

Africa crisis summit

ADDIS ABABA — Ministers from Organisation of African Unity (OAU) member states will meet in the Ethiopian capital next month to prepare for a summit meeting later this year on the continent's dire economic situation.

An OAU spokesman said the ministers would meet between February 25 and March 5 to prepare an agenda for a summit devoted to economics. The summit would be

held either in Algeria or at OAU headquarters in Addis Ababa.

It will be the first time OAU members have devoted a summit entirely to economic matters since they drew up a blueprint to develop the continent at a meeting in Lagos in 1979.

Many states recognise little progress has been made towards implementing the so-called Lagos Plan of Action, which foresaw an African

common market and food self-sufficiency by the year 2,000.

In a New Year message, the head of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Adebayo Adedeji, said Africa was the very sick child of the world economy.

Twenty-seven African states depend on food aid and many are suffering one of the worst droughts in history, especially Ethiopia.

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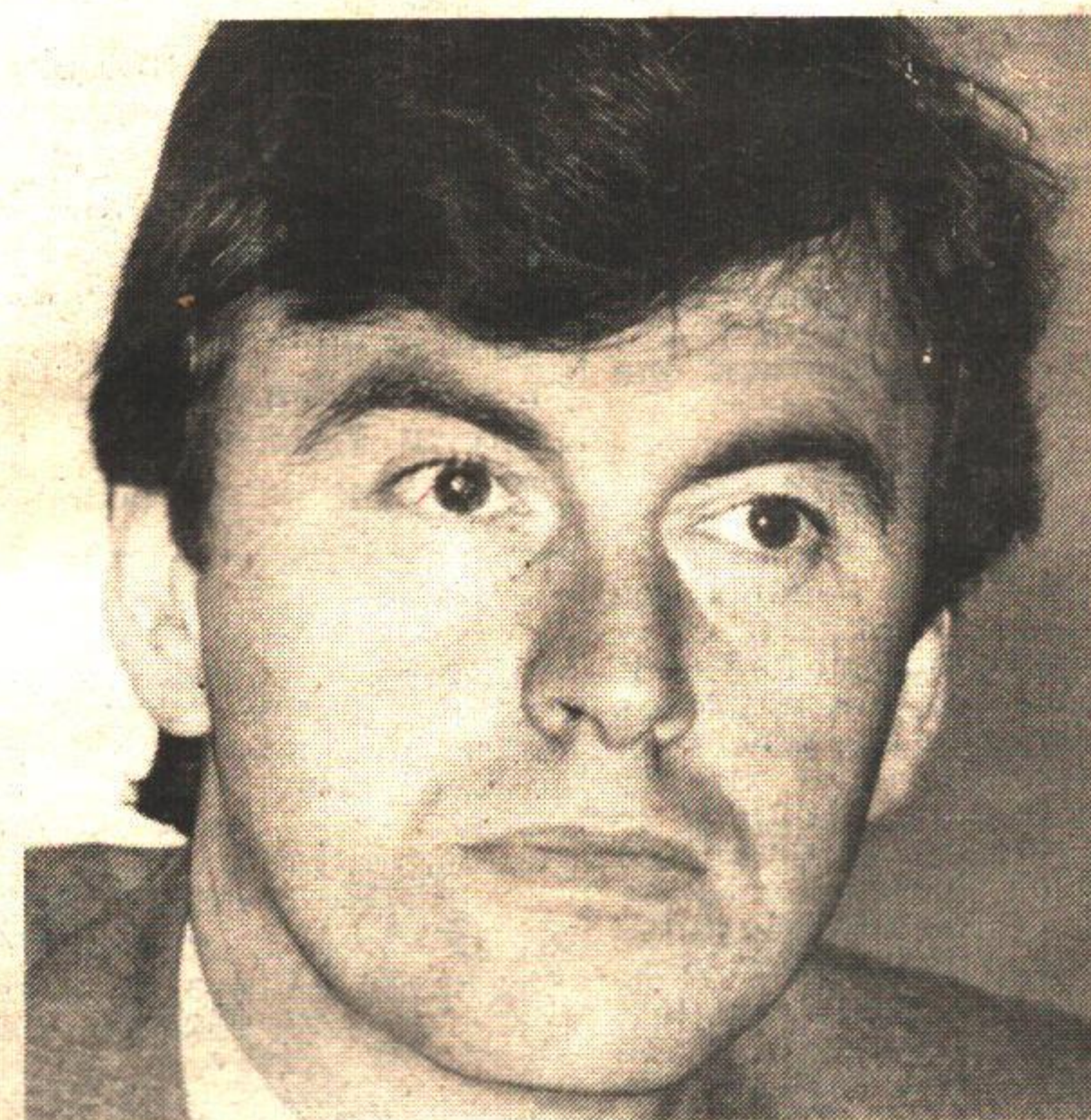
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As rate-capped councils prepare to fight

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BY PAUL FELDMAN

ANGRY council leaders last night hit back at Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock for calling on them to show 'self-discipline' and implement Tory cuts laws.

In his New Year message to party members, Kinnock insisted that the rate-capping legislation had to be implemented.

The 16 Labour councils on the 'hit list' have said they will not comply with the class law, and the order to sack thousands of workers and slash services in the inner city areas.

A number of councils have said they will refuse to set a rate or fix a budget for the next financial year, rejecting the legislation.

Kinnock's message, published in 'Labour Weekly', was aimed at undermining this fight. He said that the public wanted Labour to accept 'the rule of laws that may be abominated'.

In his usual, pompous vein the Labour leader wrote that 'no-one must let their outrage produce fantasy', adding:

'Desperation and impatience must not tempt anyone into making false promises of dramatic action that might sound thrilling, but will look tawdry and self-indulgent when lack of power or support prevents them from being carried into effect.'

Repeating his line that councillors must at all costs stay in office and make the cuts, Kinnock said that defiance would only help the Tories by leading to a government takeover.

In a scurrilous attack

on the rate-capped councils, he added: 'Those self-inflicted wounds are to be avoided for they will assist no-one outside the Tory government.'

'If that sounds like a list of "don'ts" I must tell you that is the honest counsel of discipline which I give you as leader of this party.'

Response

But Kinnock's subservience to the capitalist state drew a swift response, with Hilda Kean, leader of Hackney Council in north London, saying:

'Hackney is acting within the decisions of the Labour Party conference in the autumn, and we wish that Mr Kinnock would do the same.'

Tony Ritchie, leader of Southwark Council in south London, told News Line:

'We're not going to lay down and allow ourselves to be kicked around by the Tory government.'

'We're not going to allow the services we've created to be destroyed.



TONY RITCHIE . . . 'We won't be kicked around'

There's no fantasy in what we propose. It's a reality, a political strategy to confront what's going on.

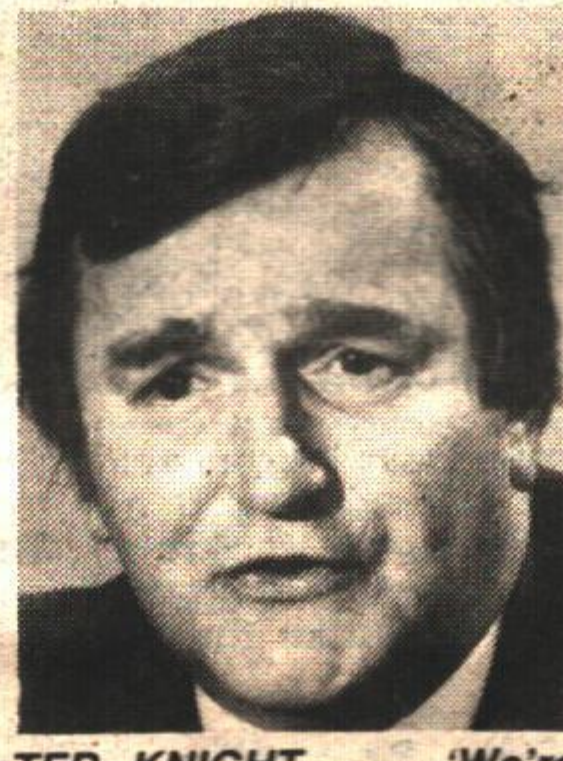
'One hopes that Kinnock and the NEC will back us on it.'

He said Kinnock's statement shows that he was prepared to accept a dismantling of services built by Labour authorities.

'There are no half-way measures on this. We have said we will not make a Tory rate or implement a Tory budget. That's not against the law. It puts the pressure back on the Tories.'

He said if there were attempts to fine or disqualify councillors, they would expect support from the whole movement, including Kinnock.

John McDonnell, deputy leader of the Greater London Council, said Kinnock was 'forcing defeatism' on the rate-capped authorities.



TED KNIGHT . . . 'We're defending our communities'

'In the coming months, when we go into battle against the government to protect our communities, the services we provide and the jobs of our workers, it will be the Labour councillors in the front line and Kinnock standing at the side rendering no assistance, in the same way as he rendered no assistance in the miners' strike.'

'It displays that we need a radical socialist as leader of the Labour Party. Under Kinnock's leadership we will never return to power as a socialist government.'

Ted Knight, leader of Lambeth Council, said: 'The choice of confrontation has not been made by Labour councils but by a determined government intent on destroying social programmes which have been built up over decades by working people.'

'The fact that the Tory government is now using

the law and the state machine to enforce its views is not the responsibility of Labour councillors.

'We have chosen to defend the communities we represent and the urgent needs of people who put us into office.'

'And if that requires us to step outside of Tory laws, then we believe it will be understood and supported by thousands of Labour voters who have already shown support for the miners.'

'The leader of the party should place himself shoulder to shoulder with all workers and public representatives in the fight against the Tory government's policies.'

Statutory

Valerie Venness, deputy leader of Islington Council — another rate-capped authority — told News Line:

'Tower Hamlets, which is a Labour council, is making cuts and breaking its statutory obligations. Where is Mr Kinnock shouting about Tower Hamlets breaking the law?'

She added: 'What he is doing is standing by and watching everything the movement has fought for in the past being taken away.'

'To me, that is what Neil Kinnock is doing because he has remained silent on Tower Hamlets and is screaming at us. For what? — providing services and refusing to cut them.'

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Police admit use of hypnosis

POLICE admitted yesterday that they had used hypnosis in their inquiry into the murder of anti-nuclear campaigner Hilda Murrell.

Earlier yesterday, Labour MP Tam Dalyell had tabled a Commons question to Home Secretary Leon Brittan asking how many people were hypnotised in the case and under what circumstances.

West Mercia police said hypnosis had been used during the inquiry 'by a medically qualified expert on more than one person'.

Hunt

The man leading the murder hunt, Det Chief Supt David Cole had said: 'The witnesses have undergone the process of hypnosis under strictly controlled conditions to elucidate information which they had been unable to recall through the normal memory process.'

Tam Dalyell said last night: 'I accept that the police have been open about the use of hypnosis, but I do think that its use in murder investigations is a very unusual occurrence.'

The MP's claims that the security services were involved in the murder of 78-year-old Murrell during a search of her home have been denied.

Her nephew was a naval intelligence officer involved in the sinking of the Argentine cruiser 'General Belgrano'.

Dalyell said: 'I am told on good authority that in May last year hypnosis was used. I would like to know why. The reason may be absolutely innocent, but I would like some explanation.'

700 jobs to go in Irish closure

MORE than 700 jobs will be lost in the Irish Republic following a closure decision by the American owners of the County Mayo-based health care equipment firm Travenol Laboratories.

Closure of the company's plant at Castlebar will be phased over the next two years, beginning in March.

A factory with 200 workers operated by the same employers in the nearby town of Swinford will stay open.

Travenol, which has the largest workforce in the West of Ireland, moved into Co Mayo with multi-million pound aid from the Dublin government's industrial development authority in 1972 and once employed 1,800 people.

Recently sales have been hit by competition from Japanese rivals.

RISE IN INTEREST RATES FORECAST

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

SHARE prices fell dramatically yesterday as a nervous City prepared for a possible 1 per cent rise in bank base rates next week.

The threat of higher interest rates, which would push up mortgage rates and raise industrial costs, is a direct result of the slide in the value of the pound which ended the day at \$1.1495.

The fall in the pound

was only halted temporarily by the action of West German banks which intervened to buy US dollars.

Large losses in share values meant that the 'Financial Times' index was down 16.5 points at one stage.

Supply

Stephen Lewis, monetary economist at stockbrokers Phillips and Drew, said that bank base rates were likely to rise to 10.5 per cent — an increase of 1 per cent.

But other economists, who are awaiting the

latest money supply figures to be published on Tuesday, are anticipating a rise to 11 per cent.

'There is a lot of upward pressure on base rates, but the banks are not likely to make a move until they see the money numbers next Tuesday,' said Lewis.

'We are expecting no change in money supply but that would still leave growth above the government's target range. There needs to be a minus number for money supply in order to avoid a rise in base rates.'

While the money markets were shaken by the prospect of rising interest rates, CBI director-general Sir Terence Beckett tried to play down the effects of the slide in the pound.

Panic

'There is no need for panic as far as the pound is concerned. This is the inevitable consequence of our economy having oil,' he said.

The collapse of the pound has been acceler-

ated by the Tory government's decision to abandon attempts to halt its slide in a bid to boost the dollar-value of oil sales.

But sterling's fall has also been made worse by the spectre of a new banking crisis, heralded by news of large fourth quarterly losses at the Midland Bank's US subsidiary, Crocker National.

A loan to a big new Californian vineyard, which has so far produced no grapes, is reported to be the worst single contributory factor towards Crocker's £324 million losses.

But it emerged yesterday that if the International Monetary Fund executive board had not approved a standby loan to Argentina last week, the US subsidiary would have been faced with even larger debts.

Losses

The cost of Crocker's losses to the Midland mean a further drain on the bank's capital which in turn restricts lending. It also makes it inevitable that the Midland will have to appeal to the Bank of England to be allowed to raise more capital this year.



THERE was heavy picketing yesterday morning at the Lancashire pits of Parkside, Bickershaw and Sutton Manor where the number of scabs has dwindled significantly.

Seen here is the picket line at Sutton Manor colliery

where Dave Murray said: 'The men are still firm at this pit and are sticking it out to the bitter end — till next Christmas if necessary. The men at this pit are fully behind Arthur Scargill. He speaks for all of us. We haven't been on strike for 11 months to go back now.'

NO CHANGE IN JOBLESS RATE

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

UNEMPLOYMENT fell fractionally last month, according to the rigged figures produced by the Department of Employment. But they cannot hide the fact that the Tory government is preparing a ruthless increase in the number out of work.

The total on the dole is officially 3,219,406 — a drop of 3,180 in December. But that made no impression on the jobless rate which stayed at 13.4 per cent.

Unofficially of course

the figure is well over four million.

With adult unemployment rising by a further 13,335 in December, Employment Secretary Tom King was quite brazen about the grim job prospects. He said there would be a 'sharp seasonal increase' in January.

Officials have stressed that January is traditionally the worst month of the year and indicated that it could see another 100,000 workers and youth thrown on the dole scrapheap.

The figures showed that

in addition to those recorded as unemployed, a further 485,000 youth were not claiming benefits because they were on government cheap labour schemes.

Northern Ireland, with 20 per cent unable to find work, has the highest unemployment rate.

The jobless statistics provoked a ritual protest from TUC and Labour Party leaders.

TUC General Secretary Norman Willis said the upward trend 'remains depressing, just like the Chancellor's continuous

obdurate refusal to face the facts of economic life.'

Pleading with the Tories to 'change course', Willis added: 'Another wasted month brings down the curtain on another wasted year.'

Labour employment spokesman John Prescott said the 'fiddled' unemployment figures represented another indictment of Tory policy.

'The figures show the government to be on target in its third year of so-called economic recovery — paid for by increasing the trend of adding to the millions of unemployed

Pay claim by bank workers

THE BANK workers' union yesterday asked for a £20-a-week across the board pay increase.

The Banking Insurance and Finance Union said it is looking for a 'realistic increase' for its 240,000 members in the big five high street banks in England and Wales.

It was seeking a flat-rate increase rather than a percentage deal to help the low-paid.

BIFU's assistant secretary, Bill Vose, said people on the lowest grade were earning £59.27 a week, and £20 a week would mean a 33 per cent increase.

'We are trying to draw attention to the fact that there is low pay in banking. It is a responsible job and because banks can well afford to pay it, they should pay it.'

The pay claim was put to the Federation of London Clearing Bank Employers by the union's

general secretary, Leif Mills, yesterday.

The employers representing Lloyds, Barclays, National Westminster, Midland and Williams and Glynns are due to respond on February 14.

While the lowest-paid would gain most, £20 a week would give workers on the senior clerical grade a 12½ per cent increase from £160 to £180 a week, and the minimum managerial salary would go up by more than 8 per cent from £237 to £257 a week.

Vose said: 'Bank workers are surprisingly low paid, and their wages often compare unfavourably with shop assistants. We have been campaigning for the low paid for a number of years, but have been frustrated by the employers granting a percentage increase.'

He said that predictions put the profits of the five high street banks at £2,108 million for 1984 — a 20 per cent increase.

£8,000 Monthly Fund

January Fund £16.50 is in

IT IS too slow a start. This is the time to surge right ahead and be ready for all-out war against the Tories. The News Line is needed to spearhead this battle against the government and is decisive in this period.

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NO WARNING AT ATOM TEST SITES

BY PENNY BLOOR

BRITISH servicemen were allowed to wander freely around atom bomb test sites in Australia soon after explosions, an inquiry heard yesterday.

They wore little clothing and were given no warnings about the hazards of radio-activity, veterans told an Australian Royal Commission on the British nuclear testing programme in the 1950s.

Effect

More than 20,000 British servicemen and civilians took part in the tests.

The Royal Commission, investigating the conduct and effect of the atom bomb explosions in Australia and on Christmas Island in the Pacific from 1952 to 1963, began taking evidence in London yesterday.

Mr Justice James McClelland said he had doubts about the British government's willingness to co-operate despite assurances to the contrary 'because they have not always been matched up by conduct that one might have expected to back them up'.

Yesterday counsel for the Ministry of Defence James Auld QC said there would be access to documents which were not subject to any security or treaty obligations.

Documents

There are at least 38 tons or some 38,000 shelf feet of documents in Britain relating to the tests.

The judge also expressed misgivings over British government insist-



The opening session of the Australian Royal Commission's hearing in central London yesterday

ence that while the sittings take place here the Australian government should waive the usual right to initiate punitive proceedings against people giving perjured evidence.

Concerned

Outside the inquiry Ken McGinley, chairman of the British Nuclear Tests Veterans Association, said: 'We are very concerned not only about the documents held by the Ministry of Defence but also the appalling state of the men's medical records.'

Yesterday five ex-servicemen gave evidence, John Berry from

London, Rory Wilson from Hull, Colin Campbell from Stafford, Graham Mabbutt from Devon and Christopher Dunn from Surrey.

Wilson, now a teacher, said he went dingo hunting from a Land-Rover in the prohibited 'yellow' area within days of an explosion at Maralinga, Australia.

His unit was posted there after brief training at a military engineering school.

Wilson, then 18, said: 'There were no briefings at all on what we were doing and what was going on, although people in the camp told us what the nature of the work was.'

Wilson was present at

three atomic bomb tests. Part of his job as a carpenter involved mending danger signs in the prohibited zone, both before and after tests.

Shooting

On rest days he and two other servicemen went dingo shooting all over the Maralinga range to ease their boredom. There was no real restriction on their movement, he said.

On one trip they met three aborigine men who spoke of having seen the 'great light' of the explosions.

Wilson took photographs of them. He said

he had not been worried about the meeting because 'we were ignorant of the facts ourselves'.

The only equipment issued to Wilson and his colleagues was a radiation film badge which detected gamma rays. They were not instructed on how to use it.

Wilson said they were only ever stopped once on their trips. He was ordered to take a shower but even then had to put on the same old clothes afterwards.

Berry was on board HMS 'Narvik' as an assistant to the trials manager for the Monte Bello Islands tests in August 1955. Inquiry continues.

Polish officers blame each other

TORUN, Poland — A Polish police officer charged with the murder of pro-Solidarity priest Jerzy Popieluszko yesterday blamed the crime on an accomplice who has incriminated him.

On his second day of testimony, Lieutenant Waldemar Chmielewski told the provincial court in northern Poland that Lieutenant Leszek Pekala had personally selected the kidnap site and had expressed disappointment at the failure of an earlier attempt on the priest's life.

Chmielewski, Pekala and Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski are accused, along with Colonel Adam Pietruszka, their Interior Ministry chief, of murdering Popieluszko at Torun last October 19.

Dam

His body was recovered 11 days later from a dam in the River Vistula. Like Pekala earlier, Chmielewski said he believed the ac-

tion had high-level backing.

Pekala earlier admitted taking part in the murder but claimed he did not believe it was necessary for the cleric to die.

He said he and two other security police who kidnapped Popieluszko held 'a long discussion and I was for releasing him'.

Murder

Pietruszka denies instigating the murder for which the three junior officers have confessed.

Pekala maintains Piotrowski led the abduction and insisted that Popieluszko should die.

He accused Piotrowski of consistently creating an impression that the operation against the priest had high-level protection in the Interior Ministry, where all four were employed.

Pekala said: 'He gave the impression that someone high up was behind it and that our security was guaranteed.'

Reagan's top man leaves White House

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's Deputy Chief of Staff, Michael Deaver, the man said to have had most access to the president, yesterday became the second senior official to resign in as many days.

Deaver's resignation, hard on the heels of Interior Secretary William Clark's resignation, is the direct result of serious crises over policies at the White House.

Deaver and Clark were two of Reagan's most senior conservative allies in the administration.

Clark, who joined Reagan when he was Governor of California, was his Chief of Staff before coming to Washington and a leading advocate of imperialist war and freely confessed to arrogance of international affairs.

Reagan said of Deaver's resignation: 'Much of

the success we've enjoyed in the first term (of my presidency) is directly attributable to him.'

The 46-year-old Deaver, who served Reagan in California as assistant to the governor and director of his administrations, will return to the private sector when his resignation becomes effective in March or May.

Slump

Yesterday, Reagan's advisers on the economy revealed they had told the president, who will be inaugurated to a second term in office on Sunday, that the economic slump had worsened, making his multi-billion cuts inadequate.

They told Reagan immediately after he emerged from trade war talks with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone that his hopes

of cutting the runaway US budget deficit to \$100 billion by 1985 were slim.

Proposed spending and tax policies have thrown contending factions in the White House and farming and industry lobbyists in the lower House of Representatives into interne-

cine conflict. The war over policies has reduced to a farce forecasts of a \$217-billion deficit in 1986, \$233 billion deficit for 1987 and \$228 for 1988.

Reagan's budget proposals that already contain more than \$45 billion in cuts to social security and service spending will not formally be presented to Congress until early next month.

But as the 99th US Congress opened yesterday congressmen were preparing for a showdown over rising bankruptcies in the farming and agricultural sectors.

Deportation splits up family

A CYPRUS-born mother of three was deported to Turkey yesterday, along with her three-year-old daughter.

Ayse Halil and her daughter Sebnem from New Cross, south-east London were ordered to leave the country by the Home Office after losing a long campaign to stay in Britain.

Her two sons Sabah, 12, and Serhan aged seven, were born British citizens and will stay here with their grandparents.

Halil's parents emigrated to Britain from Cyprus in 1971. They are British citizens but mistakenly failed to register her and when she married a Cypriot she automatically gained his citizenship.

Yesterday morning the Labour MP for Deptford, John Silkin, sent a last-minute plea to Downing Street asking Prime Minister Thatcher to intervene.

In it he told her: 'Unless you intervene immediately Ayse Halil and her three year-old daughter will be deported, thus

splitting a family of three generations of British citizens.'

It went on: 'I have appealed to David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office and because of his heartless and bureaucratic refusal I am now appealing to you to stop this deportation even at this late moment.'

But a Downing Street spokesman said later that Thatcher would not intervene.

Before boarding her flight to Turkey, Halil said: 'Britain is home for my two sons, they are at school here and have all their friends here. I do not know what sort of future I am going to in Turkey.'

No charge for police chief

COVENTRY'S police chief, who has been at the centre of a vice squad investigation after being arrested in a public lavatory, will not face court proceedings.

Detective of the West Midlands force have questioned Chief Supt Stanley Hammond about

an alleged indecent act in the lavatory seven weeks ago.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has decided that because of insufficient evidence no charge should be brought against the police chief or another man allegedly involved who has not been named.

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Briefly . .**ANC in armed rescue raid**

MBABANE — Armed members of the African National Congress raided a police station in Swaziland on Wednesday and freed three fellow fighters against South African apartheid. The three were arrested in a recent anti-ANC crackdown by the Swazi government. The raid was a blow against the Swazi government's Pretoria-backed crackdown against the ANC.

An anti-immigration call

CANBERRA — The Immigration and Ethnic Affairs Department yesterday called for a new drive against illegal immigration. The department warned the government of Prime Minister Bob Hawke that repeated drives had failed to cut illegal annual immigration of 10,000 people. The total was 50,000, it said. Successive Australian governments have launched intermittent raids in which mainly Pacific Islanders and Asian immigrants are deported with little or no recourse to judiciary proceedings.

Aquino prosecutors agree

MANILA — A panel of prosecutors have agreed that the murder of Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was a military conspiracy. A majority report by the commission implicated a businessman, 22 soldiers and three generals, one of them Armed Forces Chief of Staff Fabian Ver. Twenty-six of the men implicated in the murder are expected to stand trial next week.

US creates elite terror unit

NEW YORK — The United States has an elite commando force armed with laser weapons, aircraft and nuclear submarines to strike back at 'global terrorists', according to the TV network NBC News. A group of 160 people 'psychiatrically screened for their willingness to kill' compose the cream of the 2,000-man operation, the station said. Two nuclear submarines had been put at the commandos' disposal and would carry teams trained in hostage rescue and pre-emptive raids.

Veteran leader is released

LISBON — A veteran political leader in the West African state of Guinea-Bissau, convicted of treason, has been freed from a 15-year work regime. Rafael Barbosa, formerly the No.2 figure in the African Party for the Independence of Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde (PAIGC), which rules Guinea-Bissau, was released on Tuesday by a government decree.

More East Germans leave

BONN — Another group of the East Germans squatting in the West German embassy in Prague in an attempt to reach the West went home yesterday. On Wednesday, 17 of their group went home by train. Twenty-eight more of the East Germans are believed to remain in the embassy.

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ARAFAT REASSERTS PLO INDEPENDENCE

Anniversary salute to martyrs

PALESTINE Liberation Organisation chairman Yassir Arafat yesterday continued his drive to convene the 13th Arab Summit after meeting the PLO Executive Committee in Amman on Tuesday.

Arafat's moves follow visits by Palestinian delegations to more than a dozen countries in the Middle East, west and east Europe since the successful Palestine National Council in Amman last November.

In his speech on the 20th anniversary of the Palestine Revolution on New Year's Day, marking the first armed attack against Israel, Arafat reaffirmed the PLO's independence and scathingly attacked Middle East peace initiatives sponsored by US imperialism.

He said: '... our armed Palestine revolution enters its 21st year with confident steps and strong faith and determination to achieve the great national objective for which it began in 1965 and on whose path it offered many martyrs and wounded and thousands of prisoners and detainees ...

'We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of our revolution only a few days after the conclusion of the 17th PNC session in Amman, which was called the martyrs' session.

'This name was not picked at random; we chose to call it that because it embodied the most precise meanings of the battle to convene the National Council.

'It was a period that was full of major events and challenges. But the most violent of these events was the battle for Palestinian existence on the region's political map.

'This confrontation was embodied in the battle for independent Palestinian decision-making which was fought in the heroic Lebanese city of Tripoli

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

and the Palestinian camps surrounding that city.

'This battle reached its peak in Arab history when a double siege was imposed on that city and its camps — a siege by certain Arabs from the land.

'In as much as this tragedy left bitter feelings in the hearts of millions of Palestinians and Arabs in the conscience of friends and allies in the world at large, the steadfastness of the Palestinians and their Lebanese allies was great in its strength and stubbornness and brave in its decision and struggle.

Awareness

'It stemmed from a deep national revolutionary awareness of the dimensions and objectives of that plot, which was planned as a continuation of the greater plot we have faced since the Israeli invasion on June 4, 1982 through the unprecedented heroic epic which we recorded by confronting the all-out Zionist invasion of Lebanon, which reached its peak in the glorious Beirut battle and subsequent events and attacks that were forcibly imposed on our people, such as the plot which was sometimes called dissen-



PLO chairman Yassir Arafat at the PNC in Amman last month

sion and sometimes mutiny ...

'While it is true that the PNC session constituted a landmark in our struggle ... this does not mean that the US-Zionist plot had ended, or that the plotters and their agents have laid down their arms and stopped their war of attrition against our people, cause and revolution.

The course of armed struggle, the course of the just revolutionary rifle, whose strong foundations were laid on the day we began this glorious revolution and for which we and our masses pursued and sacrificed our dearest martyr sons, brothers and commanders in its flaming furnace, will remain the main course and option which we will not abandon or fail to carry out and protect and for which we will provide the means of continuation and escalation ...

'It suffices for us to say that our armed Palestine revolution is the only Arab military force which has not lost combat contact with the enemy throughout the 20 years, and that the convoys of martyrs did not stop in this long march nor did the bloodshed stop. ...

Ideas

... the US administration is casting its nets, in the form of ideas and peace initiatives ... it is no coincidence that US President Ronald Reagan presented his dangerous initiative, while our forces were leaving Beirut, nor is it a coincidence that the US administration is trying through its envoy Richard Murphy to peddle a new deal in Lebanon that is no less dangerous than the Camp David accords.

'The Americans are trying, through the consent of Arab parties, to

force the Lebanese people into accepting the Naqurah talks despite the fact that they include two articles against the PLO. These two articles call for preventing the PLO fighters from returning to southern Lebanon, and for protecting the Zionist enemy's northern borders from the Palestinian fedayeen ...

'In this context we are continuing our dialogue with our brothers in Jordan with a positive spirit, open heart and mutual respect as dictated by the fraternal relationship between the Palestinian and Jordanian peoples. History has given this relationship a great depth in which we take pride ...

'From my position in the revolution command and according to my assessment of the international situation and its facts, I can say with confidence and reassurance that the international position of our revolution and cause has become stronger and more consolidated than before in a manner that calls for pride in our people and revolutionaries.'

Security for PLO

AMMAN — The Palestine Liberation Organisation has drawn up security measures for members following the assassination of a senior Palestinian official last weekend.

Mohammad Milhem, exiled mayor of Halhoul on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan, said the PLO's Executive Committee on Tuesday discussed joint Palestinian-Jordanian measures to protect PLO members and offices.

Fahd al-Qawasmī, a member of the committee, was shot dead outside his Amman home by Syrian-backed gunmen last Saturday.

Beirut kidnap protest

BEIRUT — Fuel and bread began to run short in West Beirut yesterday as relatives of people kidnapped in Lebanon's civil war kept up a blockade of roads linking the Muslim and Falangist sectors.

Lebanese military police gathered at Beirut staging posts in preparation for a move 24 miles along the coast road to Israel's front lines in the first phase of a Syrian-backed government security plan.

They awaited the go-

ahead from a liaison committee of army, military police and militia representatives which met to clarify details of the deployment.

Trucks

The kidnap protest, renewed a week ago, prevented supply trucks from reaching mainly Muslim West Beirut, where petrol stations ran dry and bakeries short of fuel had to cut back production.

The relatives, mainly women from West Beirut, renewed their protest last Thursday to press demands for information about hundreds of people kidnapped since the civil war began in 1975.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami's Cabinet of national unity yesterday decided to set a release date for hostages and to compensate for families of those who cannot be traced.

Karami's security plan has been further delayed by fighting in the Khar-

roub region between Beirut and the Awali River, where Druze and Falangist forces have been exchanging fire for more than two weeks.

Troops

The government is planning to send 1,200 troops to the Awali River to satisfy Israeli demands to prove the Lebanese army is able to take over if Israel were to withdraw its 10,000 troops occupying south Lebanon.

World News Line

Finns
order
missile
search

HELSINKI — The Finnish government has ordered a search for a Soviet test missile that crashed in Finland last Friday. It has embarrassed both Helsinki and Moscow who have a 1948 treaty on mutual assistance.

Finland is bound by the Friendship, Co-operation and Mutual Assistance Treaty to repel any attack against the Soviet Union launched through Finnish territory by West Germany or other NATO governments.

After the imperialist NATO war bloc began deploying Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Western Europe in November 1983, Finland told the Kremlin it was beefing up its low-level systems.

Helsinki said it would be able to shoot down NATO cruise missiles launched toward the Soviet Union across Finnish air space, thus abiding by the treaty.

But the Soviet test missile, which apparently went astray after being fired from a submarine, has shown up how powerless the Finnish defences are to cope with any imperialist attack.

The treaty calls for Soviet-Finnish military consultations if the threat of an attack across Finland against the Soviet Union has been established.

Finnish authorities have so far only said that their air space was violated. They have said nothing about the origin of the object that crashed near the Soviet border.

The incident is certain to aggravate deep political disagreements between the 'Euro-Communist' Helsinki and Moscow.

It will provide grist also in the political war between the minority, pro-Moscow 'hardliners' and the majority which has threatened to expel them and take over their area leaderships by setting up rival branches.

AIRLIFT IS AN
ISRAELI STUNT

TEL AVIV — The Israeli government yesterday revealed it had secretly airlifted thousands of Black Jews among them starving children, from famine-stricken Ethiopia to Israel.

The secret military operation in Ethiopia, with which the Zionist state has not had diplomatic relations since 1973, was kept under wraps by army censors for months.

Emergency wards have been opened in two hospitals to treat malnutrition cases and Israeli authorities compared the few children to World

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War II concentration camp survivors. Many of them were separated from their parents or were orphans.

According to Israeli authorities, the 'rescue operation' was speeded up in November because of the Ethiopian famine. They claim that a majority of the estimated 25,000 Black Jews are now in Israel.

The Jewish Agency, responsible for bringing immigrants to Israel, have refused to issue exact figures.

Journalists were allowed to see Falashas

hospitalised in Jerusalem's Shaarei Zedek Hospital and Haifa's Rothschild Hospital for the first time yesterday.

Israel state radio said the airlift was being funded by Israel and the world Jewish community. The operation was started by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Prime Minister from 1973 to 1983.

Publication of the details yesterday follows months of careful propaganda planning by Israeli authorities.

Israeli authorities who have censored reports on

the Falashas allowed the international Reuters newsagency to publish a feature depicting the Zionist state as making attempts to reverse its attitude to the Ethiopian Jews.

Reuters published the story with a note that the Israeli censor had made deletions.

Yesterday, the international services were buzzing with the story of the Israeli 'rescue operation'.

Known as Falashas — the word literally means strangers — the Ethiopian Jews are believed to be descended from one of the ancient, nomadic tribes of Israel.

Anthropologists 'redis-

covered' them in the 19th century but Israeli rabbinical authorities refused to recognise them as true Jews until ten years ago.

For years, small numbers of Falashas known among Israelis as Sephardim — a category that covers thousands of non-white Jews, including Arabs — have migrated from the northern Ethiopian region of Gondar to Israel, where they have suffered humiliating discrimination.

The operation is a cynical and racist exploitation of the starvation and misery of millions of Ethiopians dying by the hundreds daily in order to portray a huma-

nitarian Zionist state.

It is also an act of gross interference in the affairs of a sovereign state and is tantamount to an act of invasion by hostile forces.

The hypocritical references to the suffering of millions of Jewish people are a cover-up for active Zionist interest in crushing the Eritrean liberation struggle.

Israel has a strategic interest in preserving Ethiopian control of the Eritrean Red Sea coast.

The Falashas, including those who have been exploited and suppressed Israeli citizens for decades, are being used as pawns in an imperialist intrigue.



Kampuchian refugees and soldiers on the Thailand border after the fall of Pol Pot

Bhopal gas
victims protest

NEW DELHI — Hundreds of victims of the Bhopal poison gas leak marched through the central Indian city yesterday, accusing the state government of negligence and demanding relief and jobs.

State-run Press Trust of India said the protesters held a rally at the gate of the Union Carbide poisons factory at the Bhopal suburb of Jayaprakash Narain, in Madhya Pradesh.

They then marched to the home of Congress (I) Party Chief Minister Arjun Singh.

March organiser Anil Sadgopal said the demonstrators wanted allowances and employment for people who had lost their jobs through inhaling the gas, pensions for widows, shel-

ter for orphans and adequate medical treatment.

City officials said relief from the state government was due to resume yesterday. Investigations were being conducted into who was eligible.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has agreed 5.5 million rupees (\$460,000) from a national relief fund for the victims.

The paltry federal and state government gestures, plus the chronic shortage of medical supplies and bureaucratic delays have angered the thousands who are still suffering the debilitating after-effects of the killer poison methyl isocyanate.

Sentences
commuted

BANGKOK — The Vietnamese government has commuted death sentences on two people convicted of plotting to overthrow the government, the official Vietnam News Agency (VNA) said yesterday.

VNA said in a report monitored in the Thai capital that an appeal by Mai Van Hanh and Huynh Vinh Sanh was granted and their sentences reduced to life imprisonment.

Vietnamese halt
Kampuchean raids

AMPIL, Kampuchea — Vietnamese artillery yesterday pounded Kampuchean counter-revolutionaries, halting their bid to regain their guerrilla control bases near the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet.

Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) mercenaries claimed to have recaptured most of the

Rithisen (Nong Samet in Thai) camp, seized and razed by Vietnamese forces on December 25.

The claim was not backed up with evidence which showed Hanoi's forces retained commanding control of the border region, cutting off the KPNLF's contacts with the counter-revolutionary Khmer Rouge forces led by Khieu Samphan in the

hinterland.

About 20 KPNLF troops were reported wounded and five killed. Fighting continued 15 miles south of Ampil but details were sketchy.

The KPNLF also claimed the Vietnamese forces were using 'some non-lethal gas during the fighting but it was not toxic'.

Mercenary leader Dien Del said: 'It appeared to be some kind of incapacitating agent used by armies all over the world.'

Dien's claim was a transparent ploy by Thai intelligence to mount again fabricated claims of two years ago that Vietnam was engaging in gas warfare.

The claims came to nothing and were, in fact, proved to be baseless by independent researchers.

vessels operated with some delay at Boulogne and Hovercrafts ran on schedule, they added.

A Sealink spokesman said passengers bound for Dover and Folkestone in southern England were being re-routed by rail to the Belgian port of Ostende.

In Calais, officials said seamen picketed gangways and put up barricades

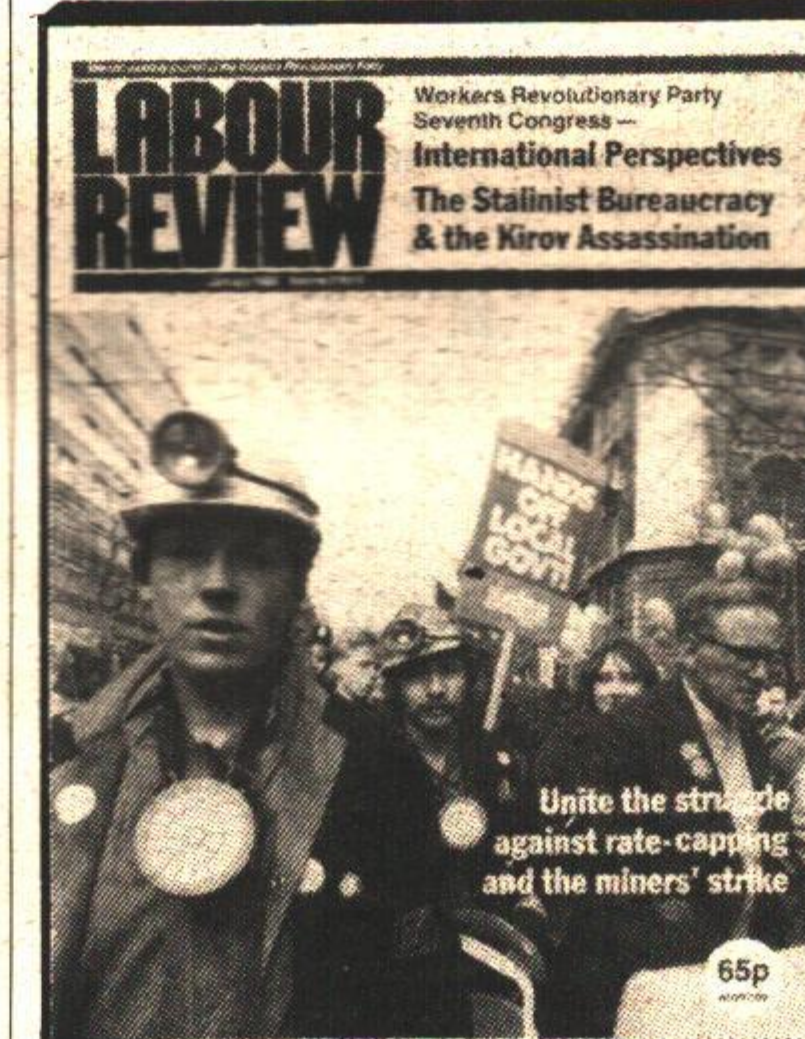
French seamen stop ferries

CALAIS — Striking French seamen threatened to tighten their blockade of channel ports yesterday, after the failure of talks to end their four-day-old dispute with the Sealink ferry company.

Officials of France's big CGT trade union, which called the walk-out, said a new round of tough action was planned.

More talks were expected yesterday in the strike protest against planned staff reductions by the 1,350 seamen working for the French state-owned branch of Sealink.

Meanwhile, seamen continued to bar access to Sealink car ferries at Calais, Dieppe, Dunkirk and Boulogne, port officials said. Normandy ferries'



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Scandal of rotten EEC food aid

FOOD sent as Common Market aid to famine-hit countries is often arriving unfit for human consumption because of EEC delays and bureaucracy, Labour's spokesman on Europe said yesterday.

George Foulkes said: 'This means that people will die as the result of the inefficiency and incompetence within the bureaucracy of the EEC.'

Urgent

Foulkes said that he would demand an urgent Commons statement from Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe as

soon as parliament returns next week.

The EEC court of auditors in a report just published accused the European Commission of bad management over the provision of food aid.

The auditors said that some batches took more than a year to arrive and were inedible when they did. In the case of Ethiopia, only half the allocated 40,000 tons of cereal was received.

Foulkes said: 'The whole thing is an absolute disgrace and an inexcusable scandal. The Common Market has so much food, which is urgently needed for the developing world, and there can be no excuse for any delay

which prevents its proper transmission.'

He said the British government should now make an urgent statement about the issue.

'We see starving people in Ethiopia, yet the bloated overpaid bureaucrats in Brussels are so incompetent that they cannot get the mountains of excess food to these starving people.'

Taxes

'It is a terrible condemnation of the bureaucracy of the Common Market that this kind of thing is happening. The people who give and those whose taxes have contributed will rightly be up in arms, and there will be a great outcry.'

Dentists' payment system criticised

DENTISTS spend too much time treating tooth decay rather than preventing it, claims a report published today by the Consumers' Association.

According to 'Which?' magazine, the National Health Service 'does not encourage the practice of preventive care for family dentists because they are paid on a piece-work basis — the more work they do, the more they get paid.'

Tooth

'Ideas about the treatment dentists should give have changed. There is no advantage to be had by

filling a tooth very early in the decay process as the beginning of decay can be arrested and sometimes reversed by good care.

'There have been some cases in which dentists planned or even carried out repair work that was unnecessary.'

'Which?' came across a particularly worrying case involving a nine-year-old girl whose parents had paid particular attention to dental care because some of her teeth had been weakened as a result of being ill as a baby.

'When a new dentist recommended five fillings, the parents asked a dentist friend to look at the child's teeth. Neither this

dentist nor a specialist in child dentistry could find any indication that fillings were required.

'The child's teeth were monitored by the specialist for a further year to ensure that no decay developed — it didn't,' says the report.

Problem

'Dentists themselves recognise there is a problem. If prevention works in the long-term future, then tooth decay and gum disease will be less common.'

'Unless the fee system changes and preventive work is incorporated into it, many dentists may find themselves hard-pressed to make a living.'

Poor marks for holiday firms

FIVE of Britain's biggest package holiday companies are given poor marks in the satisfaction ratings today.

Cosmos, Global, Intasun, Olympic and Enterprise scored below average in a survey of 33 companies carried out by the Consumers' Association magazine 'Holiday Which?'

A questionnaire asked holidaymakers to rate their experiences and say

whether they would recommend similar trips to friends.

Companies which fared worst of all were Summer-plan, Carousel, Air-tours and Budget, which went bust last autumn.

The most common complaint was a change in departure time — in some cases up to a day — after the booking had been placed.

Other grievances cen-

tered on travel arrangements, delays, lack of comfort, and the 'helpfulness and accessibility' of couriers.

'Holiday Which?' said the quality of package holidays had changed little since a similar survey two years ago.

'It's disappointing to report that the trade as a whole hasn't improved its record in the main areas of complaint,' it said.

The questionnaire, completed by 6,500 people, gave top marks to Vacances Françaises, Swiss Travel Service, Travel Club of Upminster, Beach Villas, Eurocamp, Canvas Holidays, DFDS Longship and Kuoni.

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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SCOTLAND

CUMNOCK: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Netherthird Community Centre, Netherthird. Speakers: **George Faulds** (YS Regional Committee); **Alex McLarty** (WRP Central Committee); **George Laughlin** (Auchinleck NUM strike committee chairman, in personal capacity).

EDINBURGH: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Cross Keys Public House, Dalkeith. Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS National Committee); **Terry Brothstone** (Edinburgh WRP); **Duncan Fogg** (SCEBTA Monktonhall, in personal capacity).

RUTHERGLEN: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Rutherglen Burgh Hall, King Street. Speakers: **Chris Corrigan** (WRP Central Committee); **Mick Thompson** (Rutherglen YS); Speaker from Scottish NUM.

DUNFERMLINE: Thursday January 23, 7.30p.m. Queen Anne High School. Speakers: **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee); **Alan Paton** (Valleyfield YS, Comrie NUM in personal capacity).

ABERDEEN: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. St Katherine's Community Centre, West North Street. Speakers: **Alan MacKie** (Aberdeen YS); **Terry Brothstone** (Edinburgh WRP); **John McAlpine** (Oakley NUM chairman strike committee in personal capacity).

DUNDEE: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Westgate. Speakers: **Alan MacKie** (YS Regional Committee); **Dave Lovie** (Aberdeen WRP).

GOVANHILL: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Daisy Street Resource Centre, Daisy Street. Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS National Committee); **Alec McLarty** (WRP Central Committee).

NORTH EAST

MURTON: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Colliery Inn. Speakers: **Kevin Townsend** (YS National Committee); **Dave Temple** (WRP Central Committee).

HEBBURN: Wednesday January 16, 7.30p.m. The Clock. Speakers: **Kevin Townsend** (YS National Committee); **Dave Temple** (WRP Central Committee); **Nick Brown** (Jarrow WRP).

BISHOP AUCKLAND: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. The Green Tree, Newgate Street. Speakers: **Frank Wilson** (Durham YS); **Dave Temple** (WRP Central Committee); **Bruce Guthrie** (Bishop Auckland WRP).

NORTH WEST

SKELMERSDALE: Wednesday January 9, 7.30p.m. Main Hall, Quarrybank Community Centre, Ormskirk Road. Speakers: **Royston Smith** (YS Regional Committee); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee); **Tommy Davies** (Skelmersdale WRP, Bold NUM in personal capacity).

STOCKPORT: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Centre, High Street. Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee).

BIRKENHEAD: Tuesday January 22, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Unemployed Resource Centre, 101 New Chester Road. Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Larry Cavanagh** (Birkenhead WRP); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Karl Creaney** (NUPE, in personal capacity).

HATTERSLEY: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Hattersley Community Centre. Speakers: **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee); **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); Speaker from Bold NUM.

MIDDLETON: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Asheton Arms, Long Street, Manchester. Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Ray Waring** (WRP Central Committee); **Joan Foster** (NUPE, North Manchester General, in personal capacity).

BURNLEY: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Burnley Central Library, Parker Lane. Speakers: **Lynne Waring** (Burnley YS); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Larry Cavanagh** (Birkenhead WRP).

YORKSHIRE

LEEDS: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Kitson College, Lecture Theatre, Cookridge Street. Speakers: **Kevin Warren** (Leeds YS); **Cliff Slaught** (WRP Central Committee); **Sanda Widdington** (Selby wives support group, in personal capacity).

HALIFAX: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. AUEW Club, St James Street. Speakers: **Stephen Wey** (YS Regional Committee); **Chris Talbot** (Huddersfield WRP); **Jeff Ferguson** (Emley Moor NUM, in personal capacity).

WEST MIDLANDS

RUGELEY: Wednesday January 9, 7.30p.m. The Globe. Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Staffs NUM.

BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday January 16, 7.30p.m. Ladywood Community Centre. Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Staffs NUM.

EAST MIDLANDS

CHESTERFIELD: Tuesday January 8, 7.30p.m. Brimington Community Centre, Heywood Street, Brimington. Speakers: **C. Lymas** (YS Regional Committee); **Annette Holroyd** (Blidworth WRP); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee).

NOTTINGHAM: Tuesday January 15, 7.30p.m. Nottingham Youth Training Centre, Commerce Square, Lace Market. Speakers: **C. Lymas** (YS Regional Committee); **Annette Holroyd** (Blidworth WRP); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee).

LEICESTER: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate. Speakers: **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Mick Childs** (YS Regional Committee); In personal capacity: **Tony Benjamin** (T&GWU); **Malcolm Pin-negar** (Leicestershire striking miners).

EASTERN

PETERBOROUGH: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. AUEW Hall, Lincoln Road. Speakers: **Linda Mee** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Athow** (WRP Central Committee).

FELIXSTOWE: Wednesday January 16, 7.30p.m. The Grand Hotel, Undercliff Road West. Speakers: **Linda Mee** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Athow** (WRP Central Committee); **Henry Santamara** (Chairman Felixstowe Port Committee, in personal capacity).

CAMBRIDGE: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. The Bath House, Gwydir Street. Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Martin Booth** (Cambridge WRP).

NORWICH: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Spinney Community Centre, Five Ways, Earham. Speakers: **Mark Harrison** (Norwich YS); **Roberta Colling** (Norwich WRP).

YARMOUTH: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Gorleston. Speakers: **Mark Harrison** (YS Regional Committee); **Fiona Cairns** (Norwich WRP).

WESTERN

BRACKNELL: Tuesday January 15, 7.30p.m. Coopers Hill Centre, Bagshot Road. Speakers: **Laura Bangs** (Bracknell YS); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Wales NUM.

BRISTOL: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Shepherds Hall, David Street, Old Market. Speakers: **Hollis Byrne** (YS National Committee); **Matthew Robertson** (Bristol WRP).

EXETER: Friday January 18, 7.30p.m. The Devonport, Fore Street. Speakers: **Beverley Lake** (YS Regional Committee); **Matthew Robertson** (Bristol WRP).

OXFORD: Sunday January 20, 7p.m. Cowley Community Centre. Speakers: **Roger Martin** (Oxford YS); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from South Wales NUM.

READING: Tuesday January 29, 7.30p.m. Room K, South Reading Community Centre, 252 Northumberland Avenue, Whiteley Wood. Speakers: **Jim O'Sullivan** (Bracknell YS); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee).

NORTH WALES

RHYL: Thursday January 31, 7.30p.m. Rhyll YMCA, Kings Avenue. Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Allen Jones** (Point of Ayr NUM, in personal capacity).

SOUTH WALES

SWANSEA: Tuesday January 29, 7.30p.m. AUEW Building, Orchard Street. Speakers: **Mark Vivian** (YS Regional Committee); **Jim Bevan** (Port Talbot WRP).

KENT

DEAL: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Alma Pub, West Street. Speakers: **Dolly Short** ('Young Socialist' editor); **Mike Banda** (WRP General Secretary); Speaker from Kent NUM.

HERTS

LUTON: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. Hightown Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road. Speakers: **Spencer Wylie** (Colney Heath YS); **Paul Stickley** (Watford WRP).

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Friends Meeting House. Speakers: **Colin Jeffery** (YS Regional Committee); **Paul Stickley** (Watford WRP).

MIDDLESEX

ISLEWORTH: Tuesday January 8, 7.30p.m. Public Hall, South Street. Speakers: **Steve Mott** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Lugg** (WRP London district committee); **Lynne Roberts** (NUPE West Middlesex hospital, in personal capacity).

WEMBLEY: Tuesday January 8, 7.30p.m. Labour Hall, Ealing Road. Speakers: **Dolly Short** ('Young Socialist' editor); **Geoff Pilling** (Acton WRP).

HARROW: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. The Railway Tavern, Wealdstone. Speakers: **Dolly Short** ('Young Socialist' editor); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee).

SURREY

KINGSTON: Thursday January 24, 7.30p.m. The Cricketers, Fairfield South. Speakers: **Frances Goldstein** (South London YS Regional Committee); **Simon Vevors** (WRP Central Committee).

LONDON

EAST HAM: Monday January 7, 7.30p.m. Music Room, Stratford School, Upton Lane, E7. Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Keith Scotcher** (WRP London District Committee).

CLAPHAM: Wednesday January 9, 7.30p.m. Coronation Hall, Union Road, Springfield Estate, SW8. Speakers: **Frances Goldstein** (YS Regional Committee); **Alex Mitchell** (WRP Central Committee).

NORTH KENSINGTON: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Westway Luncheon Club, next to Ladbroke Grove tube station. Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Barran Hulme** (North Kensington WRP).

KILBURN: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Anson Hall, Anson Road, Cricklewood, NW2. Speakers: **Matt Hanlon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee).

HARLESDEN: Thursday January 10, 7.30p.m. Harlesden Library, Craven Park Road, NW10. Speakers: **Matt Hanlon** (YS National Committee); **Dany Sylveire** (Harlesden WRP).

PECKHAM: Thursday January 17, 7.30p.m. North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road/Peckham Park Road, SE15. Speakers: **Richard Murphy** (YS Regional Committee); **Alex Mitchell** (WRP Central Committee).

BOW: Monday January 21, 7.30p.m. Bow Baths Community Centre, Sutherland Road, E3. Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP London district committee).

TOTTENHAM: Tuesday January 22, 7.30p.m. Cissbury Road Library, St Annes Road, N15. Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS National Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP London district committee).

ACTON: Tuesday January 22, 8p.m. Council Chamber, Town Hall, Acton High Street, W3. Speakers: **Dolly Short** ('Young Socialist' editor); **Geoff Pilling** (Acton WRP).

CHARLTON: Wednesday January 23, 7.30p.m. Carlton House, Purcival Room. Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee).

HOLLOWAY: Thursday January 24, 7.30p.m. Manor Gardens Library, off Holloway Road, Archway, N7. Speakers: **Elizabeth Ali** (YS Regional Committee); **Peter Farrell** (WRP Central Committee).

HACKNEY: Wednesday January 30, 7.30p.m. Hackney Town Hall, Reading Lane entrance, Mare Street, E8. Speakers: **Graham Campbell** (Hackney YS); **Bill Rogers** (WRP London district committee); **Monique Watson** (COHSE shop steward German hospital, in personal capacity).

WEATHER

EASTERN DISTRICTS will be rather cloudy with scattered wintry showers but some sunny intervals. Western districts will be mainly dry with sunny periods. It will be cold or rather cold but nearer normal temperatures in some north-eastern districts.

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: little change.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

ANSWER THATCHER WITH A GENERAL STRIKE

South Wales miner's call

BY SIMON VEVERS

THE Thatcher government's attempts to destroy the NUM must be answered by a General Strike, says Walla Hoskins, a member of the strike committee at Markham Colliery in South Wales.

'The government doesn't care what they spend. They'll bankrupt the country rather than give in to the miners,' he told News Line yesterday.

Emphasising the need for other unions to take strike action, he said: 'Alright we know we are militant in South Wales, but that isn't the be-all and end-all. I'll tell you



SCARGILL

this if they do beat us then you can forget about any other trade union in this country.'

Hoskins had a direct message for other trade unionists: 'You've given us moral and financial

support — now we want action. Don't go to these conferences and just spout off.

'Anybody can offer us support on a bit of paper. Let's see other unions take the action we've been taking for the last 10 months. That's what we are after.

'Where's the transport union? Don't tell me that all these lorries are driven by cowboys. Some T&GWU drivers are getting rich off our backs and that should be stopped.

'If they say they are behind us then let these other unions show it by coming out with us. Then Thatcher will realise what she's really up against.

'She has taken on the miners and let's face it she wants to privatise every industry in the country and return us to the 1930s where the owner of



Miners from Markham colliery in South Wales... determined to win the active support of the rest of the trade union movement

the mine told you that if your face didn't fit then you were out.'

Hoskins paid tribute to NUM president Arthur Scargill and described him as 'the greatest leader we've ever had'. He added: 'He's out to defend the life of these communities. But these other leaders don't seem to want to see what's happening.'

As a former Labour councillor in Neil Kinnock's constituency, Hoskins knows the Labour

leader personally. But he is scathing about Kinnock's stance during the 10 month-strike.

'Kinnock has gone the wrong way. Instead of attacking Mrs Thatcher, he's agreeing with her. When I see him I'll tell him that straight to his face,' he said.

'In the colliery we have a bloc vote and we put him where he is. He's got to sit down and realise who put him there and who he should be fighting for.'

Solidarity concert

AN International Festival of Solidarity with the Miners is to be held in Abercynon, South Wales this Sunday.

The event was conceived by the Turkish Community Centre and is supported by Arts for Labour. It will involve music and dancers from Turkey, Cyprus, Iraq, Peru and Iran as well as Wales, Scotland and England.

The festival, which starts at midday, will include a rally where speakers will be Labour MP Ann Clwyd, Kemal Daysal of the executive bureau of the Turkish DISK trade union and a representative of the South Wales NUM.

Shock for Celynen pickets

MINERS at the Celynen South colliery in South Wales expressed surprise when Labour leader Neil Kinnock joined their picket line yesterday morning.

No doubt they were astonished to find Kinnock actually standing on their side of the police lines. For he has spent the

last 10 months condemning pickets and echoing Tory allegations of 'violence' by strikers.

But even as he posed as a 'friend' of the miners by joining a picket line for the first time, Kinnock was delivering another stab-in-the-back to the NUM's heroic fight for jobs.

In the latest issue of 'Labour Weekly', Kinnock has the gall to lay

the blame for Labour's electoral decline on the miners' strike.

Claiming that the start of 1984 had brought a recovery in the party's fortunes, he writes: 'It was a flying start to our efforts to win power at the next General Election. But in a year dominated by the miners' strike, that recovery faltered.'

Kinnock spent 90 minutes outside the pit in his Gwent constituency where the Coal Board claims that 33 men are currently scabbing.

He had been asked last November by miners at the Oakdale colliery to join them on a picket line, but had repeatedly claimed that his diary was 'full'.

Local NUM officials were not informed by Kinnock's office of his intention to join pickets yesterday.

Bill Goode, NUM agent in Gwent, said he hoped the Labour leader would now keep a long-standing promise — to arrange a

public meeting in his constituency in support of the miners.

'He will have seen for himself this morning how resolute the miners still are. We hope this is an encouraging sign that Mr Kinnock will now go on to give us other support,' Goode said.

But in a television interview Kinnock made a direct bid to undermine NUM president Arthur Scargill's leadership of the strike.

Puzzle

He claimed that the pickets were 'surprised' to hear Scargill say that he had never predicted power cuts.

Kinnock also could not restrain himself from declaring that miners were being forced back to work through hardship. This will certainly puzzle miners in South Wales who are more solidly behind the strike than ever.

Kinnock said: 'The hardship which is being



KINNOCK

inflicted on mining communities and the degree of desperation in some areas obviously has an effect on opinion.

'I think people ought to see how the government is prepared to use this advantage to undermine people's confidence and dignity and if that eventually whips people back to work it will be tragic for the whole of our society and it will leave scars.'

Murder charge miners remanded

THREE miners appeared at Merthyr Tydfil magistrates court yesterday on a charge of murdering taxi-driver David Wilkie.

All three were remanded in custody for seven days. Committal proceedings are likely to begin on January 24.

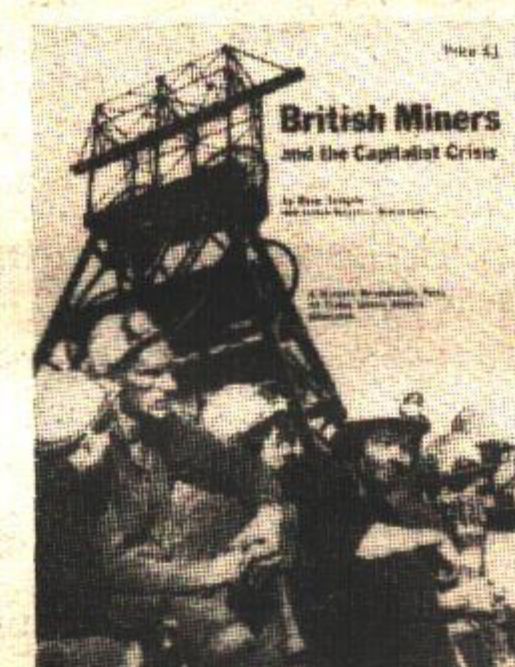
Anthony Glyndwr Williams, 26, from Rhymney, a married man with two children and a miner

from Markham colliery, was arrested on Wednesday and charged with murdering Wilkie.

His solicitor Howard Griffiths asked for bail, but the application was refused.

The two other men, Russell Shankland, 21, and Reginald Dean Hancock, 21, made no application for bail.

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This
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Broaden the strike for jobs

BY the creation of a Bonapartist dictatorship over local areas through class laws which slash council spending, the Tories have created the conditions to broaden the struggle for jobs.

On March 6 thousands of council workers all over the country will take part in a TUC Day of Action against Tory plans to destroy jobs and services in Labour-controlled authorities.

There is not even the remotest possibility that a day's protest action of strikes and demonstrations will make the slightest impression on a government whose objective is the impoverishment of the whole working class.

With the gale of the world economic crisis blowing through the banks and the boardrooms, the Thatcher government is compelled to destroy vast areas of public spending, privatise services and add to mass unemployment.

For ten months the Tories have used the oppressive apparatus of the capitalist state machine to try and crush the miners' fight for jobs through the smashing of the NUM.

This is the objective reality facing council workers now preparing to join the fight for jobs in their own workplaces.

They must insist, therefore, that the town hall trade union leaders who sanction action on March 6 take up the challenge laid down by Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship.

It means that March 6 must be the starting point for INDEFINITE all-out strike action against the Tories in defence of jobs, democratic rights and local communities.

The heroic fight of the miners will undergo a tremendous development in the fight to turn the TUC protest action into a full-scale mobilisation of the powerful local government unions.

It is important that the miners see a date in the near future when fresh forces will join their struggle for jobs against the common enemy of the Tory government.

By themselves, the miners cannot defeat the capitalist state. NUM president Arthur Scargill has called insistently for other sections of the trade union movement to take industrial action with the miners.

The finances of the union are in the hands of the state-appointed receiver in what Scargill correctly calls the most serious attack on trade union rights since the Combination Acts of 1799.

The harsh truth has to be faced — without this support Thatcher can defeat the miners' fight against pit closures and win.

If the trade union movement allows the miners to be starved back to work that means the end of trade unionism, and the dissolution of trade unions into corporate bodies of the capitalist state.

All those unions who support the miners must stop hiding behind the dirty sell-out attempts of the TUC right wing and call their members out alongside the miners.

These same unions — the Transport and General Workers' Union, NUPE and NALGO — represent the main sections of local government workers.

Thatcher's attack on council jobs and services threatens the existence of these unions as organisations of the working class independent of the state.

The rate-capping jobs' fight cannot be avoided. Miners have shown the way in resisting everything that Thatcher's increasingly-desperate regime can throw at the strike.

Let the council unions respond by declaring March 6 the start of indefinite strike action for jobs.

To unite miners and council workers will be a step in the organisation of the General Strike against the Tories.

ORGANISE A GENERAL

Miners and councils — the same fight

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

BARRIERS separating the struggle of the miners and local government must be broken down, the leader of an embattled council in Scotland said yesterday.

'It's not enough to say the miners and councils are two parts of the same fight. They are the same fight,' Mike Connarty, of Stirling district council, stressed.

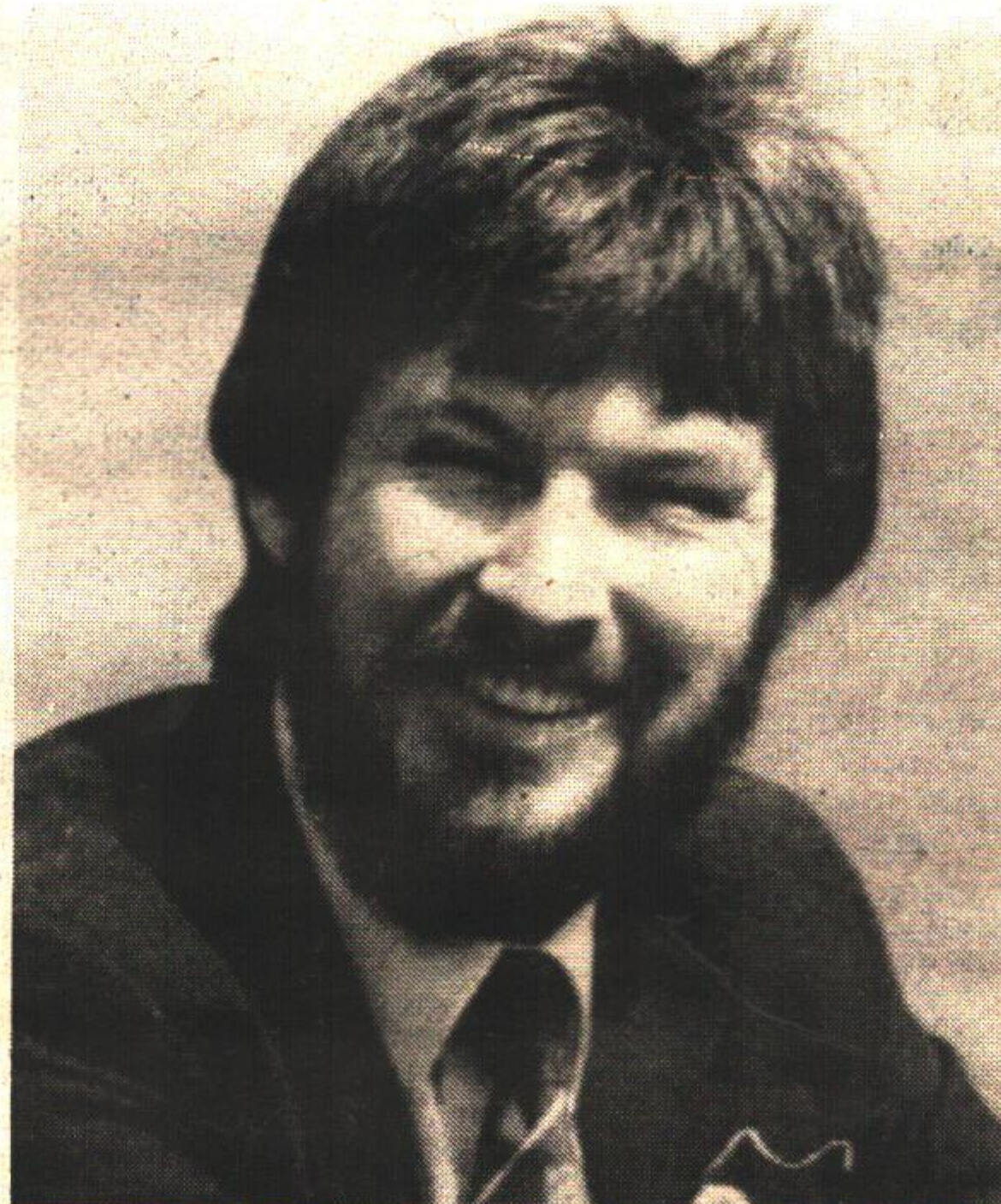
Connarty is also a member of the Labour Party national executive's local government advisory committee.

Only a few miles down the road from Stirling district's offices is Polmaise colliery — closed by the coal board last year, three weeks before the strike started.

'Opposing pit closures is not simply a matter, for us, of sympathy and compassion for the miners,' stressed Connarty.

'Polmaise must be saved. There are dire consequences for the economy of the whole area. So when we're saying the miners just have to win, we mean win without compromise.'

Stirling district council in fact faces much the same fate as Polmaise pit. The Scottish Office is set to move in to dictate the affairs of the district — in much the same way



MIKE CONNARTY... 'Not separate'

as receivers were sent into the NUM.

But the Tory state is clearly anxious to keep the two issues apart. Just before Christmas the Court of Session, in Edinburgh, issued an interim interdict ordering Stirling to lift its ban on tenders from contractors crossing NUM picket lines.

Front

'What we have to get across,' said Connarty, 'is that it's not the case that the miners are fighting on one front and councils are

fighting on another. They are the same front.

'Having said that, it is true there are difficulties. How do you get people to link up? In many respects they are in two different environments.'

'We had the example very recently of two Labour Party members resigning in order to devote all their time to the miners' strike.'

'We've even seen people quite deliberately putting down the local government struggle, and deciding to prioritise the miners' strike.'

'Nobody has used every platform possible, as

much as Stirling district council has, to put the case for supporting the miners. The NUM has to be supported to the hilt. What is required, though, is for the NUM and the councils to be linked up and seen as the same fight.'

Energy

Connarty said it was understandable that the miners themselves were using so much of their energy in terms of picketing and fighting on the question of pit closures and jobs. The Labour Party should take the initiative, he suggested, because a breakthrough was needed.

Outlining the attacks on local government in Scotland, he pointed out that George Younger, Thatcher's Scottish Secretary, has been given an arsenal of new legislation with which to dictate to councils huge rent rises and what rates they can levy.

Orders were being placed before parliament later this month as part of this onslaught, explained Connarty. Then, by March 5, councils have to submit their budgets.

In a number of councils opposing massive cuts, it is expected they will be acting illegally to proceed on these budgets. 'We realise that in order to force their policies on councils, the Tories will use the full weight of the law,' said Connarty.

Action

'But councils should stand firm, and not bow to government threats of action. If the government has the legal powers, they should be revealed in public as using them utterly and totally in an open attempt to smash the democratic wishes of the electorate.'

Frank McKeever, a Labour leader on Falkirk district council, told News Line yesterday that his authorities housing support grant had been cut 'from £8m down to nothing.'

Falkirk's rate support grant 'needs element' had last month been cut from £3.9m down to £1.6m. 'It really is similar to what has been happening to the Greater London Council,' said McKeever.

'We are part of the miners' fight,' he said, 'because the miners are fighting for future generations and so are we.'



Local government workers and councillors, as well as EIS teachers, have been participating in Scottish NUM demonstrations since the start of the strike



Graham and Ann Asquith

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



'We must turn to other industries'

STRIKING miners have set the right example to all those facing job cuts, believes GRAHAM ASQUITH, a striking member of the industrial group of COSA from Goldthorpe colliery in Yorkshire.

'I think all workers should be backing us up and taking all-out strike action, because if we get defeated Thatcher will only come for them that much quicker.'

Industry

'One thing we have learned in the last ten months is that Thatcher doesn't care about our industry, and she will do the same to other industries as she has done to us.'

'That is why we should be going to people in other industries now to ask them for industrial action in support. What is happening to us will happen to them, and it will be that much worse if we are allowed to be defeated.'

But regardless of whether industrial support is forthcoming in the near future, Asquith expresses the overwhelming view of Yorkshire miners and their communities about the need to carry on the struggle.

'This strike has to carry on until we win. There is no point in returning now. We have had a taste of what it is like on the dole in the last ten months and we don't like it. That is

BY BEN RUDDER

why we are determined to win.

'We know it was a political decision to close Cortonwood, and that is the reason the majority at the pit support Scargill. I support him 100 per cent because he is fighting to defend mining communities.'

'We have seen the effects on the community here. Men have been transferred from Highgate and Hickleton to Frickley. Now the Board want to get rid of 600 men from Frickley. The most likely ones to go will be those who have just arrived from our village.'

'We have also realised that the Coal Board policy in the last couple of years to sell houses is because they planned in advance that these villages were doomed and the pits would be closed.'

But with whole communities fighting to save jobs for the future, Asquith has been badly disappointed by the response of the TUC to appeals for industrial action by other sections of the trade union movement.

Negotiate

'The TUC have been no good to us. It seems that they are trying to negotiate all the time instead of doing anything positive to help us.'

'I don't rate Neil Kinnock very highly either. I believe he personally would like to see us

lose. When you look back at the history of the Labour Party, nobody closed more pits than the Labour government.'

'As for Thatcher, I don't think she ever forgave us for what happened to Heath. She is trying to prove that she will never be beaten like he was.'

'She set out to create trouble in the industry by bringing McGregor in. Everyone knew his record in the steel industry. They even announced how much money he was to be paid for the job, when he is really only a figurehead doing a job that any man in the street could handle.'

Thatcher

Ann Asquith fully supports the miners' fight. 'Thatcher has been out to bring down the unions right from the beginning of her government.'

'The press are saying that the miners should give a little bit. But we have got nothing to give. They are the ones who are trying to take away our jobs.'

The family have nothing but praise for the local community and the tremendous mutual support which has sustained the strike.

Even the teachers of their four sons, Graham, Jan, John and Robert have given help in the food kitchens, the boys said.

Despite the hardship of the strike, the Asquith family, like thousands more in Yorkshire, are determined to fight on until victory.

'Tories want us begging for work'

'THE Tories want the miners and the rest of the working class to go back to the olden days when we went cap in hand to the gaffer,' believes striking Ireland miner Dave Bray.

'That is one thing I don't want to happen,' said the Derbyshire miner.

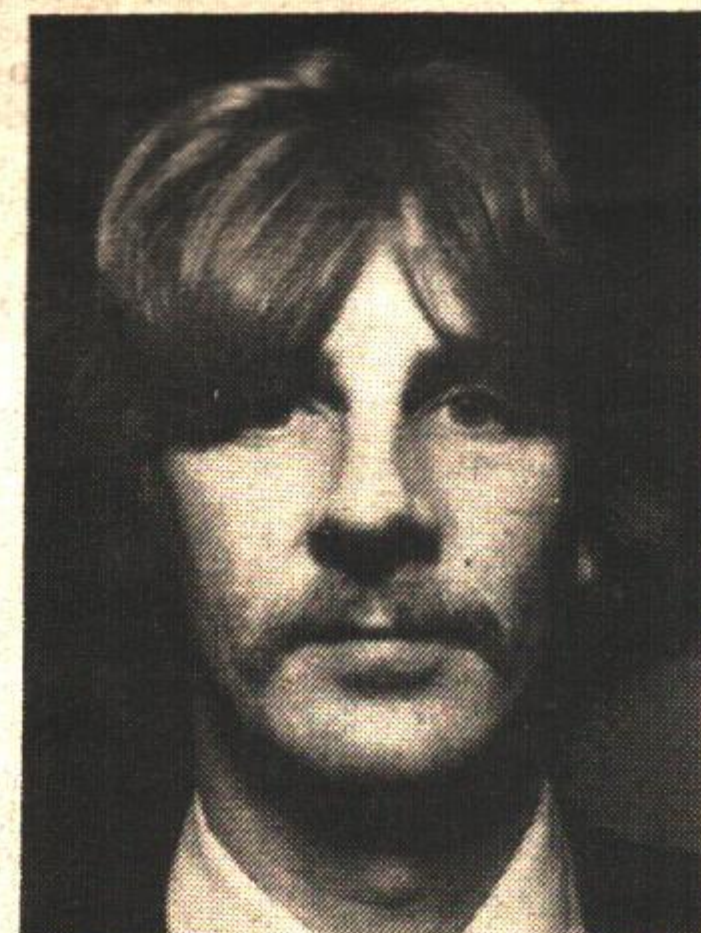
Like the thousands of his colleagues on strike in the coalfield, Bray fully supports the stand of NUM president Arthur Scargill.

Scargill

'I decided at the start of the strike that if Scargill was wrong, at least I could vote against him in due course. But if I listened to MacGregor I would be out of work for life.'

'I am like many others. All I want is to be able to work until my retirement at 55 and earn a decent wage.'

'But I know what pit closures mean. I had only just moved from Westhorpe pit to Ireland for five weeks when the strike started. My former pit was closed just after last



DAVE BRAY

Christmas, even though there were at least 12 years of coal left there.

'This government has started on the strongest union and are now trying to smash us. They want to have us begging for work again. But if they smash us it will be much easier for them to smash all unions.'

'The other unions face the same job cuts as us, and as the steel industry did before. People may think they are separate struggles but they are not and they shouldn't be treated that way. The same fate awaits them if they don't support us.'

'I know it is easy to say that they should all be out on strike with us, but it is proving much harder to get that message across.'

Argument

'It is still worth appealing to them to take strike action with us though. It is an argument definitely worth making.'

'Just look at what has happened to the steel industry. Thousands were thrown out of work but is it any healthier now? Are they making a profit?'

'The other unions should support us because this government is destroying the economy and wants to destroy the unions as well. We don't want to go back to the old days when there were no unions, when men had to beg for work.'

h their sons Graham, Jan, John and Robert

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THE MASSACRE OF DETROIT

 FROM BARRY GREY
IN DETROIT

THE DECAY of American capitalism has cut a swathe of mass unemployment, destitution and chronic poverty in the industrial heartland of Detroit's East Side.

Tens of thousands of jobs have been destroyed since 1979, when the giant corporations began shutting down factories one after the other.

Virtually overnight, entire neighbourhoods of car workers and their families have been transformed into boarded-up ghost suburbs and the shells of industries that hummed in the post-war boom.

Chrysler Corporation, long the economic mainstay of the East Side where most of its plants were located, has carried out a scorched-earth programme of closures and layoffs that have triggered devastating social consequences.

The cynicism and hypocrisy of Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca and Democratic Mayor Coleman Young was beyond description when recently they held a press conference to announce Chrysler's £100,000 donation to soup kitchens.

Change

The sum of £100,000 is mere pocket change for Chrysler, which is now making billions in record profits by causing tens of billions worth of economic damage, and incalculable human suffering.

At the press conference Young revealed that Detroit's infant mortality rate had risen from 21.9 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1981 to 26.8 deaths last year. Over the same period state and national infant death rates have declined. In 1983 the national infant mortality rate was 10.9 per 1,000.

Young said the city's tuberculosis rate, 18.8 cases per 100,000 residents was three times the state average and more than twice the national average.

About 35 per cent of Detroiters collect some type of assistance, and more than 30 per cent of city residents are at or below federally established poverty levels.

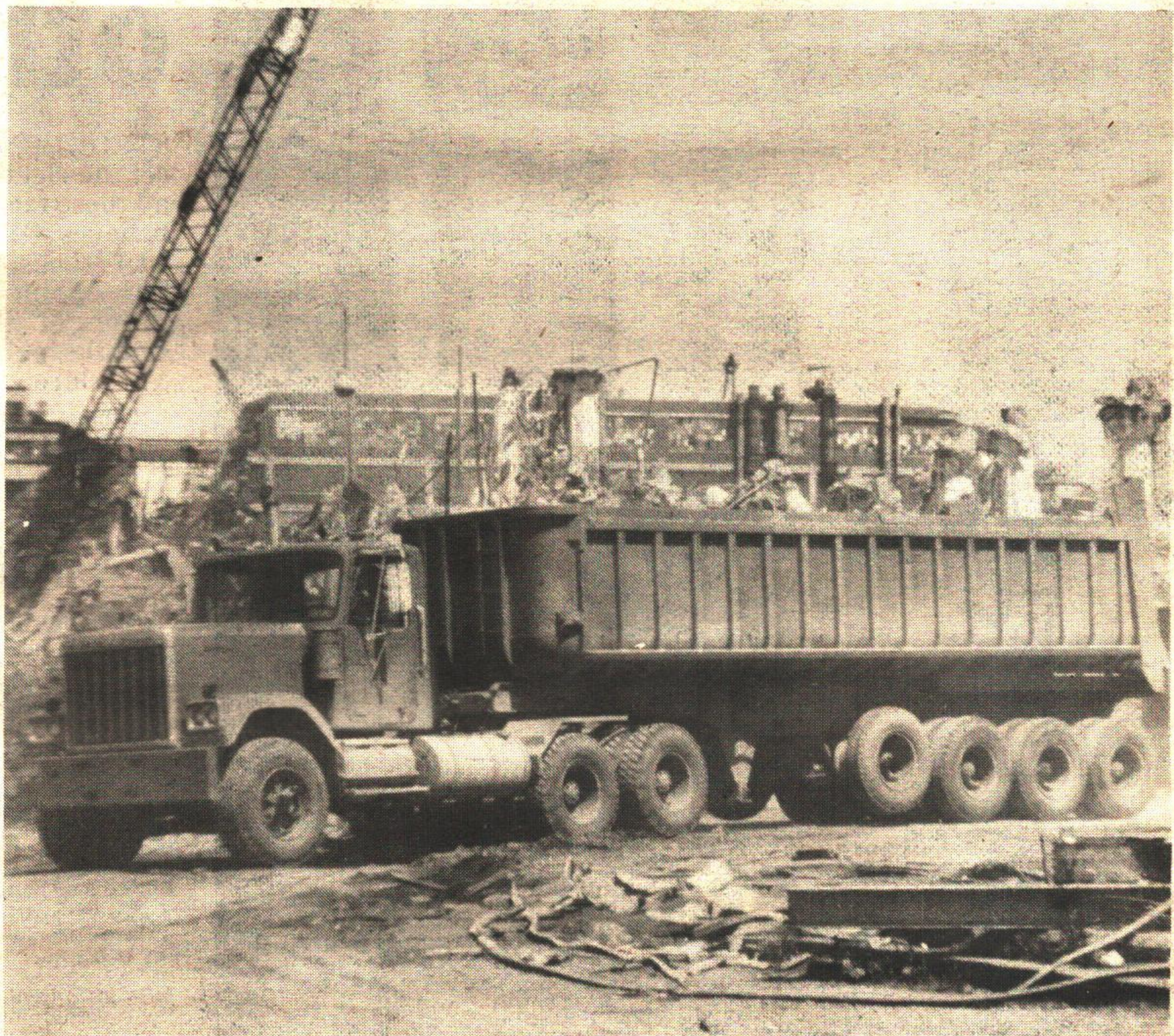
Unemployment

He piously estimated the actual rate of unemployment in the city to be 25 per cent; 30 per cent for minorities. Only about 2 out of every 11 unemployed Detroit residents collected jobless benefits, he said.

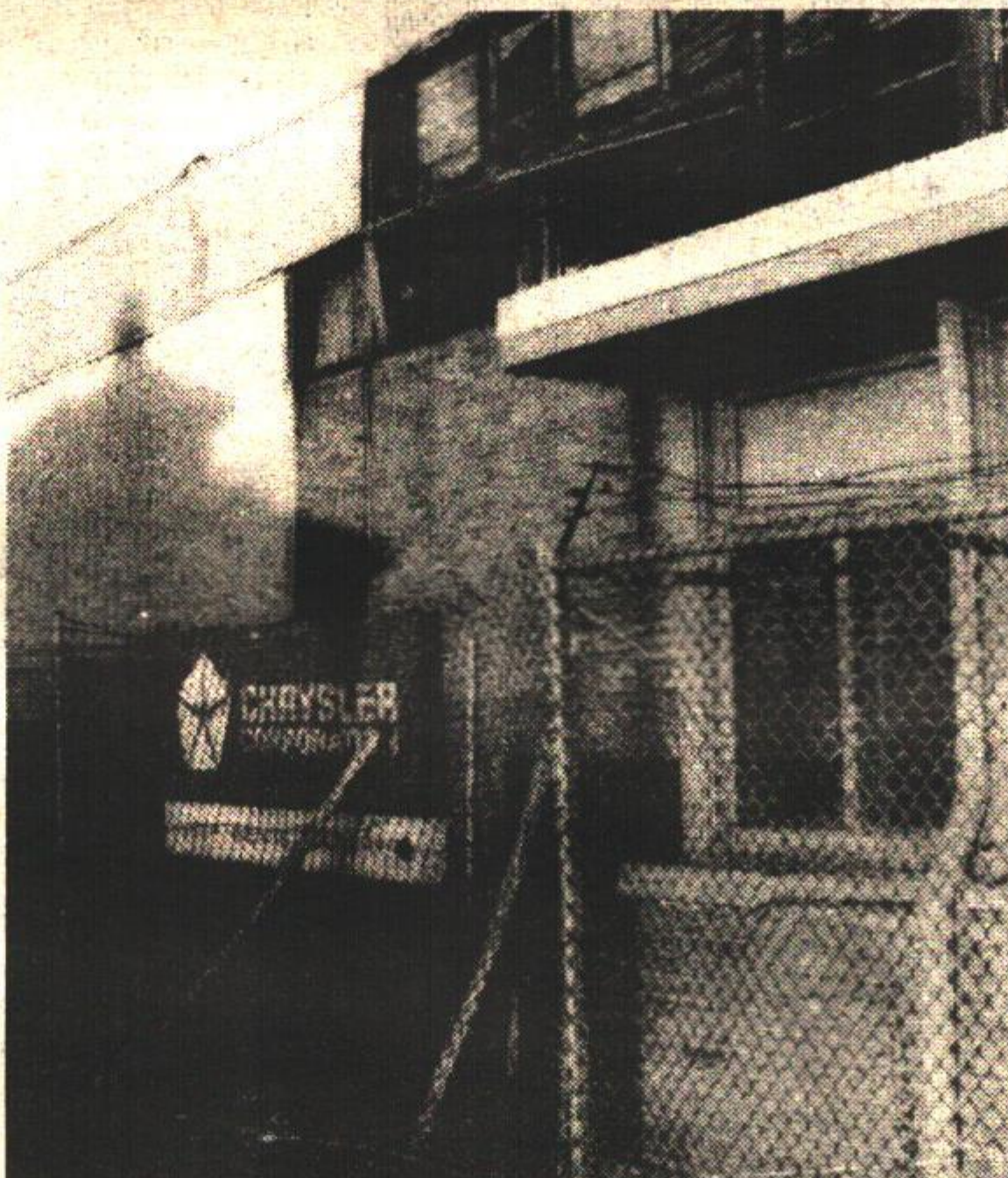
Six major Chrysler plants in the east side, representing close to 30,000 jobs, were closed down between January 1980 and July 1983.

In addition, the large Uniroyal Tyre plant, Parke-Davis Drugs and Vernor Tool & Die were shut down over that period.

The destruction went ahead both under the Democratic Carter-Mondale government and President Reagan's White House, with the bipartisan backing of



The demolition of one of Chrysler's many plants in Detroit... a programme that has earned the corporation billions in profits while unleashing devastation on the population



The abandoned Huber Foundry on the East Side

Congress. A black Democratic mayor, Coleman Young has held office throughout.

One indication of the impact of the plant closures and budget cuts on the East Side is the dramatic increase in the number of workers who rely on soup kitchens and other forms of private charity to survive.

At the Capuchin Community Centre Soup Kitchen, the largest on the East Side, the number of meals served has risen every year since 1979: 1979 — 186,760; 1980 — 230,000; 1981 324,000; 1982 458,000; 1983 657,000.

This is an increase

from 1979 to 1983 of 351 per cent. And, according to Father Lloyd Thiel, the director of the soup kitchen, 1984 has broken all previous records.

Kitchen

The increase in meals served at the soup kitchen coincides with the factory closures and the first round of budget cuts under Reagan.

The number of people using the soup kitchen began to accelerate in 1980. In that year Chrysler closed Dodge Main, the Outer Drive and Eight Mile stamping plants,

and Huber Foundry. The Uniroyal tyre plant was also closed in 1980.

There were more plant closures in 1981, including Lynch Road assembly, plus the massive reductions in welfare benefits from Reagan's budget cuts.

The social toll of this massacre of jobs and social services is reflected in health statistics for the East Side.

Infant mortality on the East Side in 1982 was 20.0 as compared to the national average of 11.2.

The rate of tuberculosis was three times the national average.

Youth are the hardest hit by the massacre of jobs on the East Side. The actual rate of teenage unemployment could well be in the range of 80 per cent.

Louis Martin, 16, goes to South-eastern High School. He said: 'Right now I'm trying to hustle up a couple of dollars to feed my brother and sister. My mother is in the hospital with pneumonia.'

'They should give jobs to teenagers that provide a skill. They're screaming about guns in the schools. You almost have to carry a gun to be safe on this side of Detroit. If there were jobs, people wouldn't have to go out and steal.'

The 'de-industrialisation' of the East Side is a monument to the betrayal of the working class carried out by the Union of Auto Workers bureaucracy.

The reaction of the UAW leaders to Chrysler's demands for mas-

sive wage cuts and concessions, and the systematic destruction of jobs, has been to block any struggle by Chrysler workers.

The bureaucrats have embraced fully the corporatist policy of integrating the union into the structure of corporate management and the capitalist state, in order to defend the capitalist system.

In 1979 and 1980, then-UAW President Douglas Fraser accepted and pushed through the Carter Administration's Chrysler bail out plan which initiated the wave of contract concessions.

Betrayed

The immediate consequence of this betrayal was the closure on January 4, 1980 of the Dodge Main factory in Hamtramck, which at one time employed 30,000 workers.

Shortly thereafter Fraser was voted onto the Chrysler board of directors.

The perspective of the bureaucracy, that the working class must sacrifice jobs and living standards to defend the profits of the capitalist class, was spelled out at the time of the Dodge Main closure by UAW Vice President Marc Stepp.

He said: 'I believe that the company will have to trim its operations down. But what can you do about it? We have free enterprise in this country. The corporations have their right to make their profit.'

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BOOKS

A weekly review of
the latest publicationsVictor Serge: Memoirs
of a revolutionary

BY RICHARD PRICE

VICTOR SERGE's memoirs, now reprinted, join a growing body of his work now available in English.

Written during the last period of his life, in exile in Mexico, their panoramic sweep of four decades of revolutionary struggle from 1901 to 1941 reveal both the strength and weakness of a generation which saw the victory and betrayal of the Russian revolution.

Born in 1890, the son of a Russian Narodnik exile, Serge entered what he described as 'a world without escape'. His childhood was spent in poverty in Belgium and England.

At 15 he became a photographer's apprentice, working ten hours a day. He became active in the Jeunes-Gardes, the Belgian socialist youth movement. Together with a group of friends he rapidly became dissatisfied with the wordy reformism of (official) Bel-

Victor Serge — Memoirs of a Revolutionary — Writers and Readers, £6.95

gian and French socialism of the era of Vandervelde. Jaures.

Intending to travel to Lille for two weeks he left his family never to return and was drawn into the Parisian anarchist movement.

Trends

The various French anarchist trends, comprising a layer of youth and workers repelled by reformism as well as cranks and eccentrics, lived alongside an underworld of beggars and loafers and thieves.

All the social tension of a Europe on the brink of world war exploded in its

ranks, as the section known as the Bonnet Gang took to hold-ups and armed battles with the police.

Although he disagreed with this 'illegalism' Serge defended them in the anarchist weekly paper of which he was editor and received five years imprisonment without remission in 1912 as a result.

This period of imprisonment formed the basis of his finest novel 'Men in Prison'.

On his release in 1917 Serge made his way to Barcelona in time to take part in the defeated syndicalist uprising of that year.

Escape via France resulted in a one-year detention in a concentration camp as a Bolshevik suspect.

Strongly drawn like many anarchists and syndicalists to the Russian Revolution, Serge was repatriated to Russia where he took part in the siege of Red Petrograd in 1918-1919.

Enthusiasm

Serge's account of Bolshevik Russia embraces both his enthusiasm for the youthful workers' state and his subsequent rationalisation of the rise of Stalinism.

Although Serge remained a fierce opponent of all those defeatists who were to argue later that Stalinism grew out of Leninism, his account of

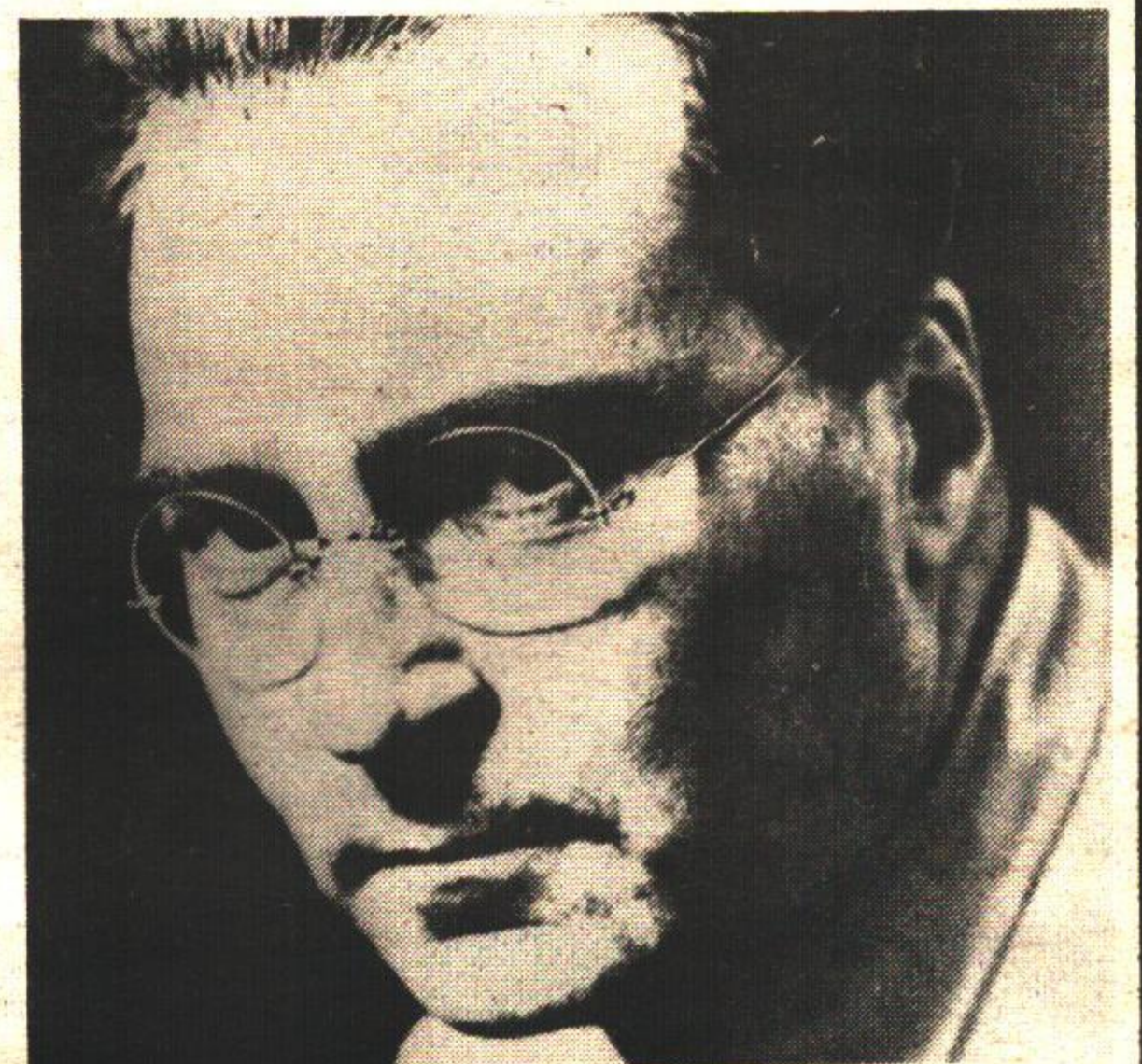
the Red Terror and Kronstadt opened the door to such interpretations.

During the years 1919 to 1925 Serge performed a host of functions for the Communist International including editing 'Inprecor', investigating the archives of the Tsar's secret police (the result of which was published as 'What Everyone should Know About State Repression' — New Park publications £1) as well as political assignments in Germany and Austria.

Serge unhesitatingly supported and played an active role in the struggle of the Left Opposition and his memoirs provide an extremely valuable record of the struggle.

After a period in which Serge along with Trotsky's first wife remained virtually the only members of the Left Opposition at liberty, Serge was arrested in 1928, imprisoned and, in 1933, exiled to central Asia. During these years he wrote many of his best works.

In the spring of 1936, on the eve of the great purges in which he would undoubtedly have perished, Serge was released as a result of a literary campaign by some authors of the Left



VICTOR SERGE

Opposition in France.

Although elected to the international secretariat of the International Left Opposition Serge proved difficult to integrate into the work of the Fourth International.

Despite his years of suffering Serge lacked a theoretical grasp of Marxism and had never wholly freed himself from his youthful libertarianism.

Literary

His tendency to substitute literary impressionism for political analysis frequently surfaces in the memoirs. Together with Vereeken and Sneevliet, Serge mounted a leftist opposition to the formation of the Fourth International and broke with Trotsky over the Spanish revolution, supporting the POUM.

He also participated in the 'hue and cry' over Kronstadt and became part of the justification used by the centrists opposing the Fourth International.

The memoirs close with a vivid picture of the collapse of France in 1940 and with it the Popular Front. During Serge's last years he maintained friendship with Natalia Sedova, Trotsky's widow, but took no further part in political work.

A final word should be devoted to those who seek to transform Victor Serge's work into a 'third' road — a libertarian road to socialism. In doing so, they obscure the great struggles to which Serge contributed and in their place attempt to create a 'socialist humanism' which can only disorientate those opposed to Stalinism and seeking the road to revolution.

Malgudi shorts

Malgudi Days by R.K. Narayan — King Penguin — £2.50

'MALGUDI Days', a collection of 32 short stories by R.K. Narayan, is the latest work from a novelist whose writings span five decades.

He is best known for his 'Swami and Friends', published in 1935, 'The Dark Room' (1938) 'The Guide' (1958), and a series of 'Malgudi' novels.

The 'Malgudi' stories follow 'The Man-Eater of Malgudi' in 1961 and represent the latter part of the robust career of the Madras-born writer.

Award

His works have won him the National Prize of the Indian Literary Academy, India's highest literary award, in 1958, the A.C. Benson Medal by the Royal Society of Literature in 1980 and an honorary membership of the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters in 1982.

Narayan's stories come to life in Malgudi, a city or town, as the imagination may take it, that takes the reader beyond the narrow confines of 'Indianness'.

The collection is presented in three sections that go under the subtitles of 'From An Astrologer's Day', 'From Lawley Road' and 'New Stories'.

The stories are completely bound up with the struggles of a myriad of individuals, many of whom remain nameless, thus giving the characters a universal appeal.

By using as the location for his tales the imaginary town of Malgudi,

Narayan rips away narrow ethnic confines.

Narayan captures both the material environment and the nature of the man shaped by it, his endeavours, social and creative, in one rich episode after another.

Inner city
scenes

Home Front by Derek Bishton and John Reardon with an introduction by Salman Rushdie — Jonathan Cape — £4.95

HANDSWORTH, Birmingham — the Home Front, where the battle against racism, unemployment, police brutality, low wages and appalling housing conditions is waged day by day.

Bishton and Reardon, freelance photo journalists, compiled this fascinating collection of photographs over a four-year period. It is a collection of powerful images from the lives of old and young, blacks, Asians, Chinese, whites, Vietnamese in an area which is rapidly declining.

In 1983 official estimates showed that three out of four young people in parts of Handsworth were out of work, and even the junk shops are closing down because people have sold all their junk.

The picture of Handsworth could just as well be Brixton or Toxteth or any of the other big inner city areas.

The book gives a vivid description of the way in which the Handsworth riots of 1981 were deliberately staged and provoked by the police and the local media.

New in paperback

The Colour of Magic by Terry Pratchett — Corgi, £1.75

SELF-parodying fantasy saga, in which Rincewind the Wizard and Twoflower have adventures in different parts of the universe. The magic is never all it might be, and has a tendency to fade away at the crucial moment.

The Restless Sea by E. V. Thompson — Pan, £1.95

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Sharpe's Enemy by Bernard Cornwell — Fontana, £1.95

IN which Sharpe continues his patriotic progress through the British army during the Napoleonic wars.

Susan by Lena Kennedy — Futura, £1.95

EAST End girl makes bad and then makes good and then has to live with her past in Lena Kennedy's latest tale. Kennedy never achieves the involvement with the heroine that made her first novel, 'Maggie', so popular, but she holds her readers right to the end.

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Deborah Kerr is an old 'Woman of Substance' on 4 at 9



A romantic moment for Superman (Christopher Reeve) and Lois Lane (Margot Kidder) in 'Superman II' on ITV at 7pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Charlie Brown. 9.25 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop. 9.45 Why Don't You ... ? 10.10 Peter Pan. 10.25 Paddington. 10.30 Play School: It's Friday. 10.50 The Pink Panther Show. 11.05 Daffy Duck. 11.15 Bonanza. 12.05 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.50 Chock-A-Block. 2.05 International Tennis. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School. 4.10 The Hunter. 4.15 William — At Christmas. 4.25 Finders Keepers. 4.50 Newsround Extra. 5.05 The Machine Gunners. 5.30 Friday People. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS
6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES
6.55 TOM AND JERRY *Professor Tom*

7.05 MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE Jimmy Hill introduces coverage of one of tonight's most absorbing FA Cup third round ties

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS

9.25 WYNNE AND PENKOVSKY The true story of British spy Greville Wynne and his Russian collaborator Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, based on Wynne's own writings. With David Calder and Christopher Rozycki

10.20 STARKY AND HUTCH *The Plague* Part two

11.10 INTERNATIONAL TENNIS The World Young Masters

11.55 ALL-TIME GREAT MOVIES *Indiscreet* (1958) Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman in this sophisticated comedy feature film. A famous actress is introduced to an American diplomat who is married — but this does not put her off in the least

1.30-1.35a.m. Weather Closedown
BBC WALES: 6.30-7.05 Grange Hill.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 1.55 Harold Lloyd in: *Swing Your Partners*. 2.05 Holiday Time. 2.50 Bob Hope in *Son of Paleface* (1952) With Jane Russell. 4.20 International Tennis.

5.00 THE ROYAL INSTITUTION'S CHRISTMAS LECTURES *Bodies and Antibodies* 'The Message of the Genes' — fourth of six programmes on human inheritance and how it affects our health

6.00 THE INVADERS With Roy Thinnes as David Vincent in *Panic*

6.50 SING COUNTRY *New Year Special* Highlights from the Silk Cut Festival at Wembley Country Music Festival

7.35 GARDENERS' WORLD (new series) from Barnsdale with Geoff Hamilton and Clay Jones

8.00 THE LAMBETH BOYS *People Want to Know Who We Are* ... — today's generation of Lambeth teenagers have their say about the issues that matter to them

9.00 SHIRLEY MacLAINE in *Gambit* (1966) Michael Caine and Herbert Lom join MacLaine in a combination of comedy-spoof and more subtle story-telling as the theft of an art treasure is planned

10.45 MALC UP-MARKET Brummie comedian Malcolm Stent with his road show up-market at The Library Theatre, Solihull

11.15 HAMMER HORROR: *The Curse of the Werewolf* (1961) continues a season of classic tales from Hammer, the house of horror, starring Oliver Reed and Clifford Evans

12.50 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.00 SNOOKER *The Mercantile Credit Classic*

3.30 TENNIS *The WCT 1985 World Doubles Championship*

5.30 THE TUBE Introduced by Jools Holland with guests Echo and the Bunnymen, Frank Chickens, Sandii & The Sunsetz, Ryuichi Sakamoto, The Checkers, Haruomi Hosono and Yellow Magic Orchestra

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather

7.30 THE OPTIMIST *The Fool of the House of Esher* Enn Reitel as the Optimist who inherits a crumbling and sinister country estate and a crumbling butler to go with it!

8.00 DON'T SAY GOODBYE, MISS RAGTIME! Sheila Brand and Peter Gale star in this syncopating celebration of ragtime dance and music set on and around the Mississippi riverboat in the early 1890s

9.00 A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE (part 3) Jenny Seagrove as Emma with Deborah Kerr as the older Emma in the final part of this dramatic mini-series

10.55 BREAKING THROUGH In this comedy documentary, writer Alan Gilbey guides us through a look at the poets, the comics and the people who make up the true talent of London's East End

11.50 CRY WOLF (1947) With Barbara Stanwyck and Errol Flynn in this suspense drama about a widow who arrives at a house of mourning, to the surprise of the occupants, who had no idea that the dead man was married!

1.30 Close

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1.45 5 Lon Goch. 2.00 Snooker. 3.30 Tennis. 4.45 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Arolwg Arbennig. 8.15 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.45 Byd Arall; News Headlines. 9.45 A Woman of Substance. 11.40 G! Brides. 12.50 Close.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run*. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Film: *All the Kind Strangers*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.02 What Would You Do? 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 Film: *Superman II*. 9.15 Bloopers. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.32 Snooker. 12.15 Club Night. 12.45 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Day of the Bear Cub. 9.50 Owl and the Pussycat. 10.00 Falcon Island. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run*. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Film: *Gorgo*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 Film: *Superman II*. 9.15 Bloopers. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time.

10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run*. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *Big Rose*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.00 Film: *Superman II*. 9.15 Bloopers. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Rock of the Seventies. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run*. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Film: *Big Rose*. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 3.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 The Making of Supergran. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.00 Film: *Superman II*. 9.15 Bloopers. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.34 Snooker. 12.15 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Holiday Time. 9.28 Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run*. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Film: *Wine, Women and War*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 TVS News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50

Freetime. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Vintage Quiz. 7.00 Film: *Superman II*. 9.15 Bloopers. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run*. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *Anne of the Indies*. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.30 Source of Inspiration. 7.00 Film: *Superman II*. 9.15 Bloopers. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Snooker. 12.15 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run*. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Hart to Hart. 2.30 Three Little Words. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 Film: *Superman II*. 9.15 Bloopers. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.00 Snooker. 12.15 Film: *Gargoyles*. 1.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run* (1981) With Simone Buchanan. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 What Worries Me ... ? 1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 The Six Million Dollar Man. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You! 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW Presented by Michael Aspel with Danny Barker, Fred Housego, Shyama Perera and Andy Price

7.00 SUPERMAN II (1980) With Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman and Margot Kidder. In this fantasy adventure with superb special effects Reeve returns as Superman and battles with the evil General Zod and his cohorts Ursa and Non from Krypton. These miscreants have come to Earth to seek revenge on Superman and wreak havoc in the state of Idaho

9.15 BLOOPERS Hilarious out-takes from American television programmes and commercials

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by LONDON NEWS HEADLINES

10.30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME Six months ago Neighbourhood Watch was launched. The programme suggests that this scheme for local police informers has produced mixed results

11.00 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER *The Mercantile Credit Classic* from the Spectrum Arena, Warrington

12.15 JOURNEY TO THE UNKNOWN *Poor Butterfly* With Chad Everett

1.10 NIGHT THOUGHTS followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon. 10.35 Film: *Run Rebecca, Run* (1981) With Simone Buchanan. Rebecca is forced on to a tiny lonesome island when her dinghy is swept away. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Never Mind the Handicap. 1.00 News. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Film: *Murder She Said* (1961) With Margaret Rutherford. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Granada Reports. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 How Dare You! 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS The latest news and reports from around the North West

6.05 WEEKEND

7.00 SUPERMAN II (1980) With Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman, Margot Kidder, Jackie Cooper, Valerie Perrine and Susannah York. In this sequel to 'Superman' Krypton rebel General Zod and his cohorts Ursa and Non are unexpectedly released from their imprisonment when an H-bomb hurled into space by Superman explodes. Seeking revenge on Superman they head for Earth to wreak havoc

9.15 BLOOPERS Hosted by Dick Clark. Stars of the American screen are caught off guard in some hilarious and embarrassing moments which have been rescued from the cutting room floor

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 SNOOKER *The Mercantile Credit Classic* from the Spectrum Arena, Warrington

12.15 HAMMER HOUSE OF MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE *In Possession* With Carol Lynley

1.35 Closedown

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30a.m. until 9.30p.m., and at 12 midnight.

6.00 Adrian John. 8.00 Mike Read. 10.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-A-Disc with Peter Powell. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (S).

2 News on the hour (except 9p.m.); Headlines 5.30a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00 David Yarnall (S) (5.02 Cricket Desk). 5.30 Bill Rennells (S) (6.02 Cricket Desk). 7.30 Colin Berry (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin, 9.02 Cricket Desk). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S) (10.02, 11.02 Cricket Desk). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (12.02 Cricket Desk, 1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 John Craven (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and classified results). 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night (S) (8.20-8.40 Interval). 9.30 The Organist Entertains (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Grumbleweeds. 10.30 Only by Women. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Steve Madden (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Big Band Special (S). 3.30-4.00 String Sound (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S). Lyadov, Smetana, Schumann

(8.00-8.05 News) Bruch, Kuula, Sibelius: records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Beethoven: records. 10.00 Martiño Tirimo (S) Piano recital: Debussy, Liszt. 10.35 Northern Sinfonia (S) Mozart, Kodaly, Copland, Haydn. 11.35 The Songs of Frank Bridge (S). 12.15 Middy Concert (S) BBC Concert Orchestra: Sibelius, Peter McGowan, (1.00 News) Johann Strauss arr Dorati. 1.45 Piano Trios (S) Rawsthorne, Mendelssohn. 2.30 Nielsen (S) Records including Sinfonia Espansiva Op. 27. 3.25 French Baroque Harpsichord Music (S) Dumont, Marais, D'Anglebert, Lebeque, Rameau arr Balbastre. 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Twelve Identical Grey Velvet Suits (S). 5.55 Poulenc and Satie (S) Chamber music. 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) Bach transcr Kappel. 7.00 Ravel and Peter Maxwell Davies (S) The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. 7.30 Steven de Groote (S) Piano recital: Beethoven (8.05 Poetry Now) Schumann. 9.20 Civilised Doubts. 10.10 Ibert and Dutilleul (S) Orchestral music on records. 11.00 Ayres for the Theatre (S) Music by Louis Grabu and Purcell. 11.45 Martinu (S) Music for cello and piano. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.

6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport). 8.43 Far Away and Long Ago. 8.57 Weather; travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 The Princely Pleasures at Kenilworth (S). 10.00 News; International Assignment. 10.30 Morning Story: *Million Pound Legs*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Carry On Up the Shrubbery. 11.48 Natural Selection. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 A Lexicon of Laughter (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; Master's India (S). 4.00 News; Going Places. 4.40 Story Time: *The Butterfly that Stamped*. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 News; Financial Report. 6.30 A Pipe Dream No More. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week (S). 8.20 Prefaces to Shakespeare. 8.45 Any Questions? 9.30 Letter from America. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Empire of the Sun*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.00 News Headlines. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Week Ending (S). 12.00 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 11.55-2.00 Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

Winning Post

Bold Illusion – Haydock's



SELECTIONS

HAYDOCK

12.45 Rainbow Lady
1.15 Grundy Glow (n.b.)
1.45 King's Jug
2.15 Just Alick
2.45 Big Brown Bear
3.15 Bold Illusion (nap)

SEDGEFIELD

12.30 Amadis
1.00 Chetel
1.30 Even Melody
2.00 On Leave
2.30 Lucky Fen
3.00 Chatty Chez

SEDGEFIELD

12.30 HASWELL NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £800

2m 4f (14 runners)
1 42 AMADIS (BF) T D Barron 5 11 9..... Mr G Harker (7)
5 0043B CLANNAD R Fisher 6 11 9..... M Meagher (4)
7 032/0-P EDGED GOLD P Wigham 8 11 9..... M Hindley (4)
8 0 ELUCIDATE (USA) (BF) Ronald Thompson 6 11 9 Jayne Thompson (7)
9 00-0000 HARBOUR MUSIC D A Lamb 5 11 9..... Angela Cross
10 KARABLAKE Denys Smith 5 11 9..... C Grant
12 003 COLONIAL CHARM C Spares 5 11 4..... J McLaughlin
13 03- CORALS SECRET C Parker 5 11 4..... J O'Neill
14 P004 COTTAGE LEAS M Ellerby 6 11 4..... Mr R Morley
15 F PAMATHYST A Eubank 7 11 4..... Mr A Eubank
16 FAVOURITE NEPHEW I Vickers 4 10 10..... S Keightley
17 TROMEROS Denys Smith 4 10 10..... T G Davies
19 0 JOCA J Parkes 4 10 5..... R Balfour (7)
20 3 JUMBELLINA Miss S Hall 4 10 5..... K Teelan (4)
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Amadis, 7-4 Karablake, 9-2 Colonial Charm, 6-1 Clannad, 8-1 Jumbellina, 10-1 Cottage Leas, 12-1 Corals Secret, 20-1 others.

1.00 SPENNYMOOR HANDICAP CHASE £1,300

3m (6 runners)
1 1U0-F3F POWDER HORN (C-D) Mrs J O Barr 8 11 10..... Mr N Tutty (7)
2 03U032 JETHARTS HERE (C-D) G Renilson 11 11 6..... C Pimlott
3 P-44121 CHETEL R Brewis 11 11 5..... A Stringer
4 11404P IMMIGRATE (C-D) G Richards 12 11 2..... N Doughty
5 030043 CALDWELL CASE R Swiers 10 10 0..... G P Kelly
6 0P/0324 FRENCH ART N Bycroft 13 10 0.....
BLINKERS: 5
PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Chetel, 3-1 Jetharts Here, 9-2 Immigrate, 6-1 Powder Horn, 10-1 Caldwell Case, 12-1 French Art.

1.30 SHOTTON HANDICAP CHASE £1,400

2m (5 runners)
2 230-002 EVEN MELODY (C-D) N Crump 16 11 7..... D Wilkinson
3 121F24 REJUVENATOR (C/D) G Richards 9 11 4..... D Coakley (4)
5 U00-024 STARLIGHT LAD R Bethell 11 10 13..... C Grant
6 0/0304U TOM SAWYER (D) A Watson 11 10 10..... A Stringer
8 041102 DR GUILLotine (C-D) W Fairgrieve 10 10 6..... M Barnes
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Even Melody, 5-2 Dr Guillotine, 7-2 Rejuvenator, 8-1 Starlight Lad, 12-1 Tom Sawyer.

2.00 HAMSTERLEY NOVICE CHASE £900

2m 4f (12 runners)
1 113211 NUMERATE (C-D) R Fisher 6 12 4..... M Meagher (4)
3 FP-2412 CORNERING M H Easterby 9 11 11..... J O'Neill
4 03/130F WENSLEYDALE J Parkes 7 11 11..... R Balfour (7)
5 220422 BARRISTER BOY M Lambert 7 11 4..... P A Charlton
7 00-0044 DRUMMONY L Griffiths 11 11 4..... S Keightley
8 0B42-P0 GO ON JOE (C) J Richardson 11 11 4..... D Oldham
10 030023 GREAT TARQUIN A Corner 8 11 4.....
12 4P3-222 ON LEAVE (BF) A Scott 8 11 4.....
16 0P/0P ROGER BEN D Yeoman 7 11 4.....
18 30/000P SUPER TONY F Walton 8 11 4..... Mr J Walton
19 003-000 THE RIDINGS R Tate 6 11 4.....
20 202340 LADY LAWYER J E Brockbank 7 10 13..... T G Dun
BLINKERS: 4, 16
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Numerate, 2-1 Cornering, 6-1 On Leave, 10-1 Barrister Boy and Wensleydale, 12-1 Great Tarquin, 16-1 others.

2.30 HASWELL NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £800

2m 4f (11 runners)
2 P HIGHWAY GOLD J Alder 8 11 9..... Mrs V Jackson (7)
5 0034 LUCKY FEN K Stone 5 11 9..... A Brown
6 0 MAUNBY PRINCE (BF) T D Barron 6 11 9..... Mr G Harker (7)
8 ROYAL TATTOO Mrs J O Barr 5 11 9..... Mr N Tutty (7)
11 0003 STONE JUG Miss S Hall 5 11 9..... K Teelan (4)
13 000/303- TELEGRAPH BUSH G Renilson 8 11 9..... C Pimlott
15 000 TRAVEL HOME M Ellerby 5 11 9..... Mr R Morley
19 322324 MAGGIES GIRL Denys Smith 6 11 4..... C Grant
20 000 PATCHIT D W Chapman 6 11 4..... G P Kelly
22 000 METCALFE FLEET M W Easterby 4 10 10..... D Dutton
23 BO POONA EXPRESS J Parkes 4 10 10..... Lynn Whiffen (7)
BLINKERS: 15
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Maunby Prince, 100-30 Stone Jug, 9-2 Lucky Fen, 6-1 Metcalfe Fleet, 8-1 Telegraph Bush, 12-1 Maggies Girl, 20-1 others.

3.00 WITTON HANDICAP HURDLE £1,150

2m 4f (7 runners)
1 30U0-00 LEWIS HOMES Mrs S A Webster 11 11 10..... W Beardwood
2 P1-0000 CUT N DRY J Mason 5 11 5..... S McNeill
3 224331 CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE M H Easterby 5 11 4 (5ex)..... J O'Neill
4 003112 KINDRED (C-D) (BF) Ronald Thompson 9 10 13..... Jayne Thompson (7)
5 313-F02 HUMYAK HOUSE R Fisher 5 10 6..... M Meagher (4)
6 3420-P1 GENERAL WOOD J Townsend 9 10 4..... D Dutton
7 CHATTY CHEZ (C-D) Denys Smith 4 10 0..... C Grant
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Charlotte's Dunce, 11-4 Humyak House, 4-1 Kindred, 9-2 Chatty Chez, 10-1 Cut'n Dry, 12-1 others.

RESULTS

LINGFIELD

1.00 (2m): LEITH HILL FLYER J Francombe (9-4 jt fav); Golden Brigadier (8-1); Grima (5-1); Panda Man (33-1); 11 ran. 12, 5. (P Mitchell) T: £3.80; £1.30, £3, £1.60. CSF: £20.43. NR: Ceconi.
1.30 (2m): IMPLICATION Miss C Moore (9-2); Caddagat (8-1); Jimmy Boy (9-1); Yazeed (12-1); 13 ran. 8, 3/4. (A Moore) T: £4.60; £1.60, £3.10, £1.30. CSF: £36.83.
2.00 (2m 4f): RIVER WARRIOR B Powell (9-4 fav); City Marathon (7-2); Pom-pom Prince (4-1); Lucky Gem (12-1); 13 ran. 15, 12. (J Bradley) T: £2.90; £1.20.

£1.90, £1.70. CSF: £10.98.
2.30 (3m): SAUNDERS G Moore (11-10 on fav); Drops O'Brandy (11-2); Laurence Rambler (14-1); Doubleuagain (5-1); 4 ran. 12, 8. (T Clay) T: £1.80; £1.10, £2.10. CSF: £6.52.
3.00 (2m): LARRY-O J Francombe (7-2); Taylorstown (5-4 on fav); Cumrew (11-1); Quelle Farce (8-1); 10 ran. 2, 3. (F T Winter) T: £3.80; £1.10, £1.10, £2.60. CSF: £6.89.
3.30 (2m): BOB TISDALL P Barton (15-8 fav); The Irish Rhine (5-2); Barrera Lad (7-2); Collislon (50-1); 4 ran. 7, 2 1/2. (J Edwards) T: £2.70; £1.10, £1.10, £1.60. CSF: £7.05.

best bet

down to 5-1 by 12 lengths from Going Broke.

A hot favourite to follow-up under regular pilot Bill Morris at Wolverhampton on Boxing Day, Bold Illusion never gave his supporters an anxious moment, drawing clear from the second last flight to beat Havon Air ten lengths.

A four pound penalty for that runaway win does not look sufficient to stop Malcolm Eckley's gelding from scoring his second course

and distance victory at the Lancashire venue.

Michael Bowlby, (20) has done little wrong since joining Jenny Pitman last September, and the seven pound claimer looks set to bag his fifth success since Christmas for her Upper Lambourn stable on Grundy Glow (1.15), in the White Lodge Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle.

Grundy Glow is also on a hat-trick following successes

under Richard Rowe (by five lengths from Falkland Conqueror) at Folkestone last month, and under Bowlby (12 lengths from Randomly) at Wolverhampton.

His task is not so easy with a nine pound penalty, but such was his superiority on the last occasion that another success looks on the cards.

King's Jug (1.45), looked one of the most improved two milers around when landing his hat-trick by a clever length and a half under Gareth Charles-Jones in a conditional jockeys chase at the same Wolverhampton meeting.

He had previously trotted up for Charles-Jones at Chel-

tenham, and, if giving Sam Morshead the same armchair ride, should have the measure of Kevinsfort in the Gamekeepers Handicap Chase.

Chetel (1.00), one of the toughest jumpers in the north and never out of the frame in five runs this season, looks the obvious choice for the Spennymoor Handicap Chase at SEDGEFIELD.

He seems equally at home over hurdles and fences, and beat a useful handicapper in On Leave at Newcastle last month.

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12.45 BOLTON SELLING HURDLE £850

2m (15 runners)
1 040-011 CHUMMY'S BOY (D) D Burchell 5 11 10..... Mr M Richards (7)
2 22-3323 NO FLUKE (D) F J Yardley 5 11 10..... J D Doyle (4)
3 010- RED RIPLE (FR) (D) R W Jeffrey 5 11 10..... J D Doyle (4)
4 0-PP BOUNTEOUS SPIRIT J Townson 5 11 6..... S J O'Neill
5 0P- HUNGARIAN PRINCE W Clay 5 11 6..... P Scudamore
8 0324-40 THE SHINER D Nicholson 5 11 6..... P Scudamore
13 01 BUCKMINSTER BOY (D) W Wharton 4 10 12..... M Brennan
14 0 BETABLEND Capt J Wilson 4 10 8..... Mrs G Rees
15 00 BURGUNDY STAR A F Leighton 4 10 8..... C Smith
16 0P00 MOHAR N Tinkler 4 10 8..... N Tinkler
18 0F APHRODISAC R Morris 4 10 3..... W Morris
19 0 HARDWICK AMBER (BF) W Wharton 4 10 3..... M Brisbourne
21 0F ICACOS BAY E J Alston 4 10 3..... K Doolan (4)
23 0 NOON TIME W R Whiston 4 10 3.....
25 0 RAINBOW LADY M C Pipe 4 10 7..... P Leach
BLINKERS: 1, 5, 8, 16
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Rainbow Lady, 1-4 Chummy's Boy, 9-2 Buckminster Boy, 6-1 The Shiner, 10-1 No Flake, 16-1 Mohar, 25-1 others.

1.15 WHITE LODGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP

£1,500 2m 4f (8 runners)
2 200-112 RANDOMLY (C/D) (BF) D Morrill 6 11 11 (9ex)..... J Duggan
4 00F000 BLEATHWOOD (C) K B White 9 11 7..... P Finch (7)
5 0U2011 GRUNDY GLOW (D) Mrs J Pitman 5 11 7 (9ex)..... M Pitman (7)
6 02-0000 MARIBAN R J Holder 6 11 2..... P A Farrell
7 P-20302 A T S PRINCE K Stone 6 11 2..... G Wilson (7)
9 FPP0-00 BARTON CROSS A Watson 11 10 4..... D Leadbitter (5)
11 134 FRENCH NEPHEW Denys Smith 4 10 0..... G Williams (7)
12 00-1420 ROYAL REPRIEVE B C Morgan 7 10 0.....
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Grundy Glow, 5-2 Randomly, 100-30 Royal Reprieve, 8-1 French Nephew, 12-1 ATS Prince, 16-1 others.

1.45 GAMEKEEPERS HANDIAP CHASE £3,000

2m (3 runners)
4 4-22111 KING'S JUG (D) Mrs M Rimell 7 11 7..... S Morshead
5 1-U2121 KEVINSFORT (C/D) (D) J G FitzGerald 7 11 0 (6ex)..... M Dwyer

CHARLIE'S OPPONENT IS NO MUG!

CHARLIE MAGRI discovered yesterday that the man he is due to meet for the world flyweight title, Sot Chitalada of Thailand, has had only eight professional fights.

At 22, Chitalada has been a professional for a mere two years, and actually boxed for the title the first time in only his fifth contest.

But he has a long background in kick-boxing, which is a national sport in Thailand, and in which most fighters from that country serve their apprenticeship.

Magri is certainly not complacent about his opponent's lack of experience in the more orthodox side of the

sport. 'If he is champion of the world, then he has to be good,' he said yesterday.

'The number of fights does not matter.'

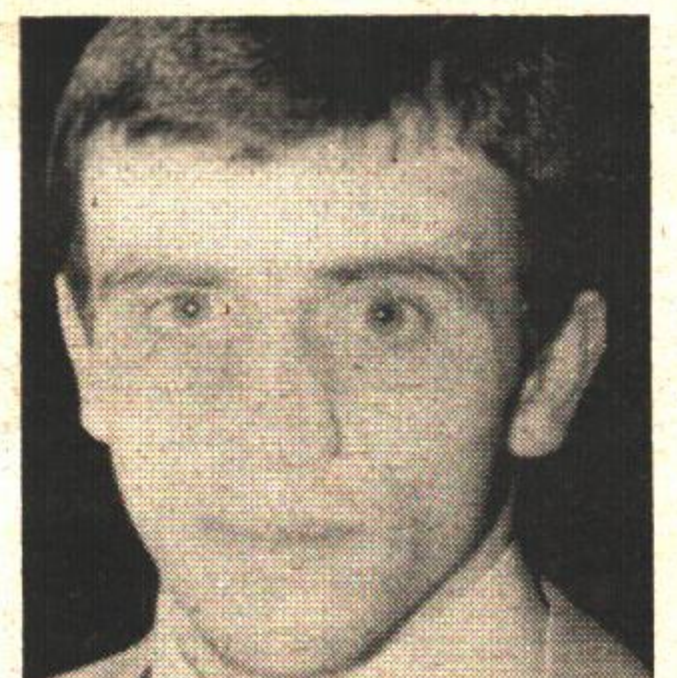
Magri, who has never made excuses for his world title defeat by Frank Cedeno in September 1983, disclosed for the first time that he was not fully fit that night.

'I had been suffering from an ear infection and, looking back, I should probably have pulled out of the fight. But I didn't want to let anyone down so I kept it to myself.'

he said. 'I was not right. I know it will be different this time.'

Magri goes into the February contest with only one round of boxing behind him in the previous 17 months. 'It is not the way I would have wanted it, but I have had plenty of good sparring and the big occasion always does something for me,' he said.

The Chitalada v Magri match will be the second World Championship staged by Frank Warren in the space of 32 days.



CHARLIE MAGRI

Moore's New Year record

BRIGHTON'S racing Moore family — trainer Charlie, his jockey son Gary, and daughter Candy — made racing history at Lingfield yesterday with a winner each.

Candy (19), set the ball rolling when ending a frustrating three-month winless spell for her father on Implication in Division One of the Horley Novices' Hurdle.

She had the American-bred six-year-old well placed in the straight and they took

command at the final flight to score by eight lengths.

Gary (29), had an easier victory on Saunders, 12 lengths clear of Drops O'Brandy at the finish of the Weald Handicap Chase. It is the first time a brother and sister have ridden winners at a meeting — to say nothing of their father having success as well.

Weather threatens racing

THE FIRST cold snap this winter is causing problems for racing.

Frost has knocked out today's meeting at Hereford, and 7.30-a.m. inspections have been arranged for the other two fixtures at Haydock and Sedgefield.

At Haydock, clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, said: 'It looks as though we are going to get another frost tonight, it just depends on how severe it is.'

Haydock is due to race again on Saturday, along with Sandown and Warwick.

The official going for the next two days is: Sedgefield — soft (7.30 a.m. inspection — snow), Haydock — good to soft (7.30 a.m. inspection — frost). Saturday: Sandown — good to soft. Warwick — soft.

Sports Line

WATSON — THE MAN TO BEAT

THE 1985 US Golf tour opens next week with a record \$22m in prize money on offer in 46 tournaments, and once again Tom Watson will be the man to beat each time he plays.

Watson, the leading money-winner and Player of the Year in 1984 though he let his ninth major championship get away at the British Open at St Andrews, has not decided where to start his new season. But wherever it is, he will be the hot favourite.

Moments

'There were definitely some satisfying moments in 1984,' the 35-year-old Watson said this week. 'But it was a disappointment not to win a major title, especially with the British Open slipping through as it did.'

'But to win the money title (with \$476,260) and Player of the Year again

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is something I wanted to do, and I'm happy to have done so.'

The US tour opens next Wednesday with the 26th Bob Hope classic in Palm Springs, California, where the top golfers will be joined by a galaxy of show business stars in the \$500,000, five-round event over four California desert courses.

Two events, the Las Vegas Invitational and the Tucson Match Play, will offer purses of more than \$1 million and a record 25 tournaments are set to pay at least \$500,000.

But the three major tournaments — the Masters, the US Open and PGA championships — remain the highlights of the year.

The most notable newcomer to the tour is Ber-

nhard Langer of West Germany, who at 27 is following the lead of such foreigners as Australian Greg Norman by committing himself to a full schedule in the US.

Langer, who was top money-winner on the European Tour last year for the second time and has won 16 international events, is considered one of the world's premier players from tee to green and has new confidence in a once-shaky putter.

The tour can also expect the usual sporadic raids by others from overseas, such as two-time Masters champion Severiano Ballesteros of Spain and Britain's Nick Faldo, who won the Heritage Classic last year.

Average

Calvin Peete, the best black golfer in history, won the Vardon Trophy for the low scoring average on the tour in 1984 but says he can't rely on past success.

'It's a brand new ball game every year,' he said. 'No one is going to pay you for what you did last year, so you've got to get yourself ready to play the best you know how —



TOM WATSON . . . He will be the danger wherever he plays

and good as the competition is out here these days, that still might not be good enough.'

Lee Trevino, who overcame back problems to win his second PGA Championship at age 44 last year, is looking forward to the new season with the enthusiasm of a young puppy.

'That win at Shoal Creek has to be my most

satisfying,' he said. 'You get to be my age in this business and have to play with ailments and you wonder, not when, but if you will ever win again. Then to win a major event.'

'Now I'm going to get that weight down, and I've found a putter I can use, and life is beautiful.'

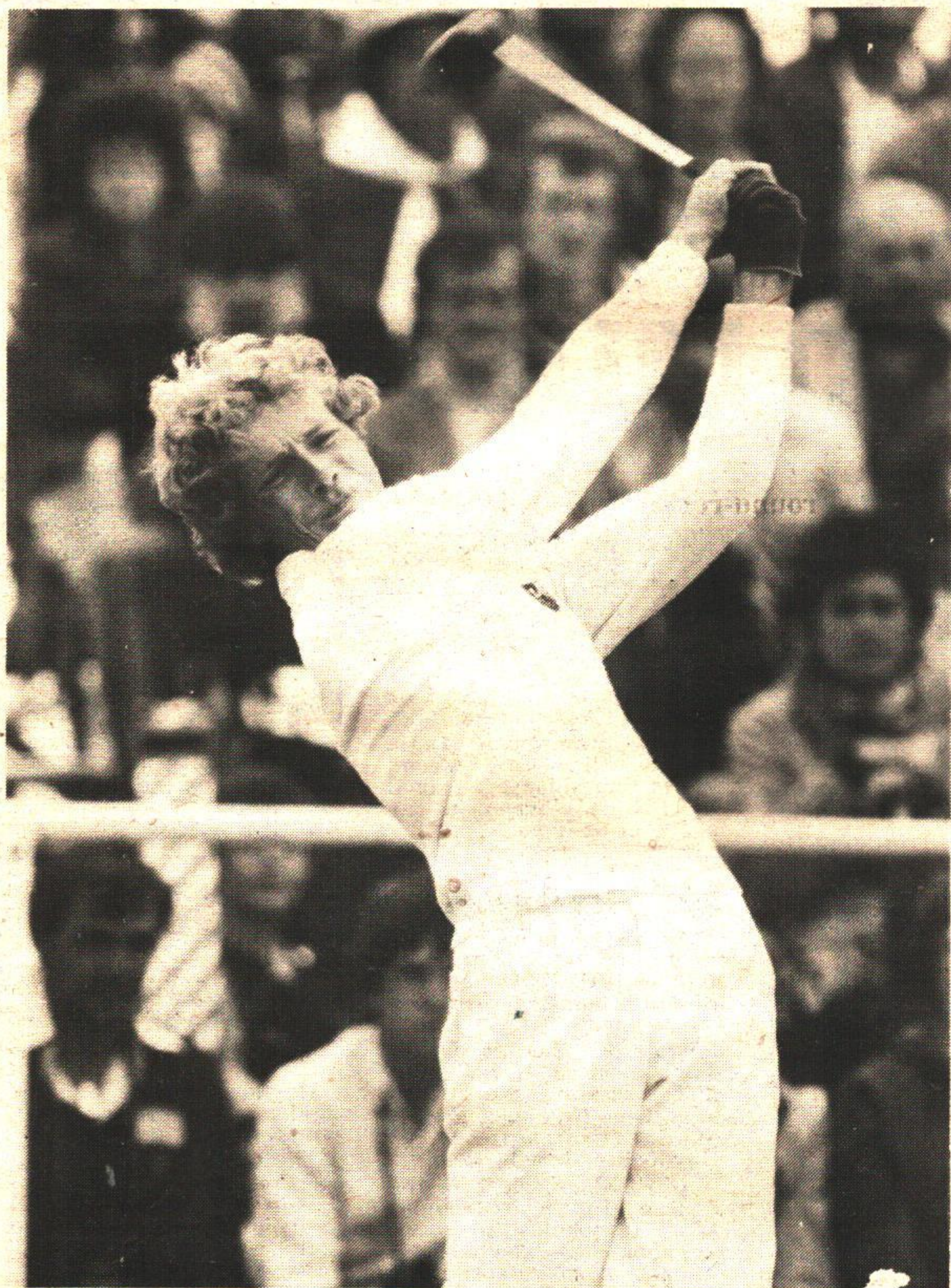
US Open champion Fuzzy Zoeller, whose

chronic back trouble forced him to undergo spinal surgery last September, plans to return to the circuit on March 7 in the Bay Hill Classic in Florida.

'Fuzzy's doing real fine. He feels like he has a new back,' his lawyer Eddie Elias said, adding that the 33-year-old Zoeller will begin practising again in February.

Ben Crenshaw will be trying to defend his masters title — his only major victory — at the venerable Augusta National Course from April 11-14.

After a 24-year hiatus, the US Open returns to Oakland Hills Country Club in Detroit on June 13. The PGA championship is set for Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver from August 8-11.



BERNHARD LANGER . . . Trying his luck on the US circuit this year

CRICKET EXTRA

O'DONNELL IS CALLED UP

YOUNG Victorian all-rounder Simon O'Donnell was included yesterday in Australia's cricket squad for the start of the World Series Cup but there was no place for test hero Bob Holland or former captain Kim Hughes.

The selectors named a squad of 12 for the first two limited-over games of the three-team competition against West Indies in Melbourne on Sunday and against Sri Lanka in Sydney on Tuesday.

Wickets

Holland, 38, the leg-spinner whose 10 wickets were a major factor in Australia's innings victory over the West Indies in the fifth Test in Sydney on Wednesday, is a victim of the prejudice against slow bowlers in one-day cricket.

Hughes, dropped for the fifth Test, remains out

of favour despite a dashing, unbeaten 47 for Western Australia against Sri Lanka in Perth.

O'Donnell is picked after a good semi-final performance against New South Wales in Australia's domestic one-day competition last week and an earlier Sheffield Shield century.

Club

He once played Australian Rules football for St Kilda, the club which former Test players Keith Miller and Sam Loxton also represented. He gave up to concentrate on cricket.

Greg Ritchie, the Queensland batsman who suffered cheek and eye injuries in the fifth Test, will undergo a fitness test in Melbourne tomorrow. Victoria's Dean Jones is on stand-by.

Allan Border, Australia's captain, spoke yesterday of his team's new mood of optimism following the Test win over the West Indies. 'The

boys are confident and cocky and feel they have turned the corner,' he said.

But he added a note of caution: 'We don't place the necessary emphasis on one-day techniques and keep making the same mistakes.'

SQUAD: Border, Hogg, Wessels, Wood, Hilditch, Ritchie, Boon, Phillips, Lawson, McDermott, Bennett, O'Donnell.



ALLAN BORDER

Pakistan fly Down Under

THE PAKISTAN cricket team captained by Javed Miandad left Karachi yesterday for New Zealand where they will play three Tests, four one-day internationals and two three-day games.

Zaheer Abbas, who led the side to a 2-0 victory over New Zealand in the three-Test home series

which ended last month and specialist spinner Abdul Qadir will join the team later.

Pakistan will later visit Australia to play in the seven-nation one-day series being called the World Championship of Cricket, held to celebrate the state of Victoria's 150th anniversary.

Sports Line

ROVERS READY FOR RANGERS

F.A. CUP SPECIAL

DONCASTER Rovers are eagerly awaiting tomorrow's FA Cup third round clash with Queen's Park Rangers at their Belle Vue ground.

The club are hoping for a big crowd, despite the large number of striking miners in the area who will have to scratch around for the money to watch their team.

The match against the 1982 Cup finalists has stirred the imagination of the locals — and with Rovers holding their own in Division Three after winning promotion last season there is a lot of respect for Billy Bremner and his boys in this part of the world.

Tomorrow's team will be captained by young midfielder Ian Snodin whose elder brother, Glyn, is also a leading light in the side.

The brothers express the close links the team has with the mining com-

munity since their father, Colin, is a striking miner at Silverwood Colliery.

Bremner spent yesterday putting his team through their paces at the training ground.

Later the former Leeds United and Scotland skipper, who played in four Cup Finals during Leeds glory days, showed no signs of anxiety as he took time off for a training session with the enthusiastic teenagers recently signed to the club.

'I think it will be difficult game, and obviously we will be the underdogs,' he told News Line.

'But on the day I think there will not be a big difference. We are delighted to be playing a First Division side, we feel we do well when we play the top sides.'

Draws

'We have taken on West Bromwich and Chelsea earlier in the season, and played very well against them, holding them both to draws.'

Bremner has told his team to concentrate on their own game, and not worry about any big names in the opposition. He suspects that QPR have already had their scouts out watching the Rovers, and he anticipates a 'very entertaining game'.

The young players he trained after a short coaching session with the first team are a new asset to the club, and are a great source of interest for the first team players.

The intermediate team has also performed well and have won many friends among the local miners at the Yorkshire Main Colliery, where they play their matches. Their coach, Roy Cork, is a striking miner from the Edlington pit.



BILLY BREMNER . . . 'We feel we can do well when we play the top sides'

Milne's respect for Burton

LEICESTER CITY manager Gordon Milne is adopting an understandably cautious attitude for Saturday's intriguing FA Cup clash against Northern Premier League side Burton Albion at Derby's Baseball ground.

The Leicester manager, not surprisingly, has prepared thoroughly for a tie which sums up the romance of the competition.

'We've watched them on several occasions in recent weeks, perhaps more so than our normal First Division opposition,' Milne said yesterday.

'It's going to be a great day for them, but we will do them no favours.'

'We have to treat them

like any top First Division opposition because we have everything to lose against a non-League side eager to cause a big upset.'

Meanwhile Burton are sweating over the fitness of goalkeeper Paul Evans ad top scorer Stewart Mell.

Evans, the club skipper, is receiving treatment for a chest infection, and Mell, who has scored 23 goals this season, is trying to shake off a heavy cold which has kept him out of action since Boxing Day.

● **WEST BROM** defender Alistair Robertson looks almost certain to miss his club's FA Cup tie at Orient.

The Albion captain twisted his ankle during the New Year's day clash against Aston Villa and was forced to miss the



GORDON MILNE

second half of the match. Manager Johnny Giles said yesterday: 'he must be doubtful.'

● **ASTON VILLA** skipper Allan Evans is likely to be out of action for three weeks, after suffering a fractured cheekbone against West Bromwich on New Year's Day.



THE DONCASTER Rovers players are ready and waiting for the visit of Queen's Park Rangers

TENNIS EXTRA

CONNORS AND McENROE WIN

JOHN McENROE and Jimmy Connors won their opening matches in the first Challenge of Champions men's singles round-robin tennis tournament in Las Vegas on Wednesday night.

Connors breezed past fellow American Jimmy Arias 6-0, 7-5, while McEnroe struggled to defeat Johan Kriek 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

In the only other match of the night, American Vitas Gerulaitis held off Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

McEnroe, the Wimbledon and US Open champion, was sluggish at the start, committing numerous backhand errors. But his game began to come together midway through the second set and he took 10 of the last 13 games.

'I was lucky to get into the match when I did,' he said. 'I didn't play well at the start. My concentration level was down — you have to be mentally tough against Kriek.'

After blanking Arias in the first set, Connors relied on strong service returns to blunt any rallies by his opponent in the second set.

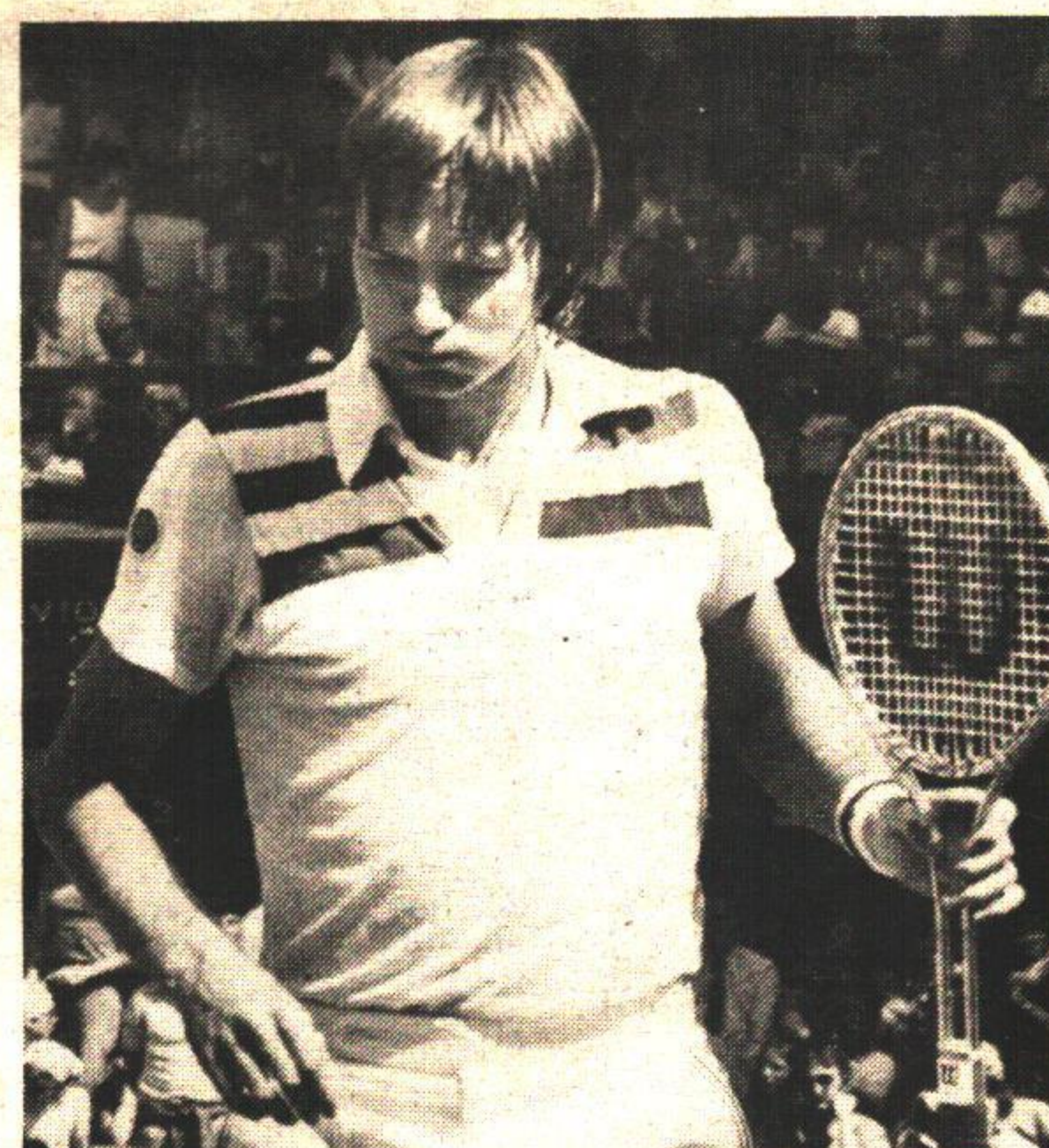
Gerulaitis used a strong

ground game and exceptional net play to edge out Vilas in their clash. After dropping three of the last four points in the second set tie-breaker, which he lost 7-5, he broke Vilas for a 3-1 lead in the final set and coasted to victory.

Matches

In Tuesday's matches Vilas defeated Yannick Noah of France and Gerulaitis lost to Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

The eight players in the competition are divided into two groups, with the group winners meeting in the final on Saturday. In each round-robin match,



JIMMY CONNORS

one point is awarded to the winner of each set, and one point to the overall winner.

McEnroe and Connors, who together with Arias and Kriek comprise one

group, were due to play their second matches last night and meet each other later today.

The tournament winner will receive \$200,000 and the runner-up \$100,000.



ANDY GRAY

Everton wait for Gray

EVERTON could be strengthened by the return of Andy Gray when they begin their defence of the FA Cup in tonight's televised Third Round tie at Leeds.

Gray, who scored one of the goals in Everton's 2-0 triumph against Watford at Wembley last May, has missed the last two matches with an ankle injury but came through a

training session yesterday.

Full-back Gary Stevens, absent for three games with a thigh injury, also has a chance of being recalled.

Both he and Gray have been included in a 14-strong squad and manager Howard Kendall will check their fitness today before making his decision.

Everton certainly have not suffered in the absence of Gray and Stevens, winning their last three games to stay hot on Tottenham's heels at the top of the First Division.

But they face a stiff test at Elland Road, where Leeds manager Eddie Gray is building a side capable of winning promotion from the Second Division.

Kendall said: 'They are a useful footballing side with talented youngsters and experienced players like Peter Lorimer and Frank Gray.'

Leeds make one change, with striker George McCluskey deputising for the injured Andy Ritchie.

The match will be live on television and Eddie Gray has appealed to his team's supporters to resist the temptation to stay at home.

Finance

He said: 'My appeal has nothing to do with finance because the BBC will pay compensation if the gate is below expectations.'

'But we are going to need all the support we can get against a side like Everton. People are understandably reluctant to turn out in cold weather but on this occasion I hope they make the effort.'

The match is in no danger of being postponed because of the frost. The Elland Road undersoil heating has been switched on all week.



BRIAN CLOUGH
... Forest want him until he retires

WHATEVER YOU WANT

BY ROBERT JAMES

NOTTINGHAM FOREST manager Brian Clough was asked to name his own terms by the club yesterday in an effort to keep him at the City Ground until he retires.

Clough, 49, will celebrate his 10th anniversary with the club on Sunday when Forest meet Newcastle United in the FA Cup.

Confidence

In a huge vote of confidence in Clough's ability to lift Forest to the top once again, chairman Maurice Roworth offered their manager the chance to name his asking price for a new, long-term contract.

The New Year anniversary offer comes hot on the heels of Clough's recent decision to name former Forest defender and current Orient manager, Frank

Clough asked to name his price

Clark, as the man he would like eventually to succeed him.

Clough's present lucrative contract, which has already been extended by a year, expires in May 1986, but the Forest boss has always vowed in the past he would retire at 50.

His eagerness to retire at the half-century was enforced somewhat two years ago when he suffered a mild heart attack.

But yesterday Roworth stressed: 'I know he has said that in the past, but I don't feel it is too important at the moment because, although team affairs are not my business, it seems clear Brian is still building for the future.'

'Hopefully, that means he intends to stay and I would like to think that when he feels ready, he will agree a contract of some substance to take

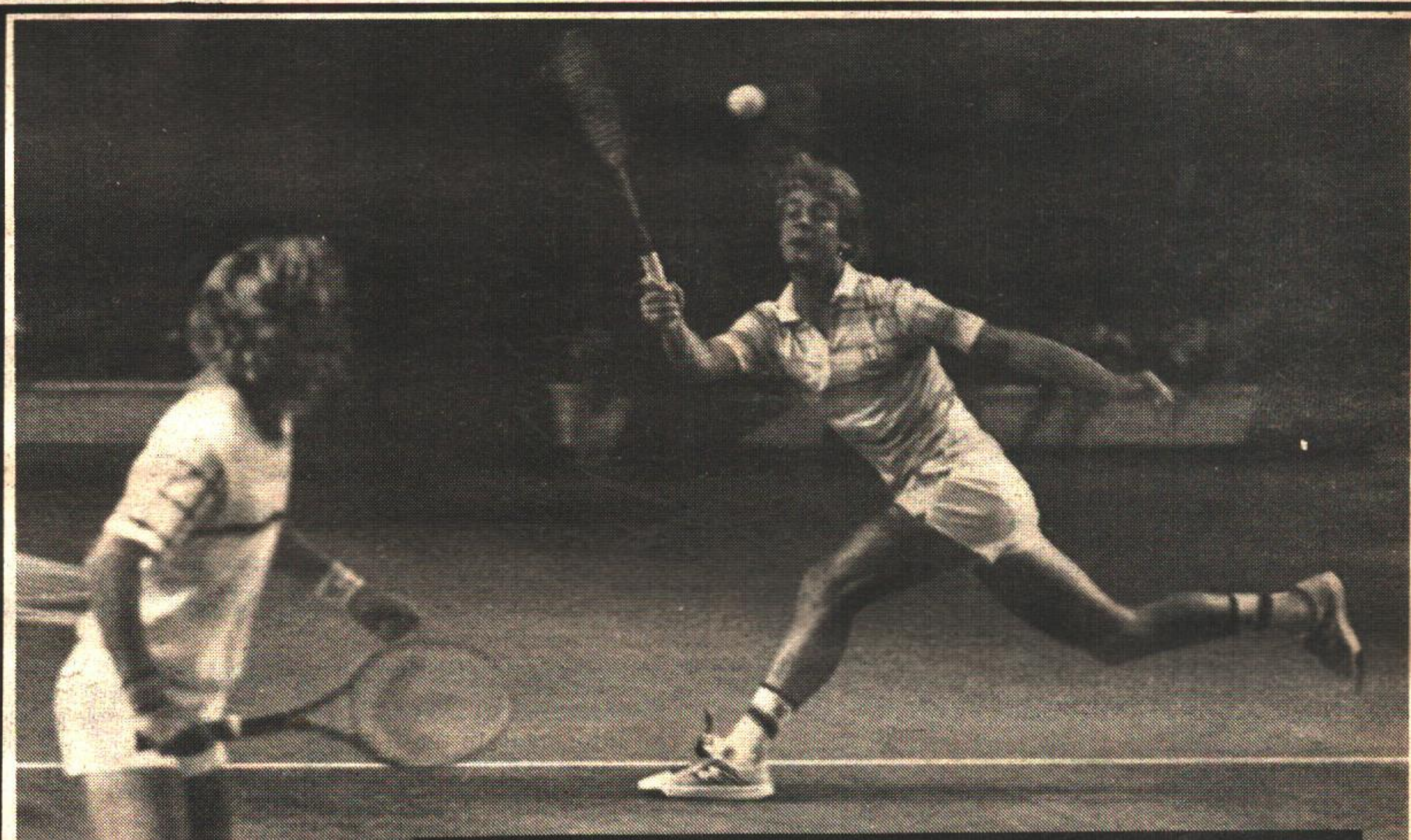
him up to an age when he feels he really must go.

'If he does agree to stay on, that would be the best possible New Year present for the club,' Roworth added.

Successor

Although Clough has spoken of his possible successor, only last week he commented rather revealingly on approaching the half-century milestone: 'I know I have said that's when I'd call it a day but now it's getting so close, I am not so sure any more.'

Clough will be presented with silverware to mark his 10-year anniversary before Sunday's FA Cup tie at the City Ground with Newcastle. It will be simply engraved with the words 'Ten Glorious Years'.



HANS SIMONSSON and Anders Jarryd in action at the World Doubles at the Albert Hall

CHAMPIONS SET FOR EXIT

BY A TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

TOMAS SMID and Pavel Slozil, the reigning Fuji Film World Doubles champions from Czechoslovakia, were on the verge of being dumped out of the Albert Hall event last night.

They were beaten for the second time in two days yesterday in the round-robin group and only a miracle will help them into tomorrow's semi-finals.

The Swedish pair of Anders Jarryd and Hans Simonsson did the damage yesterday, beating the champions 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.

Smid, who recently took over the mantle of the world's best doubles player from John McEnroe, remained philosophical in defeat, however.

'We have not played that badly. But maybe that little bit of luck that all tennis players need has been missing,' Smid said. 'Being No.1 in the rankings has not upset my form.'

Earlier the pairing of Kevin Curren and Steve Denton won their second

consecutive match after losing the first set to reach the semi-finals.

This time they came from behind to beat the young American partnership of Ken Flach and Ray Seguso 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, 7-5.

The losers, both aged 21, were not helped when, during the second set, Flach pulled a stomach muscle and had to have it strapped and Seguso ran into the back netting and cut a finger.

Denton was highly delighted with the result. 'Take a look at Flach and Seguso,' he said. 'They have been winning doubles titles all over the place and are really hard to beat.'

YORKSHIRE'S Stephen Heron yesterday defeated Leicestershire's David Ison 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, and now meets top seed Richard Whichello in the semi-finals of the Prudential junior covered court championships at Telford.

In an interesting encounter between two boys who each spent a year combining A-level studies with tennis at Repton, Ison took time to settle after falling awkwardly in the ninth game.

He came back to win the second set but the third was a nail-biting affair ultimately clinched by Heron.

Whichello played good first and third sets in defeating the younger Danny Sapsford, of Surrey, 6-0, 5-7, 6-1 while Jason Goodall, the second seed, started slowly but suddenly came to life in the first set tie-break to defeat 16-year-old Laurence Matthews of Hampshire 7-6, 6-1. Goodall now plays Chris Peet of Lancashire.

SAMMY GIAMMALVA caused the first major shock of the Belgian-American £160,000 Young Masters tennis tournament in Birmingham yesterday.

The 21-year-old Texan played with considerable skill as well as a good deal of nerve to beat world No.4 Mats Wilander of Sweden, 7-6, 6-3

INDIA HEAD FOR DRAW

INDIA'S tactics on the third day of the Calcutta Test left England bewildered last night.

Although 21-year-old Azharuddin scored a magnificent century on series, India virtually surrendered the chance of going 2-1 up in the five match contest.

The batting of Shastri, in particular, was so dull that India only moved from 176 for four at the close of the rain-hit second day, to 348 for five last night. Had they pressed on quicker they might just have been able to force England to follow-on during the final two days.

England manager Tony Brown said: 'I was very surprised, because there was no way today that India could ever lose the match.'

'Had they reached 400, declared and left us with say 45 minutes batting tonight, it could have been awkward, but the batsmen just did not

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

seem too interested in being positive.'

Shastri was mainly to blame. By lunch he had moved to 68 not out from 26 overnight. But then he spent the next three hours adding 25, much to the annoyance of the 80,000 spectators, who grew increasingly frustrated.

Caps

Shastri, although only 22, has 31 Test caps and should have known better than to put extra pressure on the 21-year-old Azharuddin, playing in his first Test.

Azharuddin, who made 151 for India under-25 against England at Ahmedabad, began the day on 21, was way behind Shastri on his way to 50 but raced through to three figures first.

He is the eighth Indian to make a century on his first Test appearance, but

of the others, only Gundappa Vishwanath went on to score any more.

Azharuddin has an unflappable temperament, drives the ball with wristy power and looks the most promising young batsman England have faced this winter. He eventually dominated a record Indian fifth-wicket partnership against any country, putting on 214 with Shastri.

The previous highest was 204, scored by Sunil Gavaskar and Brijesh Patel against the West Indies at Port of Spain in 1976.

For most of the day England looked powerless to split the pair as the sun shone for the first time in the match. The ball failed to deviate and neither batsman showed much inclination to lift the ball in the air.

After reaching his century in 382 minutes Azharuddin was immediately dropped behind by Paul Downton,

and soon after by Phil Edmonds at square leg.

Both chances were off the luckless Norman Cowans, who was finally rewarded eight minutes from the close, when Azharuddin, on 110, popped up a simple chance to David Gower in the gully.

Shastri remained unbeaten on 108 at the close, but will face more criticism than praise for the manner in which he completed his fifth Test hundred.

SCORECARD

OVERNIGHT: India 176 for four

INDIA 1st innings cont:

Azharuddin c Gower b Cowans 110
Shastri n.o. 108
Kirmari n.o. 0
EXTRAS 9

TOTAL (5 wks) 348

FALL: 5-341
BOWLING: Cowans 31-10-67-2; Ellison 47-14-102-0; Edmonds 42-21-66-3; Pocock 46-13-91-0; Gatting 2-1-1-0; Crowdy 2-0-15-0