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SCANLON REFUSES TO BACK AIRPORT STRIKERS



Hugh Scanlon

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

THE ENGINEERS' executive yesterday refused to give official backing to the strike by 4,000 airline maintenance workers at Heathrow airport. Asked why not, AUEW president Hugh Scanlon said: 'because all the avenues have not been explored.'

Instead the executive called on the engineers to return to work and British Airways to reinstate the 1,250 engineers who have been sacked.

As one of the airline shop stewards told News Line last night: 'We feel betrayed. How can we return to work when we are all officially sacked?'

AUEW pickets were on the airport gates all day yesterday.

After a shop stewards' committee meeting, Jack Gatsky said: 'We have moved into a hardening of the situation — something we didn't envisage at the beginning of what was a very simple claim.'

All flights at Manchester airport were cancelled yesterday as all maintenance engineers walked out. A shop steward told reporters: 'We stay on strike until the Heathrow dispute is settled.'

Blacklegs charter

But at Heathrow about 60 flights operated as the blacklegs charter continues to operate. British Airways management is getting around the strike by carrying out refuelling at continental airports, a spokesman said.

There is only one way to beat the management strike-breakers, and that is to seek all-airport action and demand official backing from the trade union leaders.

The men will hold a mass meeting at the Dominion Theatre, Southall, this morning to discuss further action.

The Heathrow claim has escalated into a national political question because it stands in the way of the treacherous talks opened yesterday between the TUC and the Lib-Lab coalition government on the introduction of Phase Three and another year of wage-cutting.

There will be no wage justice while this anti-working class Lib-Lab coalition remains in office. That is why we say it must be brought down and fresh elections held on a socialist programme to rout the Thatcherites.

TRANSPORT and General Workers' Union officials last night sabotaged moves for the union's members at Heathrow to support the airport's engineers.

Officials of the Civil Air Transport section of the T&GWU defended the 'blacklegs' charter agreement at a meeting of about 200 shop stewards representing the union's membership at the airport.

They persuaded one steward to withdraw a resolution calling for transport union members not to handle any work which involved co-operating with blackleg labour.

Instead, a motion saying that any attempt to sack T&GWU members as a result of the engineers' dispute would be resisted was passed by the meeting.

FRANKFURT — The US dollar yesterday continued to fall in dealings on the foreign exchange market here. In nervous trading it reached a three-month low of 2.3615 marks.

EURO-MARCH 77 INFORMATION

We have opened a special Euro-March 77 information centre for trade unionists wanting to have details of the arrangements for the arrival of the Euro-Marchers at Dover on Sunday, April 17, at 1 o'clock. Delegations from all over Britain will be forming a welcoming reception at the Dover Marine.

Special coaches are being booked from the areas. If you want information about the transport from your area or any details of the march, please telephone 01-622 7029 or write to:

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21b Old Town,
London, SW4 0JT

● Full details of Euro-March 77 arrival, see advertisement on page 5.

INTO THE WAGE TRAP

DESPITE the clear hostility of workers to more wage restraint, as shown by the Leyland toolmakers' and Heathrow engineers' strikes, the TUC took steps towards Phase Three yesterday.

Government and trade union leaders agreed to further talks after meeting for more than three hours at Congress House on incomes policy.

Although almost every TUC bureaucrat made 'left'-sounding noises about 'difficulties' being caused by their members due to unemployment and falling living standards, not one opposed extending the social contract.

TUC general secretary Len Murray said an agreement would be 'very much harder to get than in the last two years.'

But then he added: 'We are looking for an agreement. We are not looking for aggro or bother or a punch-up.'

Asked about an agreement, transport union chief Jack Jones said: 'We have always got hope to do something.'

Shopworkers' leader Alf Allen said ominously: 'The talks would be the first of many.'

Postal leader Tom Jackson said: 'We will get a Stage Three deal.'

Collectively, they obediently agreed with Chancellor Denis Healey's pro-capitalist propaganda that 'a wages explosion or a free-for-all could be very dangerous for the country'.

Tamely they expressed only 'disappointment' at 'some aspects' of the recent Budget,

for not holding down prices or creating more jobs.

In fact, the Budget has deliberately sent the cost of living soaring again and deliberately created more joblessness by its deflationary effects, as the International Monetary Fund demanded that it should.

But it is clear the trade union bureaucracy will do nothing to break with the right-wing social democrats who are making the working class the victims of capitalism's slump.

Fearing a workers' rebellion more than does the ruling class, the TUC leaders are manoeuvring to get the Phase Three terms accepted by Congress in September, after all the more militant individual union conferences have gone by.



Jones entering the talks at Congress House yesterday on Phase Three of the social contract

GREET EURO-MARCH 77 Dover Sunday April 17 NOON

Dr Owen's venture to see Vorster

BRITISH Foreign Secretary Dr David Owen yesterday spent over three hours in close consultation with South Africa's racist Prime Minister Balthazar Vorster.

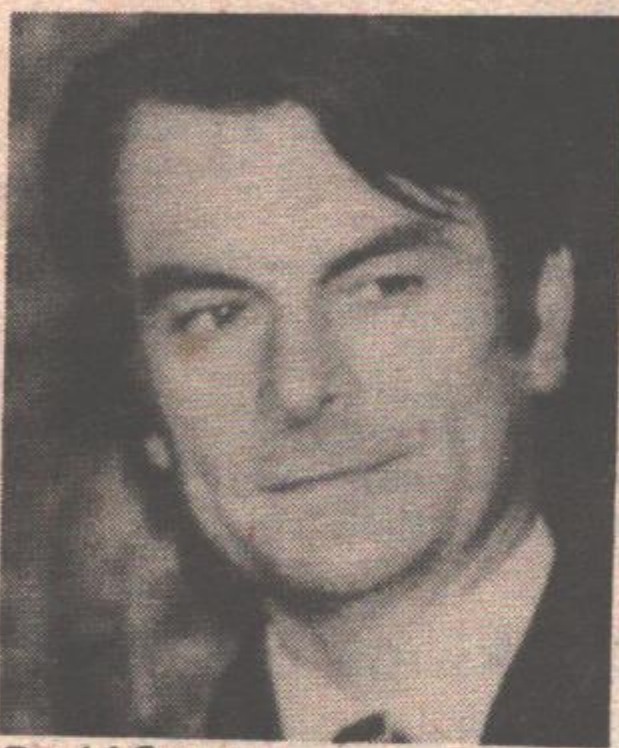
Owen was trying to revive last year's abortive Geneva Conference on Rhodesia.

After meeting Vorster, Owen held talks with the leader of Rhodesia's illegal white minority regime, Ian Smith.

The British Lib-Lab government regards Vorster's agreement to its Rhodesia proposals as essential.

British Foreign Office sources described the Vorster-Owen talks as 'patient, detailed, careful and in no way bad-tempered'.

Britain's fledgling Foreign Secretary ventured an opinion that Smith ought to hand over power from Rhodesia's 270,000 whites to the 6.4 million blacks 'some time in 1978'.



David Owen

But Smith has openly proclaimed that a two-year period must elapse.

Even this minor pledge has caused a crisis in Smith's ruling Rhodesian Front Party, which is to hold a special congress next Monday.

Owen is said to be eager to visit Rhodesia and could do so tomorrow after his scheduled tour has been completed with stops at Botswana and Zambia.

He has already met President Samora Machel of Mozambique and President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania.

But Owen's plan for a reconvened constitutional conference has already been rejected by leaders of all the main black organisations in Rhodesia — including the Patriotic Front of Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, and the African National Council of Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's News Line, Mr Joshua Nkomo, was wrongly described as leader of the Zimbabwe African National Union. He in fact belongs to the Zimbabwe African People's Union, part of the Patriotic Front.

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WE ARE still very far behind. Please, dear readers, make a fight of it now. Don't let it go another day longer. Time is not on our side and we need our £4,000 target all in this month.

The stubborn fight of trade unionists everywhere against this reactionary Lib-Lab coalition government shows how correct our paper is in fighting for the bringing down

THE government is to continue with its spending cuts and more teachers will be unemployed, Education Secretary Shirley Williams said yesterday.

The political inspirer of the right-wing anti-socialist Manifesto group of Labour MPs told the National Union of Teachers' Eastbourne conference that the slump was here to stay.

'It is unrealistic to believe that public expenditure can consistently rise faster than economic growth,' she said, justifying Labour's deliberate reduction of living standards.

'There comes a point when people will resist ever-increasing taxation. Ever-increasing borrowing is out of the question,' she added, implying that the social services will be slashed again shortly as the International Monetary Fund loans run out.

Persistently dealing with only the symptoms of economic decline and never once discussing the cause, Williams did little but tell teachers that things could be worse.

She said that this year, changes in the rate support grant had 'made things difficult', but the government had 'managed to avoid the really damaging cuts affecting the basic fabric of our service.'

Williams said there could be no expenditure increase in the foreseeable future, and then continued insultingly:

Mrs Williams lays it on the line



Shirley Williams

NUT Conference in Eastbourne

'We may take some comfort from the fact that the number [of more than 10,000 teachers unemployed] was only about half that of the gloomy forecasts of last summer.'

She tried to justify further growth in the jobless total by claiming that 'the demand for teachers in the next few years will fall'.

What she means is that the IMF-dictated Labour policies will force a further cut in education spending and teacher

jobs.

She bluntly turned down the NUT's demand that additional resources should be used — including more teachers to reduce class sizes — to improve education standards.

She proposed letting education deteriorate by cutting the number of teachers through earlier retirement and a reduction in recruitment.

● SEE discipline rules — page 4

Wilmot Breeden profits up

PROFITS of engineering group Wilmot Breeden went up to record levels last year.

The latest figures from the group, covering the year's trading to the end of December, show that the £6,211,000 pre-tax profit was more than double the £2,823,000 recorded in 1975. The profits upsurge came on the back of sales up from £65,220,000 to £83,326,000.

Commenting on the performance, the directors said the year's results reflected an increase in demand for motor components in the UK, another excellent performance by the group's French offshoot, and higher profits in the hydraulics and engineering businesses.

The improvement came in spite of a £556,000 loss in Wilmot's electronics business. 'A complete re-appraisal of this sector is now taking place,' the directors report.

Shareholders, who get the maximum permitted increase in dividends for the year, saw their shares rise 3p to 74p a time as the results went out.

WHERE £190,000 OF THE POST UNION'S CASH WENT

POSTAL workers — 7,000 of whom face the sack if proposed cuts in services go ahead — will be interested to learn that the Post Office now has its very own stately home, restored at a cost of £190,000.

The stately home, 200-year-old Coton House, set in 123 acres of Warwickshire countryside, was unveiled at a special ceremony yesterday.

But postal workers are unlikely to be able to enjoy the comforts of the classical building with its sweeping staircase, black and gold wrought iron balustrades and original carved, white marble fireplaces.

The mansion is to be used as a training centre for middle and senior postal managers.

Reactionary ex-MP Woodrow Wyatt, who is a descendant of the builder of the house, was a special guest at yesterday's opening. He was well pleased with the way that a small fortune of Post Office money has been spent.



He persuaded the Post Office to part with their money and wrote an article in 'Punch' magazine demanding to know why the building was being left in such a poor state — after all it was European Architectural Heritage Year.

Alex Currell, managing director of posts, defended the restoration expenditure on the grounds that fees from foreign postal trainees and students from private business organisations would rake in £250,000 a year.

While the Post Office carries out closures, reduces services and threatens continuing increases in postal rates, its bosses are rejoicing that they have turned a 'near-ruin' into 'a lucrative financial proposition'.

PHILIPS IN JOBS CUT TALKS

ABOUT 2,000 workers face the sack from Philips Industries, the giant electrical goods firm.

Shop stewards and union leaders will hear details of the threatened cut-backs at a special meeting with management today.

A spokesman for the Dutch-controlled combine said yesterday that the sackings were 'unlikely to be among direct productive workers'.

Philips, which employs a total of

43,000 workers in the UK, cut its workforce here last year by 6,000. Around half of this figure was accounted for by the sale of the group's rental and retail business.

Today's joint conference in Birmingham will be attended by some 90 Philips' shop stewards and more than 70 management representatives.

The conference, the first of its kind to be called by the electrical giant, follows discussions between Philips and national officers of the group's seven trade unions.

STEEL ATTACKS WAGE CLAIMS

THE capitalist interests of the Lib-Lab coalition government (see story page 1) were openly expressed when David Steel yesterday called wage demands 'sabotage'.

The Liberal leader said in a Grimsby by-election speech that Britain was 'a nation in a state of war against the evil of inflation.'

Calling for increased state repression against the working class, Steel added: 'In that war we have to strike down the saboteurs, people like Mr Clive Jenkins, who will cheerfully argue for paying the members of his union 30 per cent more.'

Steel cynically denounced workers' wage demands as being 'the road to ruin, especially for those unable to join the fun of the rat-race, the pensioners and the jobless.'

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'Pasionaria' back soon

□ BELGRADE — Dolores Ibarruri, the 82-year-old 'La Pasionaria' of the Spanish Civil War and President of the Spanish Communist Party, who has lived in exile for nearly 40 years, said yesterday she expects to return to Spain in two weeks.

'I am waiting for a passport. I think I will get it within two weeks and I shall then return to Spain, I am only waiting for the Party to tell me: "All is finished and come" she told Radio Belgrade in a telephoned interview from Moscow. The Spanish regime legalised the Communist Party last weekend.

Yemenis were 'killed quickly'

□ THE former North Yemen Prime Minister Abdullah Al-Hejri, who was gunned down in London on Easter Sunday, died from a bullet in the brain, an inquest heard yesterday. His wife, Fatima, died from a bullet in the chest and diplomat Mr Abdullah Al-Hammami from a bullet in the heart. The Westminster inquest was adjourned until July 13.

Commander James Nevill, head of the anti-terrorist branch in charge of inquiries said the gunman could obviously use a gun: 'He killed three people very quickly.'

Tory backs Zaire moves

□ FORMER Tory Cabinet Minister Maurice MacMillan has called on the Prime Minister to back the defence of Zaire. He is urging Callaghan and his colleagues and their

'Liberal collaborators' to give full support to French President Giscard d'Estaing 'for his courageous support of Zaire against Soviet aggression.'

Golden bullets for Yorkshire Supt

□ POLICE Superintendent Colin Greenwood, of Morley Division, West Yorkshire, has won £75 and a gold medal in the Queen's Police Gold Essay Competition. Title of his literary efforts... 'Arming the Police'.

Fraud is the City's top industry

THE respectable City of London, home of the bowler and the brolly, has a multi-million-pound sideline — fraud.

City Fraud Squad detectives are investigating more than 100 cases involving £90m in dodgy deals, it was revealed yesterday in a police annual report.

The fraud bonanza is so great that the 35-strong squad can't cope with the work and are asking for reinforcements.

Last year the squad made 32 arrests. Their investigations took them all over the world from Israel to the USA, to Lichtenstein.

City police commissioner James Page says in his report: 'The international scene is now very much more extensive with companies registered abroad where records are sometimes difficult to obtain.'

The Cheque Squad investigated frauds totalling £194,585. As they say, the City is bouncing back.

THE QE2 was one of the ships hit when cargo handling in Southampton docks was stopped yesterday by a 24-hour strike of the port's 150 foremen.



SALESMAN ON 'JOBS FOR RHODESIA' CHARGES

THE adverts in the newspapers said: '£150-a-week jobs going. Please apply'.

But when hundreds of job hunters turned up for an interview, they were asked to subscribe £3 to fight against the 'cancerous growth of communism', a jury heard yesterday.

Before the court was insurance salesman Roy Dovaston, said to be the founder of an anti-communist movement called the World Deed a Day Movement, which he ran from his home in Parnell Road, Ware, Herts.

Prosecuting, Mr Leo Charles said that Dovaston advertised £150-a-week jobs in local and national papers. Up to 200 men a day attended meetings at two London hotels, where they were asked to sign a declaration pledging a £3 subscription fee to the WDDM to be used in the fight against communism.

The jobs on offer were, in fact, in Rhodesia. Mr Charles said Dovaston 'hoped to get 30 plane-loads of immigrants'.

He said: 'The reason for sending them was further reinforcement of the forces combatting communism in that country. He is probably a genuine and sincere anti-communist, but we are not concerned with his political views.'

'He is convinced that communism is a cancerous

growth on the rampage in many countries, including ours. He is also convinced that Ian Smith, Rhodesian premier, is one of the leading opponents of communism in the western world and deserves our support.'

Out-of-work men who replied to the advertisement were given recruiting leaflets for the Rhodesian army, said Mr Charles.

Mr Michael Burksfield of Ruislip told the court: 'I had no

clear idea where the job was when I answered the advertisement. Dovaston told me it was Rhodesia. I had no doubt the £150 per week would be for military employment and I was given recruiting literature for the Rhodesian army and a booklet about life in the armed forces.'

'Dovaston said it was illegal for him to recruit mercenaries. I was keen to go, as it made no difference to me whether it was as a mercenary or as a member

of the Rhodesian army.'

Dovaston is charged with sending emigration papers issued by the illegal Smith regime to six British citizens encouraging them to take up residence or employment.

Successful applicants were then sent a form demanding details of age, family, health, experience in armed forces and membership of any communist organisation.

Some then later received a form issued by the illegal regime in Rhodesia, said Mr Charles. Some completed forms were sent to Dovaston and others direct to the Department of Immigration Promotion in Salisbury, the capital of Rhodesia.

'That was the first clear mention of Rhodesia. In the meetings and in the adverts, Dovaston referred merely to jobs abroad in the sunshine or vague references to Africa.'

Dovaston pleaded not guilty to six charges breaking the 1965 Southern Rhodesia Act and United Nations sanctions. The case continues.

Hotel workers demand union backing

HOTEL workers who have been on strike for almost six months lobbied Transport House yesterday to protest at the refusal of the executive of their union to extend the strike against Trust House Forte.

The strike for union recognition and negotiating rights originally started in Oxford at the Randolph Hotel, owned by Trust Houses Forte, and at the Linton Lodge Hotel.

It later spread to the Grosvenor Hotel in Sheffield and the Night Out Spot, Birmingham, both THF establishments.

The strikers were sacked and are now waging a bitter fight for reinstatement against Britain's largest catering firm.

They have been demanding that their union extend the strike and call a national black at all THF hotels and subsidiaries.

But in spite of a resolution passed in January by the national committee of the Food, Drink and Tobacco section

of the T&GWU in favour of a blacking campaign, the union executive has refused to back it.

Yesterday hotel workers in London, at the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, went on strike for 24 hours in solidarity with the strikers in Oxford and Sheffield.

They are members of the General and Municipal Workers' Union and their one-day stoppage was also to protest at low pay and conditions.

They had large picket lines out at all the entrances. THF management had organised their own 'pickets' who handed out leaflets to staff 'welcoming' all those who came to work.

Eric Hoyle-Mills, shop steward at the Randolph Hotel, said: 'With the holiday season coming up this strike would be over in less than a week if Jack Jones extended the strike like he should have done in January.'

CUT MORTGAGES CALL ON SOCIETIES

THE government is looking for 'some reduction' in the mortgage interest rate when building society leaders meet tomorrow.

Senior Whitehall officials and building society leaders discussed the possibilities yesterday.

'We expect the societies to produce some reduction', said a spokesman at the Environment Ministry.

A small reduction rather than a large one, 'so as not to upset the stability of the mortgage market,' is the society leaders' intention.

Whitehall is prepared to say that too large a reduction could lead to the societies running short of funds and a repeat of the 1974 position when the government lent the societies £500m.

Society chiefs are under strong pressure to cut the mortgage rate because of the recent rapid drop in interest rates. The mortgage rate — 12½ per cent since the autumn — is now considerably out of line with the rest of the market.

Slogans 'damage tourism'

DUBLIN — 'Brits out — Peace in' slogans may be damaging tourism, a government minister said yesterday.

Transport and Power Minister Tom Fitzpatrick said hundreds of the slogans were appearing on walls, roadways and hoardings throughout the Republic.

He told a tourism exhibition here that slogans were offensive to British visitors. 'It is absolutely absurd that a tiny

fraction of the population should take it upon themselves to blatantly misrepresent our true feelings,' he added.

'It must jolt our visitors when they come to see these messages of hate all over the place. The slogans are offensive to the vast majority of us and in every way

we must show our British visitors that particularly this year they are truly welcome in this country and the business they bring us is appreciated.'

He urged the Irish to bring to bear as much influence as possible to have the slogans removed.

THE BELFAST Brigade of the Irish Republican Army yesterday claimed responsibility for the attack on British soldiers outside Springfield Road barracks. Five shots were fired.

GUN-TOTING EMBASSY GIRL FREED

MYSTERY
surrounds how a 22-year-old girl working as a commercial clerk at the British Embassy in Rome came to be held by Italian police.

She was detained on Monday with four Italians practising target-shooting in woods near the medieval city of Assisi.

The four Italians, aged between 23 and 34, were dressed in military-style uniforms firing automatic machine pistols and a machine gun at bottles and other targets.

The embassy employee, Miss Jacqueline Vennard, is the daughter of company director Derek Vennard, 49, from Nympsfield, Gloucestershire.

After the British Embassy intervened, she was released with a caution, but the four men have been charged with possessing weapons without a licence and are still being held.

The arrests follow reports of neo-fascist activities in the hills around Assisi.

A British Embassy spokesman in Rome said Miss Vennard, hired locally three weeks ago, told her colleagues she was going hunting with friends over the Easter holiday.

'We do not know what her friends had been doing. She has not yet given us an explanation,' he added.

According to local Press

BY NEWSLINE REPORTER

reports, Miss Vennard took photos of her friends and their arsenal of weapons.

The spokesman said the reports that she was on a military exercise had been 'exaggerated'.

'As for military uniforms, well, every Italian goes hunting in a camouflage jacket so they could have been dressed in army green. It is very fashionable at the moment,' the spokesman said.

'I am told that Miss Vennard told colleagues she was going

for a weekend's shooting with her boyfriends.

'I know her personally and para-military uniforms would be most unlike her.'

He described Miss Vennard, who had been working as a filing clerk in the embassy's commercial section for three weeks, as a 'jolly, ordinary, pleasant sort of girl'.

He 'assumed' she had remained in Assisi to discover what had happened to her boyfriends who have now been charged.

Miss Vennard's mother in Nympsfield said she had been told of her daughter's release, but did not want to make any comment.

Jacqueline's father said she got the job with the embassy only a few weeks ago. She had previously been working for a secretarial agency in Rome and before that had been an au pair in Switzerland and Italy.

'Jackie has absolutely no interest in politics. If you asked her to name the prime minister, she would probably not be able to, and the only organisation she has ever belonged to was the Brownies,' he said.



Safety charges 'groundless' say Leyland

BRITISH-LEYLAND rejected as 'totally groundless' allegations about the safety of their cars sold in the United States.

A report on Tuesday from the Independent Centre for Auto Safety, published in Washington, said British motors were consistently unsafe.

The allegations included reports of pedal cable failures in some 1975 sports cars and of fuel

pump and petrol tank faults in 1974 and 1975 Jaguars.

They also said that late-model Marinas had a weak front end so bad that 80 per cent of all owners complained.

Leyland said that cars exported to the US were 'completely different animals' to those sold in Britain — because there were hundreds of modifications necessary to enable the cars to pass Federal regulations.

Every time even a minor fault which needed a slight modification was discovered, the regulations forced companies to issue a 'recall notice' to owners.

It was in this way that minor faults which had little or no effect on safety took on extra importance in the US.

A Leyland spokesman said that recently thousands of cars had to be recalled because a 'brake warning' light on the dashboard should not have had the word 'warning' on it.

He said: 'These allegations seem to be totally groundless. We build cars which are both safe and we provide good customer services. This is why our sales in the US continue to climb.'

He added: 'Generally speaking, European cars, including ours, have a very high degree of primary safety built into them.'

The company has not yet seen the full report, but it will be examined by engineers.

* Leyland believes that a disgruntled former employee in the US supplied the centre with the recall records of all Leyland cars sold there.

Discipline rules stay—teachers

AFTER a scurrilous attack on the left wing by ex-Communist Party member Max Morris, teachers' union delegates voted against a move to throw out the disciplinary procedures.

These rules have been used to suspend teachers from Little Ilford school in London from NUT membership.

Little Ilford teachers had taken legal advice. Delegates were told they had a good case against the general secretary, who had asked them to sign a certain undertaking.

In the interests of the union the Little Ilford teachers had decided not to resort to this action.

Summing up the

discussion, Morris, speaking on behalf of the executive, resorted to rudeness and insult.

He accused critics of the disciplinary measures of 'childish infantile argumentation. These people who have been through higher education and are now teaching our children', he added sarcastically.

No-one from the executive answered doubts about the undertaking that the Ilford teachers had been asked to sign.

During the discussion Don Winters for the EC referred to the left wing as 'a tiny but noisy nuisance'.

Many delegates felt that this time Morris had gone too far in his method of attacking the lefts.



Little Ilford teachers lobby the NUT conference

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Provincial Press bosses hate closed shop idea

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

ANY move towards 100-per-cent universal single-union membership would restrict access to the Press, freedom of expression and the right of the individual 'to say his piece within the law,' the Newspaper Society pretended yesterday.

In a memorandum to Employment Secretary Albert Booth, the provincial newspaper monopolists says the consequences of the editorial closed shop are clear from recent experiences in which journalists sought to influence the contents of newspapers 'for reasons other than the union's industrial aspirations'.

Journalists should be free to belong or not to belong to an appropriate independent trade union 'without the necessity of exposing their conscience or convictions for examination by a tribunal,' the memorandum says.

'We believe that the existing freedom of choice should be preserved as a minimal requirement,' it adds.

A sub-clause dealing with union powers to discipline its members by exclusion, expulsion or other means for a breach of the union's rules or code of conduct was also opposed by the Press barons.

On the question of access to editorial columns, the society says: 'The criteria should be the readers' interest. And the policy of the publication as agreed between the editor and his employer.'

CHRISTOPHER BAYNHAM, of Chesterfield Drive, Sevenoaks, Kent, company secretary and co-director of the London Air Gun Centre in Craven Street, Strand, was found dead in his office yesterday with a bullet wound in the head. A Spanish .22 target pistol was beside the body.

MAY DAY GREETINGS

Just one month to May Day. And this year we celebrate not only the historic day of workers' struggles but also the first anniversary of News Line

This is your chance to have a greetings advertisement in our special anniversary edition. We are inviting greetings from trade unions, shop stewards' committees, trades councils as well as branches of the Workers Revolutionary Party, the All Trades Unions Alliance and the Young Socialists

All adverts will be semi-display at the cost of £3 a single column inch. The copy deadline, plus payment, is noon on Tuesday April 26.

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DARTMOOR SCREWS REVOLT

Housing and manning anger

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

staff were left on duty.

Bryan Benwell, branch chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, said the decision also broke a local agreement that if too many men were on duty, those who were working half a day should be sent home — not those working on their rest

day.

A similar problem over staffing levels yesterday meant that prisoners did not start their morning exercise period until 11a.m. — three hours late.

Benwell said: 'The authorities and the public do not appreciate that even when

we are taking action and not manning workshops and outside working parties, the right number of staff must still be available to deal with possible emergencies.'

The long-running campaign by officers to get their living accommodation improved spilled over into industrial action when the men began a series of lightning 24-hour protests, refusing to carry out certain supervisory duties. Benwell commented:

'Unless they are prepared to start off by saying the staff will get full central heating, then they are wasting their time and the action will continue.'

Neighbours scheme to teach English

A NEW series of BBC TV programmes to encourage Asian adults to learn to speak English were announced yesterday.

The 26 15-minute programmes will be broadcast on Sunday mornings from October after the regular magazine programme for Asians, the series will be called 'Parosi', meaning 'neighbours', and the BBC hopes

that families will watch together. The programmes will be particularly aimed at an estimated 150,000 Asian women, who speak little or no English.

Lawman for corruption trial

A METROPOLITAN police detective inspector and a former detective inspector were committed for trial at the Old Bailey from London's Bow Street court yesterday on corruption charges.

The serving officer, who worked in the West End before being suspended from duty, is Thomas Maxwell, 36, of Teddington.

He faces two charges relating to July last year, of corruptly accepting a total of £2,400 as an inducement for showing favour to Barry Hodge and Edgar Chard, in relation to his principal's affairs.

The former detective inspector, Kenneth Twiby, 37, described as a driver, of Chessington, is charged with aiding and abetting Maxwell.

Bring your banners to Dover

NEXT SUNDAY, April 17, Euro-March 77 makes its cross-Channel journey to Dover arriving at 1p.m. after four weeks on the road.

This is the first-ever Europe-wide campaign in Common Market countries against unemployment.

Its success is a tribute to the fighting capacity of the youth. They are hardest hit by unemployment and they are in the forefront of the working-class struggle against it.

The Young Socialists from seven countries — Britain, Ireland, West Germany, France, Greece, Portugal and Spain — have demonstrated what the fight for working-class internationalism is about.

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Although they all speak different languages, they have learnt that the ruling class and the monopolists of the Common Market have a common language.

It is to smash workers' living standards using the twin weapons of mass unemployment and rising prices to fill the pockets of the profiteers.

The Euro-marchers have been supported in Britain by regional marches in Scotland, the north-east, Yorkshire, the north-west, Midlands and South Wales.

In whatever country they have marched, the youth have faced the hostility of the trade union bureaucracy. These overfed, overpaid bureaucrats see in the marchers the face of their impending demise.

In Britain this hostility has taken the sharpest form since the official trade union leadership, the Communist Party leaders and every revisionist group supports the reactionary Lib-Lab

coalition government.

The official ban against the march is in sharpest contrast to the response in the ranks of the trade unions. They have been generous and responsive to the financial and accommodation needs of the marchers in every city, town and village.

Workers are immensely aware of the treachery of the Labour and TUC leaders. They are fed up with the organised wage-cutting under the 'social contract'. They are deeply angry with the rise in unemployment and relentless price increases.

The purpose of the British contingents on Euro-March 77 has been to channel this pent-up militancy into a struggle by the working class to bring down the Lib-Lab coalition government.

All workers who are concerned about the struggle to defend their living standards have a duty this Sunday.

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German growth stunted — report

YET another gloom-ridden economic forecast — this time from 297 leading companies — has emerged from West Germany.

The firms say the long-promised 'upswing' has turned out not to be enough to reduce unemployment, now standing at 4.4 per cent.

A survey of the firms was carried out by one of the country's leading economic research institutes IFO — Institut Fuer Wirtschaftsforschung.

Forecasts of an economic 'upswing', the report says, were based on anticipation of buoyant orders from abroad and improved consumer demand at home.

Exports

But these driving forces are now expected to weaken in 1978, especially in the field of exports, the report says.

The survey of these 297 companies has been published at the same time as the IFO's own analysis of West German foreign trade.

In the IFO's own words: 'Since autumn last year the Federal Republic's exports growth has, to a marked degree, lost its dynamism.'

Canadian jobless at 944,000 — a record figure

OTTAWA — Unemployment in Canada jumped to 944,000 in March, the highest figure since the government started collating statistics in 1953.

In releasing the figure, the government agency said it represented 9.2 per cent unemployment in Canada, up from 9.1 per cent in February and 7.6 per cent in March 1976.

Federal officials predicted when the budget was presented on March 31 that unemployment would continue at a high level for most of 1977.

Stalinists legal—but left stays banned

THE Spanish government has announced it will not legalise any parties to the left of the Communist Party.

The Stalinist leaders have never campaigned against the reactionary law banning left-wing parties, but have simply pleaded that it should not apply to them since they believe in parliamentarianism and do not accept any international discipline.

Rally

The Stalinists have planned a rally in Madrid for this weekend, and have announced they expect Dolores Ibarruri ('La Pasionaria') to be allowed back into Spain to attend it.

But the decision to maintain

the ban on revolutionary and separatist organisations is certain to provoke demonstrations and clashes in the coming weeks.

Riot police are certain to be out in force today to break up a demonstration in Madrid's Plaza de Espana.

A group of left-wing youth have called a 'day of struggle' to mark the 46th anniversary of the Spanish Republic, proclaimed on April 14, 1931.

The Communist Party and Socialist Party are both playing down opposition to the monarchy and have organised no major event to mark the

Republic's anniversary.

Meanwhile, the Suarez government's decision to legalise the Stalinists has provoked a split in the ruling class.

Backlash

The Minister of the Navy, Admiral Gabriel Pita de Veiga, was reported to have resigned as part of a right-wing backlash to the decision.

The admiral, a friend of the late fascist dictator Franco, was the longest-serving member of the Spanish Cabinet.



STALINIST murderer Ibarruri seen here with Italian CP leader Enrico Berlinguer — 'no international discipline'

Other military leaders rumoured to be considering resignation include Air Minister Lieutenant-General Carlos Franco Iribarnegaray.

A meeting of the Senior Army Council was held late on Tuesday night, supported by demonstrating fascists who drove round Madrid shouting 'Franco, Franco, Franco', 'Long live the army' and 'Death to the Communists'.

With the government facing

both a political and military crisis, the deputy Prime Minister, Lieutenant-General Gutierrez Mellado has cut short a visit to the Canary Islands and rushed back to Madrid.

Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez and his supporters are holding to their view that the best hope of saving capitalism in Spain is to legalise the Communist Party and rely on the Stalinist leaders to hold back the working masses.

Anti-Concorde group plan to close airport

NEW YORK — Protestors against the Anglo-French Concorde supersonic airliner plan to choke access roads to New York's Kennedy Airport with hundreds of cars next Sunday.

Crammed into the auditorium of a primary school in Howard Beach, near Kennedy Airport on Monday, about 600 protestors roared approval of a plan to close the airport on Sunday with a 'drive-in' as part of their plan to stop the airliner landing here.

Death penalties for food price demonstrators

NEARLY 300 people face execution or life imprisonment for their part in food price demonstrations in Egypt last January.

The general prosecutor, Counsellor Ibrahim Kalioubi, told a Cairo Press conference that 297 people had charged with sabotage and damaging public property during the riots which forced the Sadat government to drop the proposed increases.

More indictments would follow and those charged would face the death penalty or life imprisonment under Egyptian Criminal Law, Kalioubi said.

110 of those charged so far are under 18 years old and will be tried in juvenile courts. The rest will be tried by a state security court.

Arrested

All of them had been arrested in Alexandria on charges of damaging or setting fire to a shipping company, the Arab Socialist Union's buildings, several police stations, buses, trains and railway stations.

Counsellor Kalioubi said a total of 1,250 people were arrested throughout Egypt and indictments against the rest would be completed within a week.

He said 13 police officers and 206 policemen were injured during the riots.

Pre-election clamp down in Sri Lanka

THE government in Sri Lanka is preparing a 'security' pre-election clamp-down on the pretext of stopping 'insurgency'.

Elections are due between the dissolution of parliament on May 21 and the end of August.

But the state-run 'Ceylon Daily News' yesterday announced a huge security operation which it claimed was to prevent 'violent left-wing insurgency' like that of 1971.

In 1971 the Bandaranaike government launched a murderous attack mainly on members of the Janat Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) Peoples Liberation Front.

1,200 people were killed in the government offensive, which was actively backed by both the Soviet Union and China.

A State of Emergency

imposed in March 1971 was only lifted in February this year.

The 'Ceylon Daily News' said yesterday that 'pockets of insurgents' were operating in various parts of the country and 'preparing to repeat the violence of 1971'.

Quoting official sources, it said the government was 'prepared to meet any contingency' and that Prime Minister Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike had briefed opposition leader J. R. Jeyewardene on the situation.

The government's 'security scheme' would last from now until after the general election, the 'Ceylon Daily News' said.

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Mrs Bandaranaike with the late Chou En Lai in Peking

Zionists stand by Phalange

BEIRUT — On its second anniversary, the Lebanese crisis — now focussed largely on south Lebanon — has entered a phase as complex and intractable as any the country has faced over the past two years.

The latest twist came with Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon's warning on Tuesday that Israel would not tolerate Palestinian attacks on 'Christian villages considered as friendly to Israel'.

Allon's statement crystallised the conclusion that has emerged from the confusion of the past few days: the Lebanese rightists have succeeded in winning an Israeli commitment to intervene if the superior Palestinian and leftist forces in south Lebanon make further inroads against rightist-held targets.

Even before the Israeli minister's unambiguous statement, it had become clear to Beirut observers that there were pressures preventing the Palestinians and their allies from attacking the major strategic town of Marjeyoun, which controls the access roads to the Palestinian base area in the Argoub to the east.

Having seized the nearby town of Khiam from the rightists last week, the Palestinian-leftist forces were expected to press home on the more important Marjeyoun, which was captured by the rightist forces late last year. A number of reports indicated such an attack had begun early this week, but no assault took place and the Palestinian command in fact issued orders that only defensive operations should be undertaken by the 'joint forces' in the south.

Observers here believe the Israeli posture has led the Americans to press Syria to restrain the Palestinians from making any attempt to liberate Marjeyoun, a military operation, which would be relatively straightforward given the balance of forces in the south were it not for the Israeli threat.

From Jim Muir In Beirut

This threat had become apparent through Israeli military moves before Yigal Allon's statement made it formal, according to informed sources.

The embattled Lebanese rightists have found Syria and the Arab states largely deaf to their demands for fresh restrictions on the Palestinians in Lebanon through the application of a strict interpretation of the 1969 Cairo agreement before any other steps are taken.

'Israel is trying to make a permanent state of instability where neither a political nor a military solution to the south is possible,' was how one informed Beirut source put it.

A political solution involving the use of Lebanese security forces was implicitly rejected by the rightists when they launched the attack on Tayyibe which began the current flare-up, while a military solution involving a Palestinian-leftist return to



Peres (right)

Marjeyoun with Syrian acquiescence is now ruled out by the Israeli threat.

The rightists can thus afford to dig their heels in and play it tough in the current intensive series of consultations largely focussed on Damascus.

With the emergence of the Israeli threat — which was hinted at a week ago or more by Camille Chamoun's party paper 'al Ahrar' — the Falangist leader is expected to take a tough line in Damascus on behalf of the rightist consensus.

Zairean planes attack Zambian villages



Mobutu

LUSAKA — Zambia today accused Zaire of bombing a hospital and village on its soil amid reports of fresh fighting in Zaire's troubled Shaba province just across the border between the two central African states.

A government spokesman here said Zairean planes bombed the village of Shingamfunji Mangango on April 9 and Kaleni Hill mission hospital two days later. An unspecified number of people were injured, the spokesman said.

Both alleged incidents took place in a sliver of Zambian territory bordering Zaire and Angola in the remote north-west tip of landlocked Zambia.

They were the latest indication of continued fighting in mineral-rich Shaba province, formerly known as Katanga.

The government-owned 'Zambia Daily Mail' said the alleged attacks were the first on Zambia from an independent African state.

Reports reaching London from western intelligence sources said the opponents of CIA-backed President Mobutu were advancing along the British-owned Benguela rail line towards the copper-mining centre of Kolwezi.

Last weekend, coinciding with the alleged bombing incidents,

the anti-Mobutu forces had taken up positions on the West Bank of the Lufupa river 40 miles west of Kolwezi, these reports said.

Morocco has sent 1,500 men to Zaire to help government forces. The first have arrived in Lubumbashi, the Shaba provincial capital, according to the reports.

The government spokesman said Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda had sent a message to Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko informing him of the incident.

The spokesman said two planes were involved in each bombing raid. Observers noted the area affected was only some 10 miles from the Angolan border.

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Congress probes CIA fund fiddles

WASHINGTON — A US congressional panel is looking into charges by a former Central Intelligence Agency employee that CIA agents have misused government funds, filed false reports and withheld evidence from Congress.

A spokesman for the Senate Intelligence Committee said this week that the panel was investigating the allegations, made in a 2,500-word letter from an agent who recently resigned to the new CIA Director Admiral Stansfield Turner.

John Stockwell, who served for 13 years in CIA posts from Vietnam to Angola, told Admiral Turner he was quitting because he had become disillusioned with the Agency.

In a letter published in the 'Washington Post' Stockwell said a clique of senior CIA officers had so entrenched

their power within the Agency 'that no matter how drunken, inept or corrupt their management of a station may be, they are protected, promoted and re-assigned.'

A CIA spokesman said Stockwell had never voiced his complaints earlier and the Agency had not yet received any letter from him, but was investigating the matter.

He said it was commonplace for agents to withhold information incriminating to the CIA from Senate investigators looking into Agency improprieties.

Stockwell wrote that on becoming a CIA chief of station he was briefed by a superior on how he could add \$34,000 a year tax-free to his regular income by

manipulating Agency funds.

He said he was also told 98 per cent of the Agency's Vietnam operations were commonly agreed to be fabrications, designed to satisfy CIA headquarter's desire for voluminous reporting.

Meanwhile an FBI agent testified in Los Angeles that a young security clerk working with secret information in an electronics firm had confessed to giving the Soviet Union secret CIA codes months before they were used by the US secret service.

Special FBI agent James White said at the opening day of the trial of Christopher John Boyce, 23, on conspiracy and espionage

charges that Boyce confessed to handing over thousands of documents to the Russians.

Boyce, a security clerk working in a secret code teletype vault at TRW Inc, and Andrew Daulton Lee, 25, were arrested last January after Lee was alleged to have been caught giving documents to Soviet agents in Mexico City.

White said Boyce described himself soon after his arrest as an 'adventurer' who was politically disenchanted with the United States.

Boyce has pleaded innocent to the charges. Both men face a possible death penalty if found guilty in Federal court.

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We join Lille's one-day strike campaign

WITH a one day general strike taking place throughout Northern France yesterday the marchers were up at 4.20 in the morning.

They campaigned in the streets and the factories all day in the working class city of Lille.

Many people already know of our arrival. Our march into the city the previous day had been seen by families who crowded onto the balconies of high-rise flats.

The marchers found great hostility among workers against the austerity plan of Prime Minister Raymond Barre — his attack on living standards is similar to Britain's social contract.

'Workers are very conscious the Barre plan is an attack on them' we were told by Vincent Debeir, secretary of the CGT union at the Comsip Enterprise building materials factory.

'The government wants wage rises held down to 6.7 per cent. They say this is the same as the

campaign

FROM CHRIS CORRIGAN

inflation rate.

'But the price index used by the government is a big trick. Inflation is much higher than the official figures.

'For instance, there has been a big increase in the price of vegetables this year but this has not shown up at all in the index,' said Vincent who added the government was driving unemployment up toward two million in France.

Yesterday's general strike was called by France's two biggest unions, the CGT and the CFDT, in opposition to sackings in various industries.

The marchers have set up a temporary headquarters in Lille at a youth centre which is the scene of much activity.

There are 5,000 unemployed youth in Lille alone.

We met Jean-Luc, aged 20 who had travelled 200 kilometres from the coastal town of Boulogne to look for a job.

'I have been out of work for one year. I think your march is the first positive fight against unemployment that I have seen,' he said.

Lille's deputy mayor, left-winger Alain Bocquet, told the marchers: 'Lille has a long history of struggle. It was here that the song of the "International", which is sung by workers all over the world, was first put to music.'

He was accompanied by two leading members of the French Communist Party, Charles Dohey and Lionel Lesschaeve, who gave a lot of help to boost our march.



Campaigning at a bus stop as the march passes through the Potteries towns

LABOUR CAND MARCH AIMS

Newport recruits tell of jobs starvation

THE South Wales Euro-March contingent has moved from Pontypridd to the biggest city so far en route, Cardiff.

The marchers endured a 13-mile stretch but arrived in Cardiff in good spirits.

Accommodation was found in Cathays Methodist church hall. It was difficult to find a place to sleep as the marchers were blocked by Labour Club officials.

The steward of the Methodist hall was very sympathetic to our march and after discussions with the marchers gave us a £5 donation.

Some marchers have blisters but are determined to go on. Two new recruits came from Newport on Tuesday night and

joined the contingent.

One of them, Edward O'Neill, who has stayed on at school to do his 'O' levels, said: 'I stayed on at school reluctantly to resit 'O' levels because there was no work available.

'It is over a year since I first started to look for an engineering apprenticeship. But I still have had no success. I am very worried about the state of unemployment in Newport and in the country as a whole. I cannot see any change in the unemployment situation unless there is a big change in the system.

'I agree with the general aims of the march and know that it is not just a protest march. The only future for the youth which I can see is a drastic change in the government system. The only way this can be brought about is through the Young Socialist movement. This is why I was determined to join the march.'



Tom Richards, branch president of the Pontypridd branch of the National Association of Old Aged Pensioners with the marchers after

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DATE BACKS

THE Young Socialist Euro-March arrived in Wolverhampton for the beginning of the West Midlands campaign. We marched from Stafford, where the campaign received support from the local Labour Party.

'This Party supports the Young Socialists' Euro-March 77 against unemployment' said Mike Poulter, prospective parliamentary candidate for Stafford and Stoke, in a statement he issued to the local Press.

Attacking the social contract and pay restraint Poulter called for a campaign for socialist policies. 'Such a campaign needs courage,' his statement concluded 'and the courage the marchers are showing through their march should be an inspiration'.

Labour Party member Mrs Margaret Jordan, who arranged our accommodation and together with other Party members provided the evening meal for the marchers, was among those waiting to greet us at the Footwear Union Hall where we were staying.

She was concerned about the employment situation for youth in Stafford and said she knew many who had left school last year and were still looking for jobs.

'There's many others who are leaving school now with no jobs to go to.'

Mrs Jordan said she was disgusted with the alliance with the Liberals in parliament.

'We don't want a coalition with anybody,' she said. 'What we want is a socialist government.'

The main employer in Stafford is GEC English Electric. Ray King, 19, who works there as a welder and is a member of the Boilermakers

FROM CHARLES PARKINS

Union, said the firm had 7,000 employees and other firms doing sub-contract work. 'It has a stranglehold on the town.'

He described the job prospects for local youth as 'very poor'.

Mike Poulter also foresaw redundancies in Stafford because of the slump in heavy electricals and cuts in public investment on which the industry is very dependent.

Poulter said he supported the aims of our march against unemployment and the Common Market. 'I think the Labour government has to a great extent let down the working people.' He doubted whether a Labour government would be returned with the present policies.

'The answer to our present problem isn't a Lib-Lab pact — it's more socialist policies' Poulter said. 'It would be a disaster if the Tories under Thatcher got in. I would like to see us seeking a fresh socialist mandate.'

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Rally with the marchers
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- 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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INFLATION FALL-OUT IN LEBANON

FROM JIM MUIR IN BEIRUT

BEIRUT — Inflation in Lebanon last year ran at an average rate of 85 per cent, according to a survey published in Beirut.

The report, carried out by a western Embassy in Beirut and published in the weekly 'Monday Morning', shows price rises in consumer goods last year varying between a low of 33 per cent for imported cheese and powdered milk at one end of the scale and 576 per cent for garlic at the other.

But prices for many consumer goods and services have doubled and trebled, while school and medical fees have registered similar increases.

Among the most serious rises for ordinary people are the doubling of bread prices and similar increases in the price of other staples such as rice, lentils and beans. Prices of fuels and cooking gas have also doubled or trebled, affecting everybody in the country in one way or another.

For workers and middle-class employees alike, the runaway wartime inflation means a real crisis, for wages have by no means kept pace with the boom in prices — and that is for those who are lucky enough still to have a job.

'How can we live? How can we eat?' are the questions now being asked by many ordinary people throughout the country. At one stage towards the end of

the conflict, an estimated 95 per cent of the workforce was idle, and unemployment is still undoubtedly at a very high level.

Many people managed to live off their life savings for the first year of the two-year war, and somehow survived by borrowing or living off credit in the second. But now, even if they have their old jobs back, they are working for pre-war wages while paying double for everything they have to buy.

The government has announced a 20-per-cent wage increase for state employees, which will go a little way towards easing the burden. It also fixed a new minimum wage level of 310 Lebanese pounds per month — about \$100 — which is hardly adequate to sustain a single person living a spartan existence, far less an entire family.

Dr Selim Al-Hoss' Cabinet has also made a number of specific moves on the consumer front to blunt inflation's impact on the poor, notably by subsidising the price of flour, fixing the price of medicines and lifting import restrictions so as to increase price competitiveness.

But these alone are insufficient to bridge the gap between roaring inflation and stagnant wages — a gap which, as 'Monday Morning' put it, 'should flash the danger signal in every government office across the nation'.

To control the profiteers who are at least partly responsible for the runaway price rises would require government measures and a philosophy which do not yet exist in 'laissez-faire' Lebanon.



Street traders in Beirut ... Post-war prices but only pre-war wages. Bread has doubled in price since before the war, cooking gas and many other goods have trebled, while some foods, for instance garlic, have risen by more than 500 per cent

Shipping monopolies rule, OK?

GENEVA — Developing countries owned only 6.8 per cent of world merchant shipping last year despite an international agreement three years ago to give them more shipping business.

Gamani Corea, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), has called for a greater share of world merchant shipping trade for developing countries.

While developing countries owned only 6.8 per cent of the world fleet last year, fleets registered under flags of convenience accounted for more than 30 per cent.

He said the world's major shipowning countries had still not ratified an international convention, approved at an UNCTAD meeting three years ago, to give developing countries more shipping business.

The convention, known as the Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences, set out guidelines under which 40 per cent of merchant shipping should be run by exporting countries, 40 per cent by importers, and 20 per cent by so-called 'third flag' countries.

Opponents of the code include Britain, the United States and the Scandinavian countries.

Corea said the UNCTAD committee on shipping would discuss the 'flags of convenience' system, under which large shipowners register vessels in small states.

'This system impedes the effective transfer of shipping operations to developing countries. We have here another manifestation of the impact of transnational corporations on trade and development,' he said.

Indonesia: Industry and banking close to collapse

THE near-collapse of the Indonesian state oil company is threatening large sections of the country's private banking and business enterprises.

It is also having a serious effect on foreign banks and financial institutions doing business in Indonesia.

The crisis involves some of Indonesia's largest industrial corporations and most prominent businessmen plus, as creditors, at least three major US banks and financial institutions based in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Two years ago, the state oil company, Pertamina, was found to be bankrupt.

Its president, General Ibnu Sutowo and at least 20 of his associates are now under house arrest as tortuous investigations into their private financial manipulations are under way.

Inquiries cover the chartering of a huge fleet of oil tankers at exorbitant rates, plus real estate ventures involving Indonesia's main car

manufacturing firm, P.T. Astra Corporation.

Financial obligations were entered into with at least 35 private corporations all of which were owned in whole or in part by General Sutowo and his associates.

Hundreds of millions of dollars in 'questionable' payments are said to have been made out to these companies by Pertamina.

They were, in turn, funnelled back to Sutowo and his pals.

The Astra Corporation, now close to collapse, was a huge conglomerate acting as sole distributor, as well as assembling cars, for Toyota, Peugeot, Renault and Alfa Romeo.

It also handles Honda motor-cycles, and equipment from Xerox, Kodak and Westinghouse, as well as being involved in real estate and construction.

Pertamina and Astra are the two giants involved but there

are also at least another 150 companies which have defaulted on debts with huge loans outstanding.

International banks and finance houses affected include Citibank, Chase Manhattan, American Express International Banking Corporation and the Overseas Union Bank of Hong Kong.

UNITED Nations — Libya has called on the Security Council and the General Assembly to coordinate action against mercenaries.

Ambassador Mansur Kikhia told the United Nations Security Council this week that mercenary activity was a crime.

He was speaking during a renewed debate on a report by a UN inquiry into an attack by about 100 mercenaries last January against the city of Cotonou in the west African nation of Benin.

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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.

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

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Constant harassment in police operation

CHAPELTOWN CLAMPDOWN

LEEDS — More than two months after inquiries began into the murder of a local prostitute, police are still carrying out a systematic operation to gather information on residents in the Chapeltown district.

The operation is the second of its kind in 18 months. The first, also begun as an inquiry into a prostitute's murder, did not solve the case, but allowed uniformed teams of police, detectives and members of the Special Branch to amass thousands of dossiers on local people.

Resentment is growing among Chapeltown residents, not only over the frequency of information gathering, but the range of seemingly irrelevant questions which are asked.

Chapeltown is one of the most multi-racial and multi-national areas in the country, according to a recent survey. It is also part of the most densely populated district in West Yorkshire and has a high unemployment rate, especially among black youth.

Confrontation

They have good reason to hate the police. The harassment of black youth led to a violent confrontation on November 5, 1975, when police tried to break up a bonfire party.

Two policemen were injured in the clashes and 12 people appeared in court.

Nine of the defendants were acquitted in a case which brought allegations of deliberate provocation by the police, rigged evidence, forced confessions and conflicting



One of the most familiar sights in Chapeltown ... the blue, unmarked Transit van which carries teams of police

stories.

Although the original incident made 'riot' headlines, the trial was virtually blacked out by the capitalist Press.

Police presence in Chapeltown since then has increased noticeably. Last bonfire night the area was swamped by dozens of uniformed police, while plainclothes men and women mingled with crowds and a camera team posing as a television unit secretly filmed faces.

The sight of police spilling out of their blue Transit van, armed with clipboards and questionnaires, is now

becoming familiar to the people of Chapeltown.

Residents are convinced that the murder investigation is being used as an excuse for the kind of surveillance activity carried out with the aid of computers in Ulster.

Questions

Apart from questions relevant to the murder hunt, people are being asked who owns the house they live in, who lived there before, where they live now. Parents' addresses are demanded, as well as details about ex-wives, husbands and children.



Police gather for their morning briefing session at the corner of Mexborough Drive and Chapeltown Road, before setting off on another day's inquiries. The residents' opposition is expressed in graffiti

Having invited themselves into people's homes, the police take the opportunity to have a good look round.

They are reported to be especially sharp about noticing the contents of bookshelves and spotting political papers and literature.

In at least one case, such a visit was followed by the arrival of the notorious Special Branch asking more questions.

Police also demand full details about people's jobs, previous employment and about their cars or their access to other people's vehicles.

Residents' concern over the

last house-to-house operation, voiced through community newspapers, brought a bland assurance from the Chief Constable's office that

information gathered would not be used for any purpose other than the murder inquiry. Nobody in Chapeltown believes a word of it!

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Lady Diana with Sir Oswald Mosley (right) greeting a South African diplomat to Britain

Lady Diana and the Fuehrer

HE WAS 'exceptionally charming, clever and original,' writes Lady Diana Mosley.

'His hands were white and well shaped. He was extremely neat and clean looking, so much so that beside him nearly everyone looked coarse.'

'He was extremely polite to women; he bowed and kissed hands as is the custom in Germany and France and he never sat down until they did.'

Her ladyship is not writing about a fellow aristocrat, but about the Fuehrer himself, Adolf Hitler.

In her autobiographical work, 'A Life of Contrasts', published today, Lady Mosley gives a scented bouquet to the Nazi dictator who sent millions of workers, trade unionists, communists and Jews to their death.

Manners

Trivialities about the Fuehrer would hardly be worth recording, she writes, 'were it not for the acres of print about Hitler in which his rudeness and bad manners are emphasised'.

The millions that went into his death camps, of course, didn't know much about his manners. They only knew of him via the Gestapo.

Not so Lady Diana and her husband Sir Oswald Mosley, former leader of the British Union of Fascists (BUF).

Throughout the 1930s Mosley and his wife maintained the closest and most cordial

relationships with Hitler. They were regular visitors to Germany.

She married Sir Oswald in 1936 in Munich in the presence of Adolf Hitler.

Mosley had first founded his BUF in 1932, when he announced his programme of the British corporate state along the lines of Italian fascist dictator Mussolini.

After the death of his first wife Lady Cynthia, daughter of Lord Curzon, in 1933, anti-Semitism became a prominent part of the programme (although he denies this).

Supported by sections of the English ruling class and in particular Lord Rothermere of the 'Daily Mail', Mosley led his fascist Blackshirts into London's East End, defended by the police.

It was a scene of unprecedented battles as the working class drove the Blackshirts out.

The revival of links between the British aristocracy and the Nazis was started last November when author David Pryce-Jones produced his biography of Unity Mitford, Lady Diana's sister.

In the months before it was due to appear, prominent members of the aristocracy threw up their arms in horror and began phoning each other.

The protest brought together such names as Lord Lambton, the Duchess of Devonshire, the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the widow of James Bond author Ian Fleming, Lady Phipps, the Honourable Mrs

Pamela Jackson, Prince Jean-Louis de Faucigny-Lucinge, Lady Harrod, Lady Gainer, Lady Pansy Lamb, Lady Patricia Russell and Mrs Howard Johnston.

The chief movers of the attempts to prevent publication of the book and discredit its authenticity were none other than Sir Oswald Mosley and Lady Diana.

Silence

What flushed this line-up of aristocrats out into the open, who normally and consciously preserve a discreet and privileged silence within the walls of their country estates and Belgravia mansions, was the defence of Unity Mitford, another Hitler devotee.

With painstaking research Pryce-Jones' book traced the story of this English aristocratic lady who joined the British fascist movement in 1933 at the age of 19 and became a life-long fan of the Fuehrer until she died in 1948.

Her adoration drove her to Munich at the age of 20 — she persuaded her parents to send her to a finishing school there — and, discovering the restaurant where Hitler ate, sat there at a table day after day until he picked her up.

They became close associates. She accompanied the dictator on mass rallies. He installed her in a flat in Munich. She wore a swastika badge given to her by Hitler.

Most of all she told him that the English and Germans were twin nordic races and that there was more support for him in British society than his advisors were saying.

Pryce-Jones' book did a real service to the working class. It revealed above all the reactionary connections between the closely-knit families of the English ruling class and the fascists of Germany.

They were never the real enemies of the fascists.

Even when the Mosleys were imprisoned during the war under regulation 18b, they enjoyed unprecedented privileges from the state.

Hampers from Harrods, Lady Diana's book reveals, were allowed into prison. Later she and her husband were allowed to live together in the preventive detention block at Holloway. They dug up the garden 'to grow Jersey pea-beans and fraises des bois'.

In a considerable understatement, she opens the 26th chapter of her 28-chapter book: 'Two famous men whom I chanced to know fairly well were Churchill and Hitler.'

Churchill was, in fact, married to her cousin and her friendship with Hitler was self-confessed.

She concludes that Churchill and Hitler 'had more in common with one another than perhaps either would have been prepared to admit'.

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THEATRE

ROYAL COURT THEATRE, Sloane Square, SW1. 01-730 1745. 8p.m. *Out of Our Heads* by John McGrath and 7.84 Scotland (7 per cent of the population owns 84 per cent of the wealth).

THEATRE UPSTAIRS, Sloane Square, SW1. 01-730 1745. *I Made It Ma — Top of the World* devised and directed by John Chapman and Tim Aywell. 7.30p.m. Seats £1.

THE BUSH THEATRE, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12. 01-743 5050. 8p.m. *Blister*. A Bush Theatre-Sheffield Crucible Studio co-production. Seats £1. Students 80p.

HALF MOON THEATRE, 27 Alie St E1 (near Aldgate East tube). 01-480 6465. *Not so Green as its Cabbage*. A rock musical about Northern Ireland by the Belt and Braces Road Show Company. Mon-Wed 8p.m. Tickets £1. Half price unemployed, students and OAPs. April 17: An evening of *Chilean Music* — a Benefit for Chilean Solidarity. Visit your theatre!

Puffing* up the Post Office

'MEET your Postal Service and win a prize' ... that's the latest Post Office suggestion to journalists who can pocket 'prizes' totalling £750 if they produce the right kind of features about the postal service.

In a special brochure which has gone out to regional newspapers throughout the country, and in trade Press advertisements, the Post Office suggests topics which may be of interest ... 'The business with a heart' perhaps, or 'The country postman'.

Other ideas from the brochure include 'Dressing the postman', 'Art in miniature — stamp design', or 'Stagecoaches of the 70s'.

There are 58 suggestions in all, along with 14 pages of GPO history and public relations handouts.

The patronising Press managers add: 'We hope we have whetted your appetite ... But remember these are only leads and do not tell the full story. That's up to you. There are plenty of good stories to be found by a good journalist.'

Indeed the appetite-whetting leads of the Post Office do not tell the full story, and journalists who have not whetted themselves at the prospect of earning a quick £250 'prize' may well be asking why the Post Office has launched what amounts to a massive and subtle public relations campaign at this time.

News stories are excluded from the competition, which is hardly surprising, as the Post Office is currently making real news by cutting services, increasing prices and threatening the jobs of thousands of workers inside the GPO, and in businesses which rely heavily on the post.

The glossy brochure, of course, mentions none of this.

In fact the people who are so anxious for the public and Press to meet its postal service are extremely reluctant to discuss such inconsequential topics as Post Office closures, for instance.

If they are pushed hard, the Press office of the Post Office in London will give figures which show that they closed 256 offices between 1975 and 1976. They say they have no figures for the number of offices closed already this year, or the number due to close when tenants' leases expire.

The closure of sub-offices, which hit pensioners particularly hard by forcing them to travel much further to collect their pittance, now seems to be taking place regularly throughout the country.

Plans to cut letter deliveries to one a day threaten the jobs of at least 7,000 members of the Union of Post Office Workers (News Line, March 31). Further increases in postage rates are called for with a warning of even more to come.

As opposition builds up to the Post Office's cuts and price increases, local councillors, consumer organisations, MPs and trade union leaders are coming under increasing pressure to lead the fight against the dismantling of Britain's postal service.

No wonder the Post Office bosses are anxious to divert attention by focussing Press interest on limp features and offering tempting 'prizes'.

This Post Office campaign is cleverly aimed at regional papers — mainly weeklies — which are staffed by the poor relations of journalism, many of them low-paid trainees.

Hard-pressed news editors, struggling to fill the gaps between the advertising with local copy, rely heavily on material presented to them 'on a plate'.

The Post Office Press managers, hoping to cash in on this, are rubbing their hands at the prospect of column after column of editorial promotion throughout the country ... and all for the modest outlay of £750.

*PUFF: Journalists' slang for a free advert

Paying more for poorer quality coal

WAKEFIELD — Hidden price increases mean that workers in the heart of Yorkshire's great coalfield are paying more and more for poorer quality fuel.

Following a round of Coal Board price increases last week William Rushton, chairman of Wakefield Fuel Distributors Association, said that new gradings of coal were 'a scandal and a con-trick'.

He said: 'There's no decent domestic coal any more. It's all blended with rubbish — coal that produces a lot of ash.'

'This means people are having to pay more for poorer quality coal. I'm getting it in the neck from my customers, but I've no choice but to take what's available in the depots.'

Rushton explained that some of his prices had been forced up by as much as

21p per hundredweight. Sunbrite smokeless fuel, for instance, has increased from £2.09 to £2.29. Homefire was up from £2.71 to £2.92.

The increases have wiped out the Coal Board's 15p per hundredweight summer price concessions. Families who hoped to stock up for the winter, taking advantage of the concessions, will now have to pay winter prices.

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TV LineUp

BBC 1

6.40-7.55 Open University. 9.50 Barbapapa. 9.55 The Mole. 10.00 Why Don't You ... ? 10.25 Train to Station Heaven. 10.45-11.00 Creation of the Birds. 12.35 On the Move. 12.45 Midday News. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45-2.00 Ragtime. 3.25 The 60 70 80 Show. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 White Horses. 4.40 Blue Peter. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Scooby Doo. 5.40 Evening News.

5.55 NATIONWIDE

6.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD including *Futures* — Joe Hensen on farming in the future

7.10 TOP OF THE POPS

7.40 THE ROCKFORD FILES: Sleight of Hand Jim has just seen a ladyfriend home, but is astounded when she disappears without trace almost as soon as they enter the house

8.30 TASTE FOR ADVENTURE Lion Tamer Mohammed El Helw. El Helw's father was mauled to death by a lion a few years ago, but undeterred he has taken over his father's place as leader of the act at the Egyptian State Circus This is a look at his hair-raising life

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weather

9.25 SHE'S OUR QUEEN TOO YOU KNOW. A Royal Tour Report — need we comment!!

10.15 OMNIBUS The arts in action: *Seeds of a New Life*

11.05 TONIGHT including News Headlines

11.45-11.47 Weatherman; Regional News

THAMES

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Animated Classics. 11.45 Popeye. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Today's Post. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing From Newmarket. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Children's Film Matinee: Tarzan The Magnificent. 5.45 News.

6.00 TODAY

6.35 CARTOON TIME

6.45 CROSSROADS Avis is rescued from an embarrassing situation

7.10 THE TV TIMES TOP TEN AWARDS introduced by Richard O'Sullivan

7.40 THURSDAY FILM PREMIERE: Robert Hooks, Jeremy Slate, Jose Ferrer, Carol Lynley in *Crosscurrent* Inspector Louis Van Alsdale investigates the murder of a man found on a San Francisco cable car

9.30 THIS WEEK

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 GIBBSVILLE John Savage, Gig Young in *Saturday Night* Saturday night is a night for celebrating — for one it is a night of crime

11.30 STAR RIDER featuring *Be Bop Deluxe*, an up and coming rock group

12.15 CLOSE A Cockney Broadside. Brian Cobby narrates poems and sketches of London by Johnny Quarrell, followed by closedown

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 Open University. 11.00-11.25 Play School. 4.55-7.00 Open University.

7.00 NEWS ON 2 HEADLINES; Weather on 2
7.05 HAVING A BABY: fourth in a series of programmes about pregnancy

7.30 NEWSDAY including UK report

8.05 SHEPHERD The chronicle of a complete year's work of sheep farmers on the slopes of Plynlimon

9.00 WHO WAS JESUS? A two-hour investigation of Jesus. Was he man or myth? The programme looks at archaeological and other evidence which may throw light on the question. Don Cupitt, who presents the programme takes us to Israel to look at the places around which the stories grew. Finally he looks at the development of Christianity through the centuries and shows how much ideas about Jesus have changed through time especially under the more scientific scrutiny of recent years

11.00 COUNTRY TALES Gallops Man the fourth in a series of short stories

11.30 LATE NEWS ON TWO; Weather

11.40-11.45 Closedown. Derek Jacobi reads *Three Words* by Henry Reed

GRANADA

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 This is Your Right. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing: Newmarket (2.30, 3.05 and 3.35). 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. 5.10 This is Your Right. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45.

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS with Bob Greaves and Trevor Hyett

6.40 THE BIONIC WOMAN Deadly Ringer — Part 1: A nightmare begins for Jaime when she regains consciousness in a prison cell

7.35 THE TV TIMES TOP TEN AWARDS These are the top ten performers that you, yes you, have voted the favourites

8.05 MYSTERY MOVIE: Columbo is on holiday ... but is inevitably involved in finding the killer of a bullfighter — presumably not the bull

9.30 THIS WEEK

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 BOB WILLIAMSON AT THE WHEELTAPPERS Chairman Colin Crompton and compere Bernard Manning present one of the funniest new discoveries in the North

11.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

11.15 RUSH Welcome Back Sgt McKellar. The Sgt is hired to protect property from miners

12.15 WILD REFUGE Come Fly with the Hawk. The great hawk migration down the Atlantic flyway

12.45 Closedown

REGIONS

CHANNEL

1.18 Lunchtime News, What's On Where and Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing From Newmarket. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Elephant Boy. 4.45 Thunderbirds. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Channel News And Weather. 6.10 Lassie. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 TV Times Top Ten Awards. 7.30 Curtain Raiser. 7.40 Feature Film. 'Up From The Beach'. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten, followed by Channel islands weather summary. 10.32 Inner Space. 11.00 Judo No 1. 11.10 Baretta. 12.05 Weather, Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.32 Out of School. 1.00 Wildlife Theatre. 11.20 A Magnificent Man and His Flying Machines. 11.45 Oscar Carrots. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.25 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing From Newmarket. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Elephant Boy. 4.45 Thunderbirds. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 TV Times Top Ten Awards. 7.30 Curtain Raiser. 7.40 Film 'Up From The Beach'. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Westward Report. 11.00 West Country Job Finder. 11.10 Baretta. 12.05 Faith For Life. 12.10 Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Cartoons by Halas and Batchelor. 11.20 A Magnificent Man in His Flying Machine. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Southern News, Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 House Party. 2.25 Racing From Newmarket. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Betty Boop. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Day By Day. 6.40 University Challenge. 7.10 TV Times Awards. 7.40 Mystery Movie: 'Quincy'. 9.00 Ask a Silly Answer. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News. 10.30 Music in Camera. 11.00 Gibbsville. 12.00 Southern News Extra. 12.10 Weather Forecast, followed by Closedown.

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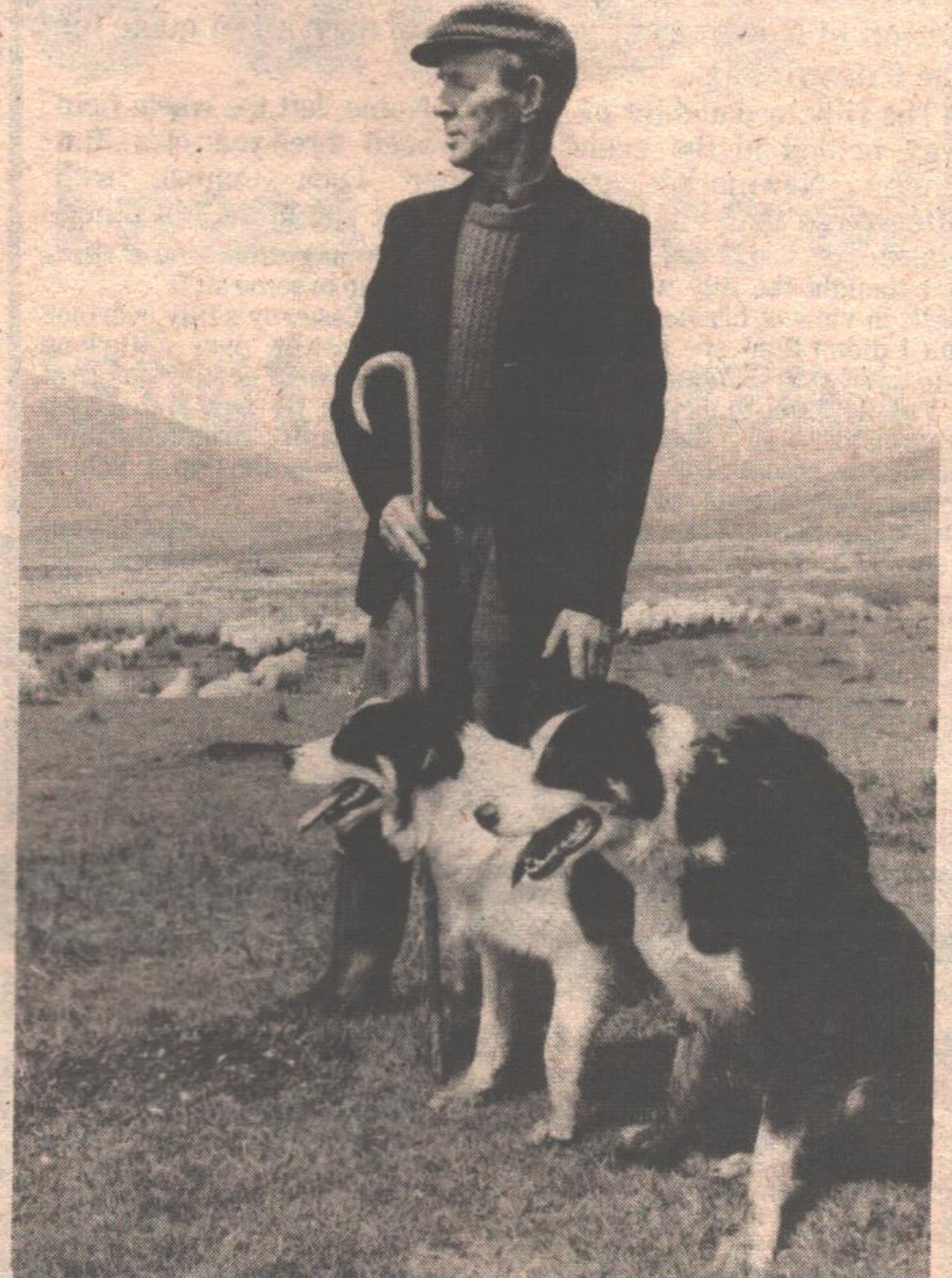
9.30 Out of Schools. 11.00 The Woody Woodpecker Show. 11.20 A Magnificent Man and His Flying Machine. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Report West Headlines. 1.25 Report Wales Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Racing From Newmarket. 3.20 The Protectors. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Babar. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 When Things Were Rotten. 7.05 Mr and Mrs. 7.35 TV Times Awards. 8.05 The Thursday Mystery Movie. 'McCloud'. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 11.35 Music in Camera. 11.05 Dan August. 12.05 Weather and Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.20-4.35 Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.45 Seren Wib. 4.45-5.15 Dominic. 6.00-6.18 Y Dydd. 6.35-7.05 Sports Arena. 10.00-10.35 News At Ten followed by Report Wales.

HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 Report West Headlines. 6.18-6.35 Sport West.

ANGLIA

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Cartoons. 11.20 A Magnificent Man and His Flying



The chronicle of a complete year's work on the slopes of Plynlimon where John Owen (pictured) and Erwyd Howells look after a flock of 5,000 Welsh sheep. BBC 1, Thursday at 8.05

Machine. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.25 Anglia News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Racing From Newmarket. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Lost Islands. 4.45 Run, Joe Run. 5.15 Out of Town. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 TV Times Awards. 7.30 Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Bob Williamson at the Wheeltappers. 11.00 Rush. 12.00 Phyllis. 12.30 The Living World

ATV MIDLANDS

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Flights of Fancy. 11.25 Inner Space. 11.50 The Woosies. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing From Newmarket. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 ATV Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 TV Times Awards. 7.30 Thursday Western: Guns For San Sebastian. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Baretta. 11.30 Gardening Today. 12.05 Closedown.

ULSTER

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Merrie Melodies. 11.20 A Magnificent Man and His Flying Machine. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing From Newmarket. 3.48 Ulster News Headlines. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Beachcombers. 4.45 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Ulster News. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Reports. 7.00 TV Times Awards. 7.30 Thursday Movie: Guns For San Sebastian. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 11.30 Murrays London. 11.00 What's It All About? 11.30 The Entertainers. 12.00 Bedtime. 12.10 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

8.30 Good Morning Television. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Thunderbirds. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News. 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Lost Islands. 4.45 The Flintstones. 5.15 Indoor League. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 TV Times Awards. 8.00 McMillan Coffee Tea or Cyanide. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Gibbsville. 11.25 Drive-In. 11.55 Elaine, The Singer of The Song. 12.35 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

8.30 Good Morning North. 8.45 Cartoon

BORDER

9.30 Schools. 11.00 Fantastic Voyage. 11.20 A Magnificent Man and His Flying Machines. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Lassie. 4.45 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Border News, Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 TV Times Top Awards. 8.00 Film: Pearl of the South Pacific. 9.00 Galton and Simpson Playhouse. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Tandarra. 11.30 Gardening Today. 11.55 Border News, Weather. 11.58 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Princess Marianne of the Netherlands. 11.20 A Magnificent Man and His Flying Machines. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.25 Road And Weather Report. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Racing From Newmarket. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 The Lost Islands. 4.45 The Beachcomber. 5.15 Take Kerr. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Garnock Way. 7.00 The TV Times Awards. 7.30 Film: 'Guns For San Sebastian'. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Nurse of the Year. 11.15 Par 3 Golf. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Special Branch. 12.30 Close Down.

GRAMPIAN

9.25 First Thing. 9.30 Out of School. 10.51 Beachcombers. 11.20 A Magnificent Man and His Flying Machine. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Granny's Kitchen. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 All About Babies. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Grampian News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.20 Fantastic Voyage. 4.45 Space 1999. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Grampian Today. Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The TV Times Awards. 7.30 Cartoon Time. 7.35 Film: 'MacMillan'. 9.00 Larry Grayson. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Nurse of the Year. 11.15 Reflections. 11.20 What the Papers Say. 11.25 Close Down.

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BBC RADIO 1

6.00 As Radio 2. 7.02 Simon Bates. 9.00 Tony Blackburn. 11.00 Noel Edmonds. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.02 Dave Hamilton (S). 4.30 It's D.L.T. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Wits End (S). 10.02 John Peel (S). 12.00-12.05 As Radio 2.

BBC RADIO 2

6.00 News Summary. Weather. 6.02 Colin Berry (S). including 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.02 Terry Wogan (S) including 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02 Pete Murray's Open House (S) including 10.30 Waggoners' Walk. 11.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.50 Sports Desk. 1.55 Good Listening. 2.02 David Hamilton (S)

including (1500m and 202m Scotland only): 2.45 and 3.45 Sports Desk. 3.05 Racing. 4.30 Waggoners' Walk. 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.47 John Dunn (S) including 5.45 Sports Desk. 6.45 Next Move. 6.50 Sports Desk. 7.02 Wits End. 7.30 Ted Heath Band (S). 8.30 David Allan's Country Club (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Folkweave. 11.02 Ruth Cubbin with the Late Show. 12.00-12.05 Midnight Newsroom. weather, motoring.

BBC RADIO 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Overture (S). Berlioz. Granados. Dvorak. 8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (S). Graun. Mozart. Fasch. Dittersdorf. 9.00 News. 9.05

RADIO

Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz. 188m 1594kHz. 464m 647kHz
Radio Scotland VHF 92-95MHz. 371m 809kHz

WALES
Radio 4 VHF 92-95MHz. 341m 881kHz

NORTHERN IRELAND
Radio 4 VHF 92-95MHz. 417m 719kHz
Radio Ulster 224m 1340kHz

(S) Stereophonic

This Week's Composer: Machaut (S). 9.35 Cello and Piano (S). Bach. Shostakovich. 10.30 In Short. 10.40 Cello and Piano (S). Brahms. 11.20 English Church Music (S). Wesley. Vaughan Williams. Howells. Parry. 12.20 Midday Concert (S). Holst. Lambert. Britten. 1.00 News. 1.05 Concert: Elgar. 2.10 Contemporary British Piano Music (S). Bliss. Jones. Aprior. 2.55 New Records: Sibelius. Bloch. 3.45 Catherine Gayer (S) song recital. 4.30 In Short. 4.40 Recital part 2: (S) Ravel. 5.45 Homeward Bound. 6.05 News. 6.10 Homeward Bound. 6.30 Lifelines: The Wider World. 7.30 Scottish National Orchestra (S). Matthews. Berlioz. 8.35 Hell and the Enlightenment. 8.55 Concert.

BBC RADIO 4

6.20 News. 6.22 Farming Today. 6.40 Prayer for the Day. 6.45 Today, including News (7.00 and 8.00) and Thought for the Day (7.45). 8.45 Thora Hird reads. 9.00 News. 9.05 These You Have Loved (S). 10.00 News. 10.05 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. 11.00 News. 11.05 You. The Jury. 11.50 Audrey Russell. Remembers. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 My Music (S). 12.55 Weather and programme news. 1.07

The World at One. News. 1.30 The Archers. 1.45 Woman's Hour (2.00 News). 2.45 Listen with Mother. 3.00 News. 3.05 Afternoon Theatre (S). 3.50 Jack de Manio Precisely (News 4.00). 4.35 Story Time. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.50 Financial Report. 5.55 Weather, programme news. 6.00 News. 6.15 Brain of Britain 1977. 6.45 The Archers. 7.00 News. 7.05 The World in Focus. 7.30 Any Answers? 8.00 Conduct Unbecoming. 8.45 The Straitjacket. 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 For Valour — Korea and After. 11.30 News. Weather. 11.51-11.54 Inshore Forecast.

WINNING POST All today's horses and jockeys PLUS selections

Thirteen lucky for Vaguely Deb

VAGUELY DEB slaughtered her 14 rivals in the Wood Ditton at Newmarket yesterday to earn a 14-1 quote for the Epsom Oaks.

The filly, a daughter of Vaguely Noble, left the whole field way behind in the event for unraced three-year-olds. But Italian Newmarket-based trainer Luca Cumani said afterwards that Vaguely Deb may not run in the big fillies' classic.

'I thought the filly would run well, in view of her home work. But I didn't think she would win like that,' said Cumani.

Vaguely Deb's jockey Bruce Raymond was also excited about the potential of the filly, particularly because of her long stride — she measures more than 17 hands.

But that is the reason Cumani thinks Vaguely Deb may not be entered for Epsom, a course where long-legged horses rarely do well. He says that the filly is more likely to be aimed at the Irish Oaks instead.

Mrs McArdy earned herself a place in the 1,000 Guineas field

by winning the Tote Free Handicap in some style.

Mick Easterby's filly overtook Brightelmstone over a furlong out and went clear to beat Baudelaire by two and a half lengths with Brightelmstone, unable to stay the trip, finishing third.

Mrs McArdy's connections confirmed afterwards that the filly would run in the 1,000 Guineas and Ladbrokes gave an immediate quote of 25-1.

Nine times champion jockey Lester Piggott, 41, reached a new milestone in his career when partnering Press Corps in the opener. It was Piggott's 15,000th ride.

MOFIDA IN NELL GWYNN STYLE

MOFIDA (3.05), who won five of her 15 races last season and was unplaced only twice, can carry on the good work this afternoon when she tackles the Nell Gwyn Stakes at NEWMARKET.

Barry Hill's game filly made her seasonal debut in Ascot's 1,000 Guineas trial and showed she had not lost her form by finishing second to the useful French-trained Sanediki.

Mofida thrived on a lot of racing last season, and her consistency speaks for itself. So, although today's opposition includes Magenta and Scented Air, who were both winners of their only races, Mofida can score her sixth win in this valuable event.

More than half the field for the Babraham Handicap have already had one outing this season, and several of them have had two. Among these are previous course and distance winner Mr Fordette, Stormy Princess and Prince Henham, and the three of them seem likely to fight out the finish.

Prince Henham (2.30) carries the lightest weight, and that should give him the edge.

Although he was a beaten favourite at Ayr nine days ago, he finished in front of everything but The White Tower, with Air Trooper a well-beaten fourth, in soft going at Doncaster on Lincoln Day.

Air Trooper has since paid a compliment to that form, so Prince Henham could well have an early chance to recoup those Ayr losses today.

Peter Walwyn and Pat Eddery have made a slow start to the season. But they cannot really be opposed in the Wisbech Handicap, in which the stable's representative is the smart Angelos (4.05).

There is a disappointingly small turn-out for the principal prize at LANARK, the Houston Handicap, which looks like a match between Gold Pearl and

SELECTIONS

NEWMARKET

2.00 Lime Grove; 2.30 Prince Henham; 3.05 Mofida (Nap); 3.35 Donzel; 4.05 Angelos; 4.35 Call of the Deep.

LANARK

2.15 Fettercairn; 2.45 Velvet Circle; 3.15 Gold Pearl (n.b.); 3.45 Money In; 4.15 Vilgora; 4.45 Our Foxbar; 5.15 Rostov.

CHELTENHAM

2.00 Bargello's Wonder; 2.30 Long Lane; 3.05 Bachelor's Hall; 3.40 De Bergerac; 4.15 Montage; 4.45 Coolafancy.

LANARK

DRAW ADVANTAGE: 5f low, 7f and over high

2.15 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE RACE £700

5f (7 runners)					
1 (5)	10020-	RELATIVE EASE (C-D)	T Fairhurst 697	J Ward	
5 (7)	00400-0	MASTER CUTTER (D)	J W Watts 4811	K Williams	
6 (2)	11000-0	DANCING PARTNER	P Poston 688	A Boyfield (5)	
9 (4)	00=00-4	FORLORN CLOUD	J Barclay 4713	C Christie	
10 (6)	000424-	JUST TEMPEST	L Docker 4713	M Wigham	
11 (1)	021140-	LINGUISTIC (D)	M Prescott 3710	C Nutter	
12 (3)	30-4	FETTERCAIRN (BF)	N Angus 378	G McBride	

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Linguistic, 7-2 Master Cutter, 9-2 Fettercairn, 6-1 Relative Ease, 8-1 Dancing Partner, 12-1 Just Tempest, 14-1 Forlorn Cloud.

2.45 TILLIETUDLEM SELLING HANDICAP £400

(3-Y-O) 1m 2f (5 runners)					
1 (3)	003220-	VELVET CIRCLE	M Camacho 90	E Hide	
2 (1)	020000-	BARGATE LADY	M Naughton 810	Muriel Naughton	
3 (4)	0000-	MISTINA	P Rohan 87	J Seagrave	
4 (2)	0040-	LA FURZE	A Stevens 85	S Perks	
6 (5)	00400-0	BABBACOMBE	P Poston 711	A Thornley	

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Velvet Circle, 5-2 Bargate Lady, 4-1 Mistina, 6-1 La Furze, 10-1 Babbacombe.

3.15 HOUSTON HANDICAP £1,000

(3-Y-O) 1m (5 runners)					
1 (1)	1004-04	GOLD PEARL (C)	A Stevens 90	S Perks	
2 (4)	101044-	YOOHOO	J Fitzgerald 810	G Oldroyd	
3 (5)	0000-04	COLDITZ CAPTIVE	W Marshall 89	R Marshall	
4 (3)	02140-0	HOLDFORTH BOY	Denys Smith 82	L Charnock (5)	
5 (2)	004002-	KIDOLGY	D Weeden 81	J Lowe	

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Colditz Captive, 11-4 Kidology, 7-2 YooHoo, 9-2 Gold Pearl, 7-1 Holdforth Boy.

3.45 ROBERTON STAKES £500

(3-Y-O) 1m 2f (9 runners)					
1 (8)	00430-0	BOUCHER GARCON	S Norton 90	M Wood (7)	
2 (1)	0-44	IRISH POET	B Lunness 90	M Simmonite (7)	
3 (9)	0032-3	MONEY IN	W Marshall 90	R Marshall	
4 (5)	0-	RIBO JOCK	C Bell 90	J Lowe	
5 (2)	0-	TUDOR KING	J W Watts 90	E Hide	
6 (6)	003-2	WHINNEY BRAE (BF)	J W Watts 90	E Hide	
8 (4)	03-0	GROUNDEL	E Wymes 811	J Seagrave	
10 (7)	003-	NENITA	P Rohan 811	J Seagrave	

CHELTENHAM (NH)

2.00 PAINSWICK NOVICES' HURDLE DIV I £700

3m (12 runners)					
1	021010	TOP TUNE	A Dickinson 5120	M Dickinson	
7	03301B	DOUBLY ROYAL (D)	D Nicholson 5119	R Dickinson	
7	31340R	WALBERSWICK (D)	Mrs Pittman 8119	B Smart (3)	
8	010443	ZABAGLIONE	F Walwyn 5119	W Smith	
9	344-P00	ACT THE CREEP	E Jones 6114	I Watkinson	
10	00	BARGELLO'S WONDER (BF)	R Head 5114	B R Davies	
11	0-0020	BEN MIST	W Mann 6114	Mr M Mann (7)	
12	0-	BRAVE LEN	M Killoran 5114	John Williams	
15	02-0424	INDIUM	H Handel 8114	J King	
16	0-30P	NEWLANDS	E Savage 7114	C Read	
19	P	SPECIAL SELECTION	M Delahooke 5114	C Rutledge (7)	
20	400300	TALKING DOLL	A Jarvis 5114	B Brogan	

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Zabaglione, 3-1 Bargello's Wonder, 9-2 Doubly Royal, 11-2 Top Tune, 8-1 Ben Mist, 12-1 Indium, 20-1 others.

2.30 CHARLES TURNER CHALLENGE CUP HUNTER

CHASE £500 3m 2f (9 runners)					
1	340P-00	ANOTHER CAP	A Waters 8127	Mr P Waters (5)	
2	10-10F0	DUSKY MAY (D)	A Waters 9127	Mr A Waters (5)	
3	113	LONG LANE (C) (BF)	R Shepherd 9127	Mr R Shepherd (3)	
4	2112-04	STANHOPE STREET (D)	R Blakeney 11127	Mrs G Fortescue-Thomas (7)	
5	P1F03-3	STRAIGHT VULGAN	P Ransom 11127	Mr F Ransom (7)	
7	03-331U	TRUE LUCK (C)	R Knipe 10127	Mr P Brookshaw (7)	
9	30-F3PP	KATIE FARE (C)	H Vaughan 12124	Mr N Bush (5)	
11	PP-P	PORTWAY PICADEE	R Davis 9120	Mr S Bowen (7)	
13	P=30-0F0	THE TROUT	J Evetts 9120	Mr G Hyatt (5)	

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Long Lane, 4-1 Straight Vulgan, 9-2 True Luck, 6-1 Dusky May, 8-1 Stanhope Street, 12-1 Another Cap, 20-1 others.

3.05 HOLMAN CUP HANDICAP CHASE £1,500

3m 1f (7 runners)					
2	P40224	THE PILGARLIC	F Rimell 9119	R R Evans	
7	F03101	BACHELOR'S HALL	P Cundell 7118 (8 ex)	M O'Halloran (5)	
4	3100F0	ACCORD	R Turnell 10111	A Turnell	
5	022014	BIT OF MANNY	Miss Morris 8111 (8 ex)	E Wright	
6	01-2224	MR STRAIGHT	W Fisher 9105	G Thorner	
10	02404U	COCHINEAL	J Taplin 9100	Mr G Edwards (7)	
11	00PFP0	BECK'N CALL	M Scudamore 7100	John Williams	

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Bachelor's Hall, 11-4 The Pilgarlic, 4-1 Bit of Manny, 6-1 Mr Straight, 10-1 Accord, 20-1 others.

12 (3) 0- TOPS LOVE B Hanbury 811+ C Nutter (7)

BLINKERS: 4, 8
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Whinney Brae, 7-2 Irish Poet, 9-2 Money In, 5-1 Nenita, 8-1 Tops Love, 10-1 Groundsel, 14-1 others.

4.15 STRATHEVEN HANDICAP £700

5f (5 runners)					
1 (5)	310040-	VILGORA (C-D)	A Stevens 5100	S Perks	
2 (3)	00111-0	SONG'S FIRST (D)	S Nesbitt 5813	A Crook (7)	
4 (1)	002000-	PRINCESS SILICA	482	A Fairhurst (7)	
5 (2)	043000-	MIDNIGHT FLAME	E Wymes 579	C Eccleston	
6 (4)	30210-0	TWO RONNIES (D)	J Etherington 577	J Lowe	

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Songs First, 5-2 Two Ronnies, 7-2 Vilgora, 6-1 Princess Silica, 8-1 Midnight Flame.

4.45 DOLPHINTON STAKES £500

(2-Y-O) 5f (14 runners)					
1 (2)	0	BOW BUTTS	S Wainwright 90	J Seagrave	
2 (6)	0	MAN-AT-ARMS	N Angus 90	P Tulk	
4 (3)	0	OAK VISTA	A Stevens 90	S Perks	
5 (13)	0	REPARATION	E Wymes 90	A Tippling	
6 (5)	0	SUPREME APPEAL	E Collingwood 90	M Birch	
7 (11)	0	BOXFOOT	P Poston 811	A Boyfield (7)	
8 (7)	0	CURRENT BELLE	W Marshall 811	R Marshall	
9 (1)	0	EARTH MOVER	M W Easterby 811	E Hide	
12 (4)	4	MY ERMIN	C Bell 811	G Oldroyd	
13 (10)	2	OUR FOXBAR	N Angus 811	Richard Hutchinson	
14 (8)	0	QUICK AWAY	G Richards 811	O Gray	
15 (9)	0	RAZOR BLADE	G Toft 811	C Dwyer	
16 (12)	0	SCATTERCASH	R Stubbs 811	D Shaw (7)	
17 (14)	0	WHISTLING JENNY	M W Easterby 811	J Seagrave	

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Our Foxbar, 4-1 Earth Mover, 6-1 Current Belle, 8-1 Oak Vista, Man-At-Arms and Bow Butts, 10-1 My Ermin and Quick Away, 14-1 others.

5.15 DOUGLAS WATER STAKES £500

1m 4f (10 runners)					
1 (1)	44-	BELSTON (FR)	J Barclay 590	C Eccleston	
2 (9)	0=00324-	CHESSWOOD	W A Stephenson 490	G Oldroyd	
3 (4)	00-	JUSTAFANCY	G Richards 490	R Marshall	
4 (10)	3040-03	LIFE'S AMBITION	W Marshall 490	J Higgins	
6 (6)	0P-	SNOW HOPE	G Robinson 490	E Hide	
10 (2)	030-	BY-WAY	M W Easterby 4811	S Charlton (5)	
11 (5)	000=	FALLODEN FOLLY	J Dadds 5811	J Seagrave	
13 (7)	0	NEARLY BROKE	A Barclay 4811	M Wood (7)	
15 (3)	0-4	HELLO DAR	S Norton 379	J Lowe	
16 (8)	2222-4	ROSTOV (BF)	J W Watts 379	J Lowe	

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Rostov, 7-2 Life's Ambition, 6-1 By-Way, 10-1 Hello Dar, 12-1 Justafancy, 14-1 Chesswood, 16-1 others.

3.40 BIRDIP NOVICES' CHASE £900

2m (11 runners)					
1	0PPPO=0	CLIFF TOP	J Thorne 8114	P Blacker	
2	23=0	DEAR ARTHUR	S Wright 8114	R R Evans	
3	002-124	DE BERGERAC	J Gifford 8114	R Champion	
5	0242F0	FOURTH SON	F Winter 6114	P O'Brien (5)	
16	3F0-P0P	OPHUCHEUS	C Bewicke 8114	V Soane	
18	F00FP3	ORILLO	G Balding 8114	R Linley	
18	2-F00FP	SIMONE MARTINI	F Mann 8114	Mr R Mann (7)	
21	0	STAR DYKER	F Walwyn 7114	M Floyd (3)	
24	04000	ALLIED CARPETS	F Rimell 51011	J Burke	
25	0000F0	FAVOURITE FELLA	F A Smith 51011	R Dickinson	
27	00P000	THE SUCKLEY SQUIRE	M Tate 51011	R Dickinson	

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Fourth Son, 7-2 Orillo, 9-2 De Bergerac, 13-2 Star Duker, 8-1 Proud Knight, 12-1 Ophuchus, and The Suckley Squire, 20-1 others.

4.15 CLEEVE HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000

2m (9 runners)					
2	1P-0000	TSURU	J Cobden 61112	J Redmond	
3	11-0240	THE FLAK BOMBER	M Tate 6119	R Forsyth	
8	40=020-0	INVENTORY	M Salaman 9110	M Salaman	
9	400120	MONTAGE	S Cole 6110	K Mooney	
11	00P0=0-0	SPY NET (FR)	D Dale 101010	R Houghton	
14	F0=00	NOBLERO (FR)	A Richards 6107	T Austin	
17	100-000	CASTELL MEMORIES	Mrs Waring 9103	A Waring	
19	000040	PROUD KNIGHT (USA)	E Warren 8100	L Green	
20	210-D10	CALIBRE	P M Taylor 5100	G Gracey	

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Montage, 3-1 The Flak Bomber, 9-2 Calibre, 11-2 Inventory, 10-1 Proud Knight, 12-1 Tsuru, 16-1 others.

4.45 PAINSWICK NOVICES' HURDLE DIV II £700

3m (10 runners)					
4	0001	COOLAFANCY	T Forster 6119	G Thorner	
10	23000P	CHARHEAD	T Marshall 5114	G Brown (5)	
11	004204	CRITICISM	R Armytage 6114	H J Evans	
12	0-22400	DANCING-IN-IRISH	J Old 5114	C Candy	
13	0	DOONE RIVER	J Priddy 6114	G Jones	
15	0F-0P04	FATHERLAND	E Jones 5114	I Watkinson	
18	0	HIJACKED	D Howard 8114	Mr D Howard (7)	
19	403300-	HONEYMOOR	F Dever 6114	S Holland	
21	0P0200	LARACOR	F Rimell 6114	J Burke	
23	04=0	SCOTLAND ROAD	M Salaman 5114	J Burke	

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Coolafancy, 100-30 Criticism, 5-1 Dancing-in-Irish, 8-1 Laracor, 14-1 Fatherland, 20-1 others.

Colditz Captive.

Both have had a couple of outings this season and have similar records, but Gold Pearl (3.15), who wears blinkers for the first time, can make it third time lucky.

In the National Hunt meeting at CHELTENHAM, the Pilgarlic, who ran so well to finish fourth in the Grand National, will be seen out again in the Holman Cup Handicap Chase.

The National, however, often leaves its mark, especially on specialists like Red Rum, and Bachelor's Hall (3.05) may prove better over 3½ miles.

NEWMARKET ITV 2.30, 3.05, 3.35

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None

2.00 GRANBY STAKES £1,500

(2-Y-O) 5f (8 runners)					
2 (4)	12	LIME GROVE (D) (BF)	C Hill 94	G Starkey	
3 (5)	0	BROADHOLME	C Brittain 811	R Fox	
5 (1)	0	CUNARD	B Hobbs 811	G Lewis	
6 (8)	0	GOLDEN LIBRA	R Hannon 811	F Durr	
7 (2)	0	MANOR FARM BOY	W O Gorman 811	P Eddery	
8 (7)	0	RELKESTER	A Dalton 811	G Duffield	
10 (3)	0	FLASHY LOOKER	E Reavey 91	E Johnson	
11 (6)	0	PEGS PROMISE	N Callaghan 88	J Lynch	

Heaven knows what happened to Vitiges

PETER Walwyn is mystified by the failure of his top class four-year-old Vitiges at Newmarket yesterday.

The first major shock of the flat season came when last season's Champion Stakes winner could manage only fourth place in the Earl of Sefton Stakes.

Vitiges, racing for the first time since his Champion triumph, started at 9-4 on, but crossed the line four lengths behind 33-1 chance Heaven Knows.

Walwyn, who had been

training the colt only a few weeks when he won the Champion with him, said: 'It's back to the drawing board. He has been working well with Oats. Yet when Pat Eddery went to go, the colt didn't find anything.'

There was a very different mood in the Heaven Knows camp. Winning trainer Ron Smyth said: 'This didn't surprise me. Heaven Knows is no mug.'

'She's always been a good one, was fifth in the 1,000 Guineas last season. Now she will run in all the good races including the Eclipse.'

BANNED MILLS IN SQUAD FOR NEW ZEALAND

JIM Mills, the Widnes prop, has been included in the 20-man World Rugby League squad named by the Great Britain selectors yesterday for the Australasian tour this summer.

Mills is a controversial choice because he is banned in New Zealand, where two of the world championship matches are scheduled to be played.

Injured

Mills was banned by New Zealand for life after an incident in which New Zealand star John Greengraff was badly injured while playing against Wales in Swansea in the 1975 international series.

'They can stop him playing against Auckland in one of the extra team fixtures, but not against France and New Zealand, which are international board matches,' a spokesman said.

Although several players, notably Mike Coulman and Bill Ashurst, are not available for the tour, the side, which will be coached by David Watkins of Salford, and managed by Blackpool's Reg Parker, is a strong one.

Hull Kingston Rovers' international Roger Millward is chosen as scrum-half and captain although his club form has waned recently.

The matches in the world championship are: GB v France in Auckland, GB v New Zealand in Christchurch and GB v Australia in Brisbane. If Britain reach the final they will play at Sydney on June 25.

The squad is: George Fairbairn (Wigan), Stuart Wright (Widnes), Les Dyl (Leeds), Eddie Cunningham (St. Helens), Keith Fielding (Salford), Bill Francis (Wigan), John Holmes (Leeds), Ken Gill (Salford), Roger Millward (Hull KR) (Captain), Steve Nash (Salford), David Ward (Leeds), Eddie Bowman (Workington), Jim Mills (Widnes), George Nicholls (St. Helens), Tommy Martyn (Warrington), Keith Elwell (Widnes), Phil Lowe (Hull KR), Len Casey (Hull KR), Alan Hodgkinson (Rochdale), Sammy Lloyd (Castleford).

Minter's plans bite the dust

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

ALAN Minter has been forced to postpone his first defence of the European middleweight championship following his beating at the hands of American Ronnie Harris.

And his chances of a shot at Carlos Monzon for the world title, which was planned for September if Minter was unbeaten in the meantime, seem in ruins.

Minter needed 16 stitches in the badly cut mouth which led the referee to stop the fight in the eighth round.

The European champion also had cuts over both eyes and a badly bruised cheekbone. It was a testimony to the accuracy rather than the power of Harris's hitting.

And it has to be said that if the American was a big puncher, Minter would have been in much deeper and earlier trouble.

Minter's manager Doug Bidwell confirmed yesterday the title defence against Rudi Coopmans, scheduled for May 9, would have to be put back.

He added: 'In retrospect, some people will say we should not have taken the Harris fight, but I don't agree. After three rounds we were perfectly satisfied with the way it was going.'

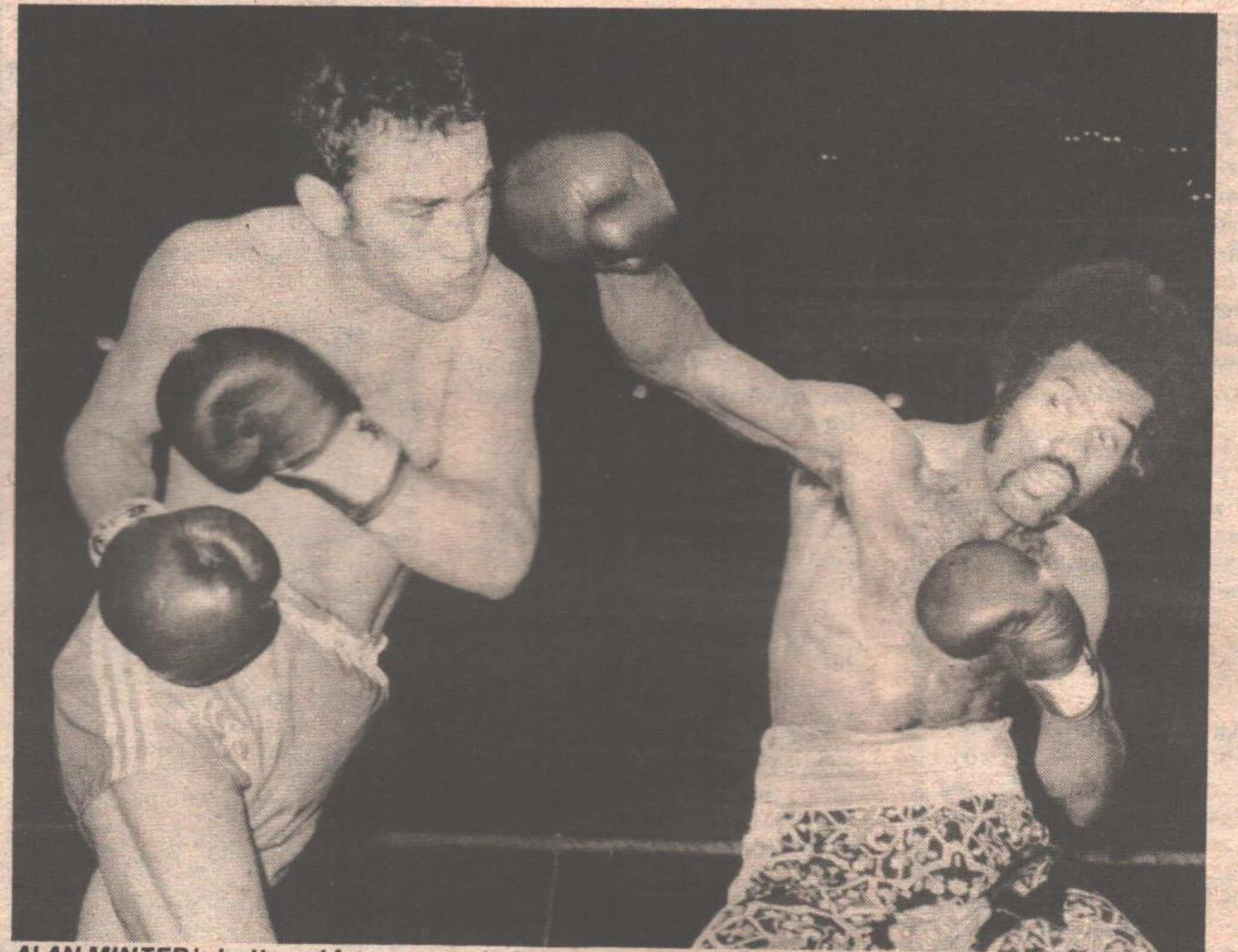
'Alan had taken charge and it was just a matter of time. Then came the cut lip, and while that did not deter Alan, it lifted the other man.'

But Bidwell admitted: 'This has put Alan on the side-lines for a few weeks and we are all very sick.'

Whatever Bidwell says — and his insistence that it is 'easy to be wise after the event' is reasonable enough — the fact remains that Minter bit off more than he could chew by fighting Harris at this stage.

The state of his face left no doubt about that, and a look at Harris's professional record since he won the Olympic lightweight gold medal in 1968 points to the same conclusion.

He may have had only a meagre number of professional bouts, but no-one has beaten him yet.



ALAN MINTER's battered face comes in for more punishment by Ronnie Harris

Harris has had only 16 professional fights, but it is impossible to argue with the conclusion of his father and trainer as to why that is.

Harris senior says boxers are afraid to take on his son, and judging by the damage he handed out to Minter, it is no wonder.

Harris himself admitted that he was 'caught a few times, especially in the third'. But he knew too that he had enough class for two men, and he wasted no time proving it.

There is no argument with the Harris camp's confidence that

the 28-year-old American is a more-than-likely future world champion.

But Minter's not out of that reckoning for good either. He is the kind of fighter that will come back.

Who knows — the next time Minter and Harris meet it may be for the world title, although the imposing figure of Monzon is by no means ready to stand down yet.

In the meantime, there is certainly no animosity between the two sides, although Minter refused to concede that Harris is the best boxer he has come

across so far.

But he did say: 'Harris was the most slippery man I have met, and every time I caught him, he just hung on. But I thought I was in front when the referee stopped the fight.'

The Harris camp praised the 'honour' of Minter in taking on Harris and refusing to accept a short cut to a world title fight.

But praise won't make up for the fact that Minter has lost his fourth place in the world rankings, and his supporters may feel that, in this case, discretion should have been the better part of valour.

RACING RESULTS

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2.45 (6f): **MASTER MARTON**, S. Jarvis (33-1) 1; **Landscaper** (12-1) 2; **Red Beam** (15-2) 3; **Prince Murdoch** (15-2) 4. 12 ran. 1½. 4. (F. J. Wiles) T: £2.31; 45p, 40p, 29p. 3.15 (1m): **GOLD STREAK**, G. Duffield (3-1 fav) 1; **Legal Play** (5-1) 2; **Westward Leading** (9-2) 3; **French Tyrant** (13-2) 4. 12 ran. 2½. 3. (A. T. Johnson) T: 41p, 18p, 12p, 14p. NR: Austerhorpe Hill. 3.45 (1m 4f): **PRINCE CARL**, N. Crowther (5-2) 1; **Acquittal** (9-4) 2; **Westward Boy** (9-4) 3; **Hollow Away** (10-1) 4. 5 ran. 1½. ½. (J. Hindley) T: 39p, F: 80p. 4.15 (5f): **HERRINGS WELL**, A. Auld (9-2) 1; **Sharp Pad** (11-10 on fav) 2; **Lute** (20-1) 3; **Celica** (33-1) 4. 18 ran. 1. 5. (W. O. Gorman) T: 49p, 17p, 13p, 47p. 4.45 (5f): **NEW LANE**, M. Birch (evens fav) 1; **Mums Song** (4-2) 2; **Mydel Field** (14-1) 3; **Bash** (20-1) 4. 14 ran. 7. ¾. (M. H. Easterby) T: 22p, 13p, 14p, 17p. 5.15 (1m 1f): **GRAND NIECE**, J. Lowe (7-4 fav) 1; **Glazepa Rework** (7-2) 2; **Sockburn** (12-1) 3; **Roll Me Over** (14-1) 4. 22 ran. 2. 1. (J. W. Watts) T: 32p, 18p, 14p, 50p.

TOTE DOUBLE: £4.30
TOTE TREBLE: £14.40

CHEL TENHAM

2.00 (2m): **SPANISH TRICK** (S. C. Knight (13-2) 1; **The Corinthian** (10-1) 2; **Rusthall** (7-4 fav) 3; **Solfury** (12-1) 4. 17 ran. 2. ¾. (R. Turnell) T: 67p, 17p, 20p, 13p. 2.30 (3m 1f): **PRINCE ROCK**, R. Barry (100-30) 1; **Moonlight Escapade** (16-1) 2; **Redder's Boy** (33-1) 3; **Happy Ranger** (15-2) 4. 10 ran. 2. sh. hd. (P. Bailey) T: 33p, 15p, 42p, 41p. DF: £1.05. NR: Sponger. 3.05 (3m): **GARLIESTOWN**, C. Smith (16-1) 1; **Good Prospect** (11-1) 2; **Forlorn Raid** (25-1) 3; **Apple of My Eye** (16-1) 4. 22 ran. nk. 4. (M. Tate) T: £1.93; 50p, 25p, 78p, 44p. NR: Blakedown, Just Jolly, Uncle Cyril, Lismount VI.

3.40 (2½m): **PETERHOF**, T. Stack (2-1 on fav) 1; **Itsu** (9-4) 2; **Tonic** (16-1) 3; **Grando King** (25-1) 4. 6 ran. 10. 2½. (M. W. Easterby) T: 16p, 11p, 14p, F: 25p. 4.15 (2½m): **VILLAGE SLAVE**, C. Candy (16-1) 1; **Brown Admiral** (100-30) 2; **Lord Brownedodd** (3-1 fav) 3; **St Swithin** (10-1) 4. 8 ran. 4. 1½. (J. Old) T: £1.94; 20p, 18p, 15p. DF: £3.98. 4.45 (2m): **ALI FOREVER**, M. O. Halloran (9-2) 1; **True Prince** (5-1) 2; **Sounding Arch** (9-2) 3; **Carolinian** (10-1) 4. 16 ran. 1. ½. (C. Dingwall) T: 37p, 26p, 23p, 20p. NR: Professor Plum.

TOTE DOUBLE: £176.55
TOTE TREBLE: £5.40

NEWMARKET

2.00 (5f): **LADY PEG**, G. Starkey (12-1) 1; **Aggrapina** (10-1) 2; **Press Corps** (9-4 fav) 3; **Dior Queen** (20-1) 4. 13 ran. hd. hd. (M. Stoute) T: 67p, 20p, 26p, 16p. 2.30 (1m): **VAGUELY DEB**, B. Raymond (4-1) 1; **Clwyd** (9-2) 2; **China Trader** (20-1) 3; **Market Queen** (12-1) 4. 14 ran. 8. sh. hd. (L. Cumani) T: 41p, 18p, 17p, 24p. 2.05 (7f): **MRS MCARDY**, M. L. Thomas (8-1) 1; **Baudelaire** (12-1) 2; **Brightelmstone** (33-1) 3; **Pollerton** (8-1) 4. 19 ran. 2½. 2. (M. W. Easterby) T: 77p, 26p, 36p, £1.05, 21p. 3.35 (6f): **BOLDBOY**, W. Carson (6-4 fav) 1; **Delta Song** (15-2) 2; **Our Jimmy** (5-1) 3; **Ubedizzy** (10-1) 4. 8 ran. 2½. ¾. (W. Hern) T: 21p, 12p, 24p, 13p. DF: £1.52. 4.05 (1m 1f): **HEAVEN KNOWS**, B. Taylor (33-1) 1; **Lord Helpus** (33-1) 2; **Lucky Wednesday** (12-1) 3; **Vitiges** (9-4 on fav) 4. 10 ran. 1½. 1. (R. Smyth) T: £2.74; 93p, 37p, 53p. DF: £5.62. 4.35 (1½m): **SALIAN**, J. Mercer (6-1) 1; **WILD SPRING**, P. Eddery (9-1) 1; **General George** (13-2) 3; **Cut and Run** (6-1) 4. 16 ran. dead heat. 3. (J. Hindley) (L. Cumani) T: 30p, 56p, 56p, 21p, 33p, 24p. TOTE DOUBLE: £163.25
TOTE TREBLE: £29.20 (Salian) £33.40 (Wild Spring)

Barbarians return to reinforce the Gosforth ranks

ROGER Uttley will lead an unchanged Gosforth side in the John Player Cup Final against Waterloo at Twickenham on Saturday.

England Captain Uttley and Scotland hooker Duncan Madsen returned unscathed from the Barbarians' Easter tour of Wales, so the holders will field the side that convincingly beat London Welsh in the semi-final two weeks ago.

The winners of Saturday's final will also become the first winners of the RFU's northern merit table. At the moment Gosforth hold a narrow percentage lead over Waterloo.

£7,000 Test bookings

Bookings for the Second Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford in June have already topped £7,000.

King and Holford join West Indies Fifth Test Squad

ALL-rounders Collis King and David Holford have been added to the West Indies squad for the decisive fifth Test against Pakistan starting tomorrow in Kingston.

The pair were added to the West Indies team which lost the fourth Test in Trinidad to level the series at 1-1.

King is likely to be included as a medium-pace bowler, possibly replacing left-arm spinner Inshan Ali. Holford would win a place only at the expense of Alvin Kallicharran, who has not fully recovered from an operation on his right shoulder.

Knott's benefit

England wicketkeeper Alan Knott's benefit last year amounted to £27,037, a record for Kent.

'Boxing vendetta against Tim Wood' — manager

MANAGER Johnny Griffin yesterday accused the Southern Area Council of staging a 'vendetta' against his number two ranked light-heavyweight Tim Wood.

Griffin, upset that former holder Wood has been passed over for the vacant title, plans an official protest. 'This is a disgrace,' he said. Bob Pollard (Edmonton) and Johnny Waldron (Poplar) — rated 14th and 15th in Britain — fight for the crown on a date to be arranged.

FIXTURES

Rugby League Division One: Widnes v Barrow (7.30).

Hurricane and Mountjoy to meet in the first round

THE clash between Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins and Doug Mountjoy of Wales promises to be the main attraction of the first round of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship which starts at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, on Monday.

Fiery Irishman, Higgins, won the world title at his first attempt in 1972 and was runner up to Ray Reardon last year. Mountjoy from Pontyvaun has taken the snooker world by storm.

A professional for less than six months, he has won the Pontins Open, the Masters title after beating both Reardon and Higgins and has also qualified for the final of 'Pot Black'.

FOOTBALL'S £1.7m STAR

BAYERN Munich star Franz Beckenbauer has been offered a staggering £1.7m to sign for an American club, it was revealed last night.

The offer has come from

New York Cosmos and Beckenbauer could take up the challenge at the end of next season.

Bayern, who have shown interest in signing Kevin Keegan, want Beckenbauer to stay until the end of his

contract in 1979, however.

The 31-year-old defender has led Bayern Munich to three successive European Cup triumphs and West Germany to World Cup victory three years ago.

Beckenbauer said: 'I have always said that I would not

leave Bayern Munich and the national team until after the world championships in 1978.'

But he hopes the offer by Warner Communications Corporation, one of the firms behind Cosmos, would still be open after the World Cup finals.

FA blow cool over sponsors

THE Football Association is unlikely to approve Derby's plan to put their sponsor's name on shirts next season.

At the FA's annual meeting in June motions from several clubs will be debated, touching on the controversial subject of sponsorship and advertising.

But official thinking is, despite the FA's deal with Admiral, that putting firms' names on shirts is going too far.

Kettering Town fell foul of the FA when they tried to put the name of a tyre firm on their shirts and there is little evidence to show any change of policy.

Report

An FA committee has been looking into the whole business of sponsorship and is due to report at the annual meeting.

Derby have lined up a £100,000 deal with a Swedish car firm and many other clubs would jump in if the FA relaxed its policy.

Even if the FA gives way, the whole question would then need approval from the Football League later in June.

Many teams in Europe sport the names of their sponsors, though UEFA does not allow advertising on shirts for European fixtures.

VILLA'S LITTLE EXTRA

ASTON VILLA 3 EVERTON 2 (after extra time)

BRIAN LITTLE covered himself in glory at Old Trafford last night to win the League Cup for Aston Villa with a goal two minutes from the end of extra time.

His goal brought the League Cup marathon to an end after an amazing five and a half hours of football since the kick-off at Wembley last month.

And until Little scored his second goal of the night, it seemed as if penalties would decide a domestic competition for the first time ever.

In the end it was Villa who shrugged off injuries to give them a passport to Europe next season and make it yet another League Cup success for manager Ron Saunders.

Everton seemed to have the game won with only 10 minutes left when Chris Nicholl equalised for Villa to start a goal rush.

Little put Villa ahead 60 seconds later but two minutes after that Mick Lyons levelled the scores to send the game into extra time.

Expensive

The most expensive Cup Final ever played — fans have paid more than £500,000 to watch the three games — got under way with Everton showing they intended to finish it without extra time.

Everton had had some good news before the kick-off when Andy King was passed fit to play. Aston Villa full-back John Gidman also recovered from injury.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

There was little skill to entertain the fans, but Everton's supporters were no doubt happy that their side won the early midfield battles.

And it was Bob Latchford who put Everton in sight of the League Cup after 38 minutes.

He scored from a close-range shot after Ken McNaught had headed down a free kick from Ronnie Goodlass.

It all stemmed from a foul by Villa captain Chris Nicholl who brought down Latchford near the halfway line and was booked for his pains by Middlesbrough referee Gordon Kew. Kew had warned Nicholl twice for clumsy tackles.

Villa, without their leading scorer Andy Gray, offered little in attack in a first half in which effort was more evident than skill.

Neither side really found their touch and it was by sheer physical strength that Everton held sway in midfield, although their dominance led to just two shots on target in the first half hour.

Villa's best effort came near half time when Gordon Cowans did well to reach a corner, but

headed straight into the arms of David Lawson.

Villa, with a stiff wind at their backs, were transformed in the second half. They flung themselves at the Everton defence, but for a long time it seemed that the Merseysiders would hold out.

With ten minutes left, Nicholl, the villain of the first half, transformed the match with a 30-yard left foot shot which rocketed into the corner of the net.

Before Everton recovered they were a goal down, 60 seconds after the re-start. Brian

Little darted between two defenders and then managed to squeeze an angled shot under the diving Lawson.

Everton and their supporters were not dejected for long. In the 83rd minute, Goodlass swung over a corner from the right. Colin Dobson headed against the bar and Everton captain Mick Lyons was on hand to force the ball through a crowd of players into the back of the net.

Little had a shot cleared off the line by Terry Darracott before the game went into extra time.



Brian Little

Looking up for Rangers

BY OUR FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

MICK LEACH could be back to boost injury-hit Queens Park Rangers within a fortnight. Leach looked certain to miss the rest of the season when he was rushed to hospital with a suspected fractured skull during Monday's game against Coventry.

An X-ray later showed the only damage was severe bruising to an eye and the side of the face. He also had concussion and was kept in hospital for observation, said QPR secretary Ron Phillips.

'He was hoping to be released today and playing again in two weeks.'

The news will delight Rangers, who have eight first team players under treatment before Saturday's trip to Middlesbrough.

Dave Clement (thigh), John Hollins (hamstring), Frank McLintock (ankle) and Don Masson (shin) hope to play.

Gerry Francis (hamstring and back) and Dave Thomas (thigh) are doubtful, while Stan Bowles is out for the season with a broken leg.

Meanwhile, Spurs, who look doomed to relegation, may be without defender Jimmy Holmes for the game against fellow strugglers Sunderland at White Hart Lane.

Holmes was injured in the 1-0 defeat at Bristol City on



DAVE CLEMENT ... back for QPR

Tuesday which virtually settled Tottenham's fate.

Spurs, who were last relegated from Division One over 40 years ago, only have six games left. And two of those are away to Aston Villa and Manchester City.

Two years ago the north

London club pulled out of relegation in the last game of the season to send Chelsea down.

But this time there seems no escape route and London could find its Division One representation halved at a stroke if West Ham go down as well.

Burnley chairman heads Keeley transfer probe

BOB Lord, the Burnley chairman, heads an experienced four-man commission set up by the Football League to delve into the dispute between Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle.

Sir Matt Busby (Manchester United), Jack Wiseman (Birmingham) and Chris Needler (Hull) complete the commission which will begin investigations in London on April 22 into dealings between the two clubs.

'We anticipate more than one

meeting before the matter is resolved,' said a League spokesman.

The trouble flared when Blackburn were banned by the League from signing new players after failing to pay Newcastle the balance of a £30,000 transfer fee for Glen Keeley.

They bitterly criticised Lord Westwood, the Newcastle chairman and Football League president, and later asked for an investigation into the two clubs' dealings over the past twenty

months.

Blackburn also deposited £15,000 — the balance of the Keeley fee — with the League, who in turn passed it on to Newcastle. At the same time the League lifted the signings suspension on the Second Division club.

COVENTRY goalkeeper Bryan King, who has not played this season because of a dislocated knee, hopes to play for the reserves today against Wolves at Molineux.

Pakistan in pre-Test victory

THE Pakistani cricketers took just one hour yesterday to complete a six-wicket victory over Jamaica in the four-day match in Kingston.

The tourists, 76 for three overnight, needed only 54 more runs to win and they made them for the loss of nightwatchman Iqbal Qasim

who became Richard Austin's ninth victim of the match.

The success of Austin, a medium pace bowler who took six for 67 in Pakistan's first innings and finished with three for 36 yesterday, should make batsmen wary in the decisive Fifth Test

which begins here tomorrow.

Austin and Pakistan's medium pace bowler Sikhander Bakht, who grabbed seven for 57 in Jamaica's second innings on Tuesday, extracted movement and unusual bounce from the Sabina Park pitch.