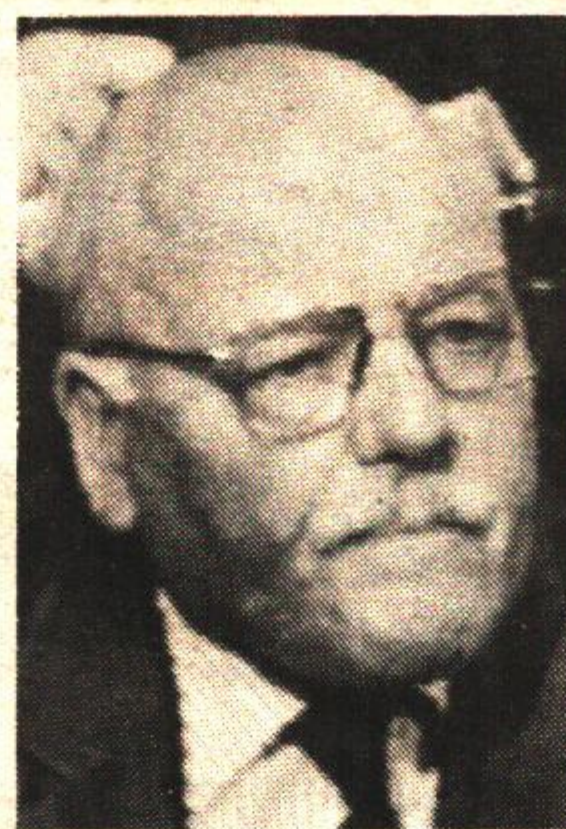


TUC, NCB NACODS ATTEMPT



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NEW TREACHERY THREAT TO MINERS

LEADERS of the TUC and the pit deputies' union, NACODS, are involved in fresh attempts to undermine the 11-month resistance of the miners and force them to surrender to the dictates of the Coal Board and the Thatcher government.

This was indicated last night when the NACODS leadership, after a seven-hour meeting in Doncaster, announced that they are to meet Tory Energy Secretary Peter Walker today.

The NACODS executive is crawling to the Tories for talks while TUC general secretary Norman Willis and other senior right-wingers have held secret meetings with NCB officials.

The purpose of these talks, which are being held behind the backs of the NUM, is to try and coerce the miners' leaders into accepting the NACODS-NCB formula and abandoning their determined opposition to pit closures.

Bluster

The NACODS executive was complaining bitterly last week that the Tory-NCB demand for a written undertaking from the NUM that it accept closures effectively wrecked their deal with the NCB.

But all the bluster from the NACODS leadership could not disguise the fact that their October agreement implicitly accepted the March 6 pit closure programme, which the NUM has resolutely opposed.

NACODS president Ken Sampey, who had earlier ruled out any industrial action by his members, issued a terse statement following his executive meeting yesterday.

'We have made arrangements to meet the Minister for Energy tomorrow to discuss the whole situation with him,' was all he would say during a brief press conference at the union's headquarters.

The union's general secretary Peter McNestry added: 'We will be putting a number of questions to Mr Walker and we

BY SIMON VEVERS

hope we will get some positive replies.'

Last night the NCB said that it had received a letter from the NUM, which has consistently said that it will agree to talks — but without preconditions.

Earlier Walker, clearly anxious to placate the NACODS leadership and smoothe the way for today's talks, tried to make out that the NCB was not insisting on a written undertaking from the NUM.

But then he promptly indicated that the union would have to agree in advance to discuss closures on economic grounds.

Agenda

Speaking on BBC Radio, Walker said: 'All that is being sought is in fact that the first item on the agenda will deal with the main problem of the dispute and this has so far been refused and every wording of it rejected by Mr Scargill.'

'If you have an agreed agenda, and the fact that that agreed agenda will be typed out so both sides know what it is, I suppose that will be in writing' (our emphasis).

Walker said he hoped discussions between the TUC and NCB would be 'successful in getting



talks started and helping to reach a negotiated settlement'.

Thatcher's Bonapartist regime, rocked by a deepening economic and political crisis, is NOT seeking any negotiated settlement with the NUM. It is intent on starving the miners back to work and physically destroying their union.

This was further underlined yesterday when a High Court judge outlawed mass picketing at 11 Yorkshire pits. On Tuesday the same judge, Justice Scott, banned mass pickets outside five South Wales collieries.

Miners must beware of the manoeuvres of the

TUC and NACODS leaders who are being used as a stalking-horse to try and ensnare the NUM leadership in a trap and force them to sell-out.

Urgency

Resolutions from the Durham and South Wales areas demanding that the TUC mobilise the working class in industrial action behind the NUM must now be pursued as a matter of urgency.

The TUC must be forced to call a General Strike in support of the NUM which is fighting not just to defend jobs, but to defend the very existence of trade unionism.

Dollar pound parity is near

BY PAUL FELDMAN

THE one-dollar pound moved a step closer yesterday as unsupported sterling slumped to another record low against the rampaging American currency. It ended the day at \$1.0870, down almost a cent on Monday's close, with growing reports of pressure for a further rise in interest rates.

But banks are aware that the 4½ per cent rise since January — to take the base rate to 14 per cent — has failed to halt sterling's slide.

The miners' strike, together with the mounting political crisis of the Thatcher government, has outweighed any attraction of high interest earnings.

The Tories have had to change course several times. After letting the pound slide to boost oil revenue earnings, Thatcher was forced to intervene to prevent a collapse of the currency. Now intervention has all but been abandoned, simply because it will not work.

Even though American markets were closed for a national holiday, all currencies lost out against the dollar.

During the morning the pound traded at \$1.0950, with the markets half expecting intervention by central banks to hit the dollar. But when none appeared, the dollar showed a new burst of strength.

The dollar surged above 3.30 marks for the first time in more than 13 years as it continued to scale fresh heights on the foreign exchange markets. It was quoted at 3.3005 marks in late European trading, its highest rate since December 1971.

In Paris, the dollar was fixed above 10 francs for the first time ever and later rose to 10.0425 francs.

Currency dealers said the dollar's latest surge was boosted by a growing belief that central bankers in Europe and the US were split over the merit of intervening.

A meeting of leading Western central bankers and finance ministers in Washington last month agreed to take joint action if the dollar's rise got out of control. But so far their efforts have been sporadic and largely unsuccessful.

PONTING ROW IN COMMONS SEE PAGE 2

A cheerful Clive Ponting (right) seen with his lawyer Brian Raymond yesterday at a press conference where he announced a new book and answered questions on his future

Kinnock accuses Thatcher of lies

BY JOHN SPENCER

PRIME Minister Thatcher was beside herself with fury last night after a blazing row in the Commons with Labour leader Neil Kinnock, who accused her of lying about the decision to prosecute Clive Ponting.

She flatly denied involvement in the decision, saying she was on holiday at the time. But Kinnock refused to accept her answer. He said: 'Frankly I do not believe you.'

Immediately after the exchanges at question time, Thatcher wrote to Kinnock demanding he withdraw his allegation. She said:

'That statement that the Opposition does not believe a statement by the Prime Minister, both privy councillors, before the whole House of Commons is as serious a charge as could be made.'

Later Kinnock refused to withdraw or apologise without a full explanation of the decision to prosecute. He pointed out that Thatcher had not replied to questions about the plans of Army Minister John Stanley to lie to a Commons select committee.

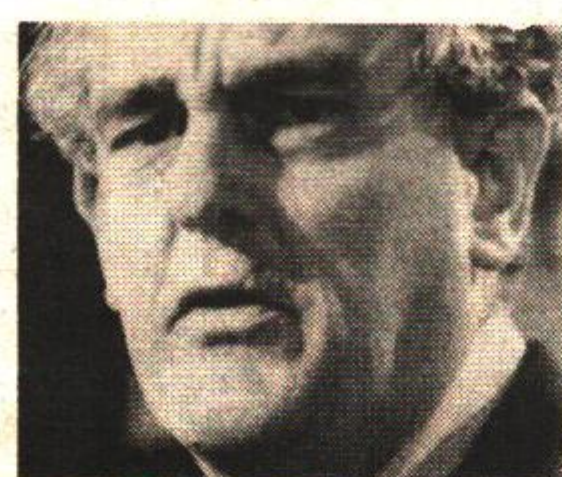
Thatcher's Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers, who was also on holi-

Wrong date on 'Belgrano' report

ADMIRAL Sir John Fieldhouse, the Falklands commander-in-chief, knowingly put the wrong date in his report on the sinking of the 'Belgrano' 'to protect sensitive operational and intelligence information,' Prime Minister Thatcher maintained yesterday.

She was answering a question from Labour MP Tam Dalyell, whose persistent campaign is chiefly responsible for the government's present crisis over the Ponting case.

Dalyell had asked who altered Fieldhouse's re-



TAM DALYELL

port on the crucial question of when the 'Belgrano' was sighted by the submarine 'Conqueror'. Thatcher replied that although the 'Belgrano' had been sighted on May 1, Fieldhouse had agreed to keep the date of May 2 in his report to the Defence Ministry.

'It was not altered by

officials there,' she said.

Earlier Dalyell pointed out to reporters that in court during Ponting's trial, Richard Mottram, private secretary to Defence Secretary Heseltine, had said Fieldhouse was 'very angry' about the alteration.

'Sir John has said that the "Conqueror" detected the "Belgrano" visually on May 1, though no reference was made to the sonar detection on April 30,' Dalyell said.

'But in the White Paper it is said that the "Belgrano" was first detected on May 2.' The Argentine cruiser was sunk by the 'Conqueror' on the evening of May 2, 1982, killing 312 sailors.

important piece of business.

Havers replied to laughter: 'It was a very lengthy telephone conversation.'

Thatcher told the Commons: 'Ministers have absolutely no role in deciding whether or not to prosecute. That is the duty of the Attorney-General and the Director of Public Prosecutions.'

'Our first regard in considering whether to release intelligence information is the safety of the armed forces.'

But Kinnock challenged: 'The very domineering style of your government forbids belief that you were not involved in an issue as important as this.'

He recalled the prosecution claim that Ponting was told he would not face trial if he resigned, and Crown Counsel's declaration that national security was not involved.

'What reason other than political convenience motivated the pro-

secution of Clive Ponting?' he demanded.

In a brief announcement to the House, Leader of the Commons John Biffen told MPs that there would be an adjournment debate on the sinking of the 'Belgrano' on Monday.

Kinnock said the move was inadequate. 'The subject that the government has decided on entirely misses the whole point of having a debate on the matter.'

'The debate must be about ministers' responses to questions from MPs and the Foreign Affairs committee and the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the 'Belgrano', he said.

● Tony Benn said last night that the Ponting case had shown Thatcher and her ministers to be liars.

He said in Telford New Town: 'Clive Ponting's acquittal has destroyed the Official Secrets Act, exposed the judge who summed up against him as believing that the courts are there to protect the government and has proved that ministers grossly misled parliament about the sinking of the "Belgrano".'

'How can the British people any longer trust a Prime Minister show has been proved to have deceived us all about an issue as important as the Falkland war?'

Liverpool picket



A T&GWU picket (above) has been maintained for five weeks outside Blake's Ford dealers, Liverpool. The men have come out over enforced redundancies and the refusal of Blake's to negotiate with their union. The picket has been well respected by drivers bringing supplies as well as the general public. The men have been picketing from 8.30a.m. to 5p.m., despite the Arctic weather conditions.

Israeli troops storm south Lebanon

BEIRUT — Israeli troops — five days from their scheduled 'unilateral' withdrawal from Sidon — stormed villages in south Lebanon and barred traffic at the Awali River, where a checkpoint was being dismantled.

They seized and killed defenceless civilians, while the stooge South Lebanon Army destroyed a sand-bagged position at Martyrs Square, Sidon, in their retreat under pressure from the Lebanese resistance.

Sidon's port was closed and people warned to stay indoors or be 'very cautious' if they ventured out.

Beirut international airport was disrupted by a strike in protest over the kidnapping of a senior Middle East Airlines officer.

Israeli soldiers shot a man dead in Sidon yesterday when they raked a road with heavy gunfire, Lebanese police sources said.

About 150 Israeli troops and 14 armoured personnel carriers and other vehicles surrounded and stormed Toura, a Shi'ite village about five miles north-east of Tyre.

The bullet-riddled body of a Toura man was found when the Israeli forces withdrew after occupying the village for eight hours, taking 19 captives.

They used sniffer dogs to search for explosives and bulldozed two houses where they alleged they had found weapons.

Two UN observers reportedly protested to an Israeli officer about the

treatment of the villagers but were told the Israelis would 'do as they wished', according to Lebanese police.

In Sidon, armed Lebanese police stood by to take over positions held by the stooge SLA military.

Halim Fayyad, governor of the south, said internal security forces were ready to move into checkpoints abandoned by the SLA under attack from Lebanese resistance forces.

In other developments yesterday:

● Prime Minister Rashid Karami and Falangist President Amin Gemayel met Syrian President Hafez al Assad in Damascus and received assurances that his government was determined to achieve 'liberation, security, national reconciliation and reconstruction' for Lebanon after the so-called unilateral Israeli withdrawal.

● In Strasbourg, Israeli President Chaim Herzog, addressing the European Parliament under tight security, called for a quick Middle Eastern peace but launched into a slanderous attack on the Palestine Liberation Organisation, accusing it of being the 'biggest single cause of people's problems'.

Teachers step up strikes

BRITAIN's two largest teacher unions will step up industrial action in schools throughout England and Wales following the latest breakdown of pay talks.

Leaders of the 235,000-member National Union of Teachers yesterday agreed to start the first round of three-day selective strikes on February 25 — the day many schools return from half-term break.

The second-largest union, the 127,000-member National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, is to stage a nationwide half-day strike the following day, February 26.

The NUT is to send ballot forms to members involved in the rolling strikes. But it is keeping the names of schools and local authorities involved secret until next week.

The NAS/UWT has not held a ballot for the proposed action. The union's action committee will meet tomorrow to discuss further industrial action — with a repetition of last year's successful 'guerilla strikes' in selected schools one of the main options.

Last year the NAS/UWT called out key members in schools at 24 hours' notice.

The NUT decision came after a breakdown of

nine-and-a-half hours of talks in the Burnham pay negotiating committee early yesterday.

Management refused to improve on its 4 per cent offer in response to the union's claim for a minimum rise of £1,200 for all teachers, estimated by the management to be worth 12.4 per cent.

The unions turned down a management proposal that the dispute should go to arbitration.

NUT general secretary Fred Jarvis said: 'We have been left with no alternative but to take more severe action to try to get progress on our pay claim.'

He said the NUT wanted to carry on negotiations but the executive had decided it must take further and stronger action to further their claim.

Jarvis said the three-day selective strikes would be the first stage in the escalation of NUT action.

'The areas will be spread around the country. Regard will be paid to those authorities showing the most hostile attitude to the unions.'

Skillcentre staff protest



WORKERS (above) protesting at the planned closure of 29 Skillcentres throughout the country. The Civil Service Union members lobbied parliament yesterday to try to persuade Tory Employment Secretary Tom King not to confirm the closure decision. The Skillcentres, which are run by the Manpower

Services Commission, provide training to both employed craftsmen and the unemployed. They have recently been required to recover all their costs, on an annual basis, through the charges made on the individuals and the firms using them. Hundreds of skilled instructors and support staff will lose their jobs

GLC TO SUE JENKIN

THE GLC is to take Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin to court because it believes he has acted improperly and unreasonably in imposing a rate limit.

John McDonnell, finance committee chairman, said yesterday: 'We have reached a stage where we cannot set a

budget or make a rate.

'We have been told to cut our services by £70 million. We have been told to find a similar amount from our balances, which quite frankly we do not have.'

He added: 'It is totally unacceptable to me to make cuts in services of that magnitude. It would

be suicide to scrape every penny of our reserves to try and make up some of the gap.

'There wouldn't be a penny left for emergencies — like, for example, to buy grit for next winter's snow.'

The court action would show that Jenkin had misled the Commons.

Shell prices up

SHELL yesterday withdrew its subsidies to petrol stations, putting between 3p and 4p on a gallon of petrol from midnight last night.

This follows a similar move by Texaco last week and it is expected the other oil companies will follow suit.

A Shell spokesman blamed the action on the fall in the value of the pound.

Hospital gas leak

ABOUT 40 staff and 15 patients, some in dressing gowns and slippers, were evacuated for two hours from part of St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, yesterday after a leak of hydrogen sulphide gas.

More than 30 firemen wearing breathing apparatus and chemical protection suits decontaminated the building.

WEATHER

THE SOUTH-WEST will be rather cloudy with outbreaks of sleet or snow. The north-east will be rather cloudy with some sleet or snow. Elsewhere it will be dry with sunny intervals, but in all areas it will be very cold with severe frost overnight persisting all day in many areas.

Tax job cuts aid dodgers — UNION

TAX dodgers are finding it easier to fiddle the Inland Revenue because of the taxman's extraordinary workload, according to a union report published yesterday.

The axing of 15,000 jobs by the Thatcher government since 1979 are responsible for 'abnormally high levels of stress' among staff fearing further cut-backs and 'autocratic management' which expects corners to be cut to meet targets.

The report, commissioned by the Inland Revenue Staff Federation (IRSF), revealed that between 13 and 15 per cent of high grade tax officers suffer greater anxiety than out-patients being treated for psycho-neurotic illness.

The figure for women is even higher, 24 per cent, according to Professor Cary Cooper and Jim Roden of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

IRSF general secretary Tony Christopher said the service had been curtailed so drastically that it is 'getting progressively easier to avoid paying all the tax you should'.

The report stated: 'The struggle to avoid taxation is likely to remain a battle of wits in which the mental agility — and freedom from undue psychological pressure — of higher grade tax officers and their colleagues could form the Revenue's most cost-effective defence.'

Row over cost of kidney patient

OXFORD Health Authority are unlikely to pay for the private life-saving treatment for kidney patient Derek Sage, a spokesman said yesterday.

Sage was taken to a private hospital in London last month after the authority decided to end his dialysis treatment, claiming he was a difficult patient, in favour of other patients.

The British Kidney Patients' Association is paying for Sage's treatment, but has said it will send the bill to the health authority.

Spokesman Andrew Moss said: 'We will make the decision when the time comes, but we are unlikely to pay because we do not see ourselves as liable.'

Italian 'Magi' up for sale

THE most important old master picture to come on to the market for 15 years will be sold at Christie's in London. Italian painter Andrea Mantegna's 'Adoration of the Magi' will be auctioned on April 19 and is likely to have a multi-million pound price tag.

The picture was painted between 1495 and 1505 and depicts the virgin and child and Saint John with three wise men. It is owned by the Marquess of Northampton.

The renaissance masterpiece seems destined to leave Britain, according to Christie's.

'We must be talking about a figure of £5 million or more, and English institutions don't seem to have that sort of money at the moment... we must recognise that the dollar is extremely strong,' said a spokesman for the London auctioneers.

RACIST CONTROLS DIVIDE FAMILIES

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

GOVERNMENT immigration controls discriminate against black and Asian people seeking to enter the UK, according to a report published yesterday by the Commission of Racial Equality.

Poor black people from new Commonwealth countries and Pakistan wishing to join relatives already living here face the biggest obstacles and longest delays, the report says.

'The predicament of divided families is especially serious,' said Juliet Cheetham, a member of the investigation team.

'Delays of three to four years in the processing of applications are frequent.'

'Such lengthy separations are unimaginable for most families in Bri-

tain save those who endured them in the last war. It is intolerable that they should now be the normal expectation of a substantial proportion of British black families.'

The Commission started its investigation after complaints about virginity tests at Heathrow Airport.

Prevent

The Home Office in 1979 sought to prevent the investigation taking place at all. It took 18 months, including a court ruling, to eventually get agreement.

CRE staff travelled to Dacca in Bangladesh and Islamabad in Pakistan to observe British immigration officers interviewing people seeking to emigrate.

In its report the CRE points out that since 1971 virtually the only right to emigrate is for wives and children of men already settled here to join them and an undertaking to admit United Kingdom passport holders, now classed as British Overseas Citizens, forced to leave East Africa.

The number of people accepted for settlement has dropped from 82,400 in 1975 to 53,000 in 1983. Within that total, the fall in the numbers from the New Commonwealth and Pakistan have been particularly sharp.

Yet almost every year since World War II more UK residents have left the count than have become resident here from overseas, over 450,000 between 1971 and 1983.

The report found there is 'an unacceptably high

risk that applicants who are in fact genuine can fail to satisfy the officer'.

The report criticises comments and remarks made by entry clearance officers (ECOs) in case files which it says 'could be interpreted as revealing a dismissive or contemptuous attitude to applicants'.

Sponsor

● One file, for example, described a sponsor who came for interview wearing a green suit as looking 'like Asian Robin Hood'.

● Another described an applicant as 'just a bloody liar'.

● One file contained a warning from an ECO to his colleagues not to work on the case: 'I want to do this re-interview myself — hands off. This must be the year's strongest refusal.'

note from a senior officer congratulating him on having 'hit the jackpot again' by detecting some applicants as ineligible.

Professor Bhiku Parekh stressed that it was not just a problem of individual immigration officers, but of the whole system.

For example, immigration officials' chances of promotion depended on their refusal rate.

Peter Newsham, CRE chairman, said immigration officials, as government officers, are not subject to the terms of the Race Relations Act. Immigration officials cannot, therefore, be charged with unlawful racial discrimination.

Cheetham quoted from Home Office documents made available to the CRE during the investigation.

A survey prepared by

immigration staff at Terminal Two of Heathrow Airport described Moroccans as 'both simple and cunning'.

Another official document, used in training immigration officers, described many Ghanaians as 'like lost and confused children, ill-prepared for their proposed travels with no particular reason for undertaking them and little or no incentive to return'.

Ambitions

Of Nigerians the same document says: 'Like Ghanaians, Nigerians tend to have ambitions and plans but out of all proportion to their capabilities and circumstances.'

'Both Nigerians and Ghanaians are wont to tamper with their passports,' it adds.

Welsh language protesters jailed

TWO Welsh language supporters received 12-month jail sentences with nine-months suspended yesterday for ransacking Tory Party headquarters in Wales.

Menir Ffrancis, 34, a housewife, and Gafydd Lewis, a 31-year-old research student, were jointly convicted with entering the Tory premises in Whitchurch, Cardiff, with

intent to cause unlawful damage.

A third defendant, Lleucu Morgan, 20, a student, was ordered to do 100 hours community service.

Refused

They had refused to enter a plea at Cardiff Crown Court. One of not guilty was entered on their behalf and they were not represented.

TWO FREED BY LIBYANS

TWO Britons — jailed in Benghazi in October 1982 for alcohol smuggling — have been released from jail sentences in Libya five months early. Michael Brennan is expected to return home to Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Thursday and Hugh Wylie will fly to Malta to be reunited with his wife.

Attempts are still going on to secure the release of Glasgow engineer Robert Maxwell, serving 12 years for industrial espionage, and Fife engineer Michael King, serving five years for possession of drugs.

Spy in the sky

THE British makers of a new generation of 'spy-in-the-sky' airships, say the US Navy is interested in their latest craft.

Airship Industries say the Americans have asked them to come up with plans for a new armed airship.

More access for disabled

BUILDERS will have to provide access for disabled people to new shops and offices under new rules being introduced by Housing Minister Ian Gow.

He said the regulations would be extended to cover other types of buildings

Ex-top cop goes to law

DERBYSHIRE suspended Chief Constable Alf Parrish has said he will take legal action against his local police committee for deferring his application to retire on health grounds.

The committee postponed the issue on Monday until an independent tribunal meets to consider disciplinary charges against Parrish, who was suspended last June after allegations that he made unauthorised improvements to his office worth £28,000.

Parrish's solicitors claim the committee have a duty to consider the application on the basis of medical evidence which stated that Parrish was disabled under the terms of police pension regulations.

Mill jobs go

FOUR hundred jobs are being axed at a Thatcham, Berkshire, chipboard mill owned by Reed Paper and Board — a subsidiary of paper and publishing giant Reed International. The South Mill at Colthrop Board Mills will close in May.



Yesterday's picket of Brixton Prison to highlight the suicide rate

Picket against prison suicides

MEMBERS of the prison campaign group IN-QUEST yesterday held a picket of Brixton Prison in protest at the number of suicides there.

Ten people have hanged themselves in the south London prison in the last two years.

The pickets pointed to the findings of a recent report on suicides in all British prisons showing that the systems used by prisons to monitor potential suicides do not work.

Most of those who hanged themselves at Brixton were on 'special watch B', meaning that their cells are supposed to be checked every 15 minutes.

The Chief Inspector's report published last year acknowledged that this procedure was 'ineffective' and that prisoners who need to be kept under observation should be placed in a prison hospital ward.

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Briefly . . .**Doctors wins demands**

LAGOS — The Nigerian government has moved to avert a threatened national doctors' strike by restoring free health care for publicly-employed medical workers. Doctors in government hospitals last week stopped treating patients with infectious diseases in protest at an order last December that they must pay for their own medical treatment.

Dae-jung denounces poll

SEOUL — Kim Dae-jung denounced elections for the new parliament in South Korea as mere window-dressing by President Chun Doo Hwan's government. Kim, who returned after two years of exile in the United States last Friday, was confined to his house by hundreds of plainclothes police and prohibited from taking part or voting in the elections for a new 276-member national assembly.

No endorsement for Bush

NEW YORK — President Reagan said in an interview published yesterday that he was not in a position at present to endorse vice-president George Bush for the 1988 presidential election race. Reagan said that as president he was only titular head of the Republican Party and had to let the party 'make its own decisions' on a candidate for the 1988 race.

Bid to auction land fails

KARACHI — Pakistan's military government has failed in its sixth attempt to auction off a piece of land owned by an opposition leader because people in the area refuse to buy it, members of his party said yesterday. The government has been trying for the past five years to sell 300 acres (120 hectares) of farmland belonging to Fazil Rahu, a jailed leader of the leftist Sindhi Awami Tehrik (Sind People's Movement), to pay a 30,000-rupee (\$2,000) fine.

No agreement on Antilles

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao — Dutch Minister for the Netherlands Antilles, Jan de Koning ended an eight-day visit to this Caribbean territory without securing an agreement on how the six islands will fund their budgets once Aruba achieves separate status this year. The Dutch government has proposed a solidarity fund to help compensate the small islands of Bonaire, St Martin, Saba and Eustatius for Aruba's departure for the federation.

Probe into gun-running

CANBERRA — Federal police are to look again at a report claiming the existence of an international gun-running operation based in Australia, a government spokesman said. The police move follows a Melbourne newspaper's claim that a crime ring has long been selling arms to international guerrilla groups and dissidents.

World News Line

Australian Food Preservers Union members in protest — part of a wave of opposition to Hawke's reactionary policies

HAWKE'S U.S. ARMS TALKS SPARK ROW

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

SYDNEY — Prime Minister Bob Hawke has returned from a strife-ridden overseas tour to the biggest domestic crisis since he took office in early 1983.

The Labour Party is in uproar and Hawke has been charged by his colleagues and party members with serious mis-handling of Australia's defence policies while in Western Europe and the United States.

Liberal Party (Tory) opposition leader Andrew Peacock, himself under siege for his ineffectual parliamentary parries against Hawke, cancelled his own scheduled overseas trip at the weekend to confront the Labour Prime Minister.

The bitterness in the Australian Labour Party (ALP) involves Hawke's

decision to at first approve the basing of an American MX nuclear-missile-monitoring station at Richmond Air Force Base, near Sydney, and then overturning the decision while in Washington last week.

Neither decision was made with consultation with most of his Cabinet colleagues.

News of Hawke's decision to give logistical support to the American missile tests in the South Pacific leaked out shortly before he left for talks with NATO chiefs in Brussels and with President Reagan in Washington.

Reagan and the Pentagon have announced they are going ahead with the tests without Australian help but the issue has blown up a storm in the ALP.

The party's collection of purportedly left-wing leaders who support most of Hawke's pro-US policies — just under 30 per cent of the 117 parliamentarians — attacked Hawke for his secrecy and lack of consultation over the original agreement to co-operate in the tests.

Foreign Minister Bill Hayden, the leader of the ALP's centre-right and several other senior ministers, on the other hand, are angry that he bowed to pressure from anti-nuclear, anti-US factions.

Hayden this week tried to defuse the crisis by publicly defending Hawke and praising his 'considerable achievement' in the US talks.

The Foreign Minister

claimed that the cornerstone of Labour's defence policies — a strong commitment to the ANZUS war pact with the US and New Zealand — provided a strong stand on arms control and disarmament.

Peacock accused Hawke of heaping national humiliation on Australia with what he called a 'weak, vacillating and compromising' stance over the MX missile tests.

He said Hawke had left Australia's foreign policy in tatters and could further damage the ANZUS pact.

Hawke, former trade union boss once dubbed 'The Messiah' by the capitalist press, also faces working class opposition to his pro-International Monetary Fund policies and the widespread use of police against a swelling tide of strikes.

Lange sticks to his guns

NEW YORK — New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange was quoted today as saying that any US economic reprisals for his anti-nuclear policy would only make New Zealand less likely to cooperate militarily in the future.

In an interview from Wellington, published in 'The New York Times', Lange was quoted as saying:

'Anything that cuts us back in the United States market cuts back our possibility of taking part in regional cooperation.'

In Congress, Republican Senator William Copen has introduced a resolution urging trade and military sanctions as a result of New Zealand's announcement last week that it would not permit an American warship to make a port call if it carried nuclear weapons.

The United States, on the grounds of policy, refused to specify whether a ship carries nuclear weapons.

Lange said however, New Zealand was committed to an alliance with the United States, and depended on foreign trade and the US market.

He said: 'We are therefore, absolutely vulnerable in the event that we are cut off from that economic lifeblood.'

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Shares rethink

KUALA LUMPUR — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad is planning to 'restructure' foreign-owned estates and plantations to enable Malaysians to hold majority shares.

He has reassured the overseas capitalists that this does not mean immediate nationalisation or the repatriation of foreign businessmen.

But he wants national equity such as the state-run corporation Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), has in most of the large palm oil and rubber estates.

Army killings in Sri Lanka

SRI LANKAN military forces have carried out massacres of Tamils in the northern Jaffna province, according to residents of Mannar, the mainly Muslim town on the island's north-west coast.

They said 32 innocent men were murdered by Sri Lankan soldiers in a military operation this week.

The censored official press has alleged that military operations by guerrillas of the Tamil liberation movement had made the operation necessary.

But bereaved Tamil

villagers said the liberation fighters had carried out no manoeuvres this week.

The wives of landless labourers in the village of Vattakandal described to a 'Times' reporter how soldiers had descended on their village at dawn and shouted for people to leave their huts.

Their husbands were shot in the head and their thatch huts were doused with petrol and set on fire. The soldiers took the bodies of the dead men to their jeeps.

The Mannar Citizens Committee said the principal of the village school and his two assistants were also shot dead. They

estimated that 32 people were killed altogether.

The committee, comprising lawyers, priests, shopkeepers, Muslim officials and others said the army removed the bodies of the people they had killed to prevent identification and assessment of the number of Tamils murdered.

The villagers said the armed forces had obtained information that Tamil fighters might be hiding in the village.

Their village had been attacked and their men murdered in an attempt to terrorise the them into refusing to support the Eelam (Tamil Nation) liberation movement, they said.

World News Line

MANDELA REBUFF STINGS PRETORIA

JOHANNESBURG — As a new wave of rebellion swept the 'townships' yesterday, the apartheid South African government launched a desperate attack on jailed black leader Nelson Mandela, warning it would hit back at his African National Congress.

Mandela this week officially sent a message from jail rejecting President Pieter Botha's offers of conditional freedom and denouncing his charges of violence.

The message was read by his daughter Zinzi Mandela to a mass rally of more than 7,000 people at Soweto.

Freedom

Mandela, 66, said his freedom was not for bargaining and could not be separated from the political freedom of South Africa's 70 per cent black majority.

Jailed for more than 20 years on trumped-up charges of plotting violence, Mandela is the internationally acknowledged leader of South Africa's blacks and the ANC.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Radio South Africa, commenting in its daily editorial yesterday on Mandela's rejection of the bogus offer, said the regime would never allow itself to be forced into abandoning 'orderly political processes' by 'a gang of terrorists'.

The radio said: 'The gravest error of judgement on the part of the revolutionary syndicate is that it can force South Africa to abandon orderly political processes ... and abdicate to a gang of terrorists.'

'Some of its members will yet pay the supreme penalty for that because the prerogative of a democratic state is that it, too, can arm itself with the sword.'

The radio said Mandela, by his rejection of so-called freedom, had slammed the door and ex-

cluded possible negotiations with the ANC.

'The gap remains unbridgeable — the gap between the reasonable attitude of the South African government ... and the hostility of an embittered group blinded to anything else by their fruitless armed struggle and stereotyped propaganda.'

Offer

Pretoria has for the past two days been insistently claiming that four unnamed prisoners had accepted the offer Mandela rejected.

Mandela has dealt the racist regime a stinging rebuff by his principled defiance and the state radio's attack merely reflects a wretched bullying in the face of a determined challenge by the undefeated black masses.



Police attack protesters during a demonstration against price rises last April

Two shot dead in Santo Domingo

SANTO DOMINGO — Troops shot two people dead during a general strike over price rises which paralysed the Dominican Republic, police said yesterday.

President Salvador Jorge Blanco was due to address the country in the wake of two weeks of partial work stoppages that culminated in the general strike on Monday.

Police said troops shot and killed a youth as demonstrators set tyres alight in the central town of Santiago, 150 miles north of the capital, Santo Domingo.

Another youth was shot dead by troops in what police called an isolated incident on Sunday night.

In the central town of Moca, where the strike was reported to be 100 per cent effective, protesters threw Molotov cocktails at buildings and opposition leaders were arrested.

Labour leaders said Santiago, the country's second-largest city, and the towns of San Francisco de Macoris, in the north, and Barahona, in the south, were shut down.

Helicopters circled overhead and soldiers carrying machine-guns patrolled the streets of the capital on Monday as Jorge Blanco addressed a pro-government rally.

He appealed to shopkeepers and public trans-

port employees to return to work after the near-total shutdown.

The strike, called by 53 opposition labour and political groups, followed nearly two weeks of scattered protests against food and fuel price rises

of up to 70 per cent, announced last month as part of a loan agreement with the International Monetary Fund.

Similar rises last April sparked a wave of rioting in which 55 people were killed.

Whitehall's Dresden cover-up

WHITEHALL rewrote the details of the Dresden bombing — today is its 40th anniversary — to cover up a mission that deliberately set out to massacre tens of thousands of innocent civilians.

A former crew member of Bomber Command, Bill Williams, has told the London 'Observer' of how a Ministry of Information film made shortly after the massacre presented a drastically altered account of the pre-operational briefing.

Williams, now of Nottingham, revealed the details in a letter to the paper and was later backed up by another RAF crewman.

He told the 'Observer': 'It was going to be a 10¼-hour mission, the longest we had ever flown ... the Group Captain told us ... the intention was to deliver a devastating blow against the Germans.'

'He said the city was packed with refugees, fleeing from the Russians, who were then only 40 miles away, and that our aim point was to be the old market place.'

'I immediately thought: "Christ almighty, its women and kids. We've never done anything like that before..."'

'We were told it was "to help our Russian allies" but when it came to instructions about what to do if we had to bale out, we were told: "Make sure you surrender to Germans, not Russians..."'

At the mock briefing for the documentary account, the bomber crew were told to avoid the old market place because it was 'full of women and children'.

Williams said: 'In other words, the opposite of the real briefing.'

● See 'Dresden — the massacre Churchill engineered' — Page 11

Students fight state of siege

SANTIAGO — Chilean students have filed charges against the military dictatorship over the arrest of a student leader and have mounted a protest over the death of a student after brutal treatment in police custody last Friday.

The charges were filed as General Augusto Pinochet yesterday reshuffled his Cabinet to entrench his state of siege, under which censorship and a ban on political activity has been imposed.

In the step-up of the state of siege, the junta arrested the vice-president of the student federation of the University of Chile after a funeral service for a student who died in police custody last Saturday, according to witnesses.

Gonzalo Rovira, a member of the banned Chilean Communist Party, was elected last year when the students swept out a pro-junta leadership in the federation.

He was taken away from the student headquarters by detectives after attending a mass for Patricio Manzano.

Student federation officers, who presented a habeas corpus writ for Rovira, said they were planning to present a criminal suit alleging police

negligence over the death of Manzano, 21.

Manzano was among more than 200 students arrested last Friday for defying a government ban on 'voluntary summer work' because of the state of siege imposed by President Augusto Pinochet.

Police

The students said they told police in the city of Los Andes, 55 miles north-east of Santiago, that Manzano had a weak heart. But he had been forced to join in punishment exercises.

They were beaten for singing protest songs in

the police station and then made to run and lie still for three hours in the afternoon sun. They were beaten again if they moved.

On Friday night, they were taken by bus to Santiago and medical students with Manzano said he suffered two heart attacks early on Saturday.

'It's very probable that if we had gone with him, giving him cardiac massage, his fate would have been different,' one student said.

About 300 defiant students attended the funeral service on Wednesday chanting anti-government slogans and singing protest songs.

Chernenko meeting off

MOSCOW — Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko could not attend a meeting with visiting Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu because of the state of his health, according to a Greek spokesman yesterday.

Papandreu's spokesman, Dimitrios Maroudas, said: 'The meeting between Prime Minister Papandreu and General Secretary Chernenko could not take place due to the state of health of the General Secretary.'

Chernenko was scheduled to have met the Greek Prime Minister at the Kremlin on Monday afternoon.

Maroudas said the Greek delegation had been given to understand for the previous two days that Chernenko would receive Papandreu but Kremlin officials cancelled the meeting at short notice.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry official, however, denied such a meeting had been scheduled.

Soviet spokesmen have given no indication if Chernenko's health has deteriorated.



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Speakers: **Alex McLarty** (WRP Central Committee); **Gary Dempsey** (Springburn YS); **George McKinlay** (Springburn WRP)

GLASGOW EAST END: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. YS Youth Training Centre, Tobago Street, Off London Road.
Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee); **John Barrie** (NUR, in personal capacity)

NORTH WEST

MANCHESTER: Wednesday February 13, 7.30p.m. Basement Theatre, Town Hall Extension, Albert Square.
Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Mike Banda** (WRP general secretary); **In personal capacity: Peter Jepson** (Tameside councillor); Speaker from Walkden NCB workshops; **Steve Howells** (NUM Agecroft strike co-ordinator)

STOCKPORT: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. Trades Union Club, High Street.
Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee)

LEYLAND: Thursday February 21, 7.30p.m. Civic Hall, Towngate.
Speakers: **John Worthington** (Leyland YS); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **In personal capacity: Allen Jones** (Point of Ayr NUM); **Steve Brindle** (BAC AUEW senior steward)

SALFORD: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Broadwalk Library, Salford Precinct.
Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee)

LIVERPOOL: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Liverpool Poly Students Union, Haigh Hall (main hall); Maryland Street, off Rodney Street.
Speakers: **Richard Knott** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Billy Trainor** (WRP Liverpool District Committee and AUEW (CEU) in personal capacity)

CREWE: Monday March 4, 8p.m. Room 06, Oakley Centre, Victoria Centre.
Speakers: **Dave Curzon** (Crewe YS); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee)

HATTERSLEY: Monday March 4, 7.30p.m. Hattersley Community Centre, Hattersley Road East.
Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Bold NUM

LONGSIGHT: Monday March 11, 7.30p.m. Longsight Library, Stockport Road, Manchester 13.
Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS National Committee); **Ray Waring** (WRP Central Committee)

STAFFS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME: Tuesday February 19, 7.30p.m. Chesterton Library and Community Centre, London Road.
Speakers: **Robin Bickerstaffe** (Stoke YS); **P. Reid** (Stoke WRP); **In personal capacity: John Holdcroft** (Senior EETPU shop steward); **Danny Anderson** (Wolstanton NUM)

YORKSHIRE

YORK: Thursday February 21, 7.30p.m. York Community Centre, Room 5, Priory Street.
Speakers: **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); **Kevin Warren** (Kippax Young Socialists)

SHEFFIELD: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Sheffield Trades & Labour Club, Duke Street.
Speakers: **Katie Rhodes** (YS Regional Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee)

BRADFORD: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Star Hotel, Westgate.
Speakers: **David Gurney** (Bradford YS); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee); **Michael Barrat** (Emley Moor NUM, in personal capacity)

HULL: Tuesday March 5, 7.30p.m. Trades and Labour Club, Beverley Road.
Speakers: **Katie Rhodes** (YS Regional Committee); **Dave Hyland** (WRP Central Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (Hull City Council, in personal capacity)

HUDDERSFIELD: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. Fartown International Club, Halifax Old Road.
Speakers: **Chris Marsden** (YS National Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); **In personal capacity: Alan Scott** (NUPE shop steward); **Paul Adams** (Emley Moor NUM)

WEST MIDLANDS

NUNEATON: Wednesday February 13, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Church Street.
Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); **In personal capacity: Ken Tyrell** (AUEW Convenor Massey Ferguson); Speaker from Warwickshire NUM

BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. Weld Community Project, Wilson Road, Lozells.
Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

SMETHWICK: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Redfort Social Club, Smethwick High Street.
Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Staffs NUM

EAST MIDLANDS

MANSFIELD: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. Masons Arms, Leeming Street.
Speakers: **Chris Lynas** (YS Regional Committee); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Annette Holroyd** (Blidworth WRP)

LEICESTER: Monday March 11, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate.
Speakers: **Gary Greenwood** (Leicester YS); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Annette Holroyd** (Blidworth WRP)

CHESTERFIELD: Thursday March 21, 7.30p.m. Room 3/4, Market Hall.
Speakers: **Chris Lynas** (YS Regional Committee); **Ann Nettleship** (Alfreton WRP); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

PETERBOROUGH: Thursday February 21, 7.30p.m. AUEW Hall, Lincoln Road.
Speakers: **Sammy Tams** (YS Regional Committee); **Pat Brooks** (Peterborough WRP)

PETERBOROUGH: Monday March 25, 7.30p.m. Tyessdale Community Centre, Tyessdale, South Bretton.
Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Pat Brooks** (Peterborough WRP)

WESTERN

SWINDON: Thursday February 21, 7.30p.m. The Ship, Westcott Place.
Speakers: **Bruce Chapman** (YS Regional Committee); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTH WALES

ABERDARE: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. Boot Hotel.
Speakers: **Ann Pickard** (Aberdare YS); **Travis Gould** (WRP Central Committee)

FERNDALE: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Ferndale Workingmens Club.
Speakers: **Travis Gould** (WRP Central Committee); **Ann Pickard** (YS Regional Committee); **Harry Coombes** (NUM Maerdy Lodge, in personal capacity)

SUSSEX

CRAWLEY: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Ifield Community Centre, Ifield Drive.
Speakers: **Graham Fenwick** (YS National Committee); **Joe Kearney** (Crawley WRP)

ESSEX

GRAYS: Wednesday February 20, 7.30p.m. Thameside 2, Central Complex, Orsett Road.
Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Keith Scotcher** (WRP London District Committee)

MIDDLESEX

HOUNSLOW: Wednesday March 13, 7.30p.m. Montague Hall.
Speakers: **Wayne Matthews** (YS Regional Committee); **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Lugg** (Southall WRP and T&GWU shop steward BAA Heathrow, in personal capacity)

ISLEWORTH: Tuesday February 19, 7.30p.m. Town Hall, South Street.
Speakers: **Steve Mott** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); **Lynne Roberts** (West Middlesex hospital NUPE, in personal capacity)

HARROW: Monday February 25, 7.30p.m. Co-op Hall, Masons Avenue, Wealdstone.
Speakers: **Matt Hanlon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); **John Barker** (Students union president Harrow Tech, in personal capacity)

SURREY

CROYDON: Monday February 25, 7.30p.m. Norbury Public Library, London Road (entrance Beatrice Avenue)
Speakers: **Graham Fenwick** (YS National Committee); **Peter Gibson** (WRP Central Committee)

HERTS

WATFORD: Tuesday March 12, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Hall, Woodford Road.
Speakers: **Colin Jeffery** (YS Regional Committee); **Paul Stickley** (Watford WRP); **John Gallacher** (SCPS in personal capacity)

LONDON

CATFORD: Wednesday February 13, 7.30p.m. Lewisham Theatre, Committee Room A.
Speakers: **Eric Morgan** (Woolwich YS); **Jean Kerrigan** (WRP London District Committee)

CANNING TOWN: Monday February 25, 7.30p.m. Rosetta School, Sophia Road, Custom House, E16.
Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Andy Blunden** (Canning Town WRP)

HORNSEY: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, N8.
Speakers: **Elizabeth Ali** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP London District Committee)

HARLESDEN: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Harlesden Library, Craven Park, NW10.
Speakers: **Matt Hanlon** (YS National Committee); **Dany Sylveire** (Harlesden WRP)

CRICKLEWOOD: Wednesday February 27, 7.30p.m. Anson Hall, Anson Road, NW2.
Speakers: **Dolly Short** (YS Editor); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH KENSINGTON: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Westway Luncheon Club, nr Ladbroke Grove tube station.
Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Barran Hume** (North Kensington WRP)

MORDEN: Thursday February 28, 8p.m. South Wimbledon Community Centre, Haydons Road.
Speakers: **Pat Farrell** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Bell** (WRP London District Committee)

LEWISHAM: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Deptford Town Hall, New Cross.
Speakers: **Eric Morgan** (YS Regional Committee); **Jean Kerrigan** (WRP London District Committee)

ACTON: Thursday February 28, 7.30p.m. Council Chamber, Acton Town Hall, Winchester Street entrance.
Speakers: **Matt Hanlon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

BRIXTON: Tuesday March 5, 7.30p.m. Room 7, Brixton Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2.
Speakers: **Gary Hughes** (Brixton YS); **Paul Feldman** (WRP Central Committee); **Sylvester Smart** (Lambeth AUEW convenor, in personal capacity); Speaker from South Wales NUM

LAVENDER HILL: Thursday March 7, 8p.m. Garfield Community Centre, Garfield Road, SW11.
Speakers: **Frances Goldstein** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Vevors** (WRP Central Committee)

STOKE NEWINGTON: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. Stoke Newington Library, Church Street, N16.
Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS Regional Committee); **Bill Rogers** (WRP London District Committee)

EAST HAM: Thursday March 7, 7.30p.m. Lister Rooms, East Ham Town Hall, High Road, E6.
Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP London District Committee); **Therese Shaughan** (Labour Cllr, in personal capacity)

HAMMERSMITH: Wednesday March 13, 7.30p.m. Matthews Hall, Margravine Road, W9.
Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

CLAPHAM: Wednesday March 13, 8p.m. Coronation Hall, Springfield Estate, Union Road, SW8.
Speakers: **Mohammed Jallow** (Clapham YS); **Judith White** (WRP London District Committee)

HOLLOWAY: Thursday March 14, 7.30p.m. Caxton House, 129 St John's Way, Holloway, N19.
Speakers: **Elizabeth Ali** (YS Regional Committee); **Ian Harrison** (WRP London District Committee)

'Warehouses of death' for elderly

'WAREHOUSES of death' where the elderly are exploited until they die will be appearing in Britain soon with the introduction of so-called 'care in the community' advocated by the Tory government.

— warns private health care report

BY PENNY BLOOR

The warning was made yesterday at the launch of a joint report by the health service union NUPE and Services to Community Action and Trade Unions (SCAT), 'Fines, Failures and Illegal Practices in North America — Private Health Care Dossier'.

The report, compiled and written by Dexter Whitfield of SCAT, followed a two-week visit to Canada and the USA to investigate private health care companies, many of whom are now seeking NHS and council contracts in Britain.

NUPE general secretary Rodney Bickerstaffe said that in Britain while severe cuts have been made in public provision for the elderly, private nursing homes have boomed under Thatcher's government.

Sold

Bickerstaffe said: 'You might think that this description is going a bit over the top but they are warehouses of the dying if not of death, because elderly and frail people who have given good service have been sold into exploitation until they die.'

Council workers fight against 10% cutbacks

BUILDING workers and electricians are to fight an attempt by Blackburn council, Lancashire, to cut bonus targets by 10 per cent.

Over 200 workers — members of UCATT and the EETPU — at the meeting in King George's Hall voted unanimously against the council's plan. Officials claimed the cut was necessary to attract and safeguard future contracts.

Kenneth Straham, EETPU convenor said after the meeting: 'One painting and repair job on the Higher Croft estate has already had a 10-per-cent cut imposed and the council has implied redundancies if cuts on other jobs are not accepted.'

'We will now go back to the management and set out the situation. We hope there will be some other way round it, but we will be holding further meetings in the near future. Any action will depend on the reaction of the council employers.'

When asked about the March 6 day of action by many council workers he replied: 'If we receive notification from the union we will be joining them.'

Burnley miners made a successful collection outside the meeting when they called for solidarity and unity in their struggles.

of Wandsworth.

Ian Scott, NUPE area officer, said ARA Services was the only private firm which offered a tender cheaper than that provided by direct labour in the borough.

Privatising such social services was 'gambling with the lives of old people', he said.

ARA owns the third-largest chain of private nursing homes in America. It has extensive catering contracts in schools, colleges, hospitals and other public buildings.

Fined

The SCAT report found that ARA's nursing homes have been fined heavily in recent years.

The company has admitted making questionable and sometimes illegal payments totalling \$393,000 to politicians and other persons in the USA and abroad between 1970-1976.

In California ARA was fined \$20,000 and four homes put on probation for 18 months after state authorities tried to close down the homes claiming that they did not meet basic needs of patients. There have been fines in Texas and Colorado for similar offences.

Wandsworth council has produced its own report about the company which includes a submission by a firm of accountants who acknowledged the existence of previous law suits against ARA but 'regards this as fairly minor and not out of the ordinary'.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

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Pickets at Silverwood colliery, near Rotherham, shouting at the scab bus as it went in yesterday

2,000 join mass picket

OVER 2,000 striking miners mounted a mass picket at Gascoigne Wood yesterday and blockaded the road leading to the pit with cars.

STRIKE NOW! — Collins calls on council workers

COUNCIL workers fighting rate-capping should form a united front with the miners by joining them on strike, Kent NUM General Secretary Jack Collins said on Monday night.

His appeal to local authority workers was made at a rally in London organised jointly by the South-East Region of the TUC and print unions at the climax of a Day of Action in support of the miners.

In a message to council workers who face the destruction of services and thousands of jobs, Collins said: 'What are you waiting for? Are you waiting for the boss to sack you before you fight?'

'Come out now and fight with the miners. Let's have a united front against these people.'

BY SIMON VEVERS

side the miners, union leaders Ron Todd of the transport workers and Jimmy Knapp of the National Union of Railwaymen had left the platform.

Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the National Graphical Association (NGA), said the miners' strike was crucial for the trade union movement — and the Tory government.

When the Tories spoke about the need for 'responsible trade unionism', that meant total collaboration with their attacks.

'The only way they can do that is through the defeat of the NUM and through the NUM the defeat of the trade union movement,' Dubbins said.

He warned that 'sweetheart unions, company unions' would be established which would accept high unemployment, the market economy and every attack unleashed by the government.

He added: 'They don't want an honourable settlement with the NUM. They want capitulation, they want unconditional surrender.'

Cash

Dubbins bitterly attacked TUC leaders who were ready to take Tory cash for ballots and were 'doing their best to undermine congress policy and undermine the NUM'.

Throughout his speech Todd was constantly heckled by a group of miners, angered by the

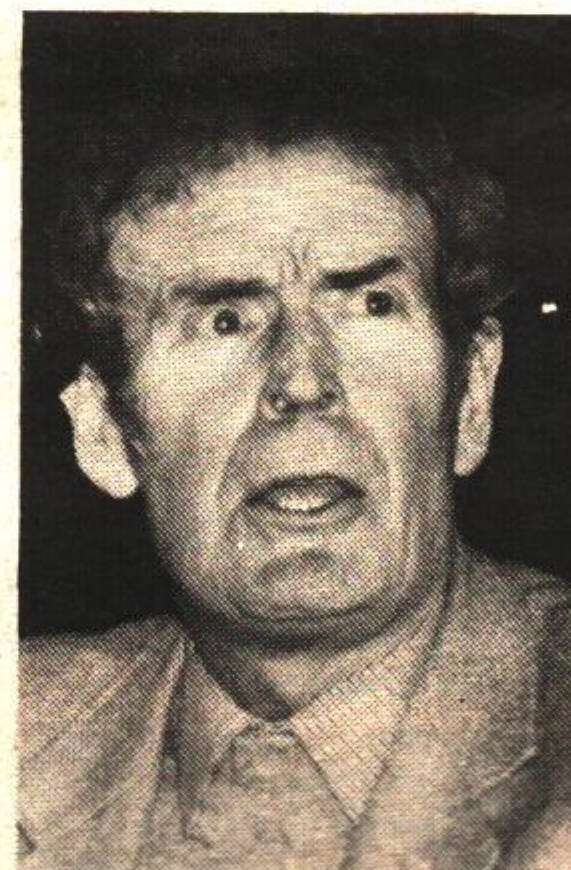
failure of T&GWU leaders to halt scabbing by lorry drivers.

Challenged to step up support for the NUM, he claimed that the obstacle to further action was not the TUC leadership, but sections of rank and file trade unionists who had refused to carry out TUC policy.

South Wales area NUM vice-president Terry Thomas said he wanted to put the record straight following reports last week that the area was ready to order a return to work without an agreement.

'Let me give you an assurance that if that day ever comes the South Wales area will be the last area in the British coalfield to return to work,' he said.

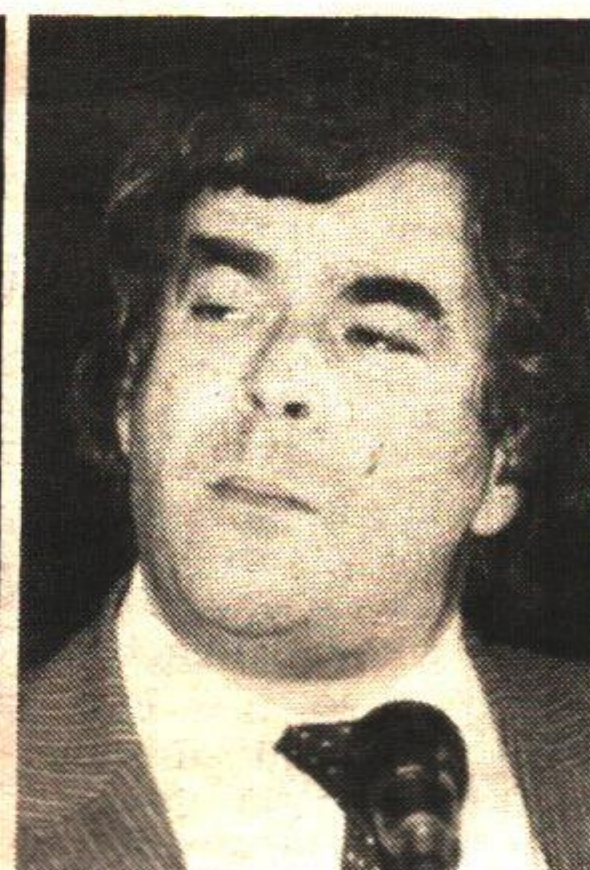
Labour MP Tony Benn suggested that the acquittal of Clive Ponting



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meant that in future civil servants would somehow be immune from prosecution if they leaked confidential documents.

Ann Lilburne, the wife and mother of striking miners in Northumber-



DUBBINS

land, spoke on behalf of Women against Pit Closures and the rally was also addressed by Knapp and NUM executive member for the Cokemen's section, Idwal Morgan.

The action effectively stopped a scab coal lorry convoy from collecting blackleg coal from the pit. Police with riot shields assembled around the pit entrance, but there were no police provocations.

While some small amounts of coal are being mined from Gascoigne Wood, the nearby Selby 'super-pit' is reported to be at a standstill.

Striking miners believe the Coal Board is very concerned to cover up a serious fall in the pit which has resulted in extensive flooding and an end to scab coal production.

Meanwhile, the Yorkshire area NUM executive council meets this morning in Barnsley to consider the latest court ruling banning mass pickets at 11 Yorkshire collieries.

The ban comes during a week when — even by the Coal Board's exaggerated figures — the number of scabs going back to work has slumped.

Parties

Collins said that a defeat for the miners would be the green light for the Thatcher government to legalise political parties of the left and protest movements.

He told the 700-strong audience in the Central Halls, Westminster: 'Everyone of you here tonight who pledges support for the miners has a duty to stop work tomorrow. If the miners are brought down, the rest of you are a pushover.'

'Get into your plants, get into factories, get into your colleges, get into your offices. If you wait for the right-wing trade union bosses to call you out, you'll wait for ever.'

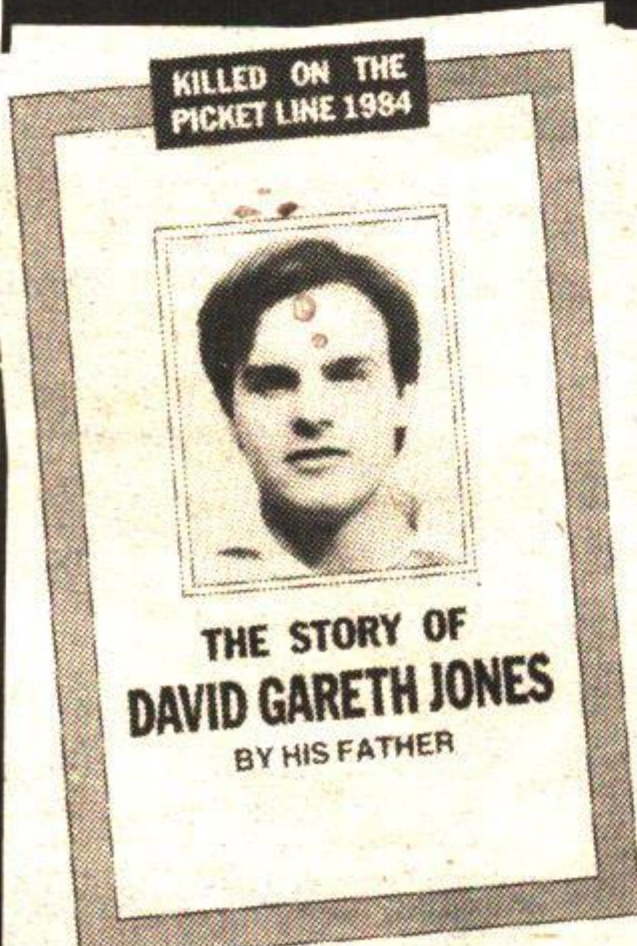
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A new stage of Bonapartism

THE THATCHER government attached great importance to the trial of Clive Ponting. The Prime Minister denies that she personally insisted he be charged under the Official Secrets Act for leaking documents to Labour MP Tam Dalyell. But even Neil Kinnock doesn't believe her.

Ponting's action had alarmed and angered Thatcher because he was in a position to expose the tissue of lies the government has spun around the sinking of the Argentine cruiser 'General Belgrano' — one of the main turning-points on Thatcher's road to Bonapartist dictatorship.

What made it worse was that Ponting was what Thatcher calls 'one of us', her own protege, a civil service high-flyer who had already acquired an OBE and seemed destined for a knighthood. But unknown to her in her Bonapartist frenzy, the 'enemy within' had surfaced on her own doorstep.

Behind the scenes, when the 'crime' was discovered, Thatcher's regime moved ruthlessly to make a grisly example of Ponting to deter any other civil servant who might contemplate interfering with ministers' extra-parliamentary conspiracies.

Bernard Ingham, Thatcher's press secretary, was reported to have told a meeting of Whitehall information officers in September that the government was quite set on prosecution. He was quoted as saying that it was hoped an appropriately severe member of the judiciary would be on hand to hear the case.

The trial judge who was chosen, Justice McCowan, offered to instruct the jury to convict — though the prosecution hastily rejected the offer. At the insistence of Attorney General Sir Michael Havers the jury was vetted by the security services and part of the trial was held behind closed doors.

Ponting's victory is being hailed by liberals and reformists as a vindication of British justice, a triumph for the jury system and a terminal blow to Section Two of the Official Secrets Act. This is extremely superficial. The Ponting case expresses the transitional character of Thatcherite Bonapartism. This regime is based on extra-parliamentary conspiracy. It is for this reason that security becomes such a pervasive obsession.

The regime must conquer the allegiance of the civil service, rooting out devotees of what the Thatcherites contemptuously describe as 'consensus' and putting Thatcher's hand-picked people into key posts. Her civil service proteges are not, of course, all political supporters (Ponting is a member of the SDP). But they are chosen for their willingness to confront and defeat the old-style civil service mandarins. And as the Ponting case makes clear, they are expected to obey her orders without demur.

This is an unstable regime. The Ponting case has exposed Thatcher's dependence on the judiciary, who are in the vanguard of her Bonapartist counter-revolution. The Ponting jury's rebuff for Justice McCowan is an indication of the extremely narrow social basis on which Thatcherism rests.

It is also an indication that the government is losing the support of sections of the middle class. They are being pulled to the left against Thatcher by the undefeated strength of the working class, expressed in the 11-month miners' strike.

'The Times' City correspondent Kenneth Fleet noted the link between the Ponting verdict, the miners' strike and sterling's slump against the dollar. Fleet wrote yesterday:

'Mr Ponting's acquittal and its political implications have finally destroyed "the Thatcher premium", which, together with the oil premium, was responsible for the strength of sterling after the Conservative Party came to power in 1979.

'With hindsight it is evident that the government's failure to resolve the miners' strike within, at most, two months had a profound psychological effect abroad, especially in the United States, where the Prime Minister's power and personality had almost a mystical following. The Ponting verdict will only make matters worse.'

The Tories and the capitalist class will respond to this crisis with even more repression. Already Tory MPs are talking in terms of even more stringent legislation designed to prevent civil servants ever revealing anything about the actions of government.

Thatcher's Bonapartist regime is in transition not towards liberalism but towards fascism. It cannot be defeated by the advocates of parliamentary democracy and class compromise, who belong to a vanished past. It requires the full strength of the working class, in a general strike alongside the miners, to open the way for a Workers Revolutionary Government.

TUC MUST CALL G

Broaden anti-Tory struggle

THE MINERS hold the whip hand over the Thatcher government at the moment, and now they must fight to unite their struggle with that of council workers to achieve victory.

This is the view of John Church, NUM delegate at Bentley colliery in South Yorkshire.

'If we can take the

INTERVIEW
BY BEN RUDDER

Tories on across two fronts with the metropolitan boroughs and rate-capped councils in March, then there is no way they can stop us.

'The last 11 months have shown that the government are terrified of another section of workers coming into dispute. They bought NACODS off when they threatened

strike action, and they have settled nearly every pay claim.

'And while it will cost us nothing to be out on strike while the council workers are fighting, it will cost the government a fortune. The financial effect of a strike in local government will be much more powerful than even the cost of having no coal.

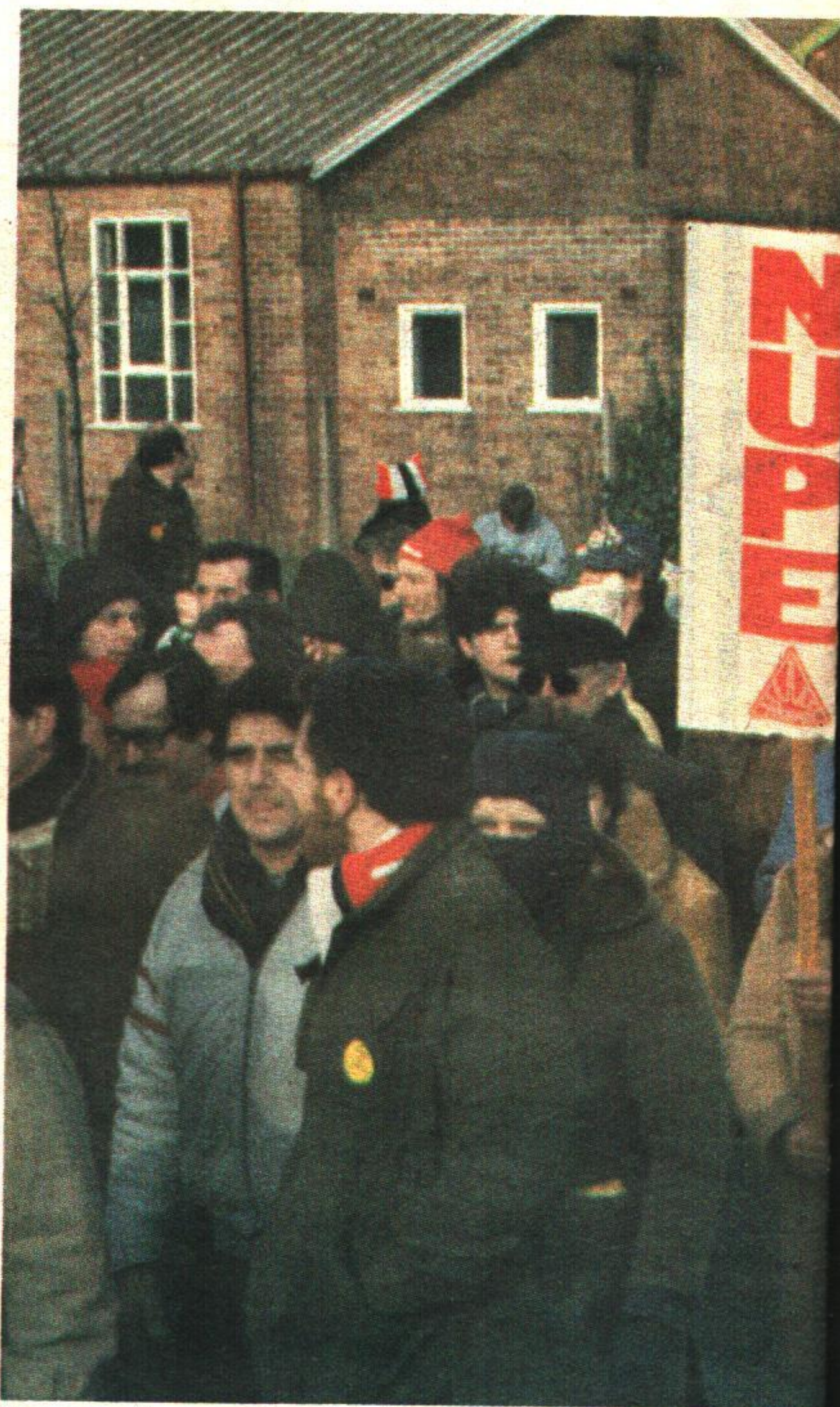
'If they are out on strike with us, and I don't think they have any option but to fight for their jobs, then there is no way we can lose.'

Impact

Church told News Line that the government would be wrong to underestimate the understanding that miners have of the economic impact of their strike action.

'We have been watching the economy for several months. We knew a long time ago that it might be difficult to get power cuts. But we understand well that economically we can cause catastrophe for them.

'We have been telling our members that it is just a question of time before the British economy comes to a total



Banners from miners' lodges and other trade unions

collapse, and that this is just part of a world-wide capitalist system which is collapsing.

'I don't see any recovery being possible from this system, not under this government — which is heading towards fascism as in Germany — or under a Labour government.

'There has got to be some other form of government. But I still find it hard to accept that while this country has never been as ready for a revolution as now, the working class doesn't see it.

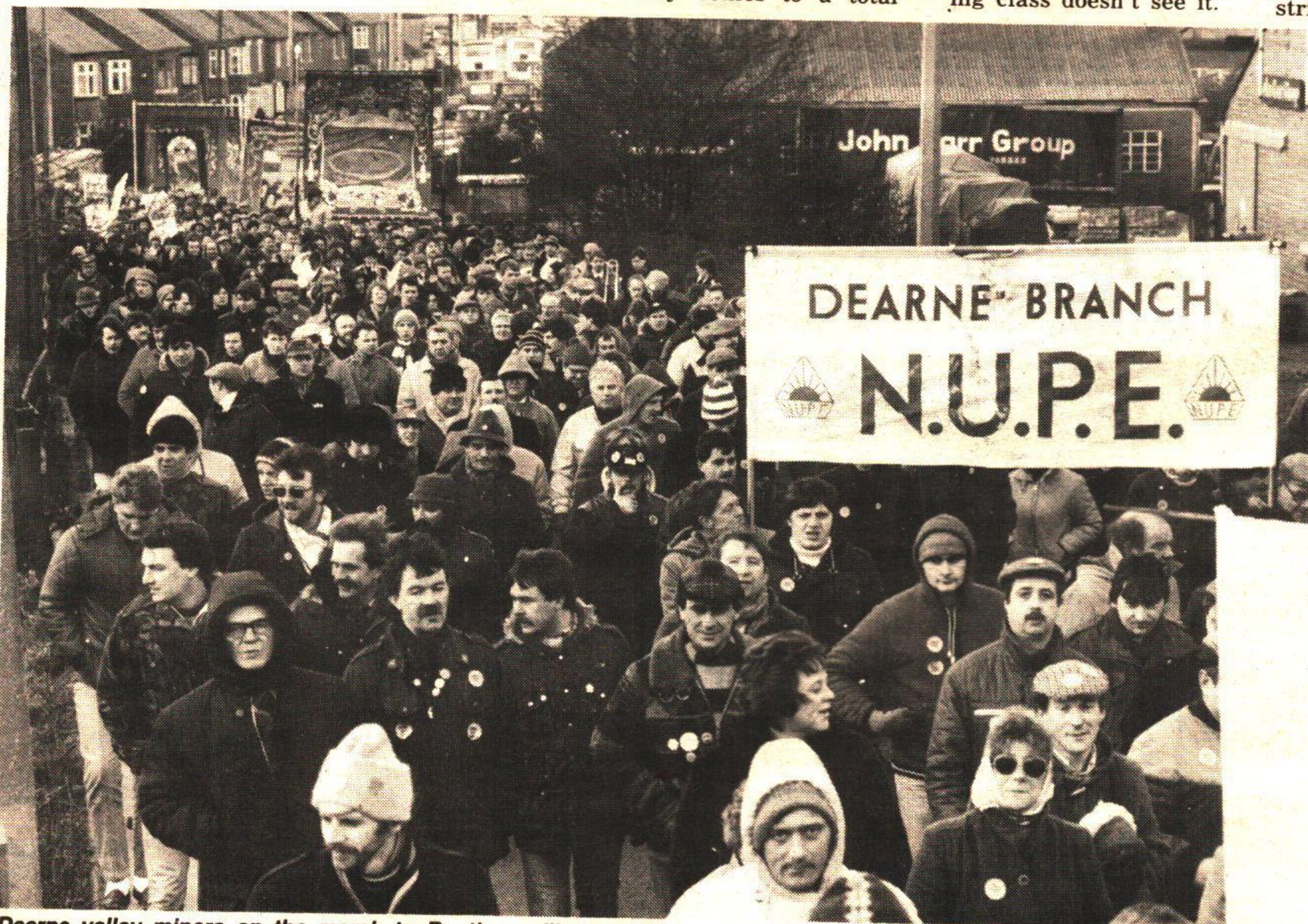
'I'm all in favour of demanding a General Strike of the TUC, because this is the way we will be able to get to the grass roots of the movement who are the ones who will have to do it.'

Church says that the miners can have no confidence in the TUC but that the miners must still make it unmistakably clear to rank and file workers what is required and wanted.

The question of the General Strike is raised not simply by the miners' strike for jobs, but by a



JOHN CHURCH



Dearne valley miners on the march to Bentley colliery on Monday



The North Notts strikers

GENERAL STRIKE NOW!



on the Bentley march on Monday

more fundamental issue involved in the Coal Board's method of closing Cortonwood, says Church.

'At Cortonwood, the Board broke every agreement they have with the union. They refused to recognise the union altogether. So the strike is over the question of whether the union has a right to exist or not. And that applies not just to our union, but every union.'

'Every group of workers, and especially those facing rate-capping, have to deal with the fact that

the views of their unions are not recognised, and that the people have no right to have their views considered.

'It struck me very much over the prisoners released from Libya that no one in the media pointed out that the decision to let them go was made by the people's assemblies. They overturned a court decision in two instances and threw out a government decision in the other two cases.'

'We have no power like that in this country, and

yet this is supposed to be the home of democracy. It is not. If the people had a form of government more like that in Libya we would not be discussing the closure of pits, the abolition of metropolitan counties and the other things this government is doing to destroy democracy.'

In conclusion, Church paid tribute to his members at Bentley colliery. 'I can only say how proud I am of them, for everything they have withstood and will continue to withstand.'



Pathetic protest!

SUPPORT GROWS FOR SACKED NUPE STEWARD

SUPPORT is building up for Alan Scott, the NUPE shop steward who was sacked for allegedly collecting for the miners during working hours in Halifax last month.

He lost his appeal last Friday when four management witnesses all claimed they saw Scott collecting in the town at

various times on Christmas Eve and the previous day.

Scott produced witnesses and detailed evidence to refute these allegations.

His branch of NUPE is now demanding an inquiry into the sacking. The demand is also supported by the Labour Group on the council.

A delegation of tenants supported by Labour councillors from the flats where he was caretaker were seeking a meeting with the council's chief executive officer to demand his reinstatement.

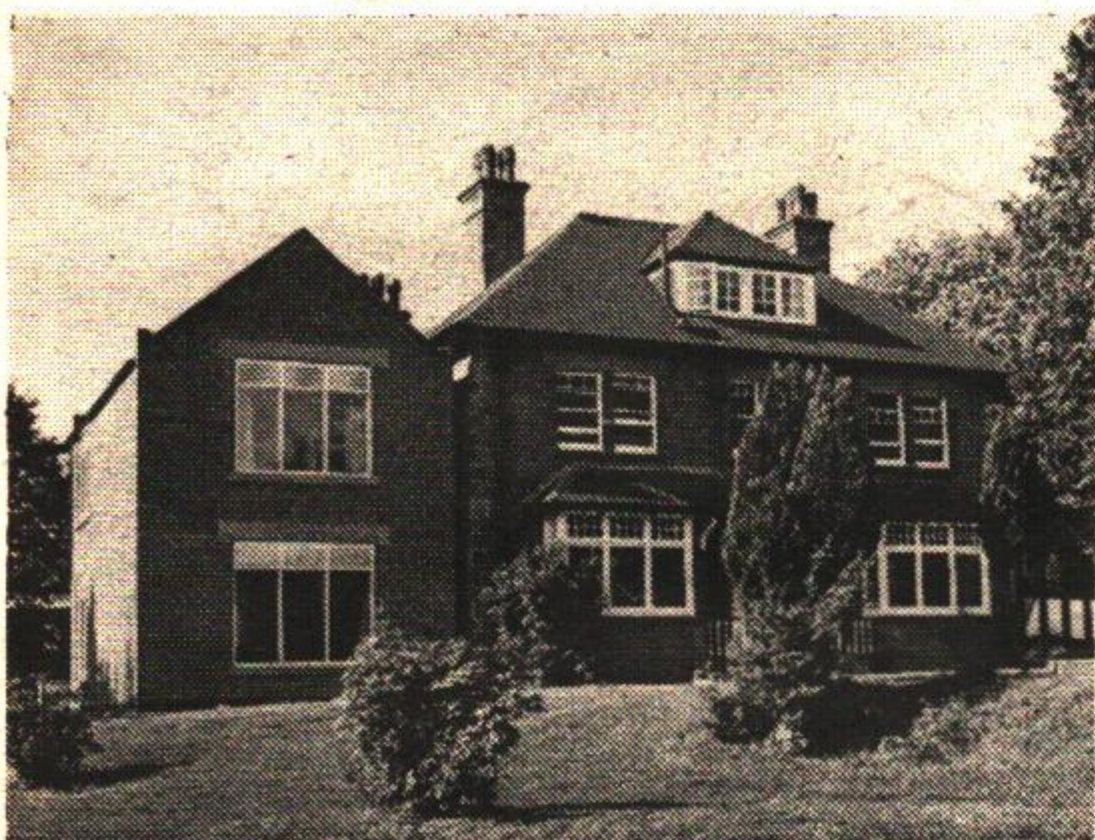
The Labour councillors are also asking for a special open meeting of the full Calderdale council to debate the issue.

AS hundreds of striking miners marched past her door in Bentley on Monday, this woman decided to take her own action against the powerful demonstration in support of the strike. Her protest was greeted with cries of 'scab' and considerable anger by miners and their supporters.



miners' banner on the Bentley demonstration on Monday

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

TUC must call Congress

— DEMAND AT
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REPORTER

THE TUC must recall its Congress and call an immediate and indefinite General Strike, a rally in Wakefield was told on Monday night.

Local government workers must also prepare for indefinite strike action on March 6 to defend hundreds of thousands of jobs at threat under the rate-capping and abolition measures, said John Goodall, Wakefield NALGO education officer, speaking in a personal capacity.

He told striking miners and local government workers at the rally that one-day protests and days of action in support of miners or in the fight for jobs were finished as a method of fighting the Thatcher dictatorship.

'She is making no compromises and neither should the working class. The TUC must get off their knees and call the General Strike in support of the miners,' he said to loud applause.

Earlier, Mark Jones, father of David Gareth Jones, who was killed on the picket line at Ollerton last March, had said other unions could no longer be satisfied with simply giving financial support to the miners. 'The miners are fighting for your right to belong to a union. You must all take their example and fight together to achieve victory,' he said.

Bill Etherington, leader of the Durham Mechanics Association, said the attack on local government workers was closely linked to the attack on the mining industry. 'In both cases the government want to bring in slave labour conditions under private industry to fill a void they are creating through massive cuts.

Failed

'The tragedy of the last 11 months is that the TUC and the Labour Party have failed to grasp this fact,' he said. He urged all striking miners to remain firm since the latest attacks on the union by Thatcher proved that the strike was far from over, and far from being harmless to the Tory government.

Ralph Summerfield, NUM secretary at Woolley colliery in Yorkshire, warned local government workers that if the miners were defeated, they would be next for a savage attack on jobs which would mean thousands more on the dole.

But he said the miners were still far from allowing their union to be destroyed. 'The Tories are saying to us that we will not have a union if we are defeated. But if we allow that we are not worthy of the name miners.'



A minute's silence for the two Yorkshire miners killed on the picket lines during the strike: (from left) Janet Oldfield, Ralph Summerfield, John Goodall, Jim Court (chairing), Bill Etherington and Mark Jones

Normanton NUR secretary David Brown said that the fight for jobs in the rail industry was tied closely to the miners' strike. Over 60 per cent of rail freight was coal in 1983.

In addition, the attack on the metropolitan authorities would mean major cuts in passenger travel due to the ending of many concessionary ticket rates.

'If the trade union and labour movement leaders adopt the same half-hearted approach to the threat on local government as they have to the miners — then she will achieve her aim to smash the trade unions and local democracy,' he concluded.

David Johnson, NUM delegate at Bullcliffe Wood, said he wanted to warn local government workers

that the state would destroy their civil rights in the same way as with the miners if his union was defeated. Striking miners could not travel to Nottinghamshire, and had faced bail conditions as bad as those in the most repressive countries in the world.

Alan Morton, secretary of Wakefield Central NUPE, said the struggle against the abolition of the

metropolitan counties must succeed, since the people would lose an age-old right of control in local affairs as well as thousands of jobs.

Janet Oldfield brought a brief but powerful message to the rally, declaring that the wives of striking miners in her own village of Featherstone, and all over the country were ready to fight to the bitter end alongside their husbands.

'NO SELL OUT'

pledges Heathfield

NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield pledged that there would be 'no sell-out, no surrender', when he addressed 200 striking miners and trade unionists on Monday evening at Halifax AUEW club.

He said the miners have been battered and starved daily but 'we must see this dispute through to victory'. Heathfield emphasised to the audience that 'this is not a problem exclusively faced by miners. The problem we have is a problem faced by the working people of this country. It is your problem.'

'It's a problem for the whole labour and trade union movement.' Speaking on the question of the regional day of action in Yorkshire, he told the audience that all workers 'must participate in picket line activ-

ity' pointing out that the next few weeks of the strike are especially critical for the whole trade union movement.

Heathfield was critical of certain 'leading members' of the transport and general workers union who have 'dragged their feet in support of the miners, although he said that the national leadership had as a whole been supportive. And he also sharply criticised the role of the NACODS union in encouraging scabbing.

Morale

The miners' morale had peaked when they decided to come out on strike last year but the leadership's decision to pull out was a great disappointment, especially since 'the greater part of the NACODS settlement was unrelated to our

problems,' he said that this showed how the NACODS leadership was 'prepared to ride on the backs of the miners in search of a deal for their own members'.

The question of the fight for jobs was an issue that included everyone, Heathfield said, the rate of youth unemployment in particular, in many mining areas such as Yorkshire and the Rhonda valley, reaching 80 per cent in some places.

This is why young miners are at the forefront of this fight, the average age of pickets being 36.

Betty Elie, leader of Thornton View hospital occupation, said: 'Like all disputes we can't give in, we've got to carry on. Victory to the miners because we need them to win. Victory to Thornton View.'

Jack Green from the

TGW&U transport section said: 'We've been experiencing a protest since 1981, of creeping fascism against the labour movement.'

He spoke of how the new transport Bill would slash local services. Linking the fight against privatisation of public transport with the fight of hospital cleaning staff and school dinner ladies, he pointed out that 'the only thing up for tender is the wages and conditions of the workers in the industry'.

Feelings

Miner's wife Marion Fairbairn summed up the feelings of miners and miners' wives in the audience when she said: 'We'll keep fighting because I don't want my husband to crawl back to work on his belly.'

'We'll stop out for another 12 months, rather than sign a piece of paper saying that we give up.'

DRESDEN — THE MASSACRE CHURCHILL ENGINEERED

BY SAM PILLAY

FORTY years ago today 800 British bombers droned over Dresden, raining a tempest of fire that devastated the historic German city and killed at least 130,000 unarmed civilians. The actual figure will never be known.

It was a barbarity of the kind World War II had not witnessed, until Tory Prime Minister Churchill and a RAF commander, Arthur 'Bomber' Harris, formed an alliance for mass murder on an unprecedented scale.

In the words of several historians the Nazi 'blitzkrieg' was a comparatively conventional method of warfare and could not rival the massacre of Dresden.

Churchill authorised the launching of 'Operation Thunderclap' on January 27. The purpose was to burn and suffocate an entire metropolis. Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden and Chemnitz were the selected targets.

Harris, who rejected attacks on strategic installations as 'panacea' targets, gleaned the idea of a 'firestorm' from the bombing of Hamburg in 1943, when at least 48,000 civilians were killed in a series of round-the-clock RAF and USAAF attacks.

Dresden satisfied Harris's conditions for a 'firestorm': it was a concentrated city of close-knit, high buildings and an incessant succession of carpet-bombing could create fires so rapidly and so close together that any fire-fighting system must buckle before the enormity of the ravage.

Fires

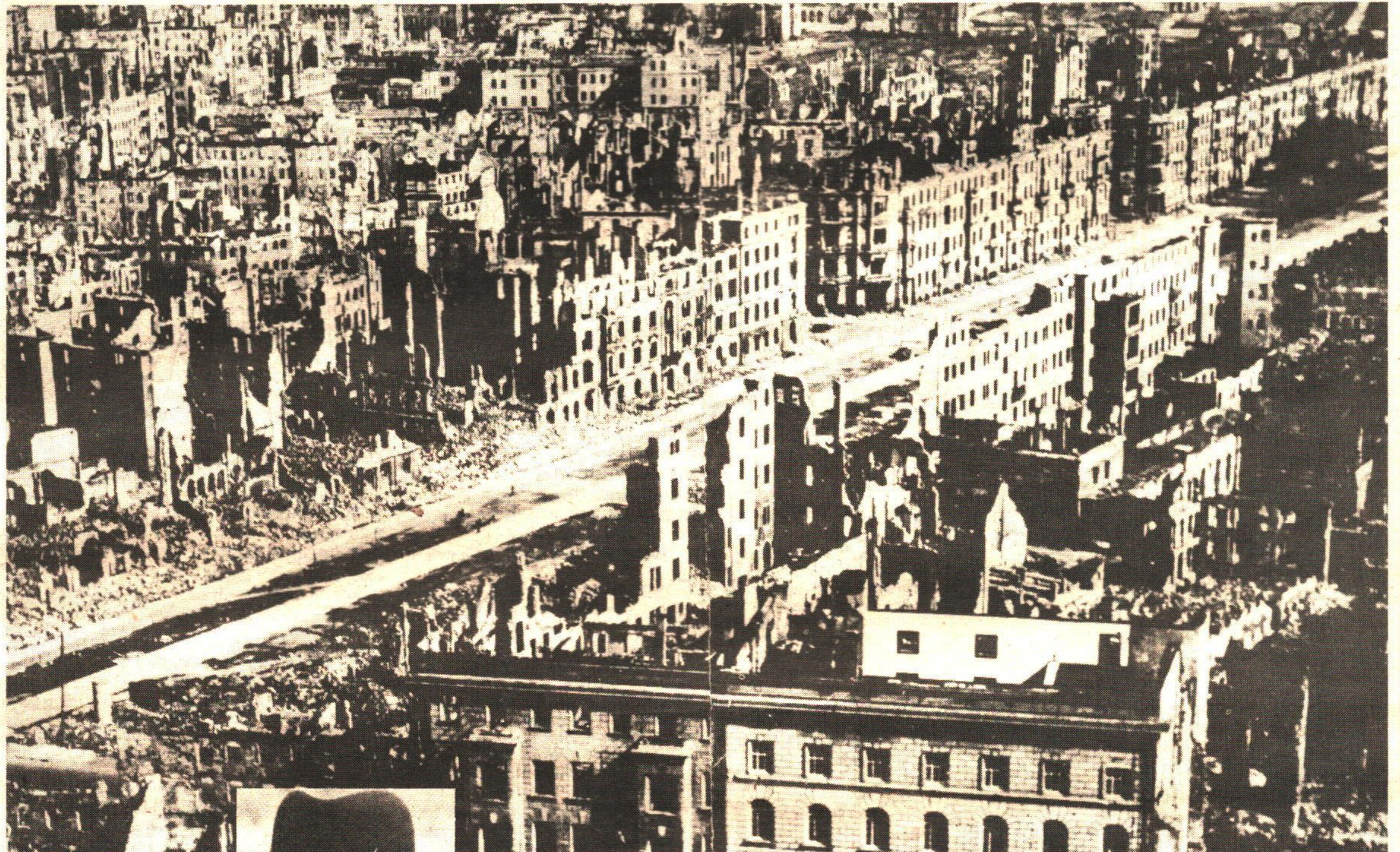
Harris's bombers created such massive fires at Dresden that temperatures reached the multi-hundreds of degrees Fahrenheit, creating cyclonic draughts that sucked in vast quantities of oxygen from the atmosphere.

The terrible howling, hissing and crackling this created was like nothing anyone had seen. RAF flight officers reported witnessing from their cockpits the flames of Dresden 200 miles away.

Dresden, an undefended, non-military target, had been untouched in five years of bombing raids on Germany and was teeming with Silesian refugees fleeing the ravages of war when the first waves of two-tonne bombs came raining down at 10.15p.m. on February 13, 1945.

To finish off the barbaric work of the British bombers, USAAF Fortress bombers swarmed over the devastated city at noon the next day to open up with thousands of tonnes more of incendiary explosives.

The fires raged in Dresden for four days and four nights; asphalt and metal alike melted, thousands of innocent



Dresden in February 1945, showing the effects of the firestorm. The walls stand but there is nothing inside them. Every building has been burnt out



CHURCHILL

people in the city and suburbs were incinerated or choked to death as they sat in their lounges.

It was one of the most mindless and needless acts of the war, and its devastation was grisly beyond description, not excluding the horror of Hiroshima and Nagasaki six months later, when the atom bombs claimed the lives of 110,000 unarmed civilian victims.

Eleven years later the East Germans were still fighting to rebuild their devastated classical city.

The bombing was not necessary to defeat the Nazis at that point in the war. Soviet forces had virtually ensured the Nazi collapse. But Churchill and his imperialist cohorts were preoccupied with Soviet acquisition of Europe, and they planned to destroy as much property and life as was under 'threat' of falling into 'Russian hands'.

Propaganda

British and American imperialism craved also to create the propaganda that Nazism has fallen under the blows of their armory. Nothing could have been further from the truth.

The war historian Alexander McKee describes Churchill's plan in his book 'Dresden 1945 — The Devil's Tinderbox', and reveals the racist and anti-communist hatred that guided the genocidal scheming of the Tory Prime Minister and his

maniacal bomber commander.

Harris had said during the departmental infighting that was going on at the Admiralty: 'Berlin could be wrecked from end to end. It will cost us 400 to 500 aircraft. It will cost Germany the war.'

McKee remarks: 'Churchill enjoyed Harris's Churchillian phrases and approved...'

In the words of Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair, it was a question of how to go about 'basting the Germans in their retreat from Breslau'.

Churchill, in his own word, was obsessed with 'whether Berlin and no doubt other large cities in East Germany, should not now be considered especially attractive targets'.

He instructed Harris to specifically select 'evacuees from the East' as targets. The imperialist barbarity could not have been unleashed without the counter-revolutionary treachery of Stalinism. Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt agreed the dir-

ty carve-up of Balkans and Europe at Yalta on February 4.

Nine days later the holocaust of fire was rained down on one of Germany's most beautiful cities on the River Elbe.

According to McKee: 'The city held one of the most fantastic treasures of Europe, the baubles of the Grunes Gewolbe collection, wrought from porcelain, gold, silver and jewels, impossible to describe.'

Decorated

'Apart from the statuary with which many of the buildings were decorated, particularly the Zwinger... there were sculptures and reliefs from the classical age of Greece.'

'Then, for centuries, the city had been a centre for music and musicians on a European scale — Bach, Handel, Telemann, Wagner, Strauss... It was truly a capital city'.

This week, the atmosphere in the rebuilt East German city was laden with emotion and warnings of the continued imperialist threat from the NATO governments.

NATO representatives have, in fact, been pressing the government of Prime Minister Erich Honecker to force the official press to drop scathing criticism of the imperialist carnage.

The utter depravity of that firebombing operation will be remembered

by thousands of East Germans today, when they assemble for a scheduled address by Honecker outside the elegant 19th-century High Renaissance-style Semper Opera House.

Restored from ruins at a cost of \$85 million, the opera house will form the cultural focus when it reopens with a performance of Weber's 'Freischuetz'.

A similar rally to commemorate the destruction of Magdeburg last month evoked bitter emotions. The city's leader, Heinz Hanke said:

'We will never forget who caused this horrendous work of destruction and barbarity. It was and is imperialism, the scourge of humanity which, in its pursuit of profit and world domination, shrinks from no crime.'

Collapse

Recently, the Communist Party's theoretical journal 'Einheit' described the raid that Churchill ordered three months before the imminent Nazi collapse as 'not so much one of the closing acts of World War II as an opening volley in the Cold War against the Soviet Union'.

The journal said: 'It was a demonstration of Anglo-American air power which — like the atom bomb attacks on Nagasaki and Hiroshima months later — was designed to convince the world that massive air strikes and not the armed forces of

the Soviet Union were the decisive factor in the defeat of Nazi Germany.'

Another article in the communist Party daily 'Neues Deutschland' last weekend carried the headline: 'In One Day Thousands of Victims Fell Victim to American bombs.'

The article described the US carpet-bombing raid on Berlin of February 3, 1945, ten days be-

fore Dresden as 'at least a doubtful enterprise' in military terms.

'The days of the "Thousand-Year Reich" were already numbered,' it said.

Churchill and 'Bomber' Harris together engineered one of the most diabolical acts of war against the German working class and showed to the world the barbaric character of imperialism.

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5.30 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.35 ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS The first of 15 programmes in which Arthur Negus visits houses that he enjoys with a companion who shares his interest in the treasures they contain. Tonight, Littlecote, a Tudor manor

6.00 THE WEDNESDAY WESTERN Red River (1948) John Wayne and Montgomery Clift in Howard Hawk's celebrated Western about an epic cattle drive from Texas to Abilene, Kansas

8.10 THE WORLD ABOUT US Sacred Rights A look at the racism facing Australian aborigines in their own country, told through the eyes of two aborigines, teacher Mick Miller and anthropologist Marcia Langdon

9.00 BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE New black comedy series by Tom Sharpe with George Cole, Geraldine James and David Suchet

9.55 CABARET Patrick Barlow introduces Bertice Reading, Robyn Archer, and distinguished poet and animal trainer Podomovsky

10.40 NEWSNIGHT

11.30-12.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 11.30 Modelling and the Modelling Cycle. 11.55 Biology: Form and Function.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 THE GUNFIGHTER (1950) Gregory Peck stars in this classic Western as a notorious, now ageing gunslinger who wants reconciliation with his ex-wife and son. But his arrival in a small frontier town triggers off dangerous confrontations with local would-be heroes

4.00 A PLUS 4

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 ALICE Flo Finds Her Father

5.30 THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW Ted Over Heels

6.00 DANGER MAN The Coyannis Story

6.30 THE LIVING BODY Messengers Tonight's programme looks at hormones

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS

7.50 COMMENT by an SDP MP; followed by Weather

8.00 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES — A HISTORY OF THE WELSH Swallowing the Leek Wales under the Tudors, the Stuarts and during Cromwell's rebellion in the years between 1450 and 1670

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS Dresden: A Forgotten Anniversary? Noble Frankland, official historian of the Strategic Air Offensive and former director of the Imperial War Museum talks about the destruction of Dresden in World War II

9.00 MAN OF IRON (1981) Andrzej Wajda's sequel to 'Man of Marble' depicts the events surrounding the rise of Solidarity in Poland. The two main fictional characters, Maciej Tomczyk (son of the 1950s 'Man of Marble' Birkut Tomczyk) and filmmaker Agnieszka, are now together and become involved in the 1980 shipyard strike in Gdansk, while the radio journalist Winkel is suborned by the security forces to dig up any dirt on Maciej. With Krystyna Janda and Jerzy Radziwilowicz

11.50 Closedown

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; School Programmes. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 WISH YOU WERE HERE . . . ? Judith Chalmers travels to the Italian Lakes of Orta and Maggiore; Chris Kelly visits north Cornwall; guest presenter Peter Marshall and family try a Dutch holiday camp

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

8.30 MOVING With Penelope Keith. The house goes back on the market and so begins the hell of trying to sell it

9.00 LYTTON'S DIARY Peter Bowles in *Come-Uppance* Neville's estranged wife tells him about the skinheads staying at the country house of Lord Rimmer. His investigations uncovers a right-wing political movement

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 DARK MIRROR (1984) Veteran police detective Al Church investigates the murder of a prominent attorney

12.20 Night Thoughts followed by *Closedown*

S4C

1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Baby, Baby! 2.00 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd A Ble? 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35-2.55 Hyn O Fyd. 3.20 The Year of the French. 4.15 Me and My Micro. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Ail Gem I Gymro. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Dilyn Yr Og. 8.00 Yr Achos Hwn. 8.35 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.05 Film: *First Monday in October*. 10.55 Diverse Reports. 11.25 Black on Black. 12.25 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Noel Edmonds. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

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

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 6.00 Ray Moore (S). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (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. 8.00 String Sound. 8.30 Male Voice of the Year Competition (S). 9.15 Listen to the Band (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Cantabile. 10.15 The Life of Jim. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Black Magic (S). 3.30-4.00 Denis Compton Has . . . A Word with Williams (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Mozart, Chopin, Thomson.

Vanhal (8.00 News) Britten, Popper, Vaughan Williams. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Brahms. 10.00 Distant Worlds (S) Berlioz, Dutilleul. 10.45 Girlflowers (S) Strauss and Schubert. 11.25 Graham Whetnam (S) Sinfonia Intrepida. 12.15 Concert Hall (S) Schumann's Fantasy Op.17. 1.00 News. 1.05 John Dankworth (S) 'The Zodiac Variations'. 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Alwyn, Vaughan Williams, Holst, Mathias, Ravel, Poulenc. 2.30 New London Consort (S) J.C. Schickhardt, Teleman. 3.05 Stenhammar (S) Symphony No.1. 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Debut (S) Caryl Thomas (harp) plays Caplet, C.P.E. Bach, Faure and Jesus Guridi. 7.00 A Month in the Country (S). 9.15 Paul Patterson (S) 'Voices of Sleep'. 10.00 Six Continents. 10.20 Collegium Aureum (S) Gluck, Handel, Michael Haydn. 11.00 Brian Rayner Cook and Roger Vignoles (S) Songs by Schubert and Schumann. 11.57-12.00 News.

5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Mid-

week: Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: *The Gun*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Other Men's Flowers. 11.48 Music Shop. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 The Great Impersonation (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; The Afternoon Play (S) *The Thirty-Year Rule*. 3.47 Time for Verse (S). 4.00 News; File on 4. 4.40 Story Time: *From Russia with Love*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Just a Minute (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 Trouble in Paradise. 8.15 The Mosquito is Winning. 8.45 Analysis. 9.30 More Wrestling than Dancing. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *The Doves of Venus*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00, 1.55-3.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4. 11.30 Open University. 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Moviemakers. 1.00 News; North East News; Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Madabout. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Film: *Dark Mirror*. 12.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Silver Spoons. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Whose Baby? 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Film: *Dark Mirror*. 12.20 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Ace Crawford — Private Eye. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Scene South West. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.34 Film: *Dark Mirror*. 12.20 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club; Mr and Mrs. 2.00 Problem Page. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.27 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 The

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Benson. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Simon and Simon. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Three Little Words. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Film: *Dark Mirror*. 12.20 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. 4.45 The Book Tower. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wish You Were Here? 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Moving. 9.00 Lytton's Diary. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Snooker. 12.00 The Gaffer. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Sports Line

BY A TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

IVAN LENDL, the No.1 seed, was bundled out of inaugural International Players Tennis Championships at Delray Beach, Florida, yesterday afternoon by the 18-year-old Swede Stefan Edberg.

On Monday night Lendl, ranked three in the world, was trailing his opponent 4-6, 6-5 when high winds and fading light forced the tournament referee to halt play.

But yesterday Edberg continued to play brilliantly well, and after just over an hour's play he eliminated the top seed, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

Defeated

Immediately after, Andrea Temesvari, the Hungarian No.14 seed, was defeated in the quarter-finals of the women's competition by the 15-year-old West German star, Steffi Graf, 6-2, 6-1.

On Monday, Swedish Davis Cup stars Mats Wilander and Anders Jarryd were upset in stormy, wind-plagued fourth round matches.

The second-seeded Wilander, who had trouble with his backhand throughout the tournament, was beaten by American Mike Leach 7-5, 6-2. Jarryd, the fourth seed, was eliminated by 11th seed Tomas Smid of

SEEDS MASSACRE

Lendl, Wilander, Jarryd Turnbull dumped out

Czechoslovakia 6-1, 6-4.

Earlier Temesvari had defeated third-seeded Wendy Turnbull of Australia 6-4, 6-3 to advance to the quarter-finals.

Players

American Vitas Gerulaitis, seeded 12th, and a trio of unseeded players — Graf, American Scott Davis and Jan Gunnarson of Sweden — also advanced.

Wilander, ranked fourth in the world, was baffled by the wind and Leach, ranked 96th, took advantage. 'The wind was terrible,' Leach said. 'It hurt him more than it hurt me. I thought it would be an equaliser. Actually, when I walked out, anything — the earth opening up, lightning, storms — anything would have helped me out.'

'I was down 0-30 a lot and had to claw back

against him,' Leach said. 'When I was up 5-2, 40-15, I still went for it. I wouldn't let up. He's dangerous. He's a Swede. That tells it all.'

Wilander said Leach played well from the backcourt. 'I wasn't surprised at his service. I was surprised at how well he played from the back,' Wilander said. 'He forced me to run and in the first set I had a chance for six-all, but he aces me three times. There's nothing you can do about that.'

Wilander also said he's been having trouble with his backhand. 'I feel I've been struggling and I'm not happy with my backhand,' he said. 'I have to practice and find the motion again. I'm going to take time off now. My next Grand Prix tournament will be in Brussels (March 1).'

Smid, who ran off eight straight games to break away from Jarryd, had to hold off the Swedish player at the end. 'It was tough playing in the wind,' Smid said.

'I just put balls over the net. I tried to be steady and do nothing special. He missed more than I did. He has a steady serve but was upset because of the wind,' he added.

Jarryd dismissed the wind, saying: 'The conditions were the same for both of us. My problem was concentration and I tried to hit too many difficult shots. I think the tournament for two weeks is too long.'

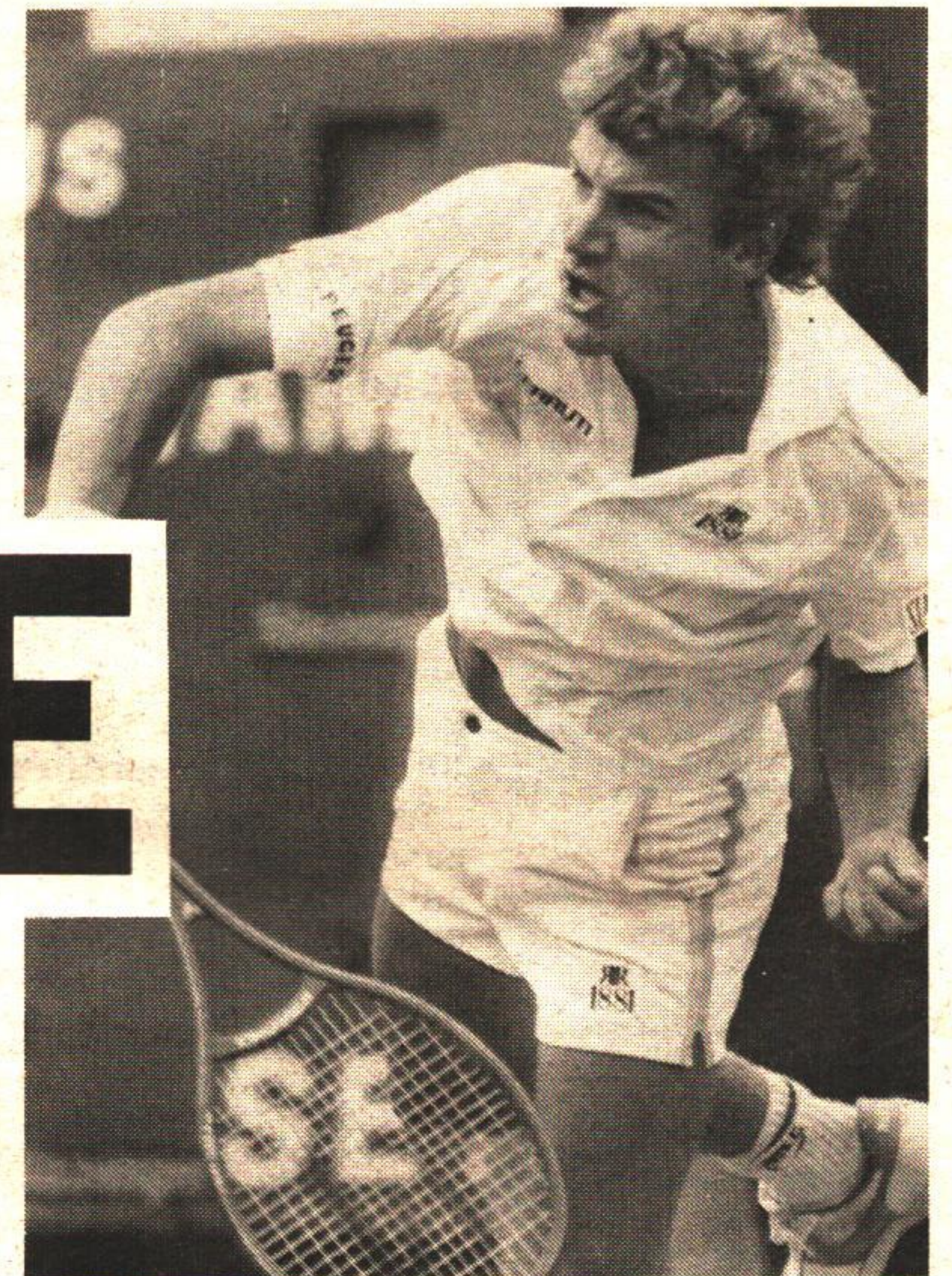
In defeating the 32-year-old Turnbull with a rally from 1-3 in the first set and two service breaks while winning the last three games of the match, Temesvari called the victory 'one of my biggest'.

Injury

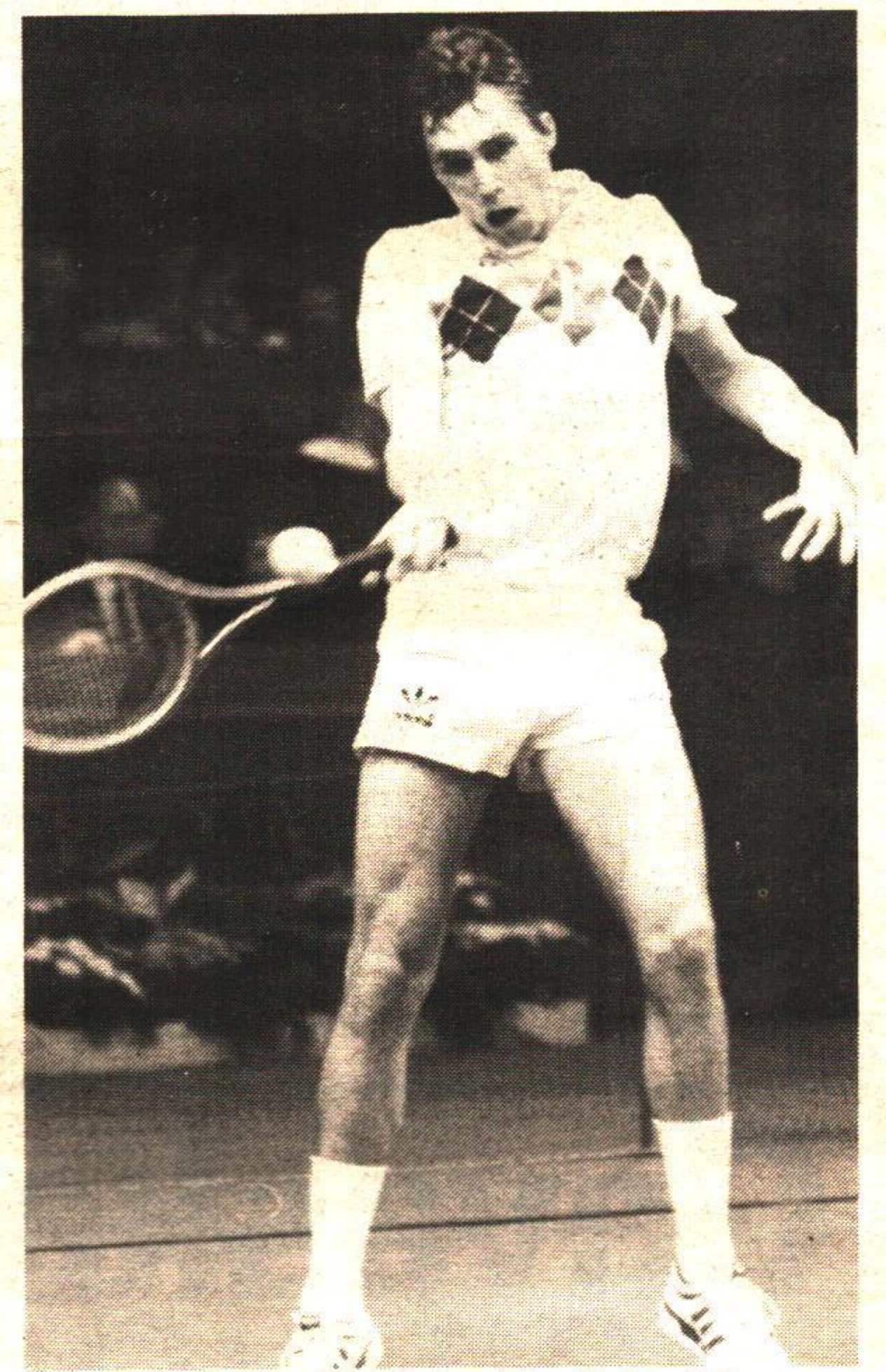
The 18 year old said: 'In 1982 I beat Tracy Austin when she was No.4 and last year I beat Pam Shriver who was No.3. But I took four months off because of a back injury and this is a great comeback.'

Turnbull said: 'The conditions suited her more than me. I hit a slice more and the wind takes that and the ball just sits there. She hits topspin and the ball drops at my feet. The conditions controlled the match.'

Graf advanced as her opponent, Kathy Rinaldi, was forced to quit with a strained leg muscle down 6-1, 1-0.



MATS WILANDER . . . The No.2 seed fell to American Mike Leach



IVAN LENDL . . . Bundled out by Stefan Edberg

Lloyd gets award

BRITAIN'S John Lloyd, who improved his international singles ranking from 148th to 23rd last year, received Tennis Magazine's 'Comeback Player of the Year' award for 1984 at Delray Beach, Florida, on Monday.

Lloyd was presented with a crystal trophy during the International Players Tennis Championships, where he lost in the first round to Wojtek Fibak of Poland. Past winners of the award include Arthur Ashe, Billie Jean King, Bob Lutz, Sandy Mayer and Jo Durie of Britain.

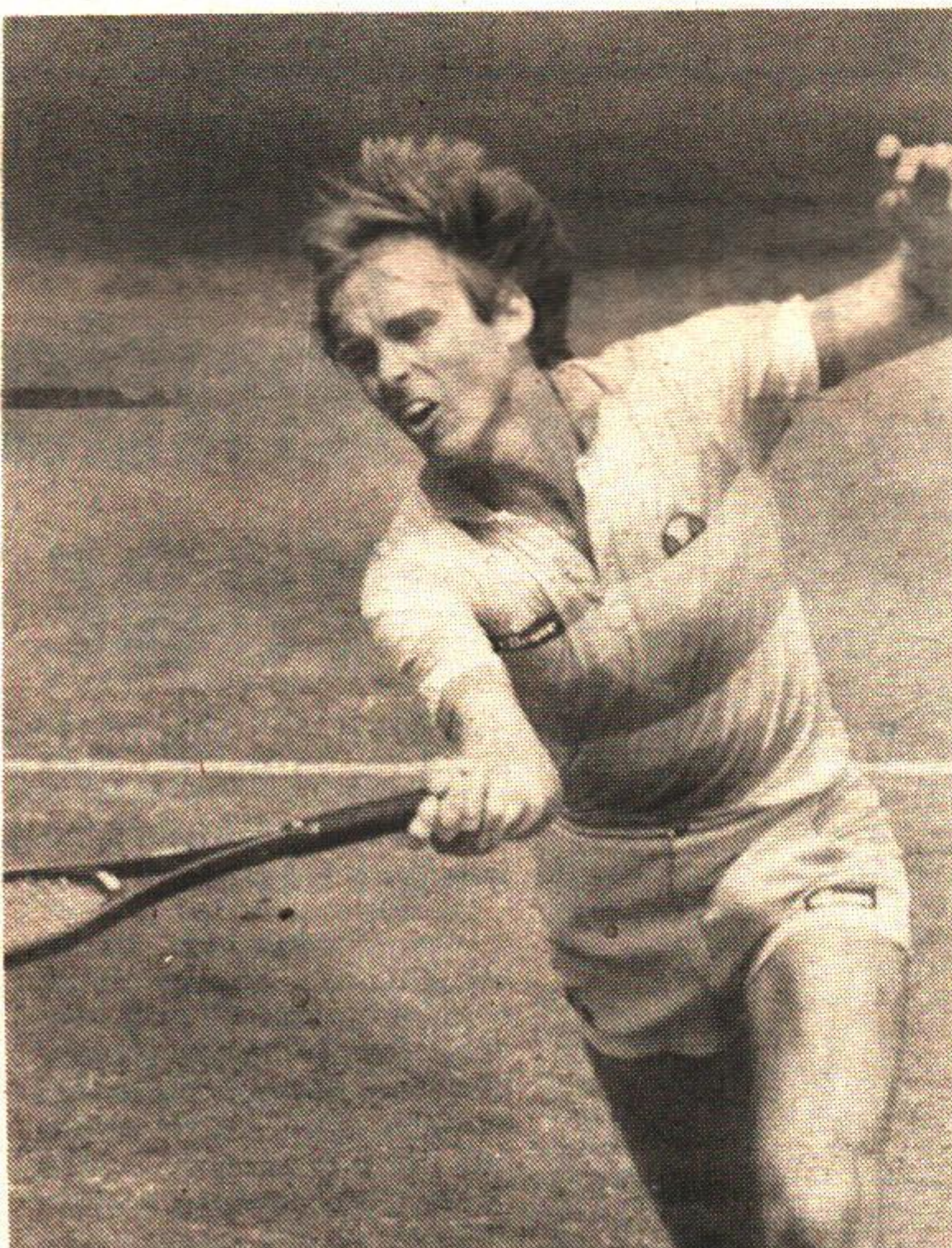
Lloyd was ranked as high as 23rd in 1978 before his marriage to Chris Evert, but over the next few years his standing slipped as low as 356th.

After rising to 148th early last year, he asked Australian Bob Brett to coach him. During the year, in which he and his wife had separated and then reconciled, he improved enough to reach the quarter-finals of the US Open.

'I have lost some matches since, matches which I might have won last year when I was an underdog,' Lloyd said in accepting the award. He is now ranked 41st.

'The pressure has shifted and I find I've been going on the court thinking of protecting my ranking. I expect to get better in the next few tournaments.'

Lloyd said he has mapped out his schedule to coincide with that of his



JOHN LLOYD . . . Comeback Player Of The Year award

wife so they can spend more time together.

'I expect to play about 22 or 23 Grand Prix tournaments and a few special events,' he said.

Asked what advice he might give other tennis

couples, he said: 'Do not think of tennis as the priority. You must plan a schedule so that you can spend time together. Both must make sacrifices in their scheduling calendars.'

Wales wait and pray

WALES are keeping their fingers crossed that Saturday's match with England at Cardiff Arms Park will go ahead. But the long-term weather forecast does nothing to increase optimism.

The national ground is now covered with polythene sheets and Brian Kempson, assistant secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), said: 'If the match was today it would be played.'

But a spokesman for the Cardiff weather centre predicts more snow by Thursday, with temperatures remaining sub-zero.

In parts of Wales on Monday it reached minus 13 and nowhere yesterday was it higher than minus 2.

Kempson added that the terraces were clear at the moment, but their condition will be a major concern when the WRU meets with

RUGBY UNION

the police tomorrow. 'I don't believe they would allow us to stage the match if there was danger to the public either travelling to the game or in the stadium.'

The Welsh team are desperately keen for the match to go ahead. They

have not played since November, when they were thrashed at home by Australia. Their opening Championship game was due to be in France last month, but that was postponed until March 30, because the Parc Des Princes was frozen.

England's match in Ireland the same weekend was also called off, but they drew 9-9 with France two weeks ago.

England were unable to train at Stourbridge last night, and do not meet up until tomorrow, while Wales held a 90-minute session on Monday and hope to practice again today.

NEWTON ABBOT

1.45 (2m): FLAMING PEARL P Leach (9-4 on fav)1; Harvest Fortune (12-1); Mopsy Lovejoy (11-1); Kitty Come Home (11-2); 4.10 ran 6, 4. (M Pipe) T: £1.30; £1.00, £1.90, £3.00, CSF: £9.16. NR: Capa, Frenchlands Lane, Worden Prince, Blue Sparkle & Winning Flush. Withdrawn: Glazepta Again.

2.15 (2m): BEEN MUGGED P Croucher (7-2); Spanish God (14-1); Marina Star (6-1); Golden Hornet (8-1); 4.8 ran, 6, 2½. (D Gandolfo) T: £3.70; £1.20, £2.30, £1.30, CSF: £43.92. NR: Hurricane Charlie, Johns

Present, Rubercola & Miss Abwah. Withdrawn: African Star and Aren't We All.

2.45 (3m 2f): DELATOR H Davies (8-1); Brit (7-2); Fil de Fer (11-2); Belliver Prince (9-1); 4.10 ran, 1½, dis. (I Wardle) T: £11.10; £3.00, £1.60, £1.60, CSF: £34.81. NR: Arctic Mariner, Danilo, Swagging, Halations Flair and Go Penta. Withdrawn: Bay Forest.

3.15 (2m): BREEZY GLEN J Frost (2-1 fav)1; Torbay Weekender (5-1); Saffron Poser (9-4); Morton Lady (11-2); 4.9 ran, 10, 12. (R Frost) T: £4.20; £1.60, £1.90, £1.30, CSF: £13.19. NR: Charles Boot, Devolution, Moses Sampson, Song Boy, Crusty Pie,

Irene's Pride, My Fancy, 3.45 (2m 5f): TANDY'S TONIC Miss M Seear (11-10 fav)1; Buck's Mill (5-1); 2: High Class Agent (11-1); 3: Barron's Leap 433-1; 4.12 ran, 1, 2½. (B Rendell) T: £2.10; £1.30, £1.80, CSF: £7.62. NR: Fishing Song, Giolla Fior, Sidbury Hill & Hazelwain.

4.15 (2m): POLAR STAR P Leach (6-4); Open The Box (11-10 fav)2; Stampy (9-1); Golden Delicious (14-1); 4.11 ran, 6, ¾, 15. (M Pipe) T: £2.80, £1.10, £1.10, £2.00. CSF: £3.66. NR: Kalkus, Langton Cross, Mandown Lad, Marston Moor (USA) & Pharaoh's Treasure.

Sports Line

SCORECARD

AUSTRALIA	
Wood n.o.	36
Wessels c Richards b Holding	17
Kerr c Logie b Davis	4
Border c Garner b Holding	4
Jones b Richards	16
Phillips c Dujon b Holding	3
O'Donnell c and b Garner	69
Lawson c Richards b Holding	4
McDermott c Dujon b Holding	0
McCurdy run out	12
Hogg c Richards b Garner	1
EXTRAS	12
TOTAL (50 overs)	178
FALL: 1-47, 2-51, 3-57, 4-64, 5-80, 6-89, 7-89, 8-125, 9-176	
BOWLING: Garner 10-0-34-2; Marshall 10-1-37-0; Davis 10-1-23-1; Holding 10-1-26-5; Richards 10-0-52-1	

WEST INDIES	
Haynes n.o.	76
Richardson run out	3
Gomes c Border b McDermott	3
Richards c sub b McDermott	76
Logie n.o.	11
EXTRAS	10
TOTAL (3wks, 47 overs)	179
FALL: 1-14, 2-34, 3-161	
BOWLING: Lawson 10-1-22-0; McCurdy 10-2-31-0; McDermott 10-2-36-2; Hogg 9-0-42-0; O'Donnell 8-0-42-0	

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE WEST INDIES beat Australia by seven wickets in the deciding match of the World Series Cup at the Sydney Cricket Ground last night to take their winnings from the one-day competition to \$67,500 (\$83,300 US).

Clive Lloyd's team won 12 of their 13 matches in the triangular tournament, including all ten of their qualifying games against Sri Lanka and the host nation. Their emphatic win in yesterday's day-night game gave them a 2-1 margin over Australia in the best-of-three final series.

Michael Holding, who will be 31 on Saturday, paved the way for the West Indies' victory with an impressive fast-bowling performance which brought him five wickets for 26 in his 10 overs.

Australia scored freely only off the spin of Viv Richards, whose 10 overs cost 52, and their total of 178 proved well within West Indies' reach.

They replied with 179 for three with three of their 50 overs to spare, a third-wicket stand of 127 in 123 minutes between Desmond Haynes and Richards being the highlight of the innings.

Australian captain Allan Border gave the West Indies' fielding as the main reason for their success. 'Everything we hit in the air they plucked out of it,' he said. 'I hit mine with the meat of the bat and Joel Garner just took that wonderful catch.'

Border added that Australia had emerged from the series a much more hardened side ready to take up the

challenge of the next one-day series, the World Championship of Cricket starting for them in Melbourne on Sunday against England.

Lloyd won the toss in all three matches in the final series and again sent Australia in to bat yesterday. The first blow was struck by fast bowler Winston Davis at 25 when he cracked the index finger of Graeme Wood's left hand.

Crease

Wood returned to the crease after having an X-ray and finished with 36 not out.

Kepler Wessels, who made 17, and Robbie Kerr, out for only four, were soon brushed aside but it was the fall of Border, third to go at 57, that was the most telling blow

WINDIES CLINCH SERIES



MICHAEL HOLDING . . . Five for 26 as the Aussies go reeling



CLIVE LLOYD

to Australia's hopes of a substantial total.

Simon O'Donnell was the only Australian to do himself justice, showing great maturity in his 87-minute innings of 69 which included two sixes and three fours.

The West Indies' in-

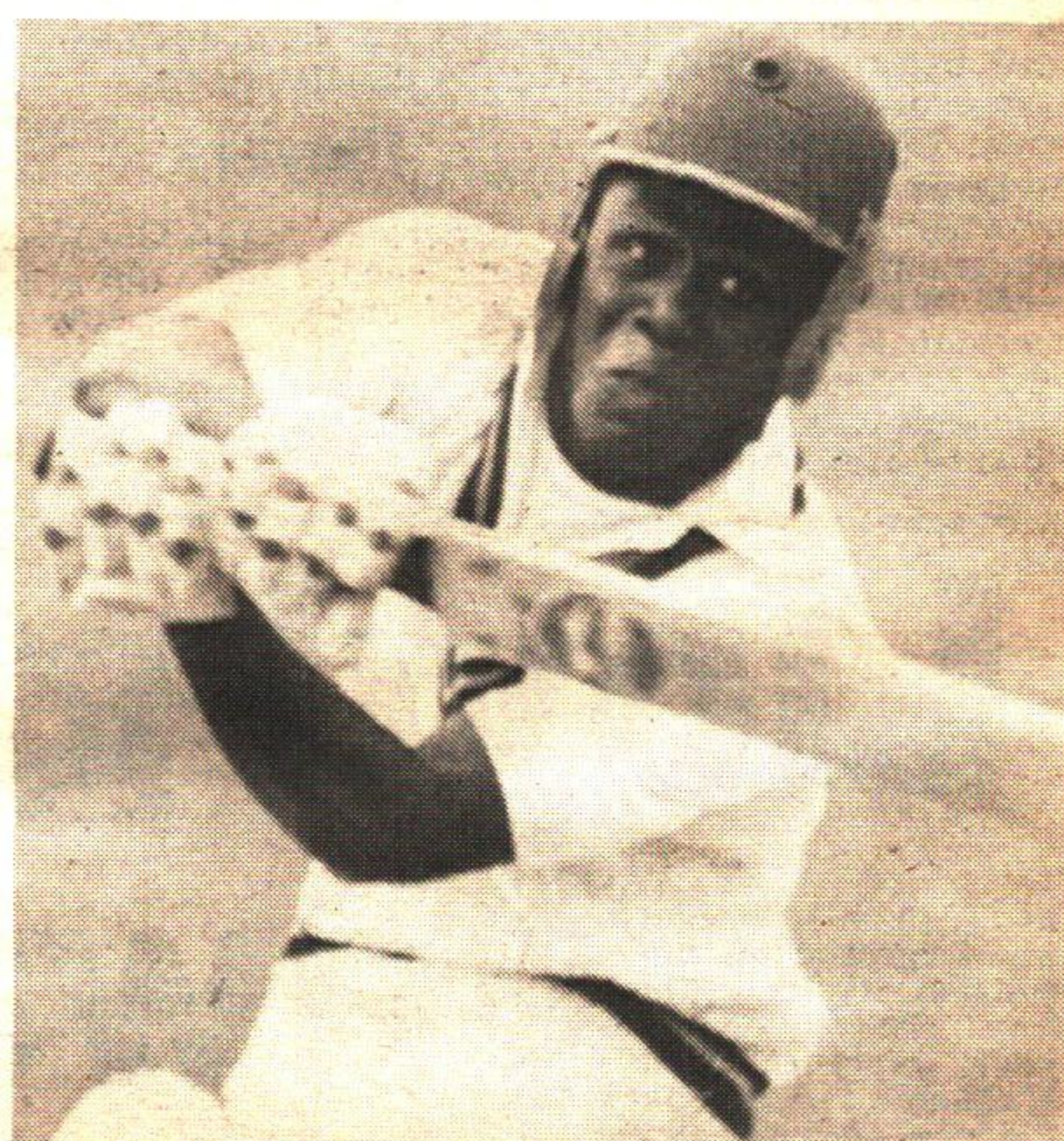
nings started shakily, Richie Richardson being brilliantly run out by Dean Jones for three and Larry Gomes falling to a catch in the gully by Border off Craig McDermott, also for three.

But Haynes and Richards dominated the final two hours of the match, the pair not being parted until victory was in sight.

Caught

Richards was the man out, caught off McDermott for 76, while Haynes finished with 76 not out.

Australia's former test captain Kim Hughes was not, after all, considered for the match. He withdrew from the squad on Monday night after injuring an ankle while out jogging.



DESMOND HAYNES . . . 76 not out

Gavaskar steps down

SUNIL GAVASKAR is to give up the captaincy of the Indian cricket team after leading the side in the World Championship of Cricket in Australia.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said yesterday that the 35-year-old opener, the most prolific scorer in Test match history, had written to the Indian Cricket Board telling them that he was relinquishing the captaincy after the one-day competition to mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the state of Victoria.

Reporters

Gavaskar told reporters at Bombay airport before leaving for Australia that he had said in his letter that he would be available for selection for the Indian team and was

willing to play under any captain. He gave no reasons for stepping down.

Gavaskar captained India in 40 Tests after replacing Bishen Bedi following a disastrous tour of Pakistan in 1978-79, but eventually lost the captaincy to Kapil Dev after an equally unsuccessful tour of Pakistan in 1982-83.

Dev led the side to a sensational victory in the one-day World Cup in 1983, but failed to win any of the subsequent 14 Tests in which he captained the national side.

Gavaskar replaced Dev last year for the Australian one-day series tour of India which India lost and the home series against England which India lost 2-1.

He was unexpectedly chosen to continue as captain for the World Championship of Cricket despite widely publicised

differences with Dev and newspaper criticism of his form and captaincy during the recently ended England tour of India.

'I have no plans to retire and will continue to play cricket as long as I am fit and I am selected. But captaincy is a matter for the selectors to decide,' he told reporters after the England tour.

Spectators

Gavaskar angered spectators during the third Test in Calcutta by batting first and delaying declaring his team's first innings until the fourth day of the match.

Fans hurled abuse at him during the final two Tests in Madras and Kanpur.

Gavaskar has scored 8,663 runs in 106 Tests but he averaged only 17.50 in the series against England.



SUNIL GAVASKAR

Jamaica ends 14-year wait

JAMAICA emphatically completed their first Shell Shield cricket victory in 14 years when they beat champions Barbados by an innings and 45 runs in Kingston on Monday.

The Barbadians were all out for 260 in their second innings 40 minutes after lunch on the fourth and final day, with opener Carlisle Best being ninth out for a career-best 147, his second century of the season.

Barbadians, 305 behind on first innings, resumed on 116 for four and never looked like loosening Jamaica's grip as West Indies youth team pacer Deron Dixon took two wickets within the first 45 minutes.

Best, who survived five chances, batted for 343

minutes and struck 18 fours and two sixes to push his Shield tally to 358 runs at an average of 119.3.

Win

The Jamaicans' second-ever Shield win against Barbados, and first in the West Indian domestic competition since 1971, made them fourth with 16 points from three games. Trinidad and Tobago lead with 40 points from three matches.

Sports Line

GIVE US A BREAK

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

WHEN YORK CITY sacked their manager Barry Lyons in May 1982 they knew they would need someone with the character of a kamikaze pilot to take over the job at the struggling Fourth Division club.

They had just finished bottom of the Division again and had to apply for re-election. It had been the same story at the Football League's annual general meeting 12 months earlier.

'We needed someone who could lift the club out of possibly its worst ever patch,' York chairman Martin Sinclair said recently.

'Someone who was not afraid of hard work, and the man for the job would have to be able to battle for 365 days of the year to get this club out of the bottom half of the table.'

The man they finally decided on was Denis Smith — and they were certainly getting a fighter in the shape of the former Stoke City central defender if nothing else.

A one-club man, Smith had spent 16 seasons at the Victoria Ground and literally went out on a 'do-or-die' mission for his hometown club every week for 407 League matches.

The cost to his body was high — a broken cheekbone, broken nose four times, a broken bone in his back, left arm fractured twice, three broken fingers, right leg broken twice, left leg three times and four broken toes!

As Smith quips today: 'Barry Sheene has no-

thing on me'. He's right — and there's an entry in the Guinness Book of Sporting records to prove it.

Smith's attitude soon rubbed off on the players at Bootham Crescent. What he did last year at the ailing club is little short of a miracle. By October they were well clear of the mid-table position which the chairman wanted.

By late March they had won promotion and finally ended up with 101 points, the first Football League club to surpass a century of points in a season.

Now, after their thrilling last-minute victory over Arsenal in the last round of the FA Cup, Third Division York are eagerly awaiting the arrival of European champions Liverpool to

their compact ground this weekend.

But for Smith, promotion to the Second Division is more important.

'The FA Cup run has been great, and were are thrilled to have Liverpool here in the fifth round, but if we lose out on promotion because of all this, then we will be very disappointed at the end of the season,' Smith said this week.

Smith has tasted victory at Wembley, a moment he will never forget. Stoke's 1972 League Cup final 2-1 victory over Chelsea was the crowning glory of his years at the club.

'That was possibly the best Stoke side of the last decade,' he recalled this week. 'Players like Mike Pejic, Gordon Banks, Mike Bernard, Terry Conroy, Jimmy



DENIS SMITH . . . More breaks than Barry Sheene

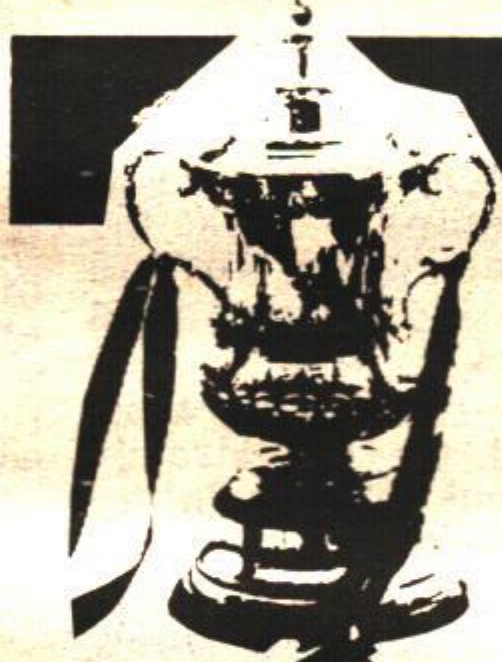
Greenhoff, John Mahoney and George Eastham made it a great team to play in.

'Of course I would like my lads to go to Wembley, but we have to be realistic about things,' Smith added.

But the Liverpool match is the next one on the agenda at Bootham Crescent and that consumes Smith's time until Saturday evening. 'And I intend to enjoy every moment of it until then.'

SMITH LIFTS YORK TO SUCCESS

FA CUP SPECIAL



LUTON TOWN'S preparations for Saturday's FA Cup fifth round 'derby' match against Watford led them to a health farm yesterday.

Manager David Pleat decided to get his players away from it all and escape the frost and snow at Kenilworth Road to tone up for the game at the farm in Bedfordshire.

David Preece and Peter Nicholas, who cost the club fees totalling £300,000, are ruled out of Saturday's game because they are Cup-tied.

Luton's enforced rest last weekend when their League match with Southampton was postponed has given them valuable time in the treatment room, with striker Mick Harford, skip-

per Steve Foster and midfielder Ricky Hill now all recovered from minor injuries.

COLIN WILLIAMS, Telford United's leading goalscorer, will be fit to play for the non-League side in their dream match against FA Cup holders Everton at Goodison Park.

Williams, who has scored six goals in the club's FA Cup run so far, missed the fourth round replay against Darlington with a groin strain.

The non-Leaguers trained last night and the players are due back at the Buck's Head ground tomorrow night for another session. But manager Stan Storton said last night: 'We could train every day of the week, but the players would not be any fitter or better prepared than they are now.'

SHEFFIELD Wednesday full-back Peter Shirliff has an ankle injury and is battling to get fit for the FA Cup tie against Ipswich at

Portman Road.

BLACKBURN ROVERS have insured against their FA Cup tie with Manchester United on Friday night being hit by the weather.

In addition to a 23,000 capacity crowd, live television coverage of the game is expected to bring in a further £30,000 in fees and ground advertising.

Manager Bobby Saxton said yesterday: 'We have looked at the situation closely, what with the cameras here, fees to come

and a bumper gate. Consequently we have insured the match for a substantial amount.'

UNITED goalkeeper Gary Bailey resumed full training yesterday after being out because of flu and a dislocated finger.

ALL of Saturday's eight FA Cup fifth round ties will be replayed next Wednesday if they are drawn. Telford's second game against Everton would be at Wolves' ground.



DAVID PLEAT

Down on the farm

New drug tests in athletics

TOP BRITISH athletes should welcome the news that random drug testing will be introduced all year round in this country by mid-summer.

The new scheme will be able to uncover the cheats within the sport and give Britain a clean bill of health. But the British moves are unlikely to be taken up by the sports' governing body — the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The IAAF have been slow to take a hard line against athletic drug takers. Any positive test automatically incurs a life ban, but offenders have recently been reinstated after the minimum 18 months period.

This scheme will be introduced following recommendations by the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) working party into drug abuse, chaired by leading campaigner Arthur Gold.

At the moment drug testing is only required, under the laws, during major competitions, but now the BAAB are starting an open register of athletes who are prepared to be tested any-time of the year.

And only athletes on the register will be eligible for selection in international events.

Nigel Cooper, the BAAB secretary, said yesterday: 'This is a protection for athletes and a possible discouragement for anyone contemplating using drugs. I will be

extremely interested to see how athletes react to the scheme.'

In the last ten years only two tests out of 1,000 in Britain have been positive and on both those occasions the athletes gave explanations for the results.

Under the new system any athlete on the register who is not able to provide a sample after repeated requests will have to go before the sampling register tribunal and it will decide whether or not the athlete should remain on the register.

The immediate effect of the register, which could be operational by July 1, is that any athlete unwilling to participate will become an outcast from international competition.

Paul Dickenson, chairman of the International Athletes Club (IAC), said: 'We applaud this move by the government body, in particular because the IAC pilot voluntary drug testing set up in 1979-1980 has been used as the basis for this official register.'

'The IAC have been concerned for some time by the unknown extent of drug abuse in athletics, and only recently asked the Sports Council to set up an official inquiry into the abuse of drugs in all sport.'

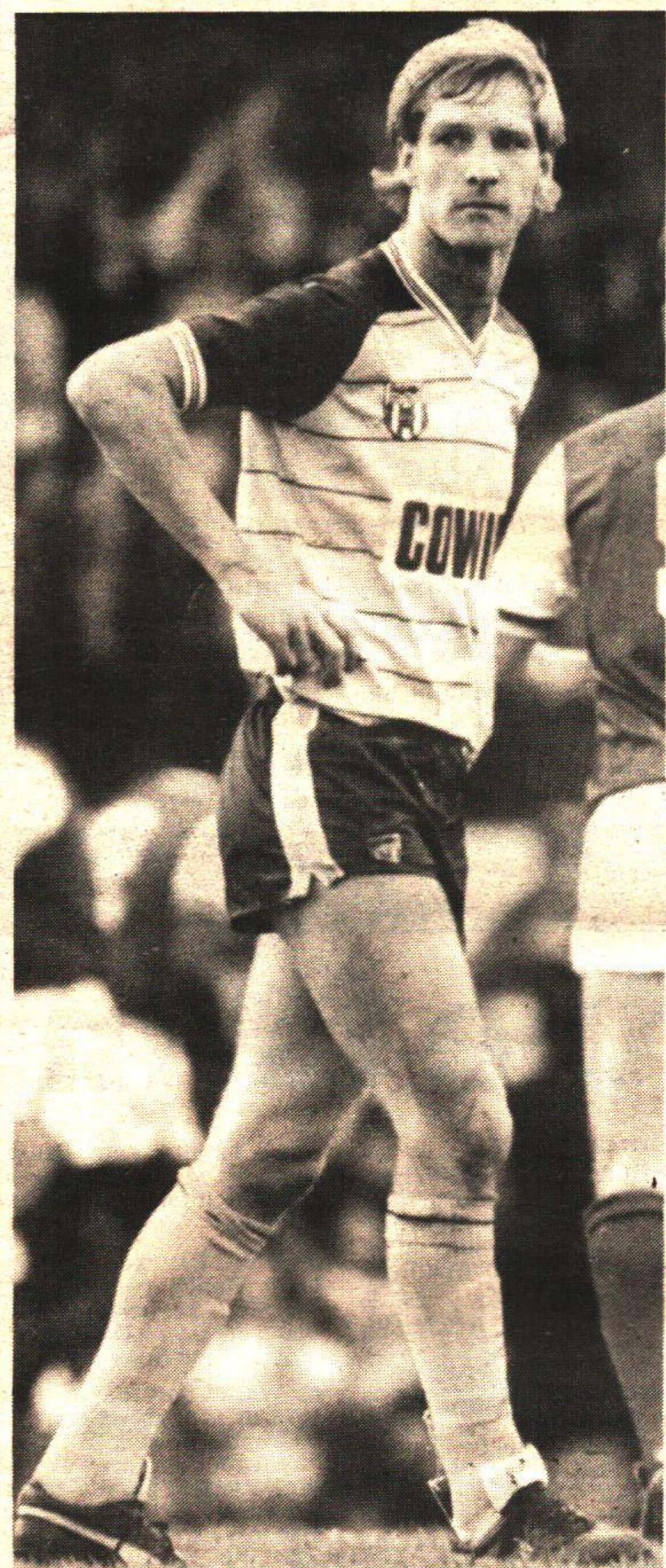
'We know that problems will arrive from this scheme, but we believe we are all working towards an athletic future in this country where drugs play no part, added Dickenson.'



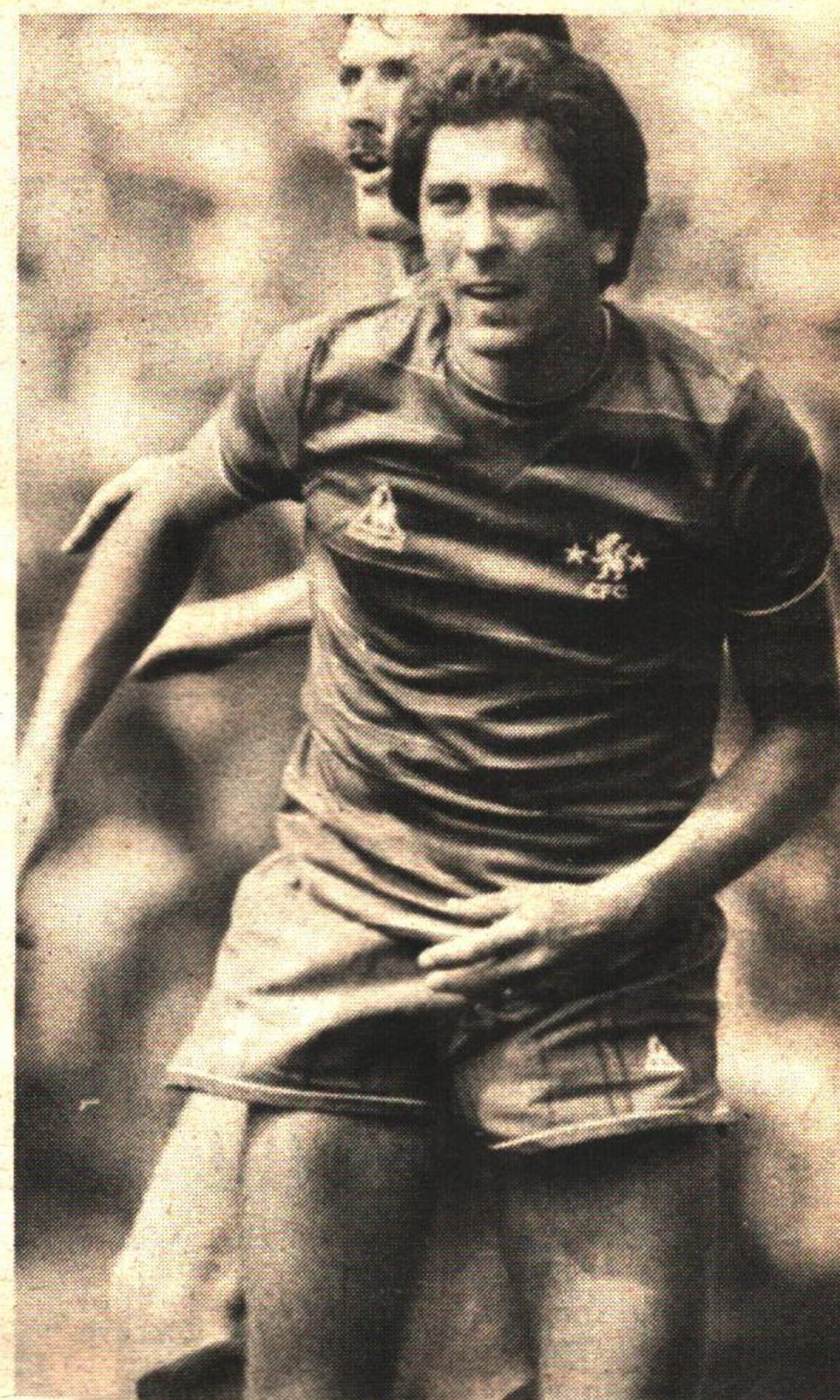
NIGEL COOPER . . . Interested in athletes' reactions to the new scheme

Chelsea discount RED HOT ROKER

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SHAUN ELLIOTT . . . Due to face Kerry Dixon tonight



COLIN LEE . . . Could play up front for Chelsea

ROKER PARK, where Chelsea face Sunderland tonight in the first leg of their Milk Cup semi-final, has become the most intimidating football ground in the First Division.

Seven dismissals in 15 home games has earned Sunderland a reputation as the sending-off centre of the Football League this season — and only one of those offenders has been a Sunderland player.

Already Nottingham Forest's highly-regarded administrator Ken Smales has publicly questioned the fairness of refereeing at Roker Park.

Smales made his point after Forest striker Paul Raynor was sent off during a third round Milk Cup replay in the north-east last November.

So there will be even greater pressure on Sandbach referee Don Shaw as Sunderland's success-starved fans bid to help their club to establish a commanding second leg cushion.

But last night Chelsea were confident they could cope with the famous 'Roker roar' and any other problems should they arise tonight.

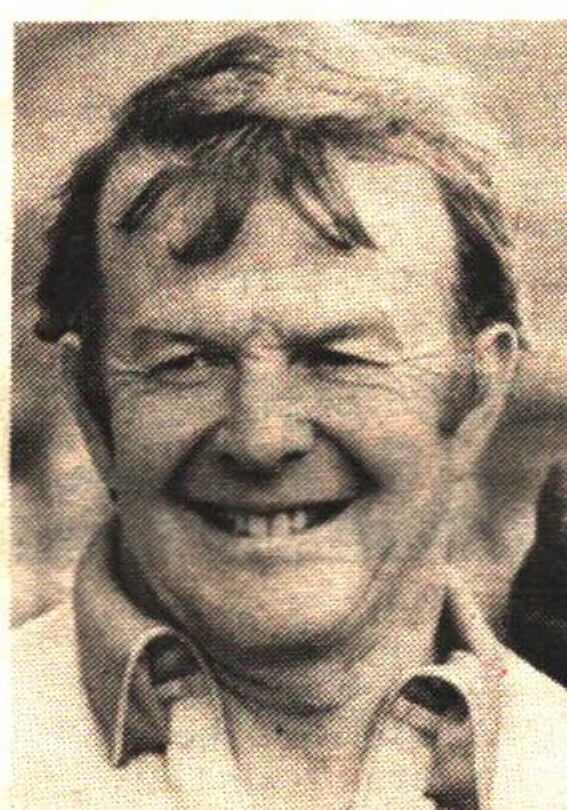
Assistant manager Ian McNeill was keen to play down the spate of dismissals before he left Stamford Bridge with a party of 13 players for the tie.

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

'They don't concern us,' he said. 'It will be a typical semi-final atmosphere, but we have a lot of experienced players. We are going there to savour the occasion.'

With David Speedie ruled out through suspension, Chelsea have decided not to name their line-up until the last possible moment.

But what is more worrying for them is the fact that unless the weather improves appreciably in the next few days, their League match against Newcastle could be postponed at the weekend, thus leaving Speedie still suspended for the second leg.



IAN MCNEILL . . . Roker Park disciplinary record does not worry him

One option open to the London club tonight is to move Colin Lee from defence into the front line alongside Kerry Dixon.

Lee was an out-and-out striker in his Tottenham days before McNeill brought him back into defence where he started his career with Bristol City.

'If we decide to switch Lee from defence, it would mean recalling Doug Rougvie at full back,' said McNeill. 'But we want to keep Sunderland guessing until the last possible moment.'

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Chelsea may leave Dixon to battle alone upfront with Pat Nevin, playing a more cautious game away from home.

But Sunderland, too, are playing the waiting game.

Reuben Agboola and Stan Cummins — like the Chelsea pair Gordon Davies and Darren Wood — are Cup tied.

Sunderland also have several players already ruled out through injury or doubtful for the tie.

Mark Proctor and Howard Gayle are definitely out and three others face late fitness tests, and striker John Cooke is back in contention after a bout of flu.

However, David Hodgson (hamstring), Gordon Chisholm (stomach strain) and former Chelsea favourite Clive Walker, with an ankle knock, are rated doubtful.

The tie is a guaranteed sell-out and will go ahead unless there is a rapid deterioration in conditions overnight.

'It's a big occasion for everyone connected with

the club,' said manager Len Ashurst last night. 'We know what the prize is and it's great for the fans.'

Sunderland have certainly been the surprise package of the Milk Cup this season despite their inconsistency in the League.

Their advance to the semi-finals has seen them beat Forest, Tottenham and Watford on the way while Chelsea reached the last four thanks to a 90th minute goal against Sheffield Wednesday in their fifth round marathon last week.

'Sunderland will be just as difficult, but if we reproduce the same fighting spirit we can make it to Wembley,' promised Welsh international Thomas last night.

● NEIL MIDGLEY, a 41-year-old sales manager, will referee the Milk Cup final at Wembley on March 24. A FIFA official, he has been a Football League referee since 1977.

Dave Farrall (Nantwich) and Ivan Gumbleton (Bath) will run the lines. John Martin (Alton) is the reserve referee.

TV WAR HOTS UP

THERE was no television cameras at Anfield last night when Liverpool and Arsenal met in a delayed 'Match of the Day' which was blacked out by Saturday's snowstorm.

That sudden blizzard which wiped out the game a few hours before kick-off cost the Anfield club more than the '£25 per man' travelling expenses they must pay to Arsenal.

Had the game gone on and been recorded for Saturday night home consumption, Liverpool would have picked up around £20,000 under an agreement which allows Scandinavian countries to view the TV games live.

Publicity over the 'lost' cash will add to the discontent among the League's lesser lights when the 92 club chair-

men meet in London tomorrow to consider a new £3.5 million per season television deal.

Many of them feel that though the BBC and ITV cash is spread evenly among all clubs, the 'extras' land in the bank accounts of the elite who feature regularly on the small screen.

The prospect of live football action every other week throughout the season, they see as an even better opportunity for the rich to get richer and the poor to slip closer to insolvency.

The chairmen asked for another month to consider the offer when it was first put to them a month ago. Tomorrow they seem certain to reject it completely, opening the way for another 'Cros-

roads' style saga as the sides try to find a compromise.

BBC and ITV have already set the stage by declaring they will not improve their offer, the chairmen of Portsmouth and Coventry have already entered stage left to demand an end to live soccer on TV.

Norwich chairman Arthur South, one of the League's negotiating team, has already admitted that all the television companies are really interested in is live screening — no fewer than 19 live League and Milk Cup games are envisaged in the proposed agreement — and that filmed highlights of other matches need to be pushed as an extra.

Smaller clubs who have

persuaded sponsors to buy space on their shirts and advertisers to buy hoardings around the pitch, need the recorded highlights to keep the cash coming in but fear the live games will stop the fans filtering through the turnstiles.

Should BBC switch their live games from Friday to Sunday as envisaged in the new agreement, ITV would not want to compete with recorded highlights of Saturday games, depriving the smaller clubs of even more exposure.

The immediate prospect is a loud 'no' from the clubs tomorrow. The arguing which follows promises to be every bit as complicated as a soap opera script.

Morning inspections

ALL TODAY'S scheduled racing was cancelled earlier this week because of frost and snow.

There will be inspections at Taunton, Southwell Park and Gowran Park in Ireland this morning to determine prospects for tomorrow's racing.

Richard Merton, clerk of the course at Taunton, said yesterday: 'An in-

spection will be held at 10a.m., but unless there is an improvement in the weather racing must be considered very doubtful.

Frost

At Southwell Pat Firth, clerk of the course, said last night: 'There is frost in the ground and more is forecast. We will inspect

at 9.30 this morning.' Gowran Park hold their inspection at 10am.

● TONIGHT'S East Anglian Milk Cup semi-final, first leg, clash between Ipswich and Norwich was postponed yesterday morning.

A local referee inspected the Portman Road pitch yesterday and immediately ruled that it was unplayable.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

FOOTBALL LEAGUE MILK CUP	DIVISION III	RUGBY LEAGUE
(Semi-Final 1st Leg)	Bradford v Bristol R.....	(1st Round)
(7.30p.m. kick off)	DIVISION IV	Bramley v Blackpool.....
Ipswich v Norwich (P)	Chester v Hereford	Rochdale v York (7.45)
Sunderland v Chelsea	Exeter v Wrexham	Salford v Swinton.....
	FRIENDLY	St Helens v Hull KR
	Rangers v Moscow Dynamo.....	Wigan v Batley.....