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SEA BATTLE 'IS POLITICAL'

BY ALAN BOTT

SEAMEN are in the thick of a political fight against the Tories, their leader said yesterday.

Jim Slater, general secretary of the National Union of Seamen, told a news conference that there was no other possible explanation for shipowners to refuse arbitration in the wage dispute.

After announcing that support was continuing to grow for the NUS action throughout the world, Slater said: 'There are political overtones to the way in which the employers are making this stand.'

'They wouldn't be losing millions of pounds the way they are now unless there were much deeper reasons than not paying seamen a lousy time-and-a-half overtime rate.'

He went on: 'The reason is that they are giving support for the dictates of Mrs Thatcher. If that were not the case, then they would be silly, stupid people, because this strike could be resolved.'

Bound

Slater has challenged the employers to go to arbitration and the union has already agreed to be bound by the results.

The union has claimed a 'substantial' increase on basic pay, improved overtime rates and the consolidation of efficiency payments into the basic rate.

The employers claim to have offered 12 per cent, but this is dismissed by the union as 'a lie'. In some cases, says the NUS, the employers' latest offer is worse than the one they have already rejected in a ballot.

The NUS executive voted unanimously yesterday to recommend rejection of the latest offer. Slater said: 'As our executive said this morning, we have a dispute on our hands right now —'

SHIP BOSSES BACK THATCHER DICTATES SAYS UNION CHIEF



JIM SLATER

but if we put this to the members, they would have a revolution on their hands.'

He said the executive had set aside three resolutions from branches calling for all-out strikes. That was an indication of the mood of members who were taking action yesterday on 100 deep-sea ships in foreign ports and more than 100 in home waters.

Slater said: 'They are holding ships in places I've never even heard of.'

Returning to his warning that the confrontation with shipowners was a political struggle, Slater said among the employers were major contributors to Tory Party funds.

He said: 'If they are prepared to take the risk they are doing now, there must be another reason behind it.'

'The other reason, I believe, is a campaign of fear by the Tories who are saying that if you ask too much, you aren't going to have a job at all.'

'People are being frightened this way every time they open their mouths and every time they want an increase to keep up with the cost of living.'

Dispute

'Because of these things, this could be a long dispute. It is already biting hard.'

Action yesterday hit cross-Channel ferry sailings from Southampton, Dover and Channel Island crossings from Portsmouth and Weymouth.

Yesterday afternoon Dover was reported to be 'completely blocked'



Union leaders Jack Eccles (G&MWU), Jack Boddy (NUAAW), Clive Jenkins (ASTMS) and Bill Whatley (USDAW) examining some of the common products that contain chemical 245-T yesterday

Ban this poison — unions call

LEADERS of four unions yesterday condemned an official report clearing the weedkiller 245-T as a whitewash. They will continue to urge their members not to handle the chemical and maintain their blacking of the raw materials in the docks.

Bill Whatley of the shopworkers' union USDAW, Clive Jenkins of ASTMS, Jack Boddy of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers (NUAAW) and Jack Eccles of the G&MWU agreed that 245-T should not be made or used in this country and that the substance was lethal.

They also called for the scrapping of the Pesticides Advisory Committee (PAC) which approved the use of the chemical. Tomorrow they will call on Tory Minister of Agriculture Peter Walker to implement a ban.

This is despite his immediate approval of the PAC report when it came out last December.

Whatley considered it a duty of his union to draw the attention of the consumer to the dangers of 245-T.

BY OUR SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

His members were often contaminated by spillages in shops and deaths should not be allowed to occur before the substance was taken off the market.

Jenkins said: 'The Japanese have stopped manufacturing it because they decided it was too dangerous. If it's too dangerous for the Japanese, it's too dangerous for us.'

He accused the PAC of being 'incompetent, inept, unscientific and evasive' and called for the Health and Safety Executive, which includes trade union representation, unlike the PAC, to assume its responsibilities for examining toxic substances.

Eccles said his union had discovered that 245-T was produced in a single factory in West Germany, and the West German trade union movement was helping their inquiries.

Petrol up 5p a gallon

THE price of Esso petrol is to rise by about 5p a gallon today — and other companies are certain to rapidly follow suit.

For many motorists the new increase will mean that petrol has risen by 10p a gallon since mid-December, when oil companies withdrew subsidies from their dealers.

Esso said yesterday it was increasing its wholesale price to garages by 4.23p a gallon for petrol and 4.55p for diesel fuel.

With the addition of VAT this will mean a rise of about 5p, making average petrol costs around £1.35.

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Steelmen's diaries

DAY 362

NEWS LINE continues the diaries of steelworkers from all parts of Britain, who gave their views day by day right through their recent 13-week strike. As the struggle continues against the Tory attack on their jobs and living standards, they trace its progress through their own experience.

SCOTLAND

I'M SUPRISED the tripartite agreement didn't become operative to stop these new redundancies going through at Port Talbot. I thought the whole purpose of teaming up with the miners and the railwaymen was to stop any more of that going on.

They're definitely playing off one area against another. At Port Talbot they are slimming down by another 700 men and increasing the tonnage. So the corporation can turn upon plants in other parts of the country and say: 'You're not as efficient as Port Talbot — you must cut back next'.

They're going to sell all the best parts of the corporation off to private enterprise. Taxpayers money was used to build these places but they'll get sold off for buttons. You can see it coming.

WALES

WE'RE all worried at Panteg because we know that BSC has its plans ready for the stainless steel sector, but we haven't heard anything detailed yet. I expect they will tell us by the end of the month.

The actual figure of those voting in the ISTC ballot against the corporate plan was 84-per-cent at our works, which was really impressive and shows the work that has been put in by the shop stewards committee.

My union, the AUEW, didn't hold a ballot on the wage freeze and the corporate plan or call a conference of the national committee. The executive have accepted the freeze. Our chief negotiator Gavin Laird has gone along with Duffy and Boyd on this.

It's typical of the way our union operates, an absolute disgrace. They never consult the members properly.

It's OK to say, as the 'Morning Star' said, that the Gardner's workers near Manchester had won 'a victory' in their fight against redundancies. But the fact remains that it wasn't really a victory because plenty of jobs have gone up there through voluntary redundancy.

ENGLAND

I CAN believe that MacGregor has done what the MP said, but he is only here to do what the Tory government wants. I never thought he was over here for our benefit and nothing he does would surprise me. He must be up to all kinds of things.

It is not just his policies that are being carried out — it is Tory government policies. Everywhere, they are saying to workers: 'Do as we say or you lose your jobs'.

Nobody at my place thinks MacGregor has come here as the saviour of BSC. He is there to make viable what he can and he is not here in the interests of the men on the shopfloor. He is good management as far as they are concerned, I suppose.

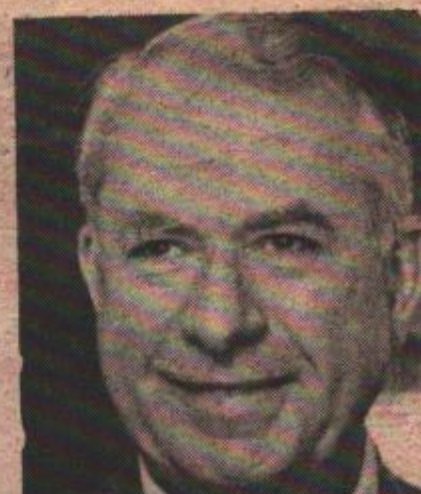
As far as we are concerned he is no good at all. A good businessman doesn't look at it from the point of view of the shopfloor, and so long as he can make it pay, never mind the workers. If 20,000 men go down the road, it doesn't matter — so long as it pays.

We have a few more orders at our melting shop, but there are stories going round the BSC plant that we are losing a lot of money.

Although we are not involved in the present closures at Scunthorpe, we probably will be in six months because we're living on borrowed time. If we close down then that's the end of Scunthorpe altogether.

They could bring it in from somewhere else for the mill, but I can't see them doing that myself. I don't see Scunthorpe lasting more than a year. It is fairly obvious that MacGregor will go for the easy targets and with the kind of leadership we have here, we are easy. After Normanby Park is allowed to close, they will say: 'We got no trouble there'.

What steel chief told me



MacGregor

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ALLEGED threats by British Steel Corporation chief Ian MacGregor to Labour MP Dale Campbell-Savours have been referred to the Committee of Privileges.

MPs tell house of MacGregor's threat

MacGregor threatened to stop investing in steel plant in Campbell's Workington constituency if he persisted in criticism and attacks on the corporation in parliament, the MP claimed.

The issue should go to the powerful cross-party committee, agreed leader of the Commons Francis Pym and John Silkin from the opposition front bench, and there was no debate.

MacGregor had threatened 'a particular investment project' in Workington, Campbell-Savours told MPs. He had met MacGregor and some of his colleagues last December 18.

Instead of discussing some of the matters we had previously agreed to discuss, he interrupted my opening discourse and said he took exception to remarks I had made in the House on the previous Tuesday.

GOVERNMENT aid to councils hit financially by steel closures will only be paid out if authorities obey Tory-dictated cuts.

Any local council staying outside government spending 'guidelines' will not receive compensation for loss of rates from plant closures.

A total of £4m is being taken out of the money the government pays to local councils, to make special

payments to closure-hit areas. The councils which will be offered the compensation include Derwent-side in Durham, Corby, and Alyn and Deeside in Wales.

Details of the distribution of the money will be discussed with local authority associations and the councils concerned.

Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine stressed the government was 'une-

quivocal' about one thing; councils would be expected to stick to the 6-per-cent Tory wage limit on the public sector. Anything more would have to be financed by job cuts.

The European Parliament yesterday rejected a request for an emergency debate on Welsh steel closures and redundancies. The move was blocked by British Tory members joining forces with Christian Democrats.

to achieve these ends,' he said.

He wanted to make it quite clear that his case had nothing to do with a matter currently before the Director of Public Prosecutions relating to the removal of documents by an employee from British Steel at Workington.

He had spoken in a Commons debate on the steel industry on December 16.

'In particular I mentioned that in Workington there were widespread rumours that senior BSC executives had produced questionable statistics in order to induce closure.'

'I also commented adversely on the judgement of some BSC management and certain trends in the corporation,' he said.

A BSC spokesman said MacGregor was not surprised by the decision to refer the case to the committee of privileges.

IRAN SIEGE TRIAL

SAS shot three after surrender

AN SAS hit team shot dead three gunmen in the Iranian Embassy siege after they had been told they had surrendered, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

When the SAS stormed the building in London's Princes Gate, the gunmen threw down their arms and tried to mingle with the hostages, one of the embassy staff told the court.

As the soldiers — dressed in black and wearing gas masks — burst into an embassy room, both gunmen and hostages were huddled together, he said.

'One of the hostages, Mr Ron Morris, was waiting by the door with his hands up, the hostage Abbas Fellahi added.

'He said to them they had all given in — the terrorists. The SAS asked: "Who are the terrorists?" I did not answer, but someone answered and then they killed them.'

'Then they asked us to leave the room. I did not think they were going to kill them. I thought they were going to arrest them because they had given in.'

'I saw one of them being shot — even then I did not think he was dead.'

Fellahi, an embassy receptionist, was giving evidence on the second day of the trial of Fowzi Nejad, 23, the sole surviving gunman from the siege.

Nejad, a dock worker from the Iranian province of Khuzestan, has denied murdering two Iranian officials.

Fellahi was in the embassy's telex room when the SAS assault began.

'There was an explosion and four of the terrorists — including Nejad — came into our room and started firing their guns.'

'One of us asked the terrorists to give in. They were panicking. They dropped their guns.'

'I and one or two others threw the guns out of the window.'

'I took a white pillow cover and threw up the window and showed it — to show the soldiers they had given in.'

He broke the windows to



TREVOR LOCK

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

let out teargas which had been fired into the room.

'When the soldiers came in, I was standing on a desk. When I saw them I was frightened. I thought they were going to shoot me.'

When the siege was over he was taken to the back of the embassy where he saw the defendant Nejad lying on the grass.

Fellahi showed the court a 50p piece which had saved him from a bullet fired in the final moments of the siege.

Mr Justice Park looked at the dented coin and said: 'Another valuable use for a 50p.'

Earlier Constable Trevor Lock explained how he saved the life of one of the gunmen when the SAS stormed in.

He managed to disarm the man named Salim who was the leader of the kidnap team and then pulled out the gun which he had managed to conceal during the six-day siege.

He pushed the muzzle into Salim's ear: 'I thought of pulling the trigger, but decided not to, for if I had shot him then, it would have been in anger and I have not been trained that way,' Lock said.

But moments later the door flew open and an SAS man shouted: 'Trevor — move away.'

'I rolled over and as I rolled over I heard a burst of automatic gunfire. I looked and Salim lay there, apparently dead.'

Lock said that during the siege one of the gunmen, Abbas, approached him and said that he wanted to escape. He asked the policeman for a safe conduct note.

The man, who later was killed by the SAS assault team, wrote a note for Lock which said: 'I promised nothing would happen to you. As you see, I have fights with my friends. I beg you to look after me. I leave you for Ali. Do not forget I did give you your life. Pray for me.'

The trial continues today.

Belfast trial breakdown

STAFF sergeant Stanley Hathaway, one of the two soldiers accused of murder, again broke down at his trial in Belfast yesterday.

He was led weeping from the dock at the city's Crown Court just minutes before the case was due to restart.

It was the second time he had broken down since the trial opened on Monday at the heavily-guarded Crumlin Road courthouse.

Hathaway, 36, and John Byrne, 33, both former members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, have pleaded not guilty to murdering County Fermanagh farmer Michael Naan and labourer Andrew Murray in October 1972.

NO PRISONER AT REMAND

LORRY DRIVER Peter Sutcliffe was further remanded in custody until January 23 by Dewsbury magistrates yesterday.

Sutcliffe is charged with the murder of student Jacqueline Hill and stealing two motor vehicle registration plates valued at 50p.

Sutcliffe did not appear in court and Kerry McGill, defending, said he did not wish to produce Sutcliffe at next week's hearing.

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LINWOOD CASH TALKS

INDUSTRY secretary Sir Kei Joseph meets the Fre. owners of Linwood plant in Scotland today for talks on the future financing of the Talbot group.

In the Commons yesterday, Tory ministers denied that there had been discussions with Japanese or other overseas car companies about Talbot's future.

Scottish under-Secretary Alex Fletcher said the government would be 'only too pleased' to discuss investment by the new owners, PSA, at Linwood.

Shadow Scottish Secretary Bruce Millan said it would be 'catastrophic' for west Scotland — and not least the steel industry — if

Linwood was in any danger of closing.

'The French company gave the most specific and categorical assurances about maintaining manufacturing capacity at Linwood, and we expect to see those assurances fulfilled,' he said.

Attacked

Earlier, Labour MPs Willie Hamilton (Fife Central) and James Hamilton (Bothwell) attacked the government's record on jobs in

Scotland.

But Fletcher retorted: 'The situation will change when wage demands are realistic.'

Fletcher claimed the people who were destroying jobs were those who 'incite wage demands that cannot be afforded'.

But Millan told him: 'It is extremely silly and offensive for you to blame wage demands on the present deterioration of the industrial situation in Scotland, arising directly as a result of the government's economic and industrial policies.'



SIR KEITH JOSEPH to see French owners

Vauxhall sack for 5,700

VAUXHALL MOTORS is to sack 5,700 workers — nearly 3,000 of them on Merseyside — and has called on the unions to agree to a 'voluntary separation' plan.

The company, owned by the US giant, General Motors, employs a total of 29,000 at plants in Ellesmere Port, Luton and Dunstable.

'Voluntary separation', management says, is required to 'protect' the rest of the workforce.

President and managing director Ferdinand Beickler said yesterday: 'The level of business is inadequate to sustain our current workforce indefinitely.'

He announced his plans

to union leaders at a meeting near the firm's Luton headquarters. All three plants are to be hit, but the main burden of redundancies will fall on Ellesmere Port, where 2,900 jobs will go out of a total of 8,700.

At its Bedfordshire plants, Vauxhall hopes to shed 1,800 from the 14,800 at Luton and 1,000 of the 5,500 working at the truck factory in Dunstable.

All three plants have been working short-time and company chairman

Geoffrey Moore said: 'It is no answer to have short-time working. I know our people are anxious to get back to a normal working programme.'

Company president Beickler blamed high interest rates and the 'recession' for the job cuts.

Clifford Keetch, engineering union chairman of the company joint negotiating committee, would give no immediate response to the announcement.

Boycott black mark

LINCOLNSHIRE education chiefs plan to put a black mark on the files of teachers who refuse to supervise children at lunchtime. The move was described yesterday by one teacher's union as 'a heavy-handed attempt to frighten teachers'.

The warning came as hundreds of children attending Lincolnshire schools were sent home because of the boycott, which has hit 14 schools.

Refused

About 1,000 National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers members have refused to carry out any school activities in protest at staffing levels.

Fred Smithies, NAS assistant general secretary, rejected any suggestion that teachers refusing to do voluntary supervision were in breach of contract.



THE Wandsworth Town Hall was ringed with picket lines yesterday as the London borough's 2,800 white-collar workers went on strike in protest at the Tory council's plan to make another 700 people redundant.

Every entrance was covered by a group of workers with placards demanding an end to the cuts. All council depots and buildings were picketed throughout the day.

The NALGO workers were joined in the one-day protest by dustmen and other direct manual workers.

The town hall workers will continue with an overtime ban and other industrial action until the council gives an assurance that there will be no compulsory redundancies. At a mass meeting on Monday a resolution for immediate indefinite strike action if any of the workers were victimised was also carried.

Workers blamed for 'Yes' at Ford



RON TODD

THE chief union negotiator in the Ford pay talks yesterday blamed workers for failing to back their leaders' rejection of a company offer.

Ron Todd, of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said he was disappointed that voting at Ford plants showed members in favour of accepting the 9.5-per-cent ultimatum.

He said: 'I have to accept the wishes of the members. I do not believe that acceptance has anything to do with the lads' feeling that it

is a good offer. They are quite clearly looking for job security.'

Todd was speaking after plant meetings showed 24,500 out of the 56,000 hourly-paid Ford workers were committed to agreeing company terms.

Todd said that by accepting the offer, Ford workers were accepting a 6-per-cent decrease in their living standards.

SHARP RISE IN HOME FIRE DEATH

THE BAD weather of 1979 was one cause of the highest fire and death rate on record — according to a Home Office report published yesterday.

A total of 355,000 fires led to 1,096 fatalities — mostly old people.

The number of fires — 7 per cent up on 1978 — was the highest since fire statistics began in 1947.

The majority of people

who died as a result of fires were aged 60 or over, and 31 per cent were 75 or over said the report.

Four-fifths of the deaths were in homes, and the most frequent cause of death was 'smokers' materials' and matches — one death in three — and space heating appliances — one in four.

HOSPITAL SACKING SIGNAL FOR ANTI-UNION ATTACK

HOSPITAL management may use the victimisation and sacking of shop steward Conway Xavier as the signal for a major attack on union organisation, an official of the National Union of Public Employees warned yesterday.

Ian Barber, the union's East London officer, said that employers would aim to break resistance to enforce changes in working practices and job cutting by ousting shop stewards.

He issued his warning after plans for strike action to secure the re-instatement of Xavier to his job at Great Ormond Street hospital had been abandoned.

Union officials decided that it was 'impractical' to call for lightning stoppages or an all-out strike, because only 50 workers had attended the mass meeting.

NUPE branch chairman, Xavier, 23, lost his appeal against unfair dismissal as a deputy head porter after a seven-and-a-half hour hearing on Tuesday.

He was sacked last December after allegations of 'disloyalty' and 'neglect of duty'.

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

After yesterday's meeting at the hospital, Barber told News Line: 'We feel that our members fear for their own job security.'

'There is something of a reign of fear at the hospital and with shop stewards facing further discipline, clearly the plans for a strike are off.'

Three more shop stewards at Great Ormond Street are being hauled be-

fore a disciplinary hearing today after allegedly failing to obtain permission to attend an earlier meeting.

Barber accused the management of trying to get rid of all the shop stewards and to destroy trade union influence within the hospital. He likened the Xavier sacking, and the other threats to stewards, to the victimisation of Derek Robinson at British Leyland.

'Management,' he said 'are putting the children in the middle and saying: "accept what we say or affect the welfare of the kids".'

Barber said that other hospital managements could be watching the onslaught on union rights at Great Ormond Street, and could try to launch similar attacks.

He predicted that the employers at the children's hospital would attempt to



CONWAY XAVIER

force through changes in working practices, regardless of the opinion of the unions involved.

The revised conditions would mean staff doing extra work for the same pay, and certain departments, such as the new cardiac block, being forced to run with too few staff.

'Things will be very rough for them and we believe that the management is removing key shop stewards in order to make changes in work issues without negotiations or going through the proper channels,' he said.

'The union members here will have to learn the hard way,' He added: 'I have faith in people's ability to stand together in the long run but it has not come in time to save Conway Xavier's job.'

'I don't think management can get away with it in the long term.'

Deportation strike threat

WORKERS at a South London hospital may take industrial action in protest at the threatened deportation of a Filipino domestic assistant.

Members of the Confederation of Health Service Employees (COHSE) at the Springfield hospital in Tooting will decide at a branch meeting today what action to take in defence of Angelina King.

She was told in September last year that she would have to quit Britain after

innocently disclosing that she was supporting two children still resident in the Philippines.

The Tory government is clamping down on Filipino and other overseas domestics by retrospectively invoking new sections of the immigration laws which bar them from residence if they have children back home.

Many of these workers have been in Britain for many years and, like Angelina King, have achieved

permanent residence status.

Now she finds herself branded an 'illegal immigrant' and is obliged to report to the authorities every Friday. Last week her passport was taken from her and a deadline of January 29 was set for her to leave the country.

COHSE branch secretary at the Springfield hospital, Chris Halford, told News Line last night: 'We intend to try and whip up the maximum amount of publicity

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THE 1966 NUS STRIKE

FLASHBACK!!

THE seamen's strike of 1966 — a hard-fought and bitter struggle — took place in boom economic conditions and under the Labour government of Harold Wilson, which tried to impose pay restraint policy on the unions. The present strike by the National Union of Seamen takes place in slump conditions, under a class-war Thatcher government, with employers determined to break the strength of the union and dictate their own terms.

'Lessons of the 1966 Seamen's Strike' is an analysis of that dispute published in pamphlet form 15 years ago by the Socialist Labour League (forerunner of the Workers Revolutionary Party). Today we reprint the final chapter of that analysis, by Michael Nolan, showing how the major struggle of 1966, today's wages and jobs fight and the confrontation being forced to a head by the Tories are parts of the same revolutionary struggle of the classes.

The same lessons for seamen

THE participants in the seamen's strike consisted not just of seamen and shipowners, but all the forces whose relationship has to be settled before the working class can reject its old leadership, build a united movement behind revolutionary leadership, and win power.

PART TWO

Modern capitalism continues to survive only because the working class feels the grip of an internal crisis of leadership. In preparing to win power, the working class cannot simply 'unite' all existing forces with the tendencies within the Labour movement.

In the course of revolutionary struggle the working class overcomes and rejects those who divide and mislead it. The fight to achieve this rejection requires leadership based on Marxist theory which contains all the lessons and experience of the struggle for social revolution in the past.

That is why the fight of the Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League against the Labour government and its defenders, including the Stalinists, before, during and after the seamen's strike has been dealt with in such detail in this pamphlet.

Thread

This fight was the essential thread, the key factor in the struggle begun by the seamen's strike.

The relation between such struggles as the seamen's strike and the experience gained in these struggles on the one hand and the fight to build revolutionary leadership on the other, is the essence of the period we live in.

The leadership can be built through such strikes as the seamen fought; the strikes have meaning for workers in struggle only so

far as the revolutionary leadership is built which can fight for workers' power.

The development of Marxist theory in practice can come only in relation to the major political issues and must be fought for by the most devoted, militant and advanced members of the working class.

Much has been said about the prices and incomes Bill — the anti-trade union legislation of the Labour government. This was the most important manifestation of the attacks on the working class now being carried out.

Warn

The YS and SLL were the first to warn the working class of the dangers of this legislation and to campaign against it. This campaign reached a crucial stage in May when the seamen's strike began, because it brought together all the issues at stake between the two classes, not only the conflict between the working class and the capitalist state, but also between the revolutionary interests of the workers as a class on the one hand and their treacherous leadership on the other.

The seamen fought, using their organisations, despite reactionary leaders against the employers, but also against the Labour government. This was the most important lesson of the strike. The struggle of the working class against reformism and capitalism, once simply potential, was now brought out into the open.

This confounded all those

revisionists and doubters, who rejected the struggles of the working class as the basis for their politics.

Here, the workers of an advanced industrial country like the Belgian Strike fighters in 1961 and the French miners in 1963, showed themselves in action against the enemy class and the government.

What was in fact involved under all the appearances, was the emergence on to the political scene of the workers of this advanced capitalist country, and the opportunity for successfully building a revolutionary leadership through these struggles.

All those who, since the Second World War, from right-wing Social Democrats through Stalinists, even to some who falsely called themselves 'Trotskyists' (the followers

of the 'United Secretariat' in Paris) had substituted bureaucratic and middle-class forces for the working class itself as an instrument of revolution; all those who insisted that the centre of the struggle against capitalism lay in the colonial world or in the USSR's economy, were inevitably turned into allies, conscious or unconscious of the Labour government and the ruling class in this strike.

Fought

In the guise of wise counsellors, with high-sounding phrases about the 'justice' of the economic demands of the seamen, they effectively fought against the principal issues before the seamen and the working class as a whole, the need for a revolutionary strategy of

struggle against the government, preparing for workers' power.

It is always the excuse of the opportunists to blame the working class for the consequences of their own betrayal. Even Wilson expressed 'sympathy' with the aims of the seamen, while working to smash their strike. 'Left' MPs also loudly supported the justice of the seamen's case, criticised Wilson for calling it 'a strike against the state', even gave a few shillings to the strike fund, but a few days later voted, without a dissentient, for the emergency powers.

The Communist Party gave theoretical gloss to such hypocrisy by explaining that the strike was on economic issues and not political, as Wilson had said.

All this was backed up

with the argument that 'whatever militants and socialists might like, the seamen were isolated, other sections of workers did not take solidarity action, eventually there had to be a compromise, etc.'

Of course, these worshippers of the accomplished fact chose not to ask themselves: is a 100-per-cent strike among the seamen of no meaning for the future struggles of the working class?

Even to ask this question is to suggest the answer. Once the seamen were in the fight they were 100-per-cent solid. Is there a Chinese Wall between them and other workers? Does it make sense to suppose that the picture 'All seamen out, but nobody else out' represents the real relation of forces and struggle in the working class? No. Once the forces of inertia — bureaucracy, procedure, conservatism, false loyalties — were broken down, then the capacity for 100-per-cent struggle was unleashed.

Break

The same forces which necessitated this break and unleashed this struggle of the seamen will be behind the struggles of the whole working class in the next few months.

This was the reality behind the strike, behind the clash of bureaucracy with rank and file, of Labour government with trade unionists and of the different political tendencies in the Labour movement with one another.

Because the seamen had to fight alone, without the support of other sections of workers, they were even-

tually driven back to work by the right wing of their executive, having taken on the government as well as the employers.

The concentration on the economic issues of the strike by the Communist Party and others was in this situation reactionary and made possible the victory of the enemy.

The strike took place against the background of an offensive by the class against the trade unions, in order to increase the rate of surplus value for a whole historical period.

Willing

Wilson is reputed to have told the union leaders he was willing to break their union in order to defeat the strike.

This challenge is the sort that all trade unionists and all workers will have to face in the coming period. The campaign against this attack, and against the legislation to enforce it has been led by the Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League.

Only these organisations have shown themselves capable in practice of putting up policies which make it possible for workers to win in this situation.

The seamen's strike exposed more than ever before the inadequacy of the other political tendencies who claimed to be fighting for the interests of the seamen and the whole working class.

In action the seamen proved the need for a revolutionary alternative, a new leadership, as is being built by the Young Socialists and the Socialist Labour League.



Gordon Norris, Stalinist spokesman on the NUS executive, speaking to building workers on the Barbican building site in 1966. While appealing for support for the strike, he did not oppose moving strike-bound ships



The platform at a rally called by the NUS in June 1966. It included Clive Jenkins (ASTMS), Alex Kitson (T&GWU), Bill Hogarth (NUS general secretary), Sydney Bidwell MP and, speaking, Bill Mundy (T&GWU docks section)

FIGHTING THE CUTS

Community must support anti-cuts strikers

LAMBETH COUNCIL workers will stage a one-week strike and are calling a national demonstration during a week of action next month against the Tory cuts. They appealed yesterday for backing from the whole of their south London community.

They also urged yesterday that Labour parties and trade union organisations send delegates to their re-called conference on 'Local Government in Crisis' on Saturday.

The conference will take place at Westminster Central Hall, starting 10.30a.m. The event was arranged following a decision of the first Lambeth Labour and trade union conference in Camden on November 1 last year.

Brian Martin, chairman of the steering group set up by the conference, told reporters yesterday that more than 600 organisations had been represented on November 1 and more than 1,000 present at Camden Town Hall.

Many people, he said, were looking for a lead in the fight against Tory cuts and no lead was coming from the Labour Party leadership or the TUC.

He said: 'By organising a re-call conference we are looking for delegates to come back and report what's going on in their areas and what their members are prepared to do about it.'

The conference will invite motions, but the definite slant is on the stand taken, mainly by groups of workers in Lambeth.

Peter Cole, branch secretary for the Transport and General Workers' Union employees of Lambeth Council, told reporters that the strike action being planned for February 2 had nothing to do with money.



Members of the steering group organising Saturday's re-call conference on 'Local Government in Crisis', called yesterday for backing from all sections of the Labour and trade union movement. Left to right are: Jim O'Brien, Lambeth T&GWU senior steward, Brian Martin, steering group chairman, Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth Council, and Mick Waller, NALGO branch secretary.

He said: 'We are deeply concerned that the old age pensioners and the disabled people who have good services in this borough will have their services cut.'

Action

He said: 'We did not take this strike decision lightly. Don't think it is just going to be one week of action and then finished. We will keep on at Thatcher and Heseltine.'

Mike Waller, branch secretary for NALGO, insisted: 'We must try to get everyone involved in the Lambeth Community.'

He described a meeting called to discuss the action with clients and relatives of those being helped by social services at day centres. More than 100 people had turned up to discuss 'ways and means in which clients and relatives can assist in the battle'.

Jim O'Brien, transport

workers' senior steward, said the timing of the Lambeth workers' strike was crucial. Many workers had been accepting cuts and redundancies, but were beginning to realise the full extent of the crisis.

He added: 'Someone, somewhere has to make a stand — as soon as possible.'

About 2,000 transport union members involved in services ranging from refuse collection and cleansing to building and maintenance, will be involved in the strike.

Some 500 members of the public service union NUPE have yet to vote on a proposal that they should join.

More than 2,000 NALGO members are to be recommended to take selective strike action during the week beginning February 2, and stop completely on February 4, for the demonstration.

Lambeth Council leader

Ted Knight added the full support of the council's majority Labour group to the action proposed by council unions.

He said: 'It is in the interests of the ratepayers of Lambeth that the trade unionists should be taking action. The purpose of that action is to defend the interests of the ratepayers.'

Endorsed

'The Labour group on the council has endorsed their action and will take all steps necessary to see that it is as successful as we can make it.'

'We are attempting to build a mass movement against this Tory government. Without that, living standards in Britain will decline and decline. I don't think working people are going to accept that. They are going to fight back.'

'This action is part of the fight back.'

White-collar alliance

TWO MAJOR public sector unions yesterday joined forces to fight Tory attacks on jobs and services in local government.

The united campaign was launched at a London Press conference by Alan Fisher, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE), and Geoffrey Drain, leader of the National and Local Government Officers Association (NALGO).

In a joint policy statement, 'Local Government Under Attack', the two unions, who between them represent more than one million workers, 'call on all members of the community and local organisations' to campaign with them.

They are urging their branches and full-time officers to:

- Establish joint union action committees with all local authority unions in each council;
- Set up broadly-based local cuts campaign committees, including the



NUPE general secretary Alan Fisher (left), Tom Pendry MP, and NALGO secretary Geoffrey Drain at yesterday's press conference

trades council, parent-teacher associations, tenants' associations, local political parties, amenity groups etc;

● Give the fullest support to Labour local authorities resisting the Tory cuts.

The last proposal was particularly stressed by Geoffrey Drain. He said: 'We will be at the front of the queue to stimulate councils to fight the cuts.'

'If they are determined enough they have it in their power even when the Tories are wading in with

their attacks, to put up some effective resistance.'

'And we support those that have. We are 100-per cent behind Camden, Lambeth and the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA),' he added.

Fisher hit back at the Tory charge that Labour councils had been 'profligate' in their spending. He pointed out that the Tories ignored the fact that local government expenditure has been reduced by 15.5 per cent since 1974.

He said: 'It is inevitable

that if the government continues its financial restrictions then there will be even more job losses.'

'In the year to September 57,000 have gone in local government, and the best estimates say that another 150,000 will be lost by the end of this year.'

He condemned the government's introduction of strict cash limits and its decision to enforce a 6-per cent pay ceiling in the public sector.

Cuts in the rate support grant not only hit at services and jobs, he said, but also undermined democracy in local government by threatening its very existence.

Out of the chaos of the new rate support grant system, Fisher said, it was 'fair to predict that some local authorities will go bankrupt if they attempt to maintain proper services for the communities they represent.'

Grants to the ILEA for instance, he said, would disappear altogether if it overspent by another £7m.

Workers Revolutionary Party

Public Meetings

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LONDON

HACKNEY

Thursday January 15, 8p.m.
The Britannia, Mare Street, E8 (next to town hall)

DEPTFORD

Monday January 19, 8p.m.
Deptford Town Hall, New Cross Road, SE14

HOLLOWAY

Monday January 19, 7.30p.m.
North Library, Manor Gardens, N7, (next to Royal Northern Hospital)

BRIXTON

Tuesday January 20, 8p.m.
Lower Hall, Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2

FULHAM

Tuesday January 20, 8p.m.
Matthews Hall, Margrave Road, W6, (behind Charing Cross hospital)

ACTON

Tuesday January 20, 8p.m.
Co-op Hall, Acton High Street, W3

WANDSWORTH

Tuesday January 20, 8p.m.
Lavender Hill Library, Lavender Hill, SW11

BETHNAL GREEN

Tuesday January 20, 7.30p.m.
Music Library, Cambridge Heath Road, E2

FLEET STREET

Wednesday January 21, 7p.m.
St Brides Institute, St Brides Lane, EC4

EAST HAM

Wednesday January 21, 8p.m.
Manor Park Library, Romford Road, E12

PADDINGTON

Wednesday January 21, 8p.m.
Senior Citizens Hall, Lydford Estate, Fernhead Road, W9

SOUTHALL

Wednesday January 21, 8p.m.
Southall Community Centre, Bridge Road

TOTTENHAM

Thursday January 22, 7.30p.m.
Lord Morrison Hall, Chesnut Road, N17

WOOLWICH

Thursday January 22, 7.30p.m.
Charlton House, Charlton Village, SE7

KILBURN

Tuesday February 3, 7.30p.m.
Anson Hall, Chichele Road, NW2

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW

Wednesday January 21, 7.30p.m.
Househillwood Community Centre, Pollok

ABERDEEN

Tuesday January 27, 7.30p.m.
Music Hall, Union Street

GLASGOW

Thursday January 29, 8p.m.
Rutherglen Borough Hall, King Street, Rutherglen

NORTH WEST

WIDNES

Thursday January 15, 7p.m.
Ditton Community Centre, Dundalk Road

MANCHESTER

Thursday January 22, 8p.m.
West Indian Sports & Social Club, Westwood Street, Moss Side

RUNCORN

Wednesday January 28, 7.30p.m.
The New Inn, High Street

HINDLEY

Thursday February 5, 7.30p.m.
Cumberland Hotel, Chapel House Lane

YORKSHIRE

DONCASTER

Wednesday January 21, 7.30p.m.
Armthorpe Miners Welfare

SHEFFIELD

Wednesday January 21, 7.30p.m.
Hallamshire Hotel, West Street

PONTEFRAC

Wednesday January 21, 7.30p.m.
Blackamoorhead Hotel, Corn Market

LEEDS

Thursday January 22, 7.30p.m.
New Canning Workingmens Club, Admiral Street, off Dewsbury Road, Leeds 11

HUDDERSFIELD

Thursday January 22, 7.30p.m.
Friendly & Trades Club, Northumberland Street

WEST MIDLANDS

COVENTRY

Thursday January 22, 7.30p.m.
Coventry Crest Motel, London Road, Willenhall

EAST MIDLANDS

LEICESTER

Wednesday January 21, 7.30p.m.
Highfield Community Centre, Highfields

DERBY

Thursday January 29, 7p.m.
York Hotel, Midland Road

WESTERN

OXFORD

Monday January 19, 7.30p.m.
Cowley Community Centre, Cowley

PORTSMOUTH

Tuesday January 20, 7.30p.m.
Forrester's Hall, Fratton Rd.

EXETER

Thursday January 22, 8p.m.
Labour Party Rooms, Clifton Hall

BRISTOL

Monday February 2, 7.30p.m.
Transport House, Victoria Street

EASTERN

CAMBRIDGE

Tuesday January 20, 7.30p.m.
Bath House, Gwydir Street

NORWICH

Tuesday January 20, 7.30p.m.
Cadge Road Community Centre, Earlam

NORTHAMPTON

Wednesday January 21, 7.30p.m.
Brookside Community Centre, Billingbrook Road

IPSWICH

Thursday January 22, 7.30p.m.
Stonelodge Community Centre, Hawthorn Drive, Chantry

Workers Revolutionary Party Public meeting

Crisis facing the Labour Party — the reasons and the solution

NORTH WEST

Wednesday January 21, 7.30p.m.
Ruffwood School, Roughwood Drive, KIRKBY
Speaker: TONY BANDA (Central Committee)

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WORLD SUMMARY

Namibia Third talks fold World warned

GENEVA — Black African observer states said the South African government had wrecked a UN conference on Namibia which ended here yesterday.

Merger

LOME — Libyan Foreign Minister Ali Abdel-Salam Tureiki yesterday walked out of an African summit meeting on Libya's merger with Chad, saying that Egypt and some other countries should not be represented.

Crash

RAMSTEIN, West Germany — A US Air Force transport plane crashed near Ramstein air base yesterday with nine people believed to be on board.

Troops

BEIRUT — Syrian Prime Minister Abdel-Rauf Al-Kasm has said his government is prepared to keep more than 20,000 troops in Lebanon to face the threat of Zionist expansionism.

Offensive

SAN SALVADOR — Fighting continued in two towns in El Salvador yesterday as left-wing forces continued their final offensive against the brutal civilian-military junta led by President Jose Duarte.

Bombs

LISBON — An appeal court in Angola has confirmed death sentences on two people found guilty of taking part in an anti-government bombing campaign, the official Angolan news agency reported yesterday.

Shot

GUATEMALA CITY — A leading fascist, Jorge Torres Ocampo, was shot dead here yesterday by two men on a passing motorcycle.

COLOMBO — The developing countries were warned yesterday that OPEC could not provide the answer to all their financial problems and was not 'the only qualified midwife' for the birth of a new world economic order.

● TOKYO — Japanese and West European motorcycle producers are to meet in Tokyo in March to exchange views as Japan's exports take an increasing share of world markets.

● VIENNA — Each of Rumania's 39 administrative counties must produce enough food from its own resources to meet its citizen's needs, President Nicolae Ceausescu said in a speech published yesterday.

● COPENHAGEN — Danish Agriculture Minister Poul Dalsager has been selected by the government to replace the late Finn Gundelach as the EEC's Agriculture Commissioner, the Danish news agency Ritzau reported yesterday.

● PARIS — Consumer prices in the major capitalist countries rose 0.8 per cent in November as energy prices began moving upwards again, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said yesterday.

● TOKYO — Japan's Sony corporation said yesterday it was moving into China's electronic market through a technical co-operation agreement that would lead to a joint manufacturing venture by 1984.

● PEKING — The People's Bank of China will extend \$666m in medium and short-term loans to light and textile industries this year, the New China News Agency reported yesterday.

● VIENNA — Albania yesterday published a rare set of statistics apparently intended to prove the country had easily survived its break with China in 1978.

U.S. AGREES TO IRAN DEMANDS

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

TEHRAN — The United States has agreed to deposit 70 per cent of frozen assets in Algeria, return the late Shah's wealth and suspend legal claims against Iran, the state radio reported yesterday.

'Iran has not gone back from its position,' the radio said. 'Carter, who is passing his last days in the White House, was forced to deposit 70 per cent of Iranian assets with the central bank of Algeria.'

'He also accepted to undertake to return the Shah's wealth and suspend claims against Iran.'

'Despite propaganda by news agencies and imperialist circles and their internal agents, the hostage-taking neither led to the overthrow and defeat of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the beginning nor ended in compromise with America,' the radio added.

The release of the 52 US hostages moved a step closer yesterday with the passage of an urgent Bill in the Iranian Majlis (parliament).

The Bill authorises the Iranian government to re-

sort to third-party arbitration in settling legal claims between Iran and the United States.

This gives the government a legal basis for accepting this part of a projected hostage deal with the US.

Discussion of the second Bill, to nationalise the wealth of the late Shah and his relatives, was deferred to a parliamentary commission for consideration at an unspecified date.

The government's chief hostage negotiator Behzad Nabavi, however, indicated that acceptance of this Bill did not directly affect the progress of the negotiations towards a deal for the freedom of the 52 American hostages.

Nabavi, who is Executive Affairs Minister, hailed the seizure of the hostages as a great victory for Iran.

'We have rubbed the nose of the United States in the dirt,' he said.

He added that US commitments conveyed through Algerian intermediaries in the drawn-out hostage negotiations were themselves a sign of Amer-

ican weakness, even if none of the pledges were implemented.

He said Iran's action had given other countries the confidence to stand up to the world's aggressors.

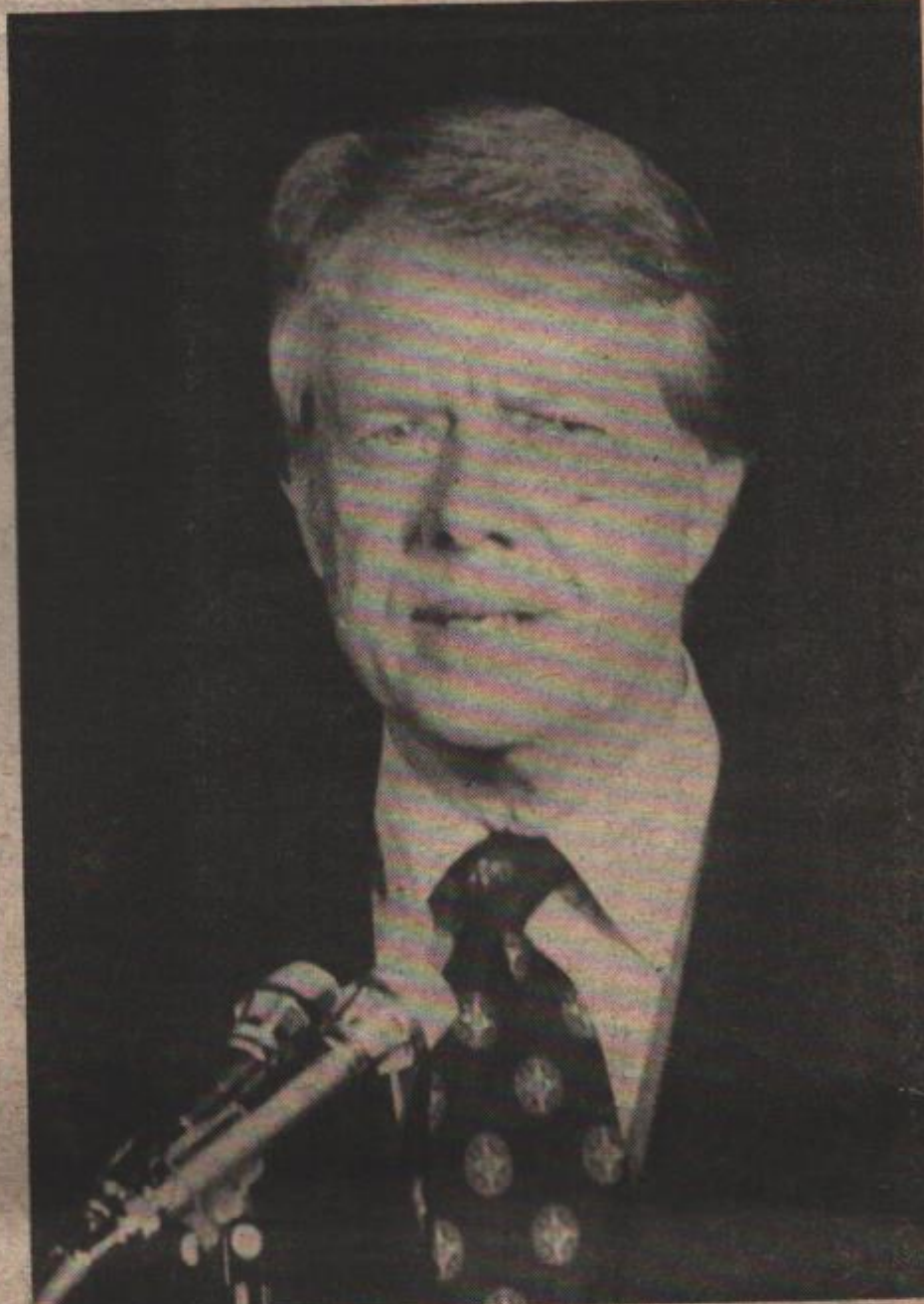
The takeover of the US Embassy on November 4, 1979, had also forestalled moves inside Iran towards compromise with 'the Great Satan' — Iran's term for the US government.

● THE late Shah's luxurious villa in the Swiss ski resort of St Moritz has been confiscated with the help of documents collected by the Iranian Central Bank, the official Pars news agency reported yesterday.

It quoted Central Bank government Ali Reza Nobari as saying that the confiscation had been accomplished by one of 14 attachment orders issued on assets of the deposed Shah and his close relatives.

Pars said the orders were issued on the basis of documents gathered over the past year and with the help of two lawyers in Berne and Geneva, named as Erik Diefenbacher and Christian Grobet.

Pars did not say what assets were affected by the other attachment orders.



CARTER

Anti-Nazi laws proposed

BONN — West Germany's Justice Minister has said the government should be able to prosecute any German who publicly denied the Nazi annihilation of Jews.

Hans-Jochen Vogel, in an interview with a trade union newspaper, said there were still loopholes in the West German law which enabled neo-Nazis to claim without fear of legal action that Jews were not murdered in Hitler's Germany.

He said courts had ruled recently that such statements insulted all living Jews.

Government rejects Chrysler plan

WASHINGTON — The US government has rejected the Chrysler car corporation's long-range financial plan.

Treasury Secretary William Miller, head of the government's Chrysler loan guarantee board, said: 'The board does not feel the plan presented by Chrysler is adequate. It needs to be fine-tuned.'

He said the firm's request for aid would be referred to the incoming Reagan administration unless Chrysler and its workers produced a new financial recovery plan within 24 hours.

The third-ranked car

maker, which has been on the verge of bankruptcy for more than a year, has asked the government for \$400m in loan guarantees on top of the \$800m it has already received.

Asked if Chrysler could survive if it had to wait for action by the new administration, United Auto Workers' union president Douglas Fraser told reporters: 'I doubt it seriously.'

Loan

Chrysler executives have said the firm might run out of cash by the end of the month if it did not have new loan guarantees by then.

Press reports say some

banks have reached the conclusion that they can hope to collect only 20 cents on every dollar they have lent to the car maker. The 'Washington Post' said that these banks want to conclude their ties with Chrysler as soon as possible.

To add to Chrysler's dilemma, Fraser said he was not sure if he could convince his members to accept the firm's request for them to give up various pension and living-cost benefits to save money.

The workers had already agreed to accept a 21-month wage freeze, he said.

The problems of the car industry pushed US retail

sales down last month. Commerce Department figures show, adding weight to economists' predictions that a new recession is on the way.

In fact December trade was 18 per cent above November's level but when this was seasonally adjusted to take into account Christmas buying, the figures showed a 1.3 fall from November.

Problems

Most of that loss reflected continuing problems in the hard-pressed automobile industry. Dealer sales were reported down by more than 7 per cent from November on a seasonally-adjusted basis, and 6 per cent from the same month last year.

But eliminating car sales from the total, seasonally-adjusted trade remained almost exactly the same as in November.

Many economists have been warning of a renewed recession in the first quarter of this year.

The Commerce Department's year-end figures showed that total retail trade for 1980 rose 6 per cent from the year before, to some \$942 billion.

Again, car sales proved a drag on the overall numbers. They fell by 6 per cent for the year, despite a 10-per-cent increase in all other categories.

Zionists ordered Knesset killing

BEIRUT — The murder of an Arab member of the Zionist parliament was ordered by the office of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the news agency of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said yesterday.

The Wafa news agency was commenting on the shooting of Hammad Abu-Rabiya in Jerusalem on

Monday night.

'This cowardly assassination was planned at the highest responsible levels in the Zionist entity and was carried out on orders from the office of the terrorist Begin for the achievement of (several) vicious criminal aims conceived by the enemy,' Wafa said.

The agency added that

Abu-Rabiya, who represented the Bedouins of the Negev, had persistently resisted Zionist attempts to depopulate Arab lands where Israel planned to establish airports under the treacherous Camp David agreement.

Wafa also said that Zionist propaganda was trying to exploit his death to divide the Palestinians.

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WORLD NEWS LINE

Judge
to be
released

ROME — The Red Brigades yesterday said they would shortly release kidnapped magistrate Giovanni D'Urso.

In a message received by the Rome daily newspaper 'Il Messaggero', the Brigades said: 'Considering how the situation has developed, the Red Brigades are able to carry out an act of magnanimity. We thus intend to release the torturer D'Urso.'

The paper was one of two national dailies which yesterday published statements from imprisoned Red Brigades leaders. This was the main demand made by the Brigades in exchange for D'Urso's life.

In a hand-written letter to the socialist newspaper 'Avanti', D'Urso wrote that the 'death sentence' passed by the Red Brigades 'may not be carried out if the leading newspapers publish the communiqués'.

Most papers have refused to publish, saying they would not bow to 'terrorist blackmail'.

The state prosecutor has charged some 80 political prisoners with complicity in the kidnap and said they would be charged with complicity in murder if D'Urso was killed.

Represented

An anonymous telephone caller saying he represented the Red Brigades warned on Monday night that D'Urso would be killed if these measures were not withdrawn by Wednesday.

But police said they did not believe the call was authentic and a RAI (state broadcasting) newsreader announced that the judge's wife, Franca, had telephoned the network saying she knew the call was false and that publication of the statements would be enough to save her husband.

In his letter, D'Urso, kidnapped on December 12, referred to the appearance of his 19-year-old daughter on television on Monday night, showing he was alive after the expiry a few hours earlier of the 48-hour Brigades' deadline for publication of the statements.

THE director-general of customs in the Finance Ministry has been relieved of his post during investigations into Italy's petrol fraud scandal, the Finance Ministry said yesterday.

A Ministry statement said that Ernesto Del Gizzo had been removed following investigations by the commission of inquiry.

In Varese, north of Milan, customs police arrested Giulio Formato, a lawyer and former customs official who represented senior figures involved in the scandal. He faces charges of conspiracy, fraud and corruption in connection with evasion of tax on oil products.

More than 100 people, including the former head of the customs police, have been detained during investigations into the fraud, which may have deprived the government of about £830,000 in revenue over a ten-year period.

WARNING STRIKE
IN POLANDBY A FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT

WARSAW — Thousands of Polish workers staged a two-hour warning strike yesterday to press local demands and to support farmers staging a protest sit-in.

A local official of the Solidarity union in Rzeszow, south-east Poland, said the strike began at noon as planned and affected about 30 enterprises in the area.

Affected

Earlier, another Solidarity spokesman said about 60,000 workers would be affected by the strike.

The strike went ahead despite a new tough line to-

wards industrial action by the Polish Stalinists. Large forces of police have been used to eject workers occupying public buildings twice this week.

It also came as Soviet Marshal Viktor Kulikov, supreme commander of Warsaw Pact forces, was making an unannounced visit to Poland.

The official media have not given any reason for the visit, nor the length of Kulikov's stay.

Solidarity's demands in Rzeszow include immediate talks with the government on transferring prop-

erty of the disbanded Stalinist unions.

Solidarity is also supporting 200 demonstrators from Ustrzyki Dolne who were evicted on Monday from local government offices they had occupied since December 29.

Registration

They are calling for the registration of an independent union of private farmers and an end to police harassment of union activists.

In the western city of Zielona Gora, the local Soli-

darity branch said it had started a petition to demand the sacking of the minister in charge of trade unions, Stanislaw Ciosek, whom it accused of corruption during his time as regional party leader.

It said the union's demands would be presented to a government delegation expected in the city next week.

Attacks by the bureaucracy on the private farmers' unions seem to have brought the two main farm unions closer together.

In Poznan and Warsaw

the moderate Individual Farmers' Solidarity Union has defended Rural Solidarity against attacks by Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania.

Kania had accused the organisers of Rural Solidarity of sowing anarchy, and said private farmers needed no representation other than the state-sponsored farm circles.

Retraction

'We demand a retraction in the mass media of threats and insinuations levelled at Rural Solidar-

ity,' a statement issued by Individual Farmers' Solidarity in Poznan said.

'Together with our brother-peasants of Rural Solidarity, we are striving to create an authentic, independent trade union, a role which cannot be played by the farm circles,' another Individual Farmers' Solidarity group near Warsaw said.

Independent Farmers' Solidarity has a membership of 600,000 of Poland's 3.5m private farmers, while Rural Solidarity has a membership of one million.

Verdict near in
Peking trial

PEKING — A verdict appears imminent in the trial of China's so-called 'Gang of Four' after a top-level debate over the sentence for Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing.

A final decision on the sentence has been considered by China's Stalinist leaders despite official claims that the trial covered criminal and not political offences.

Penalty

The prosecution has demanded the death penalty for Jiang Qing.

A special court set up to try the frame-up case against the ten defendants

completed its formal hearings on December 29 after a session lasting nearly six weeks. They were accused of a variety of supposed crimes during the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution, ranging from the attempted assassination of Mao to murder and armed rebellion.

Jiang Qing contemptuously rejected the charges against her, saying she had done everything during the Cultural Revolution at the request of Mao or on his behalf.

Another 'Gang' member, former Shanghai party leader Zhong Chun-qiao, refused to utter a word during the proceedings, while the other eight defendants — including five former high-ranking military officers made no attempt to resist the frame-up charges.

Jiang Qing, whose outbursts enlivened the carefully rehearsed court procedure, has dared the authorities to execute her in Peking's central Tien An

Men Square where she and her husband presided over demonstrations by millions of youthful Red Guards in the early days of the Cultural Revolution.

Purged

But there have been reports that party strongman Deng Naio-ping, who was purged twice during the Cultural Revolution, does not favour an execution, fearing Jiang Qing might become a martyr.

The Chinese press said shortly before the trial that residual sympathy for the Maoists remained among certain sectors of the population.

Prisoners killed in riot

NEW DELHI — Six prisoners were killed and ten wounded yesterday when police opened fire on demonstrating prisoners at Samastipur in the Indian state of Bihar.

About 50 prisoners had climbed onto the roof of the jail on Monday to protest against ill-treatment.

The Bihar government suspended 15 police officials last month

Turkish
editor
released

ANKARA — Turkish military authorities have released the managing editor of Turkey's largest-selling newspaper 'Hurriyet', the paper's editors said yesterday.

They said Salim Bayar was released after a three-day detention.

The managing director of the paper, Erol Turegun, who was detained one day after Bayar, was still in custody.

Detained

Both journalists were detained after the newspaper refused to retract a story about planned price increases on a number of state-produced goods and services.



JIANG QING

Fingerprint plan
for South Africa

CAPE TOWN — The racist South African regime has unveiled plans to fingerprint its entire adult population under a draft Bill gazetted yesterday.

All new applicants for identity and other legal documents — driving and gun licences or marriage certificates — as well as anyone renewing them, will

have their fingerprints taken.

The fascist-type Bill also provides for introduction of a uniform identity document for everyone at some future date. At present whites and non-whites carry different documents issued at the age of 16.

The Bill also contains provision for the document

to be presented to any security official on demand.

Internal Affairs Minister Chris Huenis said the fingerprint register would be kept by his department and would remain confidential.

Emotional

'I realise that there is an emotional element attached to the taking of fingerprints in this country,' he added. 'I must, however, appeal to the public for their co-operation regarding the acceptance of this measure.'

He said his department plans to have a representative in every city and town throughout South Africa to keep the population register continuously up-to-date.

W. German pay talks

STUTTGART, West Germany — Pay talks likely to set the trend in a bitter wage round in West Germany began yesterday. Regional representatives of the metalworkers union are seeking increases of around 8 per cent, whereas employers have been holding to 2.5 per cent to 3 per

cent tied to productivity.

Negotiators for workers and employers met in Stuttgart and Homburg-Saar. Annual wage talks for the rest of the IG Metall union's 2.7 million members, largely in the car and steel industries, take place in other centres today and tomorrow.

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Rubber stamp for dictatorship

WHEN THE national firemen's strike was threatened last month the Tories introduced emergency contingency powers. These wide-ranging powers enabled the government to use the armed forces to do firemen's jobs.

One of the regulations permitted 17-year-old servicemen to drive any vehicle in a time of emergency without a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) licence. Although the regulation was specifically aimed at the fire service, it could be just as easily applied to a tanker drivers' dispute or even a bus strike.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Labour's transport spokesman Roger Stott complained that the Tories were keeping the powers in force although the firemen's strike never materialised. He accused them of 'surreptitiously' retaining a 'strike-breakers' charter'.

Tory transport junior minister Kenneth Clarke denied the government's aim was to use the regulations as a weapon in industrial disputes, but he flatly refused to remove them from the statutes although the 'emergency' was now over.

'It is always legitimate to use servicemen to maintain essential services, particularly when public safety is concerned,' he said. The regulations were not devised to break strikes, but 'to safeguard public safety', he added.

When the vote came there were 118 Tory MPs in support of the emergency regulations staying in force and 73 against, giving a government majority of 45. What this means is that the armed forces are now part of a permanent strike-breaking force.

They can be called in at any time without special legislation or parliamentary debate. It is a vivid confirmation of how deeply the armed forces and the Tory counter-revolution have encroached into political and industrial life.

Now turn to Case No 2.

In all probability the prison officers' dispute will be over this weekend. When it began three months ago, Home Secretary Whitelaw said it presented an 'emergency' too.

In 48 hours a Bill was rushed through both Houses and gained Royal Assent giving the armed forces the power to take over the prison service. Troops were allocated to the half-finished Frankland jail in Durham and the Rolleston prison camp was opened on Salisbury Plain, complete with barbed wire fences, watch towers and armed patrols with Alsatian dogs.

When the prison dispute and the so-called 'emergency' is over, Whitelaw's Act will remain on the statute books. It also permanently brings the armed forces into the centre of detaining people and marks the first time in modern history when the prison service has been 'militarised'.

Using the element of stealth and deception, the ruling class is garnishing the capitalist state with the powers of ruthless dictatorship. Legislation is being nodded onto the statute books which is going to be used by the Tories to impose their slump policies on the backs of the working class and the trade unions.

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn and some of his camp followers recently declared that it was quite preposterous to talk about a military coup in Britain on the grounds, it seemed, that Britain was far too civilised a place and that the generals were safely under 'democratic control'.

But it is precisely through parliament that the Tories and the capitalist state are equipping themselves. It is nothing more than a rubber stamp for their dictatorship plans.

If Mr Benn is confident of the democratic intentions of the armed forces, can he explain why the powers giving them a free hand in public sector strikes and the prison service are remaining on the statute books?



A delegation of Manchester youth

YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE ON M

Labour councillors and tr



Pat Bissett, AUEW convenor, Metal Box, (Speke), addressed the gathering. Extreme right, Cllr. Eddie Loyden (ex-MP for Garston) and second from right, Cllr. Alex Doswell, secretary Liverpool Trades Council

THE Liverpool Youth Training Centre opened yesterday with a ceremony attended by Labour councillors, trade unionists and young people.

The centre is the second in a series of 25 planned in cities and towns throughout Britain. The first opened in Brixton, south London, last week.

The premises, in Gloucester Place, Kensington, were officially declared open by Vanessa Redgrave, chairman of Youth Training.

She placed a nameplate on the door and then addressed the meeting of 100 people who had assembled for the occasion.

The centre's purpose, she said, 'is to assist communities, and youth in particular, in every city who, despite important but insufficient schemes that already exist, face a lack of jobs and training.'

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TRADE unionists and local employers to appeals for materials and financial support for the new Youth Training Centre. As well as all the premises, Youth Training yesterday the Liverpool dock shop stewards' lodge of the National Union of G&MWU, T&GWU, and AUEW; Scl T.E. Johnson's paint, John Stone Merchants and other building firms.



Vanessa Redgrave shares a joke with a delegation of Liverpool docks shop stewards, early and staunch supporters of the youth centre

ING OPENS MERSEYSIDE

Trade unionists give full support

BY SIMON PIRANI

'The youth lack any identity, and this is very serious,' she added.

Courses in engineering, joinery, carpentry and many other trades, would be open to all the young people in the area, she said. She made an appeal to trade unionists and local businessmen to donate machinery and equipment.

Redgrave thanked those trade unionists who had already given advice and financial support, many of whom were in the audience. She paid tribute to the Young Socialists and the youth who had played a major role in building the centre, which was converted from a disused toffee factory in the space of a few months.

She pointed out that the interior wall of the premises had been professionally sound-proofed and thanked Roy Lemaire of Lee International who had donated the materials and installed

them.

Redgrave also promised that herself and others in the entertainment industry would assist with drama and musical instruction at all the Youth Training Centres.

Local councillors who attended the opening greeted Youth Training's initiative and said it would benefit the whole community.

Councillor Alex Doswell, who is also secretary of the Liverpool trades council, said: 'If ever the time comes under this system when there is work, there will be no craftsmen left to do the job.'

'These are the sort of places we will need for the older people to pass on skills and crafts to the younger people.'

Councillor Eddie Loyden, former MP for Garston, said that the Merseyside knew only too well the consequences of youth unemployment. 'The money being spent by past governments and by this government has not found its way through the correct channels to the areas.'

He called on the local community to give full support to the Youth Training Centre.

Bobby Owen, president of the Transport and General Workers' Union No.6 regional committee, congratulated those who had worked to open the centre and said that their efforts

will 'work in tandem with the plans made by the TUC for their own campaign centres for the unemployed'.

Ray Block, a shop steward from the Liverpool docks, said he lived near the new centre, and that for the youth who left school this coming summer it would provide vital facilities.

Bob Bissett, convenor of the Metal Box company in Speke and chairman of the Tubrook residents' association, said that although he was preoccupied with the present closure of his own factory, he was very pleased to support Youth Training.

Barry Royal, secretary of the AUEW Ford's Bootle branch and member of the engineers' union district committee, said he would continue to support the centre and looks forward to the setting up of more centres.

Perhaps the most welcome contribution came from Alan Maclean, chairman of the G&MWU thermal insulation engineers' branch, who presented a cheque for £25 and said: 'Now I've seen the centre for myself, I feel we've all got to do a lot more to support it.'

Also present at the opening was a delegation from

the Liverpool dock shop stewards' executive committee who recently donated £250 towards the centre.

A representative of the actors' union Equity, Liverpool branch, and Dave Martin, president of the AUEW Liverpool district committee, were present. The manager of the Schreibers furniture factory in Runcorn, who donated interior fittings for the centre, was also there.

Delegations of Young Socialists members from all over Merseyside, Manchester, Yorkshire, Wales and the north-east coast made up a lively section of the audience.

Some local residents also came along and old age pensioner Mrs Doris Lightford volunteered to start cookery classes — there were many other offers of help, including some of boxing and judo instruction.

This afternoon there will be another occasion for young people and others in the area to visit the centre and hear about the courses.

At 2.30p.m. Phil Thompson, England international footballer and captain of Liverpool, will visit the centre along with his counterpart from Everton, Mike Lyons.

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IN OCTOBER last year an international seminar was held in Follonica, Italy, to mark the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik leader and founder of the Fourth International. Yesterday we noted that the conference was organised by a Stalinist front called the Feltrinelli Foundation and that the Italian Communist Party gave full backing to this Trotsky conference. The 'star attraction' at Follonica was none other than Professor Pierre Broue, a leading light of the anti-Trotskyist French group, the International Communist Organisation (OCI). In these articles we are examining Professor Broue's participation at Follonica and the speech he gave on Trotsky's murder.

ONE OF the many areas of research undertaken by 'Security and the Fourth International' was the case of Robert Sheldon Harte, one of Trotsky's guards who was found murdered in June 1940.

Harte was on guard at Trotsky's fortified household at Coyoacan, Mexico, on the night of May 24, 1940, when a group of Stalinist gangsters arrived with machine guns and bombs.

He opened the gate and let them in and then disappeared with the raiding party when they left a short time later.

They shot up the building and Trotsky's bedroom, but miraculously their bullets missed the Bolshevik leader.

One month after the abortive assault, Harte's body was found. He had been shot in the back of the head and his body had been buried in lime.

Trotsky declared that Harte was a martyr of the Fourth International and led a vigorous campaign to unmask the GPU culprits. Two months later, when Trotsky was deep into this investigation, he was murdered by Ramon Mercader.

Trotsky had no chance to know the full ramifications of the May raid and the Harte murder. Fresh evidence emerged over the years, but it was systematically suppressed by Joseph Hansen, the double agent who led the revisionist Socialist Workers Party in the United States until his death two years ago.

Twisted reasoning

'Security and the Fourth International' began to work on the Harte case and produced some startlingly incriminating material. At this point, Hansen, fully

supported by Broue's OCI, threw up his arms in horror and said the International Committee of the Fourth International was 'slandering' a martyr.

Because much of the new evidence came from official US government archives in Washington, DC, Hansen and his collabor-

ators tried to infer that Harte was a 'victim' of 'FBI slanders'.

This is the twisted reasoning which Broue used at the conference in Follonica last October. He invited his audience to decide whether the FBI wanted to create the impression that Harte was an

agent of the GPU!

This is what he said: 'No new facts allow one to settle the matter. On the one hand, the documents in question seem to us to pose a new question: what exactly were the FBI and its chief J. Edgar Hoover, who seems to have made a great effort to give credit to the idea that Bob Sheldon Harte was a disciple of Stalin, up to?'

'Is there a piece of the explanation in the personal relations which existed between the chief of the FBI and the industrialist Jesse Harte, the young man's father? Nothing allows one to content himself with this remark.'

Where is Broue's evidence that Hoover made strenuous efforts to prove that his friend's son was a GPU spy? He poses a question which is simply preposterous. The 'documents in question' are not part of an FBI black propaganda campaign otherwise they would have been used decades ago.

The documents were found by the International Committee, though Broue is careful not to credit their discovery to 'Security and the Fourth International'. They came from the US

National Archives in Washington, DC, and covered official correspondence between the US embassy in Mexico City and the State Department/FBI.

Alarming evidence

To deepen the investigation, the 'Security and the Fourth International' researchers went to Mexico City. It was the first time that the Trotskyist movement had carried out an on-the-spot inquiry into its founder's murder and the surrounding circumstances.

This is what was learned:

- After arriving in Mexico in early 1940 Harte began receiving his correspondence at the offices of the Wells Fargo company. The office was in the Ermita Building where correspondence was also being received and an office kept by GPU agents David Siquieros and Luis Arenal (who led the May raid on Trotsky's house) and Jacques Mornard alias Frank Jackson alias Ramon Mercader.

- According to Trotsky's secretary-translator, Fan-

ny Jakovits, Harte was especially nervous on the eve of the May attack and was continuously asking her about the progress of Trotsky's biography of Stalin.

- On the afternoon of the attack Harte disturbed Trotsky by entering his study without permission to 'check the alarm system' though nobody gave him instructions to do this.

- One of the members of the Siquieros's raiding gang, Nestor Sanchez Hernandez, confessed to the Mexican police that Siquieros had told him not to be afraid because 'one of our people will open the gate' (at Trotsky's house).

- In the GPU hideout at Santa Rosa, Harte was left unguarded and roamed around quite freely.

- In Harte's former apartment in New York, police found a photograph of Stalin on the wall.

- Harold Robins, the captain of the guard at Coyoacan, found a Spanish-English dictionary among Harte's belongings. In the front cover he found the signature of Siquieros, the leader of the Stalinist raiding party!



Robert Sheldon Harte, Trotsky's American guard, was found shot in the head in June 1940

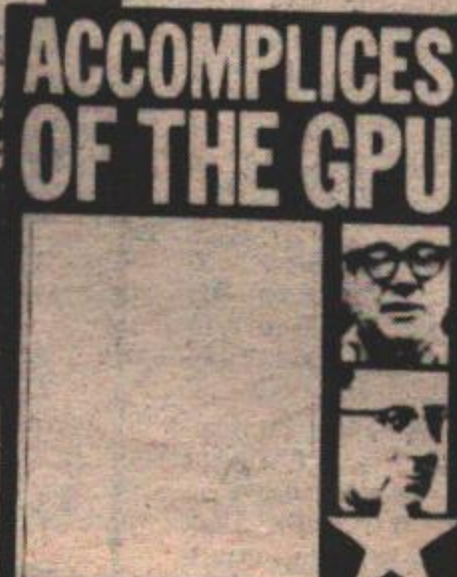
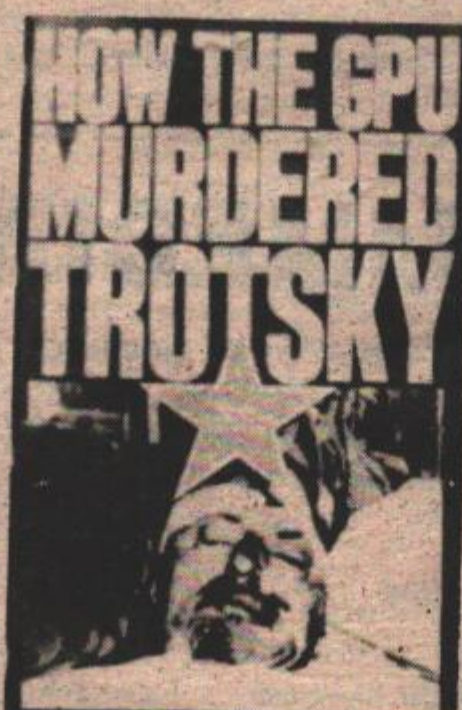
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Vittorio Vidali, the GPU killer now in the Italian Senate

Thoroughly dishonest

Although he is very familiar with this material from 'Security and the Fourth International' Broue has chosen to act as attorney for Hansen and the agents. That is why he puts up the bogus 'theory' that Hoover is behind some kind of weird plot to discredit Harte as a GPU agent.

Then Broue appears to have 'second thoughts'. In fact this is recognition that the position which he occupies is thoroughly dishonest. So he adds: 'We do not know the exact role played by the young American Bob Sheldon Harte, nor if his assassination had as its objective to rid the killers of a cumbersome, rather unsafe, accomplice, or, on the contrary, to protect the identity of a GPU man well placed for a new attempt.'

In other words, Broue says that Harte's role is an open question. This is no more or less than the International Committee said four years ago.

But when we drew attention to this, Hansen, the SWP, Broue and the OCI denounced 'Security

and the Fourth International' as 'slander'.

How strange it is that when Broue draws the same conclusion some years later the academics at Follonica stroke their beards and nod their heads in agreement!

And Broue has reached this conclusion from material uncovered and published by the International Committee, though he religiously avoids admitting this.

Broue employed the same childish deception when he addressed himself to the case of George Mink, the GPU assassin who arrived in Mexico in 1940 as part of the GPU murder team.

During press conferences before the Follonica seminar opened, Broue took every opportunity to advertise the significance of the Mink affair and his own 'revelations'.

When he came to make his speech, Broue mentioned some already well-known facts about Mink's criminal biography in the United States and in the Spanish civil war and then came to the crunch: Mink's trip to Mexico.

Broue said: 'A recently published FBI document makes it appear that its

chief, J. Edgar Hoover, thought that Mink had been executed in 1940, after Trotsky's assassination, by a group of Trotskyists led by Trotsky's former American secretary, Joe Hansen.' (our emphasis).

What is this 'recently published FBI document'? Published where? Where did it come from? Broue is so petty-minded that he cannot bring himself to admit that it was discovered by the International Committee and published as part of the 'Security and the Fourth International' investigation.

The FBI document is the letter sent by Hoover on October 1, 1940, 40 days after Trotsky's assassination, to his top officer in New York, Mr Sackett. This is the letter in which Hoover gives his directions on how the FBI should open its relations with Hansen when he comes back from Mexico. It follows Hansen's request to the US Embassy in Mexico for a 'confidential contact' in the FBI.

The letter is headed 'Espionage' and reads in full:

Dear Sir,

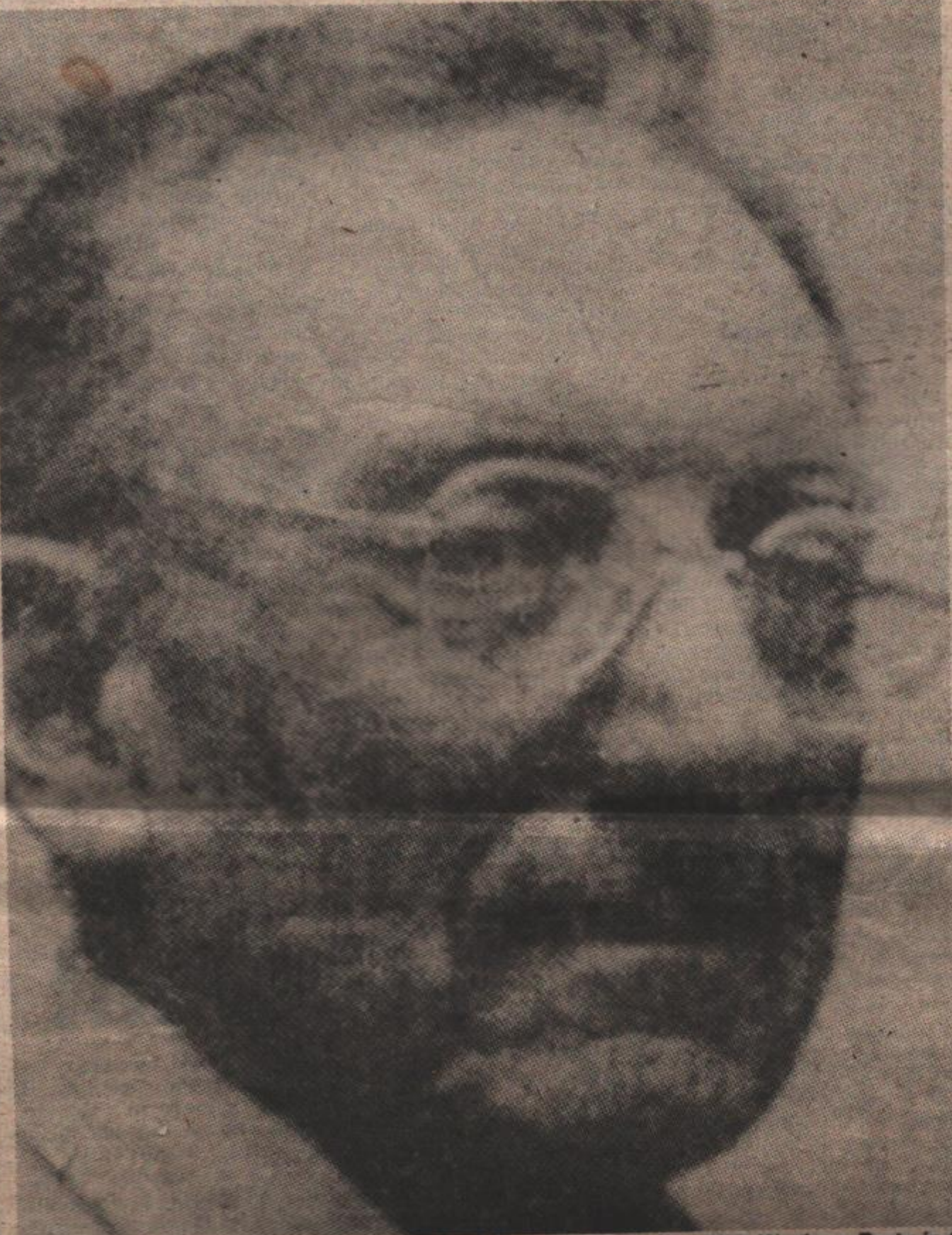
Information has been received through the State Department that Joseph Hansen, secretary to the late Leon Trotsky, is leaving Mexico City shortly for New York City where he intends to conduct some independent investigation into the assassination of Trotsky.

He has requested advice from the State Department as to whom he can furnish any information that he may develop, and he is being advised by the State Department to contact the New York City office.

According to the State Department, there are three different groups in Mexico City furnishing information regarding the Trotsky murder, which groups appear to be operating at cross purposes, and information has further been supplied by the State Department to the effect that Hansen and his associates liquidated George Mink six months ago, shortly before the first attack on Trotsky in May of 1940, by tying Mink up and throwing him into a crater some thirty miles from Mexico City.

Should Hansen call at the New York office, he should be handled tactfully and all information which he can supply and his assistance in this investigation should be obtained. No information should, of course, be furnished him concerning the progress of the investigation by the Bureau.

However, every attempt should be made to determine the truth of



Joseph Hansen, the double agent who led the revisionist Socialist Workers Party in the United States until his death two years ago

the report concerning George Mink.

Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Now let us compare this full transcript of the Hoover letter and Broue's reference to it. Immediately, the scale of Broue's distortion can be seen.

Hoover wrote that Mink was murdered, according to State Department information, six months before October 1, 1940 (the date of the letter) or 'shortly before the first attack on Trotsky in May 1940'. The charlatan Broue makes out that Mink was executed 'after Trotsky's assassination'.

Whitewash of Hansen

Why has Broue crudely falsified Hoover's letter? Why does he want to place Mink's liquidation after Trotsky's assassination?

The answer comes later in Broue's speech when he said, 'It is obviously certain that there exist in the FBI archives, many clues beside those concerning Joe Hansen and the distrust towards him advised by Mr J. Edgar Hoover to his agents. Moreover, he was persuaded that Mink had organised the assassination and that Hansen had

avenged Trotsky by killing Mink.'

Broue has changed the date of Mink's alleged murder given by Hoover in order to present Hansen in the most favourable light — as the avenger of Trotsky's murder.

This is the grossest deception and crude charlatanism. Its purpose is to try and rescue Hansen from the case presented by the International Committee that he was a double agent.

Broue has interpreted Hoover's statement that 'Hansen and his associates liquidated George Mink' to mean 'a group of Trotskyists led by Hansen'.

If Hoover meant a group of Trotskyists in the Socialist Workers Party, why didn't he say so? And if Hoover believed that Hansen and the SWP murdered Mink, is this how the FBI chief would have acted?

Isn't it obvious to anyone that if Hansen had murdered Mink, an American citizen, then the FBI would have pounced on him the moment he returned to New York. They would have raided the SWP offices and picked up the other leaders of the SWP as accomplices in a murder conspiracy.

At that very time, October 1940, the FBI were in the midst of preparing a big frame-up trial against the SWP under the Smith Act.

It went into operation the following year — but the Mink case was never mentioned and Hansen was never indicted.

Deliberate confusion

When Hoover referred to 'Hansen and his associates' he did not mean other comrades in the SWP at all, but Hansen's 'associates' in the GPU network responsible for carrying out Trotsky's murder.

Hoover specifically mentioned the Mink murder case in his letter to Sackett. It was to enable Sackett to pressurise Hansen (if pressure was needed) in getting his co-operation to change sides and work with the FBI.

But having presented Mink's murder as an act of revenge carried out by Hansen, Broue, one sentence later opens the door to a deluge of confusion by saying that the GPU agent Vittorio Vidali 'mentions him (Mink) with Bela Kun and Platnitsky among Stalin's victims. In fact, Mink ... disappeared without leaving a trace.'

In one breath Broue has foisted no less than three contradictory 'theories' about the Mink case: murdered by Hansen ... liquidated by Stalin ... disappeared without trace.

This played straight into the hands of Vidali who called a press conference to answer Broue's Follonica speech. Broue had challenged Vidali with the following question: 'You mention Mink in your book on the 20th Congress (of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union), together with Bela Kun and Platnitsky, as one of the 'victims of Stalin'.'

'How and in what way did you know Mink? Where and how did he die?'

Vidali naturally played the innocent fool when he replied: 'I did not know the Mink referred to by Broue. However, I met a certain Mink who was working at the offices of the Communist International and was a Russian.'

'He "disappeared" in early 1935 after Kirov's assassination. I do not know whether this Mink was in the Spanish war. His liquidation, like that of Bela Kun and many others, I learned in the 20th Congress from the comrades I met there.' ('Republicas, October 14, 1980).

The executioner Vidali is lying through his teeth. Mink, under the alias Herz, was active on behalf of the GPU as an executioner of the POUMists and Trotskyists in Barcelona and was one of Vidali's most sinister henchmen.

The role of Mink-Herz during the civil war has been publicly exposed by many authorities on that period — Carlo Tresca, Max Schachtman and POUM supporters M. Olivier and Katia Landau.

Vidali not only knew Mink but actually had him under his orders in the GPU's assassination squad.

Both arrived in Mexico in early 1940 and were denounced by the Trotskyists as would-be assassins. Vidali has deliberately introduced another Mink who was apparently liquidated by Stalin during the purges to confuse the identity of his old partner in crime.

And what of the great Professor Broue? Having used the International Committee's document from the FBI (without acknowledgement) to try and protect Hansen, he then appeals to Vidali for information about the whereabouts of Mink.

The truth is that Mink was not killed by Hansen. This story was fed to the FBI for reasons only known to the late Hansen.

Mink was smuggled out of Mexico during World War II and returned to the Soviet Union. He was last seen at a trade union conference in Eastern Europe 10 years ago.

If Professor Broue wishes to use this information in his next learned dissertation, would he kindly quote the International Committee of the Fourth International. And if he would like to read a full biography of Mink and his activities, would he keep watching these columns.

CONTINUED
TOMORROW

SCIENCE NEWS

VALIUM CONTROVERSY HITS DRUGS INDUSTRY

THE FIRST blasts of a controversy which could rock the pharmaceutical industry and expose the more insidious side of public health care have reached the national press.

Last week two conflicting statements were issued on the role of valium, the tranquilliser in mass use in the industrialised world, as a cancer promoting agent.

The first statement was by Dr David Horrobin who warned that the work of his team and others showed that valium 'whilst not a cause of cancerous tumours, certainly aided their growth in laboratory rats'.

He argued that since valium is in widespread use, urgent research should be financed immediately to get conclusive evidence of the matter.

Horrobin's statement was swiftly followed by a denial of his results from the consultant toxicologist from Hoffman-La Roche,

the giant pharmaceutical company which markets valium, and sells over £6m worth of the tranquilliser every year to the British National Health Service alone.

The consultant, Dr Francis Roe, claims that La Roche have already completed conclusive research at their Huntingdon Research Centre on hundreds of animals, and that the results are entirely negative.

Published

Whereas Horrobin's work has all been published, the results from Huntingdon have not yet appeared in any scientific journal, and are not available for scrutiny.

On behalf of La-Roche Roe has also criticised Horrobin's earlier work on the grounds that the results do not directly implicate valium as the promoter of cancer in rats, and that the samples size of the tested group was too small to draw anything but 'trivial' conclusions.

Horrobin replied: 'Our research was done on groups of animals of perfectly conventional sizes in cancer research. If you get unequivocal results in a group of ten animals there is no need to do studies on much larger groups. Our results were absolutely unequivocal and very highly statistically significant.'

The issue started quietly in Canada in 1977 when Horrobin and his team in Montreal discovered some intriguing similarities between diazepam, the medical name for the active ingredient in valium, and known cancer promoters.

At the time no extravagant claims were made, and Horrobin applied for further funds to continue research. Horrobin then tested the effects of diazepam on the growth of a transplantable breast tumour in rats.

The tumours in animals treated with low concentrations of the drug were three times bigger than those in untreated rats after 4 weeks. Peculiarly low

doses of about 1 microgramme per kilogramme (mg/kg), just over twice the normal human dosage, stimulated tumour growth though higher doses did not.

It was felt that this anomaly did not invalidate the results, but reflected some property of the drug which was only found in low concentrations. Horrobin applied for further funds.

Stangely, just as the investigation was producing some concrete results, the next, and all subsequent applications for research grants were turned down. Then, when Horrobin contacted the Canadian Press, he was asked to resign his post as a director with the Clinical Research Institute in Montreal.

Studies

By the time of his enforced resignation in 1979, Horrobin's findings have received some corroboration from other studies. Dr Basil Stoll of St Thomas's hospital in London found that women who had taken

tranquillisers before being diagnosed as sufferers of breast cancer had more rapidly spreading tumours at the time of diagnosis.

Horrobin's own work was repeated with the same results, and the effect was also found to apply to kidney tumours in rats.

Since then Horrobin has been associated with some work in the US which gives a closer insight in to the way in which diazepam may act as a cancer promoter.

With James Trosko, he has shown that diazepam, along with other known tumour promoting chemicals, restricts the transfer of organic compounds between cells. In the case of one particular enzyme, diazepam inhibited the 'communication' between cells 10,000 times more effectively than saccharin, which is an acknowledged cancer promoter.

If it is shown conclusively that diazepam does promote cancer, then it is probably because it limits the protections allowed by the

transfer of organic chemicals between cells.

There can be little doubt that the subject deserves further examination. There are about one quarter of the female population taking tranquillisers at any one time, and about 40 per cent of women have taken diazepam, mostly in the form of valium, at some time in their lives.

Denials

The strongly worded denials by Hoffman-La-Roche, with subsequent personal attacks upon Horrobin's career, can give little assurance that the matter will be treated with cold scientific objectivity by the company.

The enormous profits made through the sale of drugs, a large proportion of which are tranquillisers, put the pharmaceutical industry at the top of the 'profitability' league.

However, when even the BBC were prepared to sponsor a Reith lecturer last year who correctly

analysed the social source of the 'illness' treated by tranquillisers, it may prove more difficult than in the past for the pharmaceutical industry to bully its way out of a corner.

For if the 'valium connection' becomes established conclusively, the already massive doping of the community in the name of health care will be seen in a more direct light.

As Mr Kennedy, the Reith lecturer pointed out, the consequence of tranquilliser use, to control 'nerves' or depression, is that frustration which might normally emerge in the form of political activity is chemically deadened.

The prospect of a popular rejection of valium and other tranquillisers for fear of their possible role in cancer, the largest single cause of death of women of pre-menopausal age, may have more than the shareholders of La-Roche anxious.

Perhaps we could advise them all to take a little of their own medicine.

No safe cigarettes

LOW-TAR cigarettes are no substitute for giving up. This is the conclusion of the first annual report on smoking published in the US.

There were two principal reasons given for the conclusion. Firstly, cigarettes with lower tar or nicotine levels usually had greater amounts of additives. Three hundred additives

are used in the tobacco industry, many of which are known to be carcinogenic.

Secondly, there is evidence to suggest that a switch to low-yield cigarettes results in a change in smoking habits, with deeper inhalation, or simply an increase in the number of cigarettes smoked.

There was some indication

that if smoking habits did not change in a switch to low-yield brands there was a slight reduction in the risk of lung cancer.

About one third of the American population smoke cigarettes, and one third of them choose the lower yield brands.

The report warns however that there is no such thing as a 'safe' cigarette.

Cow heat

A DUTCH farmer is attracting the attention of other farmers in cold climates by heating his house and water with cows.

They are not kept in the living room but in a specially insulated cowshed which traps the warm air from their bodies under the roof.

The 70 cows produce enough warm air to heat all the domestic necessities. The air is sucked from under the roof, and passed through a compressor which builds the temperature up to 45 degrees centigrade, the temperature of hand-hot water.

Reduction

The farmer estimates that his electricity bill is being cut by about £600 a year. The potential reduction in fuel costs if the technique were widespread has persuaded the Dutch government to support the project.

Fermentation techniques for the conversion of animal waste into methane have been in use for some time, but this is believed to be the first example of the use of body heat as an animal energy source.

Push to bring in seatbelt laws



DAVID ENNALS... campaigning for seat belt law

CONTROVERSIAL laws to make the wearing of seat belts compulsory may be enacted as an amendment to the Tory transport bill, which had its second reading yesterday.

Following repeated filibustering of earlier attempts to introduce the measure, David Ennals, former Labour Social Services Secretary, is to table an all party amendment.

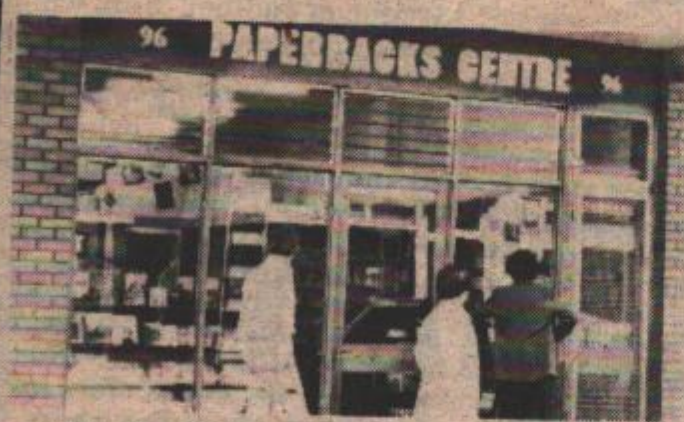
The matter would then have to be discussed in government time, during the debate on the bill.

Votes

Mr Ennals said: 'In the last 6 years there have been 3 free votes and each one has been overwhelmingly in favour of compulsory seat belts. The time has come when this really ought to be put on the statute book.'

Mr Ennals, who was speaking at the launch of a new pressure group, the Safety in Transport Action Group, said that recent figures indicate that compulsory wearing of seat belts would cut the number of road deaths by 600-700 a year.

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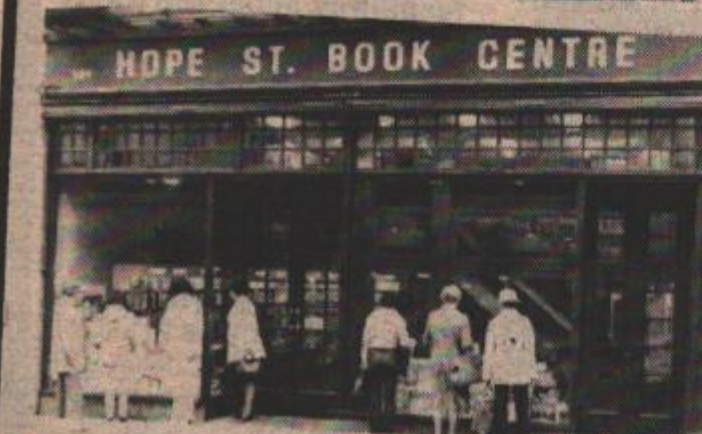


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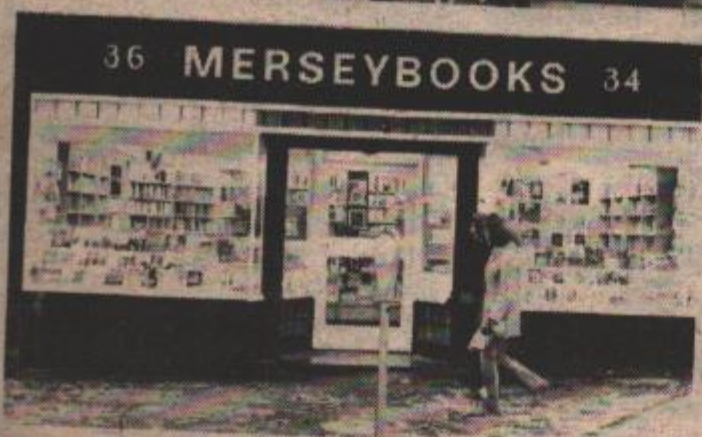
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Wind-powered generators

AN APPLICATION to build a 150ft tall wind-powered generator with 60ft propeller blades at Camarthens Bay power station, will shortly go before the Energy Secretary, Mr David Howell.

The generator, costing £100,000, will generate ab-

out 100 Kilowatts and will provide operating experience and research data to help in the selection of the first large wind-powered generator.

The Central Electricity Generating Board has also announced that it is to investigate three sites for

this larger, 410ft tall generator.

The sites are at a disused airfield at Wigsley, near Lincoln, Bradwell nuclear power station in Essex, and Richborough power station in Kent.

The cost of the large generator will be £1m and it

is expected to deliver 1 Megawatt. The small Welsh machine should be in operation next year, and the larger one by 1985.

Eventually a cluster of perhaps 10 large wind propelled generators, spaced half a mile apart, could be set up on the site to be chosen in 1982.

TV AND RADIO GUIDE



Mary Tamm in 'The Treachery Game' on BBC1 at 9.25pm

BBC 1

12.42 Regional News for England (except London). 12.45 Middy News; Weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45-2.00 Bod. 3.53 Regional News for England (except London). 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Laurel and Hardy. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Heidi. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter. 5.35 Ivor the Engine. 5.40 Evening News; Weatherman.

5.55 NATIONWIDE with regional variations; local weather and at 6.20 Celtic Connections and Grass Roots

7.00 TOMORROW'S WORLD looks at robots in the sewage pipes, space science used for preservation of the sea cow, and a novel way to get your grass to grow

7.25 TOP OF THE POPS

8.05 WILDLIFE ON ONE *Wild Otter*. Far into the Shetland Isles, Hugh Miles filmed the day-to-day life of a family of wild otters, often getting within a few feet of them, to produce a remarkable study for the first time of the habits of otters in the wild. Introduced by David Attenborough

8.30 SINK OR SWIM with Peter Davison and Robert Glenister

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS with Kenneth Kendall; Weatherman

9.25 THE TREACHERY GAME Three-part thriller with Malcolm Stoddard and Mary Tamm as husband and wife who find themselves being framed for murder

10.15 QUESTION TIME

11.18 NEWS HEADLINES

11.20 KOJAK *Down a Long and Lonely River* (Repeat)

12.10-12.15 Weatherman and Closedown

THAMES

9.30 The Masterbuilders. 9.55 Film: *Edward My Son*. 11.45 World Famous Fairy Tales. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Life Begins at Forty. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS with Andrew Gardner and Rita Carter

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CHARLIE'S ANGELS *Angels of the Deep*. A new recruit joins the Angels

7.30 THE JIM DAVIDSON SHOW Bob Todd joins Jim in a spot of water diving, among other sketches

8.00 SAPPHIRE AND STEEL David McCallum and Joanna Lumley continue their time-travelling journeys

8.30 TV EYE

9.00 WOLCOTT In the 3rd episode Wolcott is very annoyed when the Chief Super tells him he is being moved to 'less sensitive' areas of work

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 WOLCOTT concluding episode

11.20 TAKE SIX *Lightning — Act of God*. Peter Greenaway's film explores the phenomenon of lightning, what it is, and what it does

11.50 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

12.05 Closedown

YORKSHIRE

9.30 The Indians of North America. 9.45 Last of the Curlews. 10.35 Stars on Ice. 11.00 Chopper Squad. 11.55 Casper, The Friendly Ghost. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 The Entertainers. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Fantastic Four. 4.45 Little House on the Prairie. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten). 11.20 Beyond Westworld. 12.20 Closedown.

ATV

9.30 Survival Special. 10.20 Film: *Collision Course*. 11.10 Return of the Sullivans. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 ATV News. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Life Begins at Forty. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Vic the Viking. 4.50 Little House on the Prairie. 5.45 News. 6.00 ATV News. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 ATV Today. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten). 11.20 ATV News. 11.25 It's A Musical World. 12.25 Closedown.



Mario Adorf as Don Camillo and Brian Blessed as Peppone in 'The Little World of Don Camillo' on BBC2 at 9pm

RADIO

1 5.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Steve Wright. 11.00 Andy Peebles. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.32 Dave Lee Travis. 4.32 Peter Powell (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.00 21 at 33 — Elton John. 8.00 Richard Skinner. 10.02 John Peel (S). 12.00 Close.

2 (News throughout). 5.00 News Summary; Weather. 5.03 Bob Kilbey (S). 6.15 Pause for Thought). 7.32 Terry Wogan (S). 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought). 10.03 Jimmy Young (S). 12.03 Ray Moore (S). 1.45 Sports Desk. 2.02 Ed Stewart's Request Show (S). 2.45, 3.45 Sports Desk. 4.03 Much More Music (S). 4.45, 5.45 Sports Desk. 6.03 John Dunn (S). 6.45 Sports Desk. 10.02 Punchline Club (S). 9.02 Alan Dell (S) with the Big Band Sound. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Punchline. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.03 Brian Matth-

ew with Round Midnight (12.00 Midnight Newsroom; Weather; Motoring information). 2.02-5.00 You and the Night and the Music (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 8.05 Overture (S) Concert: Elgar, Mendelssohn. Tchaikovsky; records. 8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (S) Prokofiev, Mozart, Larsson; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composers (S). The Smetana Line; records. 10.00 Amadeus Quartet (S) String Quartet recital: Haydn, Mozart (10.55 Interval) Beethoven. 11.45 Louis Couperin (S) Harpsichord recital. 12.05 Four Fugues and a New Song-Cycles (S) Concert: Schumann arr. Paul Angerer, Wilhelm Killmayer. 1.00 News. 1.05 Manchester Midday Concert (S) Piano recital: Brahms, Chopin. 2.00 Jenufa (S) Opera by Janacek (2.40-2.45, 3.35-3.45 Interval). 4.20 Paco Pena (S)

Guitar recital. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 7.00 Talking About Music (S). 7.30 As Radio 4. 9.15 Words. 9.20 Spanish Songs (S) Recital: Valverde, Granados, Turina. 9.55 William Bardwell, Turina. 9.55 What Did You Do There? Short story. 10.10 Quatuor Pour la Fin du Temps (S) Messiaen. 11.00 News. 11.05-11.15 Debussy (S) on records.

4 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Today (6.45 Prayer for the Day; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.30, 8.30 News Headlines; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.05 What Price Astrology? 9.30 The Living World. 10.00 News. 10.02 Fat Man in Italy (S). 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story: *Sounds on the Town*. 11.00 News. 11.05 Analysis. 11.50 Enquire Within. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27

Never Too Late (S). 12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Afternoon Theatre (S) *Bonkers*. 4.00 Fritz Spiegler's Musical Alphabet. 4.15 Bookshelf. 4.45 Story Time: *There Came Both Mist and Snow*. 5.00 PM. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 The Six o'Clock News. 6.30 Any Answers? 6.55 It's a Bargain. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Time for Verse. 7.30 Boumemouth Symphony Orchestra (S) Concert: Mozart (8.10-8.30 Secrets of the Deep) Brahms. 9.25 Kaleidoscope. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight; News. 11.00 A Book at Bedtime: *Lord Jim*. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News; Weather Report; Forecast. 12.15-12.23 Shipping Forecast; Inshore Forecast.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 Play School. 4.25-5.30 Open University. 5.40 Laurel and Hardy in *Perfect Day*.

6.00 MUSIC-HALL GREATS *Let George Do It* (1940) George Formby plays himself, mistaken for a secret agent in the first days of World War II and lands up in Norway. Also starring Phyllis Calvert

7.20 CARTOON TWO *Tales from Hoffnung*

7.25 WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS *Judging the Situation*. What happens when a child is injured by a parent? What options are there for authorities? A social worker explains how a parent can cope with the situation

7.40 MID-EVENING NEWS plus sub-titles; Weather

7.55 WRITERS AND PLACES Author Anthony Burgess explains how he was *A Kind of Failure* as he looks back at his ambitions as a teacher 25 years ago in Malaysia

8.30 RUSSELL HARTY

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9.30 MAN ALIVE *Bust* One business after another is going bust and throughout the country the receivers are moving in. What is going wrong asks Harold Williamson to four small firms

10.20 INTERNATIONAL DARTS The last matches, to decide on the semi-finalists

10.45 NEWSNIGHT

11.30-12.15 INTERNATIONAL DARTS

CHANNEL

12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Channel Lunchtime News; What's On Where; Weather. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Superstar Profile. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Story Hour. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Alright Now. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten; Channel Late News; Weather). 11.20 The Electric Theatre Show. 11.45 News and Weather in French; Weather. Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.30 The Amazing World of Cinema. 9.50 Film: *The Assassination Bureau*. 11.30 Stars on Ice. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Superstar Profile. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.18 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 4.20 Story Hour. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Moviegoers. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten; Westward Late News; Weather). 11.20 The Electric Theatre Show. 11.50 Epilogue; West Country Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.30 Untamed World. 9.55 Film: *Melba*. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Southern News; Weather. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Cartoon. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Betty Boop. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Day By Day. 6.30 University Challenge. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten; Southern News Extra). 11.20 Jazz. 12.15 What the Papers Say. 12.35 Weather; Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

10.00 Film: *Thunderbird Six*. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 HTV News. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Life Begins at Forty. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. 5.10 Jobline Newsdesk. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.30 Happy Days. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten; HTV News). 11.15 SWAT. 12.10 Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 12.00-12.10 Owain A'r Olion. 4.15 Hansel and Gretel. 4.20 Take a Chance. 4.45 Ser. 5.10-5.20 Cartoon. 6.00 Y Dydd. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30-7.00 Sports Arena.

ANGLIA

9.15 Jobline. 9.30 England, Their England. 9.55 Battle for Cassino. 10.45 Like as the Lute. 11.20 World Worth Keeping. 11.45 Cartoon. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 The Entertainers. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Project UFO. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bygones. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather). 11.15 Willie Dixon and the New Generation of Chicago Blues. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

GRANADA

9.30 Circus. 9.55 Hopalong Cassidy. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Survival. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Movie Matinee: *Huckleberry Finn*, with Ron Howard in this adaptation of Mark Twain's novel. 5.45 News.

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS live from Manchester and Liverpool

6.25 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT

6.30 CROSSROADS

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 THE JIM DAVIDSON SHOW gets a helping hand from Bob Todd and Tim Barrett

8.00 SAPPHIRE AND STEEL Silver's judgement is not up to his skills, he discovers as he and Sapphire continue their mystery journeys

8.30 TV EYE

9.00 WOLCOTT In Part 3, Wolcott realises a senior police officer is 'protecting' someone when he is moved to a 'less sensitive' area of work

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 WOLCOTT In the final episode, Wolcott's mother gets taken hostage, but Insp Gilligan gives Wolcott a chance to act

11.20 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

11.40 PARIS *Burnout*. Conflict arises between police captain Paris and his colleague, Captain Castle

12.40 Closedown



Peter Davison as Brian with Sara Corper as Sonia in 'Sink or Swim' on BBC1 at 8.30pm

ULSTER

10.00 Sesame Street. 11.00 Tarzan. 11.50 Sally and Jake. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Life Begins at Forty. 4.13 Ulster News. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Little House on the Prairie. 5.15 Cartoon. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.50 Police Six. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten; Ulster Weather). 11.20 Barney Miller. 11.50 Epilogue; Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.20 The Good Word; North East News. 9.30 Survival. 9.55 Showjumping with Harvey Smith. 10.20 Film: *Harry Black and the Tiger*. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 North East News; Lookaround.

BORDER

9.45 Inner Space. 10.15 Jabberjaw. 10.45 Cartoon. 11.00 Fantasy Island. 11.50 Larry the Lamb. 12.00 Gideon. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 Together. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Fallen Hero. 3.45 Untamed World. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Salvage 1. 5.15 The New Fred and Barney Show. 5.45 News. 6.00 Lookaround Thursday. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 The Jim Davidson Show. 8.00 Sapphire and Steel. 8.30 TV Eye. 9.00 Wolcott (10.00-10.30 News at Ten). 11.20 Benson. 11.50 Border News Summary; Closedown.

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3.00 NOVICES HURDLE DIV I £00

1	00	AVENGE	J Cann	5 11 3	SG Knight
2	00	BRAMPFORD GIRL	W Turner	7 11 3	W Turner
3	003	BRIGHT OASIS	K Bailey	5 11 3	Steve Knight
4	00	CILL DARA MIST	M Stephens	6 11 3	P Burgoyne (4)
5	0	K REGALO	N Graham	7 11 3	C Candy
6	0	KASLO (NZ)	W McKenzie-Coles	12 11 3	John Williams
7	000	LAGER GIRL	J Baker	6 11 3	R Muggeridge (7)
8	000	NOVATINO	J Cobden	5 11 3	S Keightley (7)
9	000	OLIVER HARDY	Mrs B Waring	6 11 3	J Francome
10	00	PORT ASKAIG	T Forster	6 11 3	J Francome
11	0	PRINCE MILBORNE	J Thorne	5 11 3	S Smith Eccles
12	00	SCOTS NOGGER	J Spearing	5 11 3	R Linley
13	0P0-	SHEAF	C House	6 11 3	S May
14	00	VACUNA	N Gaselee	6 11 3	G McCourt
15	00	VIRGIN SOLDIER	J Old	5 11 3	M O'Halloran
16	0P	WELSH DRAGON	I Dudgeon	5 11 3	W Newton (7)
17	1	KARLINSKY (USA)	(D) Miss S Morris	4 10 13	P Hobbs
18	00	CONSORTIUM	G Kindersley	4 10 3	A Webb
19	00	GOLD RACER	I Dudgeon	4 10 3	A Webb
20	00	HOW SPLENDID	G Small	4 10 3	A Webb
21	00	INDECISIVE	Mrs N Smith	4 10 3	A Webb
22	0B0	LOST LINE	M Pipe	4 10 3	A Webb
23	00	RAVENS TOWER	M Pipe	4 10 3	A Webb

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Karlinsky, 7-2 Port Askaig, 9-2 Cill Dara Mist, 6-1 Vacuna, 8-1 Virgin Soldier, 10-1 others.

3.30 NOVICES HURDLE DIV II £500

1	0/	ARRAN SUNSET	J Jewell	7 11 3	Mrs J Hembrow
2	00	ASDIC (NZ)	D Kent	6 11 3	P Haynes
3	433	BAUDELAIRE (BF)	Mrs J Pitman	7 11 3	B Smart
4	2	BROWN VEIL	R Armytage	6 11 3	A Webber
5	0	CHARLIE MUDDLE	S Mellor	6 11 3	S Jobar
6	33	DOCTOR FITZ	H Poole	6 11 3	P Barton
7	004	FARMER FRED	M Scudamore	5 11 3	John Williams
8	0-04	KUTANI	M Stephens	6 11 3	Mr M Batters (7)
9	0	LADY GRAS	K Bishop	7 11 3	Mr K Bishop (7)
10	0	MISTRI	Mrs E Kennard	5 11 3	James Guest
11	300030	MURRAY CLOSE	D Nicholson	5 11 3	P Scudamore
12	3	ROMANY NIGHTSHADE	T Forster	5 11 3	J Francome
13	0	ROYAL LYON	M Stephens	6 11 3	Steve Knight
14	0P-	SCOTTISH MEMORIES	M Scudamore	8 11 3	K Bosley
15	00	WARREN EXPRESS	G Bosley	6 11 3	C Brown
16	P00	AUTUMN SUN	D Elsworth	4 10 3	P Hobbs
17	030	BRISTOL BLUE	M Pipe	4 10 3	P Hobbs
18	000	BROOKLET	C Wildman	4 10 3	P Hobbs
19	00	FLYING GEORDIE	M Pipe	4 10 3	P Hobbs
20	040	GRIMA	I Dudgeon	4 10 3	R Linley
21	P0P	SPLENDID REQUEST	R Diamond	4 10 3	Mr C Tizzard
22	00	STORMAHEAD	B Lay	4 10 3	P Leach
23	000	VILLAGE WAY	D Greig	4 10 3	P Leach

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Romany Nightshade, 3-1 Brown Veil, 11-2 Baudelaire, 15-2 Grima, 8-1 Farmer Fred, 10-1 Asdic, 14-1 Doctor Fitz, 16-1 others.

Snowtown Boy for premier chase

ELEVEN years ago the first running of the Embassy Premier Chase final at Haydock was won by the great L'Escarot, who went on to capture two Gold Cups and a Grand National.

On Saturday this two-and-a-half mile chase switches to Ascot under its new title, the Lambert and Butler Premier Chase Final. And it's not long odds against the race producing another potentially brilliant winner.

There's another strong Irish

challenge in the shape of Royal Bond, Royal Dipper and Light The Wad. But the probable winner, barring accidents, is Fred Winter's immensely promising Snowtown Boy.

This six year old made an inauspicious start to his career over fences, falling in the Ascot qualifier won by Royal Bond in October.

But despite making the occasional elementary error, he won his next three races in effortless style. His main weapon is his speed.

TODAY'S RACE CARDS, PROSPECTS AND SELECTIONS

Dramatist at his peak

DRAMATIST (2.00) is the common sense bet to beat Gold Cup hope Raffi Nelson in WINCANTON's John Bull Chase today.

After four races this season Dramatist has reached his peak — as he showed when outspeeding Beacon Light at Sandown recently, while Raffi Nelson has been off the course since breaking a blood vessel at the Esher track last February.

Unbeaten

Raffi Nelson had gone through the season unbeaten until that mishap, so it was cruel luck that Nicky Henderson's young gelding should be thwarted from a crack at the Gold Cup.

Dramatist is probably better known for his hurdling career, during which he

WINCANTON

1.00	Salad
1.30	Bealnalath
2.00	Dramatist (Nap)
2.30	Harry Hotspur
3.00	Karlinsky
3.30	Romany Nightshade (n.b.)

lived in the shadow of first Comedy of Errors, then Night Nurse.

Switched to fences in 1978, Dramatist again had to compete with Night Nurse as a novice and that was a definite dampener to his already dented confidence.

In the last two seasons, Dramatist has reached in two-and-a-half-mile handicaps, winning the tote double chase at Cheltenham in February, and more recently the Ladbroke Handicap Chase at Sandown. He looks poised to follow up.

Fire Drill will be a warm order for the Jamboree Handicap Hurdle but might find one too fiery for him if

SELECTIONS

SOUTHWELL

1.15	Political Pop
1.45	Winking Fields
2.15	Cheers
2.45	Merry Legs
3.15	Ballyknock Boy
3.45	North

Bealnalath (1.30) is back to his fiendish best.

Bealnalath looked all set to make the top novice ranks in 1979 but was injured after a shock defeat by Random Leg at Cheltenham. The reverse kept Bealnalath sidelined for a year, but the eight-year-old showed up well for a long way behind Sir Titus at Doncaster on his reappearance last month.

Forward

Fitness could provide the key to this race and if Bealnalath is as forward as we think, then he may edge out Fire Drill — who did every-



thing but beat News King in the L'Oreal Hurdle at Newbury recently.

SOUTHWELL's banker bet looks to be North (3.45) in the Junior Novices Hurdle. North never reached the heights expected of him on the flat but seems to have an aptitude for hurdling.

He cantered in at Sedgefield on Boxing Day and probably met a distinctly useful youngster in Tru Mar when beaten at Haydock Park last Friday.

SOUTHWELL

1.15 WELBECK NOVICES CHASE £800

1	31-11FU	POLITICAL POP	M Dickinson	7 12 5	T Carmody
2	P2F213	SPARTAN MAJOR	Mrs W Sykes	7 11 12	S Morhead
3	0/0000	ALL DIVINE	G Vergette	7 11 5	P J Kelly
4	P00-P04	BRANDABRA TOOK	S Mellor	8 11 5	P Blacker
5	0303-P0	BROOKROD	J Doyle	7 11 5	J Doyle
6	B0-P0F0	CHAYZE	R Pugh	7 11 5	S J O'Neill
7	0000-P0	COUNTLESS	Mrs C Marriage	9 11 5	S J O'Neill
8	000-003	HAYBALE	J Spence	7 11 5	R Dickin
9	04P2F0	KALLOPE	Mrs D Black	8 11 5	R Crank
10	0	PAPERAR	P Bevan	7 11 5	C Smith
11	0130-00	THE TISTA	J Davies	8 11 5	B de Haan (4)
12	3-0P33F	TUNNEL MASTER	J FitzGerald	8 11 5	G Bradley (7)
13	0322P-2	WILTON'S FIRST	J FitzGerald	9 11 5	P Tuck
14	0P-004	SPINNING REEL	D Morley	5 10 7	B R Davies

BLINKERS: 4, 19
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Go Wimp, 3-1 Political Pop, 9-2 Wilton's First, 7-1 Spartan Major, 10-1 The Tista, 12-1 Haydale, 14-1 Tunnel Master, 16-1 others.

1.45 SYERSTON SELLING HURDLE £500

1	401P00	GHOSTING (D)	W Clay	11 2	N Clay
2	0	F CARRIED ALONG	Miss S Hall	10 11	D Wilkinson (4)
3	000	GOTHICUS	J FitzGerald	10 11	T Carmody
4	433-000	MAJOR CRISP	T Kersey	10 11	G Kersey (4)
5	P00F-P0	MOUNT-GLOW	Mrs A Harvey	10 11	G Sanderson (75)
6	000004	SMILING CAVALIER	D Thorne	10 11	J Doyle
7	PP-00F	SUN OF DES	J Doyle	10 11	J Doyle
8	0	SPEED BONNIE BOAT	D Wilson	10 11	P Tuck
9	0000-0	SUPREME LIL	D Lomax	10 11	S J O'Neill
10	00000	ULLEY OAK	J Harris	10 11	Mr T Walford (4)
11	20	WEDDED BLISS	D Chapman	10 11	Mr T Walford (4)
12	044242	WINKING FIELDS	D Weeden	10 11	B R Davies

BLINKERS: 1, 3, 5, 12
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Winking Fields, 7-2 Wedded Bliss, 4-1 Gothicus, 7-1 Ghosting, 10-1 Speed Bonnie Boat, 12-1 Major Crisp, 14-1 others.

2.15 MARKET-DAY HANDICAP CHASE £1,200

1	104233	CHEERS (BF)	J Edwards	9 11 8	P Blacker
2	042004	TURK (C-D)	L Furman	9 10 6	A Coogan (4)
3	020-F30	SEA LANE	Earl Jones	7 10 2	R F Davies
4	43204-3	SILBERTO (C-D)	F Cotton	11 10 0	Miss L King (4)

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Cheers, 11-4 Turk, 7-2 Silberto, 6-1 Sea Lane.

2.45 CROMWELL HANDICAP HURDLE £700

1	200113	FATA MORGANA	D Weeden	6 12 2 (10 ex)	B R Davies
2	220-030	SIR BOUNTIFUL (C)	S Cole	7 11 10	R F Davies
3	001244	ROMAN CON (D)	B Wilkinson	7 11 4	D Atkins
4	10P00/0	CHARTERED COURSE	M W Easterby	8 10 7	C Tinkler
5	00220	GAY TWENTIES	R Carter	7 10 7	Mr P Webber
6	34-0000	STORMY AFFAIR (D)	G Lockerie	8 10 4	N Balmer
7	P1P0244	MERRY LEGS	H Hamner	9 10 2	R Dickin
8	0-22000	CHEQUERS GIRL	J Spearing	5 10 1	P Tuck
9	0013-00	ESTATE AGENT	M W Easterby	8 10 0	P Tuck
10	0-00000	FONDON (C-D)	J Bingham	9 10 0	Janice Foster (7)
11	02P-003	HOPTON	J Harris	6 10 0	J A Harris (7)

13	000-432	SEALEGATION	J Spearing	7 10 0	A Coogan (4)
14	100000	POMME STAR (FR)	(C) L Furman	5 10 0	M Charles (4)
15	0P0-00P	RAISE YOU AGAIN	W Charles	13 10 0	M Charles (4)

BLINKERS: 6
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Fata Morgana, 4-1 Sir Bountiful, 9-2 Gay Twenties, 7-1 Roman Con, 10-1 Stormy Affair, 12-1 Hopton and Estate Agent, 14-1 Fondon, 16-1 Sealegation, 20-1 others.

3.15 THORPE HANDICAP CHASE £1,000

3.15		THREE HANDICAP CHASE		£1,000
		2m (10 runners)		
1	F41013	HAZY ISLE (C-D)	J Webber 10 11 12	Mr P Webber
2	00442F	MASTER WHAT (C-D)	W Clay 9 11 4	N Clay
3	000-312	PLASTIC CUP	H O'Neill 7 11 2 (5 ex)	G Gracey (4)
4	P-00000	BRANDY FARE (C-D)	B Shaw 11 10 12	
5	4-30004	BALLYKNOCK BOY	Mrs M Thomas 8 10 12	M Bastard (4)
6	P0-0PP3	REPIQUE	Earl Jones 7 10 12	R F Davies
7	02P4P-	BLESSED BOY (C-D)	M Chapman 9 10 10	G Charles-Jones (7)
8	FOF0P-	REEHAD	T Hallett 6 10 7	B Wright (4)
9	043P/00	FIVE BELLS	J FitzGerald 8 10 7	D Atkins
10	0P00-0F	RUMANDA	D Chapman 6 10 0	Mr T Walford (4)
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Plastic Cup, 7-2 Hazy Isle, 4-1 Master What, 5-1 Repique, 8-1 Blessed Boy, 12-1 Ballyknock Boy, 16-1 others.				

SPORTS LINE

New
limited
over
penalty

THE Australian Cricket Board announced yesterday that it would double the penalty for slow overs in the finals of the World Cup limited-overs series.

Phil Ridings, chairman of the board, said it would also try to impose penalties on the Australian team for slow over rates during the forthcoming tour of England.

Announcing the doubling of penalties for the World Cup series, Ridings said: 'The arrangement seemed to work in the day-night game between Australia and New Zealand yesterday.'

'Both teams bowled their 50 overs in the time allocated and no penalty was necessary — and what a game that was, with a win to New Zealand by one run.'

In the preliminary games of the Cup, in which Australia, New Zealand and India competed, a scale of penalties was laid down providing for a fine of 50 Australian dollars per player if the team bowled only 49 overs in their allotted time, and 100 dollars per player if fewer than 49 overs were bowled. The fines were to be deducted from the team's prize money.

On the subject of similar penalties for the Australians on the tour of England, Ridings said: 'It is harder to impose penalties on an England tour, with the different methods of payment to cricketers in both countries.'

BUTCHER GOES HOME

England expects a lot from West Indian



Butcher gets in some last minute net practice at Lords earlier this week.

FIVE years ago, Roland Butcher's greatest dream was to play cricket for the West Indies. Tomorrow afternoon he flies out of Heathrow to play against them.

A 27-year old Barbadian, Butcher is the first West Indian-born cricketer to play for England. The selectors hope his adventurous, aggressive batting will add dynamism on the three-month Test tour of the West Indies.

Butcher finally decided to play for England because like most West Indian immigrants, he now sees this country as his home.

Not only has he lived here himself since the age of 13, but even more important to him is the future for his family and two-year old son.

'Since I had an ambition to play for the West Indies, my circumstances have changed,' he told News Line this week. 'We have made our homes here, my wife Cheryl works here — and this is the country of my son's birth.'

'He wouldn't be

accepted in the West Indies. This is where he is going to make his future, grow up, and go to school.'

Butcher knows that nothing is easy for West Indian youngsters in Britain, but he believes 'it's what you make of life' that counts.

Concerned

He spends a good deal of his own time giving coaching sessions in both cricket and football and attending events to encourage school sports enthusiasts, although he is concerned that many school pupils who show promise do not continue training when they leave.

He played both cricket and football at school, caught the eye of Gloucestershire CCC, and was given a job on the grounds staff at Lords. There he was spotted by Middlesex, and signed up for the club in 1972.

Four or five years ago, uncertain of a team place, Butcher thought of giving up cricket. Today,



ROLAND BUTCHER, the first West Indian to be capped by England, who will face his countrymen on England's tour which begins next week

BY SIMON PIRANI

after playing a role in Middlesex's spectacular success in recent seasons, he is more settled and now faces his first ever Test series.

It has been suggested that Butcher will be under pressure from the West Indian cricket fans, the most fanatical in the world.

But he is not only confident that they will accept him as a West Indian who has now settled in Britain for good, but also believes that the home team will be the ones to feel the heat!

'They will definitely feel the pressure, especially if England have a couple of good games early on.'

'It's so personal out there,' he explained. 'You have to walk the street with these guys. They are all cricket-mad, they come up to you in the street, and that's where the pressure comes.'

'None of the West Indian team will go anywhere without being recognised. They are not like English cricket fans! And they will come up to you and

tell you exactly what they think of you.'

Butcher dismisses suggestions that the crowds might look on him as a 'traitor'. 'I can't see those sort of problems arising at all. They appreciate skill, and if you perform well, they will like that, whatever side you are playing for.'

Confident

As for England's chances of success on the tour, Butcher must be one of the most confident members of the squad. 'We must have a good chance,' he insists. 'We have never lost a Test series in the West Indies.'

'I think our spin-bowlers could play an important part. They don't play against many spinners, so they could be of value.'

Butcher clearly hopes to make his mark on the tour. His philosophy is that every man has to carve out his own road to success — and what better way to start than a few fine innings against the world's most feared fast bowlers.

HAMMERS FIXTURE PROBLEMS GROW

NON-stop overnight rain caused FA Cup holders West Ham's third round second replay to be postponed again at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground last night.

Their delayed League Cup semi-final first leg — due to be played next Tuesday night at Highfield Road — has also been cancelled.

The replay, originally

scheduled for last Monday but switched to last night because the Racecourse Ground was waterlogged, will now go ahead next Monday.

Replay

If a third replay is needed it will be at West Ham on Wednesday January 21, with the League Cup match being switched to Tuesday January 27,

two weeks before the second leg.

The Second Division leaders, also involved in a fourth major trophy, the European Cup Winners Cup, have had to reluctantly accept that they will face a fixture congestion in the next month.

But the Football League has already begun thinking of ways round a new, as yet hypothetical, problem if West Ham eventually

beat Wrexham, they could need a replay to dispose of fourth round opponents Wimbledon, which the FA may insist takes place as scheduled in the week beginning January 25th.

Problems

'I think everybody wanted a different arrangement,' said a League spokesman yesterday. 'No one is happy at having to move the league Cup semi-final for a third time, but if we have more problems with FA Cup replays, we would be looking for the FA to help us with a compromise next time.'

Wrexham will be looking for a big improvement in the next few days to make their ground playable. Chester referee Derek Owen donned Wellington boots but needed just a couple of minutes to declare the pitch unfit.

Beryl Millichipp, of West Bromwich Albion.

Leicester City defender Billy Gibson and Middlesbrough full back John Craggs were both banned for two games after personal hearings. They had both reached 20 penalty points.

Ramage gets 3-match ban

DERBY County, chasing promotion from the Second Division, have lost their defender Alan Ramage for the next three games.

Ramage, formerly with Middlesbrough, was given a three-match ban starting with Saturday's

game at Bolton, by an FA disciplinary commission in Birmingham yesterday.

He asked for a personal hearing after reaching 20 disciplinary points and Derby assistant manager John Newman spoke on his behalf to the four-man commission headed by

Rugby League appeals dismissed

APPEALS by Paul Rose (Hull Kingston Rovers) and Brian Hogan (Widnes) against suspensions by the disciplinary committee were dismissed by the Rugby League appeals committee in Leeds yesterday.

Rose, who appealed against a ten-match suspension for an offence against Bradford Northern last month, was not able to attend the hearing

because his car broke down on the journey from Hull.

Hogan made a personal appearance to appeal against a 12-match suspension for an offence in the John Player Cup quarter-final game against Castleford last month. A League spokesman said: 'The appeals committee decided that the suspensions should stand.'

World Cup draw

THE International Football Federation (FIFA) yesterday announced the draw for the third round of the competition to choose two African teams to take part in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

Algeria will play Niger, Guinea meet Nigeria, Morocco go against Egypt and Zaire face Cameroun in the third round of the contest. FIFA announced yesterday.

Big entry for President's Cup

FOURTEEN countries from Asia, Europe and Africa will participate in the fourth President Cup international amateur boxing championship scheduled for January 26 to February 1, the organisers said yesterday.

The countries are Algeria, Britain, Hong Kong, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, the Soviet Union, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea.

A spokesman for the organisers said the United States had yet to advise whether they would take part. He said the Soviet Union would send 14 boxers, some of whom competed in last year's Olympic Games in Moscow.

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Severe reprimand for Sibson

TONY Sibson, the European middleweight champion from Leicester, was severely reprimanded when he appeared before the British Boxing Board of Control stewards in London yesterday for conduct detrimental to boxing.

Sibson's crime, committed more than a year ago, was that he took off nine-and-a-half pounds in the 24 hours leading up to the weigh-in for his British middleweight fight with Kevin Finnegan at the end of 1979.

This was disclosed by Sibson at the end of last year and greeted with horror by Board officials, especially on the medical side.

Sibson used a succession of sauna baths plus strenuous exercise as the means of removing the weight, then went 15 rounds with Finnegan and lost by half a point, the smallest possible margin.

'I did it myself. I am the one to blame for not being professional,' Sibson said after the hearing. 'I was ignorant and I wasn't taking boxing seriously enough but I have proved myself to the public, and to me, since then and it will not happen again.'

'Proper training and proper diet are the ways to take weight off. I know that now and in future I shall be an example to the fitness freaks.'

Adamant

Sibson was told that the Board was adamant that the use of a sauna bath for weight-making was detrimental as were any other artificial means.

As well as his reprimand he was given a long private lecture by the Board's medical officer explaining the dangers of what he did.

There was also discussion yesterday about the proposed John L. Gardner-Muhammad Ali fight and the Board made its position clear — but stressed that no application had been received from Gardner, the European heavyweight champion, to go abroad to fight Ali.

'The Board's position is clear on Muhammad Ali,' said official said after meeting. 'We are strongly against him continuing boxing.'

WEMBLEY BOUND

Ray puts Liverpool on Cup trail

MANCHESTER CITY 0 LIVERPOOL 1

RAY KENNEDY scored the goal that should see Liverpool through to their second League Cup final in March and a chance to win a trophy that has surprisingly eluded the Anfield Giants for the last ten years.

City, who have made a remarkable recovery under manager John Bond, rising from bottom of the First Division to a comfortable middle-of-the-table position and a place in last night's League Cup semi-final, played well, but were no match for Liverpool in the end.

They could feel aggrieved about their disallowed goal in the opening minutes and the fouls that led to a free-kick from which Kennedy, completely unmarked and with ease, pushed past Joe Corrigan.

Manchester City got off to what looked like a dream start when young Steve MacKenzie rose above the Liverpool defence to head in a Paul

FROM SIMON PIRANI
AT MAINE ROAD

Power cross past Ray Clemence. But referee Alf Grey awarded a free-kick as the City youngster had fouled the Liverpool goalkeeper.

Liverpool, with Phil Thompson and David Fairclough back in their side, were soaking up the early City pressure and were relying on the counter-attack to break.

City's midfield trio of Dave Bennett, McKenzie



Liverpool storm the City half during last night's League Cup semi-final

and captain Paul Power refused to let the Liverpool midfield men settle on the ball and Graeme Souness, Sammy Lee and Ray Kennedy were finding it tough going.

The absence of Bobby MacDonald, Tommy Hutchinson and Gerry Gow, all Cup-tied for the League Cup, didn't seem to unduly bother City. Ironically Dave Bennett and Dennis Tueart have scored five goals apiece in this year's Cup competition.

But Liverpool, the masters of the counter attack in English League football, came close on two occasions when City were stretched at the back. Both Fairclough and Dalglish had good efforts saved by Joe Corrigan in the City goal.

Liverpool opened the second-half in fine fashion. A beautiful pass from Dalglish, under pressure with two City defenders hustling him, found Souness whose shot was palmed onto the crossbar by Corrigan who managed to retrieve at the second attempt.

Liverpool were now

looking the more likely to score, their midfield men were finding their feet and the City youngsters were starting to feel the effects of their first-half efforts.

Dalglish was causing problems everytime he touched the ball and Ray Kennedy was making his presence felt as he moved forward to complement the attack. Fairclough, too, back in the side after a cartilage operation for the out of form David Johnson, was showing flashes of his old self.

Hopes

Dave Bennett, however, back in the side for Tommy Hutchinson, was in no mood to let City's hopes flag as Liverpool started to take control. On three occasions he went by Phil Neal, but there was nobody there when the City youngster's cross came over.

Then, with the game slipping away from City, Liverpool struck in the 81st minute.

Sammy Lee was fouled by Paul Power and Terry

McDermott took the free-kick. Ray Kennedy found himself completely unmarked at the far side of the City penalty box and had the easiest of tasks to slide the ball past a surprised Corrigan.

The City goalkeeper had every reason to be surprised. His defence had made the cardinal mistake of not marking the loose man in the area and Ray Kennedy took full advantage of the home team's mistake and scored the only goal of the game.

Liverpool should have scored only a minute later. A wonderful move that started in the heart of their penalty area and involving four players finally found Sammy Lee unmarked with only Corrigan to beat. But the little Liverpool midfielder shot wide from close in.

Manchester City now face a daunting task in the second leg at Anfield. No team has won there for over two years and on last night's performance John Bond's team do not look as if they can become the first to do it.



Best of luck Geoff . . .

BEST OF LUCK GEOFF . . . England cricket captain Ian Botham wishes his opening batsman, Geoff Boycott, the very best for their forthcoming tour of the West Indies, and he's going to need it.

The whole of the West Indies have been holding their breaths in anticipation of the tour which will in-

clude five Test matches. England fly out from Heathrow tomorrow and into the sun in Port of Spain.

The tour will last until April 16 and besides the five Tests there will be another eight games against representative teams in the sun drenched islands. The first Test is scheduled for Port of Spain on February 26.

Jarret replaces Lewis

ANDREW Jarrett replaces Richard Lewis as Britain's No.2 for tonight's Kings Cup European tennis match against Sweden in Cardiff.

Jarrett, who yesterday moved up from seventh to sixth in the new British ranking list, plays the first rubber against Anders Jarryd and then Buster Mottram faces Per Hjertquist before dashing to Gatwick for an early morning flight to Mexico.

Team manager Paul Hutchings has kept faith with the doubles pairing of Jarrett and David Lloyd, who helped to give Britain a 3-0 victory over Hungary in their first Kings Cup match of the season on Sunday.

Both Jarrett and Jarryd will be in action twice

tonight, for the Swede teams up with Hans Simonsson in the concluding doubles. It has not been the best of days for Lewis, who did nothing wrong on his Kings Cup debut on Sunday by beating Peter Szoke 6-3, 7-6.

First he heard that he had dropped from fourth to seventh in the rankings

and then he learnt that he had lost his Cup place.

Mottram, who conceded only one game to Janos Benyik at the weekend after playing in the Braniff doubles at Olympia earlier the same day, may find it somewhat harder against Hjertquist, who is the top Swedish player in the absence of Bjorn Borg.

Floodlit game for Somerset

FLOODLIT cricket is to be staged on Oxford United's ground in April this year. The match, to aid Somerset batsman Peter Dennis's benefit, will be be-

tween Somerset and an Oxford Cherwell League team. It will take place on April 28 on the eve of the county's three-day match against Oxford University in the parks.

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