

May Day '84

MANIFESTO

BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, APRIL 30, 1984

**DEMONSTRATE TONIGHT
IN LONDON**

Assemble: 6p.m. Ariel Way, off Wood Lane,
opposite BBC, White City
March: 7p.m. via Shepherds Bush, Holland
Park, Notting Hill Gate, Queensway
Rally: 8p.m. Porchester Hall, Queensway

Miners must not fight alone!
TUC must call a General Strike!
Build Community Councils!
Build revolutionary leadership!

Speakers:
Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary)
G. Healy (WRP Central Committee)
Alex Mitchell (News Line, WRP Central Committee)
Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary)
Wayne Richardson (Tilmanstone NUM, Kent)
Rita Maxim (T&GWU shop steward, St Mary's hospital)

Plus film:
'The Year of Karl Marx'

PROGRAMME FOR A WORKERS' REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT

THE WORKERS Revolutionary Party calls on the British working class to mark this historic May Day 1984 by fighting immediately to transform the miners' strike into a General Strike to bring down the hated Tory dictatorship.

Such a General Strike, waged by the whole of the working class and its middle-class allies, will involve the revolutionary struggle for power.

Its outcome must be the overthrow of the historically outmoded capitalist system, the smashing of the state machine and the establishment of a Workers Revolutionary Government.

We call upon miners, transport and local government workers, engineers, printers, car workers, dockers, civil servants, women workers, the unemployed and the youth to heed the threatening catastrophe which the world capitalist crisis and Tory tyranny has produced.

Greeting

We urge you to read, study and discuss the revolutionary socialist programme for workers' power which the Workers Revolutionary Party has produced for May Day 1984.

While spelling out our strategy to the British working class, we also send our warmest revolutionary greetings to all the national liberation movements in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America, especially the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) led by Yassir Arafat.

We salute the liberation fighters of El Salvador, the inspiring resistance of the workers and peasants of Nicaragua, the indomitable spirit of the Iranian masses and the struggle of the Libyan masses.

The struggle against imperialism and Zionism in the colonial and semi-colonial countries is now being joined by the revolutionary struggle of the working class in the

major capitalist countries with massive strikes and anti-government demonstrations in the past four weeks in France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and West Germany.

In Britain, the miners are fighting for the whole working class. They must not be isolated or abandoned as they were in May 1926 when the TUC General Council betrayed the General Strike after just nine days.

Undeterred by the savage attacks of the police, the malicious slanders of the Tory mass media and the treacherous advice of the Labour Party leaders and the defection of some miners, the miners have remained solid and steadfast in defence of their most precious basic democratic right — the right to a job.

Rights

Guided by a powerful class instinct, the miners have contemptuously rejected every call for a strike ballot revealing for the whole working class to see that real democracy is the revolutionary struggle of the working class for the defence of its basic democratic rights, that these rights are not ballotable or negotiable, that they are inalienable, and inseparable from the existence of the class.

Not only have the miners struck a powerful blow for basic democratic rights, they have undermined the central pillar of parliamentary democracy — the lie that the ballot box and the vote



● TURN TO CENTRE PAGES

EXUBERANT miners in Sheffield on April 19. Their strike must be turned into a General Strike to bring down the Tory dictatorship

This morning... TUESDAY May 1, 1984

Thatcher has a new manservant

PRIME Minister Thatcher marked the fifth anniversary of her arrival in Downing Street with a briefing for Sunday newspaper reporters at which she set out her programme for continuing Bonapartist rule into the 1990s.

She spoke in terms of 'the next five years and beyond' and told the press she was aiming for a 'hat-trick' of election victories. She claimed she had been elected because 'the British people... sensed that socialism had been leading them to a life of debilitating dependence on the state when what they really wanted was the independence and freedom of self-reliance and responsibility'.

In the last five years millions have been reduced to 'debilitating dependence' on the dole, supplementary benefit and other state pittances. As far as Thatcher is concerned they are outside the ranks of the 'British people'.

She spelled out her conception of the role of 'strong government'. It should be 'strong enough to do the things it alone can and must do: to safeguard the value of the currency; to uphold law and order; to maintain the defence of the realm; and to protect the weak'.

Apart from this, it must be 'strong enough then to resist the calls for intervention and interference and to say "Now it is up to the people"'.

In other words, government on behalf of the bankers and financiers, linked to the police and the generals and carrying through wholesale privatisation, and the destruction of welfare services.

A Bonapartist form of rule to ensure the unrestricted domination of the whole of society by the banks, the multinationals and the wealthy City idlers.

But how did Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock react to this challenge? His chance came yesterday when he gave the keynote speech to the annual conference of the shopworkers' union USDAW at Eastbourne. Did he try to rally the working class against the Thatcher regime so as to cut short her counter-revolutionary plans?

Far from it. Kinnock managed to avoid any mention in his speech of the miners' national strike or the anti-union laws, even though the House of Commons gave the third reading to the latest anti-union Bill only last week.

His speech contained no fighting calls for working-class action against the Tory government, not even a formal declaration of support for those who are in the front line. Instead, it was a wordy plea for Thatcher to reflate the economy on borrowed money.

Kinnock said: 'Last year, for the first time in recorded history, families were borrowing more than the government.'

'If only Mrs Thatcher borrowed for investment in production and for improvement in transport, housing and health at a fraction of the rate at which she has encouraged families to go into debt to buy services or the record tax increases or the record rise in unemployment.'

Kinnock no longer even fights the government with his mouth. He has become nothing more than a parliamentary adviser to Thatcher's Bonapartist regime. That's when he's not advising the miners on the need for a national ballot!

Kinnock has accepted the future Thatcher is offering. The miners are fighting to defeat it in the interests of the whole working class. Our May Day manifesto spells out the policies of the Workers Revolutionary Party for the victory of the working class through the struggle for power.

'Don't pass Lancs pickets'

LANCASHIRE miners' officials yesterday instructed their members not to cross picket lines after abandoning a special area conference.

The local NUM headquarters were occupied by striking miners from Bold and Sutton Manor collieries who sang slogans in support of the strike when officials arrived for the meeting (see page 4).

Later, area president Bernard Donaghy said the meeting would have simply endorsed the national instruction not to

cross picket lines, so the order was being made regardless.

John Rimmer, one of the sit-in miners from Bold colliery, said the occupation would continue: 'We are going to stop as long as necessary to get all the Lancashire lads out. We organised the occupation to try and shame the rest of the men into coming out.'

'We see this as a fight to the end,' he added.

● In Nottinghamshire, pickets were out in force at every colliery in the

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

county. Over 300 were at Ollerton, and elsewhere hundreds of striking miners mounted pickets at their own pits.

The union is planning a major three-day demonstration in the county in an effort to persuade all Nottinghamshire union members to join the strike.

During the day, over 15 pickets were arrested.

● Kent miners will travel to London today to join

May Day demonstrations.

● Transport union officials have warned that opencast miners are on the verge of taking strike action over pay and job losses.

The T&GWU have given the go-ahead to official strike action by saying that any member joining striking miners will have immediate official backing.

● In Chicago, Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor told overseas reporters that he would agree to

talks to end the strike, but that the talks were up to the union to initiate.

This is a demand for the union to abandon its position of no negotiations over closures and redundancies. The Coal Board broke off talks with the NUM last year after the NUM refused to discuss all parts of management proposals dealing with cuts and closures.

● The Educational Institute of Scotland, the biggest teachers' union north of the border, yesterday backed a one-day strike in support of the miners

Rate-capping hits health

IMPLEMENTATION of cuts envisaged under the rate-capping legislation would have a catastrophic impact on community care, an expert on social medicine warned last night.

Dr Peter Draper, in a special report for the Association of London Authorities, said existing services were already under 'considerable strain'.

He said that government's estimates of appropriate personal social service expenditure was considerably lower than

those judged necessary by local councillors.

For inner London, for example, central government calculations allow for only 72 per cent of planned expenditure. Under rate-capping the government will be able to insist on its own levels of spending.

Draper's report concludes: 'Many different local government services contribute significantly to this health-relevant environment today just as they have done historically. The populations of au-

BY PAUL FELDMAN

thorities at risk of rate-capping have unfavourable health and social characteristics which justify higher levels of service than more privileged populations.

'Rate-capping would cut local government budgets and health-relevant services, jeopardising prevention and community care. It represents control from Whitehall and the alienation of people from decision-making.'

'Whilst this insidious but fundamental effect on mental and social well-being cannot be quantified, it should not be ignored.'

● The government had a majority of 33 in the Lords last night over an opposition attempt to amend the rate-capping Bill to safeguard voluntary bodies.

Labour's Lord Ennals said that voluntary groups feared that councils facing spending cuts 'will give priority to their statutory obligations, over their discretionary powers'.

● In Liverpool, where the city council is fighting Thursday's elections on a policy of no passing on cuts in the form of a rate rise, plans were announced yesterday for a national conference to co-ordinate the resistance by Labour authorities.

Deputy leader Derek Hatton said: 'At the conference in June we will be saying to other Labour authorities that we have been blazing a trail, but now is the time to link up with other local authorities in a common stand.'



PARENTS and children joined striking nursery workers outside Islington Town Hall yesterday to support their claim for more staff and a wage increase. Over 150 workers at the council's 12 day centres have been on strike for two weeks following the consistent refusal of the council to consider the claim seriously.

The centres cater for children from problem families and they need a 20-per-cent staff increase to bring them into line with the council's own recommended levels. Last night's council meeting was being lobbied by the strikers with the support of many parents.

Ballot cash threat to AUEW

TERRY DUFFY, President of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, yesterday made it clear that he is prepared to see his union risk expulsion from the TUC by accepting money from the state to conduct postal ballots.

Delivering his presidential address to the union's National Committee, he said that the 52 delegates should reverse their decision of three years ago and vote to accept the Tory money.

If the committee supports Duffy, then the engineering section of the union could be expelled from the TUC for violating TUC policy not to accept state funds.

Duffy went on to attack the miners' strike, saying: 'We must have a reappraisal of the damage that strikes are causing to the less fortunate in our society. We must ensure that the poor are not injured by strike action.'

Echoing Tory arguments for a strike ban on

workers in 'essential services', he said: 'Nowadays, I'm aggrieved that strikes — in particular in the public services — harm the old, the sick, the disabled and the unemployed.'

● During the day, Duffy also told reporters of his approval of the union's 'no strike' deal being worked out between the AUEW and the Nissan car company for a new car plant planned for the north east.

TRIPOLI — Pierre Gemayel, Camille Chamoun, Walid Jumblatt and Nabih Berri have all taken Cabinet jobs in Prime Minister Rashid Karami's government. The ten-man cabinet is a doomed attempt to balance between left and right in Lebanon's communal system. Ex-President Gemayel, leader of the Falangists, becomes Minister of Posts and Communications, Health and Social Welfare, Berri, the Shi'ite leader, is Justice Minister, and Jumblatt takes the Public Works, Transport and Tourism portfolio.

Libyans chide 'hag's dreaming'

TRIPOLI — The British government is a hag dreaming of her lost beauty, according to the 'Green March', the weekly paper of Libya's Revolutionary Committees.

The regime was blind to its weaknesses and tried to assert its heroism by attacks on the Malvinas Islands and terrorism against Libyan students, the editorial said.

'It should learn that storming into the Libyan People's Bureau in London cannot prolong its dream because the Libyans have many ways and means by which they can remind Britain of its reality and remove its mask for the whole world to know that Britain has been defeated.'

'Green March' published a caricature of a sleeping old lion wearing a crown with 'Britain' stamped on its back and dreaming about a strong, roaring lion atop a pile of skulls.

A satirical article on the back page warned of a 'million tons of nuclear and chemical weapons' in the now-deserted Libyan People's Bureau in London.

It ended on a more sombre note, saying all the police would find in the building would be a photograph of Colonel Gaddafi and pictures of agricultural projects in Libya made possible by the revolution.

They would also find the fingerprints of 'the revolutionary force which withstood the siege for

ELEVEN Iranians were remanded on bail until June 11 at West London Magistrates Court yesterday, charged with causing criminal damage at the consulate of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran last Thursday.

They were released from custody with sureties of £500 each. Five of the Iranians live in France, one in Germany

and the others in Wimbledon, Finchley and Cardiff.

Their names were given as: Abdul Mehrantou, 27, Soheila Ami-Torombi, 20, Forzarah Bakhtiar, 21, Ali Ataie, 21, Younes Nobakht, 26, Farhad Nadini, 25, Aanaahita Setayesh, 22, Seyed Couchebaghi, 32, Shahrar Kargar, 26, Hammi Zarsheenas, 30 and Davood Satayesh, 26.

more than a week without being terrorised or frightened by the oppressive organs of an empire upon which the sun has already set'.

Gaddafi said the Jamahiriya was considering approving the opening of an office of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) in Tripoli since diplomatic

relations with Britain had been broken, a Reuters report said.

Libya gave total support to the independence and unification of Ireland 'but we condemn the methods used by the British government, just as we do the methods used by the IRA', he said.

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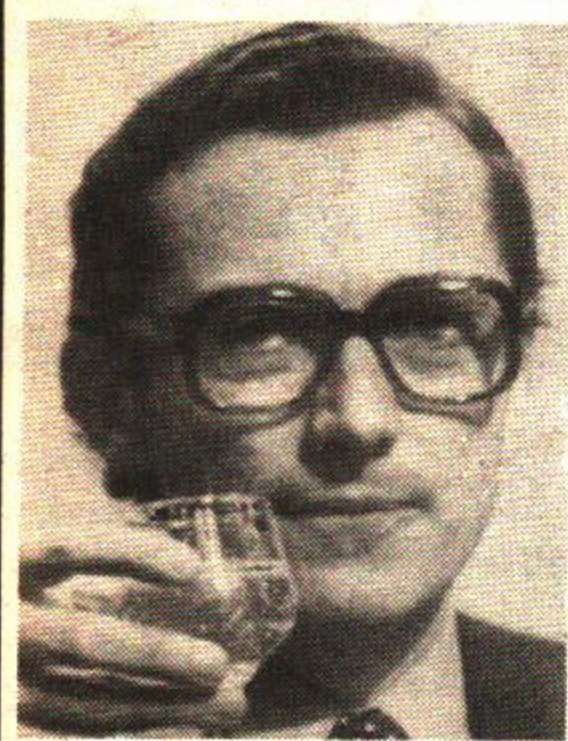
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ers and the growing confrontation against the state by the rest of the working class and prepares for the revolutionary confrontation ahead.

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NORMAN FOWLER

TORIES THREATEN NURSES HOSTELS

HEALTH unions will oppose Tory moves to 'sell the roofs over our members' heads', their leaders declared last night.

Nurses might be forced out of hospital accommodation into the hands of 'unscrupulous private landlords' if Tory plans to sell nurses' homes go ahead, the unions, COHSE and NUPE warned.

Tory Social Services Secretary Norman Fowler announced the plan to sell nurses' homes at the Royal College of Nursing's (RCN) annual congress at Harrogate, north Yorkshire.

He said health authorities would be expected to take action although there would be no consultation with bodies such as the RCN about the plans, which he

claimed would raise £200 million for the National Health Service.

Fowler said the NHS owned more than 20,000 houses and flats, and over 70,000 bedsitter or hostel units, worth over £1 billion.

'But,' he claimed, 'the fact is that more than 20 per cent of the accommodation we have now is standing empty at any one time.'

'It is therefore quite clear that we cannot go on as we are sitting on valuable assets which we may not need.'

Fowler will be publishing the Rayner Study on NHS accommodation within the next three weeks.

The report says that of 112,000 units of accommodation, all but 29,000 for first-year student nurses

and 8,000 for junior doctors should be sold.

RCN general secretary Trevor Clay pointed out that nurses needed to live near hospitals to deal with emergencies.

Nurses at the conference slow handclapped Fowler when he denied a story in the 'Daily Mirror' suggesting the Tories had rejected a recommendation by the nursing independent Pay

Review Body to pay a 7 per cent wages award.

Fowler then dropped his bombshell about the selling off of nurses' homes.

Despite denying the 'Mirror' report, Fowler made no promises on pay. 'Obviously we must reserve the right not to accept the recommendations in response to compelling national reasons,' he said.

SWINDON, DERBY AND GLASGOW ARE TARGETS

Rail engineers face jobs strike

STRIKE action in defence of 6,000 or more jobs in British Rail's engineering workshops was threatened yesterday on the eve of talks between unions and management.

NUR assistant general secretary Andy Dodds said the union had definite evidence of plans by British Rail Engineering Limited (BREL) to close the Swindon workshops with the destruction of 2,300 jobs, to cut 3,000 jobs in Derby, and a further 900 in Glasgow.

The sackings would cut the number of workers by almost a third of the 20,000 workers employed in BREL.

Union members from the threatened workshops are to lobby today's talks in London, and union leaders have pledged their total opposition to the plans.

In Swindon, joint works committee secretary Terry

Larkham told News Line: 'This would have a big effect on the community. Every week about £250,000 goes in wages into the town.'

'There will be a lot of support from the community to defend the works. Just two years ago, on May 7, 1982, when we were threatened that 1,500 were to go, we marched 3,000 strong through the town. We had support from everybody.'

Policy

'We've a local and a national policy that there is no way we will accept compulsory redundancies and closure. Of course we will fight for our works and our workforce as we have in the past.'

'It wasn't mentioned this morning, but these

plans are exactly in line with the Serpell Report.'

In Derby, works committee secretary Ted Rowlands said: 'All the way through our position is in line with the union nationally. We are against the closures and I'm sure my members will be totally opposed to these plans.'

'If these plans are true, I'm sure we will get support from the town.'

An NUR union spokesman in London told News Line yesterday that they had no doubt about the authenticity of their evidence of the planned cuts, and had publicised it to force management to own up to their proposals.

The union has a standing conference policy to oppose any workshop clo-



SWINDON railway engineers protesting in May 1982 against the threats to the local workshops

BY BEN RUDDER

sure or compulsory redundancies with industrial action.

And the union spokesman said that consultations would begin immediately with other transport and engineering unions to discuss opposition to the cuts.

Direction

Dodds said the cuts were being made on political grounds, under the direction of the government.

British Rail management were being ordered by the government to award locomotive and rolling stock orders to private companies — even if the tender put in by BREL workshops was the cheapest.

'There's no guarantee that the private sector could provide a better service to British Rail than BREL,' he said.

'BREL is part of the total railway industry and we are certainly not going to sit back and allow this to happen without doing something about it,' he added.

Two years ago BREL announced 6,000 job cuts at railway workshops throughout the country, including the closure of Shildon, Horwich and Temple Mills.

After negotiations, the unions agreed to 4,500 voluntary redundancies and the closure of all three factories.

Now the company is threatening compulsory redundancies as well as closures.

The NUR spokesman said that the plans for 6,000 redundancies were only the start of a government plan to destroy all but a small part of BREL in preparation for privatisation.

The government has already made clear its plans for the rest of the rail network in endorsing the Serpell Report.

Proposal

The report included a proposal to decimate the present 11,000 miles of track to a mere 1,630 — sacking over 130,000 railworkers to reduce staff to 30,000 only.

British Rail has made 60,000 redundancies since 1975, and a further 30,000 redundancies are planned over the next five years.

shall repeat our request that the deadlock goes to arbitration.'

McAvoy added: '4.5 per cent does not meet the increase in the cost of living index, or arrest the decline in teachers' salaries.'

It would not attempt to restore the 31 per cent drop in teachers' salaries since 1974 compared with other non-manual workers' pay levels.

action planned at their conferences last week.

They had said before the meeting even began that 4.5 per cent would not be enough.

NUT acting general secretary Doug McAvoy said as he returned to talks in the afternoon: 'We shall indicate a willingness to continue negotiations.'

'In the event of there being no further offer we

It's 15% more to take away your hot meal

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

HOT FOOD take-aways are due to rise in price by 15 per cent today when VAT is levied for the first time — though some traders hope to evade the tax by changing their business methods.

One fish and chip shop owners is already side-stepping the VAT issue by charging only 1p for fish and chips but asking customers to pay 80p for the cold salt and vinegar to go with them.

Others have stopped selling hot pies, allowing the customers to heat up their own and escape the extra 15 per cent.

Others are splitting their businesses so takings are down below the £18,700 exemption level.

The take-home food in-

dustry was worth £1,300 million a year, but sales are expected to drop between 14 and 20 per cent. This will put a dent in the Treasury's forecast of an extra £200 million VAT revenue a year.

Managing director of Kentucky Fried Chicken and chairman of the campaign to abolish VAT on fast foods, John Barnes said: 'We estimate that because of the fall in consumption the Chancellor will raise £30 million to £40 million less than that.'

'We believe sales will be permanently affected because a large number of consumers are unemployed, retired or students and they will cut the frequency of their purchases.'

TEACHERS' PAY TALKS COLLAPSE

TALKS affecting 456,000 teachers in England and Wales broke down in London last night when the employers refused to go to arbitration and teachers' unions threw out an improved 4.5 per cent pay offer.

Unions will begin industrial action, mainly withdrawal of goodwill, in 28,000 schools today.

Earlier the employers had stepped up their offer

from 3 per cent less than an hour after the Burnham pay negotiating committee began meeting in London.

The unions took only ten minutes to reject the 4.5 per cent unanimously.

The two biggest unions, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, will now proceed with the industrial

Back the miners with a

The case for Community Councils

EVERY trade unionist and worker must come to the aid of the miners in their struggle for jobs against the capitalist state, the Thatcher dictatorship and the National Coal Board.

The working class as a whole and their professional allies must share the burdens and sacrifices of the fight which the miners are waging in defence of the most basic of rights — the right to work and to organise freely in trade unions independent of the state.

Trade union branches, shop stewards' committees, trades councils and other labour movement organisations must take the initiative now in the setting up of Community Councils which will act immediately to meet the needs of the miners.

Thatcher and the state are out to smash up pit communities, driving families into destitution and starving the miners back to work. Their aim is not only to destroy the miners' union, but all trade unions.

Miners are, therefore, fighting on behalf of the whole working class. They cannot be left to shoulder the burdens of the strike alone. All workers must ensure that the miners can continue the struggle under the best conditions, and that a common front is presented to the class enemy.

As well as the trade unions, the Community Councils must draw in representatives of every section of the working class and their middle-class and professional allies involved in the anti-Tory fight — miners' wives, youth groups, voluntary organisations and local Labour councils.

At the very same time the Tories are attacking the miners, they are also establishing a central government dictatorship over local Labour councils, threatening cities like Liverpool with financial destruction and abolishing seven authorities covering the major industrial areas of England. Community Councils will take responsibility for the defence of local councils, jobs and services.

There are immediate and practical tasks which flow from the defiant resistance of the miners to the provocations of the NCB, an unprecedented military-style police operation directed by the Home Office through Scotland Yard and the organised harassment by social security, gas and electricity bureaucrats.

The Workers Revolutionary Party believes that the tasks of Community Councils, which should extend beyond mining districts, will be to:

- Provide food for families and children of those on strike. No miner to be starved back to work by the Tories.

- Pay urgent bills for electricity and gas, calling on workers not to carry out cut-offs as an act of solidarity with the strike. Raise funds for new clothing and footwear for strikers.

- Ensure that no miner is evicted by local councils for not being able to pay rent or rates. Make certain that medical supplies are paid for so that miners and their families can get the treatment prescribed.

- Arrange for the care of the elderly dependent on support from miners' families, ensure nursery provision so that miners' wives can participate fully in winning support for the strike.

- Organise the provision of free legal representation for miners who need it. Provide accommodation for miners from other areas.

- Watch out for and organise against provocateurs. Organise the defence of union offices and funds from state attacks.

- Rally other workers to support and back up miners' pickets and organise marches and rallies.

LABOUR COUNCILS must be asked to:

- Provide free school meals and transport for miners' children.

- Make office accommodation in council offices available to miners, with facilities for printing and communications.

- Make sure that no evictions take place because of mounting debts. Wipe out rent and rate arrears.

- Provide free public transport for strikers and their families. Make all council facilities available free to miners. Lay on entertainments and outings for miners' families.

- Resist having to foot the bill for the cost of the Downing Street directed police operation against the miners' union.

This is the best way to answer the challenge of the capitalist state, and the Tory dictatorship. Community Councils — as Soviet-type organisations — will give the working class confidence in its own independent strength to defeat the class enemy and provide the basis for the successful struggle for power which has now been joined.



Lancashire miners occupying their local union headquarters . . . determined there will be no jobs sell-out

Lancs delegates locked out

DELEGATES arriving at the Lancashire miners' union headquarters in Bolton for yesterday's area delegate conference were locked out by striking miners who have occupied the building since last Friday.

The strikers who have taken over their union headquarters had originally decided to allow the conference to take place.

But following a wafer-thin defeat of strike votes at Golborne and Bickershaw collieries in Leigh over the weekend, they scented betrayal and chained the gates of the offices together.

The men say they will lift the occupation when every miner in the area is out on strike. Large numbers of Lancashire miners have

followed the national strike call. They have now shown in no uncertain terms what they think of ballots and votes on the issue of jobs.

By occupying the union office and preventing the conference from taking place the strikers have rebuffed attempts to find a compromise formula to sell jobs.

The building is known throughout the area as the 'Bolton Miners' Institute'. It is now, as the strikers' banner proclaims, the 'Lancashire Strike Headquarters'.

Yesterday the NUM branch committee at Parkside colliery in Newton-le-Willows met and decided to call all their men out from today.

Five Scots marches planned

BY SIMON PIRANI

ABERDEEN, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Ayr are the venues of demonstrations on Wednesday, May 9, the date set for the Scottish TUC's 'day-of-action' for the miners.

Dumfries and Inverness are holding rallies on May 9.

Miners from Seaford and Frances collieries in East Fife carried the Scottish NUM banner through Aberdeen at the weekend on the city's 'May Day' march.

Other trade unions, as well as political parties in the workers' movement, took part. The Workers Revolutionary Party contingent called for a General Strike and the building of community councils.

In the Music Hall, scene of the recent STUC conference, a large audience listened to repeated condemnations of the Tory government and its attacks on basic rights.

Willie Clark, representing the Scottish NUM, praised miners for resisting redundancy payments and women from the mining areas who were supporting their husbands and sons.

'The working class doesn't realise its own strength. In the fight against fascism and dictatorship the miners'

struggle can open up a whole new spectrum for the working class,' Clark said.

'If the troops are brought in there will be action from other unions,' he added.

George Thomson, Aberdeen trades council, said the 'day-of-action' on May 9 was only the beginning.

Calling for a General Strike, he said: 'No British government can defeat an organised working class.'

Bill Fraser, Aberdeen trades council, spoke of the fight by the members of the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War. Traditional freedoms were disappearing in this country particularly with the attacks on loc-

al government, he warned.

'Parliament can pass what laws it likes,' he said. 'This is a fight of massive proportions and we will fight back.'

James Milne, Scottish TUC, called for backing for the Labour Party's financial levy for the miners. A collection, divided between the miners' fund and a fund for Central Americans fighting Reagan's imperialist forces, raised £136.

A plaque was unveiled in memory of Aberdeen men who fought in the Spanish Civil War.

No coal for steel plant

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

REACTIONARY comments from steel industry union officials in Scotland concerning the NUM's clamp-down on coal supplies were being boosted by the Tory media yesterday.

Tommy Brennan, shop stewards' convenor at the giant Ravenscraig steelworks, told the Glasgow 'Evening Times':

'Long after the miners are back at work, the Ravenscraig steelmen will be suffering from their actions. We will have lost valuable orders and will have lost ground in our fight to stay alive.'

Brennan's comments follow the decision by the NUM to cut the amount of coal transported into Ravenscraig to one trainload a day.

Until last weekend the NUM had permitted two

trains a day. But under this arrangement, not only were furnaces being maintained but steel production was continuing. This led to complaints from NUM branches to Scottish NUM area headquarters in Edinburgh.

Similar comments from Brennan a month ago nauseated a number of other active ISTC steel union members in the Clyde area.

They recall that during the 13-week national steel strike in 1980, miners blacked steel supplies into pits irrespective of effects on coal production. If any pit had been found receiving steel, ISTC Clyde area policy would — correctly — have been to organise a picket line at that colliery.

This was not necessary.

An obscene fantasy promoted by leading Scottish ISTC officials, as well as senior Scottish TUC leaders and Labour MPs, over the last year is that George Younger, Scottish Secretary of State, is instrumental in 'saving' Ravenscraig from the Tory axe.

Younger has them in his pocket, telling them that the all-time productivity records that have been smashed at Ravenscraig in recent months are not enough. He and the Tory government have Scottish and steel plants elsewhere trying to cut each others' throats.

Ravenscraig is undoubtedly scheduled to be chopped in conjunction with Tory policy which is to close the entire Scottish coalfield.

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General Strike

North East march is on the road

THE North East Miners' March for Jobs took to the road this morning at the start of a three-week campaign to rouse support for the miners' struggle.

The 50 marchers — sponsored by NUM branches in the Northumberland and Durham coalfield — set out from Ellington colliery on their way to Nottinghamshire.

A national leader of the NUM was due to give them a send-off.

The campaign to mobilise communities against closures gets underway a day after the Coal Board launched a crude stunt to

BY SIMON VEVERS

break support for the strike in the north east.

The Board has set up a free phone providing details of redundancy payments, with phoney offers of transfers.

Support for the miners' march has already been guaranteed from shipyard workers on Tyneside who have agreed to provide accommodation.

Lynemouth colliery — due to be axed under a previous closure programme — will be the first stop. Then it is on to Woodhorn pit, which was shut three years ago.

The march reaches Blyth tonight where it will receive the hospital-

ity of the Northumberland NUM at the Miners' Welfare Institute.

On their way the marchers will pass through areas decimated by closures in the mining, shipbuilding and steel industries.

They will reach Seaham in County Durham next Monday in time to join a May Day march and rally.

South Shields and Hartlepool — both at one time centres of the steel industry in the north east — will also be visited by the NUM jobs march.

Under the axe wielded by MacGregor when he was chairman of the British Steel Corporation, the two towns have suffered an astronomic rise in unemployment among youth and adult workers.

One of the pits earmarked for drastic cutbacks is at Wearmouth where the NCB plans to slash production by 200,000 tonnes a year.

The marchers will get a warm reception at Easington where miners have rallied the local community to resist the destruction of pit jobs.



Pickets at the Lynemouth colliery yesterday

'No transfers for us'

COAL BOARD chief Ian MacGregor's claim that no miner will be thrown on the dole is treated with utter contempt and cynicism by strikers at Lynemouth colliery in Northumberland.

For after 21 years at the pit, craftsman Ossie O'Neill faces the sack — not a transfer — if the pit shuts down.

'There is not a single vacancy for a mechanic in the Northumberland

coalfield,' he said bitterly yesterday.

O'Neill is among 20 skilled workers and apprentices who face the dole queue when salvage work is completed at the colliery where mining ended last November.

According to the Lynemouth pickets, apprentices trained at the nearby Ellington colliery have not been taken on to the books there by the NCB.

They are being sent back to Lynemouth and certain unemployment.

Said Ossie: 'The average age of the mechanics is 35. No apprentices are being taken on and they don't intend to take any on for at least five years.'

'At 37 I would get £22,000 if I took redundancy. But that's nothing to keep a family on when I know I'll not get another job and can't claim social security.'

'Only the washeries remain at Lynemouth — once a thriving pit employing over 2,500 men.

After shutting the pit, the NCB plans to clear the ground and turn it into a major coal stock yard.'

Bill Wood said: 'When they've shut the washeries at Ashington, they're going to wash 90 per cent of Northumberland coal here.'

Wood, summing up the mood of the Lynemouth strikers, said: 'There's no turning back for us now as we go into the eighth week. We've got to get Nottingham out and get this union fully united. Then I'm confident that we can beat Thatcher and MacGregor.'

Factory collections

SHOP stewards representing 2,000 manual workers at British Aerospace in Preston today voted unanimously to organise weekly factory collections for the national union of mineworkers' strike fund and to contribute £50 out of the shop

stewards' fund towards the first factory collection taking place this week.

AUEW shop steward Steve Brindle said the move represented the growing support among the trade union movement for the miners' struggle.

'If we go down you'll be next'

— says Durham mechanics leader

'WE can't negotiate or work with a predator,' was the blunt response yesterday of Durham mechanics general secretary Bill Etherington, to suggestions of talks with the coal board.

'It's the easiest thing in the world for MacGregor to say he is willing to hold talks and then lay down terms which he knows make it impossible for any meeting to take place.'

Hetherington spoke to News Line as last-minute preparations were being made for today's march to rally support for the miners' in working class communities all the way to Nottingham.

Emphasising that morale among Durham miners was high, he said: 'We felt a march was a good way of getting support. That has been the experience of miners who have held similar marches in Kent and Scotland.'

The Durham coalfield faces virtual annihilation under the MacGregor plan.

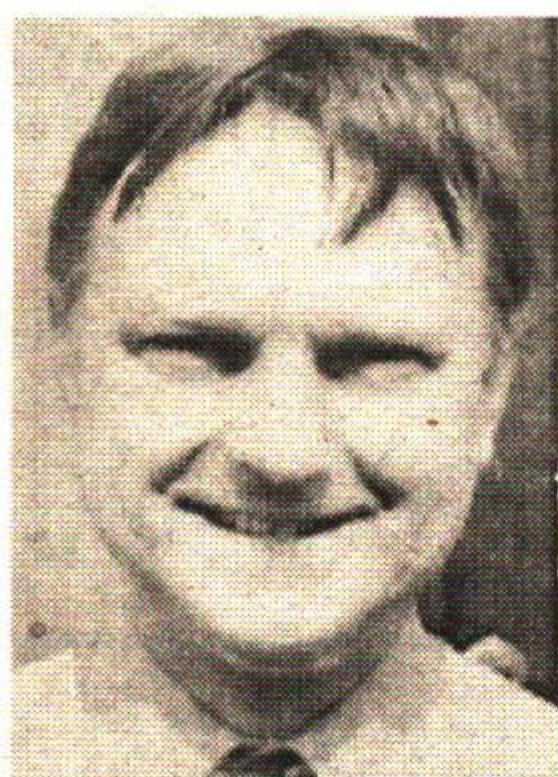
And Etherington said: 'We've already had the worst rundown of any area.'

'But despite that we are now being told that we have to bear the biggest brunt with a 1.4 million tonne cut out of the 4 million tonnes proposed by the NCB.'

Between

'I reckon that means between 5,000 to 6,000 jobs to go in the north east.'

'I remember in the 1960s going to the Durham miners' gala and counting 100 banners,



BILL ETHERINGTON

now there are just 13 collieries left.

'There are no other collieries for us to go to when pits shut, there are no transfers possible. For instance, Weirmouth colliery, which has been a receiving pit for 13 years is to have a 200,000 tonne cut in output.'

Etherington insisted that the fight against the Tory government's anti

union laws was at the heart of the miners' strike.

'Let's face it, they've brought in laws which mean that when you go into struggle, you have no chance at all. We've already seen what happened with the NGA.'

'Our message to other trade unionists is that: "If we go down, you'll be next," as far as this government's anti-union laws are concerned.'

'I can see a situation soon when employers will be able to tell workers: "There's a reduction in wages — take it or leave it".'

Etherington said any move to bring in troops to break the miners' strike could signal 'the beginning of the end of this regime'.

'If this government, which is the worst in history, was stupid enough to do that, then I would expect the TUC to move towards a general strike.'

'I believe the TUC will eventually have to be involved although I know some of our union leaders are concerned not to let the TUC water down the struggle.'

'After all we saw what they did to the NGA, and they have done less than nothing to fight this government.'

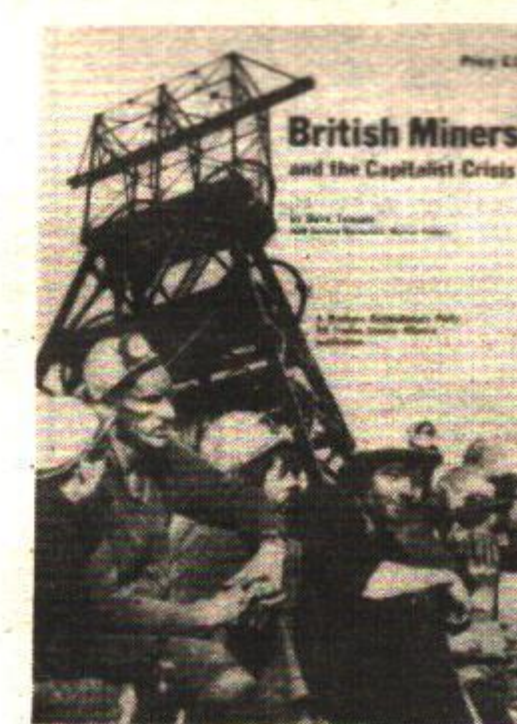
Ruthlessly

'But using troops would, I believe, even bring those who are wavering, in behind us. They would see then just how ruthlessly anti-trade union this government is.'

Etherington blamed 'backpedalling and a lack of leadership in our union for throwing away the gains made by miners in the 1972 and 1974 strikes.'

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WORLD SUMMARY

Power station tests

SAN LUIS OBISPO, California — Diablo Canyon nuclear power station has begun low-power testing, eight years behind schedule and billions of dollars over budget. The station is sited between Los Angeles and San Francisco near a major earthquake fault.

Talks

RIYADH — Saudi Defence and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdulaziz held talks in Riyadh with General Sir Edwin Bramall, Britain's Chief of the Defence Staff, the official Saudi press agency said.

Missiles

BRUSSELS — Anti-nuclear campaigners formed an 11-mile human chain around a Belgian military air base to protest against possible deployment of Cruise missiles there.

Detained

PORT MORESBY — Four Indonesian policemen from Irian Jaya province have been picked up across the border in Papua New Guinea and are being questioned at Daru on the south coast.

Visit

HONG KONG — Britain's Minister of State for the Armed Forces, John Stanley, has arrived in Hong Kong from China for a two-day visit.

NUMEIRY DECLARES EMERGENCY IN SUDAN

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

KHARTOUM — An indefinite state of emergency, banning all marches, meetings and demonstrations, has been declared in Sudan.

The martial law provisions were enacted by President Jaafar Numeiry following a wave of strikes and protests against government pay controls, high inflation and increased police repression.

There were unconfirmed reports from

Egypt yesterday that police and army had opened fire on demonstrators in southern Sudan recently, causing 'some casualties'.

Opposition to the US-backed government has mounted since last year's introduction of harsh new laws under the guise of an Islamic revival.

The most determined opposition to Numeiry's 'Islamic law' has come from the south of the country, where over three million people live in some of the most poverty-stricken parts of Africa.

But opposition to the regime has spread throughout the country in recent months, coming to a climax with a series of strikes by professional workers in past weeks.

On April 5, Numeiry ordered the closing of Khartoum University when teachers came out on strike for higher pay. And 2,000 doctors were on strike — against a government order to return to work — also demanding an increase in wages.

In a television broadcast that followed three hours of martial music, Numeiry said that opponents of the government were using the slogans of communism to disrupt the country's economy.

He said that government opponents had forced the suspension of oil production by the US company Chevron.

The imposition of martial law coincides with fresh pressure on Numeiry's government to pay back some of the \$7.5

billion owed to Western banks and governments.

Official inflation figures run at over 30 per cent, while the majority of the 20 million inhabitants of the country survive on well under \$200 a year.

Numeiry's government was almost unseated in January 1982, when the removal of subsidies on essential foods sparked riots in which several people died at the hands of the army.

In May last year,

opposition fighters in the south launched a series of attacks on government troops and have maintained a continual armed resistance despite government measures to strengthen military forces in the area.

Numeiry has claimed that assassination attempts against him have been organised by the Libyan government, though the declaration of the state of emergency is a clear admission of the rising domestic opposition to his government.

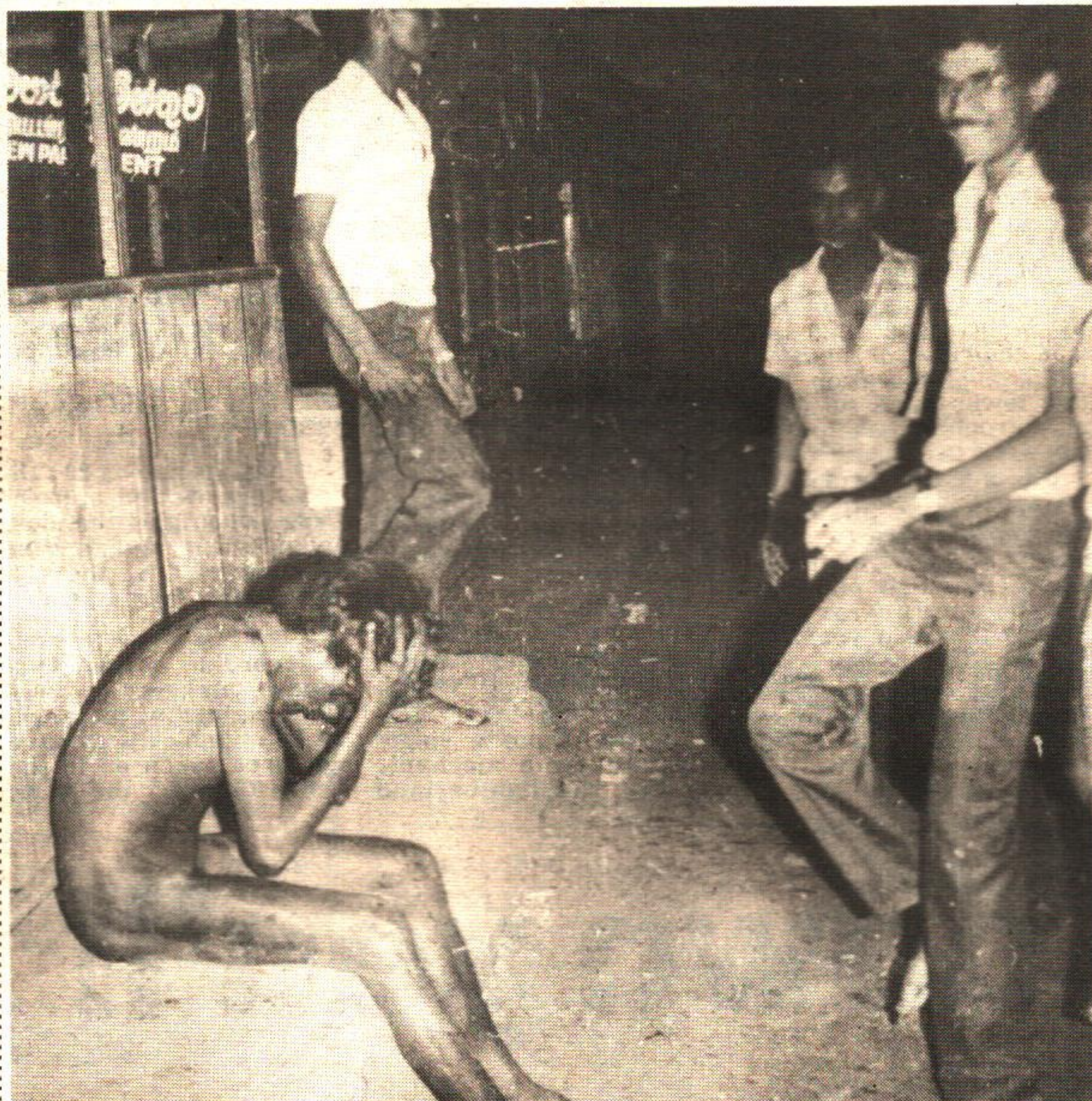
Nakasone's 'rescue' mission

TOKYO — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone yesterday left for a week-long visit to Pakistan and India to discuss debt rescheduling problems with the two regimes.

The loan talks coincide with the 1984 Japanese financial year that began yesterday.

His talks with the Pakistani military dictator, Zia ul-Haq, and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will include Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war and 'other international issues'.

He is expected to arrive in New Delhi on Friday, where he will address the Lok Sabha (parliament) and discuss terms on India's economic 'liberalisation', under which trade-offs will be bargained for cash loans.



Goonsquads dance around a Tamil youth, stripped naked and bleeding, whom they eventually murdered in this atrocity in Borellay, Colombo, during the July pogrom last year. The sign board in the background reads 'New Parliament'

Tamils take revenge for massacre

JAFFNA — Tamil Liberation Tigers have destroyed an army camp and a police station in retaliation against a pogrom unleashed by more than 4,000 Sinhala Veerayas (Sinhala Heroes) deployed in the Tamil minority-dominated Jaffna, northern Sri Lanka.

The Tigers also ambushed an armed convoy near Jaffna City, killing 15 Veerayas and wounding 20.

The freedom fighters for Tamil Eelam (Tamil Nation) carried out the raids in reprisal for the massacre of innocent civilians in the Jaffna suburbs of Chunnakam and Telipalai early this month.

Panic-stricken Veerayas, many of whom ran to hide in the public lavatories of Jaffna railway station, opened fire at random, killing hundreds of civilian bystanders, according to a Tigers spokesman.

A Tigers unit ambushed the convoy by setting off a van loaded with high explosives near the roadside at a spot near the city on April 9.

Reinforcements, including helicopter gunships, were flown in immediately and the Veerayas had 'run amok' in the city area, burning down a church and bombarding the area with rocket launchers and shooting at random for two hours.

A mass uprising the next day led to the burning down of a hospital and a Buddhist temple.

The spokesman denied a press campaign alleging the Tigers were being trained in camps in South India.

The Jayewardene government had repeated a sensationalist report in the 'India Today' magazine. The only camps were the ones in Jaffna, where Tamil 'refugees' were imprisoned.

Zionists rounded up

TEL AVIV — The Israeli police have rounded up more than 20 people, including reserve army officers, suspected of membership of an underground Zionist terrorist group.

'The investigation is continuing and the number of suspects changes as some are released after questioning,' a police spokesman in Jerusalem said.

'It is still too early to say how many will be charged.'

The police spokesman confirmed that the suspects included Zionist settlers from the occupied West Bank and the Golan Heights as well as from Israel.

The round-up began last Friday, soon after Israeli security authorities discovered a plot to blow up five Arab buses in East Jerusalem.

If the sixteen bombs had not been detected and removed, the buses would have been 'smashed to bits together with their occupants'.

Following a Cabinet meeting on Sunday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, a former terrorist bomber, said the security forces had prevented 'a great tragedy'.

Abortive

Meanwhile, the Zionist press is attempting to play down the abortive bomb plot, and denying that an organised underground movement exists.

Hanan Porat, a former MP for the right-wing Tehiya Party, said no kind of vigilante group existed. But the official security agencies should act against Arabs who 'constantly attack us and

toss stones at us and our children'.

The terrorist plot against Palestinians comes on the heels of the summary execution of an Arab teenager involved in last month's bus hijacking.

The youth was escorted away from the bus after surrendering, but soldiers riddled him with bullets on the orders of senior officers. Defence Minister Moshe Arens was at the scene only minutes later.

Ershad suspends elections

DACCA — The military regime in Bangladesh is preparing to revive the presidential form of government suspended by a coup in 1982, President Hossain Ershad said yesterday.

Speaking at a public rally near Dacca, Ershad clearly sided with the seven-party alliance which opposes any return to a parliamentary government adopted by Bangladesh in 1972.

The 15-party alliance led by Sheikh Hasina Wazed has demanded a return to parliamentary government, and the rejection of a series of constitutional amendments which brought the military to power.

But Ershad declared: 'All future elections in the country would take place on the basis of the suspended constitution. I pledged only to keep the constitution suspended. I have no powers to make any changes.'

Ershad has suspended elections for parliament and president — previously set for May 27 — claiming that the divisions over the form of the constitution have made the elections impossible.

He has not set a new election date, although a presidential adviser told reporters that an announcement is likely next week.

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REAGAN

Sour finish to Reagan's China visit

SHANGHAI — President Reagan wound up his six-day China tour yesterday after signing a multi-billion dollar trade and nuclear deal but suffering a rebuff on a bid for anti-Soviet pact, quadrilateral talks on Korea and arms sales to Taiwan.

The most serious rebuff was the Stalinist bureaucracy's censoring of anti-Soviet comments in a scheduled television speech.

Secretary of State George Schultz described the tour as 'worthwhile in almost every respect' after he had initialled the nuclear co-operation pact with Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang and President Li Xiannian at a ceremony in the Great Hall of the People.

Zhao told Reagan the accords marked significant achievements in the de-

velopment of Sino-US co-operation.

The accords included the waiving of double taxation on US and Chinese trade, a cultural exchange programme to include next year, co-operation in 'management of industrial science and technology' and co-operation in scientific and technical information.

Chairman Deng Xiaoping told Reagan on Saturday the Kuomintang-ruled Taiwan remained the chief obstacle in Sino-US relations.

In Taipei, Taiwan, the government welcomed what it called the tough stand taken by Reagan on commitments to the reactionary regime.

A Taiwanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Taiwan had reached a full understanding with the United States before Reagan went to Peking.

FIGHTERS HIT OUT IN PUNJAB

NEW DELHI — A former deputy superintendent of police and his bodyguard were shot dead yesterday and his wife and daughter critically wounded by gunmen in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, Punjab.

Three members of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were seriously injured in an exchange of fire in Moga, near the Indo-Pakistan border town of Ferozepore, on Sunday.

The troops are continuing a four-day siege of a Moga temple and have failed to rout alleged terrorists who have dug in defiantly.

The opponents of martial law rule by presidential decree fought the troops with grenades and rifles.

The former officer was on a 'hit list' before his retirement last year. The wounded women are in critical condition in an Amritsar hospital.

The latest shootings are the clearest indication that visits by several par-

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liamentarians have failed to bolster bourgeois Sikh political leaders trying to quell the mass revolt in order to negotiate with the Indira Gandhi government.

The attacks took place as Gandhi's heir apparent, Rajiv Gandhi, made a much-publicised tour of the Punjab on Sunday.

The opponents of martial law at the Moga temple decided to dig in after CRPF troops gunned down two of their counterparts last Thursday.

They were provoked into making their armed stand after the troops rejected appeals for a truce so that two seriously wounded people inside the temple could receive medical attention.

The main Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, is split, with the farming section boycotting wheat and foodgrain sales to government authorities in protest against harsh price restrictions, imposed by the government in line with International Monetary Fund (IMF) demands for austerities.

A key faction representing the outlawed All-India Sikhs Student Federation (AISSF), led by Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, whom the Gandhi government has declared a common criminal with 11 charges of incitement to violence, last week rejected proposals for talks with the government, proposed by Akali Dal leader Harchand Longowal.

Longowal suffered his worst setback on Friday, when more than 160 Sikhs at a meeting chaired by him declared their support for Bhindranwale.

Khomeiny gives warning

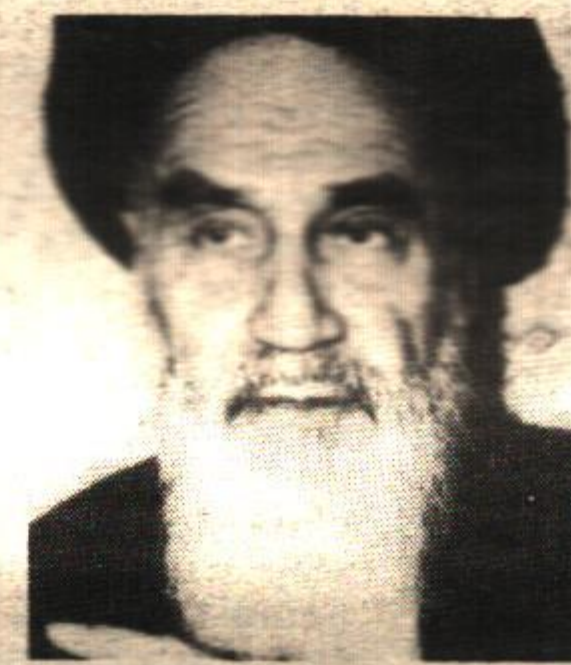
TEHRAN — Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeiny yesterday warned against foreign-backed plots in a speech to political and clergy leaders after the first round of balloting, on April 15, in general elections for a new Majlis (People's Assembly).

'Let not yourselves think that the hands of the big powers have been totally cut off from this country,' he said.

'The Iranian people must remember that plots are always in the making.'

'Even today, invisible hands are active in an effort to pit, for example, those of the Majlis candidates who did not get to the Majlis against those who did.'

A new round of balloting has been scheduled for regions where no candidate received a clear majority.



KHOMEINY

Clashes erupt in Beirut

BEIRUT — At least 11 people were wounded in Beirut yesterday, when fighting broke out along the 'Green Line' dividing East and West Beirut.

Reuters reported the clashes were between Moslem militias, the Lebanese Army and Falangist militia.

Sporadic sniper fire and grenade blasts could be heard as newly-installed Prime Minister Rashid Karami continued negotiations for a 'government of national unity'.

Karami met President Amin Gemayel yesterday but refused to predict when a Cabinet would be formed.

Christian groups met in separate talks. Among them were the Falangist Party, the National Liberal Party (NLP) and the 'Lebanese Front', a coalition which includes both parties and other smaller factions.

From Damascus, the Syrian regime of President Hafez al-Assad warned the Falangist militias it would confront anyone 'blocking the march of peace' in Lebanon.

A commentary in the ruling party daily, 'Al-Baath' said pockets of agents planted by Israel were trying to wreck Karami's attempts to form a Cabinet.

Africa summit signals retreat

ARUSHA, Tanzania — Leaders of six African 'front line' states have approved agreements between Mozambique, Angola and the racist South African republic.

Tanzanian Foreign Minister Benjamin Mkapa read the joint communique at the end of a summit meeting, the first since the agreements were signed in March.

The summit represented a turning point for the bourgeois nationalist regimes who, for the first time, publicly distanced themselves from the armed struggle as the means of overthrowing the South African regime.

They said the objective of the front-line states and the liberation movements 'is the abolition of apartheid by whatever means are necessary'.

But they emphasised their strong preference for apartheid to be ended by peaceful means. It could be achieved by 'free discussion' between the Pretoria regime and the people of South Africa, who 'are unrepresented in the present structure of the government'.

Those attending the meeting were Presidents Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Samora Machel of Mozambique, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Robert Mugabe of Zim-

babwe, Jose dos Santos of Angola and Quett Masire of Botswana.

ANC president Oliver Tambo and SWAPO president Sam Nujoma were also there, and did not dissent from the final communique.

On the peace treaty between Mozambique and Pretoria, the leaders expressed hope that South Africa 'will live up to its commitments to cease its acts of destabilisation of Mozambique through the use of armed bandits'.

'They express appreciation of Mozambican commitments to continue... political and diplomatic support for the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) against the struggle of apartheid and for majority rule in South Africa.'

It welcomed Angola's reaffirmed commitment to the Namibian people's struggle under SWAPO leadership and expressed support for Angolan actions against externally-

based bandits 'causing deaths, miseries to the people of Angola and destruction of the economic infrastructure'.

The leaders declared the immediate objective for Namibia 'is, and must be, the rapid implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions 435 of 1978, until Namibia achieves its independence'.

South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha has announced his intention to encourage private investment in Mozambique on two conditions.

They are that investors should receive the assurance that their undertakings will not be nationalised and that their physical safety is guaranteed.

For an in-depth analysis of the Mozambique-South Africa accord, see this month's Labour Review out today.

and Angolan regimes indicated 'a movement away from the rigid confrontationist approach which has been adopted by the South African government'.

The Hawke Labour government, meanwhile, has refused the African National Congress, representing the outlawed South African resistance movement, permission to open offices in Australia.

APARTHEID FINDS ALLIES

CANBERRA — Australia's Tories, the Liberal Party, will be more 'conciliatory' to the racist, apartheid regime of South Africa if they regain power.

Their foreign affairs spokesman, Michael Mackellar, said the opposition Liberal-National Party coalition would allow more visits by South African politicians. Mackellar said the recent accord among the South African, Mozambican

Poll setback

BARCELONA — Spain's Socialist Party suffered a serious defeat in the Catalan regional elections.

The defeat marked growing opposition to a savage programme of government cuts, and was the second electoral defeat this year.

The Catalan nationalist Convergence and Union Party won a second four-year term with a 72-seat absolute majority in the 135-member regional assembly.

In February, following the announcement of severe government cuts in industry, the Socialist Party lost the Basque regional elections to the Basque Nationalist Party.

Although the Catalan Socialist Party improved its performance marginally from the 1980 regional elections — the voting did not reflect the swing to the Socialist Party in the general elections 14 months ago.



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can enable the working class to overcome its degradation and exploitation.

On the contrary, what has been revealed with stunning clarity and eloquence in the last seven weeks of strike is the desperate determination of the ruling class to combine parliamentary legislation with systematic police violence and terror orchestrated by the Bonapartist Tory state.

The thousands of police who invaded Nottinghamshire to defend scabs, the thousands more being held in a state of 'red alert' all over the mining districts and the calculated assault on Durham miners in Sheffield and Wakefield are proof enough that a police state not only exists but has deliberately picked a battle with the miners in the hope that the NUM can be smashed and the working class deprived of its rights.

Every warning made by the Workers Revolutionary Party and through its daily newspaper, the News Line, since Thatcher's election in May 1979, has been abundantly verified. The state within the state, that sinister conspiracy against the working class, now assumes a vital role in Thatcher's Bonapartist state in gagging political opposition and crushing every defiance of her personal dictatorship.

Central to this attack is the planned abolition of the Greater London Council and the six Labour-controlled metropolitan counties which cover the major industrial

areas of England. Elections due next year are being cancelled and the rights of millions to elect their own councils swept aside.

The destruction of services and jobs will be carried out by appointed bodies. In London, control of the GLC will change overnight from Labour to Tory without a vote being cast.

State control

At the same time, the budgets of the Labour-controlled inner city councils will pass into direct central state control under the rate-capping legislation. Cuts will be imposed by order. Those who defy, like Liverpool is doing now, will be financially ruined and councillors driven from office.

Thatcher's dictatorship, however, does not reflect any inherent strength of British capitalism but only its mortal weakness and senility. Unlike 1926, when Britain had a powerful empire, huge markets and vast reserves of labour and raw materials — not to mention a gold standard — today it is a sixth-rate industrial power with little empire, no captive markets and the lowest industrial productivity in Western Europe.

The 4 million unemployed and the industrial decimation going on in the country accompanied by the destruction of education, social and health services have assumed a chronic and permanent character intensifying the poverty and destitution of the employed, and

the hunger and misery of the unemployed.

Nationalised industry is being systematically plundered to provide quick profits for the speculators and rip-off merchants.

The principal aim of the NCB and Tory government in the miners' strike is to create the conditions for handing over the most profitable pits to oil and mining monopolies to get rich quick in the same way as they have encouraged their rapacity in North Sea oil.

Parasitism

Capitalism, for Thatcher, Lawson and Howe and their Treasury ghouls, is organised financial parasitism.

Behind the decomposition of British capitalism and completely overshadowing it is the greatest crisis of indebtedness the world has so far seen. The assets of almost every British bank have been irretrievably mortgaged to the world's debtor nations with little or no prospect of repayment.

We say unequivocally that the Tories are conducting what amounts to a civil war against the whole working class and that they will not stop with the use of police against pickets or with the sequestration of union assets and the jailing of trade unionists.

The unyielding resistance of workers must and will make the Tories use troops — as they have done in the north of Ireland — against working class communities and to move essential sup-

plies. But Bonapartism cannot end here.

Out of Thatcher's Bonapartist dung heap will come the fascist maggots. These are the ominous implications of the present political situation.

For miners, or any other section of workers, there is no solution, no victory possible along the capitalist parliamentary road.

No Labour government, whether led by Kinnock, Benn or any other reformist politician, can secure the basic democratic rights of miners, above all their right to a secure job.

Legacy

They cannot dissipate the legacy of bitterness, distrust and anger created by the closure programmes of the Wilson government of 1964-1970 and the nuclear energy bias of Labour ministers as well as the memory of the divisive Benn-inspired productivity deal of 1978.

In this historic hour of class confrontation, the role of reformism and Stalinism becomes unmistakable. Both frantically oppose the struggle for power and the working class developing its independent strength to smash the capitalist state.

The reformists of all shades become the bearers of panic, moods of gloom, fear and muddleheaded confusion on the question of capitalist parliament and the capitalist state machine.

Stalinism, on the other hand, is a conscious and organised counter-revolutionary factor. It has been ever since the Stalinist bureaucracy usurped power in the Soviet Union after Lenin's death, abandoned class struggle for class collaboration and adopted the policy of peaceful co-existence with imperialism.

Only a Workers Revolutionary Government can defend and secure the basic democratic rights of workers and professional people and ensure for their middle class allies a society free from insecurity, poverty and war.

The capitalist catastrophe bequeathed by the decrepit ruling class will demand far-reaching revolutionary measures and the complete reorganisation of industry, commerce, banking and agriculture on socialist, planned foundations.

THE PROGRAMME

THE FIRST task of this government would be to end the anarchy of capitalist production for profit — the cause of overproduction and mass unemployment — by nationalising the banks without compensation for large depositors and placing them under workers' control.

Without placing the private banks under the control of a workers' state and creating a single state bank there can be no talk of recovery and full employment.



Thousands of health workers, like these cleaners at Barking hospital in E for the NHS. They are fighting back against pay and jobs cuts

'In order to create a unified system of investments and credits, along a rational plan corresponding to the interests of the entire people, it is necessary to merge all the banks into a single national institution. Only the expropriation of the private banks and the concentration of the entire credit system in the hands of the state will provide the latter with the necessary actual, i.e., material resources — and not merely paper and bureaucratic resources — for economic planning.' ('Transitional Programme of the Fourth International')

Alliance

Trotsky's words have been given a new urgency because of the world debt crisis. No greater contribution can be made by the revolutionary working class in Britain to win and consolidate a fraternal alliance with the colonial and semi-colonial peoples — as well as with the peoples of Eastern Europe — than the cancellation of the debts owed by these countries to the banking monopolies of Britain.

This will end the nightmare of rescheduling, moratoria and state bankruptcy and enable Britain to expand her trade and develop industry on an equitable basis.

A Workers Revolutionary Government would safeguard the deposits of the small shopkeepers and others and, by providing cheap credit to these groups and protecting their savings

from inflation erosion, would strengthen the alliance of the working class and its lower petty-bourgeois allies.

Together with the nationalisation of the banks will go the revolutionary expropriation of the insurance companies and finance houses who control the massive pension funds.

Speculation and usury of any kind will be treated as a crime. Stock exchanges would be closed and a state monopoly of foreign trade imposed to ensure that currency would be adequately protected and foreign goods and capital could not undermine a socialist planned economy and full employment. There would be no scope whatsoever for foreign private investment in a socialist Britain.

Nationalisation

ALL industry would be nationalised under committees of workers' control and workers' management; without compensation except in cases of proven need affecting small firms.

The heads of nationalised industries with their inflated pay rolls, large expense accounts and even larger cars would become a distant memory. They would be replaced by workers' councils or collectives elected from the factory floor who would enjoy the same wages as an average worker and be subject to regular election and instant recall. The directors of the firm would be elected from these councils and no



Printworkers of the National Graphical Association waged a determined struggle against Thatcher's attempt to destroy their union

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ex, have faced privatisation of their services under the Tories' plans

worker would be sacked or disciplined without the authority of the council.

ALL capitalist legislation against the trade unions would be repealed and in its place enacted a code guaranteeing all the basic democratic rights of workers and — in particular — the independence of trade unions from the workers' state and their right to represent workers and to strike.

The trade unions must be democratised from top to bottom, starting with the regular election of all officials and the repeal of all rules which perpetuate the deadly hand of bureaucratic manipulation and corruption.

State plan

NATIONAL congresses of workers' councils would meet annually to discuss the operation of the state plan and to help supplement the work of the Community Councils (soviets).

Parliament, the House of Lords, the Privy Council and the monarchy with its royal 'hangers on' will be abolished. All previous bourgeois laws will be abrogated by a national congress of Community Councils (soviets) which would adopt the constitution of the workers' state and enact the laws of the country to strengthen and facilitate the operation of a workers' state.

THE police, standing army and intelligence services are bodies created specially for protecting and perpetuating

the capitalist system of private ownership and production for profit.

They will be abolished and replaced with a workers' militia and workers' security detachments whose tasks will be to protect state property and the institutions of a workers' state from the danger of capitalist restoration and foreign imperialist attack.

These bodies would be responsible to the national congress of Community Councils (soviets) which would institute universal military training.

Withdraw

IN PLACE of the imperialist-chauvinism and racism of Tories, Liberal and Labour governments — the Workers Revolutionary Government would withdraw unconditionally all troops from foreign countries and in particular the north of Ireland.

Instead it would rally the oppressed millions under the banner of the International Committee of the Fourth International, the organiser of the world socialist revolution. It would grant them economic, technical and military assistance to combat their imperialist oppressors and win real self-determination.

The PLO would be given official recognition as the sole government authority representing Palestine and the Palestinians. All diplomatic relations would be ended with Israel, South Africa and Chile and new

socialist relations re-established with the Libyan Jamahiriya.

In recompense for the vast damage to the north of Ireland by British imperialism, special financial facilities would be created for aid to Ireland's economy. The Malvinas would be handed back to Argentina without preconditions. So would Hong Kong to China, and Gibraltar to Spain.

Defence

THE massive arms budget would be vigorously scaled down in line with the defence needs of the workers' state. All weapons necessary for the strategic and tactical defence of the working class would be retained. All secret diplomacy would cease and all secret treaties and documents published.

With the establishment of world socialism and the elimination of imperialism from the face of the earth, nuclear weapons will be abolished and destroyed.

IN PLACE of the anarchy of the capitalist Common Market with its meat mountains and financial frauds, the Workers Revolutionary Government will fight for a Socialist United States of Europe.

Under this system of fraternal soviet states, the resources and labour of Europe and Britain will be harmoniously integrated into a single system of planned production and transformed into an economy of abundance and peace.

War drive

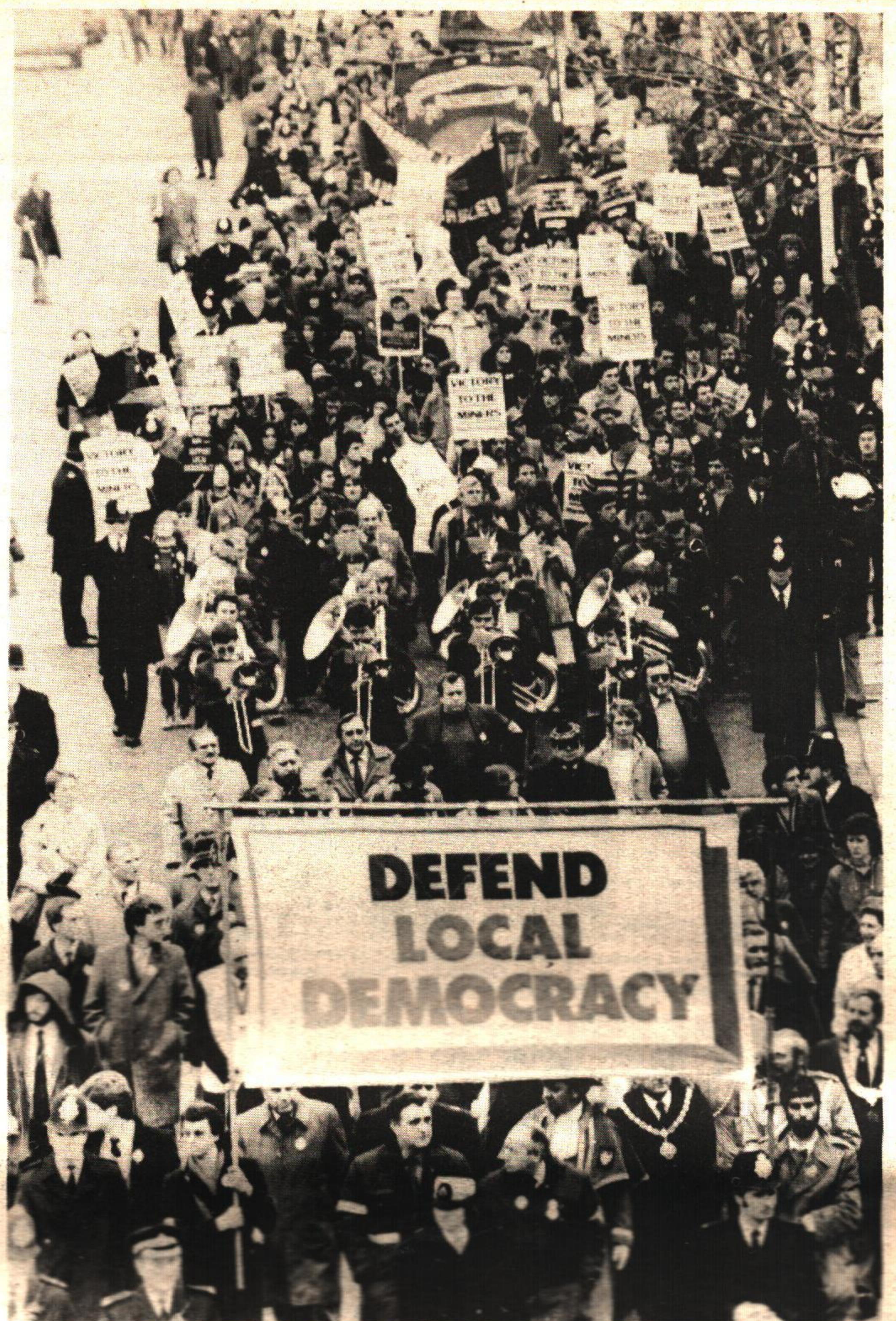
INSEPARABLE from this task is the ending of the war drive against the USSR and Eastern Europe. The USSR threatens nothing except the stability of a reactionary imperialism.

Never again must the working class tolerate another imperialist attack against the nationalised property and planned economy of the USSR! Detente cannot protect the USSR from nuclear war, only the world socialist revolution and the revolutionary disarming of the capitalist militarists can and will.

While defending the property relations of the USSR unconditionally against imperialist attack and provocation the Workers Revolutionary Government will encourage every struggle of the Soviet and East European workers against social inequality and political oppression by the Stalinist bureaucracy.

Soviet democracy — destroyed by the Stalinist bureaucracy — can and will be restored only through the political revolution of the working class against this reactionary caste. The legalisation of soviet parties and recognition of independent trade unions, such as Solidarnosc are inseparable from this task.

IN RELATION to the broader social question the Workers Revolutionary Govern-



A London march against the Tory abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan counties

ment will implement the following:

HOUSING — Nationalisation of land, construction companies and building materials' monopolies without compensation and placing them under workers' control, together with the funds of the building societies with protection for small depositors.

Lifting of the interest burden on mortgage holders. Ending of misery of private tenancies controlled by private landlords like the Church Commissioners and Grosvenor Estate.

Reduction in council rents through lifting of the burden of financing city moneylenders, which accounts for 70 per cent of rent income. Housing for all at reasonable rent. End of tied cottages for farmworkers. All empty dwellings — 100,000 in London alone — to be requisitioned.

HEALTH — The scrapping of the unelected RHAs and DHAs and replacement by committees of workers drawn from the National Health Service. Expropriation of drug companies. The ending of private medicine. Free care for all. Abolition of prescription charges. Restoration of all cuts and expansion of the service.

PENSIONS — Retired workers will have a right to full wages and salaries for life. The capitalist concept of pensions will be abolished. Abolition of degrading

means-tested social security and unemployment hand-outs. Entitlement by right to decent payments for those who are sick, disabled or without work.

EQUAL PAY for women. Free state nursery provision for all who want it.

Courts

THE JUDICIARY will be sacked — without pension or salary. In their place will be created a new structure of workers' courts with judges chosen by the corresponding Community Council (soviet). Legal fees will be abolished.

THE destruction of the capitalist state will automatically mean the abolition of the Manpower Services Commission (MSC) and all other state quangos. In place of the MSC will be created a special ministry for the training of the youth in skills and catering for their interests. All sports facilities will be free.

THE Workers Revolutionary Government finally, will advance an emergency programme of building of houses, roads, and public works to provide immediate employment for the millions of unemployed and also to develop those services which have been the object of calculated neglect by a bankrupt capitalism.

All cuts in social services, pensions and wages will be restored. All factories and pits on the Tory closure list

will be kept open and new factories built. As part of this struggle we demand now the opening of the books of all enterprises and workers' control and occupation of all firms scheduled for closure, rationalisation or hiving off.

Call

Trotsky's call must be the guide for every trade unionist and youth:

'The question is one of guarding the proletariat from decay, demoralisation and ruin. The question is one of life or death of the only creative and progressive class, and, by that token, of the future of mankind. If capitalism is incapable of satisfying the demands inevitably arising from the calamities generated by itself, then let it perish.' ('Transitional Programme')

● **Fight to realise this revolutionary programme and help bury imperialism by joining the Workers Revolutionary Party today!**

● **Down with the Thatcherite Bonapartist dictatorship! Defend basic democratic rights with a General Strike!**

● **Build Community Councils (soviets) and create a Workers Revolutionary Government!**

● **Forward to the victory of the World Socialist Revolution!**

● **Long live the International Committee of the Fourth International!**

April 30, 1984

YOUNG SOCIALISTS PUBLIC MEETINGS

• Full support for the miners! • Fight back against Tory dictatorship measures!
• Build revolutionary leadership!

SCOTLAND

ABERDEEN: Wednesday May 2, 7.30p.m. Music Hall, Union Street.
Speakers: Colin Yackiminie (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee)

GOVAN: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Summertown Centre, Broomloan Road.
Speakers: John McHugh (Young Socialists); Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee)

CUMBERNAULD: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Lesser Halls, Cumbernauld Town Centre.
Speakers: M. Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee)

GREENOCK: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Auchmountain Halls, Burnhead Street.
Speakers: Colin Yackiminie (YS National Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH EAST

SOUTH SHIELDS: Wednesday May 16, 7.30p.m. Miners Welfare, Armstrong Hall, Stanhope Road.
Speakers: Kevin Townsend (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary)

NORTH WEST

BIRKENHEAD: Tuesday May 1, 7.30p.m. Birkenhead Unemployed Centre.
Speakers: Jan Owen (Birkenhead YS); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Larry Cavanagh (T&GWU Docks shop steward, in personal capacity)

WIGAN: Wednesday May 2, 7.30p.m. Market Tavern.
Speakers: Billy Lunt (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

BURNLEY: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. AUEW Rooms, Hargreaves Street (across from General Post Office).
Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

SKELMERSDALE: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Quarrybank Community Centre.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Ray Evans (WRP); Syd Cameron (NGA, in personal capacity); Chairman: John Symons (Skelmersdale WRP)

KIRKBY: Wednesday May 16, 7.30p.m. Tower Hill Community Centre, Tower Hill.
Speakers: Dave Morris (Skelmersdale YS); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: John Mullen (Chairman Cairnryan Port Committee); Frank Fitzmaurice (AUEW Meccano); speaker from Kirkby Unemployed Centre Committee

SALFORD: Tuesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Broadwalk Library, Salford Precinct.
Speakers: Brendan Gaffney (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

ECCLES: Monday June 4, 7.30p.m. Lecture Room, Eccles Central Library, Church Street.
Speakers: Brendan Gaffney (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

STAFFS

STOKE ON TRENT: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Kidsgrove Community Centre, Whitehall Avenue, Kidsgrove.
Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

YORKSHIRE

ROTHERHAM: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. The Phoenix, College Road.
Speakers: Tony Perkins (YS Regional Committee); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee); Dave Smith (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity)

LEEDS: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Arthur Greenwood School, Disraeli Terrace, Leeds 11.
Speakers: Chris Marsden (YS National Committee); Dave Hyland (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Jean Harrison (Ledstone Luck miners' wives support group); Rita Hall (Sandal nursery occupation)

EAST MIDLANDS

CHESTERFIELD: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Speedwell Rooms, Inkershill Road, Staveley.
Speakers: Kevin Alcock (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); In personal capacity: Dave Nuttall (NUM); Geoff Poulter (Branch secretary Bolsover NUM)

DERBY: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. Pakistan Community Centre, Harrington Street.
Speakers: Kevin Alcock (YS National Committee); Geoff Pilling (WRP Central Committee); Bish Wojcik (NUR, in personal capacity)

LOUGHBOROUGH: Tuesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Loughborough Library, Granby Street.
Speakers: Anton Turgoose (Leicester YS); Brian Prangle (Leicester WRP)

ALFRETON: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. St Martins Church Hall, Mansfield Road.
Speakers: Kevin Alcock (YS National Committee); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee); Mick Nettleship (NUM, in personal capacity)

LEICESTER: Tuesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate.
Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee); Brian Prangle (Leicester WRP); Anton Turgoose (Leicester YS)

WEST MIDLANDS

COVENTRY: Wednesday May 16, 7.30p.m. Weavers Arms, Bell Green Road.
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee)

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Nechells Park Pub, Nechells Park Road.
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee); Margaret Newbold (Nechells Parents Action Committee)

EASTERN

GREAT YARMOUTH: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. Great Yarmouth Library, Tolhouse Street.
Speakers: Melita Attard (YS Regional Committee); Fiona Cairns (Norwich WRP)

BURY: Friday May 4, 7p.m. Southgate Community Centre, Noughton Estate.
Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Steve Hamblin (WRP District Committee); Followed by Disco, 8.30p.m.

ST NEOTS: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. Kingshead Hotel, South Street.
Speakers: Linda Mee (YS Regional Committee); Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Chris Bailey (WRP District Committee)

IPSWICH: Saturday May 19, 7p.m. Caribbean Club, Woodbridge Road.
Speakers: Melita Attard (YS Regional Committee); Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Followed by Disco, 9p.m.

NORTHAMPTON: Wednesday May 30, 7.30p.m. Town Hall.
Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Ray Athow (WRP Central Committee)

WESTERN

BRISTOL: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. Filwood Community Centre, Knowle West.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

PORTSMOUTH: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. The Oddfellows, 356 London Road, (opp Ophir garage).
Speakers: Caroline Kearney (YS Regional Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Bill Ferrett (Portsmouth WRP); Phil Watts (UCATT branch treasurer in personal capacity)

EXETER: Friday May 4, 7.30p.m. Devenport Inn, Fore Street.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Mick Byrne (WRP District Committee)

BRACKNELL: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. Hanworth Community Centre.
Speakers: Kieran O'Sullivan (Bracknell YS); Alan Cooper (Bracknell WRP); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

SWINDON: Monday May 14, 7.30p.m. St John's Ambulance Hall, Corporation Street.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

BRISTOL: Monday May 21, 7.30p.m. Standard of England, Greystoke Avenue, Southmead.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTH WALES

RHYMNEY: Wednesday May 9, 7.30p.m. Rhymney Workingmens Club.
Speakers: Roy Coombes (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

MAERDY: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Maerdy Church Hall, next to Welfare Hall.
Speakers: Roy Coombes (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); Jim Cheek (Bristol busmen, in personal capacity)

KENT

DEAL: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. Deal Town Hall.
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee)

DARTFORD: Monday May 14, 7.30p.m. Tenants Hall, Tree Estate.
Speakers: Richard Murphy (Peckham YS); Alan Clarke (Dartford WRP)

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON: Tuesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Moulescombe Community Hall, Lewes Road.
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Kent NUM speaker

HERTS & BEDS

LUTON: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Room 4, High Town Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road.
Speakers: Gerald Bolton (YS Regional Committee); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP); Liam Flaherty (T&GWU shop steward Vauxhalls, in personal capacity)

WATFORD: Thursday May 31, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Hall, (opp Junction station), Woodford Road.
Speakers: Richard Bolton (Hemel YS); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP)

LONDON

CLAPHAM: Wednesday May 2, 7.30p.m. Coronation Hall, Union Road, SW4.
Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Paul Feldman (WRP Central Committee)

BRIXTON: Thursday May 3, 8p.m. Room 7, Brixton Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2.
Speakers: Julie Williams (YS National Committee); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Kent NUM; In personal capacity: George Codling (London Region NGA); Sylvester Smart (AUEW shop steward, Lambeth direct works)

MERTON: Wednesday May 9, 7.30p.m. Sidney Black Hall, Durnford Road.
Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); George Grimes (Sogat 82 Radio Times, in personal capacity)

ARNOS GROVE: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. The Turretts Pub, Friern Barnet Lane, N11, (opp New Southgate station).
Speakers: Gary Ryder (YS National Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP District Committee)

FINSBURY: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. Finsbury Library, St John Street, EC1.
Speakers: Elizabeth Ali (YS Regional Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Clr John Worker

BOW: Monday May 14, 7.30p.m. Vernon Hall, Roman Road, E3. (next to Presto)
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Richard Goldstein (WRP District Committee)

DAGENHAM: Tuesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Seabrook Hall, Fiddlers Roundabout.
Speakers: Derek Blackwood (YS Regional Committee); Keith Scotcher (WRP District Committee)

WOOD GREEN: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Haringay Trade Union Community Hall, Brabant Road, N22.
Speakers: Gary Ryder (YS National Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP District Committee)

BURNT OAK: Thursday May 17, 8p.m. Burnt Oak Library, Burnt Oak Broadway.
Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Peter Farrell (WRP Central Committee)

PADDINGTON: Thursday May 24, 8p.m. Kensal Community Centre, Kensal Road, W10.
Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee); Barran Hulme (Kensington WRP)

MANOR PARK: Wednesday May 25, 7.30p.m. Earl of Essex, Romford Road, E12 (Manor Park Broadway).
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

ACTON: Tuesday June 5, 7.30p.m. Council Chamber, Acton Town Hall, High Street, W3.
Speakers: Rob Jackson (YS National Committee); Geoff Pilling (WRP Central Committee)

TORIES YTS SCHEME UNDER HAMMER

Cheap labour clash at USDAW

SHOPWORKERS' union delegates hit out at the Tories' cheap labour schemes in opposition to official policy at the USDAW conference in Eastbourne yesterday.

Moving a resolution calling for the union to withdraw from the MSC-organised YTS schemes, Claire Dixon from South West London said: 'The main strategy of this government is to use youth as cheap labour against the trade union movement, but this goes hand in hand with Tory plans for privatisation in the NHS and other industries.'

Julie Hyland seconding from Booksellers and Stationers branch argued against those who said that the unions should 'make the best of a bad job' on YTS.

'This policy is a complete betrayal of the younger generation'.

Colleen Smith, Empire Stores, Bradford said: 'YTS condemns a generation of people to be uneducated.'

David Stokes, Greater Midlands Co-Op, pointed out that the high incidence of accidents on YTS

MICK Wainwright from Blackpool Woolworths successfully moved a resolution opposing 'attempts by the Conservative government to reduce the funding received by the Labour Party from the trade unions'.

The resolution resolved to refuse to change union procedures concerning collection of the political levy and called 'on the next Labour government to make it illegal for companies to donate money to the Tory Party without a vote of shareholders and workforce'.

showed the union had little power to give protection on these schemes.

'Will young people want to join unions which seem to condone slave labour?' he asked.

Margaret Bower, Nottingham Co-Op, also spoke in support of complete withdrawal.

'To continue to collaborate with this government and the MSC is like assisting the hangman to make the rope for our necks,' said Roberta Colling, Norwich South branch.

Helen Gasking from Ramsgate said: 'It is not our job to manage a scheme for the Tories.'

Also arguing for a complete withdrawal from YTS, Ian Hurst, Sheffield Co-Op, said: 'It must be remembered that there has been no capital investment through YTS so that means no real jobs have been created.'

But USDAW's general secretary Bill Whatley claimed the call for withdrawal as 'short sighted, pointless an ultimately self-defeating'.

Conference voted 2-1 to maintain its support for YTS as against complete withdrawal. At the same time delegates voted for improved health and safety provisions for YTS workers and for full trade union rights and rates of pay.

MSC has failed

—GLC Training Board

THE MANPOWER Services Commission is becoming a passive government agency and failing to take a positive role in training, the Greater London Training Board chairman Gareth Daniel said yesterday.

The Greater London Council's training division has called a special conference to discuss 'Training in Crisis' on Thursday May 10.

BY PENNY BLOOR

The conference will look at the crisis of training in London and the failure of the government to cater for skill needs. It will discuss alternatives to the MSC, as well as reviewing the GLC's own work in training.

The GLTB itself placed a moratorium on approving any new YTS schemes in November — just three months after YTS began.

Daniel said the GLTB was critical of the way the MSC had failed to deliver on the tasks outlined in the 'New Training Initiative' strategy in relation to youth and adult training, and in particular its failure to address the economic issues.

'Whilst dressing it up in fairly liberal rhetoric, the essence of what the MSC is doing is in our view deeply reactionary,' said Daniel.

Claimed

He saw no evidence that the Youth Training Scheme (YTS) had provided people with the skills it claimed to. Rather it provided 'very low-quality work experience'.

'It's not a bridge to employment, it's a gang-plank to the dole queue,' he added.

The GLC, on the other hand, wanted to provide real training, properly certified, provided by skilled people, properly resourced and linked with the needs of local economies.

Boycott call

WARSAW — Underground leaders of the banned Solidarity free trade union yesterday flooded streets and factories with leaflets urging workers and supporters to boycott official May Day ceremonies.

Solidarity called for counter-demonstrations in support of more than 400

It was concerned about the rights of trainees to participate in trade unions, proper health and safety and proper representation for women or ethnic minorities.

The GLTB directly funds training projects providing 2,600 places for youth, 1,200 on the MSC's Youth Training Scheme.

But Daniel stressed: 'We took the attitude that in the first year of YTS we needed to get involved in order to make a firmer critique.'

Its experience so far had led to the GLTB decision to place a moratorium on any further schemes.

The GLTB runs its own YTS residential centre, at Denham Court in Buckinghamshire, catering for 70 youth in a range of skills.

The scheme is strictly monitored by the GLTB, and the youth themselves are involved in its running.

But the MSC has announced that it will withdraw funds from June as part of its cuts in 'Mode-B' community projects.

The plan to axe the scheme could be connected with the Tory plans to abolish the GLC, threatening to undermine all the GLTB initiatives.

● Next week's conference opens at 9.00a.m. at Glaziers Hall, London Bridge, London SE1.

political prisoners.

'Let Communist Party leader and President Jaruzelski and his generals march alone to the reviewing stands,' one of the leaflets said.

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Big increase in robot production

THE Soviet Union plans to build 11,000 industrial robots this year, according to a government ministry.

The Department of Instrument Making, Automation Equipment and Control Systems said this was a larger figure than last year.

The department also announced that it has completed designs for a fully automated factory using a single computer, several conveyor systems and numerous robots.

But the department declined to say which industry was involved, and how soon the factory could be built.

Designed

Meanwhile, Kharkov technical works has produced its first batch of general-purpose industrial robots. They are designed for use in conjunction with automated presses and lathes, and can control switches and motors to a pre-set programme where they are

currently controlled directly by workers.

Among the more recent robots brought into use in the Soviet Union is one to carry out animal husbandry.

Designated the MAR-1, the robot is about six foot high, runs on rollers, has two arms and is equipped with portable TV cameras.

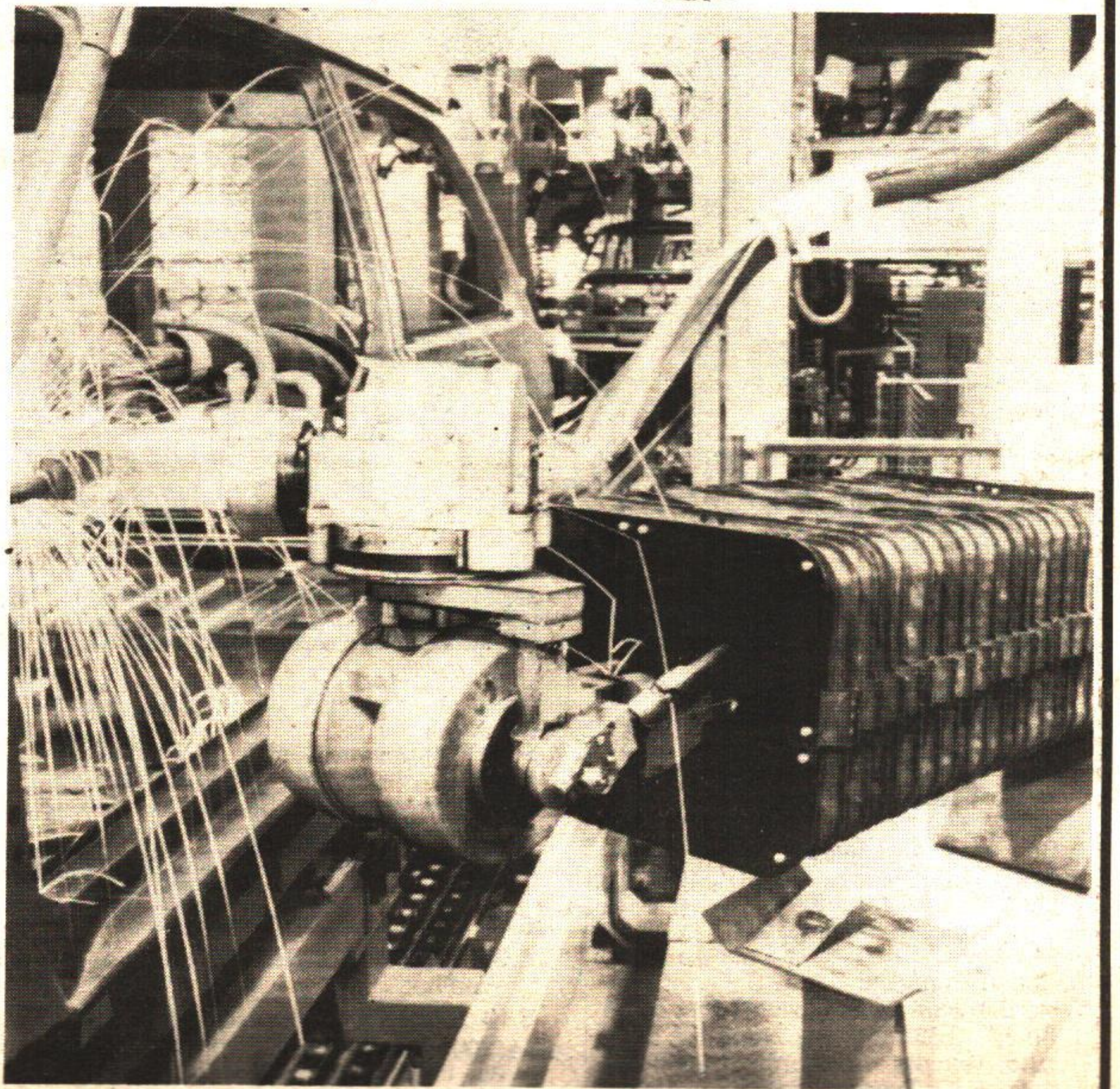
The device is able to lift about 150 pounds in each hand and can move at a top speed of about six miles an hour.

The Institute of Agri-

cultural Engineers, which is testing the device, says the machine is capable of picking up and distributing feed to animals, and cleaning out stalls with the help of an electro-mechanical broom and a hose.

Monitor

It can also monitor the condition of the animals by checking their temperature with special sensors and adjusting the temperature of the housing accordingly.



Robots at work in a British car plant

Fighting rust

SCIENTISTS in the Soviet Union say that lignin, the woody material found in nearly all leaves, stems, reeds and plants, can be converted into a liquid anti-rust agent.

The scientists say that the chemical reacts with rust molecules which coat a metal surface, and that in about 16 hours the molecules are redistributed in such a way that no further rusting will take place.

The report, broadcast on

Moscow Radio, claimed that the chemical treatment allowed rusty surfaces to be painted without any fear that rusting would continue under the coat of paint.

Third Soviet space walk

TWO Soviet cosmonauts made their third space walk in a week on Sunday in order to carry out repairs on a rocket motor on the Salyut-7 space station.

Cosmonauts Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Solovyov, in orbit since February, spent 45 minutes working on a switched-off part of a reserve conduit of the engine module, the official Tass news agency said.

The men spent four hours in space fixing a ladder to the station last Monday, and were five hours working on the engine fault on Thursday.

Tass said the cosmonauts used their most recent space walk to install an additional manifold on the engine and to check it was properly sealed before replacing a protective cover removed on Thursday.

The third crewman, medical specialist Oleg

Atkov, remained on board to monitor the walk, Tass said.

Complex

The orbiting complex of spacecraft consists of the main Salyut-7 orbiting station, a Soyuz T-11 spaceship for the return to earth, and a Progress-20 cargo craft which was sent up with supplies unmanned.

Aids virus found

FRENCH and US scientists believe they may have found the viral agent that causes the killer disease AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

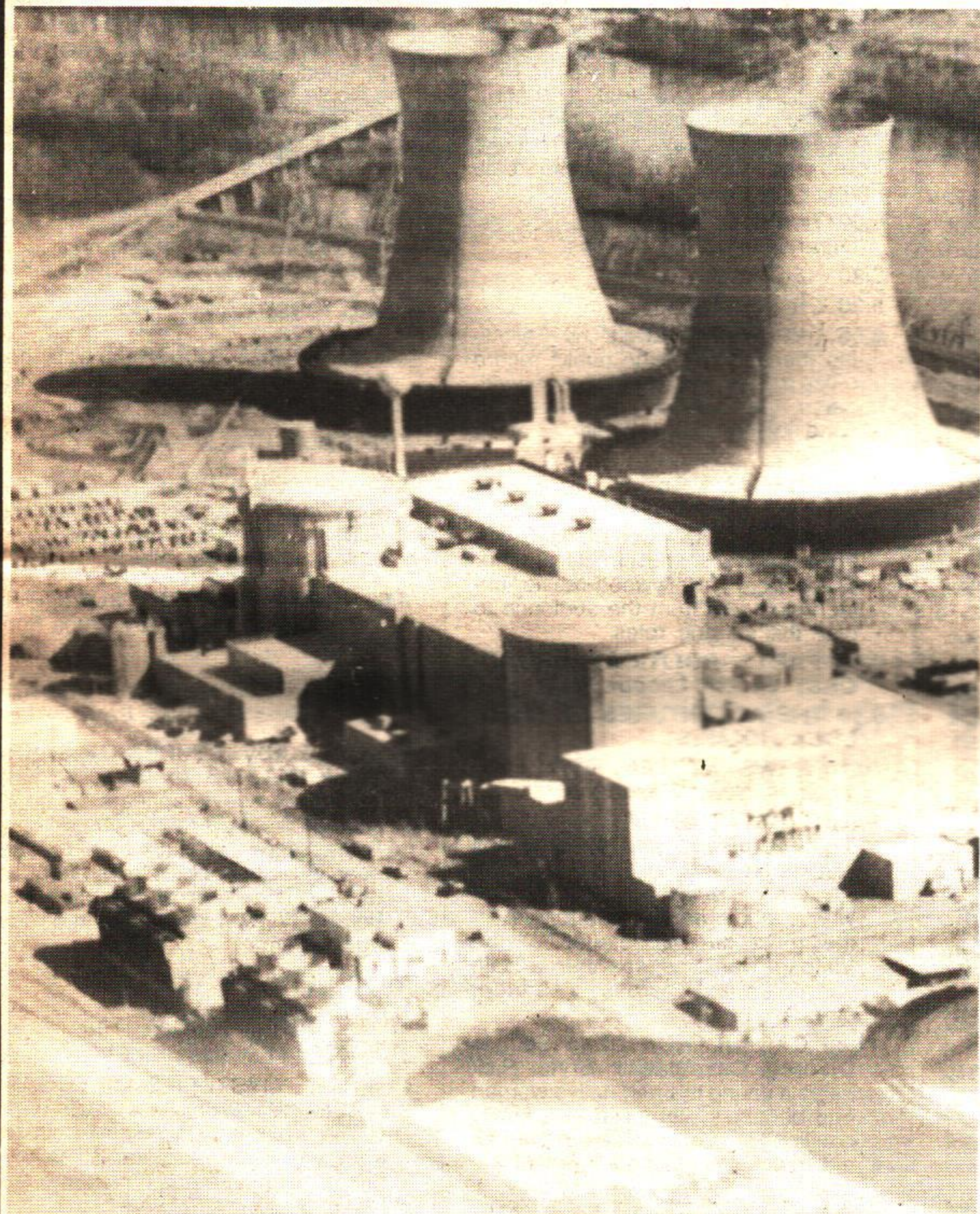
James Mason, chief of the US Federal Centre for Disease Control says that research by US scientists has confirmed the role in the disease of a retrovirus discovered at the Pasteur Institute in Paris last year.

Mason said he was encouraged by the findings, but stressed that the production of a vaccine or a

cure of the disease could still be many years away.

The disease has already killed over 4,000 people in the United States, and several thousand more throughout the world.

The number of cases reported to medical authorities is doubling every six months, and there is a virtual 100 per cent death rate for all those who contract the disease.



Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. Scene of a near melt down

US wants nuclear deal with China

One of the unseen purposes of President Reagan's tour of China has been the attempt to find a home for the billions of dollars' worth of nuclear power hardware which is now rusting in the United States.

Ever since the 1979 Harrisburg nuclear disaster, which came very close to a melt-down of the reactor core and a serious radioactive explosion, the nuclear industry in the US has been at a virtual standstill.

Completed reactors have never been switched on, and others half-completed or designed have been scrapped. Not one new nuclear reactor in the United States has

been commissioned since the Three Mile Island incident.

But in Peking, Chinese scientists have been busy preparing to construct nuclear plants with US components.

Plans

Only a few days before Reagan's arrival, Professor Jiang Shengjie, President of China's Nuclear Society, spelt out plans for the building of a series of pressurised water reactors (PWRs).

These reactors, built on exactly the same design as the one which went wrong in Harrisburg, would be constructed primarily along China's

coastline, Jiang said.

The deal being negotiated behind the scenes includes the immediate purchase of two entire reactors, intended for construction within the 1981-1985 five year plan.

Two more are then planned for completion under the 1986-1990 five-year plan.

The Chinese government has been forced to raise several billion dollars of foreign exchange to purchase the US equipment. And in Washington, heads of the major nuclear companies are breathing a sigh of relief that plants which are deemed too dangerous for the United States are now being built in China.

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



'The Golden Land' on BBC1 at 9.35pm looks at the history of Jewish family life in the United States



Kim Phuc who 12 years ago was the little girl in Vietnam photographed running along the road naked and burnt with napalm, tells her story on ITV at 10.40pm in 'The First Tuesday'



David Bellamy draws attention to the diversity of trees in Britain in 'You Can't See the Wood' on BBC1 at 7.15pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Boswall's Wildlife Safari to Mexico. 9.25 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.55 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Men. 2.00 Star Movie: Claudette Colbert in *Sleep My Love* (1947) with Don Ameche, Robert Cummings. 3.35 Cartoon Double Bill: *Blue Monday* and *A Day at the Beach*. 3.53 Regional News for England (except London). 3.55 Play School: It's Tuesday. 4.20 The Hunter. 4.25 Professor Popper's Problems. 4.40 Cheggers Plays Pop. 5.05 Newsround with Paul McDowell. 5.10 Think Again.

5.40 SIXTY MINUTES including news; regional magazines; weather; closing headlines

6.40 WORLD SNOOKER The quarter-finals of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

7.15 YOU CAN'T SEE THE WOOD David Bellamy shows how native species arrived from the continent in the wake of the last Ice Age: (1) *The Wildwood*

7.40 A QUESTION OF SPORT David Coleman introduces teams of sporting celebrities with faces and facts from moments in sport

8.10 DALLAS *Turning Points*

9.00 A PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Labour Party

9.10 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weatherman

9.35 THE GOLDEN LAND A trilogy of films about the Jews of the United States presented by Desmond Wilcox — *To Us It Was Paradise*

10.25 COME DANCING

11.10 REMINGTON STEELE

11.55 NEWS HEADLINES; Weatherman

BBC2

6.05-8.10 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.05 Modern Art. 6.30 Potsdam. 6.55 Biology. 7.20 Science. 7.45 Genetics.

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 10.25 World Snooker: Eleventh day of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

5.10 CLASS 32 (OU programme)

5.35 NEWS SUMMARY subtitles; Weather

5.40 SPEAK OUT The second of four programmes in which young people air their views about topics and issues that matter to them. John Craven introduces *The Olympics*

6.10 PADDLES UP The canoeing competition for the BBC 'Paddles Up Trophy' from Llangollen. Heat 2

6.40 TUCKER'S LUCK *Episode 8* Surprises for Tucker cause him to behave mysteriously

7.15 WORLD SNOOKER A quarter-final match, from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield

7.40 TOM SOPWITH: AVIATOR Sir Thomas Sopwith, aged 96, talks to Raymond Baxter about the pioneer days of aviation in Britain. Sopwith taught himself to fly in 1910, and within years was heading a company designing and producing military aircraft

8.10 TIMEWATCH BBC2's history programme. Tonight: *The British Empire Exhibition; Going Mad in the 19th Century* and Robert Owen

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Labour Party

9.10 STARDUST ROAD

9.40 WORLD SNOOKER Further coverage from Sheffield

10.30 NEWSNIGHT

11.15 WORLD SNOOKER Further coverage from Sheffield

11.55-12.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.55 Personality and Learning. 12.20 More Than Meets the Eye.

CHANNEL 4

4.45 COUNTDOWN

5.15 KILL OR CURE? *Whooping Cough — A Shot in the Dark* The controversy surrounding the whooping cough vaccine, which can cause irreversible brain damage. Tonight's programme looks at a family whose daughter suffered the consequences of the vaccine

6.00 OLD COUNTRY Jack Hargreaves presents another excerpt from his weekly rural diary from the West Country

6.30 WHOSE TOWN IS IT ANYWAY? *Easterhouse — People and Power* A series of documentary films on 'community politics' opens with a portrait of Easterhouse, a 'township' on the outskirts of Glasgow without services. Local tenants speak about their conditions and how they see the future

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT By novelist Kingsley Amis; followed by weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 4 WHAT IT'S WORTH Penny Junor presents the consumer magazine programme mixing news and investigations

9.00 NURSE (1980) Made-for-TV movie based on a novel by Peggy Anderson. A doctor's wife returns to work as the head nurse in a busy New York hospital after her husband's death of a heart attack. With Michael Learned, Robert Reed, Tom Aldredge and Jon Matthews

10.50 EASTERN EYE presented by Aziz Kurtha and Shyama Perera

11.45 IAN BREAKWELL'S CONTINUOUS DIARY Further incidents from Breakwell's diary

11.50 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by Schools Programmes. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 The Love Boat. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You! 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.20 HELP!

6.30 CROSSROADS

6.55 REPORTING LONDON Following the closure of the public record office in Kew, Michael Wilson investigates the possible effects of air conditioning on the health of office workers

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE

8.00 HOLLYWOOD OR BUST Bruce Forsyth stages and directs another scene from a Hollywood movie, using volunteers from the audience to play the starring roles

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Labour Party

9.10 THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

10.10 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.40 FIRST TUESDAY Two films: *The Promised Land* about Israeli settlers on the West Bank; and *Kim Phuc* an interview with the woman whose photograph became one of the most famous images of the Vietnam war. She was then a child seen running across a bridge, burning

11.40 CASABLANCA David Soul in *Divorce Casablanca Style* Rick faces a young married native woman and becomes embroiled in a family conflict. He is also forced to help an old friend smuggle guns out of the country

12.35 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Exchange Flags. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 The Protectors. 3.00 The Noble and the Savage. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Mr Smith. 5.45 News.

6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT Tax and personal allowances

6.05 CROSSROADS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS With the latest news and reports from around the North West

7.00 EMMERDALE FARM

7.30 GIVE US A CLUE The celebrity charades game hosted by Michael Aspel with team captains Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair

8.00 HOLLYWOOD OR BUST Film fun series, presented by Bruce Forsyth

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Labour Party

9.10 THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES *The Dancing Men* At first glance it appears to be a childish prank: a row of absurd little figures drawn in chalk on a garden seat. But Sherlock Holmes deduces that this is a dance of death and that he and Watson are caught in a race against time

10.10 NEWS AT TEN

10.40 FIRST TUESDAY *The Promised Land* and *Kim Phuc*

11.40 THE MYSTERIES OF EDGAR WALLACE *Strangler's Web* With Gerald Harper. A solicitor is out to track down the murderer of an actress whom he has represented in the past

12.40 Closedown

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 The Devlin Connection. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Survival. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.10 News at Ten. 10.40 First Tuesday. 11.40 Hill Street Blues. 12.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Miracles Take Longer. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Vintage Quiz. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.10 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.40 First Tuesday. 11.40 Shelley. 12.10 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Just Our Luck. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News. 1.30

Calendar Tuesday. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 The Adventurer. 3.00 Ace Crawford — Private Eye. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Survival. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.10 News at Ten. 10.40 First Tuesday. 11.40 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 It's a Vet's Life. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today Show. 6.30 Televiews. 6.40 Consumer Check. 7.00 In Loving Memory. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.10 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.40 First Tuesday. 11.40 Magnum. 12.40 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 A Country Practice. 3.00 Three Little Words. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00

Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.10 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.40 First Tuesday. 11.40 The Devil Connection. 12.40 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 It's a Vet's Life. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice; HTV News. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 The Beverly Hillbillies. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.10 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.40 First Tuesday. 11.40 Great Fights of the Seventies. 12.40 Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardens For All. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Definition. 3.00 Vintage Quiz. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 PPB. 9.10 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. 10.10 News at Ten; Anglia Late News and Weather. 10.40 First Tuesday. 11.40 The Protectors. 12.10 Living and Growing. 12.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

RADIO

1 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

2 4.00 Bill Rennells (S). 5.30 Colin Berry (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Russell Harty (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05, 2.02 Sport). 2.05 Gloria Hunniford (S) (3.02 Sport). 3.30 Music All The Way (S). 4.02 Sport. 4.05 David Hamilton (S) (5.05, 6.02 Sport). 6.05 John Dunn (S) (6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 7.30 Cricket Scores). 8.00 The Million Dollar Musicals (S). 9.00 Night Owls (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Hubert Gregg. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Nightdrive. 3.00 Big Band Special (S). 3.30 String Sound (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Bach, Saint-Saens. Satie (8.00 News) Schumann, Lohati, Christoph Schunpeter; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Arnold Schoenberg; records. 10.00 BBC Singers (S)

Elgar, Parry. 10.50 Mozart and Friends (S) Haydn, Dittersdorf, Mozart, Vanhal; records. 11.40 French Songs (S) Gounod, Chabrier, Hahn, Ravel, Poulenc. 12.20 Northern Sinfonia (S) Boccherini, Handel, Gordon Jacob (1.00 News) William Alwyn, Haydn. 1.45 Guitar Encores (S) John Rutter, Domenico Alberti arr. Alexander Bellow, Sor, Barrios, Albéniz arr. Gregory. 2.15 Rachmaninov (S) (2.45 Interval). 4.00 Haroutune Bedellian (S) Beethoven, Prokofiev. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 The Troubadour Tradition (S) Folquet de Romans, Albertet de Sistero, Raimbaut de Vaqueiras, Gherardello da Firenze. 7.15 Welcome, Unwelcome. 7.30 London Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Wagner, Dvorak (8.20-8.40 I Wonder if Grossmith) Prokofiev. 9.30 An Irish Poet in English. 10.00 The Transistor Radio of St Narcissus (S). 10.30 Cameracities. 10.40 John Ogdon (S) Chopin. 11.15-11.18 News.

4 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Week. 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Prayer for the Day; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.20 Your Letters; 7.25,

8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. 10.00 News; Enterprise. 10.30 Morning Story: *Charlie Chaplin and the Ballymena Man*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre (S) *Shaggy Sokolov*. 11.33 Wildlife. 12.27 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Brain of Britain 1984 (S). 12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; Afternoon Theatre: *Dunroamin*. 4.00 News; The Greying of America. 4.40 Story Time: *Time After Time*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Stille's Around (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 The Luxury of Decent Compromises (S). 7.50 History Reflected (S). 8.00 Medicine Now. 8.30 Spring Over Europe. 9.00 In Touch. 9.30 A Sideways Look At. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Naples '44*. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.

Winning Post

Bespoke to give Garson a winning send-off!

REIGNING champion jockey Willie Carson, who starts a four-day suspension on Thursday, has been in fine form during the past week and should have another winner at NOTTINGHAM—Bespoke (3.30), in the Langwith Handicap.

Carson has been in tremendous form since he received the four-day ban at Epsom — for 'careless' riding on Guess Again. His enforced holi-

NOTTINGHAM: 2.00 Al Sylah (n.b.), 2.30 Bethan, 3.00 Meeson King, 3.30 Bespoke (nap), 4.00 Electrical Wind, 4.30 Glenhawk.
BATH: 2.05 Supershoe Wonder, 2.45 Ascension Island, 3.15 Lucky Scott, 3.45 Tapiola, 4.15 Boyne, 4.45 Crazy.

day means that he will have to sit out the three-day Newmarket Guineas meeting, which starts on Thursday.

Dick Hern's stable finally hit form when Morcon won the Westbury Stakes at Sandown, and although Bespoke is no world beater, he ought to be good enough to win in this company first time out.

In the frame in a Maiden Race at Leicester and a

minor event at Bath last year, Bespoke has been working well, and could be too good for Newmarket challenger Nadirah.

Whatever the fate of Nadirah, Newmarket trainer Harry Thomson Jones can win the opening race, The Cinderhill Maiden Fillies Stakes, with Al Aylah (2.00).

Meeson King (3.00), showed improved form when beating Sully's Choice by one and a half lengths at Thirsk

last time and although today's Eastwood Handicap is over an extra furlong, Brian McMahon's charge can win again.

Electrical Wind (4.00), may provide Newmarket trainer Oliver Douieb with another success in the Flying Horse Maiden Stakes, while Glenhawk (4.30), is overdue a success, which could come in the Forest Handicap.

Best bet at BATH may be Lucky Scott (3.15), in the Somerset, Stakes.

Fourth to Rousillon in the Salisbury 2,000 Guineas trial on his seasonal debut, Lucky Scott should prove too good for Young Turk.

NOTTINGHAM

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 39, J Mercer 27, W Carson 27, P Cook 23, Pat Eddery 21, G Duffield 18, B Raymond 18, G Baxter 17, E Hide 16, W Swinburn 15, T Ives 13, J Reid 12.
TRAINERS: H Cecil 33, J Dunlop 22, M Stoute 20, B Hobbs 16, J Sutcliffe 13, A Jarvis 12, P Cole 11, R Armstrong 10, C Brittain 10, H Candy 10, P Walwyn 9, R Hollinshead 9.
DRAW: High numbers advantaged over 5 and 6 furlongs on soft going when stalls placed on stand side.

2.00 CINDERHILL MDN FILLIES STAKES £1,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (14 runners)

1 (7)	3	AL SYLAH	Thomson Jones 8 11	A Murray
2 (10)	0	BRAMPTON THATCHER	W Wharton 8 11	W Wharton
4 (8)	0	CANDY ROSE	P Kellway 8 11	Gay Kellway (5)
5 (4)	0	CEDAR ROOM	D Ancil 8 11	Paul Eddery
6 (12)	0	GLAZETTA TOWN	C Miller 8 11	G Duffield
7 (11)	3	IMPERIAL TIME	W Gorman 8 11	T Ives
8 (5)	0	JESTERINN	E Eldin 8 11	M L Thomas
9 (2)	0	JULIA BRAVO	J Berry 8 11	K Darley
15 (13)	0	SANANN	N Gaselee 8 11	M Hills
16 (6)	0	SILIFEROUS	G Hunter 8 11	P Cook
19 (1)	0	TAYLORS RENOVATION	D Leslie 8 11	M Rimmer
20 (9)	0	THE HUYTON FLYER	T Taylor 8 11	A Mackay
21 (14)	0	THERESA	G Blum 8 11	B Raymond
23 (3)	2	TUXFORD HIDEAWAY	R Whitaker 8 11	S Perks

BLINKERS: 12
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Al Sylah, 9-4 Imperial Time, 11-2 Tuxford Hideaway, 8-1 Siliferous, 12-1 Jesterinn, 12-1 others.

2.30 BAGTHORPE SELLING STAKES £800 (2-Y-O) 5f (8 runners)

1 (2)	0	ERNIE BILKO	N Tinkler 8 11	M Birch
2 (6)	033	IVAN-JO	R Stubbs 8 11	D Nicholls
3 (3)	0	JOHN FRESH	J Berry 8 11	K Darley
4 (8)	0	MALOWSKI	D Plant 8 11	B Coogan
6 (1)	000	TOKANO	K Ivory 8 11	P Robinson
7 (7)	42321	BETHAN	R Hollinshead 8 8	W Ryan (5)
11 (5)	004	LITTLE YENOH	B Richmond 8 8	S Keightley
12 (4)	0	PANN KRISP	M Lambert 8 8	D Oldham

BLINKERS: 6
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Bethan, 11-4 Ivan-Jo, 4-1 John Fresh, 11-2 Pann Krisp, 8-1 Tokano, 12-1 others.

3.00 EASTWOOD HANDICAP £1,700 6f (23 runners)

1 (4)	0340-00	CHAPLIN'S CLUB (USA)	R Thompson 4 9 13	P Bradwell
3 (1)	400-024	MEL'S CHOICE (BF)	D Plant 6 9 11	B Coogan
4 (8)	2100000	NON-WET (D)	J Ciechanowski 4 9 5	S Dawson (5)
5 (2)	010040	TOKAIDO (C)	M Ryan 4 9 1	P Robinson
6 (20)	00001-3	HEATHER CROFT (D)	R Hannon 4 8 13	T Ives
7 (23)	00-0230	CENTRAL CARPETS	R Stubbs 5 8 12	K Darley
9 (15)	00-4000	ADJUSTED (D)	R Hollinshead 5 8 11	S Perks
10 (16)	300-304	GENTLE STAR (D)	K Ivory 5 8 11	G Mash (7)
11 (5)	04400-0	WATER PISTOL	M Lambert 4 8 11	D Oldham
13 (19)	0010000	CHINA GOLD (D)	Miss L Siddall 5 8 9	G Gosney
14 (18)	11400-1	MEESON KING	B McMahon 3 8 8 (10 ex)	R Cochrane
15 (10)	4220000	KWA-ZULU (USA)	G Hunter 4 8 7	P Cook
18 (6)	0440-00	B A POUNDSTRETCHER	J Sparing 5 8 6	W R Swinburn
19 (3)	000-000	GODLOD	T Taylor 4 8 4	A Mackay
22 (13)	0010-00	MUSIC NIGHT (C-D) (BF)	D Garraton 7 8 3	M L Thomas
25 (7)	0400-00	MR ROSE	L Lightbrown 4 8 1	M L Thomas
26 (14)	000-0	PORTADORE	M Usher 4 7 12	

RACING BRIEFS

VINCENT O'BRIEN has flatly denied rumours that ante-post favourite El Gran Senor will miss this Saturday's 2,000 Guineas.

Racecourse gossip over the weekend was that the unbeaten colt — 2-1 with most bookmakers for the Newmarket race — would be pulled out because of the firm ground.

It was thought possible that stable companion Capture Him might run instead.

But in a statement yesterday, a spokesman for the Ballydoyle stable said:

'There is no foundation whatsoever to the rumours that El Gran Senor will not run.'

Last season O'Brien pulled leading Fancy Danzatore out of the race at short notice and ran Lomond instead. Lomond went on to win and give O'Brien his third victory in the race.

Since last Autumn O'Brien has been warning punters to back the stable, instead of any one horse.

● 'SATURDAY'S 2,000 Guineas will be the best for over ten years,' says trainer Ian Balding.

'We've the best bunch of three-year-olds for a long

time, with El Gran Senor, Lear Fan, Rainbow Quest and Keen. I just hope none of them goes on to York to run in the Mecca Dante Stakes in which I will be represented by Elegant Air.'

Balding, speaking at yesterday's Mecca Dante luncheon in London, issued a warning to punters about his own Classic three-year-olds. 'Apart from Clare Bridge at Kempton on Easter Saturday, they have been very disappointing,' he said.

● GOODWOOD has been allocated a new fixture in June 1985. The new meeting, still to be ratified by the Jockey Club, includes an

evening fixture on June 10 and an afternoon meeting the following day.

'This is a major development for us,' said clerk of the course Roderick Fabricius yesterday. 'We will have racing every month from May to October.'

The new meeting has been made possible by reducing the May and September meetings by one day each.

● FRENCH raider L'Orangerie has been heavily supported for Thursday's 1,000 Guineas — with William Hill. Criquelette Head's filly has been backed down from 12-1 to 8-1, including one bet of £10,000 each-way.

BATH

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery 35, W Carson 26, J Matthias 23, S Cauthen 18, J Mercer 18, E Johnson 16, G Starkey 14, J Reid 12, R Curant 12, B Rouse 12, T Rogers 10, P Waldron 10.
TRAINERS: I Balding 29, B Hills 29, P Walwyn 23, H Candy 14, P Cole 13, C Hill 13, G Harwood 13, C Nelson 11, M Smyly 11, W Hern 10, J Tree 10, J Dunlop 9, R Hannon 9.
DRAW: The higher numbers have a little advantage over shortest distance.

2.15 SPA SELLING STAKES £900 (3-Y-O) 1m (18 runners)

2 (8)	00-0	BARNALYRA	M McCormack 8 7	S Cauthen
3 (11)	00000-0	COOKS FLANAGAN	P Burgoyne 8 7	T Rogers
5 (14)	000-	FAHIR	K Brassey 8 7	J H Brown (5)
6 (17)	0	FILS DE ROI	Peter Taylor 8 7	D McGargue
7 (9)	0	I WONDER WHEN	M Pipe 8 7	A Clark
8 (18)	000-0	MR CHIDHAM	J P Smith 8 7	J Williams
12 (7)	0-	VITANGES	R Simpson 8 7	J Reid
13 (6)	00000-	ANNIE OKE	Peter Taylor 8 4	D McKay
14 (15)	000-0	BALMENOCH	C Austin 8 4	R Fox
15 (2)	000-	DAME CAROLINE	M Blanshard 8 4	N Adams (7)
16 (3)	0-	FLAME LILY	R Hannon 8 4	A McGlone (3)
17 (4)	000-0	GALLICA ROSE	J Douglas-Horne 8 4	I Johnson
18 (16)	0000-4	GRAND ENTRANCE	N Vigors 8 4	R Curant
22 (10)	032400-	RECORD SUPREME	A Pitt 8 4	B Rouse
23 (13)	00000-0	RHYTHMICAL	J Bethell 8 4	T Quinn (3)
24 (5)	00000-0	SIoux PRINCESS	R Hoad 8 4	A Bond
25 (1)	0-	SUPERSHOE WONDER	R Simpson 8 4	S Whitworth (7)
26 (12)	000000-	WASHBURN FLYER	L Holt 8 4	P Waldron

BLINKERS: 3, 12
PROBABLE SP: 100-30 Grand Entrance, 7-2 Vitanges, 4-1 Record Supreme, 6-1 Rhythmic, 8-1 Barnalyra, 10-1 Faquir, Fils de Roi and Flame Lily, 16-1 others.

2.45 HODCOTT MAIDEN STAKES £1,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (6 runners)

1 (3)	0	AL-AMARADY	C Benstead 9 0	B Rouse
2 (1)	2	ASCENSION ISLAND (BF)	G Hunter 9 0	S Cauthen
5 (2)	0	LAKE HAMILTON	D Hanley 9 0	J Reid
6 (6)	0	NIPPON RIVA	D Laing 9 0	A McGlone (3)
8 (5)	0	HIGH BIDDER	R Hannon 8 11	
9 (4)	0	LITTLE DIMPLE	R Holder 8 11	

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 on Ascension Island, 4-1 High Bidder, 7-1 Al-Amarady, 10-1 Nippon Riva, 12-1 Little Dimple, 16-1 Lake Hamilton.

3.15 SOMERSET STAKES £4,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 2f (7 runners)

1 (4)	12100-0	BUZZLER	J Bethell 8 13	J Matthias
2 (5)	011-4	LUCKY SCOTT	P Cole 8 13	P Waldron
7 (7)	14-0	YOUNG TURK	I Balding 8 13	S Cauthen
8 (1)	1111F0-	MILDRED	D Sasse 8 10	D McKay
9 (2)	24-0	DUELLING (USA)	J Tree 8 7	B Rouse
10 (6)	4010-0	FAN CLUB	C Nelson 8 7	J Mercer
11 (3)	310-	FEASIBILITY STUDY	G Harwood 8 7	A Clark

BLINKERS: 8
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Lucky Scott, 7-2 Duelling, 9-2 Young Turk and Feasibility Study, 8-1 Fan Club, 10-1 Mildred, 14-1 Buzzler.

3.45 ILCHESTER HANDICAP £2,500 1m (12 runners)

3 (10)	004-	NEW ZEALAND	P Walwyn 9 1	J Mercer
4 (8)	03100-0	TAPIOLA	B Hills 9 4	S Cauthen
5 (5)	04404-4	LOTUS PRINCESS	R Hannon 9 2	A McGlone (3)
7 (1)	00404-0	TURCY BOY	C Benstead 9 0	B Rouse
9 (9)	0000-0	SPECIAL SETTLEMENT (USA)	G Hunter 8 11	R Hills
10 (4)	00-0	IMPERIAL PRINCESS	P Mearns 8 9	R Wernham
12 (12)	0000-	BARRANCA	R Smith 8 7	S Whitworth (7)
13 (11)	0000-00	NORTHERN HALO	B Swift 8 6	J Reid
14 (7)	00-0	RUFCHA	D Sasse 8 6	D McKay
17 (2)	00400-0	BALMACARA	P Feilden 8 2	R Fox
18 (6)	000220-	ABLE DAN	Mrs E Harden 7 13	
19 (3)	300000-	LACEFIELD	D Arbuthnot 7 8	T Williams (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Lotus Princess, 7-2 Tapiola, 9-2 New Zealand, 6-1 Balmacara, 8-1 Laceyfield and Special Settlement, 10-1 Turcy Boy, 14-1 others.

4.15 EMPIRE HANDICAP £3,000 1m 3f (8 runners)

2 (4)	01340-	BOYNE	P Walwyn 4 9 10	J Mercer
3 (8)	20400-0	HARBOR BRIDGE	W Wightman 4 8 8	B Rouse
4 (6)	30210-0	NORROY	C Hill 7 8 8	A McGlone (3)
5 (5)	33440-0	MUSIC CITY	J Bradley 6 8 7	T Williams (7)
7 (3)	30000-0	BRIGADIER HAWK (C)	C Austin 6 8 3	R Fox
8 (7)	33000-1	DRAGON FIRE	M Eckley 5 8 3 (6 ex)	M Fry
9 (2)	000000-	RANT AND RAVE	J Jenkins 4 7 13	
11 (1)	213000-	BALLYMENOCH	J Old 5 7 11	N Carlisle

BLINKERS: 5
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Harbour Bridge, 3-1 Dragon Fire, 9-2 Boyne Hill, 6-1 Norroy and Music City, 12-1 others.

4.45 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES £1,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 3f (9 runners)

3 (8)	0	CRAZY (FR)	G Harwood 9 0	A Clark
4 (7)	04	FORAGE	P Walwyn 9 0	J Mercer
8 (9)	00-	KNIGHT'S HEIR	D Arbuthnot 9 0	D McKay
15 (6)	00-	SHENSTONE (FR)	B Hills 9 0	
16 (4)	800-0	SHENYOUNG	J Ciechanowski 9 0	S Cauthen
22 (1)	0	AVICEDA	J Toller 8 11	D McGargue
24 (3)	0-	FAIR AND WISE	H Candy 8 11	J Matthias
28 (5)	00-	LITTLE TOWN FLIRT	D Harding 8 11	K Radcliffe (7)
32 (2)	30000-0	WETHBA	M Blanshard 8 11	P Waldron

BLINKERS: 16
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Forage, 11-4 Crazy, 9-2 Fair and Wise, 10-1 Shenstone, 12-1 Wethba, 16-1 others.

RESULTS

BRIGHTON

1.45 (6f): BALLYLUMMIN R Lines (25-1); Lily Bank (11-2); Parveno (12-1); Shamblol (7-1); 12 ran. 2, hd. (W Hastings-Bass) T: £32.50; £6.50, £1.60, £2. CSF: £154.28. NR: Bastions Lady.
2.15 (1m 4f): BLONDELLO A Bond (25-1); Sir Humphrey (7-1); Inchgower (9-4) (fav); Khyber (9-4) (fav); 4, 6 ran. 4, 2½. (H Candy) T: £18.20; £4.90, £2.10. CSF: £149.
2.45 (1m 2f): GET THE MESSAGE T Quinn (7-2); Rough Pearl (4-1); Cataldi (5-4) (fav); 3, 5 ran. 2, 1½. (P Cole) T: £3.70; £2.10, £2.10. CSF: £16.70.
3.15 (1m 2f): STONEHENGE P Cook (7-2) (fav); Kaukas (7-2) (fav); Queen's Royale (4-1); Royal Revenge (25-1); 4, 14 ran. 2, 6. (J Jenkins) T: £4; £1.60, £1.80, £1.60. CSF: £15.61.
3.45 (1m): ENCHANTED CASTLE R Fox (3-1); Kuwait Tower (5-2) (fav); Hinnor (14-1); Bahrain Pearls (100-1); 8 ran. 3/5. (P Cole) T: £3.30; £1.10, £1.20, £1.10. CSF: £4.14. NR: Kellathi.
4.15 (5f): FAIR CHARTER A McGlone (5-4) (fav); Tana Mist (7-2); Fort Duchesne (14-1); Yuli (5-1); 6 ran. 4, ½. (R Hannon) T: £1.80; £1.70, £1.50. CSF: £4.32.

WARWICK

2.00 (5f): THALBERG L Piggott (7-4) (fav); Rock On Dee (16-1); Kepagi (5-2); Timewaster (9-1); 7 ran. NK, nk. (M Hinchliffe) T: £2.20; £1.70, £3.90. CSF: £22.80.
2.30 (5f): FIVE STARTERS K Darley (6-4) (fav); Alisa Pearl (7-2); Ockeya (7-1); Steel Cavalier (10-1); 5 ran. 1, 2½. (J Berry) T: £1.70; £1, £1.40. CSF: £3.32.
3.00 (2m): CAPTAIN TWINKLE P Robinson (12-1); Hoodwink (10-1); Our Caro (13-2); Luigi's Glory (100-30); 11 ran. 2, 10. (J Toller) T: £14.90; £3.80, £2.80, £1.40. CSF: £105.06.
3.30 (1m): MOODY GIRL A Whitehall (7-2); Sempster (33-1); Arbitrage (7-1); What's in Store (12-1); 11 ran. NK, ½. (R Hollinshead) T: £3.90; £1.20, £5.30, £2.60. CSF: £90.44.
4.00 (7f): BALLNACARN S Cauthen (8-1); Loving Doll (33-1); Swinging Rebel (7-1) (fav); Late Hour (12-1); 20 ran. 1, ¾. (J Toller) T: £7.10; £1.30, £5.70, £2.40, £3.30. CSF: £228.83.
4.30 (1m): DOUBLE CELT L Piggott (3-1) (fav); Red Hill Girl (33-1); Do Your Best (12-1); Princess Zenobia (5-1); 17 ran. NK, nk. (H Cecil) T: £2.60; £1.40, £2.20, £2.30. CSF: £100.87.

Sports Line

ENGLAND LOOK TO LUTHER!



BOBBY ROBSON

He looks back to England



LUTHER BLISSETT . . . He may have a chance to re-build both his international and League career

LUTHER BLISSETT flew into England yesterday hoping to spark his international and domestic soccer future back to life following a surprise call from England manager Bobby Robson.

Robson has called up the former Watford striker following a crop of injuries to his squad for Wednesday's British Championship game against Wales at Wrexham.

'Luther was a bit surprised when I got in touch with him, but he was on a bit of a high already because he had just scored

the winning goal for AC Milan against Torino,' said Robson yesterday.

Blissett contacted his club president early yesterday and got permission to fly over and join the squad.

'He has been out of things for a while, but has never let us down.'

Blissett, who last played for England against Hungary in October, has struggled to find his form in the Italian League.

He could well be released to return to England on a permanent basis at the end of this season. If Robson plays him against Wales it would provide a showcase

to interested managers and among them could be his former Watford boss, Graham Taylor.

In opposition for Wales would be Ian Rush, the man Blissett pipped as top scorer in the First Division last season.

Also promoted to the first-team squad from the under-21 team, who play Italy in Florence on Wednesday, is Paul Walsh.

Missing from the senior squad because of injuries are Viv Anderson (Nottingham Forest), Graham Roberts (Tottenham), Bryan Robson (Manchester United), Paul Mariner (Arsenal) and John Barnes (Watford).

There also seems to be little hope of Stoke's Mark Chamberlain recovering from an ankle injury in time to join the squad.

Liverpool full-back Alan Kennedy missed the squad's morning training session because of a stomach upset. He was confined to his room and manager Bobby Robson was waiting for a doctor's check on his condition.

Norwich goalkeeper Chris Woods took a knock

on the wrist during training but is expected to be fit to back up Peter Shilton.

● **THE UNDER 21s** flew out yesterday for their semi-final second-leg game in the UEFA competition with Mark Walters of Aston Villa replacing Walsh and Tottenham's Danny Thomas stepping in for injured Sheffield Wednesday full back Mel Sterland. The under 21s lead 3-1, after the first leg.

Matthew Nugent looks at the Robson squad

RATCLIFFE IS ON THE BRINK

BY A SOCCER REPORTER

EVERTON'S Kevin Ratcliffe is in danger of joining Watford's Wilf Rostron in missing the FA Cup final on May 19.

A four-point booking — for a trip, foul, dangerous play or dissent — at home to Manchester United on Saturday would take him to 31 points and a two-match ban.

And that would make him the fourth captain to miss the Wembley showpiece in three years. Glenn Roeder (QPR) was the first in 1982, followed last year by Brighton's Steve Foster and now Rostron, sent off at Luton at the weekend.

Everton look likely to be luckier with defender John Bailey, who also looks set to start a two-match suspension at the same time as Rostron — but will play at Wembley.

If his booking for a foul at Norwich is confirmed as worth four points to put him on 31, he will miss the home game against QPR on May 12 and the re-arranged game at West Ham on May 14 — making him unavailable for the final.

Bailey's escape will further anger Watford, but the Football Association's disciplinary spokesman Eric Dinney explained yesterday: 'There just isn't a better system that anyone can come up with.'

Last season Ted Croker of the FA met the Welsh

FA, Football League secretary Graham Kelly and the leaders of the players' and managers' unions, Gordon Taylor and John Camkin, to discuss alternatives.

Reasonable

But Dinney said: 'No other way seemed reasonable — short of making the Cup Final a match no-one could ever be banned from. That was not thought acceptable for any reasons.'

Another suggestion was to treat each competition as separate — with a player's League indiscretions not being punished in the FA or Milk Cup, just as they did not affect European or international competitions.

'It was suggested that two bookings in Cup matches should carry a one-match Cup suspension,' Dinney added.

'But that idea foundered when it was pointed out that 12 players in the semi-finals last season

had one booking to their name. This season it was 15.'

Injured

Ironically, had the suggestion been put into operation this season, Everton's Ratcliffe — stand-in captain for the injured Mark Higgins — would have already missed the Milk Cup final against Liverpool.

He was booked in an early round, and then again in the semi-final against Aston Villa.

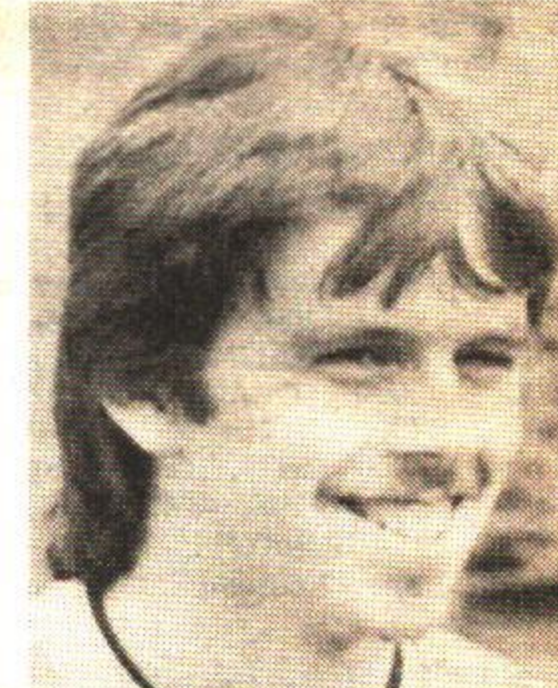


KEVIN RATCLIFFE (left) and John Bailey. Both Everton defenders are in danger of missing the FA Cup final through suspension

United duo stand by

MANCHESTER United pair Mark Hughes and Alan Davies can offer further proof of Wales's growing soccer stature in the British Championship tie against England at Wrexham tomorrow.

Hughes is hoping for his debut alongside Liverpool striker Ian Rush while Davies, ruled out of Wales's five previous internationals this season through injuries, could get his third cap.



ALAN DAVIES

The Welsh squad also includes youngsters Andrew Dibble, the Cardiff goalkeeper, Plymouth's David Phillips and Neil Slatter of Bristol Rovers.

Their inexperience is balanced by Brian Flynn and Paul Price, drafted in over the weekend as replacements for injury victims Jeremy Charles and Peter Nicholas.

Flynn needs five caps to set a Welsh appearance record, but manager Mike England has no room for sentiment as he looks towards the forthcoming

World Cup qualifying matches.

He is particularly pleased with the crop of youngsters coming through.

'This week's squad includes five players from the youth team we had when I took over as manager four years ago,' England said.

'This shows that our youth and under-21 policies are working and why it is important to keep them going. We are just beginning to reap the rewards.'

Cormack resigns at Thistle

PARTICK Thistle's failure to return to the Scottish Premier Division this season yesterday cost manager Peter Cormack his job.

The former Hibernian and Liverpool player resigned 48 hours after Dumbarton joined Morton as the First Division's promoted clubs, and 24 hours before the Thistle board was due to meet to decide his future.

Cormack, who took over from Bertie Auld three-and-a-half years ago, decided to quit after the Firhill club made it clear they wanted a part-time manager.

He commented: 'I had a meeting with the chairman Peter Shand yesterday morning and advised him that I did not wish to be considered for a job as part-time manager.'

'Accordingly I have intimated my resignation from the end of the season and meanwhile I will just get on with the job. I have always been on good terms with the chairman and am happy to leave on those terms.'

Thistle were relegated during Cormack's first season in charge in 1981-82 and finished fourth in the First Division last term.

Sports Line

McEnroe thrashes Connors

JOHN McENROE continued his unbeaten run this year in tournament tennis when he crushed his arch-rival Jimmy Connors, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, to win the \$500,000 World Championship Tennis (WCT) final at the Reunion Arena, Dallas, Texas, on Sunday night.

Top-seeded McEnroe seized control from the start, breaking his fellow American's first service game and never relinquished his grip as he stormed to the \$150,000 first prize — and his fourth triumph in the event.

'I think this is probably the best match I have ever played in my life,' McEnroe said after receiving the WCT trophy.

Unbeaten in 28 matches this year, McEnroe drew even with Connors — 12-12 — in their personal rivalry by defusing the No. 2 seed's strongest weapon, his service return.

The New Yorker slammed down 13 aces and kept Connors off-balance with a mixture of soft-paced backspin strokes and ferocious topspin drives.

Gained

McEnroe broke through at love-15 to 2-0 and then gained another break to open up a 5-1 gap on his way to winning the first set.

The second set followed the same pattern. Connors dropped his service to fall behind and then lost his service again to trail 5-2.

Connors held service at the start of the third set but was broken in his second service game.

McEnroe's serve-and-volley game was rock-solid, and even efforts by the crowd of about 12,000 to exhort Connors, the US Open champion, back into the match failed to rattle the 25-year-old Wimbledon champion, who captured his fourth WCT title.

Clinched

Fittingly, McEnroe clinched the championship with yet another service break, putting away an overhead at the net. The match lasted just 99 minutes, just four longer than the shortest WCT final ever.

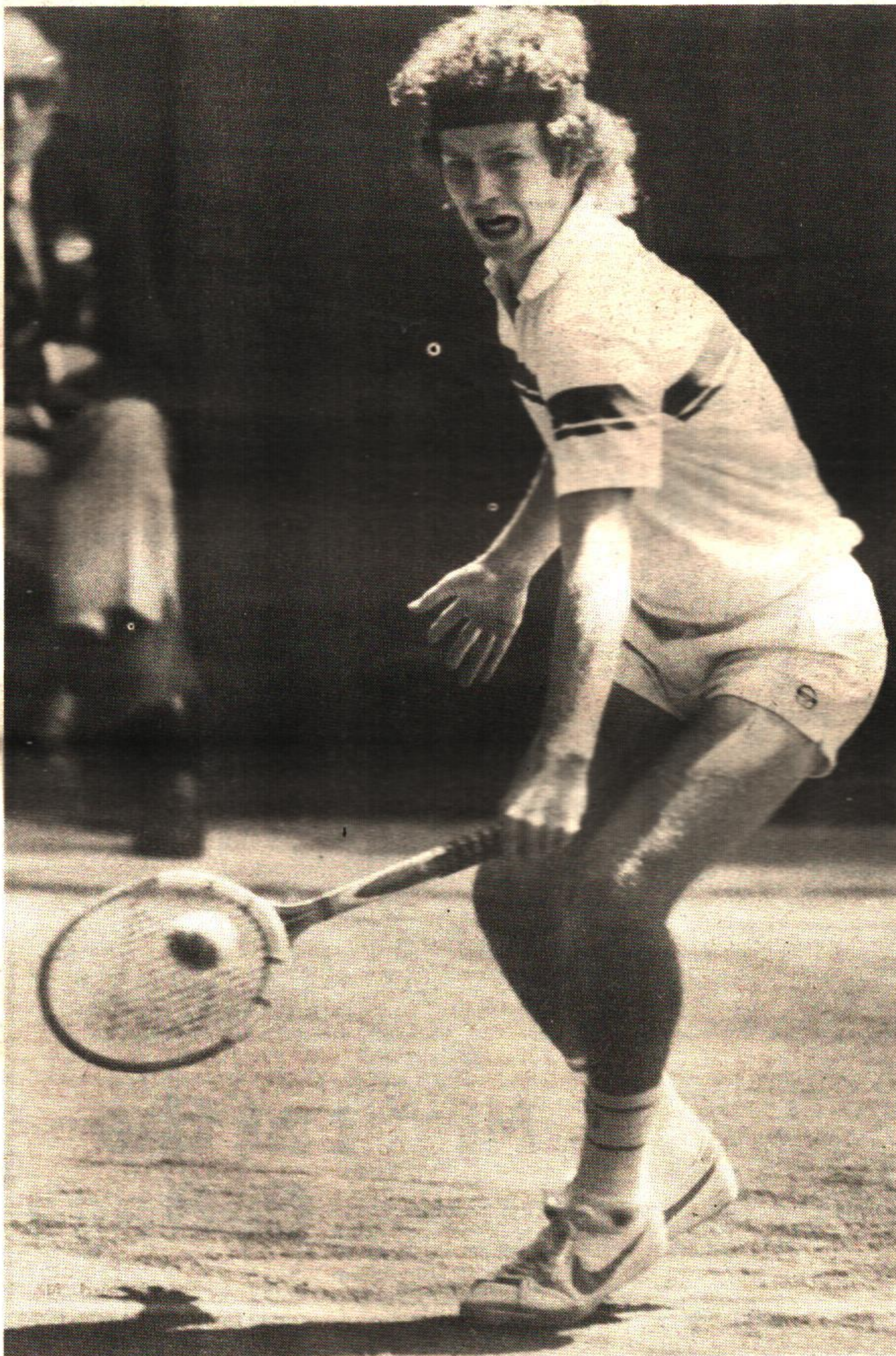
'He was a bit sluggish, I guess, but I was really all over him,' McEnroe said. 'The fact that I was serving well meant I could do whatever I wanted to do on his serve.'

McEnroe noted that Connors' greatest strength is his return of serve, and the fact that the New Yorker was getting two-thirds of his first serves in play prevented his 31-year-old rival from settling down.

'Jimmy plays one way. He'll never change,' McEnroe said. 'And he was unable to get it going his way. I was hitting the first serve really well and really hard, and my second serves, too. And I was mixing it up, which kept him off balance.'

Connors agreed with his assessment, saying: 'His serve and volley is his main attack. If he's

'The best match I have ever played — McEnroe



JOHN McENROE (above) . . . Unbeatable at the moment. JIMMY CONNORS (right). . . No answers in Dallas against McEnroe

serving well, he's going to be strong on any surface.'

Connors said he thought McEnroe's quick surge to a 3-0 lead decided the match. 'I wasn't getting too many first serves in, so I was giving him all the advantage he wanted.'

Surge

● CONNORS apparently derived little benefit from his decision on Saturday night to pass up a benefit dinner for crippled children to get more rest prior to the final. McEnroe, usually eager to attend such functions, did attend — and as he said himself 'played the best tennis of his life.'



HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	38	13	4	24	11	8	7	4	23	20	74	
Man Utd	38	14	3	34	16	6	9	3	26	19	72	
Q.P.R.	39	14	3	36	11	7	3	9	26	22	69	
Southampton	37	14	4	23	17	5	5	7	16	19	66	
Nott For	38	12	4	34	16	7	4	8	26	25	65	
Arsenal	39	10	4	63	26	7	4	8	29	28	59	
West Ham	38	10	4	43	20	7	4	9	18	28	59	
Tottenham	39	10	3	62	23	6	6	8	33	36	57	
Aston Villa	39	14	3	34	20	2	6	11	23	37	57	
Watford	39	8	6	53	30	7	2	11	31	41	53	
Everton	38	8	8	37	10	5	5	9	20	30	52	
Luton	39	7	5	83	32	7	3	9	21	28	50	
Norwich	38	9	7	43	19	3	6	9	12	24	49	
Leicester	39	10	5	43	27	2	7	11	25	37	48	
Sunderland	39	8	8	42	18	4	4	11	14	34	48	
W.B.A.	38	9	4	52	20	4	4	12	17	36	47	
Coventry	39	7	4	82	30	5	6	9	24	39	46	
Birmingham	39	7	5	71	18	5	4	11	19	31	45	
Ipswich	39	9	4	63	22	3	3	13	19	33	44	
Stoke	39	10	3	62	22	1	7	12	13	40	43	
Notts Cnty	37	5	6	62	30	4	3	13	19	36	36	
Wolves	38	3	8	91	28	2	2	14	12	44	25	R

DIVISION II	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheff Wed	38	16	3	14	16	8	6	4	21	16	81	P
Chelsea	39	14	4	25	16	8	9	2	32	23	79	P
Newcastle	39	14	2	34	17	8	5	7	32	33	73	

Grimsby	39	12	6	133	12	6	7	7	23	30	67
Man City	39	12	3	438	19	7	6	7	23	27	66
Carlisle	39	10	8	227	11	6	7	6	18	23	63
Blackburn	39	10	8	227	11	6	7	6	18	23	63
Charlton	39	13	4	372	22	3	5	11	13	36	57
Brighton	39	10	6	439	17	6	2	11	24	38	56
Shrewsbury	39	11	5	329	17	4	5	11	15	34	55
Hudders'd	38	8	5	625	17	6	7	6	28	28	54
Leeds Utd	39	11	4	429	16	3	7	10	20	38	53
Barnsley	39	8	6	531	21	6	1	13	23	27	49
Cardiff	39	11	2	630	23	4	2	14	20	38	49
Fulham	39	7	6	631	24	5	6	9	21	26	48
Portsmouth	39	7	2	1040	31	6	4	10	27	30	45
Middlesbro	39	8	7	425	18	3	5	12	15	26	45
Crystal Pal	39	7	5	716	14	5	5	11	22	32	43
Oldham	39	9	6	531	26	2	2	15	13	43	41

Derby Co	39	8	5	7	24	26	2	4	13	10	39	39	
Swansea	39	7	3	10	18	26	0	4	15	16	50	28	R
Cambridge	39	3	7	10	19	33	0	5	14	8	38	21	R

DIVISION III	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	42	16	3	15	19	10	6	6	31	27	87	
Wimbledon	43	15	5	27	32	9	4	8	35	40	81	
Sheff Utd	43	13	7	15	16	10	4	8	29	32	80	

Hull	42	15	4	24	10	6	9	6	27	26	76	
Bristol R	43	15	5	24	19	5	7	9	20	33	72	
Walsall	43	13	4	54	21	8	4	9	22	35	71	
Bradford	41	11	8	24	29	8	2	10	24	27	67	
Burnley	42	12	5	35	18	4	9	9	24	32	62	
Millwall	41	14	4	23	16	2	9	10	27	43	61	
Bolton	43	12	4	63	16	5	6	10	19	38	61	
*Newport	42	11	8	34	26	6	6	10	21	39	61	
Gillingham	42	11	3	64	26	6	6	10	21	39	60	
Orient	42	13	5	43	25	4	4	12	26	46	60	
Wigan	43	10	5	72	18	5	7	9	19	34	57	
Lincoln	42	10	4	73	26	5	5	11	15	33	54	
Preston	43	11	5	53	24	3	6	13	23	37	53	
Bournemouth	43	10	4	73	25	4	2	16	23	46	48	
Brentford	43	7	8	63	27	5	3	13	27	48	44	
Rotherham	41	7	5	82	16	4	4	13	25	44	42	
Plymouth	41	8	8	42	15	2	3	16	16	42	41	

*Southend	42	7	8	63	22	2	5	14	20	49	40	
Scunthorpe	41	7	9	53	30	0	9	11	13	35	39	
Port Vale	42	8	4	93	29	1	5	15	15	50	36	
Exeter	42	4	8	10	27	3	2	6	12	22	40	32

DIVISION IV	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	43	17	4	15	16	12	4	5	36	21	95	Pc
Doncaster	41	13	6	0	40	18	8	7	7	34	32	76
Bristol City	44	17	3	25	17	5	7	10	17	26	76	
Reading	42	16	6	0	50	14	4	8	26	36	74	

Aldershot	42	13	5	34	27	7	3	11	23	37	68	
Blackpool	41	13	4	44	17	6	5	9	21	27	66	
Peterboro	43	14	4	34	14	3	9	10	20	30	64	
Tranmere	42	10	4	73	24	6	10	5	19	21	62	
Colchester	42	13	7	24	14	2	9	9	19	32	61	
Hereford	43	10	5	62	19	5	9	8	23	29	59	
Stockport	42	12	5	53	23	4	6	10	24	36	59	
Crewe	42	10	7	43	23	6	3	12	20	36	58	
Torquay	42	10	7	32	17	5	6	11	27	45	58	
Chester'ld	43	9	11	23	23	5	4	12	22	31	57	
Bury	42	8	7	53	26	6	7	9	27	29	56	
Swindon	43	10	7	53	23	4	6	11	23	30	55	
Darlington	41	11	3	62	17	4	2	15	16	29	50	
Northampton	44	10	8	53	22	3	6	13	18	42	50	
Mansfield	43	8	7	64	25	3	6	13	19	42	46	
Rochdale	44	7	9	63	31	3	4	15	17	46	43	

SCOTTISH PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Aberdeen	30	13	1	14	10	3	2	2	29	6	50	
Celtic	34	13	4	0	45	14	8	2	7	33	25	48
*Dundee Utd	30	10	1	33	10	7	6	3	26	22	41	
Rangers	31	7	6	32	14	7	2	6	25	22	36	
Hearts	32	5	7	32	10	4	7	6	14	24	32	
*St Mirren	33	7	6	43	21	1	7	8	19	32	29	
Hibernian	34	7	3	72	21	5	2	10	22	32	29	
Dundee	33	5	1	11	26	42	5	2	9	19	29	23

SCOTTISH LEAGUE I												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	Apts	
Morton	37	8	6	33	19	11	6	3	39	25	50	P
Dumbarton	37	13	4	23	16	6	7	5	25	24	49	P
Partick	37	11	4	43	19	7	3	8	28	29	43	
Clydebank	37	10	5	53	29	6	6	5	21	18	43	
Brechin	37	11	3	43	20	3	10	6	23	30	41	
Falkirk	37	8	5	62	23	8	1	9	19	28	38	
Kilmarnock	37	9	4	52	17	6	2	11	24	33	36	
Clyde	37	5	8	42	22	6	5	9	25	27	35	
Airdrie	37	10	3	61	17	2	6	9	25	32	35	
Hamilton	37	6	8	42	20	4	6	9	15	24	34	
Meadowbank	37	8	4	72	33	3	6	9	18	33	32	
Ayr	37	5	8	62	29	4	10	24	35	30		

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CUP CHAOS

Spurs get massive headache

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR were left with a massive headache yesterday.

The Football League informed the north London club that they must play Southampton in a League match on May 7 — just 48 hours before they are due to meet Anderlecht in Belgium in the UEFA Cup final, first leg!

The League's decision means that Tottenham could face the talented Belgians — who knocked out Nottingham Forest in the semi-finals — with a jaded team.

Manager Keith Burkinshaw, who had hoped to leave the club at the end of season on a high note with another trophy under his belt, could find an under-strength side against Southampton.

A League spokesman said yesterday: 'The club (Tottenham) asked the League management committee to intervene, and they considered it. But because it was a scheduled fixture, they decided they were unable to help. Had it been a rearranged match, they might have been able to do something. But too many other clubs are affected.'

Burkinshaw went on record last week as saying that he expected the League to help them, especially as Tottenham were representing England in the final of a major European tournament.

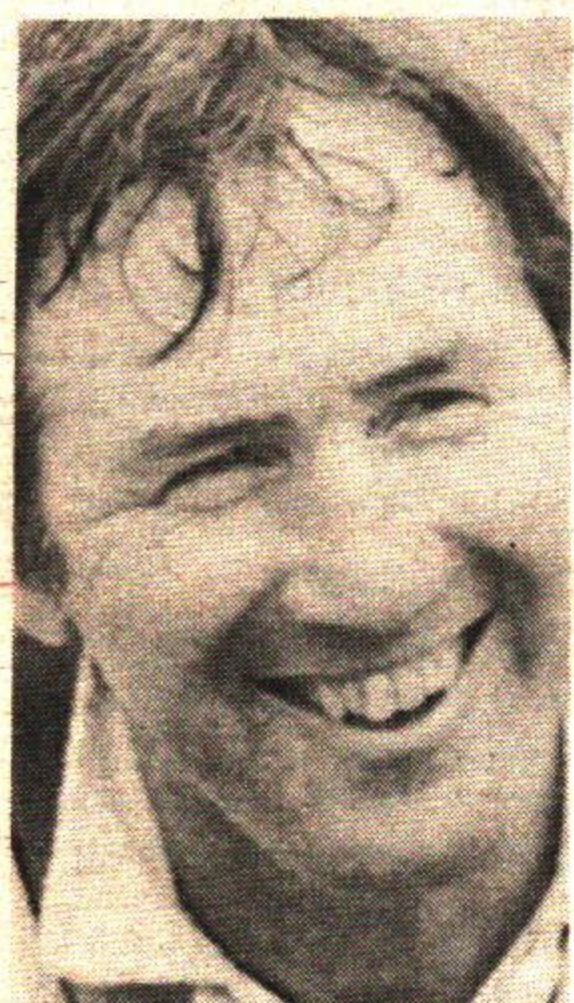
Last night Burkinshaw refused to talk about the League's decision but captain Steve Perryman said: 'The Football League's decision has come as a complete shock to us.'

Significance

'One would have thought with the significance of the game that they would have made some kind of recommendation in our favour. It certainly lessens our chances of getting a good result in Brussels.'

'If we have to field a full-strength side against Southampton — and I expect the manager will do so — we could sustain injuries to key players that could possibly affect our chances in both legs.'

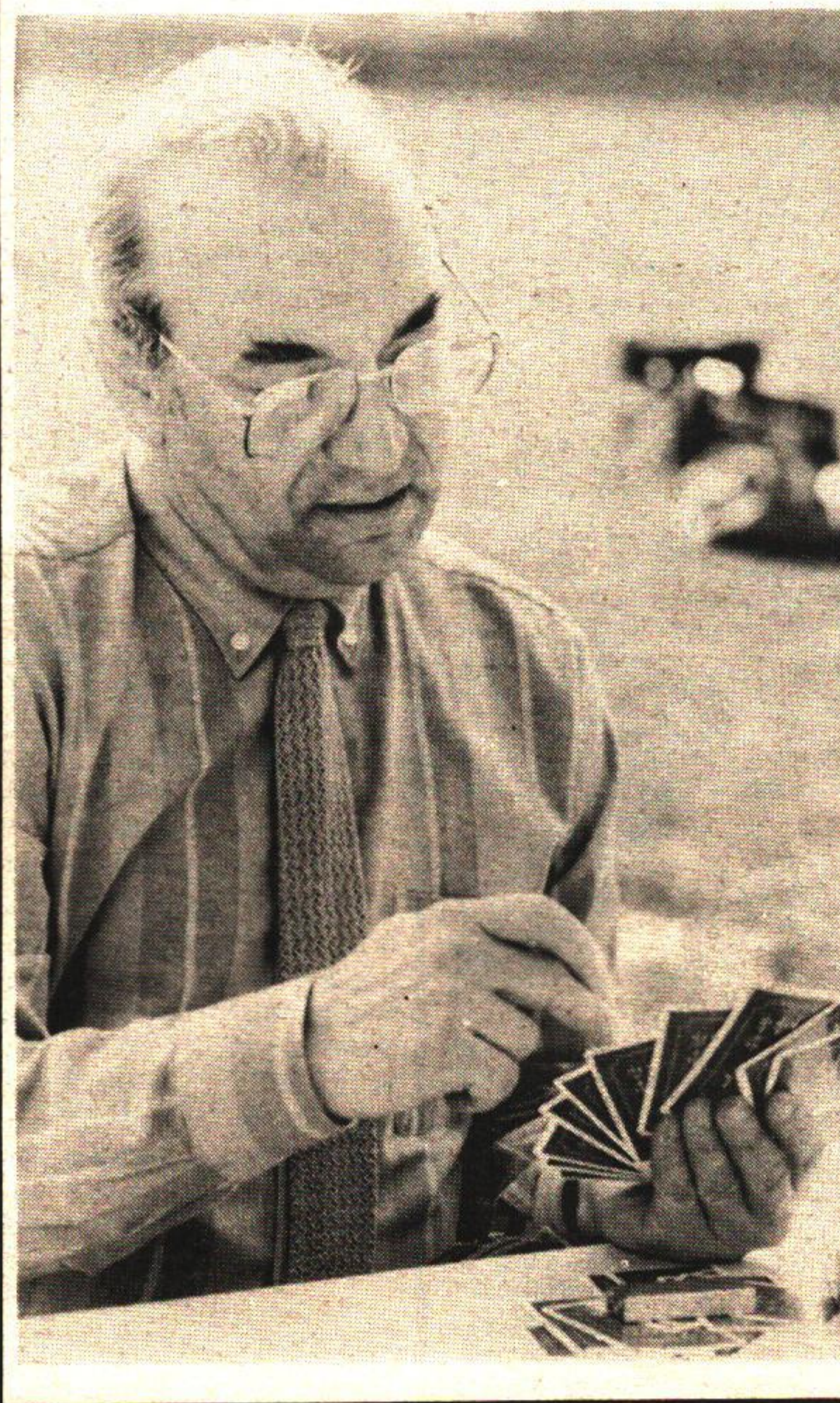
'The decision is absurd to say the least.'



KEITH BURKINSHAW

But this could lead to genuine protests from Forest, Arsenal and West Ham who, along with the Saints, are chasing a European place in the UEFA Cup next season.

An under-strength Tottenham side in the League clash could also lead to a stiff rebuke from the Football League — and a heavy fine.



Night at the Cottage

GREATER London Councillors took time off from fighting the Tory government's plan to close them down yesterday for a light-hearted soccer match at Fulham's Craven Cottage.

The match, between a squad of international chess champions currently taking part in the Phillips & Drew-GLC Kings Chess tournament and the GLC 'All-Stars', proved to be quite competitive but it was all to much for former World Champion Victor Korchnoi (bottom pic).

He decided to get in-

involved in a less strenuous game of cards on the sidelines while the rest of his counterparts battled it out on the pitch.

Our main picture shows the chair of the GLC's Arts and Recreation committee, Peter Pitt, getting in a shot for the 'All Stars' — much to the amusement of chess master Jan Timman (left) from Holland.

The result? That was a case of checkmate!

SUMMARIES

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire 175 (Monkhouse four for 41) and 327 for five dec (Rice 86, Birch 75, Broad 63); Surrey 129 (Needham 50; Such five for 52; Hadlee four for 8) and 148 (Knight 58 n.o.; Hadlee four for 14). Nottinghamshire (21 pts) bt Surrey (4 pts) by 225 runs.

SOUTHAMPTON: Essex 449 for five dec (Gooch 220, McEwan 89) and 18 for no wkt. Hampshire 276 (Nicholas 147) and 189 (Pocock 55; Foster four for 49). Essex (23 pts) bt Hampshire (5 pts) by 10 wks.

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire 438 for five dec (Kallicharan 200 n.o., Lloyd 110, W Humpage 53) and 301 for four

dec (Kallicharan 117 n.o., Humpage 86 n.o.); Northamptonshire 391 for five dec (Cook 102, Bailey 100 n.o., Lamb 57) and 157 for three (Lamb 67 n.o.).

WARWICKSHIRE (5 pts) drew with Northamptonshire (5 pts).

BRISTOL: Kent 412 for seven dec (Woolmer 153, Aslett 140); Gloucestershire 204 and 334 for four (Abbas 157 n.o., Stovold 57, Romaines 52; Underwood four for 74). Gloucestershire (4 pts) drew with Kent (7pts).

CHESTERFIELD: Leicestershire 297 (Willey 102, Gower 70; Miller four for 32) and 208 for three (Butcher 121 n.o.). Derbyshire 214 (Barnett 114).

TAUNTON: Somerset 298 for five dec (Roebuck 145, Wyatt 87) and 249 for five dec (Roebuck 69, Denning 53 n.o.)

Yorkshire win at Taunton

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ESSEX, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire joined Worcestershire as first out of the stalls in the race for the 1984 County Championship.

All completed victories yesterday, Essex, like Worcestershire on Sunday, collecting 23 points.

None, however, will be happier than Yorkshire and their new captain David Bairstow. Last season they had just one win, on June 21, when finishing bottom of the table, the forerunner of a winter of discontent.

Helped

Bairstow himself helped with 53, the same as Jim Love.

Essex, defending the title, had 10 wickets to spare in beating Hampshire midway through the afternoon at Southampton. Neil Foster opened the way for their success by removing Paul Terry and Mark Nicholas in the space of seven balls and Derek Pringle gave him good support.

New Zealander Richard Hadlee did the trick for Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, taking four for 14 as Surrey were shot out for 148 and beaten by 225 runs.

Hadlee's match figures were eight for 22 and off-spinner Peer Such lent a hand with eight for 96. Only four Surrey batsmen entered double figures in their second innings.

Maximum

Barring a change in the weather, Middlesex ought to become the first side to take the maximum 24 points. They had hopes of sewing up their game at Lord's yesterday when Glamorgan, following on 199 behind, were 81 for six. But John Steele and John Thomas added 51 in 105 minutes.

Alvin Kallicharan added 117 not out to his undefeated 200 of the first innings at Edgbaston, but still Warwickshire had to be satisfied with a draw against Northamptonshire. Not surprisingly really, as a total of 1,325 runs were scored for the loss of 19 wickets.

YORKSHIRE 242 (Moxon 61, Sidebottom 54 n.o.; Davis four for 76) and 309 for seven (Boycott 60, Bairstow 53, Love 53). Yorkshire (18 pts) bt Somerset (7 pts) by 3 wks.

OTHER MATCH: OXFORD: Oxford University 90 (Allott four for 21) and 25 for no wkt Lancashire 495 for seven dec (Abrahams 123, Hughes 105, Jeffries 65, Allott 50 n.o., Ormrod 50; Carr five for 155).

LORD: Middlesex 373 for seven dec (Radley 128 n.o., Gatting 55, Downton 52). Glamorgan 174 and 150 for seven.