans Apel described the programme merely as 'a medium-term support programme'.

Economics Minister Hans Friderichs spoke of the need for 'protection against outside risks'.

The ministers' caution was underlined by West Germany's latest industrial orders figures published this week.

These show a sharp drop in January compared with December.

There was a general decline of 6 per cent, a decline in export orders of 10 per cent, and a drop in capital goods orders for export of 14.5 per cent.

The authoritative IFO Institute of Munich reported in its most recent survey of the economic outlook that orders have shown no real increase since late last summer.

SOVIET MISSILES TWICE US RANGE

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union has fired two of its operational submarine-launched missiles nearly 5,700 miles, twice the range of the US Poseidon, Pentagon sources said yesterday.

The sources said the missiles were launched from the Barents Sea north of Russia into the Pacific on March 18 and 20, only a few days before Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's talks in Moscow this weekend on nuclear arms limitations.

The Defence Department confirmed the Soviet tests but did not say how far the missiles, believed to be the SS-N-8 and presumably launched from Delta-class submarines, travelled.

The distance reportedly

covered by the missiles is 1,000 miles greater than the Pentagon has previously estimated as the range of the SS-N-8.

For the past 10 years, the United States has equipped its submarines with the multiple-warhead Poseidon missile, which has a range of about 2,900 miles.

The US Navy has begun testing, and plans to have operational in 1979, the 4,600-mile Trident multiple warhead missile. It is also developing an extended-range Trident with the capability of delivering multiple warheads a distance of more than 6,000 miles.

In confirming the latest Russian tests, a Defence Department spokesman said the Russians were also

believed to have conducted tests of submarine-launched missiles into the Pacific on November 29, December 10 and December 21.

The Soviet Union was also reported last November to have tested a new submarine-launched missile it is developing, the SS-NX-18, with multiple dummy nuclear warheads.

WASHINGTON — The US House of Representatives assassinations committee today decided to ask for \$2.8m to finance the first year of fresh investigations into the murders of President Kennedy and Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King.

The committee's chief counsel, Richard Sprague, originally sought a \$6.5m budget for the investigations. But House leaders said this was too much, and asked the committee to propose a lower budget and revised rules of procedure by March 31.

Dock strikers defy Israeli court order

STRIKING dockers in Israel's three ports yesterday defied court orders to return to work.

The strike began three days ago in support of demands for more pay. It is in defiance of orders from trade union leaders.

Workers at Haifa port voted to disregard a court order invoked against them on Wednesday.

Workers at Eilat, who had gone back on Wednesday, then came out again in support of Haifa.

Workers at the third port, Ashdod, voted to obey the court order — but only if workers at the other ports went back, too.

Ashdod workers stayed out yesterday.

Stevedores, ship handlers and clerical staff are all striking for more pay and reconsideration of labour contracts signed less than two months ago.

They say the benefit of rises awarded them have already been wiped out.

The government backed up the courts by issuing 'Administrative Orders' yesterday, under emergency regulations instructing the workers to end the strike.

The orders are backed by penalties of two-year prison sentences or fines of up to \$25,000 Israeli (£1,600 sterling) or both.

Transport Minister Gad

Yacobi said the Attorney General was studying the implications of the strikers' refusal to obey the court orders.

A spokesman for the port authorities said the work stoppage was costing the country more than £1m a day in lost revenue and spoil fruit, since the dispute has occurred at the height of the citrus export season.

He said that some 70 ships were idle yesterday.

A spokesman for the Citrus Growers' Association said that 2.25 million cases of oranges and grapefruit were ready for shipment.

Picking had stopped and fruit awaiting picking was valued at about £41m.

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Palestinian commandos on parade in Beirut

Palestinian Revolution's Army formed

DURING the meetings of the Palestinian National Congress in Cairo from March 12 to 21, the military committee proposed a series of recommendations, which were unanimously approved by the Congress.

They included the unification of all Palestinian combat forces under the name the Palestinian Revolution's Army and Armed Forces, which is to be considered the PLO's military institution.

The chairman of the PLO executive committee was declared the commander-in-chief of the Palestinian Revolution's Army and Armed Forces (PRA&AF) and was designated temporary general commander of these forces until a general commander be appointed.

The Congress also agreed on the formation of a supreme military council, headed by the commander-in-chief and including various military officers, the appointment of commanders, whose responsibility includes constituting military units, and preparing plans, programmes and a budget for the army and armed forces.

The Congress furthermore declared that national service in the PRA&AF is compulsory for all Palestinians in all Arab countries, and is to be arranged in co-ordination with the Arab host countries. All Palestinian military men outside the army and armed forces are considered to be in the reserves, and the command retains the right of calling up for duty at any time.

Among its other military resolutions, the Congress called for a resolution of the military agreements between the PLO and Arab countries with regard to the PLO's command of the PLA units stationed in these countries, stressing the necessity of escalating armed struggle inside occupied Palestine, and calling upon Arab confrontation states to open their borders for the forces of the Palestinian revolution to act against the Zionist army.

It also stressed the right of the Palestinian resistance to keep all its weapons in Lebanon, and to defend the Palestinian camps.



From John Spencer in Cairo

General Strike honours Jumblatt

From Jim Muir in Beirut

BEIRUT — Banks, shops, schools and offices were closed again yesterday in West Beirut and other Muslim areas of Lebanon as part of a 'day of prayer' for Kemal Jumblatt, the leftist and Druze leader who was assassinated last Wednesday.

The day passed off as one of dignified remembrance rather than violent outrage. At Mosques in West Beirut and elsewhere, thousands gathered for commemorative ceremonies for Jumblatt, and a number of peaceful processions also took place.

As the situation in South Lebanon was quieter after two days of heavy bombardments in the border zone, political attention in Beirut was largely focussed on the ambiguous and inconclusive results of Wednesday's meeting with president Elias Sarkis with the quadripartite committee of

Arab ambassadors set up to oversee the application of the 1969 Cairo agreement governing the Palestinian presence in Lebanon.

The right-wing Phalangist party paper 'Al Amal' described the meeting's results as 'feeble' and wondered aloud why the Arab states were 'dragging their feet on dealing with the situation in Lebanon.'

The rightists have been pressuring for immediate application of a strict interpretation of the Cairo agreements, which would include the entry by Lebanese state forces into all Palestinian camps in Lebanon.

This is far from being the Palestinian interpretation of the accord, and one Beirut daily ('Al Nahar') quoted informed sources as saying that the Arab states represented in the committee — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt and Syria — had not reached a consensus on how to proceed with the Cairo agreement.

**YOUNG SOCIALISTS
APPEAL**
for the Lebanese workers and the Palestinian refugees
Collect medical aid and clothing



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

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

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

EURO-MARCH '77

ON-THE-SPOT DIARY FROM WEST GERMANY AND SCOTLAND

MARCH UNION

DAY FOUR:
Essen to
Duisburg

WEDNESDAY — We marched into Duisburg, still in the industrial Ruhr of West Germany, after a long slog from Essen.

The march left in the morning to a wail of sirens — the town's warning system for nuclear attack. It is tested twice a year, according to an old Essen worker.

Our march against war couldn't have been more timely in Essen.

By midday we had reached Borbeck, mainly over cobblestones, which are murderous for the feet. The houses here stand in rows of grey concrete. The

streets are narrow. There were very few people about, but when the march stopped in front of the girls' High School the students crowded into the playground to listen to our speakers.

They eagerly grabbed leaflets and some of them gave donations to the march.

Wave

It wasn't long before the headmistress arrived and tried to call the girls back into their classrooms. But a lot of them defied her and stayed to wave as we marched off.

It was a very different atmosphere from the Babcock's heavy engineering plant at Oberhausen.

We arrived there at two o'clock in the afternoon. Earlier an advance guard of the march had gone to see shop stewards at the factory for their support.

They refused. So the outside calling for support, leaving shifts.

The marchers and its several immediate attention.

'We are unemployed marching Dortmund support, unionist against.'

Many for the march German and made.

Outside we hit the first hour's were finished.

ATTACK ON CUTS WINS DUMFRIES RESPONSE

FROM CHARLES PARKINS

DAY FIVE:
Thornhill to
Dumfries

BUSINESSMEN like to tell us that it's workers' wages that cause inflation, YS marcher Stuart McCausland told a public meeting in Dumfries.

'We have seen in the past few years the social contract in operation, with wages being held down and the biggest inflation in recorded history,' he said.

There were murmurs of agreement from the audience of youth, trade unionists, and housewives as McCausland went on to attack the cuts by the

Labour government in social services.

'In Scotland,' he pointed out, 'there are 3,000 teachers on the dole while schools in big cities like Glasgow have 45 pupils to a class.'

'Primary and even some secondary schools are on half days or are only teaching classes three days a week.'

He went on to make a call to Labour Party members to fight for a re-call of the Labour Party conference to demand socialist policies and to throw out the right-wing Labour government.

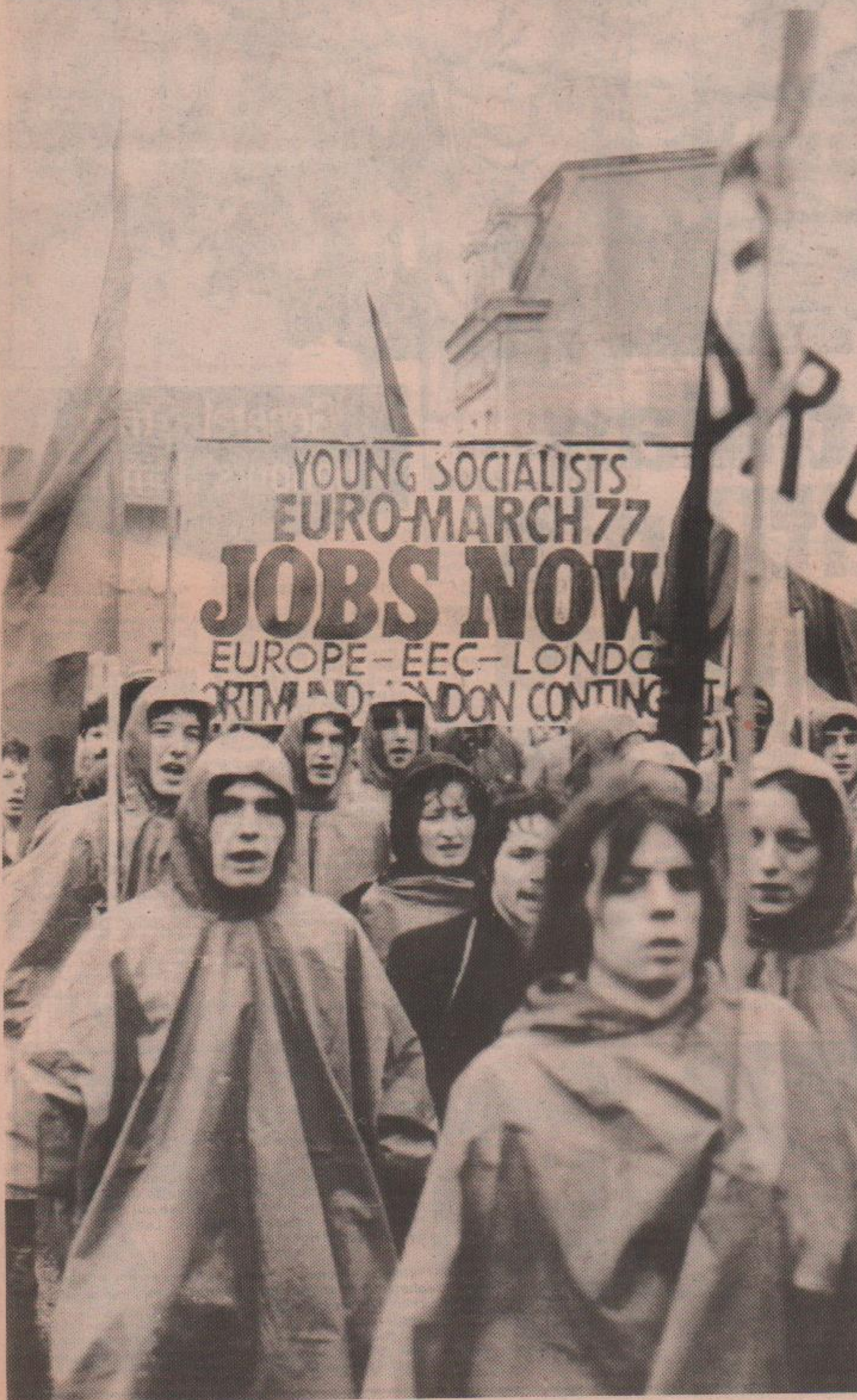
'Throw people like Callaghan, Jenkins, Williams, and Prentice out of the Labour Party and into the Tory Party where they belong.'

He strongly attacked the Labour leaders for negotiating with Liberals

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Dortmund and Glasgow to London

EXPOSES LEADERS

FROM BRIAN MOORE

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its name to the industrial
area.

It is a very gentle
meandering stretch of
water which soon got left
behind. The countryside
disappeared again.

We were into the city
again, in Duisburg.

The route led us past the
regional headquarters of
the DGB, Germany's
equivalent to the TUC.

A delegation from the
march went into the
extremely
luxurious-looking building
to demand support.

Five young bureaucrats
'with special responsibility
for youth' said 'Why don't
you protest to the
employers?'

They complained that
there was nothing they
could do to give financial
support or any support for
that matter to the march
because they had not been

given sufficient warning.

As march leader Ulli
Rippert said over the
loudhailer pointed directly
at the DGB house: 'These
bureaucrats will be given
no advance warning when
thousands of workers come
out on the streets for jobs.
This is the same trade
union leadership that sent a
letter to all trade unions
blacklisting our march.'

'We are going forward in
the building of a new
revolutionary leadership in
the working class.'

Different

The DGB brings together
all the different unions in
West Germany. But the
German union structure is
completely different from
Britain's unions.

They are organised not in
respect to different jobs
and skills, but to materials.

For instance, all workers
involved with steel,
whether pressing it or
making a car out of it, are

all unionised into one
organisation.

So there is a union for all
textile workers, all
workers in public services,
transport and traffic, even
a union for those who work
in 'wood, stone and earth'
— Bausteinerden Union.

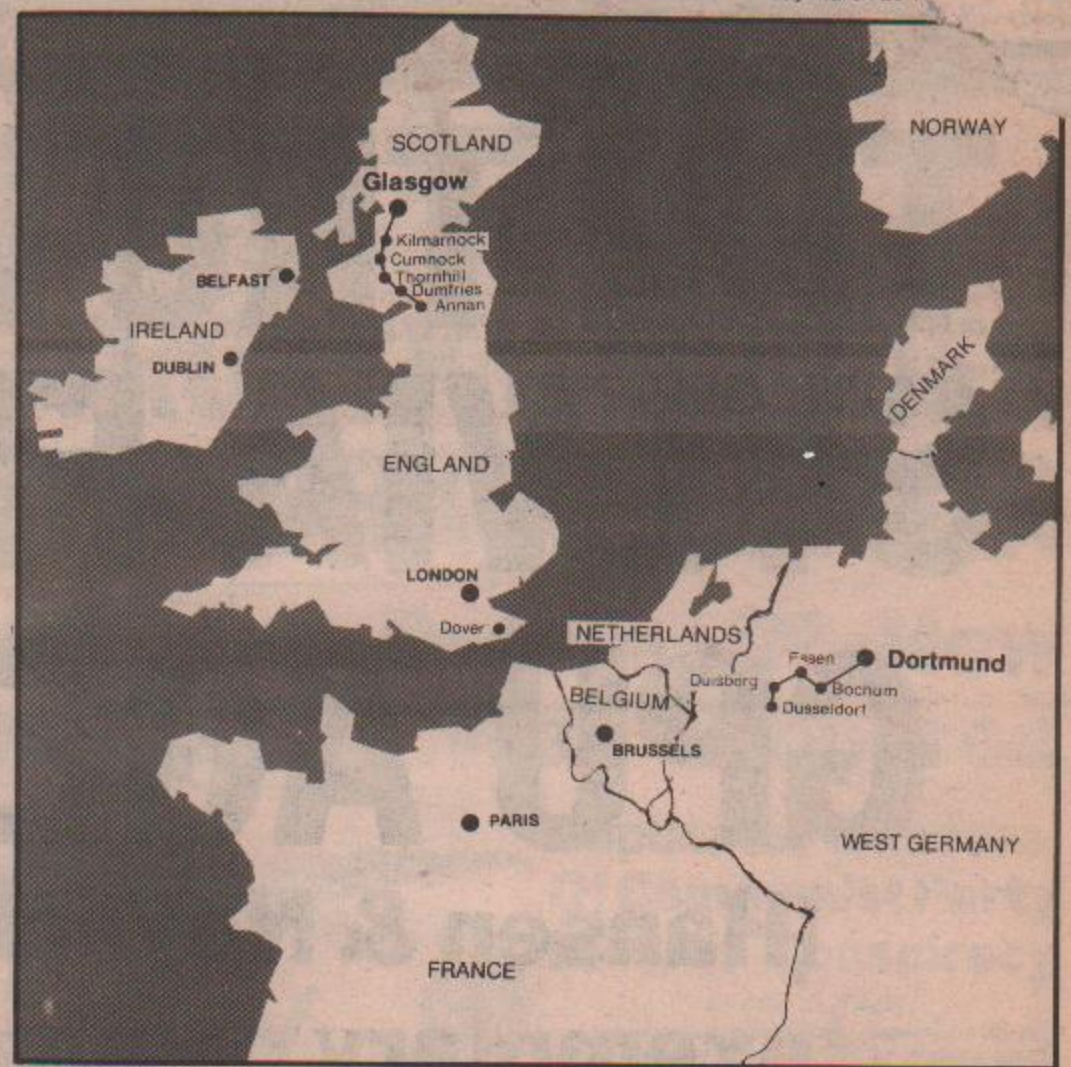
The organisation of the
unions was decided and set
up by the Americans in
1945.

They are, of course,
deliberately centralised
and dominated by a
right-wing Social
Democratic leadership.

According to the rules of
all German trade unions, to
be a member of a left-wing
political organisation is
grounds for immediate
expulsion!

Half the constitution of
the Metal Workers' Union
is devoted to ways of
expelling members.

It is the bureaucracy of
these unions that the
marchers are exposing so
clearly throughout the
Euro-March campaign.



WHY WE ARE MARCHING

- Jobs for Youth
- Against all cuts in education
- Defend basic democratic rights — Release all political prisoners
- Against rearmament and nuclear war danger
- Halt rising prices of food in the Common Market
- Take the profit out of food
- Nationalise the food industries
- Against the reactionary, pro-fascist conspiracies of the Common Market monopolies and multi-national companies, we demand the opening of their books for trade union inspection
- Trade union unity throughout all the EEC countries
- 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



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themselves, who also take
care of its maintenance.

A member of the local
community association
said at the meeting: 'We
admire the youth for what
they are doing.'

The marchers, prior to
the meeting, did a very
successful door-to-door
sale with the News Line.

We are also hoping to
arrange a public meeting
when we reach Carlisle.

The last time the Young
Socialists marched through
Carlisle was on the 1972
Right-to-Work march.

On that occasion, the
bureaucrats of the

Northern Region Labour
Party made strenuous
efforts to prevent the YS
from obtaining
accommodation.

But not all Labour Party
members in Carlisle
agreed with the official
party's position.

One active local Labour
supporter who at that time
provided accommodation for
some of the marchers in
her own home, a local
government worker, told
us today that at the time
she also had other visitors.

Members of the Special
Branch called at her home
and asked what her

involvement was with the
movement.

She told us that the
Special Branch are
frequently seen around
Carlisle, attending any
public meetings or
demonstrations held by
working-class
organisations, tenants'
groups, and so on.

On one occasion, they
even attended a theatre
performance at the local
art college.

She added that they had
also been present in the
audience when the Young
Socialists held their public
meeting in Carlisle in 1972.

By the International Committee of the Fourth International

THE TRUTH ABOUT SYLVIA FRANKLIN, GPU AGENT

(Hansen & Novack's 'exemplary comrade')



JOSEPH Hansen and George Novack of the revisionist Socialist Workers Party of the United States have gone to extraordinary lengths to lie about the GPU plot which resulted in the assassination of Leon Trotsky in Mexico in 1940.

Not least of these are the lies they have invented about the testimony of Louis Budenz, the American Stalinist leader who quit the Communist Party in 1940 and went to the extreme right wing.

The object of their lies is to discredit the crucial evidence given by Budenz about the GPU agents implicated in Trotsky's murder. Their purpose is to prevent the Commission of Inquiry into Trotsky's assassination being demanded by the International Committee of the Fourth International.

Evidence

For more than 12 months Hansen and Novack's house organ, 'Intercontinental Press', has pumped out article after article deliberately aimed at discrediting what Budenz had to say when he left the Stalinists.

Hansen said that Budenz's evidence was 'foul slander' ('Intercontinental Press', November 24, 1975.) He raged against the quotations from Budenz's sworn testimony before US Senate committees in Washington in 1950.

This theme was immediately and enthusiastically picked up by every anti-Trotskyist renegade group in the world.

First into the field was the Thornett clique in Oxford, known as the 'Workers Socialist League', whose subjective hatred of the International Committee and the Workers Revolutionary Party is so demonic that they will regurgitate any spoon-fed lie that is to hand.

Thus, on December 31, 1975, the fortnightly 'Socialist Press' carried these remarks:

'Their fraudulent manner of handling facts and evidence carries right through the series 'Security and the Fourth

International'. For example, they uncritically accept all aspects of the testimony (before American criminal courts and witchhunting committees of Congress) of a range of ex-Stalinist stool pigeons and exposed Soviet spies, busy 'singing' to save their skins.

One such is Louis F Budenz, a notorious Judas throughout the US labour movement, a one-time GPU agent, and subsequently managing editor of the American CP's Daily Worker.

'For years he made a living from slanders and inventions mainly against the Stalinists...

'But for Workers Press Mr Budenz is all good stuff. They are quite content to use fragments from his writings and testimony to cobble together their 'investigations' of Trotsky's murder, and to help frame Hansen.' (WSL article reprinted in SWP education bulletin entitled 'Healy's Big Lie', December 1976.)

'Red Weekly', the organ of Hansen's International Marxist grouping in Britain, joined the chorus, saying that the International Committee's evidence came from the capitalist state, self-confessed GPU agents and similar riff-raff... (Statement by the editors of 'Red Weekly', January 29, 1976.)

Denounced

Next came M. Pierre Lambert and Mrs B Hamilton of the French liquidationist group, the OCI. They had no difficulty surmounting Budenz's testimony since he 'went over to work for the FBI', adding that 'James P Cannon denounced Budenz'. ('Informations



Socialist Workers Party leaders in 1940: Felix Morrow, (left), Trotsky's lawyer Albert Goldman and the late James P. Cannon

Ouvrieres', February 27-March 4, 1976.)

From its box number in Central London, the 'League for Socialist Action' weighed in with this observation directed against Budenz's testimony:

'The slanders directed against Joseph Hansen, a leading member of the world Trotskyist movement for over 30 years, need not be refuted. They are based on rumours culled from self-confessed GPU and CIA agents.' ('Socialist Action', February-March issue, 1976.)

Sam Gordon was politically activated after decades of obscurity to pronounce on Budenz and he observed that he 'wound up as an FBI informer'. He further stated that Budenz's 'assertions' were found to be 'groundless'. ('Intercontinental Press' May 24, 1976.)

After almost nine months' contemplation, Hansen himself returned to the indictment which was published by the International Committee on January 1, 1976.

This time he referred to the perjurer Budenz and said that Budenz was 'a former Stalinist who switched to the camp of the American political police'

'Intercontinental Press', August 9, 1976.)

Is everyone in the picture? Budenz's testimony about the GPU plot to murder the founder of the Fourth International is lies and/or perjured evidence and/or slander or all three. And the International Committee is vigorously blackguarded for quoting anything that he says.

'Swine'

Hansen's new 'education officer', Tim Wohlforth, told a public meeting in Birmingham on January 19, 1977, that Budenz was a 'swine' whose statements could not be trusted an inch.

Now we turn the clock back to the mid-1940s and Budenz's defection from the Stalinists. His resignation in 1945 shook the American Stalinists from top to bottom.

In a chequered career with the CP, Budenz was labour editor of the 'Daily Worker', editor of the mid-West 'Daily Record' and eventually the 'Daily Worker's' managing editor and president of the Freedom of the Press Co Inc, the paper's publishers.

He was a long-standing

member of the party's national committee and, at the time of his departure, on its Politburo. But overshadowing all these grand bureaucratic appointments, Budenz had a less publicly-known role. He was the GPU's link man in the American Stalinist party.

When he quit, he followed many before him (and since) and careered straight into the arms of the Roman Catholic Church and the extreme right wing personified by the notorious Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Trotsky himself was not unfamiliar with the type. He had written about them on more than one occasion. On August 17, 1940, three days before he was murdered, Trotsky finished an article showing the tie-up between the GPU and Stalinist parties all over the world. He wrote:

'Benjamin Gitlow, who played in the course of twenty years a leading part in the Communist movement in the United States, has published a book containing incontrovertible evidence on the complete financial dependence of the sections of the Comintern, otherwise he would not have

come forward with his revelations. Gitlow's present political tendencies do not interest me. Suffice it that the factual side of his book is based on incontestable facts.'

And later on: 'I cite Gitlow's book not as a literary work but as a testimony of a witness; first, because B. Gitlow gave the same testimony under oath before a Congressional investigating committee; secondly, because he is ready to answer under oath any questions of the Mexican court.' ('The Comintern and the GPU' published in Writings of Leon Trotsky 1939-40, Pathfinder.)

Trotsky's article was specifically written as part of his tireless efforts to unravel the threads of the machine-gun raid on his home at Coyoacan on May 24, 1940, by a GPU team led by Stalinist agent, Alvaro Siqueiros.

Nowhere have Hansen or Novack lambasted Gitlow as an anti-communist 'swine' (which he was). Nor have they attacked Trotsky for quoting his book or his sworn testimony before US government committees.

But this is precisely the slander they hurl at the International Committee in relation to the testimony of Budenz which, it must be noted, is all the more vital since it deals directly with the murder of Trotsky himself.

But some elementary research of the back files of Hansen and Novack's weekly 'Militant' newspaper show that Budenz has not always been a stoolpigeon and a perjurer and a liar.

Statements

They show that Budenz's statements were originally taken very seriously indeed. Before he starts another speaking tour shouting that Budenz was a police informer whose word cannot be trusted at all, the renegade Wohlforth should turn to the 'Militant' for March 8, 1947.

He will discover that the whole of the front page is devoted to Budenz's revelations under banner headlines:

Budenz—The Career Of A Stalinist Bureaucrat

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STALIN'S GUILT IN TROTSKY MURDER BARED BY EX-DAILY WORKER EDITOR

Why Stalinism Uses Terror In Labor's Ranks

An Editorial

The Trotskyist movement was the first to sound the alarm against the menace of Stalinism to the working class. Since 1928 we have followed the massive steps in the degeneration of the Communist parties and the Soviet Union, exposed the crimes of the Stalinist bureaucracy, and fought their treacherous policies. World later is indebted to Leon Trotsky for a correct understanding of the nature of Stalinism. Stalin and Trotsky numbered enemies; Trotsky, as world leader of the working class struggle for socialism, was Stalinism's most dangerous opponent.

In his confessional, *This Is My Story*, Louis Budenz, former National Committee member of the Communist Party and Daily Worker editor, gives new and convincing proofs of Stalin's guilt in the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

Leon Trotsky was not the only victim of Stalinist terrorism; he was the most famous. Before Trotsky, the GPU destroyed hundreds of his friends in the USSR, including members of his family. In Spain the GPU killed his former secretary Sylvia Wolfe and many others. In France they killed his son, Leon Sedov. In Switzerland they liquidated Ignace Reiss who broke from the GPU and joined the Fourth International. In Czechoslovakia the GPU murdered machine killed over one hundred Trotskyists during December 1938-January 1939.

Instrument Of Stalin

Budenz confirms the well-known fact that the Communist Party is a blind and obedient instrument of the Stalin regime in the United States. He explains just how Stalin's operations function in the Communist Party. Within the Central Committee and in its national headquarters at all-powerful representatives of Stalin, whose identities remain unknown to all but a few highly-placed people. On orders transmitted from the Kremlin these GPU men lay down the policies followed by the CP and direct its work within the limits of the membership. In this fashion the CP line is abruptly changed, a Browder demand, and a Foster-Dutcher leadership put up.

Millions of American workers have experienced in recent years the treacherous politics and trade union policies of the Communist Party its open collaboration, its support of the Bureau and its collaboration with the police and police machines. These workers have come to understand that the Stalinist line and its sudden changes are dictated not by regard for labor's fight for socialism but by the changing requirements of the Stalinist Party. The best illustration of this is the GPU's role in the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

Budenz Discloses Details Of How 1940 Assassination Was Prepared

Guilty!



Implicates Leaders Of Communist Party In GPU Conspiracy

By John G. Wright

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BUDENZ IN 1940

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How Stalin's GPU Gang Organized

Front page headlines from 'The Militant', weekly newspaper of the Socialist Workers Party, on March 8, 1947, disclosing 'sensational' evidence of ex-Stalinist leader, Louis F. Budenz

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Budenz discloses details of how 1940 assassination was prepared. Implicates leaders of Communist Party in GPU conspiracy.

We will quote extensive excerpts from the main article, written by John G. Wright:

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Material

So far Wright has not called Budenz a "swine" or a "stoop-pigeon" — and nor does he. He goes on to draw upon material in Budenz's book to show how the GPU infiltrated the Trotskyist movement to set up Trotsky's assassination.

“To penetrate the Trotskyist organization and to establish connections for the killer, the GPU required specific information. Since the American Trotskyists were at the time members of the Socialist Party, additional information about left-wing socialists was likewise required.

Because of his previous, even if brief, contact with the Trotskyists, Budenz, who was then labour editor of the Daily Worker, was selected for the task of 'co-operating' with the secret GPU network.

In his disclosures Budenz confirms the charge repeatedly made by Trotsky in his lifetime that at least one representative of the GPU sits within the Central Committee of every national Stalinist section and exercises unbounded authority. The selection of Budenz was approved by this semi-public, semi-private figure.

Budenz's meeting with the GPU chieftain in charge of 'anti-Trotskyist' activities, "friend Richards" by name, was arranged by Jack Stachel, in the presence of a member of the party's Control Commission.

Both of these CP leaders emphasised that any and all instructions issued by "Richards" took precedence over all other duties.

Budenz conferred with "Richards" and accepted the assignment, which included collecting all sorts of information concerning the Trotskyists. Always a bitter enemy of Trotskyism, Budenz does not hide even today that he was eager to assist the GPU in every possible way.

He supported and defended, as he still does, all the monstrous false charges concocted by the Kremlin, above all, those presented in the Moscow frame-ups.

Budenz was kept busy for months working for the GPU. The agents in charge were shifted — "Richards" for instance replaced "Richards" — but Budenz's work continued unabated.

He was shown photographs for purposes of identification. He checked on addresses and individuals. He was consulted on the selection of spies to penetrate the Trotskyist ranks.

Introduction

Wright goes on to trace the introduction of "Richards" to Ruby Weil, the Stalinist undercover agent, who was instructed to make a sea voyage to Europe with SWP member Sylvia Ageloff.

In Paris Miss Weil helped make the match between Miss Ageloff and Jacques Mornard, the GPU assassin who was to travel to Mexico and murder Trotsky with an ice pick two years later.

A front-page editorial in the same issue, "Why Stalinism Uses Terror in Labor's Ranks" carries this paragraph:

"In his confessional, *This Is My Story*, Louis Budenz, former National Committee member of the Communist

Party and Daily Worker editor, gives new and convincing proofs of Stalin's guilt in the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

Hansen has a front-page article in this issue too, entitled 'How Stalin's GPU Gang Organized Slaying of Trotsky in Mexico'. Although not dealing specifically with Budenz's book, Hansen concludes his contribution with this sentence:

"Budenz does not expose the channels through which Stalin keeps Jackson (the assassin) in comfort year after year, but by revealing what he knows about the conspiracy he fits another important piece into the picture showing precisely how Stalin organized the murder of Leon Trotsky." (Our emphasis.)

No mention of perjury or foul slanders here!

The SWP's campaign to stimulate interest in Budenz's revelations did not end there. On March 22, 1947, a further Page One article appeared under the headline:

Ask Grand Jury to Investigate Trotsky murder

Dated March 17, 1947, it reported:

“District Attorney Frank J. Hogan was today urged to

summon a special grand jury to investigate the conspiracy to murder Leon Trotsky, which was hatched in New York City by Stalin's secret police.

A delegation headed by Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas, N.Y. City Councilman Louis P. Goldberg and novelist James T. Farrell, held a 45-minute meeting with Jacob Grumet, assistant District Attorney, to demand action on the sensational revelations made by Louis Budenz in his recently published book, *This Is My Story*.

The delegation handed the District Attorney a statement signed by scores of prominent citizens asking that "Earl Browder, Jack Stachel, Budenz himself, and all other Communist Party leaders, past or present, who are known to have been involved in the activities of the Soviet secret police in our community, or who are declared to have had knowledge of such activities should be subjected to official examination and such judicial action as the facts may warrant."

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STALIN'S GUILT

**Budenz Book Supplies Link
In GPU Murder Of Trotsky**

By Natalia Sedor Trotsky

'The Militant' front page headline on May 3, 1947, in which Natalia Trotsky said Budenz's confessions had 'thrown into the limelight the entire activity' of the GPU network which killed Trotsky

Ask Grand Jury To Investigate Trotsky Murder

**Delegation Demands Probe of Stalin's Agents
Who Plotted Assassination in New York City**

NEW YORK, Mar. 17—District Attorney Frank J. Hogan was today urged to summon a special grand jury to investigate the GPU murders hatched in New York.

'The Militant' front page headline on March 22, 1947, calls for a Grand Jury to investigate Budenz's disclosures

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The statement pointed out that Budenz adds new and hitherto missing links to the chain of evidence presented during (the assassin) Jackson's trial in Mexico, which showed him to be a Soviet police agent.

Grumet admitted that the New York County District Attorney's office is 'under an obligation' to uncover the perpetrators of murders in New York. He agreed that the Budenz book could 'provide many leads'.

He stated that two kinds of examinations were possible: a grand jury investigation conducted in secret, or a 'John Doe' investigation in which all witnesses would be questioned in public. Thomas and Goldberg said that either action would be satisfactory. ♪

Signatories

The article concluded with a list of the signatories to the grand jury probe petition, and the last name is that of George Novack!

On March 29, 1947, the 'Militant' carried another front-page article headlined: 'Stalinist Press Still Silent on Trotsky Murder'. Author Evelyn Attwood wrote:

After a total silence of more than two weeks, the March 23 Worker finally takes note of the book 'This is My Story' written by its former editor and Communist Party national committee member, Louis F. Budenz.

Its evasive treatment of the Budenz confessional is even more damning than its previous silence.

The article does not have a single word to say about the evidence presented by Budenz that Leon Trotsky's murder was prepared in New York City by GPU agents, assisted by prominent leaders of the American CP.

This sensational confirmation of Stalin's guilt in Trotsky's murder was first released to the public in the March 8 'Militant'

and then headlined in the daily Press in New York City and throughout the country. But the Worker remained silent.

It maintained silence even after March 17 when District Attorney Frank J. Hogan was urged by a delegation of prominent citizens to summon a special grand jury to investigate the GPU murders hatched in New York.

The delegation, headed by Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas, N.Y. City Councilman Louis P. Goldberg and novelist James T. Farrell, demanded 'official examination and such judicial action as the facts may warrant' of Earl Browder, Jack Stachel, Budenz himself and all other Communist Party leaders, past or present, who are known to have been involved in the activities of the Soviet secret police in our community, or who are declared to have knowledge of such activities.

Now the Worker is trying to divert attention from Budenz's disclosures of GPU activities and crimes by deliberately restricting its comments upon his book to the issue of Catholicism versus Stalinism.

The article condemns Budenz for being a 'hypocrite' whose 'real conversion is from the cause of labour to the cause of labour's enemies'. In truth, Budenz's switch from Stalinism to US imperialism means that he has gone from the camp of labour's enemies inside the labour movement, into the camp of their open enemies.

The reader of the Worker article is not given a single clue about the nature of Budenz's charges. There is simply a blanket statement that his sensational revelations are 'lies'.

None of the facts about the crimes of the GPU that Budenz cites in his book are referred to — no attempt is made to refute them. For these facts are dynamite. ♪

The exposure treatment in the 'Militant' reached a decisive turning point on May 3, 1947, when Trotsky's widow, Natalia Sedova, contributed a front-page



Socialist Workers Party member Sylvia Ageloff (left) with her sister in Mexico shortly after Trotsky's assassination on August 20, 1940.

article under the headline:

**STALIN'S GUILT
Budenz book supplies link
in GPU murder of Trotsky**

Dated in Mexico City and dated April 18, 1947, she wrote:

Exception

On June 8, 1940, Leon Trotsky wrote: 'I can therefore say that I live on this earth not in accordance with the rule but as an exception to the rule.' And on August 20, 1947, it will be seven years since the commission of the crime that cut short his life.

Everything we said in connection with the violent death of L.D. Trotsky is today being wholly confirmed by the confessions of Louis Budenz, a former leader of the American Communist Party, in

his book 'This is My Story' published in March of this year. ♪

Her article concluded with a demand for an inquiry into the GPU assassination plot.

The revelations of Louis Budenz, the former editor of the Daily Worker, the 'Communist' daily in the United States, are quite specific and have become widely known. The conscience of world public opinion can neither remain indifferent to the crimes that have been committed nor permit them to pass unpunished.

A new and supplementary judicial investigation must be undertaken against the Stalinist assassin now lodged in a prison in Mexico, the self-styled 'Jackson', 'Mornard', 'Vandendresht' — all three aliases.

The prisoner must be

subjected to a supplementary cross-examination in order to clear up the following points:

(1) His real identity and his past; (2) his role in the Siqueiros assault and the murder of Robert Sheldon Harle; (3) what he did on the trips that he made periodically to New York; (4) the identity of his superiors, inspirers and paymasters.

The participation of the leaders of the 'Communist' Party of the US in the plot against Trotsky, attested to by Louis Budenz, provides sufficient grounds for bringing before the court Budenz himself together with (Earl) Browder and (Jack) Stachel and to place them in the hands of the Mexican judicial authorities. ♪

In all of these articles Budenz is treated as a serious authority

and witness of the events which led to Trotsky's murder at the hands of the GPU. He is not a 'swine' or a 'foul slanderer' or 'an FBI stoolpigeon' or an 'informer for the American secret police'.

What happened between 1947 and 1975 to raise the revisionist chorus against Budenz's revelations and why do they now slander the International Committee for reprinting his testimony?

In tomorrow's article we will explain how and why this took place.

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TOMORROW**

TV Lineup

BBC 1

BBC 2

THAMES

GRANADA

6.40-7.55 Open University. 9.30-11.55 For Schools. Colleges. 12.45 Midday News. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45 Trumpton. 2.02-3.00 For Schools. Colleges. 3.20 Dechrau Canu. 3.55 Playschool. 4.20 Roobarb. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Lippy Lion. 4.55 Crackerjack. 5.35 Paddington.

5.40 EVENING NEWS

5.55 NATIONWIDE tonight's features include *Odd Job* for the do-it-yourself addict and at 6.45 Jimmy Hill's *Sportswide*

7.00 THE TOM AND JERRY SHOW

7.10 THE FANTASTIC JOURNEY *The Children of the Gods* Our travellers face problems of the generation gap

8.00 ARE YOU BEING SERVED Take-over

8.30 PORRIDGE

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS

9.25 HARRY O *Mister Five and Dime* Orwell gets himself entangled with some juvenile offenders — and thanks to the US police force, good triumphs once more over evil

10.15 TONIGHT

10.45 COME DANCING The venue — The Locarno, Bradford. And we are on the trail to the Championships. A tense battle as the teams from Midlands and the West and the Home Counties South.

11.25 THE FRIDAY FILM *The Ipcress File* Michael Caine stars in this tale of espionage as agent Harry Palmer (1965)

1.11 Closedown, weather

6.40-7.55 Open University. 11.00-11.25 Playschool. 5.20-7.00 Open University.

7.00 NEWS ON 2 HEADLINES

7.30 NEWSDAY

8.05 GARDENERS' WORLD with Peter Seabrook in an English country garden

8.35 THE MONEY PROGRAMME James Bellini investigates the effects of the EEC on a small part of southern Italy

9.00 POT BLACK Graham Miles v Willie Thorne

9.25 HORIZON *The Mystery of King Arthur and his Round Table* historians and scientists spent four months researching the legendary table of King Arthur which hangs on the wall of Winchester Castle. What they have come up with is revealed tonight

10.15 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM *The Defeated* Part 11. 15 June, 1940

10.55 BEETHOVEN PLUS ONE The Music Group of London play the Septet, Opus 20

11.45 LATE NEWS ON 2

11.55 INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON from the Empire Pool, Wembley. Tonight the semi-finals in a competition which has drawn participants from 20 different countries

12.45 Closedown

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Today's Post. 1.30 About Britain. Walkin' Westward. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-week Racing. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 University Challenge.

5.45 NEWS AT 5.45

6.00 A MATTER OF MORALS We go down to Sherwood Forest to meet the 20th Century Robbing Hoods

6.35 CROSSROADS continuing everyday story of Motel folk

7.00 BERYL'S LOT

7.30 SALE OF THE CENTURY With Nicholas Parsons

8.00 EMERGENCY Squad 51 deal with the usual emergencies

9.00 RAFFLES A Chest Full of Silver Raffles friend Bunny would be pleased to know what the gentleman thief's attention will be turned to next

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 POLICE 5

10.40 RUSSELL HARTY Interviews, music, even the occasional happening go up to make the format of tonight's programme

11.40 U.F.O. *The Responsibility Seat* When Colonel Freeman takes over from Commander Straker he finds that life can be tough at the top

12.40 Closedown Rosemary Simonds reads extracts from *Love reaches Out* by Ulrich Schaffer

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 This is Your Right. 1.30 About Britain. Walking Westward. 2.00 Money-go-round. Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-week racing. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.10 This is Your Right. 5.15 Crossroads.

5.45 NEWS AT 5.45

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS with Tony Wilson and Trevor Hyatt

6.25 KICK OFF The North West Football Scene

7.00 BERYL'S LOT It's Spring and fancies seem to be turning lightly to thoughts of love...

7.30 THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN *The Ultimate Imposter* After biononic man woman and boy we know have 'Computer Man'

8.30 SALE OF THE CENTURY

9.00 RAFFLES A Chest of Silver Anthony Valentine as the aristocratic law breaker

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 HOUSE OF HORRORS *Scream and Scream Again* Superintendent Belliver investigates three savage murders in which each body has been sucked dry of blood. Just the thing for late on a Friday night

12.15 RYAN *Red Alert* Ryan is drawn into the sinister world of espionage

1.15 Closedown

REGIONS

CHANNEL

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Closedown. 1.15 News. What's On Where. Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Racing from Doncaster. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report at Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasure Hunt. 7.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30 Beryl's Lot. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. Weather. 10.30 Late with Danton. 10.50 Film: *Girl on a Motorcycle*. 12.25 News and Weather in French. Weather. Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Southern News. weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 Weekend. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Day By Day or Scene South East. 6.30 Out of Town. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 Sale of the Century. 8.00 The Bionic Woman. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 A Way of Life. 11.00 Film: *Home for the Holidays*. 12.20 Southern News Extra. 12.40 Weather Forecast followed by Closedown.

ANGLIA

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Anglia News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Racing from Doncaster. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 Videosport. 7. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 Sale of the Century. 8.00 Streets of San Francisco. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Probe. 11.00 Mystery Movie. 12.45 Christians in Action. followed by Close.

WESTWARD

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.25 Gus Honeybun. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Westward News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Racing from Doncaster. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 Westward Diary and Sports Desk. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasure Hunt. 7.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30 Beryl's Lot. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.32 Westward News. Weather. 10.35 Late with Danton. 10.50 Film: *Girl on a Motorcycle*. 12.25 Faith for Life. 12.31 Closedown.

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9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Report West. 1.25 Report Wales. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Racing from Doncaster. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 Sinbad Junior. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 Big Boy Now. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 The Bionic Woman. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.35 Report Extra. 11.05 Film: *In Search of Gregory*. 12.40 Weather. Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV except 1.20-1.25 Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.15-4.45 Taro mlaen. 6.00-6.15 Y Dydd. 6.30-7.00 Dave Allen and Friends. 10.00 News at Ten: Report Wales. 10.35-11.05 Outlook.

HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 Report West Headlines. 6.15-6.30 Report West.

ATV MIDLANDS

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk.

ENGLAND
Radio 1 VHF 88-91 MHz at certain times: 247m 1214kHz
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Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz 464m 847kHz

BBC RADIO 1

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

BBC RADIO 2

6.00 News summary. Weather. 6.02 Colin Barry (S) including 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.02 Terry Wogan (S) including 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02-11.30 Jean Metcalfe's Open House (S) including 10.30 Waggoners Walk. 11.30 Jimmy Young (S)

Radio 4 VHF 92-95 MHz: 285m 1052kHz. 330m 908kHz. 434m 892kHz
Variations:
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Radio 2 VHF 88-91MHz: 202m 1484kHz. 1500m 200kHz

BBC RADIO 3

1.50 Sports Desk. 1.55 Good Listening (VHF). 2.02 David Hamilton (S) with 2.45 and 3.45 Sports Desk. 3.35 Waterdale Handicap Stakes. 4.30 Waggoners Walk. 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.47 John Dunn (S) (Sports Desk 5.45). 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 Treble Chance. 7.30 Sammes Songs (S). 8.02 Paul Fenouillet (S). 9.02 Friday Night is Music Night (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Sequence Time (S). 11.02 Len Jackson with Late Show. 12.00-12.05 Midnight Newswroom. Weather. Motoring.

BBC RADIO 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Overture (S). Mendelssohn. Strauss. Haydn. 8.00 News.

RADIO

8.05 Morning Concert (K). Rossini, Manfredini, Handel. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer. Bartok. 9.45 BBC Concert Orchestra (S). Gardiner, Fox, Walton, Langford, German. 10.45 Chopin and Britten (S) Recital Part 1. 11.20 Music and the Singer. 11.30 Recital (S) Part 2. 12.05 Midday concert (S) Part 1. Mozart, Prokofiev. 1.00 News. 1.05 Playbill (S). 1.20 Concert (S) Part 2. Tchaikovsky. 2.15 Royal Repertoire (S). Ballet music by Hindemith, Martin. 3.30 Solomon's Beethoven. 4.45 The Young Idea (S). 5.45 Homeward Bound with News at 6.05. 6.30 Lifelines. 7.30 London Mozart Players (S). Schubert, Mozart Haydn. 9.00

1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Racing from Doncaster. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 Friday's People. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 ATV Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 Emergency. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Film: *The Vampire Lovers*. 12.15 Closedown.

ULSTER

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Racing from Doncaster. 3.48 Ulster News. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 Spiderman. 5.45 News. 6.00 UTV News. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Reports. 6.50 Police Six. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Sportscast. 11.00 Film: *Happiness is a Warm Clue*. 12.30 Bedtime. 12.40 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Calendar News. Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Racing from Doncaster. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 Spiderman. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar Sport. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 The Bionic Woman. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Film: *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*. 12.30 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.25 Starting Point. 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Sounds Like McEvoy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 North East News. Lookaround. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing from Doncaster. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Maggie. 5.15 Mary Tyler Moore Show. 5.45 News. 6.00 Grampian Today. Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Thingummyjig. 8.00 The Electric Theatre Show. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Points North. 11.30 Department S. 12.25 Reflections. 12.30 Closedown.

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NORTHERN IRELAND
Radio 4 VHF 82-95MHz: 417m 719kHz
Radio Ulster 224m 1340kHz

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(2.00 News). 2.45 Listen with Mother. 3.00 News. 3.05 Afternoon Theatre (S). 4.00 News. 4.05 Any Answers? 4.35 Story Time. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.50 Financial Report. 5.55 Weather. programme news. 6.00 News. 6.15 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket. 6.45 The Archers. 7.00 News. 7.05 The World in Focus. 7.30 Pick of the Week. 8.30 Any Questions? 9.15 Letter From America. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. News. 10.45 A Book at Bedtime. 11.00 The Financial World Tonight. 11.15 Today in Parliament. 11.25 Week Ending. 11.50 News preceded by Weather. 12.11-12.14 Inshore Forecast.

WINNING POST

OATS IS OUT ON HIS OWN

PETER WALWYN'S Oats (4.05) stands head and shoulders above all the other runners at DONCASTER today in terms of both class and potential.

Oats, a son of Northfields, raced six times last season, and although managing to win only once, he picked up prize money every time. That included third place in the Epsom Derby, and fourth in the St Leger.

The fact that Peter Walwyn has chosen the rather modest French Gate Stakes for Oats' reappearance, before aiming him at next month's Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket, is significant.

Obviously the Lambourn trainer will be anxious to see how Oats has wintered, and he could also be a bit apprehensive about today's distance, which may be short of the ideal trip for Pat Eddery's mount.

In addition to his two classic places, Oats was only just beaten by Smuggler in the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood in late July. And he was beaten only a head by Swell Fellow in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury in August.

SELECTIONS

DONCASTER	DEVON
2.00 Market Stranger	2.15 Non Drinker
2.35 Lochranza	2.45 Bit of Manny
3.05 Destino	3.15 Carrie Ann
3.35 Our Jimmy (n.b.)	3.45 Merry Leap
4.05 Oats (Nap)	4.15 Dusky May
4.35 Shuffling	4.45 Pasquabond

Today's rivals are nowhere near that class, but Level Par may be quite close to Oats at the finish. Level Par won two handicaps under heavy weights in the north last year, and trainer Nigel Angus has high hopes of a successful campaign this season.

Lochranza (2.35), fit from a winter's huddling, may come out best in a very open-looking Northern Handicap. The winner of his first flat race last season, Lochranza showed up well in both the Ebor and November Handicaps, and should have the edge on Harry Wragg's Nation Wide.

If Wragg has to be content with second

place in that race, his Destino (3.05), partnered by Carolyn Mercer, can gain compensation in the Brooke Bond Dividend Amateur Riders Cup.

Destino was successful in an apprentice event at Newbury in August when he ran away from Belmont. Stan Mellor's Hipparian — partnered by his wife Elaine — and Lucky Seventeen look the main dangers.

Guy Harwood's Our Jimmy (3.35), who shoulders 9st 7lb in the Waterdale Handicap, won four times over today's six-furlong distance last season. He met his only defeat over the trip in the Marston Moor Stakes at York, when trying to concede Ryan Price's Hyver Hill 4lb.

Our Jimmy will be well suited by the yielding surface and should be able to give the weight away to Peter Walwyn's Mar Grieg.

THE BEST bet on the National Hunt card at DEVON may be Carrie Ann (3.15) who is bidding for a hat trick in the Tom Cundy Memorial Challenge Trophy Hunters' Chase.

First of the season... by pure chance

THE NORTH struck the first blow of the 1977 flat season when Bill Watts-trained La Ville de Rire stormed to victory in the Silver Jubilee Stakes at Doncaster yesterday.

The distinction of winning the season's first race fell to jockey John Lowe quite by chance. Joe Mercer had been booked to ride the 6-5 favourite, but has gone

down with flu and is missing the meeting.

Tudor Jig began the season the way he finished his 1976 campaign. He had a runaway victory in the feature race, the Tote Spring Handicap.

Edward Hide brought the Mick Easterby colt through the field to strike the front inside the final furlong, and the partnership

went on to complete a five-month hat trick, which began with two Teesside victories last back-end.

Easterby says Tudor Jig's next outing will be in the Northern Free Handicap.

Another impressive winner yesterday was Major Role, who gave Geoff Lewis an armchair ride in the Leger Way Handicap.

Major Role, trained by Brian Swift, cruised past Scarlet Thread about a furlong from home, and quickly drew away to score his fifth flat success unchallenged.

It was over the same course three years ago that Major Role, now a seven-year-old, flopped badly, having started hot favourite for the Lincoln.

DEVON (NH)

2.15 KENTON NOVICES 4-Y-O HURDLE DIV I £500
2m (15 runners)

3	00	AMBITIOUS	J Dudgeon 10.10	R Floyd (3)
5	00	BICOQUE	W Sleeman 10.10	Mr C Sleeman (7)
11	00	BOLBY	P Butler 10.10	P Butler (7)
12	00	CRISP RETURN	C James 10.10	G McNally
13	00	FURY SPIRIT	J Hane 10.10	R Mangen (3)
16	00	GOLDEN LAVA	D Barons 10.10	P Leach
17	00	GOLDEN RAT	N Brooks 10.10	M Barrett (7)
20	00	KUANU	L Kennard 10.10	R Evans
22	00	LE MELOS	J Hurley 10.10	J Barlow (5)
22	00	NON DRINKER (USA)	J Webber 10.10	R Edmondson
29	00	POINT LOOKOUT	M Pipe 10.10	R Atkins
32	00	SALVO STAR	V Cross 10.10	J King
35	00	SUNDARI	F Winter 10.10	J Francom
36	00	TARNISH	Mrs E Kennard 10.10	P Richards (3)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Game David, 4-1 Non Drinker, 11-2 Fury Spirit, 8-1 Sundari, 10-1 Golden Lava, 12-1 Ambitious and Bolby, 14-1 others.

2.45 FOXTON CHALLENGE CUP H'CAP CHASE £900
2m 3f (11 runners)

1	44	133	DANCING NED (BF)	T Forster 9.12.3	G Thorner
4	32	220	BIT OF MANNY (C-D)	Miss S Morris 8.11.7	E Wright
6	1F	F3P1	LUCKY VICTORY (C)	J Baker 8.11.4 (7 ex)	S May
7	40P	-042	CHATHAM	H Trigg 13.1.10	Mrs N Lay (7)
8	240	PPP	PENSIVE PRINCE	D Barons 9.10.13	B Davies
11	21U	-PP0	GALLOWAY FABULOUS (C)	J Reddaway 10.10.11	Miss K. Halswell
13	3U	-44U	EAGLE FEATHER	J Cann 8.10.4	J King
15	13	-00P0	JOINT ACQUINT (C-D)	N Ayiffe 9.10.2	Mr M Ayiffe (7)
18	304	-0F0	QUICK RESULT	T Hallett 5.10.0	T Hallett (5)
19	2	-4FFPU	ROSEY OUTLOOK (C-D)	D Barons 9.10.0	P Leach
20	00	-P00P	DUNAMY POINT (D)	Mrs N Coombe 14.10.0	Mr M Weedon (7)

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Dancing Ned, 100-30 Lucky Victory, 5-1 Bit of Manny, 6-1 Chatham, 8-1 Eagle Feather, 10-1 Galloway Fabulous, 14-1 Pensive Prince, 20-1 others.

3.15 WOODBURY HANDICAP HURDLE £700
3m 1f (18 runners)

5	11	000	TESSIE'S BOY (C-D)	M Oliver 7.11.2	Mr J Weston (5)
6	02	00P0	MAC'S BIRTHDAY	F Gorman 10.11.1	Mr R Wilding (5)
8	0	-40000	COLONDAINE (C)	J Dudgeon 10.10.11	R Linley
10	00	0030	KEENING C	C Bewick 8.10.6	Maj R Faulkner (7)
11	0	-00011	CARRIE ANN (C)	M Pipe 5.10.6	J King
14	00	004P	KASTRUP	D Barons 10.10.1	D Cartwright
17	31	-0-P00	PAYMASTER (C)	D Barons 6.10.0	P Leach
18	00	00P0	VERDI (C-D)	J Cobden 8.10.0	S May
19	00	-0000	ROMAN TIPPIN	P Kearney 10.10.0	S Parkyn
21	0302	-0-0	REGAL FLIGHT	L Merson 7.10.0	P Richards (3)
23	30P	-000	REGENCY PARK	R Griffiths 9.10.0	R Hyett
25	00	000-0	TREGONY FELLA	H Wakeham 10.10.0	M Barrett (7)
26	00	000-0	CANNABIS	J Thorne 9.10.0	P Hobbs
28	222	-00	MARINE PARADE	M Pipe 7.10.0	R Atkins
29	00	00000	BETTYS PRIDE	M Oliver 7.10.0	Mr J Worthington (7)
30	2	-00000	DOUBLE CROWN (C)	F Coate 10.10.0	Mrs J Coate (7)
31	F0P		NICHOLLS FOLLY	N Ayiffe 8.10.0	Mr M Ayiffe (7)
32	03	-0400	BROOKLYN	W Sleeman 5.10.0	Mr C Sleeman (7)

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Mac's Birthday, 9-2 Carrie Ann, 5-1 Tessie's Boy, 6-1 Keening, 8-1 Colondaine, 10-1 Kastrup, 12-1 Verdi and Marine Parade, 16-1 others.

3.45 DAW VALE SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £400
2m (18 runners)

1	P0	COURT GOD	I Gibbons 5.13.0	J Keegan (7)
3	00	LADY JAY	D Wintle 4.12.1	Mr A Wathen (7)
4	400310	BLIGHTY	D Gandolfo 6.11.5	P Barton
8	00-0000	CANDY FIRE	H Webb 6.10.10	Les Griffiths (7)
11	000F0P	MAN'S GLOW	T H Smith 5.10.7	Mr A Walter (7)
12	0400010	HELLO SAILOR	J Hane 5.10.6	C Broad (7)
16	10-0-000	NAN'S GEM	J Baker 6.10.3	S May
17	010004	MERRY LEAP	M McCourt 4.10.2	G McCourt (7)
20	P0-0000	KANDINSKY	O O'Neill 6.10.0	K Barnfield
21	00044	SAFFRON PRINCESS	L Kennard 5.10.0	F McKenna
22	000F00	MONAS EXPRESS	R Keenor 5.10.0	John Williams
24	F000	GRETNA GIRL	D Wintle 4.10.0	R Gardiner (7)
25	404200	PRINCE CARLOS	D Wintle 4.10.0	R Hyett
27	000030	ABBEY FARM	V Lay 5.10.0	Mrs N Lay
28	00-P0	MOONBASE	F King 5.10.0	R Floyd (3)

29 UDUP-0 WESTERN TANGLE W Sleeman 6.10.0 Mr C Sleeman (7)
30 F-000B POIGNARD T Fowler 5.10.0 P Leach
31 00-0000 NEERUAM J Bosley 6.10.0 S G Davies (7)
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Blighty, 4-1 Hello Sailor, 9-2 Merry Leap, 5-1 Saffron Princess, 15-2 Prince Carlos, 10-1 Lady Jay, 12-1 Nan's Gem, 14-1 others.

4.15 TOM CUNDY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HUNTERS' CHASE £750 3m 1f (16 runners)

1	P0=22-23	DEVON SPIRIT (D)	Mrs D Pook 12.12.7	Mr K Pook (7)
2	20=10-10	DUSKY MAY (BF)	A Wates 9.12.7	Mr A Wates (5)
3	0P=131-F	EVENS BAR (C-D)	A Frank 9.12.7	Mr D Scott
8	PUPF00	HAWAIIAN MAIDEN	H Wakeham 8.11.12	Mr P Wakeham (7)
10	1-F	JOE'S FAREWELL (D)	M Ogle 9.11.12	Mr J Frost (7)
11	P000=1-F	PANMURE (BF)	M Churches 7.11.12	Mr R Treggogan (7)
12	P1	SAURON (C)	Mrs R Orchard 9.11.12	Mr R Long (7)
15	FF	BAULKING LAD	Miss J Hook 8.11.2	Mr R Hoare (7)
17	P0-R	BOOKIE'S OPINION	L Tizzard 11.11.2	Mr A Tizzard (7)
18	0	CONCHITA II	R Nicholls 6.11.2	Mr K Bozley (7)
19	0=2P3	CROSS COLONIST	P Dufosse 9.11.2	Maj R Faulkner (7)
20	3-0FU	FJORD	C Bewick 7.11.2	Mr N Fell (7)
21	00000	FOURPENNY	Mrs R Fell 9.11.2	Mr N Fell (7)
22	PP0=0	PROFESSOR HIGGINS	R Keenor 11.11.2	Mr G Edwards (7)
23	00000	SILVER RANSOM	Mrs J Peck 8.11.2	Mrs J Peck (7)
24	00003=0	TRANSMITTER	D Duplessis 9.11.2	Mr D Duplessis (7)

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Panmure, 9-4 Dusky May, 6-1 Devon Spirit, 10-1 Evens Bar, 12-1 Sauron, 14-1 others.

4.45 KENTON NOVICES 4-Y-O HURDLE DIV II £500 2m (12 runners)

1	301003	HARVEST BOUNTY	J Cann 11.6	S G Knight (7)
2	2001	SATAN POWER	Mrs E Kennard 11.6	P Richards (5)
3	0P0	ALBA RETTER	L Kennard 10.10	C Jones (5)
5	0	BELLENTINA	J Dudgeon 10.10	R Floyd (3)
6	3	BELTON COTTAGE	D Barons 10.10	B Davies
9	04	FIRS PARK	F Winter 10.10	Mr N Henderson
14	0000	LAWRENCE JOHNSTON	D Barons 10.10	P Leach
16	340023	PASQUABOND	F Muggidge 10.10	T Muggidge (7)
18	40000	PENHILL COTTAGE	R Keenor 10.10	John Williams
21	00200	REGENT DANGER	D Barons 10.10	M Barrett (7)
25	P0	SYLVER MARK	T Hallett 10.10	T Hallett (5)
28	0	WINGS OF SPRING	J Wardle 10.10	S Smith-Eccles

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Satan Power, 7-2 Firs Park, 9-2 Belton Cottage, 8-1 Harvest Bounty, 8-1 Regent Danger, 10-1 Pasquabond, 12-1 Lawrence Johnston, 16-1 others.

RACING RESULTS

DONCASTER

2.00 (8f) LA VILLE DE RIRE, J Lowe (6-5 fav) 1; Don (12-1); 2: Champagne Willie (8-1); 3: Hyver Hill (7-2); 4: 7 ran. nk. 3/4 (W Wates) T: 23p. 13p. 27p. DF: £1.06.
2.30 (1m 2f) MAJOR ROLE, G Lewis (5-1) 1; Scarlet Thread (10-1); 2: Doubly Hopeful (7-1); 3: Gold Claim (7-1); 4: 12 ran. 4.5. (B Swill) T: 38p. 27p. 40p. 20p.
3.00 (7f) TUDOR JIG, E Hide (12-1); 1: Donzel (11-1); 2: Carriage Way (14-1); 3: Caernarvon King (33-1); 4: 21 ran. 4. 2 1/2. (W Easterby) T: £1.08; 22p. 34p. 31p. £1.08.
3.30 (1m) ROLLESTON, R Marshall (20-1); 1: Lucky Sovereign (7-4 fav) 2; Gleaming Wave (18-1); 3: Reppin Castle (33-1); 4: 16 ran. 1. 3. (W Marshall) T: £1.18; 26p. 14p. 31p. NR. Catchword: The God Daughter.
4.00 (5f) LIME GROVE, G Starkey (10-1) 1; Primley Park (33-1); 2: Vale of Kent (10-1); 3: Saintly One (5-2 fav) 4; 18 ran. 5.

3. (C Hill) T: £1.40; 60p. £4.75. 54p.
4.30 (1m 6f) PRINCE OF PLEASURE, M L Thomas (11-2); 1: Tony (2-1 fav) 2; Soldier Rose (12-1); 3: Apple of My Eye (20-1); 4: 17 ran. 1 1/2. 12. (N Callaghan) T: 87p. 21p. 17p. 20p. 37p.
TOTE DOUBLE: £9.95
TOTE TREBLE: £62.60
TOTE JACKPOT: Not won

TAUNTON

2.15 (2m 3f) WEMBRON HILL, Mr A Walter (33-1); 1: Go-over (7-2); 2: Plickity Prince (3-2); 3: Marcia's Mark (33-1); 4: 12 ran. 1. 6. (V Cole) T: £1.39; 31p. 24p. 29p.
2.45 (2m 3f) MILITAIRE, Mr K Bosely (8-1); 1: Blasta Blue (12-1); 2: Deldi (7-1); 3: Le Tay (16-1); 4: 1 ran. 1. 1. (G Pike) T: £1.11; 28p. 44p. 30p.
3.15 (2m) COMEDIANS, S May (7-2); 1: Cantile (13-2); 2: King's Hazard (9-4 fav); 3:

DONCASTER ITV 2.30, 3.05, 3.35

2.00 OPENING SELLING STAKES £1,000 5f (11 runners)

2	(2)	COMERCE	W Stephenson 8.11	D Ryan
4	(6)	MARKET STRANGER	W Marshall 8.11	R Marshall
5	(5)	OUR QUALM	A Smith 8.11	B Henry
6	(10)	PADDY-ONE-ROW	J Vickers 8.11	A Meaney
8	(1)	FOLLIFOOT'S FOLLY	C Hill 8.8	G Starkey
9	(11)	HAUTERELLE	T Fairhurst 8.8	C Eccleston
11	(3)	QUICK AWAY	G Richards 8.8	M Birch
12	(8)	RITALIZ	W Wharton 8.8	P Eddery
13	(9)	SCATTERCASH	R Stubbs 8.8	M L Thomas
14	(4)	STONEWELL	R Hollinshead 8.8	T Liles
15	(7)	TESANO	J Vickers 8.8	P Madden

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Market Stranger, 7-2 Follifoot's Folly, 9-2 Ritaliz, 5-1 Hauterelle, 8-1 Quick Away, 10-1 Stonewell, 12-1 Commerce, 14-1 others.

2.35 NORTHERN HANDICAP STAKES £2,000 1m 2f (9 runners)

1	(4)	1324=04	RANKSBOROUGH	P Arthur 5.10.0	E Hide
2	(1)	010200	PLENTY SPIRIT (D)	W Gray 4.9.13	E Apter
4	(3)	010220	LOCHRANZA (D)	E Carr 6.8.11	L Charnock (5)
7	(6)	000=0	IMPERIAL FAMILY	J Gifford 4.8.6	B Taylor
8	(2)	221402	ROUGH RIVER (D)	Hbt Jones 4.7.13	W Carson
10	(5)	214032	NATION WIDE	H Wragg 4.7.9	S Parr (7)
11	(9)	041001	SOLO REIGN (D)	R Hollinshead 4.7.8	M Wigham (7)
13	(8)	0-021	JACKYING	S Hall 4.7.7	E Johnson
14	(7)	0231=23	BALTIC LOVE	S Mellor 5.7.7	D McKay

BLINKERS: 8
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Lochranza, 4-1 Nation Wide, 11-2 Ranksborough, 6-1 Solo Reign and Jackyking, 10-1 Rough River, 12-1 Plenty Spirit, 14-1 Baltic Love, 20-1 Imperial Family.

3.05 BROOKE BOND AMATEUR RIDERS CUP £1,000 1m 2f (24 runners)

1	(15)	113223	ARDENT PORTION	G Harwood 7.11.2	Linda Savage
3	(16)	000040	PAVE THE WAY	D Weedon 6.11.2	Mr A Cope
4	(4)	000003	KUSHEHAR	F Wiles 4.10.13	Elaine Wiles
5	(13)	D=02310	DEESTINO (C-D)	H Wragg 6.10.12	Carolyn Mercer
6	(18)	220=022	HIPPARION	S Mellor 5.10.12	Elain Mellor
7	(11)	420204	LUCKY SEVENTEEN	D Weedon 5.10.12	Diana Weedon
9	(10)	000P=00	ST BARNABAS	Mrs Finch 7.10.12	Mr D Hinks
10	(21)	001030	VIVAR	G Richards 4.10.12	
12		304420	CHROISSETTE	S Hall 5.10.9	Mr C Platts
13	(14)	100000	BALRANALD	H Westbrook 5.10.8	Judy Woodward
15	(23)	000001=1	DEVIL'S PASSAGE	D Williams 5.10.8	Mr A J Wilson
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SPORTSLINE

Rosewall to replace injured star Laver

ROD LAVER, who was to have made his first British appearance for four years in next week's world championship tennis £60,000 tournament at Earls Court, London is out through injury.

But tennis fans certainly do not lose out for it was announced that his replacement will be his fellow-Australian Ken Rosewall.

Rosewall is a likely second round opponent for the No. 2 seed Ilie Nastase, the Rumanian ace.

First Rosewall has to play the Indian champion Vijay Amritraj and Nastase has a first round clash with the 'Flying Dutchman' Tom Okker.

The top seed is Dick Stockton, also of America, who meets the South African Ray Moore in the first round.

Eddie Dibbs opposes the Italian No. 1 Adriano Panatta and the fourth seed Vitas Gerulaitis clashes with Britain's only representative Mark Cox.

The first prize of £16,000 on offer is the biggest ever in Britain. The tournament runs from March 29 to April 3.

LION'S SHARE FOR WELSH



PHIL BENNETT ... Captain of the British Lions which includes 15 other Welshmen

PHIL BENNETT, captain of Llanelli and Wales, crowned a triumphant season yesterday by being chosen to lead the British Lions in New Zealand this summer. Bennett, who described the captaincy as 'the icing on the cake', will lead a squad dominated by Welshmen.

There are an unprecedented 16 in the 30-strong party including two uncapped players — Cardiff scrum-half Brynmor Williams and Neath wing Elgan Rees.

There are two surprise choices in full-back Bruce Hay and versatile Newport three-quarter Gareth Evans, while former England captain Tony Neary is also included.

Bennett, who 14 months ago was considered only third choice stand-off by Wales, said: 'That's what makes life and rugby so great.'

Surprises

'Both are full of surprises. One moment you are down, the next you are on top of the world.'

'It is such an honour to captain the Lions, as it means you are also being recognised by the other home countries.'

'When I was made captain of Wales, I thought that was the pinnacle of my career, but this is the icing on the cake.'

England supply six Lions, including five forwards. Scotland have five and Ireland only three.

The Welsh dominance is even heavier than in 1971 when the Lions beat New Zealand for the first time under the captaincy of John Dawes, who is the coach of this side.

Dawes took with him 12 Welshmen and one more followed as replacement. In 1974 when the Lions followed their success in New Zealand by beating South Africa, there were nine Welshmen in the party.

The alliance of Dawes

TOUR SQUAD

The squad is:
FULL BACKS: A.R. Irvine (Heriot's F.P. and Scotland), B.H. Hay (Boroughmuir and Scotland); WINGS: H.E. Rees (Neath), P.J. Squires (Harrogate and England); J.J. Williams (Llanelli and Wales); CENTRES: C.M.H. Gibson (NIFC and Ireland), S.P. Fenwick (Bridgend and Wales), D.H. Burcher (Newport and Wales), I.R. McGeechan (Headingley and Scotland), G.L. Evans (Newport and Wales); STAND-OFFS: P. Bennett (Llanelli and Wales, Capt), J.D. Bevan (Aberavon and Wales); SCRUM-HALVES: D.W. Morgan (Stewart's Melville F.P. and Scotland), D.B. Williams (Cardiff); PROPS: F.E. Cotton (Sale and England), P.A. Orr (Old Wesley

and Ireland), G. Price (Pontypool and Wales), C. Williams (Aberavon and Wales); HOOKERS: R.W. Windsor (Pontypool and Wales), P.J. Wheeler (Leicester and England); LOCKS: G.L. Brown (West of Scotland and Scotland), N.E. Horton (Moseley and England), A.J. Martin (Aberavon and Wales), G.A.D. Wheel (Swansea and Wales); FLANKERS: T.J. Cobner (Pontypool and Wales), T.P. Evans (Swansea and Wales), A. Neary (Broughton Park and England), D.L. Quinell (Llanelli and Wales); NO. 8s: W.P. Duggan (Blackrock College and Ireland), R.M. Uttley (Gosforth and England); Manager: G. Burrell; COACH: S.J. Dawes.

and Bennett mirrors the pattern of these two tours, when the coach and captain were from the same country — Dawes and Carwyn James and Ireland's Willie John McBride and Kyd Millar in 1974.

Options

Dawes comments: 'We will not decide exactly how we will deploy our back-row options until we get out there, having regard to the opposition we meet.'

'The same goes for centre, fly-half and wing.'

Having several people who can play in different positions must be a bonus to us.

'It meant that there were several challengers for most positions. I am very pleased with the party we have named, but we could have altered it without weakening it at all.'

The team will have a week in New Zealand before their opening game against Wairarapa Bush at Masterbion. The first test is on June 18 in Wellington and the others follow on July 9 in Christchurch, July 30 in Dunedin and August 13 in Auckland.

Oxford hat-trick

OXFORD university scored their third tour victory in Japan by defeating an all-Kansai rugby union selection 35-11 yesterday.

Captain Jones

ALAN JONES will captain Glamorgan this season, the county have announced. Jones took over last year when Majid Khan resigned.

LATCHFORD CHANCE TO PROVE REVIE WRONG

EVERTON striker Bob Latchford has his chance to prove Don Revie wrong for leaving him out of the World Cup squad.

With the Luxembourg game next week, the Division One programme is decimated for the third time this season, to the anger of many fans.

With Revie overlooking Latchford and Welsh goalkeeper Dai Davies now second choice to David Lawson, Everton stage one of only three top flight games tomorrow.

And in-form Latchford, Britain's most expensive footballer, will be out to play hell with the poor defence of struggling Spurs, the visitors to Goodison.

Everton are currently experiencing a Jekyll and Hyde life — hovering near the bottom of Division One and in the final of the League Cup and the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

But Latchford's return to form — he has already passed his goal tally of last season — is a key factor in Everton's good run in Cup competitions.

Despite injuries, Everton have looked a much improved team since the arrival of manager Gordon Lee.

The form of ever-present Ken McNaughton was confirmed in the two League Cup final games when he shut out fellow Scot Andy Gray.

Unbeaten in their last nine games, Everton should win tomorrow and pull themselves six points clear of the back markers.



BOB LATCHFORD ... Left out of World Cup squad

LEEDS TO UPSET ST HELENS

LEEDS may upset the fancied St Helens side in the semi-final of the Rugby League Challenge Cup at Wigan tomorrow. When the teams met at Wembley in 1972, Leeds were favourites but St Helens won 16-13 to take the Cup.

This time the Saints are strong favourites, but Leeds are coming back to form after a depressing run of results.

St Helens seem to have the edge especially with a pack containing George Nicholls, Eric Chisnall and Harry Pinner. But the Leeds backs have been playing superbly recently and scored 12 of 14 tries in the biggest win of the season over Oldham.

Of the four semi-finalists Leeds are the outsiders and St Helens' Cup victories against Warrington, and Dewsbury underlies their capabilities.

Widnes, who meet Hull Kingston Rovers in the other semi-final next week, have an important League game at Castleford. Castleford should cash in on Widnes's inconsistent League form by gaining both points and move into third place behind St Helens and Featherstone.

With the easiest fixture list of the leading clubs Castleford's hopes of finishing top are high, and victory will leave them two points behind St Helens with a game in hand.

RUGBY LEAGUE

HOW THEY STAND

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	23	15	1	7	385	275	31
Featherston R.	21	14	2	5	403	251	30
Hull K.R.	23	14	1	8	384	314	29
Warrington	23	14	0	9	400	324	28
Castleford	21	13	1	7	367	244	27
Widnes	22	13	0	9	316	251	26
Wigan	22	12	2	8	368	298	26
Bradford Nthn	20	11	2	7	359	254	24
Salford	22	11	1	10	428	346	23
Leeds	23	10	2	11	357	346	22
Workington	22	10	1	11	248	274	21
Wakefield	22	8	2	12	335	370	18
Leigh	22	6	1	15	236	409	13
Rochdale	23	6	0	17	262	384	12
Oldham	23	6	0	17	264	479	12
Barrow	22	6	0	16	230	501	12

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	19	17	0	2	446	165	34
Dewsbury	19	14	1	4	254	120	29
York	22	14	0	8	342	223	28
Keighley	21	13	1	7	338	201	27
Bramley	18	13	0	5	316	262	26
New Hunslet	18	11	3	4	239	167	25
Huddersfield	21	10	0	11	330	250	20
Huyton	22	10	0	12	258	340	20
Whitnaven	19	8	1	10	197	226	17
Swinton	18	7	2	9	196	230	16
Halifax	19	7	0	12	207	290	14
Batley	20	5	1	14	196	345	11
Blackpool	20	4	1	15	179	308	9
Doncaster	20	0	0	20	176	575	0

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STEEL GLOATS OVER PACT

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

THE right-wing Liberals yesterday guaranteed there would be no socialist working-class measures so long as their coalition with the Callaghan government lasted.

Liberal leader David Steel paraded his smiling MPs before the Press and pledged:

'Mrs Thatcher has spoken about socialism being sustained by Liberal MPs.'

'The truth is that socialism is what this country is not now going to get so long as this agreement lasts.'

Asked what 'socialist' measures he wanted the government to drop, Steel outlined a series of right-wing demands that the Liberals are insisting the Callaghan Cabinet accept.

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WE THINK
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- Opposition to the trade union principle of the closed shop.
- The abandonment of legislation to extend public ownership of building and outlaw the lump labour scourge.
- Rejection of the Bullock committee proposals for one-third trade union representation on company boards.



David Steel

- Direct elections to the so-called European parliament to strengthen the monopoly capitalist Common Market.
- Higher taxes of goods and services, and lower income tax, to shift the tax burden away from the middle class and wealthy, on to the shoulders of the working class.
- The complete scrapping of the Labour Party conference decision to nationalise banking and insurance.

For good measure Steel said the Liberals had noted the 'sinister phrase' in the Queen's speech promising that 'other measures would be brought forward' by the government this parliamentary session.

'THIS MAN IS AN AGENT'



John Banks

Barrister tells Old Bailey

BY NEWS LINE REPORTER

MERCENARY recruiter John Banks was a special agent used by Special Branch, military intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

This was revealed by defence counsel Rock Tansey in a sworn statement said to have been made by Banks, who is the star prosecution witness in an IRA arms trial.

In front of a surprised jury Tansey read the statement in full, which had already been given to two reporters from the London 'Evening Standard'.

The 48-page statement revealed clandestine assignments in the 'third world', Libya, Algeria and parts of South Africa, as well as border-crossings from West into East Germany.

Tansey accused Banks of being a special agent used by the secret police to lie and, if need be, to kill.

The statement said that Security Advisory Services Limited was formed in June 1975

with directors Frank Perrin, Barry Madison, Lloyd Johnson and Roger Day. Banks was an adviser.

He said that a man named Nick Hall paid \$250,000 to recruit mercenaries for Angola and the money was handed over at the Piccadilly Hotel in London on January 15, 1976.

Brand new

'The notes were brand new and I believe they were printed in London at the Aldermanbury Bank.'

When the 19 recruits left Heathrow airport they had SAS identification cards and a typed sheet with their details and photographs, but no official passports.

'At that time I had had a close relationship with the Special Branch for about three years and had told them about recruitment.'

'The man at the Special Branch I was in contact with was Det Insp Ray Tucker. That was why there was no hindrance at the airport.'

Continuing, the statement said: 'Also four years ago I went to the cavalry barracks at Hounslow. At the barracks are the offices of Military Intelligence 90, and Major Cardwell met me.'

'That meeting was about Libya and training camps for terrorists in Algeria.'

Explaining his relationship with the secret police, Banks said:

'I have had dealings with the security forces in connection with the IRA in 1975 and 1974, but have signed the Official Secrets Act so I am not at liberty to discuss it. One was in Southampton and one was in London.'

Dealings

'The British security forces knew about the arms dealings with Jordan. They also knew about the Israelis asking me to have a crack at Carlos (the Jackal).'

He also mentioned links with A R A M C O, an Arabian-American oil company, which he described as 'the biggest front for the CIA anywhere in the world'.

Home for sale

IF you're looking for somewhere to live or a new home to go to, rush along to Hampstead in north London to see Ravi Tikkoo's abode.

The multi-millionaire tanker owner has

placed it on the market with a price tag of £3.5m!

Along with the house you get a cricket pitch and a three-hole golf course.

The 20-room home has a central security control room with TV monitoring equipment with video

tape to record intruders.

Earlier this month Tikkoo sent a team of 'maritime mercenaries' to take over his strike-bound tanker, 'Globtik Venus', in Le Havre.

Tikkoo is quitting Britain next month because of tax fears.

SUGAR PRICE UP

THE price of sugar has nearly trebled since Britain joined the Common Market, Prices Under-Secretary Robert MacLennan admitted yesterday.

MacLennan said sugar had risen from 9.6p per kilo to 25.5p. One dozen standard eggs now cost 51p

compared with 22.2p in December 1972.

He said Danish butter had increased from 25.2p per lb to 59.5p, Cheddar cheese from 32.0p per lb to 59.5p, silverside boned beef from 59.5p to 113.4p per lb, leg of pork from 39.8p to 68.8p per lb, middle cut bacon from 39.1p per lb to 81.7p, a standard white sliced loaf from

10.4p to 19.8p, and a 3lb bag of self-raising flour from 12.1p to 23.6p.

In a memorandum to Prices Secretary Hattersley yesterday, the Confederation of British Industry said the proposed new price controls could not be justified.

It was 'ridiculous conceit' to introduce them, the CBI added.