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UNION RIGHTS FACE SAVAGE ATTACK

BY ALAN BOTT

A PACKAGE of Tory anti-union laws, which aim to destroy basic rights fought for almost a century ago, provoked a cautious reaction last night from TUC leader Len Murray.

Murray condemned a government Green Paper 'discussion' document, saying it expressed 'patent hostility to effective trade unionism'.

He went on: 'The government really should stop wasting everybody's time by exhuming stale ideas that were buried with the Industrial Relations Act and start tackling the economic crisis that is afflicting the British people and has already swelled the ranks of the unemployed to over 3 million.'

Debate

The Thatcher Cabinet wants 'debate' on the Green Paper to take place over the next few months. All interested parties are to submit their views by the end of June 30.

Walter Goldsmith, director-general of the Institute of Directors welcomed this timetable yesterday, saying it would 'make it possible for legislation to be introduced during the next parliamentary session'.

He called on businessmen for pressure on the government to move

against 'excessive power and immunities' of the unions.

Among the ideas put forward by the Tories are measures to:

- Scrap the law which protects unions, their officials and members from court action for civil damages in a dispute.

- Lay down specific things which trade unionists may legally do.

- Impose 'no-strike' contracts on essential service workers like firemen, water, power and gas workers.

- Make union-management agreements enforceable by law, preventing any industrial action during the term of an agreement.

Secret

- New powers for the government to order secret ballots, a 'cooling off' period, or to declare a strike 'against the national interest'.

- Giving police powers to help employers take pickets to court and powers to set up 'no-go' areas around

a strike-hit factory.

The Green Paper sets out ways of ending the protection unions have had since the famous case of the Taff Vale railway strike of 1901 in which a rail union was ordered to pay £23,000 damages and all strikes were effectively rendered unlawful.

Law

Immunities were later secured for unions in the 1906 Trades Disputes Act.

Now Thatcher's Green Paper says: '... the law governing strikes and other industrial disputes is based on a series of legal immunities which protect those who organise and take part in trade disputes from both criminal and civil liability.'

'Without these immunities most industrial action would be illegal.'

'Trade unions, their officials and their members would be liable to criminal prosecution or to civil actions for damages every time they were involved in a strike.'

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Bob Fleming (left), assistant national secretary of the National Union of Seamen, pictured at Maritime House yesterday, shortly before flying off to Sydney, Australia, to co-ordinate members there. Also off on travels is Owen Morrissey, Holyhead branch secretary, about to tour western Europe starting at Rotterdam. In the background Disputes Committee members answer phones and reply to telexes from members around the globe.

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European support grows for seamen

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

TUG CREWS at continental and north European ports are refusing to handle British ships, seamen's leader Jim Slater said yesterday.

He told a mass meeting of seamen at Hull that more than 100 ships throughout the world were now halted by industrial action in the union's bid to force an improved pay offer from the ship owners.

The union is demanding a substantial rise in basic pay and proper overtime rates. The employers' offer amounts to an increase of approximately 10 per cent.

Yesterday, after formally withdrawing their offer, the employers claimed

they were willing to have further talks with the union.

The ship owners' chief negotiator Roderick Macleod said that he had been unable to contact Slater because the seamen's leader was in Hull.

But this was disputed by NUS officials at the union's headquarters in south London who said they had received no official communication from the employers to reopen talks.



JIM SLATER

ARMY MURDERERS GET LIFE — PAGE 3

Briefly

FERODO is to sack 350 workers at its three main works in Buxton and Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, and Caernarvon, Gwynedd, the brake-lining manufacturers said yesterday.

FRENCH unemployment rose by 2.6 per cent in December to 1,514,900 — approximately 6 per cent of the labour force.

EIGHT DUTCH airmen were rescued yesterday after their aircraft ditched in the sea about 100 miles off the west coast of Scotland. A search was going on for four missing crew.

PETROL prices were put up by 5p yesterday by BP and Texaco, following similar moves by Esso and Shell earlier this week.

A BLIND people's leader is refusing to attend Prime Minister Thatcher's reception marking the International Year of the Disabled on Monday. It is an 'obscene irrelevance', says Colin Low.

PRISONERS of war in the north of Ireland who receive political status will keep it for the time being because of lack of cell space, premier Thatcher told Enoch Powell yesterday.

DOCKERS on pay strike in Aberdeen yesterday allowed the 4,000-ton ferry 'St Clair' to leave with vital bread and milk supplies for the Shetland and Orkney islands.

A BEDFORD police constable, Martin Lincoln, has been suspended after investigations into missing tea money. Twelve officers were questioned after marked money was put with change in a cash box.

PRIME MINISTER Thatcher yesterday defended a speech by Treasury Financial Secretary Nigel Lawson indicating that government borrowing might be even wider of the target than anticipated.

MPs SEEK AID FOR VAUXHALL

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

Halewood to vote Saturday

HALEWOOD is the only major Ford plant left to vote on the company's 9.5-per-cent pay offer — at meetings tomorrow and Monday.

The only plants to reject the offer so far have been Swansea and Woolwich.

WEATHER: Most places will start dry with bright or sunnier periods in central and eastern areas. Cloud will spread steadily east bringing sleet or snow to many parts. On low ground rain is more likely. There will be widespread frost at first.

FOUR MPs were seeking talks yesterday with top Vauxhall management to press for major investment with possible government aid at their Ellesmere Port factory.

The car company announced nearly 3,000 sackings at its Cheshire plant on Wednesday, claiming they were necessary to protect its 'long-term future'.

The local MPs said they had been told unofficially that the Thatcher government would be prepared to meet demands for grants to modernise the plant.

News of possible government aid came from Tory

BL car workers who went on strike on Wednesday at the company's Solihull Rover-Triumph factory, yesterday voted to return to work. The 1,500 workers rejected a shop stewards' recommendation to ask management to slow down assembly lines from 12 to eight cars an hour. Production of Rover saloons, TR7s and export-only TRB sports cars stopped when some workers complained that the lines were going too fast under new working schedules.

MP David Hunt, whose Wirral constituency contains many Vauxhall workers.

Vauxhall wants to axe a total of 5,700 jobs by 'voluntary redundancies' and early retirement at their Ellesmere Port, Luton and Dunstable plants.

The cuts are part of a plan to turn the Merseyside factory into an assembly plant.

At the moment the 9,000-

strong workforce produce the Chevette model, making most of the major parts as well as assembling the cars.

But by the end of the year the company aims to introduce assembly from German parts of the new Astral model.

Shop stewards were meeting yesterday to discuss the redundancy plan. Wirral district secretary of the engineering union Cliff Keech said it was too early

to say what the workers' reaction of the workforce would be.

He expected the unions to have drawn up a 'common policy' towards the cuts by the time the company's joint negotiating committee meets next Thursday.

Appalled

Keech, who has 4,000 members at the Ellesmere Port factory, said: 'I am appalled at the level of the redundancies and I am appalled at the reasons the company gave — the high cost of the pound and high interest rates.'

'I am disappointed that they are not sinking any direct investment into manufacturing at Ellesmere Port.'



SIR KEITH JOSEPH

We didn't make big enough cuts says Joseph

TORY Industry Secretary Sir Keith Joseph 'bitterly' regrets that the government did not slash public spending even more drastically.

'We did not take strong enough measures. We did not cut public spending enough. Looking back, they were not strong measures. We were merely cutting planned increases,' he said in an interview in the 'Director', journal of the Institute of Directors.

'We have lost the first 12 months. The momentum of the public spending omnibus is unbelievably strong. We are only beginning now to grapple with its momentum.'

The magazine describes Joseph as clearly 'disappointed, possibly disillusioned and obviously depressed... a lonely worried figure.'

Sympathising with big business, Joseph said: 'The chickens are coming home to roost after many years of political errors, above all political errors, government errors, trade union errors and even management errors, and it is upon the present generation that the transition towards a healthier economy is falling.'

Joseph claimed that he had 'great respect and very great sympathy for those going through it', but confirmed that the Tories would continue their ruthless attack on the jobs, living standards and rights of the working class.

THE BUDGET is to be on March 10, the leader of the Commons, Francis Pym, announced yesterday. Only twice this century — in 1900 and 1973 — has Budget day been earlier in the year.

It is estimated that if the government intends to raise indirect taxes, as seems likely, revenue rises by £25m for every week the budget date is brought forward.

WATERMEN WANT NATIONAL STRIKE

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

A DEMAND for a national water strike will go to leaders of the General and Municipal Workers' Union following a unanimous vote yesterday by delegates representing 8,000 workers.

The strike call, which was accompanied with a total rejection of the employers' 'final' 7.9-per-cent pay offer, was taken by 48 delegates from the Severn, Thames, Trent, Anglian and Welsh water authorities.

After the meeting at Halesowen in the West Midlands, G&MWU regional organiser Tom Bevan said their decision had been provoked by the 'irresponsible and negative response' by the employers.

Yesterday's decision will be sent to the union's national executive. And the union side of the National Joint Council is due to meet again on February 3, and may issue notice of a national strike to the National Water Council.

Bevan said he thought the Midlands' vote would have considerable bearing on the decision of the executive.

Reneged

He hit back at Tory Press claims that strike action was 'irresponsible', saying: 'It is the employers who are being irresponsible in that they have reneged on a national agreement.'

Christopher Caserley, head of the Water Council's information service, said the council would not make its feelings known until after the February 3 meeting.

The G&MWU's chief negotiator, Eddie Newall, said the delegates' decision 'clearly demonstrates that the employers' view that a stoppage was remote was both misjudged and complacent.'

He said the employers must reopen pay talks and improve their offer or face almost certain industrial action next month.

Wait for us to come back — Benn



BENN

LABOUR left-winger Anthony Wedgwood Benn last night called on trade union leaders to cut their ties with the government.

'I see no point in the trade union movement continuing to involve itself in this government's policy,' he said.

He added that unless local councils, trades councils, community groups and small businesses worked together 'throughout every town and village in this country, it will not be possible to fund the recovery of our economy.'

'Mad economics' for coal-mining

THE COAL industry is under attack and the government is condoning it, miners' leader Joe Gormley said yesterday.

He accused the Tories and the National Coal Board of pursuing 'mad economics' which had caused a fall in demand for coal.

'We are running like hell and not even standing still, but going backwards,' he said after a meeting of the executive of the National

Union of Mineworkers.

He said there was concern about reports circulating in mining areas about the future of the industry. The union is having talks with the NCB on February 10, and the board has already intimated that it is looking for production cutbacks to match the declining market.

Gormley said that pit jobs were being undermined by cheap imported coal.

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IT IS a very disappointing start for 1981. We only have £75 in. It looks like the fight to raise our target is being left to the end of the month. Please don't let this happen. This month we also have to complete the first stage of our £60,000 Development Fund at the same time.

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tions of the labour and trade union movement, ready for a confrontation with Thatcher.

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MURDERING SERGEANTS GET LIFE

TWO ARMY sergeants were jailed for life yesterday in Belfast after changing their pleas and confessing to the brutal murder of two civilians.

Staff Sgt Stanley Hathaway, 36, pleaded guilty to two killings, and Sgt John Byrne, 33, to one.

Their victims, farmer Michael Naan, 31, and labourer Andrew Murray, 24, were brutally stabbed a total of 30 times on a farm near Newtownbutler in County Fermanagh in October 1972.

According to the prosecution, Naan was slain because he had been 'unco-operative' with the soldiers' Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders patrol, and that Murray was then killed because he was a witness.

A former lance-corporal, Iain Chestnut, 32, was sentenced to four years after admitting the manslaughter of Murray.

Hathaway and Byrne originally pleaded not guilty to murdering Naan and Murray.

Yesterday, Hathaway changed his plea to guilty on both counts, and Byrne admitted killing Murray. The charge against Byrne of murdering Naan was withdrawn.

Tracked

At the time of the killings all four men were members of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on a tour of duty in the north of Ireland.

They were tracked down after a tip-off in 1978 from an ex-member of the regiment, whom detectives said was suffering from a 'terrible guilt complex'.

According to the police he came forward with his revelations after one of the 'Ripper' murder cases in Yorkshire. He thought he recognised similarities between the horrific murder of prostitute Helen Rytka in Huddersfield and the deaths of Naan and Murray.

Their murder was blamed on Protestant 'extremists', until a call from Huddersfield to the RUC headquarters in Belfast.

According to Belfast detectives, the tipster now lives in fear of vengeance by other ex-members of the army regiment.

One senior detective said: 'We feel he is in rather a delicate position. He belonged to a regiment with great family traditions, probably the strongest of any in the British Army, and loyalty

among the men is something of which they are very proud.'

Contrary to the claims of the army, Naan was not a 'terrorist', but was active in the civil rights movement.

He was among thousands, say friends, who took to the streets particularly after soldiers had gunned down 14 civilians in Derry in January 1972.

His body was found in a byre and Murray's in a nearby slurry pit. Both had been brutally stabbed in the heart and chest — Naan 17 times and Murray 13.

When the four accused

were caught they all denied the killings.

But then Hathaway cracked. He told his interrogators: 'I did the killings. I killed them. Oh my God... Yes! I did it. I've been having nightmares about it.'

Admitted

When he admitted his part in the crime, Snowball apparently told police: 'I mulled the whole thing over in my mind and decided that for the good of the Army, and the regiment, it must never go any further.'

Yesterday Justice McDermot took less than 20 minutes to sentence the four.

He said October 23, 1972, had been a tragic day for everybody — for Naan, Murray and their sorrowing families, and the four accused, whose army careers had been destroyed.

He added: 'In this case, and this is a matter I consider important, each of you pleaded guilty.'

'You did not seek to brazen out the matter in evidence. In my judgement, your example has been of genuine remorse.'

Youth Training tips from soccer captains

PHIL THOMPSON, captain of Liverpool, and Mike Lyons, captain of Everton, visited the new Youth Training centre in Liverpool yesterday.

The two footballers gave some advice on training equipment and met some of the young volunteers who have been renovating and redecorating the centre which was opened on Wednesday.

'Now you have got the premises, you will certainly get the flock to use them, considering the unemployment in this area,' Lyons said.

The unemployed, he said, 'tend to laze and sit around. If they can go somewhere and be associated with something, if someone can show some interest in them, and show discipline, hopefully they will respond.'

Thompson said: 'When the school-leavers go for jobs, people ask them: "What experience have you got?" and they say none. At least this will give them experience.'

But Lyons said: 'The big problem has got to be solved by people in industry. Whatever training they



PHIL THOMPSON



MICK LYONS

have here, or on a government scheme, it's still up to industry to provide jobs.

As well as industrial and technical training, sports like judo and karate could be accommodated in the centre, said Lyons, although it is a bit too small for football.

The premises would be well suited to weight training, the two captains agreed, and Thompson added that 'poly-gym' training equipment, which is used at both football clubs, could easily be installed.

The occasion could hardly pass without football being mentioned, especially the forthcoming Everton-Liverpool Cup tie.

Thompson, who made his return to the Liverpool first team in this week's League Cup match against Manchester City, compared notes with Lyons on City's promising young players.

Before leaving, Thompson and Lyons agreed to attend a question-and-answer session at the centre. This will be announced by Youth Training as soon as the date is finalised.

SOUTH AFRICANS OPPOSE CALL-UP



SOUTH AFRICAN war resisters picketed the South African Embassy in Trafalgar Square yesterday. The picket was to protest the conscription of over 15,000 white South Africans by the racist Botha regime for two years military service.

The demonstrators demanded an end to the persecution of war resisters in South Africa and the revoking of death sentences on three liberation fighters — Lubisi, Mahigo and Manana.

National backing for bus fight

FULL BACKING for Bristol bus workers fighting for their jobs was pledged yesterday by the national committee of the transport union's public transport group.

Some 700 Bristol bus workers have been told they are to be sacked and major cuts in services imposed.

The union's full-time passenger services group secretary, Bill Morris, said: 'The policy of cuts in bus services by the National Bus Company is not only socially damaging but is also economically destructive.'

The national committee unanimously approved a resolution condemning the cuts by the Bristol Omnibus Company and other National Bus subsidiaries.

It said: 'The national committee... pledges full support to our membership in any defence of their jobs.'

BBC pay reply

THE BBC was last night considering new pay proposals for members of Equity, the actors' union. It originally offered rises of about 8 per cent in artists' fees — which start at £125 for a week's work, including rehearsals and recording on TV programmes.

Equity dismissed the offer as 'entirely unacceptable' and pointed out yesterday that it had just concluded an agreement with ITV for a 15-per-cent rise — giving a basic £215 a week.

The BBC is to reply to the union this morning and a special meeting of the Equity Council will take place later today.

Pensioners plan mass demo

THOUSANDS of pensioners will join a mass demonstration in London on 'Ash Wednesday' (March 4) to demand a 'better deal' from the Tory government.

They will lobby MPs and send deputations to the three party leaders, as well as newspaper editors and television and radio chiefs.

Announcing details of the protest at a London Press conference yesterday Jack Jones, former leader of the

transport workers' union, and now general secretary of the T&GWU's retired members' section, said:

'Ash Wednesday marks a period of voluntary privatisation for many, and we want to draw attention to the privatisation suffered by many senior citizens through insufficient incomes.'

Pensioners are demanding six-monthly reviews of payments based on average earnings or the cost of living and guaranteed social services to allow them to live 'in dignity, independence and security'.

Jones accused the Thatcher government of deliberately lowering pensions and called the decision not to pay full increases in line with the cost of living next November 'a damnable disgrace'.

GLASGOW AIRPORT FIREMEN STOP FLIGHTS

GLASGOW Airport was closed for 27 hours until last night because of a strike by the 32 firemen there.

Only one flight landed during their one-day stoppage — an ambulance helicopter ferrying an injured man in from a Western island.

The firemen were protesting about disciplinary action being taken against

their shop steward.

They are particularly incensed by the fact he did not know action was being taken against him, and Transport and General Workers Union official William McLelland warned further lightning strikes could close the airport.

Steelmen's diaries

DAY 363

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

WALES

THE JOB situation down at the Orb works really hangs in the balance. We are waiting to hear whether we have got an order from Temple Steels, an American firm, and we won't know that before the beginning of next month.

From what I've heard the boss of Temple's died over Christmas, and it's not clear whether his son is to keen on using our plant.

There was a heavy majority against the corporate plan and the wage freeze in my branch. Out of 138 who voted, 120 said 'no' while the rest agreed to it. As the new branch secretary that gave me

a lot of heart. It was pretty unanimous and although local officials had told us to ignore the BSC ballot, most blokes sent their replies off and rejected it.

Basically what we are saying is that we want a pay rise now not in six months time, and no matter what the threat to jobs. We need the money, everything is going up so fast in price.

At the Orb they can't really cut the workforce without closing us down completely, because our manning levels are already stretched to their limit. The only possible way they might introduce some redundancies is by cutting out a shift.

ENGLAND

THIS business with MacGregor is both typical of the man and the corporation he represents. For someone like him it is nothing to dodge the niceties of parliamentary privilege and procedure, and I'm convinced that he did just that.

Having been through the experience of redundancy in Consett I can tell you that plants can't do it on their own and I don't think in fact that workers in the industry on their own can stop him.

Then you come to the trade union leaders and frankly I see no possibility of them leading any fight. It will need a general movement of the working class as a whole, going well beyond local works and single industries.

Some right-wing union leaders, while they obviously don't like losing income through falling membership, are, I am

convinced, not too worried about the cuts that are taking place.

In a way I think that people that like the situation because it means that the working class is under control. The result of their position of course has been that trade unionists have accepted everything that the Tories have thrown at them.

I haven't seen the full details of the Tories' new Green Paper on the unions, but I suspect that it is something of a rehash of the old Industrial Relations Act legislation.

Again I feel that some union leaders will use the new laws against the unions to their own advantage. The thing to remember is that employers aren't against unions, they are against unions which organise and lead the working class.

SCOTLAND

YOU should have a camera outside Celtic Park on the day the new law against taking drink into a football ground takes effect, the first Saturday of next month I believe.

I don't know what it's going to be like, but I know what it's like already. The police are searching people all the time. And you see guys getting arrested for protesting about it.

I think they might be devious about this new law. They might not want long queues forming up outside the ground while they search everyone, so what I think they will do is have people going around inside to spot anyone drinking.

It will cause even more trouble. At the moment, most guys have a couple of pints before going to the game and maybe take a couple of cans or a half bottle with them. But now you'll get guys going mad before they get there and they'll arrive ready to fight anyone.

You've got to realise what causes these riot situations at football grounds. I remember one time when the Press were all saying Celtic fans had gone on the riot to try to get a game against Rangers abandoned.

That wasn't true at all. What happened was that about 12 police were arresting one guy and he was struggling, not to try to escape but because they were hurting him. They had his arms up his back, they had him round the neck and by the hair. The bottles started flying at the police, and the boys spilled on to the pitch. That's what caused it.

All this might not seem to have much to do with the steel industry, but steelworkers learned a lot during the strike about the role the police play, and so anything that gives them even more power is worth thinking about.

WHAT THE GREEN PAPER MEANS

Tories push back towards Taff Vale

BY ALAN BOTT

TORY proposals for further breaking up the strength of the trade unions and forcing full-time officials to become the policemen of anti-union laws, are contained in a government consultative 'Green Paper'.

The purpose of publishing it yesterday, according to James Prior's Department of Employment, is 'to provide the basis for a wide and informed public debate on possible changes in the law governing industrial action and the operation of trades unions and employers' associations'.

The department has called for interested bodies to submit their views on the Green Paper by June 30.

Entitled 'Trade Union Immunities', the document sets out Tory arguments for transforming the basis of current trade union rights under the law.

It also calls on the police to consider their so-called 'traditional neutrality' and decide whether it is compatible with proposals for new and aggressive laws outlawing common union activities.

The Department of Employment explained yesterday that while the anti-union Employment Act brought in last year intervened on such questions as secondary picketing, the closed shop and postal ballots, it was only 'a first step' by the Tories.

Discussion

The commitment to launch a 'discussion' on trade union immunities, said a spokesman, was made in the Tory election manifesto of 1979.

The Green Paper says British trade unionists enjoy immunities unknown elsewhere in the world.

The Tories say they do not intend to take away the right to combine to withdraw labour, but they add in their paper:

'What is questioned is the readiness to threaten and deploy the strike weapon with apparent disregard for the consequences, whether for the future of the enterprises affected, for the jobs and livelihoods of their employees, or for the rest of the community.'

(Official Department of Employment figures issued last week showed that the number of strikes in the last few months is the lowest for years.)

The Green Paper claims that all too often a strike or a strike threat is a tactic of first instead of last resort.

The Green Paper makes its points clearly: '... the law governing strikes and other industrial action is based on a series of legal immunities which protect those who organise and take part in trade disputes from both criminal and civil liability.'

'Without these immunities most



The withdrawal of immunities from trade unions and their officials would prevent the defence of basic rights and jobs expressed so forcefully at Grunwick's in north London

industrial action would be illegal.

'Trade unions, their officials and their members would be liable to criminal prosecution or to civil actions for damages every time they were involved in a strike.'

Trade union immunities were set out in the law following the Taff Vale Railway case in 1901, when damages of £23,000 (a massive sum 80 years ago) were awarded against the Railway Servants union and a judge's ruling effectively made strikes impossible within the law.

In the subsequent general election of 1906 the Tories were routed. Liberals took control and 29 Labour MPs were elected.

After this, the new government enacted the Trades Disputes Act of 1906, conferring considerable immunities from legal action on unions and their members involved in disputes.

The Green Paper says: 'The Taff Vale case has assumed a symbolic and psychological significance which is still very potent today.'

The paper accepts that the basic rights won by the trade unions cannot be snatched away in one swoop by the Tories. Immunities are described in the concluding chapter as 'not simply legal privileges which could be abolished outright'.

Removing some immunities would render unions, their officials and members liable to being sued in civil courts, although some criminal offences could be created as a result of the Tory 'discussion'.

One proposal from the Green Paper is for unions to be made liable for the actions of their members and officials — a move which threatens dwindling union funds and puts direct pressure on officials to keep their members in check.

At the moment employers can only sue individuals, who are usually not in any position to pay out a large sum in damages.

It would also suit the Tories if there were no individual cases which might produce 'martyrs' for the union cause.

Another major topic for 'discussion' is the introduction of legally enforceable contracts which means that anybody breaking an agreement would be liable to face court action for damages. Such contracts also forbid strikes of any kind during the course of an agreement.

Other proposals for 'discussion' are for compulsory secret ballots before any industrial action is called and a total ban on strikes for workers like firemen, ambulance crews, water, sewerage, power and gas workers.

The latter was a proposal by the Tory Party's Centre for Policy Studies — set up by Prime Minister Thatcher and Industry Secretary Sir Keith Joseph.

Further suggestions are to give the government power to delay strikes by order, while further negotiations take place — the so-called 'cooling-off period'.

There is also a suggestion that the government should have the overriding power to outlaw any strike if they decide it is against the national interest.

The Green Paper accepts that some proposals would mean the police abandoning their 'neutral' pretence. It says this could have 'serious implications'.

Suggestions

The suggestions include having police help employers to gather names and addresses of pickets in case they want to sue them.

Another proposal is for police to set up 'no-go' areas, completely sealing off a strike-hit factory, to prevent anybody getting near the officially sanctioned picket line.

The Green Paper says that in a 'no-go' area, police would have to distinguish between 'primary' and 'secondary' pickets and other people with 'legitimate business' in the area.

Police have already done this and gained a great deal of experience from such strikes as Grunwick's and from their methods of sealing off areas for the benefit of the National Front or against anti-fascist demonstrators.

The Green Paper concedes that the police might have a few problems sealing off strike factories, but it adds: 'On the other hand, to stop everyone from entering a given area would mean creating areas where, if only temporarily, the right of passage along the highway and the right of free speech for the purposes of peacefully communicating and persuading, no longer applied.'

One main theme of the Green Paper is to switch from a system of immunities for the unions to a system of 'positive rights'.

The Tories want to spell out exactly what unions and their members are allowed to do under law.

That would mean that everything not mentioned as a 'positive right' could be judged unlawful.

This would be a reversal of the present basis of British law — except in special cases — which is that everything is lawful unless it is specifically prohibited.

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Rastafarian switched to Rampton days before release from prison

MY SON BULLIED BY INJECTIONS

THE MOTHER of 26-year-old West Indian Steve Thompson yesterday made an impassioned plea for his release from Rampton mental hospital.

Afraid that her son would be subjected to beatings and enforced drugging at the notorious hospital, she told News Line.

'We have to do something to get him out of there. Every time that my son speaks up for his rights in prison he is locked away in Rampton like this.'

Steve was removed from Gartree jail in Leicester and whisked to Rampton — one week before he was due to be freed on December 19.

No prior warning was given of the move, and his mother says: 'There was no reason for it at all. Steve was downhearted after being in prison for so long, and they said this made him a schizophrenic.'

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

'He is nothing of the sort. I know my child. I brought him up and there is nothing the matter with him. But I'm worried because I know what that hospital is like and that inmates get beaten and drugged there.'

This is not the first time that Thompson has been banished to Rampton. In September 1979 he was sent there after doctors at Gartree, where he was serving a sentence for robbery, claimed that he was suffer-

CLAIM BY BIRMINGHAM MOTHER

ing from a 'psychiatric disorder' after refusing to have his locks forcibly cut off by prison warders.

'That was the prison authorities' contemptuous response to his attempts to uphold his Rastafarian religious beliefs.'

When he was transferred to the mental hospital, which has a history of brutality and medical malpractices against patients, the Black Prisoners' Welfare Scheme immediately began a campaign to secure his release.

The 'psychiatric consultant' who examined him in

Rampton was not even qualified as a psychiatrist.

An independent psychiatrist called in by the family and the Black Prisoners' Welfare Scheme found no evidence of schizophrenia, and found no justification for his detention there.

Thompson was finally transferred back to Gartree in March last year after an intense campaign by his family, friends and civil liberties' groups.

Now, within days of his release, he is back in Rampton and the Home Office has said that he will stay there subject to the discretion of Tory Home Secretary William Whitelaw.

Anxious

Mavis Thompson said she was particularly anxious because her son has been 'bullied with injections.' She added: 'He has told me that he doesn't know where he is after one of these jabs.'

She has been in touch with the family and friends of Richard Campbell, a 19-year-old West Indian youth who died in custody at Ashford Remand Centre last March.

Like Steve Thompson, Richard 'Cartoon' Campbell, was a young Rastafarian whom the authorities claimed was suffering from schizophrenia.

On the day Thompson was due to be released from jail the Steve Thompson Defence Campaign staged a 100-strong picket outside Rampton.

Mavis Thompson said yesterday that a demonstration would be held outside the Home Office in London if he was not released soon.

BIRTH-RATE HITS N.U.T. WAGES

THE National Union of Teachers is worried that smaller class numbers could damage their members' pay and promotion prospects.

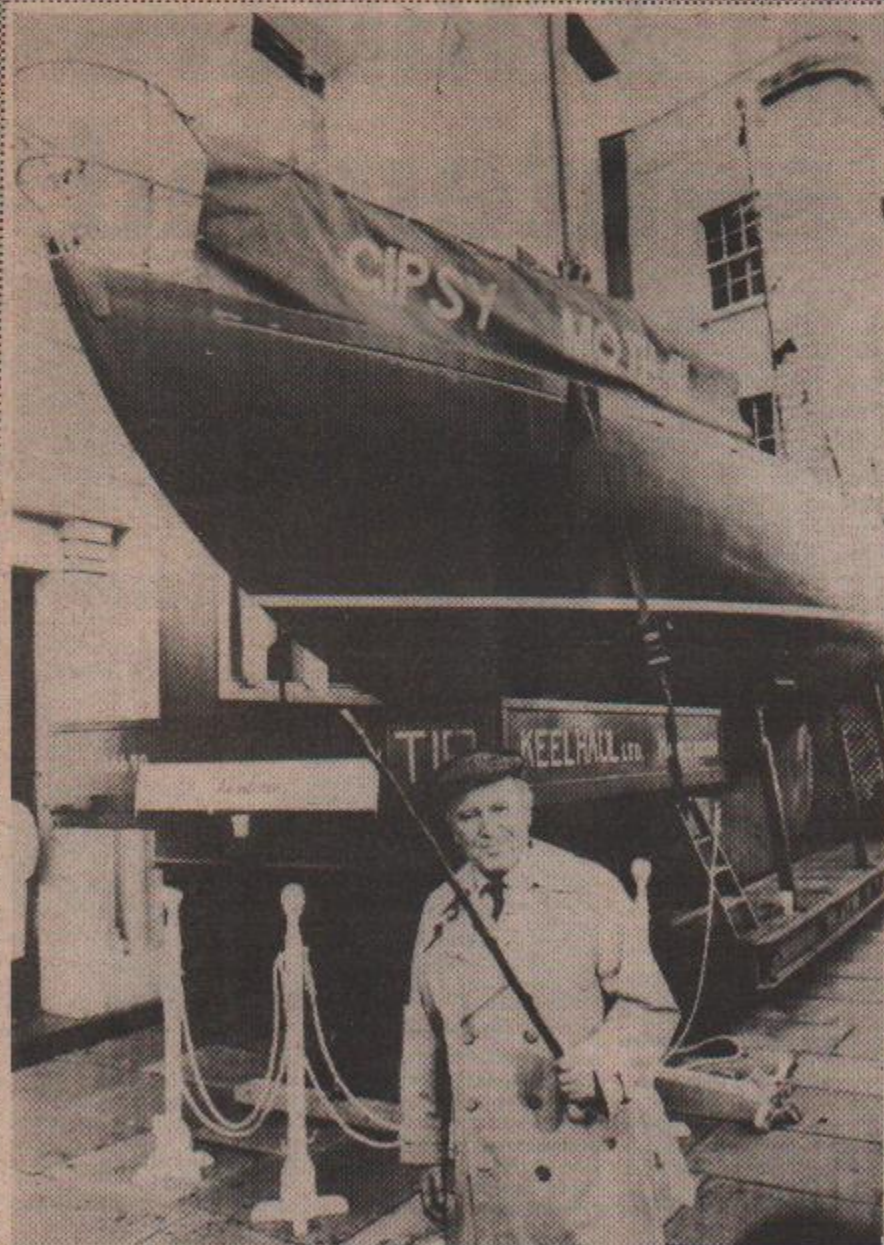
The union has distributed a discussion document among its 250,000 members suggesting possible reforms of the present five-scale pay system.

It says it is essentially based on the numbers and ages of children in the schools.

It warns of the collapse of promotion opportunities which has taken place in the profession and partly blames the 33-per-cent decline in the birth rate between 1964 and 1977.

Shorter pay scales with larger increments is one suggestion put forward to remedy the problem.

The document, 'The Reform of the Burnham Salary Structure', will be followed by a policy memorandum to be put before the union's annual Easter conference at Eastbourne.



SIR FRANCIS Chichester's 'Gipsy Moth III', the boat in which he first made sailing history, was sold at a London auction yesterday for £30,000 to a Swiss businessman who was 'just passing by' on his way to a sale of antique furniture.

The yacht, with its 55ft mast towering to the rooftops of the houses around the Knightsbridge headquarter of Bonhams, the London auctioneers and valuers, was sold by Nicholas Bonham, the managing director, who had climbed aboard the 13-ton yacht to take the bids.

Bidding started at a mere £10,000 for the sloop rig yacht, brought from the Brighton marina to be parked outside the Bonham galleries. It moved up slowly to £14,000 at which point Bonham pleaded: 'It is surely worth a great deal more than this.'

It went up another £1,000 and Bonham was almost ready to rap his ivory hammer on the hull when bidding restarted and went in thousand pound bids to its final £30,000.

Gunther Stolck, who bought the boat, was immediately besieged by photographers, reporters and television crews. He said: 'I may sail it myself from Spain.'

Workers Revolutionary Party

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DEPTFORD
Monday January 19,
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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,
Margravine 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,
7.30pm
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

WEMBLEY

Thursday February 5,
8p.m.
Wembley Institute,
London Road

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

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

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Welfare

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Street

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Corn Market

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Leeds 11

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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

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Tuesday January 20,
7.30p.m.
Forresters Hall,
Fratton Road

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

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Monday February 2,
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Transport House, Victoria
Street

EASTERN

CAMBRIDGE
Tuesday January 20,
7.30p.m.
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Street

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

NORTHAMPTON
Wednesday January 21,
7.30p.m.
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Centre, Billingbrook Road

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

WALES

NEWPORT
Tuesday January 27,
7.30p.m.
Transport House, Cardiff
Road

MERTHYR
Wednesday January 28,
7.30p.m.
Caedraw School, Sloan
Street

TREHERBERT
Thursday January 29,
7.30p.m.
The Legion Club,
Dunraven Street

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)

WORLD SUMMARY

Haig wins vote

WASHINGTON — The US Senate Foreign Relations committee voted 15 to 2 yesterday to recommend the confirmation of former NATO commander General Alexander Haig as Secretary of State.

Release

ROME — Kidnapped judge Giovanni D'Urso was released unharmed yesterday by his Red Brigades captors, 33 days after he was taken prisoner.

Crash

THE HAGUE — A Dutch Navy patrol aircraft — which was shadowing the Soviet aircraft carrier 'Kiev' together with British aircraft — crashed into the Atlantic yesterday.

Hostages

TEHRAN — Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai and hostage negotiator Behzad Nabavi met with Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday, amid speculation that an agreement on the American hostages was imminent.

Assembly

ANKARA — Turkey's military junta announced yesterday that a so-called constituent assembly would be established in September or October — but no members of political parties would be appointed to it.

Namibia

LUSAKA — A senior Zambian government official, Reuben Kamanga, has predicted the intensification of the Liberation war being waged by the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), following the collapse of UN talks on Namibia.

Budget

WASHINGTON — President Carter yesterday sent to the Congress a \$740 billion US budget for 1982 with \$196 billion earmarked for war spending.

Oil exports up?

● LONDON — Iranian officials have indicated to potential customers that they want to export at least 900,000 barrels of oil a day during the present January-March quarter — about the level in the months before the Gulf war broke out in September — and then to push sales up beyond one million barrels a day.

● PEKING — Scientists have refurbished China's oldest nuclear reactor to give it an extra 15 years of life, the 'People's Daily' said yesterday.

● PARIS — An icy blanket covered much of Europe yesterday, ruining crops, damaging power lines and leaving thousands of travellers stranded on roads and railways across the Continent.

● BONN — Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher yesterday expressed the West German government's 'concern' over political developments under the Turkish military junta to Turkey's chief economic planner, Turgut Ozal.

● PARIS — The French state-owned Elf Aquitaine oil company has decided to postpone indefinitely operations in areas covered by five oil exploration permits granted recently by the Libyan Jamahiriya.

● NEW YORK — US bankers are ready to co-operate with President Carter in any settlement of the hostage question with the Iranian government, banking sources said here.

● BRUSSELS — The British government has told the European Common Market Commission that it wants EEC agricultural prices to rise by an average of only five per cent in the coming marketing year, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

CHRYSLER DEAL MEANS MASS JOB CUTTING

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON — A government board has voted to give the Chrysler corporation \$400m in loan guarantees — provided the company makes savings worth \$1,700m.

'This is the worst settlement we've ever made,' said Douglas Fraser, the president of United Auto Workers union, but he refused to give details of the deal.

Staggering

Chrysler workers will have to give up a staggering \$622m in wages, cost-of-living benefits and company pension contributions, a figure that can only be met by massive redundancies.

The 125 banks and insurance companies which have lent money to Chrysler in the past will be asked to accept preferred stock in Chrysler as payment for \$500m in old debts.

They will also have to accept 30 cents in the dollar as repayment for a further \$500m worth of debts.

Chrysler's suppliers will have to make concessions totalling \$72m over the next year and Treasury Secretary William Miller, who heads the Chrysler loan guarantee board, said Chrysler would have to 'agree to commit itself to take all possible steps to obtain an infusion of capital through merger or other means.'

Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca described the board's decision as 'a super deal'.

The loan board, which is due to meet again today, said it expected Chrysler to produce assurances that its workers, creditors and suppliers would make the concessions demanded of them.

Request

If the assurances could not be made, Miller said, Chrysler's request for aid would have to be referred to the Reagan administration which takes office on Tuesday.

But union and Chrysler officials have said the com-

pany could run out of cash within a month and there would not be time for President-elect Ronald Reagan's Treasury Secretary, Donald Regan, to become acquainted with the problem.

Chrysler has so far drawn \$800m of a \$1,500m loan guarantee package previously approved by Congress.

● AMERICAN MOTORS corporation announced ten per cent cuts in the retail price of all its cars.

The reductions, effective until February 20, range from \$497 to \$879.

Last week, General

Motors raised prices by an average of 1.5 per cent on its larger cars, cut \$100 off the suggested retail price of its subcompact Chevette and froze prices on its smallest cars.

Raised

At the same time, Ford motor company raised prices an average of \$85 on most models, froze prices on the Granada, Cougar and one Escort model and cut prices on one model each of its smallest cars.

Chrysler has frozen all 1981 car prices.

Peru prices strike

LIMA — A 24-hour general strike against massive price increases was called for yesterday by Peru's major trade unions.

The strike was called after the right-wing government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry ten days ago announced increases in the cost of food and fuel averaging 40 per cent.

Initially called by the left-wing unions, it has been backed by the smaller Christian Democrat and 'independent' unions.

With inflation already running at 60 per cent, the increases slashed living standards. Public sector workers received a rise of only 12 per cent when the price rises were announced.

The strike will be a major test for the civilian government, which came to power in July after 12 years of military rule.

Vielot's killers are sentenced

BRONX, New York — The two men who pleaded guilty to killing Workers League supporter Augustin Vielot were sentenced to prison terms by a Bronx Supreme Court justice on Thursday, January 8.

Francisco Santos, the self-admitted trigger man, was sentenced to 6 to 18 years for first degree manslaughter. His brother, Henry Santos was sentenced to one and a half to four and a half years for attempted manslaughter in the first degree.

Justice Laurence Tonetti, who imposed the sentences, said that the jail terms would include time served. Since both men have been in prison over a year since their arrest, Henry Santos could be eligible for parole within a few weeks.

Before pronouncing sentence, Tonetti made a lengthy statement praising the moral character of the two killers, saying that they were 'not murderers' and describing them as 'minimally involved' in the brutal execution. He dismissed a parole report describing the two as 'vicious human beings' saying that he would leave it to the parole board.

Threw

Augustin Vielot was shot down and murdered in his car repair shop on July 18, 1979, in the Bronx. The two killers pumped 12 bullets into his body and then threw an engine block on to his chest.

Gus Vielot, as he was known, was the brother of Workers League Central Committee member Jacques Vielot. Jacques Vielot was himself wounded in the October 16, 1977, shooting at the Ponce Social Club in Brooklyn, when Workers

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

League leader Tom Henehan was assassinated.

Gus Vielot's murder came one day after the brutal murder of Comrade R.P. Piyadasa, a leading member of the Sri Lankan section of the world Trotskyist movement, by a gang of thugs.

Postpone

The murder charges against the Santos brothers never went to trial, as the Bronx District Attorney's office moved to postpone trial no less than eight times.

A plea bargaining arrangement was worked out with defence attorneys for the Santos brothers, in which murder charges were dropped in return for a guilty plea to manslaughter and attempted manslaughter.

Two men arrested for the murder of Workers League leader Tom Henehan are to appear in court on January 20.

Angelo Torres and Edwin Sequino were granted adjournment of a scheduled January 6 appearance by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice William Booth without opposition from the pro-



AUGUSTIN VIELOT

secution. Neither of the suspects appeared in court.

The indictment and arrest of Torres and Sequino vindicates the position of the Workers League that the murder of Tom Henehan and the wounding of Jacques Vielot was a prepared political attack.

The arrests came after a

three-year campaign by the Workers League for a full investigation. This won wide support in the working class and labour movement, despite a press blackout and the opposition of the Stalinist Communist Party and the FBI-controlled revisionist Socialist Workers Party.

Homeless seek asylum

SANTIAGO — About 50 homeless workers occupying the Swedish embassy here have asked for political asylum. They occupied the embassy on Wednesday after the Pinochet dictatorship rejected their demands for housing. Chilean Foreign Minister Rene Rojas said he had offered to send police to evict the workers but Swedish diplomats turned down the offer. The embassy said it had reported the request for asylum to its government and was awaiting instructions.

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Gaddafi threatens boycott on France

BANGHAZI, Libya — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi has threatened the French government with an economic boycott if it intervenes in Chad.

He said that Libyan forces in Chad were being reinforced to face the build-up of French colonial troops along Chad's borders.

'If France commits any foolish act against the Libyan people, propositions will be put forward to the People's Congresses, in emergency sessions, to boycott France economically and in all fields,' Gaddafi told a mass rally of students.

He continued: 'Any decision some African heads of

state meeting in Lome might take against Libya or against the legitimate government in Chad would have dangerous results. In this case the Libyan people will seriously consider stopping all aid to these conspiracies.'

'Why are those who are meeting in Lome not objecting to the inflow of French troops in the Central African Republic, and to the coup that France staged in that country followed by the setting-up of a government flown in to Bangui on French planes?'

'Why do they not object to the inflow of French troops into the republic of Cameroon, Chad's neighbour?'

'Why do they not object to the presence of French troops in Gabon and Senegal?'

'Why do they not ask for the withdrawal of the Senegalese forces occupying Gambia? And why do not those who are meeting in Lome protest against the presence of Egyptian troops in Sudan and Tanzanian troops in Uganda?'

Gaddafi told the rally that any agreement from the Lome summit 'is but ink on paper' and could not annul a quarter of a century of struggle waged by the Chadian people.

He added that any violation of Chadian soil would be considered a violation of Libyan soil.

'By what right does France, which is in the heart of Europe, regard the security of a country in the middle of Africa as related to its own security?' Gaddafi asked.

Right

'And how do French soldiers fight in central Africa in the name of France's security while the Libyan people do not have the right to fight in Chad defending their security?'

Gaddafi continued: 'America, which is situated on the other half of the globe, is also regarding Chad's security as relating to its own security. So how could Libya not regard Chad's security as related to its own?'

'The Frontal movement, alongside which Libya fought for ten years against imperialism, American interference, reactionary forces in Africa and the racist puppet government in Chad, and which has now come to power, knows that the Libyan people are its historic ally and will not abandon it in some future day.'

MORE STRIKES IMMINENT IN POLAND

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

WARSAW — Workers in three cities have threatened strikes in a new confrontation between the Solidarity union and the Polish bureaucracy.

The Warsaw branch of Solidarity said yesterday it would call a four-hour transport strike today unless the government withdraws a decree penalising workers who did not go to work last Saturday.

Strikes are also planned in the Baltic port of Gdansk and at the giant Mielec aircraft factory in southern Poland.

Authorised

The Labour Ministry has authorised managers to dock a day's wages from anyone who did not report for work last Saturday, the first designated working Saturday for the year.

Warsaw Solidarity also complained that authorities had failed to start

negotiations with transport workers despite protests on Wednesday and declared a strike alert yesterday.

Warsaw transport workers staged a silent protest on Wednesday by flying Polish flags on top of buses and trams and displaying placards calling for negotiated settlements rather than reprisals.

'The municipal transport workers are standing up in the defence of all repressed workers,' Warsaw Solidarity said.

In southern Poland Soli-

darity members in the Mielec aircraft factory, which employs 20,000 workers, said they would start an indefinite strike today unless a competent government delegation began talks with the Rural Solidarity farmers' union which is seeking legal recognition.

The Stalinist authorities have refused to negotiate with Rural Solidarity following last month's postponement of the union's Supreme Court appeal, saying that private farmers do not need their own

trade unions.

In Gdansk, national headquarters of Solidarity, workers said they would strike if reprisals were carried out against anyone who did not report to work last Saturday.

Reports

In a statement they said that there had been disquieting reports of sanctions being planned by managers, and said: 'In the event of reprisals we shall reply with a strike.'

The Polish Stalinists are also facing increasing economic pressure from Western bankers who have postponed talks on financial aid, which had been expected to start today, until February.

Polish officials had outlined their financial needs to West European, United States and Japanese government officials at an exploratory session on December 22, the third such meeting since November.

A Western official said: 'The US side cannot undertake any commitments until the new administration takes over, so there was no point meeting before then.'

Polish Finance Minister Marian Krzak told the Sejm (parliament) in Warsaw last month that Poland's hard-currency debts would rise to \$23 billion by the end of 1980 and the payments situation would be even worse in 1981.

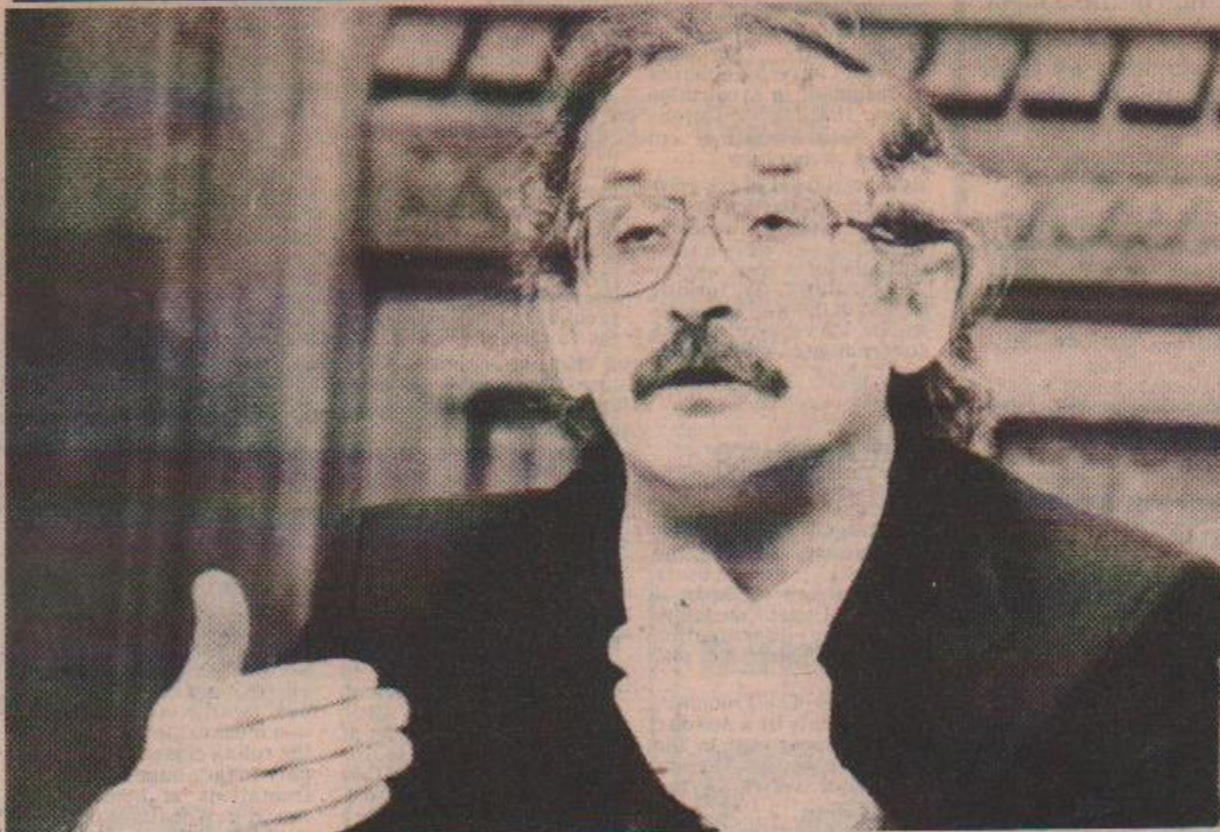
Loans

Polish officials say repayment and servicing of loans will cost a staggering \$10 billion this year alone.

● **AVELLINO, Italy** — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has received a tumultuous welcome from residents of this southern Italian town, one of the worst hit areas in last November's earthquake.

'The earthquake shows how small and fragile man is,' Walesa said. 'Our union's only aim is to serve man. You can always count on us and I promise you another visit.'

In an audience with Pope John Paul yesterday Walesa said: 'Political problems as such do not interest us. We are interested in the rights of man, the rights of society and the rights of faith.'



LUIS DE SEBASTIAN (above), European representative of the Revolutionary Democratic Front, embracing all opposition elements in El Salvador, said in London yesterday that a general offensive was now being undertaken by the combined left-wing organisations.

Speaking at a press conference in Parliament, chaired by Dennis Canavan, MP, he said that as long as the United States did not intervene he anticipated the military defeat of the junta government in about two weeks.

US aid for El Salvador

WASHINGTON — The Carter administration has resumed military aid to the brutal civilian-military junta in El Salvador.

The decision frees \$5m worth of military equipment, including jeeps, trucks, two leased US transport helicopters and a \$40,000 military training programme.

Pentagon officials admitted that so-called US

'military advisers' had been in El Salvador for a week before the decision was taken.

President Carter had supposedly cut off military aid and \$20m in economic assistance last month following the murders of four American Catholic missionaries, three of them nuns. Economic aid was resumed two weeks later.

He said that the reports of an invasion by Nicaraguan forces were a complete fabrication put out by the enemies of the liberation forces to justify American intervention.

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morning...

Stand up to Tory law

THE TORIES have publicly launched another stage of their legal attack on the unions with the publication of their Green Paper on trade union immunities. They aim to shackle workers, making it impossible for them to act within the law to defend their jobs and living standards. (See details in our Page One lead.)

Much of the legal web the Tories are spinning around the unions is intended to trap union leaders in panic and turn them into the policemen of the rank-and-file members.

Proposals in the Green Paper would leave unions wide open to suffering massive legal penalties if they failed to prevent industrial action by their members.

All unions are having trouble with their finances because of lost members (lost subscriptions) and inflation. Full-time officials are becoming increasingly frightened at the prospect of heavy legal bills and punitive damages at the hands of the courts.

But their fear of Thatcher's anti-union policies and the courts is exceeded by their fear of mobilising their members against the Tories and leading the struggle to defend basic union rights.

Stripped of their defences by the Green Paper proposals and acting under the close control of the state, unions would be powerless to carry out their everyday task of protecting members' jobs, wages and conditions.

They would be left open to being bled white and having their funds legally plundered by employers and the courts.

After 20 months' experience of Tory policies and ruthless attacks on the unions, TUC leaders have together produced a policy which they claim will give them the best chance of riding out the storm. They think that if they can hold out long enough, a Labour government will return to ease their situation.

Hoping against hope that this illusion will materialise, they have increased subscriptions to offset the loss of thousands of members and called a major TUC conference next month to discuss ways in which resources can be pooled and joint services be provided. Mergers are being sought and planned.

The leaders of the trade union movement are laying in for a three-year siege against the Tories, while millions of their members are left outside to the mercy of Thatcher's monetarist onslaught.

Every time the union leaders give way to Tory threats and blackmail, they strengthen Thatcher's hand and prepare the conditions for the next attack on their members. Retreat to the bunkers at Congress House will not hold off the Tory enemy which is only encouraged in the face of cowardice.

Trade unionists, unorganised workers and unemployed are all threatened by TUC attempts to accommodate the Tories' demands. The leaders of the trade union movement must be told they cannot shirk their obligations and responsibilities to their members. They must fight the Tories.

Books

IRELAND: Problems, no solutions

BY A
GUEST
REVIEWER

EVER SINCE England began the conquest of Ireland in the 12th century, the ruling class has relied on three things to hold on to their first — and last — colony: military might; a deliberate 'divide and rule' policy, and lying propaganda.

That policy continues to this day with increasing ruthlessness.

The true facts about the oppression of the Irish people have been consistently distorted. The Irish are shown to be stupid, violent, drunken 'Paddies', while newspapers are subjected to 'D-notices' to prevent them publishing articles exposing the violent role of the British government in Irish affairs. Television directors have been driven to resigning in frustration after their productions have been banned or cut beyond recognition.

But the refusal of the Irish masses, in particular the working-class Catholics in the north, to abandon their struggle for a free and united Ireland, is forcing breaks in the wall of silence which successive British governments — both Tory and Labour — would like to impose.

Exposure

After several months' delay, Penguin Books recently published 'Beating the Terrorists?', an exposure of the torture methods of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in the interrogation centres of Castlereagh and Omagh.

Now comes 'The Troubles', written jointly by a number of authors engaged in the production of the Thames Television series of the same name.

As the authors point out, there are very few general histories of Ireland for the ordinary reader. In their researches they uncovered a lot of material, photographs and archival films not seen before. They decided to bring it together in this book.

And a very useful historical survey it is, easily readable, crammed with facts, and with an unusual and interesting layout. Each chapter contains numerous illustrations with lengthy captions which enlarge on the main text.

Their sympathies are clearly with the Irish people, long regarded as a 'convenient source of agricultural goods, land, rent and cheap labour' by the British authorities. The compilers show clearly the appalling deprivation that the Catholic minority in the north has been forced to endure and the reason why the IRA turned to the use of the gun and the bomb.

Before the unreasonable or the unyielding, even moderation has to resort to violence, to be heard.

'The Troubles: The Background to the question of Northern Ireland', edited by Taylor Downing. Published by Thames/Macdonald Futura. Picture editor Isobel Hinshelwood. £4.95 (paperback).

However unpalatable, the fact is that violence, and often only violence, has been effective in achieving progress in Ireland.

British governments have always reacted with outrage to deeds of violence, asserting that once the men of violence have been defeated, the problem can be solved. But this is to forget that the men of violence are themselves living proof of the problem, and of the failure of politics.

The fact is that the real 'men of violence' are to be found in Westminster and among the Green and Orange Tory agents, who have murdered, tortured, starved and oppressed the Irish peoples for centuries.

As an interesting side-light, the book shows the colonial mentality of the Labour parliamentary leaders, as well as those of the Tories.

Callaghan, referring to Ireland when he became Home Secretary in 1967: 'There seemed to me at that time no reason to disturb the arrangements that I found on arrival. Besides, there were many other things to pre-occupy me.'

Horrendous

'The arrangements', of course were a Catholic minority in the north lacking even the most basic civil rights, without even the right to vote, living in horrendous housing conditions, enduring massive unemployment, B-Specials' violence and sectarian persecutions. None of this, of course, bothered Callaghan, any more than cutting public spending in Britain was to do when he was ordered to do so by the International Monetary Fund.

Expressing all the prejudices of his ruling-class master, he was later to remark: 'The advice that came to me from all sides was on no account to get sucked into the Irish bog.'

The man who was to authorise the sending in of troops in 1969 went to Belfast to lecture both Catholics and Protestants to 'stop all this nonsense on the streets'.

While this book is a valuable contribution to the understanding of the Irish situation, the authors are quite unable to explain the developments except in terms of the 'blindness' or 'misunderstanding' of the various parties involved.

In despair, they see no solution at all. Completely denying their own assessment of the role of the British army as preserving Orange rule, they say that 'the unilateral withdrawal from Northern Ireland of British troops would be likely to spark off sectarian warfare more severe than anything the Province has yet suffered.'

Disorders

The fact is that the British army is on the streets in the north of Ireland not to 'keep the peace' but to promote the war. It has become the most experienced army in the world in dealing with civil disorders — a most valuable asset for the ruling class as they prepare to face huge class confrontations at home with the deterioration of the world crisis of capitalism.

But the development of that crisis contains within it the very conditions which can help to 'solve' the problem of Ireland. It is bringing together Catholic and Protestant workers who are both facing a catastrophic drop in living standards. The previous privileged position of the Protestant workers, which the British deliberately encouraged, is being seriously eroded as unemployment soars.

It is also creating the conditions for the unity of British and Irish workers against the same Tory enemies, particularly when striking and demonstrating British workers find themselves facing an increasingly brutal and violent police force, and the intervention of the armed forces into industrial confrontations.

But this is something the authors of this book cannot grasp. And that is the most serious flaw in what is in many ways a serious and valuable addition to the literature on the subject.



'Back with them, away with them'... a battering ram in use. Police and Dragoons were used to enforce the landlords' evictions or emigration



British troops in their latest 'battlefield' — the housing estates

Vietnam war

BY HILARY HORROCKS

IN MICHAEL CIMINO'S film 'The Deerhunter' there is, in the battle-scene prior to the capture of the Robert De Niro character, a revealing moment.

A North Vietnamese soldier is shown dropping a grenade into a bunker full of South Vietnamese women and children.

There is no explanation — Cimino presents us with a set of carefully chosen images intended to lead us to only one conclusion — that all Vietnamese liberation fighters are brutal murderers and deserve

everything they get.

The De Niro character's response is to incinerate the soldier with a flamethrower — no accident this — in a couple of shots and in less than a minute's screen time we have been given a justification for napalm bombing.

Crude

Baldly stated, this appears a fairly crude method; however, it's overlaid with all the sophistication of the most advanced technical wizardry, the skills and the talents of the movie industry — and they serve their master well.

James Webb has to try a little harder to achieve a similar effect.

His novel is a convincing testament to the improvised skill and resourcefulness of the thousands who

Zionist cover-up for Mafia man's past



smash down a house during the wholesale eviction of tenants in 1888. Large numbers of
tion orders which meant complete destitution for the tenants who faced either starvation



es of northern Ireland

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FIELDS OF FIRE

By James Webb: Granada £1.50.

found themselves fighting and dying in the paddy fields of Vietnam.

The strength of the Vietnamese revolution remains implicit throughout. Webb hates it too much to give any open acknowledgement but he also retreats from confronting it politically — he dons the disguise of a confused liberal, whilst systematically sniping at it from a safe distance.

'Fields of Fire' follows his selection of admittedly well-drawn characters through a few months operations in the An Hoa basin area.

There can be no disputing the authenticity which Webb brings to this — it is a compelling narrative based on his own experiences, and is worth reading for the light it sheds on the milit-

ary tactics of imperialism.

The main characters are by no means stereotypes, but they are clearly ciphers for Webb's greater purpose.

Snake is the hard-man from a deprived inner-city area, who sees a newspaper headline 'Marines Retake Citadel in Hue' and decides to enlist because he has no future and violence is all he knows.

Reliable

The serious, reliable Lieutenant Hodges from Kentucky, who lives with the ghosts of previous generations of Hodges killed in battle, whose grandmother eulogises the 'fields of fire', from a fine family with a fine tradition of serving and dying, and is also destined to die.

Goodrich, the anguished intellectual, is torn between his duty and his tattered political conscience. Webb uses this character to attack all opponents of the war.

Goodrich's moral qualms about killing civilians make him vacillate under fire, not only reducing the effectiveness of the platoon as a fighting unit, but directly causing the death of a fellow Marine.

'Fields of Fire', like 'The Deerhunter', attempts to disarm the opposition by posing as a 'slice of life'.

It's a fraud — the 'slices' are very carefully selected to present the Vietnamese as degenerate, and the Americans as dumb but amiable kids who hate the war but are hooked on it because it provides excitement in their otherwise dull lives.

An idea as old as Homer — and as reactionary as Reagan.



MEYER LANSKY

Just out

'Wild Nights' by Emma Tennant. Picador, £1.95. A mysterious novel, a fantastic world peopled by unreal uncles and aunts, with hints of witchcraft observed by a child.

'The Sewers of Gold' by Albert Spaggiari. Granada, £1.50. Although told in the language of fiction, this is Spaggiari's account of leading his gang through the sewers of Nice to collect a record amount of cash and valuables in 1976. Ends with his sensational jump from the window of the judge's room after betrayal led to his arrest.

'The Anatomy of Power' by James Margach. Star, £1.95. Information gleaned over 45 years as a Westminster journalist, now in paperback, two years after the author's death. For Margach, it's all about personalities and he discusses the 'elusive power of leadership' of 12 Prime Ministers rather than the 'boredom of policies and the sideshows of party politics'.

'The Magic Labyrinth' by Philip Jose Farmer. Granada, £1.50. The final and long-awaited book in the Riverworld series. Farmer resurrects an all-star cast: Sir Richard Burton, Mark Twain, Jack London, Cyrano de Bergerac and many others for their journey down The River in the mysterious planet Riverworld.

For the more traditional science-fiction readers 'Planet of Treachery' by E.E. Doc Smith. Granada, £1.25. Volume 7 in the continuing Family d'Alembert series.

'Bean Feast' by Pamela Westland. Granada, £1.50. Beans are not a new subject for cookery books,

but are very popular, inexpensive, a good source of protein and allow for great variations. Pamela Westland has included chapters on growing and preserving and recipes from all over the world.

SINCE the showing on television this week, the demand for 'Playing for Time' by Fania Fenelon, Sphere, £1.25, has escalated. It is available from all our bookshops.

'Meyer Lansky: Mogul of the Mob' by Dennis Eisenbert, Uri Dan and Eli Landau. Corgi, £1.75.

IN 1971, an old man visited his grandparents' grave in Jerusalem and prayed at the Wailing Wall.

This was Meyer Lansky, notorious for Mafia activities in America since the early 1920s, but redeemed in the eyes of biographers Eisenbert, Dan and Landau by his endorsement of the Zionist state of Israel.

They chart Lansky's emergence from the Lower East Side of New York where, as a Jewish immigrant from Russia, he experienced poverty and racial taunts. He began as a small-time gambler, but decided early on that the men to emulate were the ones in suits who stood aloof from the pavement games, but took the profits.

Robber

A tough teenager, he formed friendships with Bugsy Siegel and Lucky Luciano and embarked on a career as a robber when he found the bank where he wanted to invest savings from gambling and petty crime was guarded by one old, incapable man.

But it was during the 14 years of prohibition that the empire was built up. The operation required warehouses, factories distilling medicinal alcohol

legally, bottle factories, even print works forging exact copies of Johnny Walker and Haig labels.

Lansky is described as a calculating man, tuning fast cars and happy to ride shotgun on liquor convoys, but restraining the trigger-happy. He preferred the 'shadows of anonymity', the businessman whose accountants were forbidden to keep written records.

Contribution

This book dissociates Lansky from drugs and prostitution, plays down his activities terrorising enemies of the union bosses, and emphasises his contribution to the 'war effort' against Nazi Germany.

After a meeting in 1942 with Commander Haffenden of Naval Intelligence, Lansky made countless visits to Luciano in prison, organising intelligence and co-operation from workers around the docks and who knew Sicily.

Luciano's sentence was subsequently commuted, but, more important, it had been business as usual for Lansky and Luciano, exploiting war-time shortages and running their affairs from these prison visits.

The book makes unsavoury reading in spite of its attempt to minimise Lansky's participation in the most brutal aspects of gangland.

But the full story of the connections and place of the Mafia and gangsters like Lansky in 20th century America remains untold.

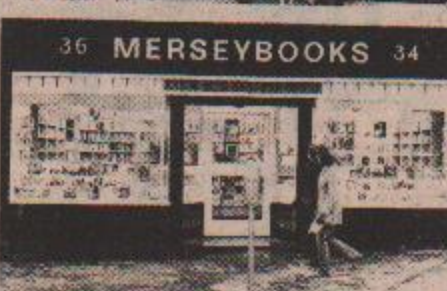
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IN OCTOBER last year the Stalinist-sponsored Feltrinelli Foundation organised an international seminar at Follonica in Italy to mark the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Leon Trotsky, the founder of the Fourth International. The conference was attended by Stalinist academics, revisionists and professional anti-communists. The 'star attraction' was Professor Pierre Broue, a leading light in the anti-Trotskyist group, the International Communist Organisation (OCI). The purpose of the conference and the purpose of Broue's participation as a self-styled 'expert' was to obstruct and confuse any investigation into Trotsky's murder and the network which was responsible. Instead of blasting Stalinism and its counter-revolutionary crimes, instead of defending Trotsky's name and his revolutionary principles, the wretched Broue crawled in front of his pro-Stalinist and right-wing audience almost apologising for raising the ice-pick assassination. In this final article we show how Broue deliberately falsified the contents of Trotsky's archives at Harvard university to protect the double-agent Joseph Hansen, the late leader of the revisionist Socialist Workers Party of the United States.

WHEN he spoke at the Follonica seminar, Professor Pierre Broue, the leading French OCI revisionist, presented himself as an 'expert' on the Trotsky archives which were opened at Harvard University at the beginning of 1980.

He repeated the same lie that the OCI had indignantly claimed four years ago — that when Joseph Hansen was in contact with the Stalinist secret police, the GPU, in the late 1930s it was with Trotsky's knowledge and encouragement.

This has been thoroughly disproved by the Interna-

tional Committee of the Fourth International in its five-and-a-half year investigation into 'Security and the Fourth International'.

And nothing in the newly-opened archives at Harvard can be used to support Hansen. On the contrary, the archives emphasise his guilt.

The discovery that Hansen had a secret liaison with the GPU was first made by the International Committee in 1975.

It was contained in a 'highly confidential' letter sent by Robert McGregor,

an official at the US Embassy in Mexico City, to his superiors in the State Department, Washington, DC.

During a secret visit to the US Embassy 11 days after Trotsky's assassination Hansen told McGregor that he had contact with a top GPU official in New York named 'John'.

When the International Committee first published the Embassy letter it caused a sensation. It was the first time that the Trotskyist movement knew that one of its proclaimed 'leaders' had formed an in-

timidate relationship with the US Embassy in Mexico and it was the first time anyone heard that Hansen had made connections with the GPU in New York prior to Trotsky's murder.

GPU contact is 'normal'

After a long delay, Hansen admitted that he had made a liaison with the GPU — he could not very well deny the evidence! — but he claimed that he was acting on Trotsky's orders. Broue's OCI rushed to

Hansen's defence saying that the the International Committee's evidence was nothing more than a 'labourious fabrication'. ('Informations Ouvrieres', February 27-March 4, 1976).

In their notorious 'declaration' against 'Security and the Fourth International', Mrs Betty Hamilton and Mr Pierre Lambert of the OCI wrote that Hansen was perfectly in order if he was in contact with the GPU.

'At every step, at every moment, Trotskyists have made contact with leaders of Communist Parties who were often GPU agents,' they wrote.

And of the International Committee's charges against Hansen: 'Under the guise of this virtuous indignation is hidden a phillistine, petty bourgeois philosophy.'

Which so-called 'Trotskyists' have kept moment-by-moment contact with the leaders of Stalinist parties and GPU agents?

It may be the custom and practice in the OCI (it probably is!), but it has no part in the training of a revolutionary cadre in the International Committee of the Fourth International.

Nowhere in Trotsky's writings is there an exhortation to his followers to maintain contact with Stalinist leaders. Nor can we find a statement that those who don't mingle with the GPU are 'phillistines' and carriers of 'petty bourgeois philosophy'.



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Professor Pierre Broue, (third from left) of the anti-Trotskyist OCI, at the Stalinist-sponsored seminar on Trotsky in Follonica, Italy, last October



LOLA DALLIN
... denounced letter to
Trotsky as a forgery

This is not surprising. Van Heijenoort is a declared anti-Trotskyist and a man who has secretly collaborated with the FBI since the early 1950s.

He has a vested interest in protecting Hansen since any International Commission of Inquiry will only cast a searching light on his role as well.

The story of Hansen's collaboration with the GPU begins on December 27, 1938, when Trotsky received an anonymous letter postmarked 'Philadelphia'. The letter warned him of an impending assassination plot and identified 'Mark' as the main GPU agent in the Trotskyist ranks in the Paris headquarters.

There was only one 'Mark' in the Paris office — Mark Zborowski, also known as 'Etienne'. The physical and personal description was so precise that there could be no mistaking that the GPU agent in question was Zborowski.

Trotsky showed the December 27 letter to Lola Estrine or Dallin who was visiting Mexico from Paris. She was a close personal friend of Zborowski's and used her intimacy with him to be a camp follower of the French Trotskyists.

Attitude falsified

Mrs Dallin's response to the anonymous letter was to denounce it as a forgery. She tried to persuade Trotsky not to ascribe any im-

Nevertheless, this is what Mrs Hamilton and OCI leader Lambert wrote in 1976 and what Broue vigorously supported. However, Broue made no attempt to repeat this line at Follonica probably because the GPU organisers of the conference are already familiar with his obliging attitude.

Afraid of investigation

Since the Harvard archives were opened the International Committee has been able to deepen its study of Hansen's GPU liaison. But Broue went to Harvard, and acting under the guidance of 'curator' of the archives, Mr Jean Van Heijenoort, he came up with further alibis for Hansen!

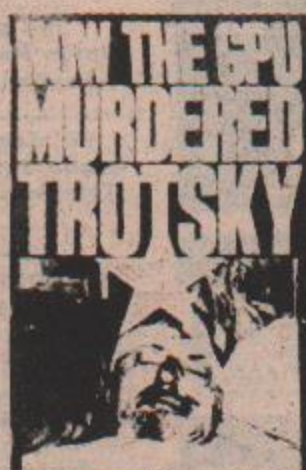
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DISTORTION AND LEON TROTSKY

portance to it, and has consistently claimed that this was in fact Trotsky's reaction.

Mrs Dallin, Hansen and the agent-led SWP have always cultivated the belief that the letter was neglected by Trotsky. With this and other slanders they have tried to show that Trotsky had a halfhearted attitude towards security and that he was careless about his own well-being.

The International Committee has always fought against the obnoxious fiction which they have striven to attach to the reputation of the founder of the Red Army.

The opening of Trotsky's archives at Harvard has demolished their anti-Trotskyist slanders. The record shows that Trotsky was fiercely aroused by the arrival of the anonymous letter and he immediately put in motion an investigation of 'Mark' as well as plans to contact the letter writer.

Now the mealy-mouthed Broue has been obliged to say at Follonica that Trotsky did act on the anonymous letter.

It was generally considered that Trotsky had refused to take this warning seriously and had interpreted the letter as a GPU plot intended to separate him from one of his rare Russian collaborators.

However, the exile papers contain a letter from him, dated January 1, 1939, dictated to Jean van Heijenoort and addressed to his American comrades, in which he reproduces the essential pieces of information, asks that this anonymous denunciation be taken seriously and carefully verified, and even sets out the names of the members of the commission of inquiry which he would like to constitute in Paris on this subject.

This letter has only just been published, but none of the people surviving who could have or should have been informed has the slightest recollection of it; it is likely that it never reached those for whom Trotsky intended it in France.

The discovery of a new clue thus becomes translated, on this incontestably important point, into an additional mystery.

But Broue cannot be permitted to skate over this question so nimbly or glibly. He has some questions to answer first!

● First of all, who 'generally considered' that Trotsky refused to take the warning letter seriously? Who put this snide smear around? Wasn't it Hansen?

● In whose interest was it that Trotsky be persuaded to drop any investigation into 'Mark'? This was the desperate desire of the GPU. They knew that if Zborowski was unmasked then not only would they lose their top agent in the Trotskyist movement in Europe, but their assassination plan against Trotsky would be in jeopardy.



Jean Van Heijenoort (foreground) declared opponent of Trotskyism and revolution, at the Follonica seminar where he kept silent on the GPU network

● What happened when Trotsky rejected the advice of Mrs Dallin and the other GPU agents in his household and decided to instigate an investigation into 'Mark'? Broue said that it never reached France and that the US leaders of the SWP can't remember ever seeing it either.

● How could such a vital piece of correspondence from the leadership of the Fourth International just 'go missing'? In whose interest was it that the letter was 'lost'? Only the GPU and only a GPU agent who belonged to Trotsky's inner-circle could have carried out this act of political sabotage.

After Mrs Dallin had failed to convince Trotsky to dismiss the letter, Hansen made certain that his orders were killed stone dead.

● Broue concludes wistfully that 'an additional mystery' has emerged. Why need this be so? Broue's great friend, Professor van Heijenoort, was responsible for dictation of the vital letter and knows who it was sent to and how. He must be aware how Trotsky followed up the letter and with whom.

Broue has fabricated his 'additional mystery'. Its purpose is to create confusion in place of focussing attention on one Joseph Hansen!

Bid to find letter writer

Trotsky's first reaction on receiving the letter was



MARK ZBOROWSKI... main GPU agent in the Trotskyist Paris headquarters

that its author might be General Walter Krivitsky, a top NKVD officer who defected from Stalinism and came to the United States in late 1938 in a much-publicised bid for political refuge.

In fact, however, the author was General Alexander Orlov, another NKVD defector, who had secretly arrived in the United States seeking asylum.

Trotsky put in motion two different operations to make contact with the letter writer. He carried out the instructions in the letter itself which involved placing a special advertisement in the American Trotskyist weekly paper, 'Socialist Appeal'.

This was to be the signal for a meeting at the 'Socialist Appeal' editorial office. From testimony which he gave in the 1950s, we know that Orlov went to the office but became nervous when he saw that his contact was

an East European (John G. Wright). Orlov was afraid that the go-between might be a GPU agent so he left the building without speaking to him.

Trotsky's second procedure involved Hansen. On January 15, 1939, he sent Hansen to New York to make contact with Krivitsky.

All the evidence points to the fact that Hansen did establish contact — but he created the impression that his attempt had ended in failure.

He formed a liaison with Krivitsky and discovered priceless information from the former KVD general about the plot to assassinate Trotsky and the international network of assassins. But, instead of passing it on to Trotsky, Hansen fed the information to the GPU itself.

Broue rigs the evidence

When Broue went to the Harvard archives early last year he found a letter from Hansen to Trotsky dated March 30, 1939, which mentioned Hansen's 'first contact' with the GPU.

Broue seized on this to make the sweeping and howling allegation that this 'proved' Trotsky knew about Hansen's liaison with the GPU and therefore the International Committee's charges were wrong.

It did nothing of the kind. Read in context with other letters in the newly-opened archive it meant that Han-

sen was sent to New York to contact Krivitsky, that he did so, but that the mission was abortive.

If Hansen's letter is the ultimate proof that he was not a GPU agent, why didn't Hansen himself use it in his notorious 'reply' to the 'Security and the Fourth International' investigation? Surely a 'Trotskyist' impugned as a GPU agent would have rushed to Harvard, gained access to the archives (with Mr van Heijenoort's generous assistance) and presented this 'proof' of his innocence.

But Hansen did not follow this course of action. He never even mentioned the letter. Nor did Van Heijenoort, who was highly familiar with the archives and the Orlov letter incident.

When the International Committee first indicted Hansen as a GPU agent for his hitherto secret liaison with a top GPU man in New York, the later revisionist leader said the charges were 'a geyser of mud'. Significantly, however, he didn't deny meeting the GPU!

Under mounting pressure from the 'Security and the Fourth International' investigation, Hansen admitted consorting with a GPU agent. To involve Trotsky's name in his GPU connection and to cover his tracks, Hansen gave a long rigmarole about invisible ink correspondence between himself and one of his faithful accomplices, V.T. O'Brien.



JOSEPH HANSEN secret liaison with GPU

The invisible ink story

A complete search of Harvard archives failed to find a single invisible ink letter from Hansen to Mexico. Invisible ink letters have a gruesome history in the Trotskyist movement because they formed part of the giant conspiracy in Stalin's Moscow Trials.

To frame Trotsky as an assassin, Nazi spy etc, Stalin had to invent a letter sent from Trotsky to one of his so-called 'counter-revolutionary agents' in the Soviet Union.

In his immortal 'Red Book' on the Moscow Trials, Trotsky's son, Leon Sedov, refers to this fabricated piece of evidence as 'a handwritten letter from Trotsky in chemical ink which contained the order to proceed without delay in the preparation and execu-

tion of terrorist acts against Stalin and Voroshilov'. ('The Red Book' by Leon Sedov, New Park Publications, £1.75.)

Leon Sedov first of all notes that the GPU witness who gave evidence of the non-existent letter gave 100 pages of testimony before he remembered the existence of Trotsky's letter!

He said Trotsky would never have written such a letter in his own handwriting; he would never have entrusted it to a stranger, as the state prosecutor claimed. Sedov adds:

'The letter wasn't written in code. This form of activity is worthy of a student terrorist, but not of an old revolutionary with experience in conspiratorial matters. If the GPU were unable to obtain the letter, it is only because it was never written.'

Although the circumstances are different, the techniques are the same. Instead of Trotsky being the author of an invisible ink letter, Hansen claimed that he was. But no such letter exists in the archives.

If Hansen's mission to New York to meet Krivitsky (referred to as 'W' in Trotsky's letters) was irreproachably handled, why didn't Hansen set this out in the years before his death? He had numerous opportunities through his 'Intercontinental Press', 'Militant' or by agreeing to an international commission of inquiry.

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But Hansen did none of these things. He never once mentioned the Krivitsky assignment! Is this the action of an innocent man? Why would he want to avoid at all costs mention of Krivitsky and his assignment to meet him on Trotsky's behalf?

On February 10, 1941, six months after Trotsky was murdered, Walter Krivitsky was found shot dead in a hotel room in Washington, DC. He had been assassinated and then placed in a position to make it look like suicide.

Covering up the truth

When Broue fails to mention these questions it is not a simple omission or an oversight. It is quite deliberate, because it forms part of the OCI's attempt to protect Hansen and the police agent network at the SWP in New York.

Broue concluded his Follonica speech, saying: 'One must admit that outside the feeble voice of American Trotskyists — even partisans of Cannon and Shachtman combined — there did not exist many people capable of making the analysis that can be made today by an honest researcher (!), and above all, of finding the tribunal and the audience which would not have allowed the political aspects of the crime to remain for so long unpunished.'

'In fact, for the Europeans... Trotsky's assassination in Mexico seemed like the distant echo, come from another planet, of a period long since completed. This is no doubt one of the reasons why the truth only belatedly, bit by bit, cleared a path for itself.'

At this point, Broue sat down to the warm applause of his 'academic' audience. But a careful analysis of his remarks show what a deceitful charlatan he really is.

It begins by paying tribute to 'nameless' American 'Trotskyists' who tried to raise the question of Trotsky's death. Who can he mean?

Even Broue could not mean Hansen, since there

are literally hundreds of documents disclosed by the International Committee which Hansen kept suppressed for four decades.

Can he mean George Breitman, one of the editors of Pathfinder Press. This man has been guilty of suppressing large quantities of Trotsky's writings, changing the original text of Trotsky's articles, imposing footnotes which are inaccurate and designed to protect GPU agents like Zborowski and Sylvia Franklin.

Although General Alexander Orlov wrote two anonymous letters to Trotsky tipping him off about the agent 'Mark' (Zborowski) Breitman excluded the second one from Trotsky's writings until the end of last year when he knew that it would be discovered in the Harvard archives. Does Breitman fall into Broue's category of an 'honest researcher'?

Kept a secret with FBI

Does Broue mean his old friend, the dubious Jean Van Heijenoort? This man learned from the FBI in 1954 that Zborowski was a GPU agent responsible for the murder of Trotsky's son, Leon Sedov, the NKVD defector Ignace Reiss, and two secretaries of the Trotskyist movement, Rudolf Klement and Erwin Wolf.

But Van Heijenoort never told a soul in the Trotskyist movement the may have told Hansen and Novaek, but that is where it stayed — in private. He never once wrote an article to expose Zborowski and it was not until 1958 in the Jack Noble spy trial that he finally testified against Zborowski.

For four years he kept a secret with the FBI and kept his former comrades in the Fourth International in the dark. Yet Broue and the SWP agents spent 1980 touting this Van Heijenoort around as some kind of 'reformed old Trotskyist'.

He is nothing of the sort. He is a self-proclaimed opponent of Trotskyism who renounced revolution 40 years ago and became a 'friendly witness' of the FBI/CIA.

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So far as the International Committee can discover, one of the old voices raised by American Trotskyists was that of Harold Robins, the captain of the guard at Coyoacan. When he spoke out about the inconsistent and distorted reporting of the circumstances of Trotsky's murder, he became the victim of a subtle smear and whispering campaign.

He was falsely accused of being 'a crank', someone who had 'a chip on his shoulder' etc, etc. When the International Committee and its fraternal US organisation, the Workers League, launched its inquiry in 1974, Robins immediately gave his support.

The SWP 'Trotskyists' and 'honest researchers' did not support the call for an international commission of inquiry, they poured time, effort and money into trying to stop it.

When Broue says that the 'Europeans' felt Trotsky's murder was like something which happened on 'another planet', then he is surely talking about the prevalent views of his own petty bourgeois OCI group. This was never the view of the British Trotskyists who fought against Pabloism and to build the International Committee of the Fourth International.

Broue shifts his ground

Broue's central conclusion is that disinterest lay

behind the long delay in uncovering vital information about Trotsky's murder. This is not only facile, it is to consciously falsify the real reasons.

There were first of all the difficult objective conditions created by the post-war 'boom' and the worldwide injection of dollar credit to bolster the capitalist system.

This contributed to the relatively isolated existence of the International Committee of the Fourth International and its sections around the world.

The other factor was the systematic cover-up deliberately carried out by Hansen and his network in the revisionist SWP. They were the keepers of the records. They knew the Zborowskis, the Sylvia Franklins, the Floyd Cleveland Millers and the Dallins.

But search the issues of the SWP publications and there is not a mention of these GPU agents and the havoc and bloody destruction they caused in the movement. On the contrary, there are lively defences of at least two of them — Franklin and Dallin.

Broue asks what tribunal existed to investigate the Trotsky murder crime which has remained 'for so long unpunished'?

He knows full well that there has been a standing call for an international commission of inquiry since 1975.

Broue has creepily shifted ground since the OCI 'declaration' of 1977 claimed that the 'Security and the Fourth International' investigation was 'all slander'. Broue now at least admits there is a mystery; that all the facts are not yet out; that the SWP's stories about Franklin and Robert Sheldon Harte are open to question and probably wrong.

Broue modestly regards himself as an 'honest researcher' and an 'authority' on Trotsky's murder. For this reason his logical next step must be to support the call for an international commission of inquiry. We challenge him to do so!

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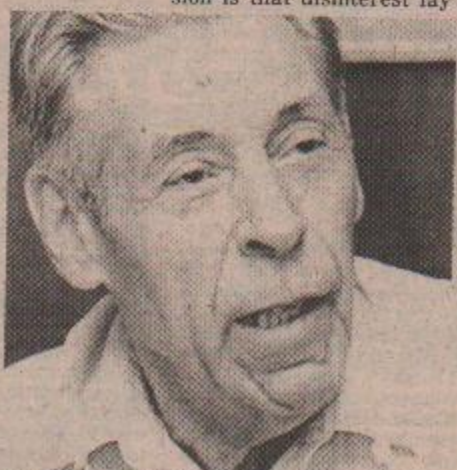
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TV AND RADIO GUIDE



'The Gaffer' on ITV at 8.30pm

BBC 1

12.42 Regional News for England (except London). 12.45 Midday News; Weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45-2.00 How Do You Do. 3.20 Croesi'r Ffin. 3.53 Regional News for England (except London). 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Laurel and Hardy. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Think Again. 5.05 Grange Hill. 5.35 Ivor The Engine. 5.40 Evening News; Weatherman.

5.5 **NATIONWIDE REGIONAL MAGAZINES** local weather; and at 6.20 **NATIONWIDE** plus *Down to Earth*; 6.45 *Sportswide* with Desmond Lynam

7.00 **THE SUPERSTARS** From Peterborough

8.00 **TO SERVE THEM ALL MY DAYS** In the final episode Christine is desperate for help

8.50 **POINTS OF VIEW** presented by Barry Took

9.00 **NINE O'CLOCK NEWS** with Jan Leeming; and weather from Jim Bacon

9.25 **MISS GREAT BRITAIN 1981**

10.15 **PETER SKELLERN** written by Peter Skellern and recorded in his home town of Bury, where he started his singing career at the age of 11 in the church choir

10.45 **News Headlines** Weather

10.50 **ROYAL HERITAGE** *The Tudors*

11.50 **LATE FILM** *Vice Squad* 1953 gangster movie with Edward G. Robinson and Paulette Goddard. Edward G. is cast in an uncharacteristic role as chief of cops, on the hunt for a car-thief who shot a policeman

1.20 **Closedown**

THAMES

9.30 *The Masterbuilders*. 9.55 *Wild Canada*. 10.45 *Young Ramsay*. 11.35 *Superstar Profile: William Holden*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News At One*. 1.20 *Thames News*. 1.30 *Together*. 2.00 *After Noon Plus*. 2.45 *Friday Matinee: Letters From Three Lovers*. 4.15 *Dr Snuggles*. 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Clapperboard*. 5.45 *News*.

6.00 **THAMES NEWS**

6.30 **THAMES SPORT** News, views and action from a wide variety of sport, presented by Allan Taylor, Simon Reed and John McCrick

7.00 **FAMILY FORTUNES**

7.30 **VEGAS** Robert Urich in *All Kinds of Love*

8.30 **THE GAFFER** *A Seat On The Board* with Bill Maynard. Managing director Fred Moffat finds himself on strike outside the factory

9.00 **THE GOOD COMPANIONS** Judy Cornwell and John Stratton in *Curtain Call* The travelling concert party give their final performance

10.00 **NEWS AT TEN**

10.30 **BENSON** *Checkmate* with Robert Guillaume. Benson leads the search for an 11-year-old Russian chess genius who disappears during a tournament at the governor's mansion

11.00 **THE LONDON PROGRAMME** An investigation into the growth of private medicine, encouraged by the Tory government's savage attacks on the National Health Service, and private hospitals, financed by profit-seeking City institutions, now opening at an unprecedented rate in all parts of London

11.35 **MANNIX** *Cry Danger*, with Mike Connors

12.30 **Closedown**

ATV

9.40 *Hot Stuff*. 9.50 *Call it Macaroni*. 10.20 *Arts for Whom?* 11.10 *Chopper Squad*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News at One*. 1.20 *ATV News*. 1.30 *Together*. 2.00 *After Noon Plus*. 2.45 *Film: Call Her Mom*. 4.15 *Dr Snuggles*. 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Clapperboard*. 5.45 *News*. 6.00 *ATV Today*. 7.00 *Family Fortunes*. 7.30 *Charlie's Angels*. 8.30 *The Gaffer*. 9.00 *The Good Companions*. 10.00 *News at Ten*. 10.30 *Soap*. 11.00 *ATV News*. 11.05 *Film: The Hired Hand*. 1.00 **Closedown**.

YORKSHIRE

9.30 *The Indians of North America*. 9.45 *Laurel and Hardy*. 10.05 *Wilderness Alive*. 11.00 *Young Ramsay*. 11.55 *The Bubbles*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News at One*. 1.20 *Calendar News*; Weather. 1.30 *Together*. 2.00 *After Noon Plus*. 2.45 *Film: Jacqueline*. 4.15 *Dr Snuggles*. 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Clapperboard*. 5.45 *News*. 6.00 *Calendar*; Weather. 6.30 *Calendar Sport*. 7.00 *Family Fortunes*. 7.30 *Hawaii Five-O*. 8.30 *The Gaffer*. 9.00 *The Good Companions*. 10.00 *News at Ten*. 10.30 *Soap*. 11.00 *Pro-Celebrity Snooker*. 11.45 *Lou Grant*. 12.40 **Closedown**.

RADIO

1 (News throughout). 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*. 5.45 *Roundtable*. 7.31 *Anne Nightingale*. 10.02 *The Friday Rock Show* (S). 12.00 *Close*.

2 (News throughout). 5.00 *News Summary*; Weather. 5.03 *Bob Kirby* (S). 6.15 *Pause for Thought*. 7.32 *Terry Wogan* (S). 8.27 *Racing Bulletin*. 8.45 *Pause for Thought*. 9.03 *Radio 2's Top Five Albums*. 10.03 *Jimmy Young* (S). 12.03 *Ray Moore* (S). 11.45 *Sports Desk*. 2.03 *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*. 8.02 *Sequence Time* (S). 8.45 *Friday Night is Music Night* (S). 9.55 *Sports Desk*. 10.02 *Listen to Les*.

10.30 *The Organist Entertains*. 11.02 *Sports Desk*. 11.03 *Brian Matthew with Round Midnight* (12.00 *Newsroom*; Weather; Motoring information). 2.02-5.00 *You and the Night and the Music* (S).

3 6.55 *Weather*. 7.00 *News*. 7.05 *Overture* (S) Concert: Borodin, Mozart, Bach, Nielsen, Sibelius; records. 8.00 *News*. 8.05 *Morning Concert* (S) Gounod, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Douglas; records. 9.00 *News*. 9.05 *This Week's Composers* (S) The Smetana Line; records. 10.50 *Harpichord*, Cello and Piano Music (S) Recital: Faure, Couperin, Rameau, Kodaly. 11.05 *Contemporary Music for Brass Band* (S) Concert: Thea Musgrave, Thomas Wilson, Derek Bourgeois. 12.00 *BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra* (S) Concert: Mozart (1.00 *News*) Tchaikovsky. 1.55 *What the Critics Said*. 2.40 *Late Brahms* (S) Recital: German folk-song. 3.50 *Performing Style in Bach* (S). 4.20 *Friday*

Afternoons (S) Song recital: Warlock, Geoffrey Bush, Rutter, Moeran, Grainger, arr. Ahlrodt, arr. Grainger. 4.55 *News*. 5.00 *Mainly for Pleasure* (S). 6.55 *Play it Again* (S). 7.00 *Sibelius* (S) Symphony No. 6. 7.30 *Beaux Arts Trio* (S) Recital: Haydn, Ravel (8.15-8.35 *Philosophy and Philophies*) Brahms. 9.15 *One Pair of Ears*. 9.30 *Music in Our Time* (S) Concert: Jozsef Sponi, Miklos Kocsar, Istvan Lang. 10.25 *The Living Poet*. 11.00 *News*. 11.05-11.15 *Gluck* (S) record.

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 *Desert Island Discs* (S). 9.45 *Feedback*. 10.00 *News*. 10.02 *International Assignment*. 10.30 *Daily Service*. 10.45 *Morning Story: The Last of the Line*. 11.00 *News*. 11.05 *Are You There*,

Harry Price? 11.50 *Natural Selection*. 12.00 *News*. 12.02 *You and Yours*. 12.27 *My Music* (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: Piracy*. 4.05 *Weigh-In*. 4.15 *Poetry Up to Now*. 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 *Going Places*. 7.00 *News*. 7.05 *The Archers*. 7.20 *Pick of the Week* (S). 8.10 *Profile*. 8.30 *Any Questions?* 9.15 *Letter from America*. 9.30 *Kaleidoscope*. 9.59 *Weather*. 10.00 *The World Tonight*. 10.35 *Week Ending* (S). 11.00 *A Book at Bedtime*: Lord Jim. 11.15 *The Financial World Tonight*. 11.30 *Today in Parliament*. 11.45 *Glyn Worsnip*. 12.00 *News*; Weather report; forecast. 12.15-12.23 *Shipping forecast*; Inshore forecast.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 *Play School*. 5.40 *Cartoon Two: Sea Dream*.

5.45 **MONKEY PIGS**'s *Ten Thousand Ladies* continues the adventures of Tripitaka and his companions Monkey, Pigsy and Sandy

6.30 **SPEAK FOR YOURSELF** *Asking the Doctor to Visit* Hints on using English effectively in everyday situations

6.55 **WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS** Final programme *Families First?*

7.10 **MID-EVENING NEWS** plus sub-titles; Weather

7.20 **OXFORD ROAD SHOW** In this new series, neither a roadshow nor from Oxford, journalist Rob Rohrer looks at the week gone by (from the windows of Manchester's Oxford Road studios)

7.55 **IN THE COUNTRY** *As the Crow Flies* A visit to the Ordnance Survey map-makers reveals how the modern cartographer works and what equipment he uses; Bernard Price talks to a producer of footpath guides

8.25 **REAGAN'S REPUBLICANS** Keith Kyle reports from Washington on the new administration's faces and policies

9.00 **PLAYHOUSE** *One Hundred and Eighty!* Five women are on a sit-in at the local Bluebell Inn, and are prepared to stay for good. But the crucial County Darts match is tomorrow night — what will the men do? Will they concede defeat?

10.00 **INTERNATIONAL DARTS** *The Semi-Finals* introduced by Peter Purves

10.45 **NEWSNIGHT**

11.30 **INTERNATIONAL DARTS** continued

12.15 **Closedown**



There's plenty of action over one of the more sedate sports in 'Playhouse: One Hundred and Eighty' on BBC2 at 9pm tonight

SOUTHERN

9.30 *Kum Kurn*. 9.55 *Island of Treasure*. 10.45 *Tarzan*. 11.45 *Larry the Lamb in Toytown*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News at One*. 1.20 *Southern News*; Weather. 1.30 *Together*. 2.00 *After Noon Plus*. 2.25 *Film: The Constant Husband*. 4.15 *Dr Snuggles*. 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Gambit*. 5.45 *News*. 6.00 *Day by Day* Scene South East. 6.30 *Out of Town*. 7.00 *Family Fortunes*. 7.30 *Charlie's Angels*. 8.30 *The Gaffer*. 9.00 *The Good Companions*. 10.00 *News at Ten*; Southern News Extra. 10.35 *Bullitz* — The Movie. 11.05 *Benson*. 11.35 *Film: A 19 Year Old's Plan*. 1.35 *Weather*; Epilogue; Closedown.

ANGLIA

9.30 *Pavilion Folk*. 9.55 *Spy Extraordinary*. 10.20 *Laurel and Hardy*. 11.10 *Something Special*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News at One*. 1.20 *Anglia News*; Weather. 1.30 *Together*. 2.00 *Houseparty*. 2.25 *Film: Flaming Frontier*. 4.15 *Dr Snuggles*. 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Clapperboard*. 5.45 *News*. 6.00 *About Anglia*. 7.00 *Family Fortunes*. 7.30 *The Incredible Hulk*. 8.30 *The Gaffer*. 9.00 *The Good Companions*. 10.00 *News at Ten*; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 *7 Days Unemployment Special*. 11.00 *Soap*. 11.30 *Film: Escape: I Thought it was Someone I Knew*. 12.30 *Epilogue*; Closedown.

ULSTER

10.00 *Spiderman*. 11.00 *Story Hour*. 11.50 *Sally and Jake*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News at One*. 1.20 *Lunchtime*. 1.30 *Together*. 2.00 *After Noon Plus*. 2.45 *Film: Two Flags West*. 4.13 *Ulster News*. 4.15 *Dr Snuggles*. 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Clapperboard*. 5.45 *News*. 6.00 *Good Evening Ulster*. 7.00 *Family Fortunes*. 7.30 *Charlie's Angels*. 8.30 *The Gaffer*. 9.00 *The Good Companions*. 10.00 *News at Ten*; Ulster Weather. 10.30 *Witness*. 10.35 *Sportscast*. 11.05 *Beyond Westworld*. 12.15 *Epilogue*; Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.20 *The Good Word*; North East News. 9.30 *Survival*. 9.55 *Showjumping with Harvey Smith*. 10.20 *Music Special*. 11.20 *Home Nursing*. 11.50 *Sally and Jake*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News at One*. 1.20 *North East News*; Lookaround. 1.30

GRANADA

9.30 *The Stationary Ark*. 9.55 *The Lone Ranger Show*. 10.15 *Leave Cape Horn to Port*. 10.55 *Cartoon*. 11.00 *Sesame Street*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News At One*. 1.20 *Granada Reports*. 1.30 *Together*. 2.00 *Live From Two*. 2.50 *Friday Matinee: Louis Armstrong — Chicago Style* with Ben Vereen. 4.15 *Watch It!* 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Clapperboard*. 5.45 *News*.

6.00 **GRANADA REPORTS** including *What the Local Papers Say*

6.30 **KICK OFF** A look at the world of soccer and a preview of tomorrow's important matches

7.00 **FAMILY FORTUNES** hosted by Bob Monkhouse

7.30 **VEGAS A Deadly Victim**

8.30 **THE GAFFER** Bill Maynard in *A Seat on the Board* Outmanoeuvred and out-gunned by his shop steward, managing director Fred Moffat finds himself outside his own factory gates, on strike

9.00 **THE GOOD COMPANIONS** *Curtain Call*

10.00 **NEWS AT TEN**

10.30 **A WEEK ON FRIDAY** A review of the week's events with Gordon Burns and Stuart Prebble

11.00 **AFTER ALL THAT, THIS** Nick Turnbull

11.10 **FILM OF THE BOOK** Frank Sinatra and Spencer Tracy in *The Devil at Four O'Clock* When a South Pacific island is threatened by a volcano, a colony of leper children is left in the hands of a drunken priest. Directed in 1961 by Mervyn Le Roy

1.35 **Closedown**

CHANNEL

12.30 *A Better Read*. 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 *Film: My Girl Tisa*. 4.15 *Dr Snuggles*. 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Clapperboard*. 5.45 *News*. 6.00 *Channel Report*. 6.30 *Encore*. 6.55 *What's On Where*. 7.00 *Family Fortunes*. 7.30 *The Incredible Hulk*. 8.30 *The Gaffer*. 9.00 *The Good Companions*. 10.00 *News at Ten*; Channel Late News; Weather. 10.30 *Soap*. 11.05 *SWAT*. 12.00 *News and Weather in French*; Weather; Closedown.

WESTWARD

12.30 *The Amazing Years of Cinema*. 9.55 *Dinah Saur*. 10.10 *Cities*. 11.00 *Sesame Street*. 12.00 *The Magic Ball*. 12.10 *Once Upon A Time*. 12.30 *A Better Read*. 1.00 *News at One*. 1.20 *Westward News Headlines*. 1.30 *Together*. 2.00 *After Noon Plus*. 2.45 *Film: My Girl Tisa*. 4.12 *Gus Honeybun's Birthdays*. 4.15 *Dr Snuggles*. 4.20 *The Adventures of Black Beauty*. 4.45 *Animals in Action*. 5.15 *Clapperboard*. 5.45 *News*. 6.00 *Westward Diary*. 7.00 *Family Fortunes*. 7.30 *The Incredible Hulk*. 8.30 *The Gaffer*. 9.00 *The Good Companions*. 10.00 *News at Ten*; Westward Late News; Weather. 10.30 *Soap*. 11.05 *SWAT*. 12.00 *Epilogue*; West Country Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

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TODAY'S CARDS, PROSPECTS AND SELECTIONS

NIGHT NURSE A CERT AT NEWCASTLE

NIGHT Nurse and Approaching, two seasoned performers who have added further interest to the Cheltenham Gold Cup ante-post market in recent weeks, dominate racing today.

Night Nurse (2.45) is back to his best distance of two-and-a-half miles in the Pintail Chase at NEWCASTLE, whilst Approaching (3.05), announced as Josh Gifford's sole Gold Cup representative, has to give weight to some seasoned campaigners in the Green Highlander Handicap Chase at ASCOT.

Mistakes in the King George VI Chase at Kempton put extra pressure on Night Nurse in the closing stages and it was no great surprise when he gave Alan

SELECTIONS

ASCOT

1.00 Highway
1.35 Mouldy Old Dough
2.05 Ross Du Vin
2.35 Accelerate
3.05 Approaching (Nap)
3.40 High Old Time (n.b.)

Brown little chance of staying aboard at the last fence.

He has still to prove he truly stays three miles, but connections are obviously still not convinced.

Night Nurse's chief rival appears to be Rambling Jack. Once a near top-class chaser, Ken Oliver's horse

NEWCASTLE

12.45 Claymore
1.15 Starlight Lad
1.45 Fogbound
2.15 Why Forget
2.45 Night Nurse
3.15 Chrisarah.

has tumbled down the weights but the distance of tomorrow's race looks short of his best, for stamina is his real strength.

It will be a major surprise if either Rambling Jack or Kenlis manage to get near Night Nurse, who should be clear at the finish.

Approaching has already

proved he has real Gold Cup potential. He was fourth in the race last year, when the heavy ground was right up against him. He started off the new season in good style, again finishing fourth in the Mandarin Chase at Newbury.

The three miles is likely to be on the short side for the out and out stayer Martinstown, who demonstrated his gutsy nature when carrying plenty of overweight to victory in the four-mile Bass Handicap Chase at Cheltenham.

The speedier Mender could be Approaching's main rival, having gone down by only a neck to Dodington Park at Lingfield.

Football League face European Commission

THE Football League is to be taken to the European Commission in Brussels by Adidas, the sports equipment manufacturers.

Adidas claim that the Football League have contravened the 'restrictive practices' agreements of the Treaty of Rome. The row has blown up over the League's refusal to allow clubs to use the firm's 'Tango' ball.

Adidas first launched the ball at the 1978 World Cup finals, and it has since been used at the Olympic Games and last summer's European championship in Italy.

The 'Tango' has been banned by the League because of its colour — black and white. The Football League only allows clubs to play with balls that have their approval, and black and white is not allowed.

Adidas say that this is a restraint of trade and competition imposed in England against products from another Common Market country — France — where the ball is produced.

They back their argument with a number of League clubs, saying they wish to be able to use the

ball in League matches. Jim Smith, manager of Birmingham, said: 'We want to use the Tango ball because we find it to be the best.'

Gordon Lee of Everton added: 'The Tango football has been well accepted by our players and we have used it in all our FA Cup matches. It is extremely important that clubs playing in European competitions should acquaint themselves with this ball.'

Observations

Football League secretary Graham Kelly said the League had submitted its own observations on the matter to the European commission.

'We feel we are entitled to restrict the designs of balls used in League games, we don't want a proliferation of designs,' Kelly said yesterday. 'There is no discrimination against Adidas.'

'A number of our clubs use the Adidas ball and we have offered them the opportunity to manufacture the official League red and white ball under licence. So far they have not accepted this offer.'

ASCOT

1.00 SILVER DOCTOR NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £2,000

2m (12 runners)
4 F04R1 BISHOPS BOW (D) R Turner 5 11 9 A Turner
5 FUNNY SPRING L Curni 6 11 7 Mr M Rocca
6 00-0 GRAND BEAVER J Crowley 7 11 7 R O'Leary
8 MUSSO F Winter 5 11 5 J Francome
10 B22 PIGGY MALONE T Marshall 5 11 5 M Bastard (4)
12 13P0 DAVID GALAXY AFFAIR (D) F Yardley 4 11 0 W Morris (4)
13 1 HIGHWAY D Morley 4 11 0 B R Davies
14 2411 GREAT DEVELOPER (D) D Nicholson 4 10 11 P Scudamore
16 4P1 SANDHAVEN D Grissell 4 10 8 R Linley
17 P ANOTHER VENTURE R Atkins 4 10 4 R Atkins
18 03 GRANDIOSE (BF) D Elsworth 4 10 4 C Brown
19 JADES DOUBLE Mrs B Waring 4 10 4 C Candy

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Highway, 7-2 Great Developer, 9-2 Grandiose, 6-1 Bishop's Bow, 8-1 David Galaxy Affair, 12-1 Musso and Sandhaven, 14-1 Funny Spring, 16-1 others.

1.35 BUCKTAIL OPPORTUNITY H'CAP CHASE £2,500

2m (11 runners)
1 2130-P1 GRAND TRIANON (D) T Gillam 9 12 3 Hazel Winn (7)
3 4-0F0U SPRINGBOW (D) R Turner 8 11 8 A Holder (7)
4 00P0U2 SERGEANT CAN (D) Miss S Morris 9 11 3 M Chilton (7)
5 F30-32P PRINCE KUMAR VI (D) F Yardley 9 11 2 W Morris
6 20-0004 WILD CHORUS M Wiles 11 10 11
7 20F00-0 PEWTER SPEAR D McCan 8 10 10 W Beardwood (7)
8 030222 MR MOKE (D) G Small 11 10 9 M Richards (7)
9 000-240 LETTERELLAN G Balding 7 10 9 M Coyle
10 00-00 AUTHORITY N Mitchell 6 10 8 C McIlfratrick (7)
12 000U43 MOULDY OLD DOUGH (C) F Muggersidge 12 10 7 T Muggersidge (7)
14 PP0440 JACKADANDY (C-D) A Moore 10 10 7 C Mann

BLINKERS: 14
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Grand Trianon, 4-1 Sergeant Can and Mr Moke, 6-1 Letterellan and Wild Chorus, 8-1 Mouldy Old Dough, 14-1 others.

2.05 HAIRY MARY H'CAP HURDLE £3,500

3m (11 runners)
2 1102-00 ROSS DU VIN (D) J Gifford 10 11 13 C Kinane
3 0200-00 PADSKI (D) R Hollinshead 9 10 12 C Astbury
4 14-011 CISTO (FR) A Goodwill 6 10 11 (ex) S Smith Eccles
5 413-000 WILLIE WUMPKINS (D) Mrs T Pilkington 13 10 10 Mr A J Wilson
7 031 313 LORD GULLIVER (D) Mrs J Peman 8 10 7 B Smart
9 3-1023 UPTON BISHOP Mrs N Smith 7 10 1 A Webb
11 2130-00 GEMINI MISS (D) D Scott 9 10 0 B de Haan (4)
12 1103-03 COFFEE BOY C Thornton 9 10 0 D Atkins

NEWCASTLE

12.45 SANDY OP'TY SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £700

2m (11 runners)
2 00P000 THREE BARS J Harris 6 11 4 J A Harris
3 040002 MEG'S MANTLE R McDonald 8 11 2 G Bradley
5 020000 SPANISH HANDFUL R Stubbs 6 M Maltby
7 00010-0 YANKEE BALLAD R Hobson D Shaw
8 0F10-44 BARON DE HOLLAND (BF) P Holmes
10 0200-10 LERAZMA W Barrett S Johnson
11 4020 MENALIST R Doherty A Stringer
12 1300F0 NEVER STOP Hargreaves
13 002100 CLAYMORE J Hansen
14 4223-00 LORNA B Holohan
16 0-P0430 SEF S Youden

PROBABLE SP: 10-1 Claymore, 12-1 Starlight Lad, 14-1 Why Forget, 16-1 King's.

2.35 THUNDER & LIGHTNING NOVICE CHASE £5,000 2m (7 runners)

2 00000-1 ACCELERATE N Henderson 7 11 8 S Smith Eccles
3 101-10U ARMY LAD (D) F Rimeil 7 11 4 S Morhead
4 0100-3-0 BENNY'S BOY A Moore 8 11 4 G Moore
5 2110-4 DOUBLE BLUFF F Winter 8 11 4 J Francome
6 021014 GUN METAL (D) E Beeson 6 11 4 R Rowell
7 000000 LOOKING DOWN J Crowley 10 11 4 R O'Leary
8 000-012 SOINTULLA BOY Mrs H Houlbrooke 6 11 4 Mr T Houlbrooke

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Accelerate, 100-30 Army Lad, 9-2 Sointulla Boy, 8-1 Double Bluff and Gun Metal, 10-1 Benny's Boy, 14-1 Looking Down.

3.05 GREEN HIGHLANDER H'CAP CHASE £6,000

3m (7 runners)
1 1-424F-4 APPROACHING (D) J Gifford 10 11 10 R Champion
2 120021 MARTINSTOWN (D) Mrs M Easton 9 11 4 (4 ex) Mr M Batters (7)
3 323-04F MAC VIDI (C-D) Miss P Neal 16 11 1 W Smith
4 21F-432 MENDER (D) R Amytage 10 10 13 J Francome
5 3310-02 MASTER SPY (C-D) T Forster 12 10 12 B de Haan (4)
6 11121-0 ROYAL EXILE (USA) (D) F Winter 12 10 10 P Warner
8 000000 TENECOO F Smith 12 10 0

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Approaching, 7-2 Mender, 9-2 Martinstown, 6-1 Mac Vidi, 8-1 Master Spy, 10-1 Royal Exile, 14-1 Tenecoo.

3.40 SILVER DOCTOR NOV HURDLE DIV II £2,000

2m (10 runners)
3 F0040-F CHRISTMAS VISIT J Wright 7 11 7 P Scudamore
5 GAIE PRETENSE (FR) D Jackson 8 11 7 Steve Knight
7 MORNING MATCH P Tory 6 11 7 Mr M Felton
9 00 GRECIAN SOVEREIGN A Hide 5 11 5 Mr R Barlow
10 4322 HIGH OLD TIME (BF) S Mellor 5 11 5 P Blacker
12 0020P0 SWINGING TRIO R Atkins 5 11 5 R Atkins
14 002 BLACK ROD F Winter 4 10 4 B de Haan (4)
15 0P DO DASH L Cottrell 4 10 4 S G Knight
16 02 FLEDGE D Elsworth 4 10 4 C Brown
17 INTAKE G Balding 4 10 4 B Reilly

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Fledge, 3-1 High Old Time, 4-1 Black Rod, 6-1 Christmas Visit and Intake, 10-1 Swinging Trio, 16-1 others.

1.15 GREAT LIME HANDICAP CHASE £2,200

2m (4 runners)
4 1B4200 MARSHELSTOWN W Clay 11 11 4 N Clay
5 030321 STARLIGHT LAD (C-D) R Bell 7 10 13 (5 ex) C Grant
6 0-124U0 HERONFORD W Wright 11 10 0 Mr E McIntyre (7)
7 000F43 CONKER VILLE J Chertton 6 10 0 D Kinsella

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 on Starlight Lad, 3-1 Conker Ville, 6-1 Heronford, 12-1 Marshelstown.

1.45 MELTON HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000

2m 4f (9 runners)
1 20-11-00 VASCAR J Berry 6 12 5 A Brown
3 321213 REALT NA NONA (D) M H Easterby 6 11 3 Mr T Easterby
7 303141 FOGBOUND (D) P Curtis 10 10 9 (6 ex) D Wilkinson (4)
8 F00000 GOLD INVADER (C) (D) A Scott 8 10 3 R Lamb
11 000402 INGHAM (C-D) S Nesbitt 9 10 0 D Nesbitt (4)
14 020000 ANOTHER DENETOP F Musgrave 7 10 0 Miss B Oliver (4)
16 00F034 PLEASANT POLLY S Payne 6 10 0 A Stringer (7)
17 000-023 CAMBRO BOY R Hobson 5 10 0 D Shaw (7)
19 P00-0 SIN NO MORE M Reddan 6 10 0 P Murphy (4)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Fogbound, 100-30 Ingham, 4-1 Realt Na Nona, 5-1 Vascar, 6-1 Cambro Boy, 10-1 Another Denetop and Gold Invader, 16-1 others.

2.15 MATTS BANK NOV HURDLE DIV I £800

2m (4 runners)
0-003 ARAB MERCHANT J Hanson 5 11 12 J Armstrong (4)
KING'S FASHION (AUS) Mrs S Cheshire 6 11 12 S Charlton
000-004 MIZZENHEAD (USA) M W Easterby 6 11 12 P Tuck
4403 WHY FORGET W A Stephenson 5 11 12 R Lamb

SP: 11-8 on Why Forget, 7-4 Arab Merchant, 6-1 Mizzenhead, 16-1 King's.

PINTAIL CHASE (LTD H'CAP) £10,000

2m 4f (3 runners)
NIGHT NURSE (C-D) M H Easterby 10 12 0 A Brown
MBLING JACK (C-D) K Oliver 10 10 7 Mr T G Dun
LIS (D) (BF) M Dickinson 10 10 7 T Carmody

MATT'S BANK NOV HURDLE DIV II £800

runners)
Wilson 5 11 12 C Grant
Hobson 6 11 12 D Shaw (7)
Wright 5 11 12 J Hansen (7)
Wright 6 11 12 P A Charlton
Crump 6 11 12 C Hawkins
Harris 5 11 12 J A Harris (7)
Harris 5 11 12 A Brown

PROBABLE SP: 9-2 Captain Brassbound, 8-1 Avante, 10-1 Down At Eight.



FULHAM'S Iain MacCourquodale will be chasing seven points at Bramley on Sunday to help him reach the 2,000 mark

General ALEXANDER ORLOV... author of the letter to Trotsky

HAROLD ROBINS, captain at Coyoacan, spoke out against report of Trotsky's murder

SPORTS LINE

McENROE MASTERED

UNHERALDED Gene Mayer scored the first upset of the \$400,000 eight-man Masters tennis championship in New York yesterday when he beat US Open champion John McEnroe 3-6, 7-6, 6-2.

It was the 24-year-old Mayer's first win over McEnroe in a tournament in seven meetings. It means that McEnroe would have to beat defending champion Bjorn Borg tonight to qualify for tomorrow's semi-finals.

Earlier, Borg, Ivan Lendl, 20, of Czechoslovakia, and former Masters champion Jimmy Connors won their first matches in the round-robin competition involving the top eight finishers in last year's standings.

Borg beat Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina 6-3, 6-4, Lendl routed Harold Solomon 6-3, 6-1, and Connors overcame Guillermo Villas 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.

Mayer, like McEnroe a New Yorker, won five Grand Prix tournaments last year to soar to fifth in the world standings. But he was given little chance against McEnroe, who had lost only one of 14 sets to Mayer in their six previous matches.

Borg played cautiously in his match with Clerc. The 22-year-old Argentinian, presently ranked eight in the world, was erratic throughout and made numerous unforced errors. A strong serve-and-volley player, he inexplicably chose to stay back and rally and the tactic proved costly.

Clerc, nervous at the start, trailed 0-4, in the first set.

BY A TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

but recovered to 2-4 when he broke Borg's service in the fifth game and finally held his own service. He twice went within a point of pulling back to 3-4.

Errors

Three unforced errors by Clerc and a Borg volley winner enabled the five-time Wimbledon champion to break through again in the third game of the second set and he went on to seal the match.

Borg said afterwards: 'I just played safe because I have not been playing any important matches lately. But I have to put more pressure on my opponents.'

Borg said he had rested for almost two months before the Masters last year which he won for the first time after routing American Vitas Gerulaitis in the final.



JOHN McENROE suffered a surprise defeat in the US Masters tournament in New York yesterday when countryman Gene Mayer beat him in the first match of the tournament

Parlane transfer delay

NORWICH CITY were foiled yesterday in a bid to sign Leeds United striker Derek Parlane in time for Saturday's match with Liverpool.

Norwich agreed a £200,000 deal for the former Scottish international but learned late on Wednesday night that there was a hold up.

Fee

Ken Brown, the Norwich manager, said yesterday: 'Everything had been set up. We had agreed the fee and personal terms with the player, a medical had been set up for this morning. But Leeds' manager Allan Clarke phoned me last night to say there was still some personal details to be sorted out at the Leeds end.'

'There is no hurry now because it is too late for Parlane to play on Saturday and he cannot play against Manchester City next week either, because he is Cup-tied. The whole thing has been left in the air and we will just wait and see what develops at their end.'

Parlane was chased when he was with Glasgow Rangers but he joined Leeds for £200,000 last March. Brown wanted Parlane to play against Liverpool, because striker Justin Fashanu is extremely doubtful through injury.

Rumours

The Norwich manager was quick to scotch rumours that Fashanu was involved in the deal. 'This is a one-way deal and certainly doesn't involve Justin,' he said.

Leeds have made two bids for Fashanu but the latest, of £800,000, was turned down by Norwich.

Record chaser

IAIN MacCorquodale, who has played such a big part in Fulham's successful first season in Rugby League, tries to complete a career total of 2,000 points on Sunday in the important Second Division game at Bramley.

Chasing hard for one of the promotion positions, fourth-placed Fulham cannot afford to falter against Bramley who, although in ninth place are only three points behind them.

MacCorquodale needs seven points to reach his milestone and after losing their unbeaten home record against Rochdale Hornets at the weekend Fulham desperately need a morale-boosting win.

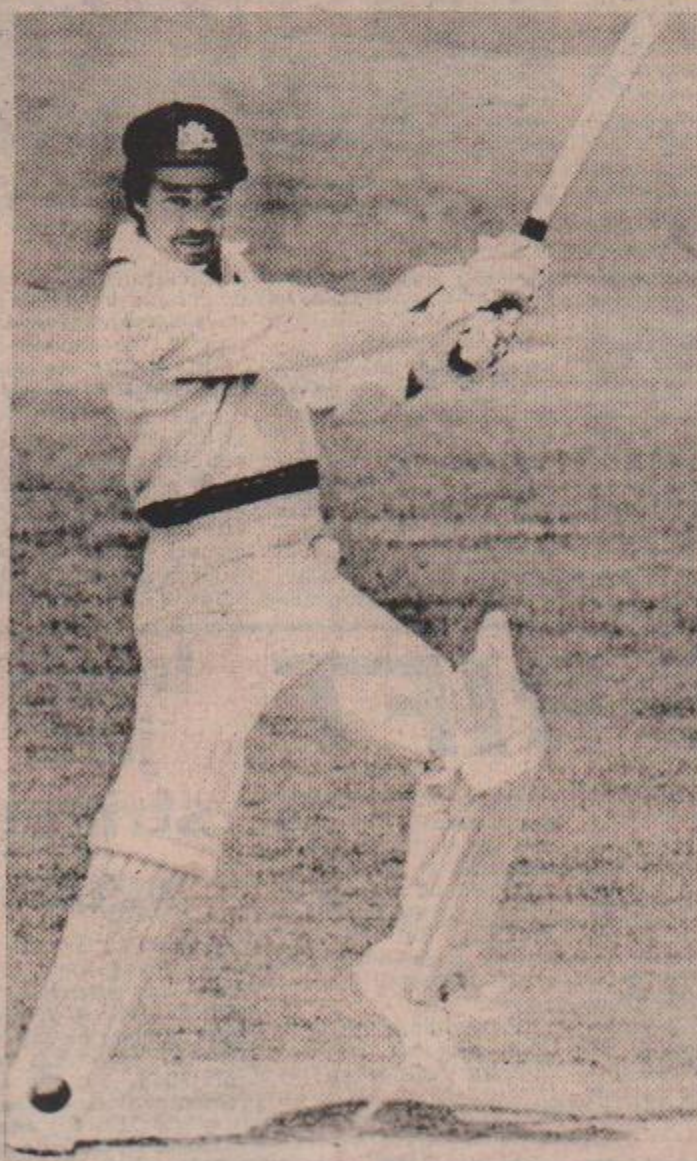
MacCorquodale's old club, Workington Town, gave their prospects of avoiding relegation from the First Division a tremendous boost last weekend when beating the championship leaders Castleford.

If they can beat fellow strugglers Leigh on Sunday they could put tremendous pressure on one-time glamour club Salford, who are going through such a bad patch that coach Kevin Ashcroft has come out of retirement to try and boost his team's flagging form.

On paper Salford have little chance of success against championship-chasing Warrington and if they lose they could find themselves in the bottom three.

Leaders Castleford have a chance to regain winning form at home to Oldham, while their nearest rivals Wakefield and Bradford clash at Odsal.

Aussies reach final



CAPTAIN Greg Chappell safely saw his team through to the final of the limited over World Series final in Sydney yesterday

AUSTRALIA are through to the finals of the World Series Cup one-day triangular cricket competition, in which New Zealand are now likely to become the other qualifiers ahead of India.

The Australians clinched their place in the best-of-five finals starting later this month when they beat India by 27 runs in a day-and-night match in Sydney yesterday.

Australia made 242 for eight in their quota of 50 overs and restricted India to 215 for eight. This success gave Australia 12 points with one qualifying match left. New Zealand have eight points with two games to

play and India have six points and one match left.

India must therefore win next Sunday's clash with New Zealand to keep alive their hopes of reaching the finals. But Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar does not rate his team's chances very highly.

He said: 'We are in with a slim chance, but it's very slim. Our fielding is letting us down and costing us runs.'

Gavaskar put Australia in to bat today but only when Graeme Wood fell for 26 and skipper Greg Chappell for two did India look like making the move pay off.

Billy gets another chance

BILLY AIRD, the long serving heavyweight from Liverpool, is being offered another shot at the British title, which John L. Gardner relinquished to concentrate on Europe.

An application from a promoter in the Midlands, for the contest between Aird and Gordon Ferris at Bingley Hall, Birmingham, on March 30, to be recognised for the vacant title, has been approved by the British Boxing Board of Control.

Their approval is conditional on receipt of signed contracts, the contest must not take place any later than the stated date and the winner has to defend the title by June 30.

To save time the Board has recognised a final eliminator between Neville Meade (Swansea) and Terry

Mintus (Leeds), at Ebbw Vale, on February 26. The winner of that will go forward to fight for the title.

Aird, who will be 35 by the time the contest takes place, was stopped by Gardner in five rounds on his previous attempt to win the British title.

Return

Former world lightweight champion Ken Buchanan, who is engaged in a comeback, also returns to the championship picture. His contest in Birmingham on January 26 against Steve Earley, has been recognised as a final eliminator for the British light welterweight title, and the winner meets Clinton McKenzie the holder.

Colin Jones, the Welsh hol-

der of the British welterweight title, has been ordered to defend against Kirkland Laing, from whom he won it last year, by April 30, and the Board have also ordered a final eliminator for the bantamweight championship.

This will be between Dave Smith (Eltham) and Davey Larmour (Belfast). The winner meets John Feeney, of Hartlepool, for the vacant championship. This contest is to take place by March 18.

Two eliminators have been ordered in the featherweight division where Pat Cowdell is champion. They are to take place by April 30 and are between Tony Prenspre (Plymouth) and Sammy Simms (Wales) and Jimmy Flint (London) and Gerry O'Neill the Scottish champion respectively.

Double blow for Everton

EVERTON suffered a double blow yesterday — fullback John Gidman was reported extremely doubtful for Saturday's Goodison Park clash with League leaders Ipswich and striker Bob Latchford broke down in training.

Gidman has a calf strain while Latchford, out of action for over two months with a hamstring injury, suffered the setback after he had resumed full training.

OSSIE COULD BE OUT

THE magnificent form of Garry Brooke, who has deputised for Osvaldo Ardiles while he represented his country in Uruguay, may keep the Argentinian wizard out of Saturday's north London derby against Arsenal.

On his arrival back at Heathrow airport yesterday, Ardiles said: 'I have no injuries and although I am a little tired at the moment I expect to be

fully fit for the Arsenal game on Saturday.' Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw will wait until he has seen Ardiles, however, before deciding to recall him to a team which has won two games and drawn three during his international absence.

Brooke has been getting rave reviews for his performances in Ardiles' absence and will it come

as a major blow to the youngster if he is dropped after his recent form.

Ardiles' countryman, Ricardo Villa, is definitely out of Saturday's game, with a knee injury. Full back Chris Hughton is doubtful but Terry

Yorath has recovered from a knee injury.

Arsenal will have Graham Rix and Alan Sunderland back after injury, but Brian Talbot and Dave O'Leary are expected to be unfit again.

Owen fund for Merthyr hospital

HOSPITAL equipment worth more than £100,000 has been bought with money raised in the appeal fund for ill-fated Welsh boxer Johnny Owen.

The 24-year-old bantamweight died 45 days after being knocked out in a world title fight in Los Angeles last September.

The £106,000 donated by well-wishers was originally intended for Owen's treatment and rehabilitation. After his death, however, it was decided the community should get the money.

Prince Charles hospital in Merthyr Tydfil — Owen's home town — will soon have a £25,000 ophthalmic laser to help patients from the surrounding South Wales valleys.

Other equipment to come includes a breast scanner and a machine for detecting chest illnesses — which are common in the area.

Electronic equipment being donated will help in mother and baby care.

'Because of the generosity of so many people, hundreds of lives may be saved and certainly thousands more will be made easier,' said a spokesman for the fund.

A memorial plaque to Owen, who is buried at Merthyr, will be placed at the entrance of the hospital. An inquest into his death will be held in Los Angeles in March.

CANCEL TOUR NOW

IRISH sportsmen are beginning to feel the backlash of the Irish Rugby Football Union's refusal to cancel their tour of South Africa in May this year.

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

A team of Ethiopian athletes, led by Olympic goal medallist Miruts Yifter, have cancelled their trip to Cork later this month to take part in an international cross-country event and there could be even a bigger boycott on the way.

The Kenya National Sports Council have already said they will ban contacts with Ireland if the tour goes ahead and the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa has also announced that it would require all African nations to cut off bilateral relations with Irish sportsmen and women if the tour materialised.

Edmund Van Esbeck, a sports journalist with the 'Irish Times' in Dublin, travelled to South Africa for the British Lions' tour last year and, based on what he saw there, he has called for the tour to be cancelled.

'I went to South Africa last year after being led to believe by none other than Dr Danie Craven, head of the South African Rugby Board, that changes had been made

in the game out there and that it was well on its way to being multi-racial,' Van Esbeck told News Line from Dublin last night.

'However, after being there for close on ten weeks and having seen with my own eyes what was going on I cannot condone a tour by any rugby team to South Africa at the moment.

Lies

'On the eve of the third Test in Port Elizabeth, I confronted Craven in the Elizabeth Hotel and told him that he had been telling lies and that nothing had changed. He just laughed at me and brushed me aside.'

Van Esbeck, a respected rugby correspondent for the past 20 years, was horrified at the lengths the Springboks went to to ensure victory in the Test matches.

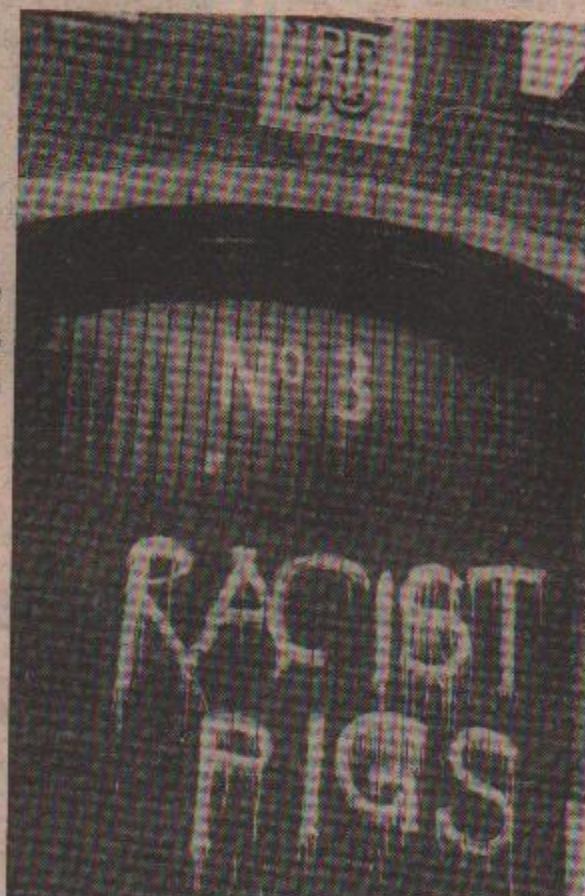
'I can say categorically that the tour of South Africa last year but the

British Lions has done nothing to help the game become multi-racial out there and it was in fact a complete disgrace.

'They even tried to buy off the two French referees, who lived in fear of their lives during their stay in the country. Players were not only provoked on the pitch, but off it as well and some of the violence that went on off the ball was nothing short of being criminal.

'I must state once again that I went out there in good faith believing that there had been a reformation in the game and Craven even wrote to me and told me that the Craven Week competition for schoolboys had teams of all races in it.

'I only found out later that just one black team had taken part in the competition. They were booed off the pitch by the totally white attendance and that many schoolmasters from the Transvaal had said that they wouldn't enter the com-



A protest daubed on one of the gates of the Irish Rugby Football Union's headquarters at Landsdowne Road, Dublin

petition again unless there was a reversion to the 'all-whites' rule.

But Van Esbeck also revealed that there was a growing resentment to the proposed tour in Ireland.

'If they do go, and it's still not certain, then they will go against the wishes of most of the country. Pressure for them to abandon the tour grows everyday and even the

politicians, who I usually don't have much time for, have come out against the tour.

'The IRFU are being very selfish. The consequences for Ireland's sportsmen are far reaching. They must have a change of heart and call the whole thing off. There should be no contact at all with South African sportsmen at this stage.'

PHOTO: An. Photograph Republic News

Davies fit for Wales

WELSH fly-half Gareth Davies and flanker Jeff Squire were passed fit yesterday afternoon to face England at Cardiff Arms Park tomorrow.

Davies, who should be a key figure, looked very doubtful last weekend after aggravating the knee injury that forced him out of the British Lions tour last year. But he took full part in the squad training session at Bridgend yesterday and was given the go ahead after an extra examination.

Squire, who lost the captaincy to Steve Fenwick at the start of the season after leading Wales throughout last year's championship, had slight hamstring trouble, but was always expected to recover in time.

Chairman of selectors Keith Rowlands said: 'I have not been at all worried this week as regards the fitness of any of our players. Robert Ackerman had a minor hiccup during today's training but it was nothing serious.'

Welsh fans will breathe a sigh of relief at the news of Davies' fitness — but they will also be keeping their fingers crossed that he doesn't suffer a recurrence during the game.

Affected

The 24-year-old Cardiff vice captain, capped 11 times by Wales, tore medial ligaments in his left knee on the Lions' trip and missed three of the four Tests. He returned to international action last November against the All Blacks, although he seemed to lack some of last season's sparkle.

The Welsh selectors have made six changes after a 23-3 defeat against New Zealand — Wales' heaviest defeat in their 100-year history. So there will be three new caps in Rhodri Lewis, Ian Step and David Nicholas and four others only making their second appearance — Clive Davis, Hareth Williams, Brynmor Williams and Ackerman.

Rowlands is convinced that there will be no repetition of last year's brutal scenes at Twickenham when Welsh flanker Paul Ringer was sent off for a dangerously high tackle.

'The England match is always a big one as far as we are concerned and we are all looking forward to it. I have spent a lot of time talking to the players about the game in its broadest possible context,' Rowlands said.

BOTHAM DENIES RIFT



Ian Botham and Geoff Boycott before they left for the West Indies yesterday

ENGLAND'S cricketers flew out to the West Indies yesterday evening with captain Ian Botham denying there was a rift between himself and the team's No.1 batsman, Geoff Boycott.

Botham was the center of attention as the team prepared to leave from Heathrow airport as he talked about the row that never was, while Boycott decided to remain in the background.

The supposed row blew up over comments made by Boycott in a television

interview on Wednesday night. Asked if he would give his captain advice if asked for it, Boycott replied: 'If he does, he always gets the benefit of my help. But I haven't known him bothering much, have you?'

But Botham made it quite clear that there was no rift developing between himself and Boycott. 'There is no question of a row between Geoff and myself. I don't think the story is worth the paper it's printed on.

Injury jinx strikes again

COVENTRY City striker Mick Ferguson's injury jinx has struck again. Since his ankle trouble last January he has played only two first team matches, and he is a doubtful starter in Saturday's local Derby against Aston Villa because of an ankle injury which had kept him out of training for the past two days.