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COUNCIL UNIONS CONFRONT TORIES

By PAUL FELDMAN Our local government correspondent

COUNCIL trade unionists throughout London face a confrontation with the courts and the Tory government from April 1 over plans to sack thousands of workers and slash services.

The clash over rate-capping could come to a head in Hackney, one of the eight London councils who last week openly defied the government and did not set a rate.

Now Hackney, officially designated as Britain's poorest borough, has told its trade unions that it will have no money to pay wages from the start of the new financial year.

This is because a court injunction hanging over the Labour council prevents them from borrowing money until a rate is agreed.

There are also reports that further legal action could involve attempts to appoint a receiver to run the council, make a rate and sack hundreds of staff.

The crisis was discussed at trade union meetings in Hackney yesterday, with a senior shop steward saying: 'We are considering all options, including a strike, occupations and a work in. It's not the ground we would have chosen to fight on, but we don't have much choice.'

'Whatever action we take will need a response from other boroughs. We can't fight this on our own.'

Hackney's manual unions have already organised occupations in which they have continued to run the services.

The absence of wages and funds from April 1 would make this type of action a practical question for all council services. There will be immediate appeals to shop stewards throughout London to back whatever action is decided on by Hackney's 7,000 council workers.

Policy

London Bridge, a capital-wide joint trade union committee, met yesterday and reaffirmed its policy of 'solidarity action with any borough which is attacked in isolation'.

This policy will be put to a mass meeting of shop stewards at County Hall next Tuesday and is certain to be endorsed.

Hackney faces cuts of £30 million under the rate-capping axe. The authority



East London tenants and trade unionists lobbied a meeting of the Tower Hamlets Council on Wednesday night to try to stop the council's latest housing plans. Tenants accused the council of carrying out the Tories' 'dirty work' for them with its proposed budget, which would mean a cut in the repairs programme, an end to the building of new council homes and a plan to make tenants responsible for 'minor' repairs. The borough is already notorious for its poor housing stock.

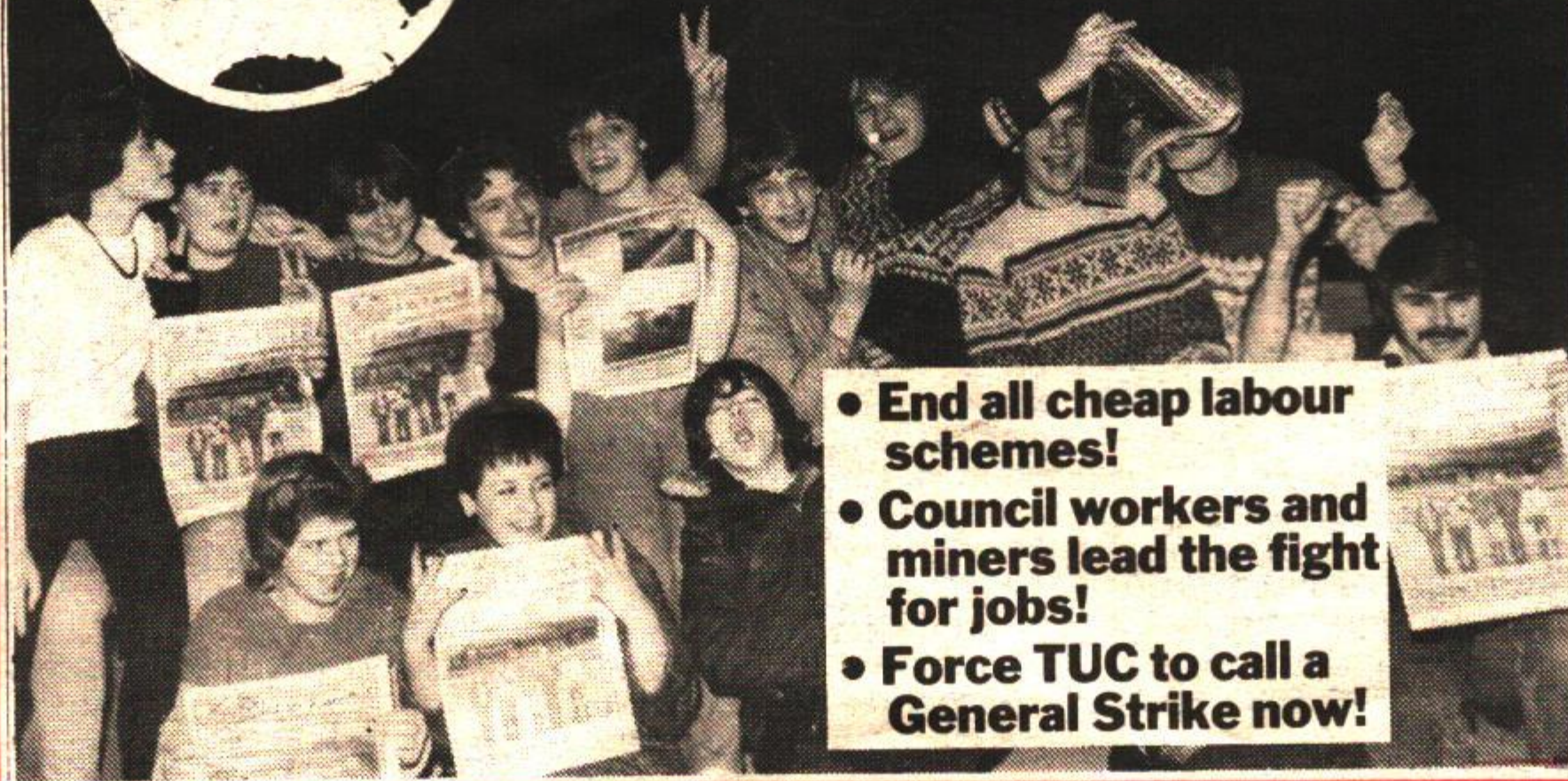
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Scots miner jailed

THE MOTHER of a young miner has been denied confirmation of which Scottish jail her son is imprisoned in.

Brian Millar (24), from Station Road, Kincardine, was jailed for four months a week ago on a charge of breaking police station windows.

He was denied legal aid for his trial at Dunfermline Sheriff Court. Brian, an active picket throughout the strike, had been sacked from his job at Solsgirth pit following an earlier arrest on the picket line.

Last night, his mother told News Line that she had been unable to find out where her son exactly is. 'I phoned Saughton Prison in Edinburgh and all they would say was that Brian might end up there,' said Mrs Millar.

Letter

'When I told them I was going to write to my son at Saughton, the most they would say was that the letter would "probably" get to him. They were not helpful at all,' Mrs Millar added.

Fellow miners from Kincardine, who shared picket duties with Brian, said last night that he had felt very strongly that he should not have been sacked, nor arrested in the first place.

'Brian was very active in the strike and probably picketed more than anyone else in Kincardine,' said one of his fellow strikers.

KINNOCK . . . Mr Law and Order!

BY JOHN SPENCER

LABOUR leader Neil Kinnock yesterday backed travel restrictions on soccer fans similar to those applied to Kent miners travelling through the Blackwall tunnel during the miners' strike.

He told lobby journalists at the House of Commons that he did not believe such restrictions would undermine civil liberties.

Kinnock said the travel restrictions had been an 'outrageous extension of powers' when they were used against the miners.

But he maintained it would not be an over-extension of police powers to use them against

the Millwall fans who had caused 'huge problems' at St Pancras station on their way to Luton on Wednesday night.

This reactionary argument was put even more crudely on the floor of the House by Labour's front-bench spokesman Dennis Howell.

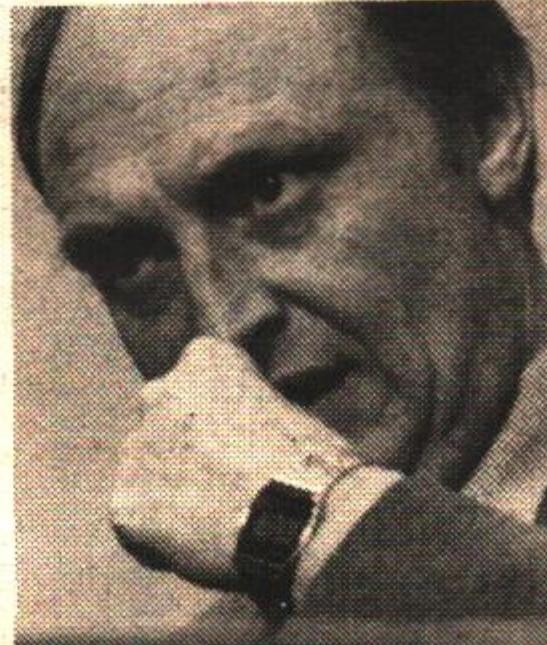
He said just as Thatcher and Home Secretary Leon Brittan had mobilised the entire national police force against the miners they should do it again to deal with 'the rampaging mobs who are a national scandal'.

When he spoke to reporters, the Labour leader could see no connection

between the increase in the size of the police force and the rise in the crime rate, though he added that recruiting more police 'was never by itself the answer'.

He claimed that liberties would be in much greater danger if the 'sense of chaos and collapse' increased than if action were taken to get at the causes of violence.

Kinnock admitted that he was engaged in 'a bit of unaccustomed populism' when he took up a major part of Prime Minister's question time in exchanges with Thatcher over crimes of violence.



KINNOCK

The Labour leader tried unsuccessfully to elicit the Prime Minister's personal opinion on the issue. She replied by supporting recent calls by Home Secretary Leon Brittan and Appeal Court judges for even more savage sentences.

But Kinnock said that asking the police and courts to bear even greater burdens was 'no answer'. He urged Thatcher to 'undertake activities to get at the root causes of these problems so that we can get the right cures'.

Later Sports Minister Neil Macfarlane told MPs in a statement: 'At the request of the Prime Minister I am calling for a report from the Football Association within a week on what action they intend to take to deal with those clubs whose followers have a history of violence.'

'When the report is available the Prime Minister intends to meet the officers of the Football Association.'

Willis attacks 'violence'

TUC general secretary Norman Willis yesterday again attacked those miners who stayed out on strike for a year when he tried to blame both sides for 'violence'.

Willis — instead of demanding a full amnesty for all sacked and jailed miners — claimed that any reconciliation process was 'massively set back' by any violence.

Willis condemned what he called 'cowardly and thuggish violence' by miners since the end of the coal strike.

Willis was hissed by some delegates as he stood to address the TUC women's conference in Southport yesterday.

He said: 'The process of reconciliation would be advanced enormously by, and must start with, the Board looking again at the position of men who have been sacked.'

'At the end of such a long strike it has to be wrong for any victimisation borne out of vindictiveness to prevail.'

Willis said: 'I was personally distressed by the recent cowardly and thuggish attack on Michael McGahey — there is probably not a gentler man than him and the attack was on a good friend and colleague.'

Council unions confront Tories

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has lost £70 million in grant since 1979.

The legal action was taken by SDP businessman Mourad Fleming, who last month unsuccessfully fought a local by-election. It is thought he could obtain an order requiring the council to meet again and pass a rate, with a failure to do so constituting contempt of court.

Also in the background is the district auditor, who has the power to remove councillors from office for refusing to set a rate.

Deputy leader Andrew Puddephatt talked on BBC Radio yesterday of 'the imminent collapse of the borough of Hackney' resulting in a 'total social and constitutional crisis'.

NALGO's 2,750-strong branch is meeting on Tuesday morning at a Shoreditch leisure centre to adopt a policy. Press spokesman Ivan Beavis said yesterday: 'While it will take the form of us not being paid, the real issue is of course cuts in jobs and services.'

'What we are discussing is whether we work on, occupy or go for a strike and a response throughout London.'

He added: 'NALGO will not tolerate cuts of £30 million, which would mean the loss of hundreds of jobs and the colossal butchering of services.'

'This union will fight for every job, come what may. We will call for solidarity action from NALGO's 500,000 local government members if and when the crunch comes, and I am confident we will get it.'

Phurnacite plant blockade

SEVEN hundred workers went on strike and then blockaded the Phurnacite plant near Aberdare in South Wales yesterday after five men were sacked.

They were dismissed in the morning when management called them in and told them that charges that they had 'intimidated' the scab Paul Watson had been proved.

The response from the workforce was swift and unanimous. A mass meeting voted to a man to walk instated.

Hundreds of men then occupied the plant to prevent Watson coming in on the afternoon shift.

A large force of police was drafted into the area but management announced that 'We are plant'.

NUM lodge chairman Keith Haslam said the sacked men were victims of a 'kangaroo court'.

BY SIMON VEVERS

He told News Line: 'I totally disregarded the NUM in this case. The men were dismissed instantly after being called into the offices.'

'The union was not

HUNDREDS STRIKE AFTER SACKINGS

brought in. We heard about it after the management had given its decision.'

been suspended on full pay earlier this week for allegedly spitting at Watson and consistently calling him a scab.

Watson had claimed

that oil was poured over him when he was in the showers.

Women who have continued to picket Watson and his wife Joy have been threatened with arrest and warned that their action could lead to the closure of the plant.

Scabs paid to stay at home

YORKSHIRE men who scabbed before the end of the miners' strike are being paid to stay at home to avoid 'nasty incidents'.

Men going below in a pit cage at Yorkshire Main, Edlington, Doncaster, are said to have turned off their helmet lamps then punched and kicked a scab.

Men at Allerton Bywater colliery, Castleford, are reported to have spat upon and thrown water and urine at an engine driver. He said he had received regular death threats.

At other collieries scabs have been punched, kicked, spat upon and threatened.

A Board spokesman

said: 'The men have only been back at work for just over a week after 12 months of built-up bitterness and we would not expect the dust to settle in the first few days.'

'There have been some nasty incidents at a small number of Yorkshire pits and it is simpler to have the men who returned to work at home and paid until the tension is eased.'

Flexible rostering fails

HUGE amounts of overtime being worked by railmen are the fault of BR's own hours scheme, leaders of the train drivers' union ASLEF said yesterday.

The bogey of massive payments is being raised as the 140,000 workers in the industry press for a higher wage.

ASLEF feels that its prediction has come true that flexible rostering would prove 'a charter for overtime'.

Ray Buckton, ASLEF general secretary, said yesterday: 'British Rail is having to pay out much more in overtime for the simple reason that flexible rostering does not work.'

Arafat condemns Syrian regime

YASSIR ARAFAT, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, has accused the Syrian regime of opposing any form of Arab solidarity, including the agreement between the PLO and Jordan.

In an interview with the Paris-based magazine 'Al Watan Al-Arabi', the PLO chairman blamed the government of President Hafez Al-Assad for disrupting the attempts to reach a unified Arab position in the wake of the 1982 Fez summit.

The Fez summit had established a Jordanian-Palestinian-Syrian-Egyptian committee, but its meetings had been wrecked by the Damascus regime, Arafat said.

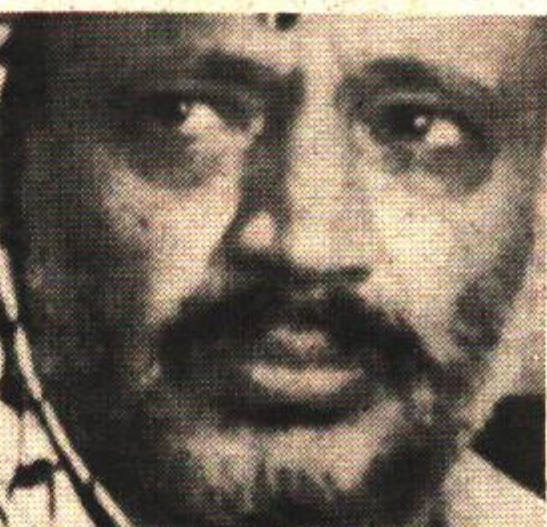
He added: 'Any opposition from Damascus seeks to disrupt Arab solidarity. It makes no difference if this opposition is disguised as Arab, Syrian or Palestinian.'

'However, there is another kind of opposition which we respect and appreciate. It stems from Palestinian democracy.'

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'It is the right of any organisation, leader or fighter to express his opinion on any event. When the majority makes its decision, commitment to it will be complete.'

Arafat said that Assad had entered into an agreement with the Un-



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ited States. The agreement contained two clauses aimed at the Palestinians and the PLO.

'The first is a pledge that PLO fighters will not return to southern Lebanon. The second is a guarantee of security for Israel's northern borders from attacks by Palestinian fedayeen.'

With the exception of Syria and Libya, he said, all the Arab countries were enthusiastic in various degrees about the Jordan-PLO agreement. The joint committees established under the agreement were ready to discuss possible amendments to the agreement, he said.

Asked about the security of the Palestinian camps in south Lebanon, threatened by potential clashes with the Syrians and their Palestinian stooges, Arafat said the Lebanese army had up to now protected the camps.

But he added: 'Syria's plans have not changed. There are six battalions of special Syrian troops in Moudariyah. They are ready to advance on Beirut and Sidon with all their weapons, artillery and vehicles for an assault on the camps.'

● BEIRUT — President Amin Gemayel's Falangists continued to feud over a party split as 'Lebanese Forces' gunmen strengthened their backing for an armed revolt.

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EDUCATION IN CRISIS

ROUND-UP BY PENNY BLOOR

AUT demand more places UNIONS DEMAND ACTION AFTER SWANN REPORT

THE ASSOCIATION of University Teachers yesterday called for a doubling of university places by the year 2000.

The 32,000-strong dons' union warned that 'investment in higher education is essential for the future economic, social and cultural well-being of our society'.

Last year the University Grants Committee and the National Advisory Body told the government that numbers in higher education should be allowed to rise from 560,000 to 600,000 by 1989-1990.

The AUT sets out its case for a much bigger expansion in a new pamphlet 'Universities and Higher Education — the Case for Expansion'.

The union says there is a demand in industry for more graduates to work in key areas of new technology.

Shortfall

It says the government itself projects a shortfall of 5,000 in this field unless higher education increases its output.

The need to expand opportunities for people to continue education after the traditional 18-22 age range is emphasised. It calls for easier access to full or part-time degree courses for mature students.

AUT president Dr Ron Emanuel said it now cost around £15,000 to educate a university student for a three-year degree course.

'This investment will be returned many times over by graduates during the course of their working lives, directly through the payment of income tax and less tangibly, but more importantly, through their general contribution to the nation.'

Education was necessarily a long-term investment but the government was only looking at what was going to happen in the next six to nine months.

Diana Warwick, AUT general secretary, accused the government of 'actually planning a criminal waste of resources and talent'.

She said: 'Unless the present policies of contraction are replaced by a commitment to planned expansion, thousands of parents will see their hopes for their children cruelly shattered over the next few years.'



Angry students from voluntary colleges lobbying the Department of Education yesterday

Students lobby over voluntary college cuts

STUDENTS from voluntary colleges yesterday lobbied the Department of Education and Science against cuts in financing which mean lecturer redundancies and course closures.

Colleges represented were the Roehampton Institute, which is split into four sites — Whitelands, Southlands, Digby and Froebel — St Mark's and St John's in Plymouth, and Christchurch, Canterbury.

The colleges are funded by various voluntary organisations and sponsorships, and from the DES. They do not get money from local education authorities.

They run joint degrees in unusual subject combinations.

The Roehampton Institute faces cutbacks in ex-

cess of £400,000 because the DES have provided inadequate funding.

According to their system of 'weighting', all the joint degree courses are now being funded as if they were Humanities courses — in some cases this is not enough money.

Result

NUS president at Whitelands college, Kevin Feaviour, told News Line: 'This cut means there are going to be redundancies. A direct result is that six art lecturers are to be cut, and two modern languages teachers.'

'We reckon our library is spending at about 50 per cent of what it should. It is so bad that the Her Majesty's Inspectorate

are coming in to do a two-month study.

'We think it's going to be a problem to get the library validated for the courses.'

'The art department is to be run down and is not taking on new students.'

Tory Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph has admitted that the system of assessing the value of courses was a mistake, but no money has been returned.

The students are demanding that Joseph allow the colleges to use a contingency fund to redress the balance.

'While it's a mistake, it's a deliberate mistake,' said Feaviour. 'It's part of their policy to reduce higher education altogether.'

Andy Blythe added:

'Our chief librarian was complaining bitterly yesterday about not being able to buy books for the courses.'

'Our lecturers' union NATFHE is fully supporting us in what we are doing here.'

Five first-year art students, who do not believe they will even see the end of their courses, also spoke to News Line.

'The University of Surrey have said they might not even value our course if there are less than eight lecturers, and there are only going to be six,' said Nikki Jarvis and Kate Batts.

Kate Atkins added: 'But this is only a start because they are trying to close voluntary colleges. Thatcher thinks the arts are not important. It's just sick.'

'They only want to put money into technical subjects but when this society is computerised and there is so much more leisure people are going to turn to the arts.'

'We just feel that our futures are going down the drain. Now you have to work so hard to get to college, yet ten years ago our A-Levels would have got us to university.'

'If they axe our course then they can just send us away,' said Steve Rookes.

TEACHERS' unions and educationalists yesterday called on the government to urgently act on the recommendations of an inquiry into the education of children from ethnic minority groups.

The 307-page report, entitled 'Education for All' took five years to complete after an interim report in 1981.

It blames discrimination and poor living conditions for the under-achievement of ethnic minority young people, mainly West Indians.

The chairman of the inquiry, Lord Swann, said yesterday that schools must do something about making white society 'more tolerant, more humane and less given to racial prejudice and discrimination'.

The inquiry, which cost £692,618, was set up under a committee headed by then Labour Education Secretary Shirley Williams. The original chairman, Arthur Rampton, resigned before the 1981 interim report.

Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: 'We hope the government the basis of the report's recommendations to support developments in the education service, including the vital area of teacher training to enable all children to reach their full potential.'

Peter Smith, deputy general secretary of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, said it was an 'excellent and impressively researched' report — 'but at £24 a time I wonder how many people will be able to afford to buy and read it?'

He added: 'The report is as good a case as you could make for paying teachers a proper salary.'

Frances Morrell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, called for urgent government action to implement the report's recommendations.

She welcomed many of the individual recommendations, many of which were already ILEA policy.

'But to be blunt I suspect that nothing will happen as a result of this report for the following reasons:

'First, this report calls for action and this government has clearly failed so far to take the positive action needed to combat racism.

'Second, the report is calling for action at a time when the government is cutting money for education authorities.

'Third, teachers, who will be at the sharp end of implementing these recommendations, have had their morale shattered by the government — both in the dispute over pay and the cutback in resources for education.'

Racism

Chairman of the Caribbean Teachers' Association Henry Thomas said the report pointed the finger at both racism and social and economic disadvantages caused by racial discrimination.

Black parents had consistently refuted the argument that their children's attitudes or family background was responsible for under-achievement.

'The government, local education authorities and schools must all respond with urgency. It is not just a case of sitting back and waiting for attitudes to change,' he said.

Tory Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph claimed that moves would be made to 'tackle obstacles' facing ethnic minority pupils.

But he rejected some recommendations. Student awards would not be provided before higher education was reached, and there would be no change in the rules on daily collective worship.

Thatcher lashes out again

TORY Prime Minister Thatcher yesterday launched yet another attack on teachers taking industrial action in support of a 12.4-per-cent pay rise.

Two schools in Braunstone, Leicestershire, where handicapped children are taught are among 11 in the county listed by the National Union of Teachers for strike

action next week.

The NUT will extend its three-day strikes to 434 schools in 47 education authorities.

Thatcher, who has said that any pay rise for teachers must be linked to cuts in services or numbers of staff, claimed that the action at special schools was 'just about one of the most despic-

able and disgraceful things for a teacher to do'.

But earlier Peter Flack, local NUT secretary in Braunstone, said: 'Our members in the special schools are anxious not to be treated any differently from other teachers.'

● ACTION by striking teachers seems almost

certain to continue after Easter, the general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, Fred Smithies, said yesterday.

Smithies said six more local education authorities will be hit by the union's lightning indefinite selective strikes as from Monday.

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Nyerere lashes the IMF

THE HAGUE — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere has hit out at the International Monetary Fund as having only 'a single prescription' for every economic ill. He said in an address to the Dutch Institute of Social Studies on Wednesday: 'The country (that requested new credits) will be told to devalue heavily at one go before it gets an injection of capital, to increase exports, liberalise imports and reduce government spending.'

Czechoslovak swoop

VIENNA — Czechoslovak police detained 48 people in a raid on a private home in Prague last Monday and were still holding 11, including two Charter 77 spokesmen, emigres in the Austrian capital said. They said the detainees had met in the home of an artist on the outskirts of Prague to watch film tapes of the Soviet invasion of the country in 1968.

Life for Dev-Yol member

ANKARA — A member of the Turkish underground organisation Dev-Yol (Revolutionary Way) has been sentenced to life imprisonment. The state-run Anatolian News Agency said a martial law court trying 55 alleged members of Dev-Yol for bombings and other offences also sentenced 22 of the accused to jail terms ranging from three months to 15 years on Wednesday.

Danish unions in battle

COPENHAGEN — Denmark faces a growing possibility of widespread industrial action from next Monday after the official labour mediator said wage talks between private employers and trade unions had broken down. The unions have issued strike notices to 280,000 of their 300,000 workers covered by collective agreements with the Employers Association. The employers have threatened lock-outs.

O'Neill on Irish tour

WASHINGTON — A US congressional delegation led by House of Representatives Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill was due in Dublin yesterday for talks with Irish leaders on Northern Ireland. The prime minister Garret FitzGerald, Foreign Minister Peter Barry and opposition leader Charles Haughey among others.

Reshuffle in Venezuela

CARACAS — Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi has replaced Foreign Minister Isidro Morales Paul with former Presidential Secretary Simon Alberto Consalvi. The collective Cabinet resignation on Wednesday was routine.

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TEHRAN — A bank headquarters in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, was destroyed yesterday in an explosion as the war between Iraq and Iran escalated.

The 13-storey Rafidain Bank building in Baghdad's Shorja central business district was wrecked by the explosion that occurred at 2355 hours GMT.

Its four upper floors were ripped off and the rest of the building reduced to a skeleton.

Windows were blown out of banks, shops and offices within a radius of 300 yards, including the Central Bank.

Iraq's Joint Staff Command said it had fired surface-to-surface missiles at Baghdad — only

the second time the Iranian authorities have used the weapon in the 53-month war.

Two hours later, an Iraqi warplane fired three rockets on northern Tehran, killing at least three people.

Iran's revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini lives in the northern part of the city.

Forces

A later Iranian communique said their ground forces had opened fire on Basra and all other Iraqi cities, except for four holy cities of the Shi'ite Muslim religion.

Fire was being directed only at Iraqi military, economic and industrial targets and away from religious and civilian

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sites, the Iranian communique said.

The communique said Iran would intensify its bombardment if Iraq did not stop attacking its cities.

Iraqi authorities, however, denied the building was destroyed by a missile fired from an Iranian missile.

An official quoted by the official news agency INA alleged: 'The noise heard this morning was caused by explosive material planted by their (Iran's) agents.'

An Iraqi military spokesman said Iraqi jets had raided Tehran early yesterday and had also hit a 'large naval target'

— Iraqi jargon for hitting an oil tanker in the Gulf — near Kharg Island.

Shipping agents in the Gulf Arab states said there were some indications a vessel had been hit but few details were known.

Other Iraqi warplanes hit the oil refinery at Tabriz, in north-west Iran, causing an unspecified number of casualties.

Shelling

Iranian ground forces yesterday resumed the shelling of Basra, the southern Iraqi port which has been under regular bombardment since Tuesday last week.

Iraqi authorities have refused to evacuate the

city despite repeated Iranian warnings, while Tehran's military command appeared to be concentrating on strategic oil installations in the city's outskirts.

In the Hawiza marshlands on the southern warfront on the Tigris River, the Iraqi and Iranian ground forces were locked in some of the fiercest battles of the Gulf war.

Since Tuesday, the Iranian authorities have issued several warnings that the Saddam Hussein regime has resorted to the use of chemical weaponry.

IRNA reported that at least 1,000 people had been killed in the week-long fighting as a result of Iraqi raids on Iranian civilian targets.

Reagan envoy bullies EEC for trade share

PARIS — The Reagan government has stepped up pressure on President Mitterrand's Socialist Party regime to force it to abandon the use of credit subsidies for French exports to semi-colonial countries.

John Lange, Director of Trade Finance in the US Treasury Department, has accused the French government of being alone in allegedly blocking an industrial nations pact to limit the so-called mixed credits.

Lange's campaign in Paris this week was part of an internecine battle Washington is waging against the entire Common Market in a bid to expand its markets.

The surging dollar, reactionary domestic US economic policies and the world slump have made American produce increasingly unattractive for overseas buyers.

Washington's trade specialists are angered also at the relatively greater success the French and West German traders have had in technological contracts in the Far East and in China.

Washington has accused the EEC countries of pricing American firms out of major industrial sales to the semi-colonial countries.

Their key opposition is to subsidies, an 'informal' use of which is the complicated mixed credits arrangement that includes a form of foreign aid to the buyer as a device to win export markets.

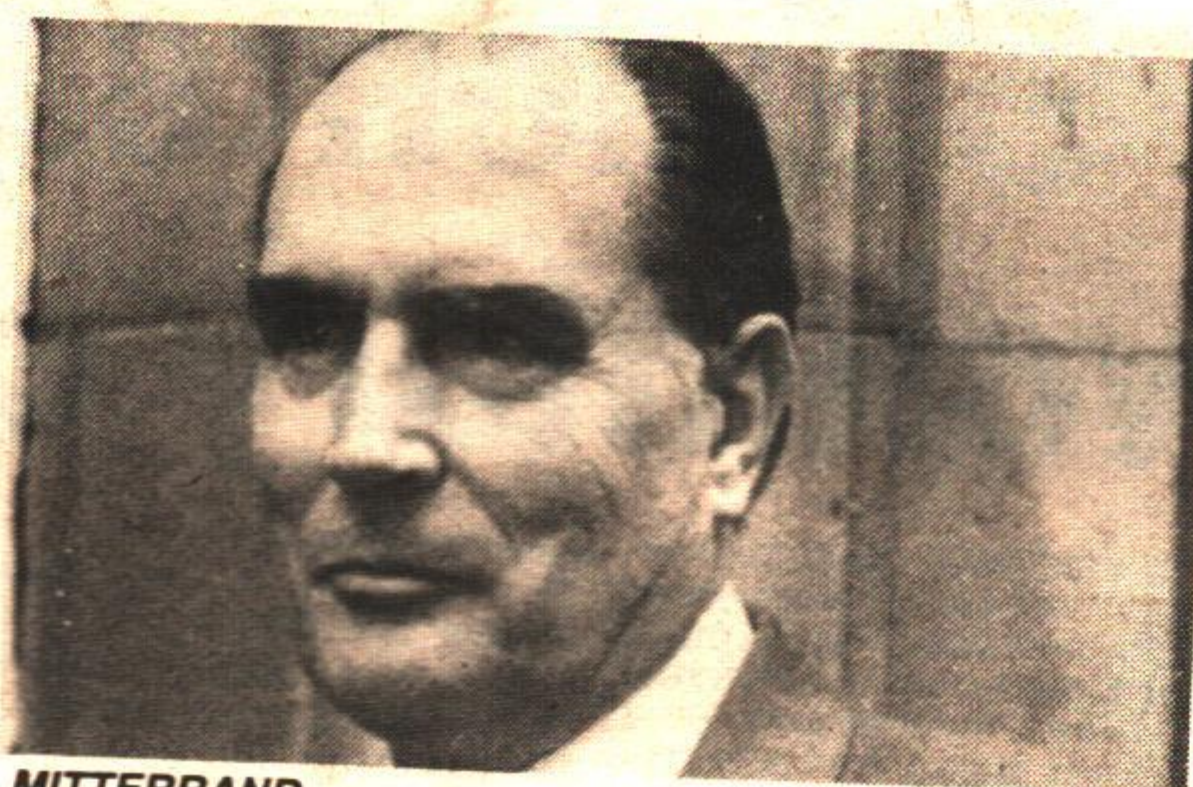
Lange, the chief US negotiator in three days of export credit talks in Paris was only renewing similar accusations made by Assistant Treasury Secretary David Mulford in Washington early this week.

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He confirmed that the talks, called by the 24-member Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development had reached stalemate.

Lange cited the case of a multi-million-dollar tender by Thailand this month for the supply of boilers to an electricity generating project.

He said France had come into the bidding at the last moment with an aid-subsidised mixed cre-



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dit proposal to undercut ten rival bidders.

Lange said there were perhaps only about 20 such cases a year. 'But when they happen it is so egregious that it causes us heartburn.'

The Reagan government is using threats of economic reprisals against the EEC to force countries like France to abandon the aid component of the mixed credits system.

US Marine's 'coup' trial

ABIDJAN — A former US Marine has been charged along with a Liberian in connection with an alleged plot to overthrow military leader Samuel Doe last November.

Monrovia Radio, monitored in the Ivory Coast capital yesterday named the Liberian as Elmer Glee Johnson, 27, and said he was charged with treason last Monday.

Johnson was detained in a police swoop on a Monrovia house.

Half West German forests are dying

BONN — Half of West Germany's 17.3 million acres of forest is damaged by pollution, according to a government report.

The report, presented to the Cabinet by Research and Technology Minister Heinz Riesenhuber, said the major part of the blame lay with air pollutants and their byproducts.

It said the damage to the forests, which cover a quarter of West German territory and yield over 30 million cubic metres of timber per year, continued to increase last year.

Riesenhuber's ministry has a budget of 9.3 million marks (\$3 million) for research into the causes of 'the dying forest', as the problem

is known.

Environmentalists groups are demanding immediate measures to reduce pollution, including the imposition of a 60 mph speed limit on autobahn, which have no limit at present. The government says there is no proof that this would significantly reduce auto exhaust emissions.

Sindona awaits sentence

MILAN — The prosecution at the bankruptcy trial of Sicilian financier Michele Sindona has asked the jury for a conviction and 15-year sentence.

Public prosecutor Guido Viola asked for the sentencing during his summation at the trial where Sindona, 64, is charged with fraudulent bankruptcy arising from the collapse of his Banca Privata Italiana in 1974.

Session

Sindona, who did not attend Wednesday's court session, was extradited temporarily to Italy last September from the United States, where he was serving a 25-year sentence for the fraudulent collapse of the Franklin National Bank.

He also faces murder charges in Italy in connection with the killing of Giorgio Ambrosoli, the liquidator of Sindona's Italian bank.

World News Line

Iceland
scolds
Kremlin
masters

REYKJAVIK — The usually servile Icelandic Communist Party has criticised the Kremlin's foreign and domestic policies and said there was a 'lack of democracy' in the Soviet Union.

The Icelandic People's Alliance organ 'Thjodviljinn' carried the criticism in an editorial on Wednesday, the day Chernenko was buried in Red Square and Gorbachev began a series of meetings with foreign heads of state.

The paper said: 'Gorbachev must... introduce more popular democracy and freedom in the Soviet Union.'

'Thjodviljinn' added: 'It must be the duty of every socialist to criticise this lack of democracy inside the Soviet Union.'

The editorial said the Soviet Union spent exorbitant sums on armaments that allegedly would be better spent on civil improvements.

It also carried another article criticising Soviet foreign policy in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Ethiopia.

'Thjodviljinn's' criticism is a licence from the Moscow bureaucracy to create an appearance of free criticism.

But its aim is to provide the grounds for the treacherous deals with imperialism that are being hatched at the Geneva arms talks.

BOLIVIAN SAYS
DON'T PAY IMF

Bolivian miners marched 15,000 strong in La Paz last week

LA PAZ — Thousands of Bolivian workers have demanded the immediate resignation of President Hernan Siles Zuazo and have vowed to continue their week-long general strike.

Yesterday, another 10,000 miners were poised to march on the capital to step up the pressure against Siles Zuazo.

They have rejected as a fraud the left-talking government's proposals to put an end to a week-old general strike and have demanded a default on Bolivia's \$2.5 billion debt to the International Monetary Fund.

Demands made by the powerful Labour Federation (COB) movement include the nationalisation of private banks and the country's transportation system.

The labour movement has demanded also indexed wages and price controls to defend chronically sub-standard living standards against inflation surging at the rate of 3,400 per cent a year.

On Wednesday, more than 50,000 workers rallied at La Paz's San Francisco Square and marched through the city streets in a great display of solidarity among Bolivia's workers and peasant masses.

The march on Wednesday was significant, taking place in the wake of a march a week ago by 15,000 of Bolivia's miners who blasted dynamite sticks during a demonstration in the city centre last Tuesday week.

Mineworkers' leader Edgar Ramirez told the

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

giant rally on Wednesday: 'The government's proposal to the workers constitutes a deceit against the people.'

The COB has rejected Siles Zuazo's key offer of a 165 per cent rise in minimum wages and a proposal to freeze prices on four basic commodities for 30 days, with a guarantee on supplies.

COB leader Walter Delgadillo said the strikers would increase pressure every day until they reached their objectives.

Default

The demand for a default on IMF debts was made after the strike was launched last Friday.

Miners have been erecting roadblocks on the streets of La Paz and farmworkers have joined the protest, blocking roads and stopping food deliveries to several cities.

Armed forces Commander-in-Chief General Simon Sejas warned on Tuesday that the military was prepared to move in to break up the general strike.

But the once-popular Siles Zuazo, who ended years of US-sponsored military dictatorship has faced repeated calls for his immediate resignation.

The workers and peasants have made it plain in their protests that he is incapable of resolving the country's problems.

In response, Siles Zuazo has accused the labour movement of plotting his overthrow and trying to prevent Presidential elections due on June 16.

The mass movement is an indubitable expression of the determination of the undefeated international working class and oppressed peoples to resist the attempts of US and world imperialism to impose the slump on their backs.

Through a series of general strikes over the past year the masses have prevented the Bolivian government from imposing IMF-dictated austerity measures.

Last May the government suspended payments on \$1.05 billion of its debts to commercial banks under threat of continuing general strike action by workers organised in the COB labour movement.

In July 1984, Bolivia declared a moratorium on debt payments under an ultimatum from the COB.

Siles Zuazo hoped that this would buy him time to persuade the working class to accept the austerity measures.

Top-secret
diplomacy

GENEVA — The United States and Soviet negotiators yesterday began what they described as their first substantive and detailed session in their secret talks on arms.

The reactionary talks were established by agreement between Secretary of State George Shultz and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko who met in the Belgian conventions city in January.

The 22-strong Soviet team, headed by Viktor Karpov, arrived at the offices of the US Arms Control Agency in the morning and were met by US chief negotiator Max Kampelman and his team.

The Geneva talks opened on Tuesday with a meeting of the three principal US negotiators and Karpov.

They are the first between the superpowers since a Soviet walkout during Yuri Andropov's Presidency in 1983 over deployment of new US nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

Yesterday's session on

space weapons and strategic and medium-range missiles was described as 'businesslike... in an atmosphere of mutual respect'.

Most of the 44 negotiators from both sides are excluded from the key, top-secret discussions.

In Brussels, where the deployment of nuclear missiles has provoked deep divisions, Belgian government ministers continued their two-month-old argument on the issue.

Alliance

The NATO imperialist war alliance set March 15 today — as the deadline for the deployment of the first new medium-range nuclear missiles in Belgium.

The Belgian disagreements have been exacerbated by arguments over the annual budget and end-of-year elections that threaten the government of Prime Minister Wilfried Martens.

Gushing praise
for Gorbachev

MOSCOW — New Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday wound up a series of meetings with the leaders of the capitalist world amid gratuitous praise in the anti-communist press worldwide.

He was hurled into a series of huddles with leaders within hours of Chernenko's burial on Wednesday.

In accordance with Kremlin protocol, the first meetings were with the leaders of the Warsaw Pact countries.

But the Kremlin ensured also that the Soviet bloc formalities were despatched quickly to make way for lengthy secret discussions with the leaders of world imperialism.

The new Soviet party chief met the leaders of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria and Rumania together after a Kremlin reception on Wednesday.

Tass, the official news agency, said: 'The meeting reiterated the striving of the Warsaw Pact member states to work consistently and in a construc-

tive way for the lessening of tension in the world.'

After a late-night meeting with US Vice-President George Bush on Wednesday, Gorbachev was back in the Kremlin early yesterday for talks with West German Chancellor Kohl, Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, Chinese Vice-Premier Li Peng and several others.

List

Meetings were arranged also with the heads of state from the semi-colonial countries — referred to in the Soviet press as 'Third World' leaders, with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi leading the list.

Kohl, echoing the sentiments of Bush and British Prime Minister Thatcher, said he was impressed by Gorbachev's 'vigorous, easy and free style'.

'There is a man sitting there now who is General Secretary, who knows it, and who expressed his opinion with a sovereignty and a notable mastery of material...,' he gushed.

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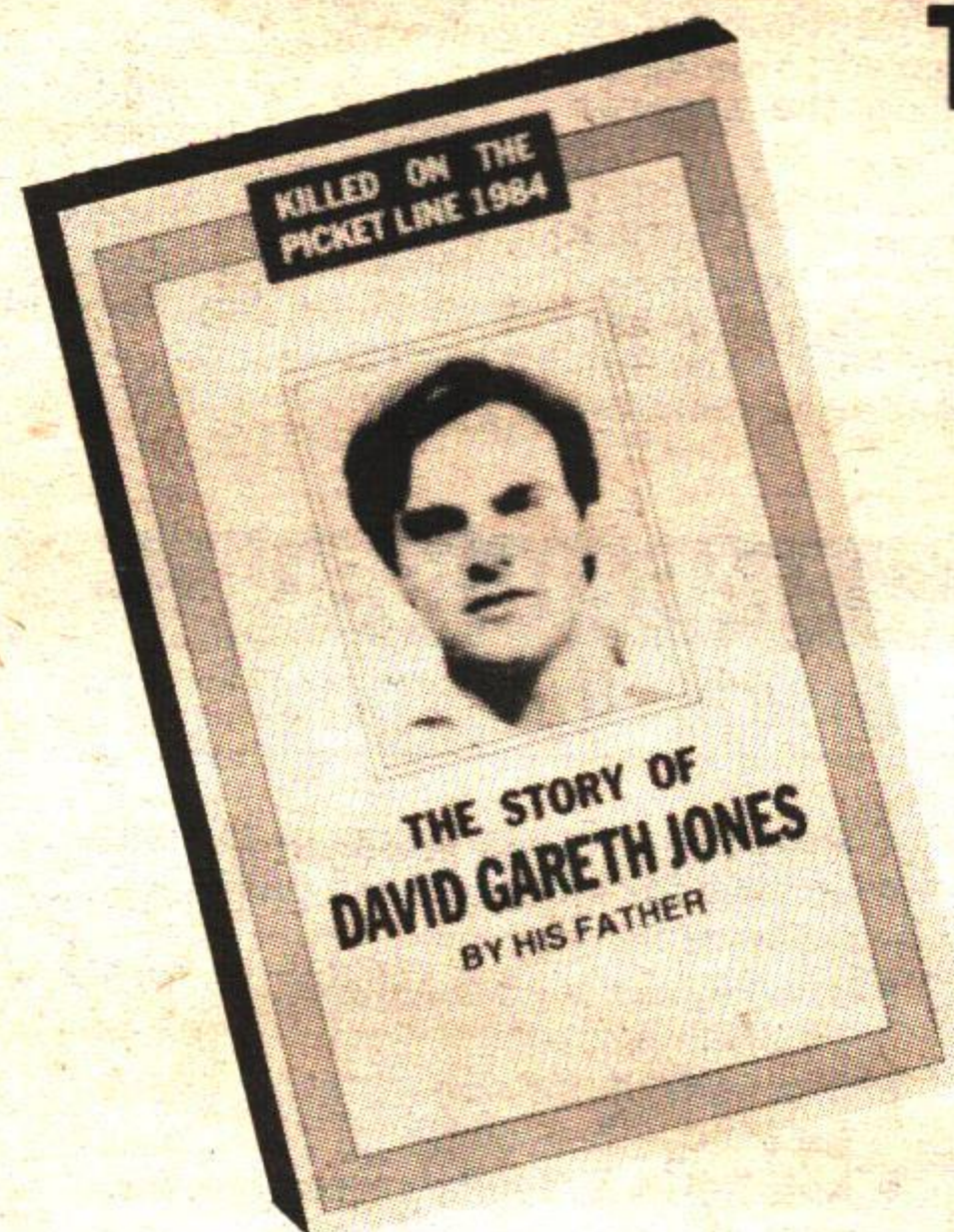
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MORE THAN 440,000 workers in the north earn less than a 'living wage', claims a report published yesterday.

And 62 per cent of firms in the region visited last year were illegally underpaying their workers, the worst under-payment rate in Britain, says the Low Pay Unit's study 'Two Nations: Poverty Wages in the North'.

The report, launched by Shadow trade and industry spokesman John Smith at Tyne and Wear council headquarters, Newcastle Upon Tyne, claims 42 per cent of the north's total workforce are low paid, and most of them are women.

It concludes: 'Despite the extent of the low pay problem, the present government continually repeats its view that the extension of the low-paid

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

jobs sector is the solution to unemployment.

'The government is set to push wage levels down even further. The Fair Wages Resolution has been abolished and nearly all the special laws have been repealed.

Services

'They are now threatening to abolish the Wages Council and privatisation in public services is designed to cause private employers to compete against each other in wage-cutting exercises.

'They argue that workers — particularly low-paid workers — are overvalued and have priced themselves out of jobs.'

But the report points out that, as the number of people on low-pay grows, the dole queues get even

longer. Unemployment in the north — Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear — now stands at 250,000, or 20 per cent of the working population.

It calls for government legislation, after negotiations with unions and employers, for a national minimum wage and asks local authorities to work towards ending low pay for their staff and encouraging better pay scales at firms they help through job creation schemes.

The report was commissioned following an initiative by Tom Burlison, regional secretary GMBATU and chairman of the regional TUC.

Burlison said yesterday: 'This report clearly identifies that poverty is

a problem, both for those in work and those without jobs. We must use this document in a campaign to fight to give people a living wage.'

The report was financed by GMBATU and the North of England County Councils' Association.

Cause

At the press conference, Smith said: 'We believe the number of people receiving pay below a civilised level is increasing at an alarming rate. It is now a major cause of poverty, hardship and injustice.'

'Because of government cuts we now have only seven wages inspectors in the north, which means that a workplace in this region can expect a visit from an inspector once every 20 years.'

Workers suffer from technological change

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

NEW TECHNOLOGY is being used to solve Europe's economic problems, regardless of the impact on working people, says a European parliament report.

Author Tory MEP Fred Tuckman calls for Common Market legislation to combat the effects of 'new poverty' caused by technological change, and to increase worker consultation and information in major companies.

Report

Tuckman, Euro MP for Leicestershire, drew up his report for the parliament's committee on social affairs and employment.

He says that a solution to the economic crisis 'is once again being sought at the expense of working people through the introduction of new technologies'.

He adds that the working and living conditions of most employees were deteriorating 'through the steady reduction of social insurance benefits and lowering of labour protection standards, and through the demand of employers for adaptability and flexibility'.

Stephen Rankin, the Confederation of British Industry's Brussels rep-

resentative replied: 'No evidence has been provided at all for these silly comments that solutions to the economic crisis are being sought at people's expense. It is an absolute disgrace.'

Level

'It is not the job of legislators at any level and it is quite unrealistic to suggest that the EEC should administer such a thing.'

Rankin attacked the EEC report for recommending rules to control the effects of technological change, which Tuckman says 'pose a threat to the physical and mental health of employees'.

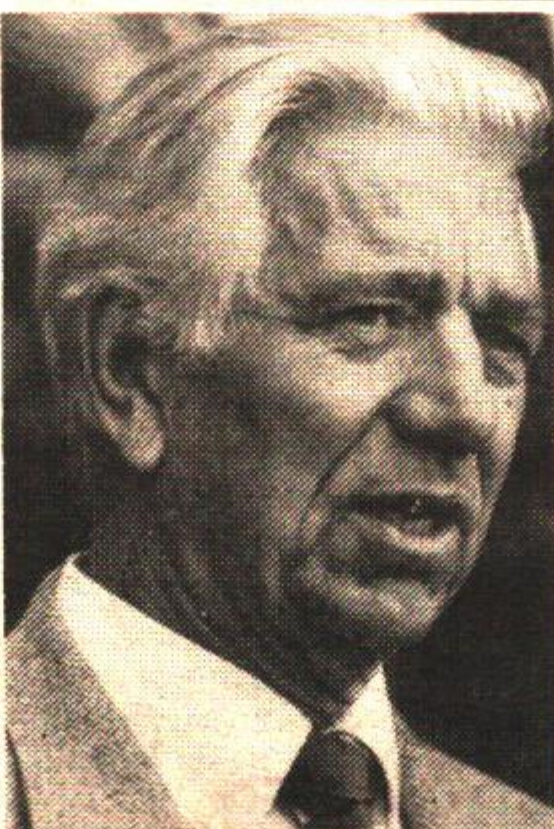
Irish petrol prices soar

THE PRICE of petrol in the Irish Republic was set to break through the £3-a-gallon barrier in Irish money terms.

The monthly government review of fuel costs was expected to fix the new rate for the gallon at about £3.04 in Ireland's currency — around £2.60 sterling.

The continuing rise in the value of the American dollar and soaring oil prices were blamed in Dublin for the increase.

Irish motor industry interests called on the government to lower taxes on fuel to prevent the price of the gallon going over the £3 mark. It was also feared the move could hit tourist trade this year.



JACK ASHLEY

'Fight Debendox' fund launched

A 'FIGHT Debendox' fund has been launched by more than 150 British families who claim their children were born deformed because their mothers took the morning sickness drug. They plan to fight the American

manufacturers in the US courts.

Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, announced the fund in the wake of a US court judgement absolving the drug from blame

for deformities in American children.

Ashley said British and American mothers were given different versions of the drug. He said the manufacturers, Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, had warned doctors against prescribing the drug for children under six months old.

Damage

'The British claimants allege that if it can damage young infants, there is also the likelihood of it being capable of having damaged embryos only a few weeks old.'

'If Merrell Dow are confident of winning their case, they should allow British families to have their cases heard in the US courts.'

Peace women win back right to vote

SEVEN Greenham Common peace women have been given back their right to vote in elections by a judge, who said the decision could have 'constitutional implications'.

Judge David Peck ruled on Wednesday after

a three-day appeal hearing at Newbury County Court, Berks., that the women were entitled to be on the electoral register for the town, even though they are camped outside the Greenham airbase.

He said Anthony Meyer, chairman of the anti-peace women group 'RAGE' (Ratepayers Against Greenham Encampments) should foot the bill for the hearing costs, which are expected to run into several thousand pounds.

RELEASE class war prisoners AMNESTY for all sacked men

THE JAILED MEN

WILLIAM BANNISTER

Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — serving a 2-year sentence from 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

KEVIN BEAL

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. 031 Sudbury Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

GUY BENNETT

Armthorpe, Yorkshire NUM — Three-month sentence started 31.1.85. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

PAUL BROTHWELL

North Derbyshire NUM — serving a 12-month sentence. Prison location uncertain.

PETER COOPER

North Derbyshire NUM — expected release in April. Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

PAUL FOSTER

North Derbyshire NUM — serving a 12-month sentence, due out this month. Prison location uncertain.

TERRY FRENCH

Betteshanger, Kent NUM — Five-year sentence started on 1.85. E73383 Wandsworth Prison, Heathfield Road, London SW18.

DAVID GAUNT

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 3-year sentence started 12.84. E71037, A Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

STEVEN GOODALL

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. 039 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

STEPHEN GREGORY

North Derbyshire NUM — on remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

VICTOR GREGORY

North Derbyshire NUM — on remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

KEVIN GREEN

Hickleton, Yorkshire NUM — on remand. Armley Prison, Leeds LS12 2TJ.

DEAN HANCOCK

South Wales NUM. 899410 Cardiff Prison.

GARY HOPPER

Wearmouth NUM — serving a four-month sentence, due out on April 19. Wetherby Prison, Lancashire.

PETER HURST

Sentenced in connection with the miners' dispute though not a miner. Fitzwilliam village. Six-month sentence started on 14.12.84. G78282 HM Prison, Haverigg Millan, Cumberland.

MICHAEL JONES

Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — 2-year sentence started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

PAUL JONES

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. E71036, D Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

DAVID JAMES

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. 034 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

IAN KESTLE

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence started 12.84. E71032, Welford Prison, Leicester.

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Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — 2-year sentence started 24.1.85. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

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GARY MOULD

Hem Heath pit, Staffs NUM — serving a 2-year youth custody sentence from 24.1.85. Prison location uncertain.

RAYMOND PATTON

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DENNIS PINNINGTON

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STEVEN WAKEFIELD

Frickley, Yorkshire NUM — on remand. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

EVERY jailed miner is a class war prisoner of the Thatcher regime. We demand their immediate release, as we demand the reinstatement of all those sacked and the dropping of all charges against those miners still to be hauled before the courts.

Their only crime has been struggling for the right to work and for the future of the mining communities and their children. There is hardly a single one of those jailed, fined or sacked who have any criminal or bad work record.

They are hard-working men who would never have been brought before a court if Thatcher had not set out to destroy their villages, their jobs and their union.

News Line demands their release, and an amnesty for all sacked miners.



The new police tactics devised during the riots of 1981 in the Toxteth area of Liverpool were used continuously during the miners' strike

LETTER

'Police — a law unto themselves'

Dear Terry,

I CAN'T express in words how much I've appreciated and totally admired the many thousands of striking miners like yourself who've suffered for all of us over the past 12 months.

At times I wish I was working, so I could help you and encourage a General Strike to develop, but as a 16-year-old still at school I feel frustratingly powerless.

Earlier on in the strike when we set up the Liverpool 8 miners' committee my mum was in close contact with the women's action group in St. Helens.

One night, after they'd been on a demonstration in Mansfield and they were heading home, the last of the coaches was chased by a collection of police vans.

The coach was stopped and all the miners were ordered off the bus. Those who resisted were beaten on the bus, where all the women and many children were.

Those off the bus were subjected to the same treatment, many knocked unconscious on the pavement.

The coach driver tried to get the people on the bus away but couldn't because of the bodies laying in the road. How dare Thatcher and her press accuse you of 'violence'.

Where are your horses, riot shields and army vehicles symbolising

your so-called 'violence'. If she uses violence provoking tactics such as the press, soldiers in Pc uniforms and her law courts, does she expect you and us to accept this? Since when has it been a crime to fight for human rights? Maybe it has always been a crime, considering history.

The only way that we've gained rights in the past is to break 'laws' and go against the establishment.

Here, where I live in Liverpool 8 we have long suffered police harassment and brutality.

The Toxteth riots in Liverpool 8 weren't race riots. Black and white alike are and were being harassed. The factors which determined the harassment were if a) you were under age of 30; b) working class.

The police in Liverpool especially before the riots were run like the Mafia — a law unto themselves and the new methods and tactics they tried out on us are now being exercised against you.

I can't see after this strike is over that things will ever be the same. A whole section of workers in our society have become far more aware of their own powers and more aware politically, especially the women.

If the Tories somehow manage to physically crush the miners they still haven't won. Who's next after the miners? You miners are in the forefront of the biggest confrontation, in British and maybe modern world countries' history, between the upper classes and workers. We're eventually going to win, we've

ters a week. Terry's wife, Liz, says that she personally knows that at least 79 letters have been returned.

This schoolgirl's letter reflects the widespread support in the working class for Terry and other jailed miners and their determination to fight for the release of all these class-war prisoners.

truth on our side.

They represent all that's reactionary and stale. The miners and their struggle represent the future and progress.

Soon it'll be necessary for all of us to unite in the face of the true enemy and then those TUC leaders will be shown up in their true colours — yellow bellied, powerless traitors.

The power is in us people and when we move, the TUC, Thatcher and all so-called 'powerful people' couldn't do a thing to stop us. I think it's only a matter of time before this happens, until then I hope you can stick it out.

I'd like to wish you the very best of luck and hope you keep your fighting spirit.

Thanks
A Toxteth schoolgirl

News Line welcomes any additional information on these or other prisoners. Write to: News Line, 21b Old Town, Clapham, London SW4 0JT.

This morning ...

FRIDAY
March 15, 1985

Reagan exploits Kremlin crisis

UNITED STATES Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger marked the emergence as Soviet leader of Mikhail Gorbachev by re-emphasising the Reagan administration's plans to develop 'star wars' weapons.

So much for the idea being touted by the Stalinist 'Morning Star' newspaper yesterday that the grisly ritual surrounding the burial of Gorbachev's predecessor Konstantin Chernenko was a boost for world peace!

Weinberger's remarks put into proper perspective the euphoria being generated in Stalinist and reformist quarters over the prospect of a summit meeting between Gorbachev and President Reagan.

In testimony to the House of Representatives armed services committee on Wednesday, Weinberger maintained that there was no alternative to the so-called strategic defence initiative.

The warmongering US Defence Secretary also said that the US must stick to plans to deploy 100 MX missiles — another move in the enormously costly war preparations of the Reagan government.

The main object of these moves is to apply maximum pressure on the Soviet bureaucracy through the threat of all-out nuclear war.

The imperialists know that their plans will hit the Soviet economy, since Moscow cannot avoid stepping up its own military spending to counter the US war preparations.

The intensity with which this aim is being pursued is a sign of the depth of the international crisis of capitalism. It is this crisis which drives the imperialist powers to seek the restoration of capitalism in the USSR, China and Eastern Europe.

They hope to force the Soviet Union deeper into debt with the international banks, and oblige the Stalinist bureaucracy in return to breach the state monopoly of foreign trade and open the Soviet domestic market to Western goods.

Yugoslavia and Hungary are being touted as the models to be emulated by the Gorbachev regime. In these countries the combination of burgeoning foreign debt and increasingly open markets has already made deep inroads into the nationalised property relations.

The imperialists have been encouraged by the concessions the Kremlin has already made, notably the decision to return to the conference table at the Geneva strategic arms talks despite the deployment of US cruise and Pershing missiles.

The problems of the Stalinist bureaucracy are intimately linked to the crisis of world capitalism. The bureaucracy consolidated its power in the 1920s and 1930s as a consequence of the defeats suffered by the international working class.

This was essentially the meaning of Stalin's counter-revolutionary attack on Trotskyism, the liquidation of the Bolshevik Old Guard and the infamous Moscow Trials in the late 1930s.

Today, with a new revolutionary crisis emerging throughout the capitalist world, the bureaucracy's domination is being shaken everywhere, not least inside the Soviet Union itself.

The effect of Gorbachev's 'peaceful coexistence' policy will be to inflict increasing burdens on the Soviet working class.

Stalin could apply unrestrained mass repression during the 1930s because of the historic defeats of the British General Strike, and the Chinese, German and Spanish revolutions.

Gorbachev by contrast confronts a new generation of Soviet workers enormously strengthened by the upsurge of international revolutionary struggle against imperialism.

The same world process that has brought the working class in the capitalist countries into revolutionary struggle will produce conditions for the political revolution in the USSR.

TUC MUST CALL G



Miners' banners from the north east stretching down Victoria Street on the 30,000-strong march in London in February

'Kinnock a traitor working

ALL THOSE women in communities fighting for jobs should get up and fight the Thatcher government, Wearmouth miners' wives support group committee members Brenda Hopper and Jackie Little believe.

'All the women involved in our group are extremely aware of what this government is doing to other sections of workers after the experiences we had during the strike.

'We all understand about rate-capping and the dangers of privatisation to the health service and schools.

'Before the miners' strike we would have just sat back and let such things happen. But now we know we must fight for every job.

'And our message to any women or men affected by rate-capping and privatisation is: "Get up and fight. Stand up and fight for your rights", said Brenda.

Her job in the public sector is under threat from privatisation: 'I know for a fact that my wages would be cut in half for a start.

'But the whole community would suffer terribly. There is talk of ending the bus pass for pensioners. They would not be able to move about at all.

BY BEN RUDDER

'We find many old people who stay on the buses all day just to get out and keep warm. If the passes were ended I don't doubt we would find them dying of hypothermia at home.

'Maggie Thatcher wants all people to be stuck at home and kept in their little place without any freedom of movement.'

Aware

Jackie added: 'Thatcher wants all people in a position where they can't do anything to counteract what she wants to do. But the strike has shown the miners' wives how to fight that. I am much more politically aware now. Before, I was content to sit in the house as

Say Wearmouth n

long as things were OK at home.

'Now I look at things very differently. The strike has changed my outlook and changed my life completely. In many ways I would have liked the strike to continue.'

Both women reject Thatcher's claims that the miners are defeated, but blame the return to work without a signed agreement safeguarding jobs on the treacherous role of the TUC leaders and the hierarchy of the Labour Party.

'I consider Kinnock to be a traitor to the working class,' said Brenda. 'And the failure of the leaders and organisers in other unions to give physical

support makes me very bitter. We have got to accept the fact that by failing to win support for the miners they have opened the door to Thatcher.

Mess

'When you look at the organisation that was supposed to be behind the miners it was in a terrible mess. That can only be the fault of a lack of leadership. The truth is that the leadership never got off their backsides.'

Jackie agreed. 'I don't think anyone could blame the rank and file for not supporting the miners. I don't think they were

ever told the facts of the miners' case. If they had been told the facts by their own leaders I'm sure they would have responded.

'As for Kinnock, there is no way the Durham miners or their wives want to see him at the Durham Miners Gala this year.'

Brenda and Jackie share the views of the majority of support group members in the county that Kinnock's refusal to back the NUM demand for a total amnesty for sacked men has broken any lingering hope that the Labour leadership might respond to appeals from the mining communities for support.

GENERAL STRIKE FOR JOBS

One year since the death of David Jones

IN THE early hours of this morning, exactly one year ago, David Gareth Jones, a 24-year-old striking miner was killed on the picket line at Ollerton colliery, Nottinghamshire.

Thousands of miners will today and tomorrow mark his sacrifice in the struggle for jobs with memorial ceremonies and marches. A wreath-laying ceremony will be held this morning at Ollerton, and a march will be held in the village tomorrow, assembling at 10a.m. at the miners' welfare.

A march is also planned tomorrow for the village where David was born — South Kirkby in Yorkshire, assembling at The Green at 10.30a.m. and marching on to Frickley football ground for a rally.

David was well known and well liked in the community, and over 5,000 miners and local people attended his funeral. His headstone in the village cemetery records that he

was 'killed on the picket line, 1984'.

David worked at Ackton Hall colliery in Yorkshire and had obtained a distinction in his coal mining craft certificate exams in 1982.

He was the father of two young children, Gareth and Nicola, for whom a trust fund has been set up by the Yorkshire Area National Union of Mineworkers.

The circumstances surrounding David's death — at 11 minutes past midnight in the early hours of March 15, 1984 — are still in doubt. An inquest jury recorded an open verdict despite a coroner's summing up which clearly shared a police desire for a verdict of 'accidental death'.

David died when hit by a brick on the first day he went picketing. He had been bound for Gedling colliery, further south in the county. But for the police road block which forced him to get off the coach and go to the nearest pit, he

would never have been at Ollerton.

His death was later followed by another tragic killing during the strike when Joe Green was struck by a lorry crossing a picket line at Ferrybridge power station. At least another nine people including two young teenagers from Goldthorpe in Yorkshire died as a direct result of the strike — either travelling to the picket line or picking coal in dangerous conditions.

David's death stands as an enduring testament to the self-sacrifice and courage of the miners in their struggle for jobs for the whole working class — a fact recognised by NUM president Arthur Scargill, who wrote, in part, to David's parents, Mark and Doreen, on April 9, 1984: '... You can rest assured that as long as there is a union, David Gareth Jones will be remembered with intense pride.'



... to the 'g class' miners' wives

But they said that the campaign for the reinstatement of all sacked miners was vital for the whole working class, and would be a fresh part of the struggle waged by the women's support groups.

Jobs

'It is most important to fight and get the jobs back for these lads. It is only because of the strike and the fact that they fought to defend their job and union that they are now in a situation where they have sacrificed their wages and in some cases their freedom,' said Brenda.

'This is an issue for ev-

ery trade union. If they can sack men for shouting at scabs in the coal industry, they will try to do it in every union. They want to stop the unions from having any punch at all.'

Both women are determined that the role the women have played in the strike — providing food and collecting funds for over 400 striking miners in the local area — must now continue and grow.

'The fight against pit closures still goes on,' said Jackie, 'and other people are going to have to fight for their jobs.'

'And if I can get involved in that fight, then anyone can do it.'



Mrs Hopper and Mrs Liddle

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Support groups should expand work

'WE'VE HAD a taste of what it would be like on the dole during the last 12 months, so we are ready for anything now.' That's the confident message from Susan Cook of the Abercwmboi women's support group.

'Over the last year we've drawn people close together. The community has been united more than ever.'

For several months during the strike, Susan and Lorraine Hinks, together with up to 100 wives, joined the picket line outside the Phurnacite plant near Aberdare at 3.30 every morning.

Contempt

They were there to demonstrate their contempt for the only scab in the area, Paul Watson.

It meant a daily confrontation with squads of police, drafted in from several areas to

protect the lone strike-breaker.

Twelve months of struggle have left an indelible mark on the lives of every mining family.

Views

'We now notice what is going on more. I said before the miners' strike that this wouldn't be just our struggle and that's been shown in the exchange of views we've had with women in all parts of the country.'

Lorraine was adamant that the support groups should remain in existence and expand their work.

'We can't finish because the struggle is not

finished. It's as simple as that,' she said.

'People have realised that we are fighting for our community. If we don't fight for it, then it will die.'

Both Lorraine and Susan have children facing bleak job prospects in a valley scarred by scores of factory and pit closures in recent years.

Task

Lorraine has no doubt that uniting the whole working class in a General Strike remains the crucial task. 'We should have had everyone out months ago. Teachers, nurses and lot's of other workers are going to face what we had to face.'



Susan Cook (right) and Lorraine Hinks of the Abercwmboi women's support group, with up to 100 other wives, joined the picket line outside the Phurnacite plant near Aberdare at 3.30 every morning during the miners' strike. Here they are seen with Lorraine's son Dean walking through the village with the coke plant in the background

Say Welsh wives

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YORKSHIRE

YORK: Thursday March 21, 7.30p.m. York Community Centre, Prior Street.
Speakers: Colin Smith (Pudsey YS); Cliff Slaughter (WRP Central Committee); Pat Tero-mas (Sherburn Wives Support Group)

NORTH WEST

BLACKBURN: Tuesday March 19, 7.30p.m. Blackburn Trades Council Club, St Peters Street.
Speakers: Lyn Waring (YS Regional Committee); Ray Waring (WRP Central Committee); Tony Mitchell (NUM, in personal capacity)

BIRKENHEAD: Wednesday March 20, 7.30p.m. Birkenhead TU and Unemployed Centre, 41 Hamilton Street.
Speakers: Dave Griffiths (Birkenhead YS); Larry Cavanagh (WRP North West district committee); In personal capacity: Karl Greaney (NUPE); Helen McAndrew (NUT); Allen Jones (Point of Ayr NUM)

WIGAN: Thursday March 21, 7.30p.m. Lex's Wine Bar, The Wiend.
Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Bob Andrews (WRP Central Committee)

BURNLEY: Sunday March 24, 6.30p.m. AUEW Rooms, Hargreaves Street.
Speakers: Denise Fishwick (YS Regional Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Mick O'Brien (UCW); Tony Mitchell (NUM)

KIRKBY: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Kirkby Unemployed Centre, Leeside Ave.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee)

SKELMERDALE: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Quarry Bank Community Centre, Main Hall, Quarry Bank.
Speakers: John Owen (YS Regional Committee); Dave Charles (WRP Central Committee)

RUNCORN: Thursday March 28, 7.30p.m. Meeting Room 1, Shopping City Library.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Frank Singer (WRP Central Committee)

BOLTON: Thursday April 4, 7.30p.m. Clarence Hotel, Bradshawgate.
Speakers: Andrew Ellis (YS Regional Committee); Ray Waring (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH EAST

NEWCASTLE: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Bridge Hotel, Castle Street.
Speakers: Jim Cousins (Newcastle YS); Bob Bell (Newcastle WRP); In personal capacity: Dave Temple (WRP Central Committee and Durham Mechanics executive); Councillor Nigel Todd

WEST MIDLANDS

COVENTRY: Wednesday April 3, 7.30p.m. Gosford Park Hotel, St George Road.
Speakers: Nigel Gilder (Stoke YS); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Brian King (AUEW convenor WMPTE); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

RUGELEY: Thursday April 4, 7.30p.m. The Globe.
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Staffs NUM

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday April 11, 7.30p.m. Summerfield Centre, Winsor Green Road, (corner Dudley Road)
Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Vivian Yates (NATFHE, in personal capacity)

EAST MIDLANDS

CHESTERFIELD: Thursday March 21, 7.30p.m. Room 3/6, Market Hall.
Speakers: Chris Lynas (YS Regional Committee); Ann Nettleship (Alfreton WRP); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

NORWICH: Tuesday March 19, 7.30p.m. Duke Street Centre, Duke Street.
Speakers: Mark Harrison (YS Regional Committee); David Colling (Norwich WRP)

NORWICH: Monday March 25, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Bethel Street.
Speakers: Cathy Grant (YS Regional Committee); Fiona Cairns (Norwich WRP)

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

SOUTH WALES

PORT TALBOT: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Mozart Drive Community Centre, Mozart Drive, Sanfeidl Estate.
Speakers: Nicola Harrington (Port Talbot YS); Jim Bevan (South Wales WRP District Committee)

NEWPORT: Thursday April 4, 7.30p.m. Open Hearth, Hendre Farm Drive, Ringland.
Speakers: Anne Pickard (YS Regional Committee); Travis Gould (WRP Central Committee)

MIDDLESEX

WEMBLEY: Tuesday March 26, 7.30p.m. Committee Rooms 1,2,3, Brent Town Hall, Forty Avenue.
Speakers: Matt Hanlon (YS National Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

BURNT OAK: Tuesday March 26, 7.30p.m. Labour Hall, Back Lane, Watling Avenue.
Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTHALL: Wednesday March 27, 7.30p.m. Ramgharia Hall, The Broadway.
Speakers: Jason Matthews (YS Regional Committee); Richard Lugg (Southall WRP and T&GWU shop steward BAA Heathrow, in personal capacity)

SUSSEX

CRAWLEY: Monday March 25, 7.30p.m. Langley Green Community Centre, Langley Green.
Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS National Committee); Joe Kierney (Crawley WRP)

BRIGHTON: Tuesday April 2, 7.30p.m. Springfield Pub, Springfield Road.
Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS National Committee); John Hulme (Brighton WRP); Joe Kierney (Crawley WRP)

LONDON

HAMMERSMITH: Wednesday March 20, 7.30p.m. Mathews Hall, Margravine Road, W9.
Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

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The reformist and Stalinist bureaucracies and the struggle for revolutionary leadership in the working class

1. The economic and political crisis of world capitalism

The world capitalist crisis as the driving force of the world socialist revolution; the objective laws of capitalist decline and socialist revolution; the revolutionary nature of the political situation in Britain; the transformation of the capitalist state under the Tory Bonapartist dictatorship; the miners' strike and the struggle for power.

Reading: Lenin 'The State', 'State and Revolution', 'What is to be Done?'; 'State Within the State', a News Line investigation; Political letters of the WRP Political Committee 1-6; British Perspectives and International Perspectives, documents of the Seventh Congress of the WRP

2. The reformist Labour and trade union bureaucracies: 'The backbone of British imperialism' (Trotsky)

The history and significance of trade unionism in Britain; the trade union and labour bureaucracies as opportunist products and agencies of imperialism; the corporatist nature of the trade union bureaucracy; the distinction between bourgeois democratic rights and the democratic rights of the working class; the independence of the trade unions from the capitalist state as a revolutionary question; the reformist bureaucracies and the miners' strike.

Reading: Engels 'The British Labour Movement'; Lenin 'Imperialism, the Highest State of Capitalism'; Lenin 'The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky'; Trotsky 'Writings on Britain' Volume 2, 'Marxism and the Trade Unions'; Mike Banda 'Open Letter to Trade Unionists'; Political letters of the WRP Political Committee.

3. Stalinism: the most counter-revolutionary force in the world working class

The significance of the Russian Revolution, October 1917; the isolation and economic backwardness of Russia as the objective source of the Stalinist bureaucratic degeneration of the Soviet state; the Stalinist bureaucracy not a new ruling class; unconditional defence of the nationalised property relations of the USSR; significance of Trotsky's struggle against Stalinism; the national reformist nature of 'socialism in one country'; the lessons of the Stalinist betrayals of the 1930s; Third Periodism and Popular Frontism; the counter-revolutionary role of Stalinism today; the crisis within British Stalinism.

Reading: Trotsky 'Revolution Betrayed', 'The Class Nature of the Soviet State', 'Germany 1931-1932', 'Whither France?'; Alex Mitchell 'Behind the Crisis in British Stalinism'; Robert Shaw 'Fighter for Trotskyism' by Mickie Shaw.

4. Revolution versus Reform: The Building of the Workers Revolutionary Party and the Young Socialists

The crisis and bankruptcy of reformism and Stalinism and their common opportunist source; the building of the revolutionary leadership of the working class; the Workers Revolutionary Party and the Young Socialists. The struggle to oppose and defeat the counter-revolutionary bureaucracies and their revisionist defenders; the role of Labour governments; the tactic of the United Front; the organisation of the General Strike as the struggle for power; the smashing of the bourgeois state and the dictatorship of the proletariat; the fight for Community Councils (Soviets) and for a workers' revolutionary government.

Reading: Lenin 'Left Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder'; Trotsky 'Transitional Programme'; Programme for a Workers Revolutionary Government; Letter of the WRP Political Committee No. 7.

Lecturer: P. Jones (WRP Central Committee)

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EVERY teenager on Merseyside in the 1950s, it seemed, wanted to play in a group. Only a few made it to the big time, but the biggest, of course, were The Beatles.

Even today, John, Paul, George and Ringo are names to conjure with, but once it had been John, Paul, George and Pete, and Peter Best has now broken a 20-year silence to tell his side of the earliest days of Liverpool's best-known group.

It started when Pete's mother, Mo, decided that having dozens of teenage boys trooping through her house day after day was too much. Why not turn the large cellar into a club so the lads and girls could make as much noise and mess as they

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liked without disturbing anyone?

The kids responded enthusiastically. Before 'The Casbah', as they called it, was even open, it had over 1,000 members, and among the earliest visitors were some boys who had recently formed a group called 'The Quarrymen'.

The leader was John Lennon. Other members of the group were Paul McCartney and George Harrison.

The Quarrymen used to

practise in The Casbah until, now renamed 'The Beatles', they began to get some engagements. When they got their first offer in Hamburg, Pete Best joined them officially as their drummer.

For four young lads abroad for the first time, life was wild — music, drink and girls, girls, girls.

But it was not to last. In 1962, just as the Beatles were about to get their first big engagement in this country, their new manager Brian Epstein called Pete into the office and told him he was being dropped and replaced by another drummer, Ringo Starr.

To this day there is a mystery about why Best was given the push.

Certainly, there were angry demonstrations with fans parading up and down with placards proclaiming 'Pete is Best!' and 'Pete Forever — Ringo Never!'

Whatever the reason, while the Beatles went to dizzy heights of fame and fortune, Pete Best fought a losing battle to stay in the music business. He suffered depression and a suicide attempt, and believes he only pulled through thanks to the support of his wife and family.

Best now works in a Liverpool job centre.

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Pete Best at the drums

TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Rowena Cooper and Peter Barkworth as Mary and Edward Brett in 'Late Starter', a new series on BBC1 at 9.25



'Well Being Special: Italy's Mad Law!' is on channel 4 at 10.30

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time. 9.20 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London and SE). Financial Report; News Headlines. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Chock-a-Block. 2.00 Pages from Ceefax. 3.48 Regional News (except London). 3.50 Play School: It's Friday. 4.10 The All New Popeye Show. 4.20 Tatty Apple. 4.35 Secrets Out!! 5.00 The Secret Garden. 5.30 Friday People.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS Weather
6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES
7.00 WOGAN

7.30 MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE Jimmy Hill introduces West Ham United v Manchester United from Upton Park

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weekend weather

9.25 LATE STARTER Peter Barkworth and Rowena Cooper star in Brian Clark's ten-part serial. After his last day at university, Barkworth's Prof Brett looks forward to a well-earned rest, but life takes a drastic turn

10.15 THE LATE FILM: *Two Minute Warning* (1976) Charlton Heston and John Cassavetes head a star-studded cast in this disaster movie about a sniper at large during a championship football game in front of a 100,000 crowd in Los Angeles Coliseum

12.10 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 5.30 Interval. 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. 10.15 Oliver. 11.15 The Late Film: *Two Minute Warning*. 1.15 News; Weather; Closedown

BBC2

6.55-7.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.55 Engineering. 7.20 Weekend Outlook. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 9.30 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.30 Science Topics. 9.52 Look and Read. 10.15 Maths One. 10.38 Communicate! 11.00 English 11-13. 11.22 Geography Casebook: Britain. 11.44 Going to Work. 12.05 Making the Most of the Micro. 12.30 Pages from Ceefax. 12.55 You Can't See the Wood. 1.20 Pages from Ceefax. 1.38 Around Scotland. 2.00 Scene. 2.30 English File. 2.55 Pages from Ceefax.

4.40 Monkey.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 EUREKA The return of Clive Doig's series about the invention of everyday objects

6.00 THE INVADERS A small town is invaded by aliens in *Valley of the Shadow*

6.50 PHIL SILVERS as Sergeant Bilko in *Hollywood*

7.15 ORS 85 Peter Powell introduces Howard Jones live in concert at Manchester's Apollo Theatre

8.05 NATURE Tony Soper and Brian Leith report on illegal trading in falcons, disappearing Dippers and people's phobias of spiders in the bath

8.35 GARDENERS' WORLD IN NEW ZEALAND Geoff Hamilton visits Christchurch's Botanic Gardens, founded in 1863

9.00 JUST ANOTHER DAY A day in the life of the Natural History Museum

9.30 AROUND WITH ALLISS Peter Alliss plays golf with Jasper Carrott

10.00 HARTY GOES TO... DUBLIN Beginning a new series

10.30 NEWSNIGHT

11.15 Weatherview

11.20 MARCEL CARNE *Les Visiteurs du Soir* (1942) A black medieval fantasy, made under the French Occupation, in which the Devil attempts to destroy the happiness of two lovers. With Arletty, Maria Dea and Jules Berry. (In French with subtitles)

1.25 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

2.30 MASTER BRIDGE Repeated individual tournament which today reaches the seventh round

3.00 WINTER SUNLIGHT

4.00 BUILT IN BRITAIN A Stone's Throw From the Beach

4.30 COUNTDOWN

5.00 THE ADDAMS FAMILY *The Addams Policy*

5.30 THE TUBE Jools Holland, Paula Yates and Muriel Gray introduce the usual mix of music, videos and interviews life from Studio 5. Guests include Tears For Fears and Co-op City

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather

7.30 RIGHT TO REPLY

8.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY The week's papers reviewed by Duncan Campbell

8.15 A WEEK IN POLITICS With Peter Jay

9.00 THE COSBY SHOW *Breaking With Tradition* Cliff Huxtable and his father discuss sending the children to their old college, but Denise for one has other ideas

9.30 GARDENERS' CALENDAR

10.00 CHEERS *Coach in Love* (Part 1)

10.30 WELL BEING SPECIAL *Italy's Mad Law?* In 1979 a law was passed in Italy preventing anyone being admitted or re-admitted to a mental hospital. Tonight's programme looks at the alternative care proposed for the mentally sick after the eventual closure of all the mental hospitals

11.30 BELOW THE BELT (1980) This American independent film examines the lives of women wrestlers in the United States, focussing on Regina Baff, a waitress who becomes a star of the ring. With John C. Becher, Jane O'Brien, Mildred Burke, Annie McGreevey and Shirley Stoler

1.15 Close

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.10 Understanding the Under 12s. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Friday Matinee: *Treasure Hunt* With Jimmy Edwards. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You! 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW Presented by Michael Aspel

7.00 THE PRACTICE

7.30 FAMILY FORTUNES Presented by Max Bygraves

8.00 DEMPSEY AND MAKEPEACE *Cry God For Harry*

9.00 THE GENTLE TOUCH *Cause and Effect*

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by London News Headlines

10.30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME John Taylor reports on the effects of cuts in government grant to the National Theatre

11.00 SOUTH OF WATFORD Ben Elton looks at Britain's 2 million locomotive enthusiasts

11.30 THE FRIDAY FILM *Some Kind of Miracle* (1979 TV Movie) With David Dukes. A romantic drama set in California

1.10 FREEZE FRAME *The Pointer Sisters* A portrait of The Pointer Sisters filmed in Los Angeles

1.35 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

GRANADA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Film: *Cheaper By the Dozen* (1950) With Clifton Webb. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Granada Reports. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You! 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Keep it in the Family. 5.45 News.

6.00 SONS AND DAUGHTERS

6.30 GRANADA REPORTS

7.00 THE PRACTICE An epidemic sweeps through the health centre and the staff are going down like flies

7.30 FAMILY FORTUNES The big-money quiz hosted by Max Bygraves

8.00 DEMPSEY AND MAKEPEACE *Cry God for Harry* A collection of priceless jade is stolen from Harriet's father, and she takes Dempsey to the country to investigate

9.00 THE GENTLE TOUCH *Cause and Effect* Maggie deals with two unhappy teenagers

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 WEEKEND Join Susie Mathis and Ted Robbins for another Friday night show live from Manchester

11.00 RUGBY LEAGUE ACTION More action from the Slalom Lager Championship featuring Castleford v Hull KR

11.55 HAMMER HOUSE OF MYSTERY AND SUSPENSE *Paint Me A Murder* A painter is persuaded by his wife to fake his own death. With Michelle Phillips

1.20 Closedown

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1.00 Countdown. 1.30 Farming on 4. 2.00 Ffenestri. 2.20 5 Lôn Goch. 2.35-2.55 Hyn O Fyd. 3.05 Years Ahead. 3.50 Making the Most Of... 4.15 Holiday Talk. 4.45 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Sath. 7.30 Corau. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le; News Headlines. 9.15 Cheers. 9.45 The Dismissal. 10.45 Newhart. 11.10 Book Four. 11.40 Goodbye Chop Suey. 12.40 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 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select-A-Disc with Peter Powell. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (S).

2 News on the hour (except 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 Friday Night Is Music Night (S). 9.15 The Organist Entertains (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Listen To Us. 10.30 Old Stagers. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Peter Dickinson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Big Band Special (S). 3.30-4.00 String Sound (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Vaughan Williams, Marais, Monteverdi, Britten (8.00 News) Rosini, Villa-Lobos, Bach, Reger. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Mendelssohn and Shakespeare. 10.00 Flute and

Piano (S) Frank Martin. Widor. 10.30 Bournemouth Sinfonietta (S) Faure, Roussel, Poulenc. 11.30 Western and Chinese Art Songs (S) Recital by baritone Fu Haijing with Michael Dussek (piano): Mahler, Qing Zhu, Zhang Han Hui. 12.00 Midday Concert (S) BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Alexander Goehr, Hindemith (Cello Concerto with Raphael Wallfisch) (1.00 News) Brahms—Symphony No. 4. 1.50 Muzio Clementi (S) Piano sonata played by John McCabe. 2.10 Gabrieli String Quartet (S) Mozart, Janacek (3.10 Interval reading) Schubert. 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) Frescobaldi arr Fisk. Bach arr Fisk. Villa-Lobos. 7.00 Incident at Lima Junction. 7.30 John Shirley-Quirk and Graham Johnson (S) Song recital: Wolf (7.55-8.15 Heyday's (S)) Faure, Tchaikovsky. 9.00 Orchestra of the National Centre for Orchestral Studies (S). 9.30 A Truce To Terror. 10.15 Britons in America (S) Britten's 'American Overture' and Tippett's Symphony No.4. 11.00 The Beethoven Piano Sonatas (S). 11.40 Arranged for Quartet (S) Beethoven's string quartet version of his Piano Sonata Op. 14 No.1. 11.57-12.00 News.

VHF: 6.35-6.55 Open University: Open Forum.

4 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; 8.50 Your Letters. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs (S). 9.45 Feedback. 10.00 News; International Assignment. 10.30 Morning Story: *I Couldn't Believe It*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; The Child Fixers. 11.48 Natural Selection. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Funny You Should Sing That. 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 Astonishing History of Troy Town (S). 4.00 News; Going Places. 4.40 Story Time: *Miss Mole*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 In One Ear (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week (S). 8.20 Law in Action. 8.45 Any Questions? 9.30 Letter from America. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *The Green Man*. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.00 Today in Parliament. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Week Ending. 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). 11.00-12.00 Study on 4. 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 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 Film: *In Tandem*. 2.50 Cartoon Time. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Who's the Boss? 5.45 News; North East News. 6.02 What Would You Do? 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 The Practice. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Straight Talk. 11.00 TX:45. 11.45 Riptide. 12.45 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Film: *Lady in the Fog*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 The Practice. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 Thriller Double Bill: *Night Gallery*; 12.00 *Dragnet*. 1.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00

News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Film: *Tarnished Heroes*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.30 Different Strokes. 7.00 The Practice. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Police Squad. 11.00 RL Action. 11.55 Mannix. 12.50 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 Film: *The Delphi Bureau*. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 The Protectors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.12 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.00 The Practice. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.35 Flowers Dartsathon '85. 11.00 Film: *Lady Ice*. 12.40 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Outlook. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club; Strangers. 2.30 Arcade. 3.00 Gems. 3.27 TVS News; The Pruitts of Southampton. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 Vintage Quiz. 7.00 The

Practice. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Film: *The Incredible Melting Man*. 12.10 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 Film: *Against A Crooked Sky*. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.30 The Good Neighbour Show. 7.00 The Practice. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 Scene '85. 11.15 The Flowers Dartsathon 1985. 11.45 Kojak. 12.45 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 11.22-11.37 About Wales. 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 Keeping Up with the Joneses. 11.00-12.45 Showdown.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Coping. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 Hart to Hart. 2.30 Look Who's Talking. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 The Moomins. 4.25 How Dare You. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 The Practice. 7.30 Family Fortunes. 8.00 Dempsey and Makepeace. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.10 Film: *The Birds*. 1.20 Graham Kendrick Sings; Closedown.

Winning Post

SEAGRAM: FIT FOR LINGFIELD

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

SEAGRAM (3.00), who returned to form when fourth to Floyd in the William Hill Imperial Cup at Sandown last Saturday looks the likely winner of the Chelsham Handicap Hurdle at LINGFIELD today.

David Barons' Kingsbridge stable has been badly hit by a virus this season, but there have been encouraging signs in the past fortnight, and Seagram should now be fit enough.

The New Zealand-bred gelding won a small novice hurdle at Ludlow last season, then finished seventh to Everseal in a handicap hurdle at Newbury.

Easily his best performance was at the Grand National meeting, when he finished second to Afzal in the Liverpool Hurdle. Anything near that kind of showing today will be good enough.

Lambourn trainer Fred

Winter made a wise decision to switch I Haventalight (3.30) to fences, and the move paid off with a comfortable win over two and a half miles at Sandown last Friday.

Hurdles

The six-year-old was, according to Winter, badly handicapped over hurdles, and may have a better future over fences. There should be no trouble in the staying de-

partment, and I Haventalight and John Francome can follow up their Sandown success by taking the Hennessy Cognac Novices' Chase at Lingfield.

Crisp (2.00), a fine performer when with Jeremy Tree last flat season, made a highly-promising hurdling debut when third to the useful Welsh Warrior at Windsor recently. The experience should have taught him a good deal, so he is expected to take the First Division of the Newleaf Novices Hurdle without too much difficulty.

Nicky Henderson, whose fine recent run culminated in See You Then's Champion Hurdle victory on Tuesday, should enjoy further success today, in the rather less illustrious Marston Novices' Hurdle (Div Two) at WOLVERHAMPTON.

This is the race Henderson has chosen for Into Song (5.15), a promising fifth to

Ashlone on her hurdling debut at Sandown earlier this month. She was not given a hard time on that occasion and should start at a value price against more exposed opposition.

Double

Henderson's stable should initiate a double through Backstreet Guy (4.45) in the Second Division of the Wheaton Novices' Chase. The six-year-old is no world beater, but of his opponents only Come On Sonny has gone more than two races without falling, unseating his rider or pulling up.

Smith's Man (3.15), whom Jenny Pitman hopes will one day make a Grand National horse, should take the Mitton Handicap Chase. Half his six opponents are running with more than their long handicap weight.

SELECTIONS

LINGFIELD: 2.00 Crisp, 2.30 City Boy, 3.00 Seagram (nap), 3.30 I Haventalight (n.b.), 4.00 Cons Pal, 4.30 Media Boy

WOLVERHAMPTON: 2.15 Cherry Melody, 2.45 Night Train, 3.15 Smith's Man, 3.45 Covent Garden, 4.15 Scots Nogger, 4.45 Backstreet Guy, 5.15 Into Song

FAKENHAM: 2.15 Brother Partisan, 2.45 Socher, 3.15 Turn Blue, 3.45 Martineau, 4.15 Leith Hill Flyer, 4.45 Tin Boy

WOLVERHAMPTON

2.15 MARSTON NOV HURDLE DIV 1 £800

1	0	ACTION DAY	J A Old 5 11 4	Mr C Llewellyn (7)
2		ANGOL (CHI)	N J Henderson 5 11 4	J White
6	OP	CHANCE FACT	A J Chamberlain 5 11 4	A Chamberlain
7		CHERRY MELODY	Mrs M Rimell 6 11 4	S Morshead
8	P	DAWN SAGA	R House 5 11 4	Philip Hobbs
12	P0	JON PIPER	B C Morgan 7 11 4	G Williams (7)
14	0	MITRE HOUSE	Earl Jones 5 11 4	J C Doyle
17	0023P2	PASS ASHORE	M Oliver 6 11 4	R Dunwoody
18		ROYAL MASTERPIECE	M Brown 5 11 4	
24	00	MAYGON	Mrs E Kennard 5 10 13	
25	141BU0	SILVA LINDA	F T Winter 7 10 13	B de Haan
28	0	CAN'T DISCLOSE	D Nicholson 4 10 10	P Scudamore
34	0	ROUGH STONES (BF)	Mrs J Pitman 4 10 10	M Pitman (7)
35		STANITAS	P S Felgate 4 10 10	P Dever
41	03	GO ANNA GO	T Bailey 4 10 3	A Webber
43	OP	THATCHOVA	P R Hedger 4 10 5	M Richards

BLINKERS: 43

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Rough Stones, 9-4 Cherry Melody, 9-2 Silva Linda, 8-1 Angol, 10-1 Pass Ashore, 16-1 Go Anna Go, 20-1 others.

2.45 WHISTON 4YO SELLING HURDLE £700

3	0000	ASTON BANK	D R Tucker 11 0	R Dunwoody
4	OP34	BONFIRE	P R Hedger 11 0	M Richards
5	00	BRAVE WORDS	J A Edwards 11 0	P Barton
6	000	COMHAMPTON	F J Yardley 11 0	
8	0	NIGHT TRAIN	G M Moore 11 0	C Pimlott
13	40	TRACY'S	J A Old 11 0	G Bradley
14		ABSENT LOVER	F J Yardley 10 9	R Crank
18	0003	MAYSPIRING	Lady S Brooke 10 9	J Bryan
23	0	UPLAND GOOSE	Mrs D Williams 10 9	T Wall

BLINKERS: 3, 4

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Orbital Manoeuvres, 3-1 Night Train, 9-2 Brave Words, 5-1 Tracy's, 8-1 Bonfire, 10-1 Absent Lover, 14-1 others.

3.15 MITTON HANDICAP CHASE £2,000

1	1430-00	FETHARD FRIEND	J A Edwards 10 11 7	P Barton
3	204413	FRED PILLINER (BF)	M Scudamore 8 10 12	P Scudamore
4	121113	SMITH'S MAN (C)	Mrs J Pitman 7 10 10	B de Haan
6	10FF-00	SOLIHULL SPORT	J L Spearing 11 10 6	S Morshead
12	22211P-	TAMDHU	H Dale 12 10 0	Susan Wilton (7)
14	20F-F20	MINT STREAK (BF)	Mrs E Kennard 9 10 0	
18	12-0323	ROCKIN BERRY	Mrs M Evans 10 10 0	Mr T Jackson

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Smith's Man, 11-4 Fred Pilliner, 6-1 Fethard Friend, 10-1 Solihull Sport, 16-1 Tamdhu and Mint Streak, 20-1 Rockin Berry.

3.45 WHEATON ASTON NOV. CHASE (DIV 1) £1,500

1	033132	COVENT GARDEN (USA)	W Clay 7 11 4	S J O'Neill
3	P33P00	BARNABY RUDGE	Peter Taylor 7 10 12	
4	00-0240	BROWN BLAZER	R C Armitage 7 10 12	A Webber
5	00	CANDY PARK	N A Gaselee 6 10 12	V McKevitt
8	100-F4P	FAME THE SPUR	Mrs J Pitman 7 10 12	B de Haan
10	422-04P	HOPEFUL SAINT	D H Nugent 7 10 12	P Barton
11	PP0	LAKEFIELD	J M Bukovets 6 10 12	J Sutherland
22	U0F000-	WOODLANDS GENSET	P A Pritchard 7 10 12	C Mann
24	0000	LADY SHOT	M Olive 6 10 7	R Dunwoody

BLINKERS: 1, 4

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Covent Garden, 5-1 Fame The Spur, 6-1 Brown Blazer, 8-1 Hopeful Saint, 14-1 Candy Park, 16-1 others.

4.15 LAPLEY NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE £1,600

3	3-2B122	MOUNT HARVARD (BF)	N J Henderson 9 11 7	J White
4	2410P1	SCOTS NOGGER (D)	J L Spearing 10 11 6	P Warner
5	P	MELADON	R Hollinshead 12 11 5	D Carcary (7)
7	0-23301	LOCHRUN	Mrs J Pitman 6 10 11	
8	00-0F31	THE CLEAVER (D)	O O'Neill 9 10 10	A Webb
9	P0/00-21	ESSEX	J M Bukovets 10 10 10	J Sutherland
14	0-0F03P	BARGILL	F T Winter 6 10 6	B de Haan
16	230/P2-0	GRAND REVIEW	Mrs W Sykes 9 10 3	S Morshead
17	410-0P0	FURZEN HILL	J S King 6 10 3	P Scudamore
21	0F-PB3P	CAPTAIN PAT	J H Baker 9 10 0	P Richard
22	3-002F0	HINTON CORNER	P Hayward 8 10 0	C Mann
23	0U0P00	OLULAT HILL	M Oliver 9 10 0	R Dunwoody
25	F30F-PP	CONICULATE	C F Lee 9 10 0	S Johnson
28	FF0P/PF	COSMIC OCCASION	M G Reid 10 10 0	P Carvill
29	00P/FP	LITTLE BUSKINELLE	J Cosgrave 8 10 0	

BLINKERS: 28

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Scots Nogger, 7-2 Lochrun, 5-1 Mount Harvard, 6-1 Essex, 8-1 The Cleaver, 10-1 Bargill, 16-1 Grand Review, 20-1 others.

4.45 WHEATON ASTON NOV. CHASE DIV 2 £1,500

2	00314	BACKSTREET GUY	N J Henderson 6 10 12	J White
6	F43040	COME ON SONNY	K B White 6 10 12	M Brisbane
12	0F0	LEAN ORT	R A Perkins 7 10 12	Dai Williams
16	0PFP00	MORGANS GOLD	P A Pritchard 6 10 12	C Mann
17	P400-FU	PETROCELLI	R T Jukes 7 10 12	G Williams (7)
18	0F-R40P	PRIDE O'FIFE	J A Edwards 7 10 12	P Barton
20	000-F0	SOME MELODY	Mrs M Rimell 6 10 12	S Morshead
25	P-POPP	RANDAM JEST	Mrs E Kennard 6 10 7	

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Backstreet Guy, 4-1 Come On Sonny, 6-1 Pride O'Fife, 10-1 Some Melody, 16-1 Petrocelli, 20-1 others.

5.15 MARSTON NOVICES' HURDLE DIV II £800

2	04-0	CAPA	O O'Neill 5 11 4	J Sutherland
3	30	FIFTY BUCKS	Mrs M Rimell 5 11 4	S Morshead
11		IVANTER	T N Bailey 5 11 4	A Webber
16		RAWLINSON	Mrs J Pitman 7 11 4	B de Haan
20	F-	BRADWELL GIRL	Earl Jones 5 10 13	J C Doyle
22	0	INTO SONG	N J Henderson 6 10 13	J White
23	P	LOUISE JESSICA	C F Jackson 5 10 13	J Burke
26	0	ANOTHER NORFOLK	B A McMahon 4 10 10	T Wall
27		ARBITRAGE	J Mahon 4 10 10	G Newman
28		BANDALANT	D R Gandolfo 4 10 10	P Barton
30	04	BOLNINE	P R Hedger 4 10 10	M Richards
31		DARK COMIC	J S King 4 10 10	P Scudamore
34	440	LUCIETES	F Jordan 4 10 10	R Hyett
35	0	MEDES	A P James 4 10 10	G Jones
36	0442	MEESON GRANGE	J Berry 4 10 10	
37	04	NOTTA POPSI	J L Spearing 4 10 10	R Dickman
40		TROUVERE	Mrs J Pitman 4 10 10	M Pitman (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Into Song, 4-1 Meeson Grange, 9-2 Rawlinson End, 5-1 Fifty Bucks, 13-2 Lucietes, 10-1 Notta Popsi and Trouvere, 12-1 Boldine and Capa, 16-1 others.

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LINGFIELD

2.00 NEWLEAF NOVICES' HURDLE DIV I £800

2	0300	APRIL PRINCE	F Winter 11 0	J Francome
6		CANUCK CLOWN	D Oughton 11 0	P Double
7	3	CRISP	C Read 11 0	M Perrett
9	U000P0	FREE BUCK	I Campbell 11 0	R Campbell
11	00	HAUTES TERRES	A Moore 11 0	J Akehurst
13		INDIAN SIGN	O Sherwood 11 0	R Linley
14		LONGCROSS	N Henderson 11 0	S Smith Eccles
15		MARINERS WHISTLE	D Barons 11 0	H Davies
16		MERDON MONARCH	R Sheather 11 0	
17		MISCHIEVOUS MONK	R Gow 11 0	A Madgwick (4)
18		MUQADAR (USA)	O Sherwood 11 0	R Rowe
21	0	NOBLE MOUNT	M Pipe 11 0	P Leach
23	20	ROYAL CRAFTSMAN	Mrs N Smith 11 0	C Brown
25	004034	STAMPY	J Bridger 11 0	R Goldstein
28	04P	YAZEED (USA)	A Davison 11 0	
30	P0	BEAU'S GIRL	Mrs P Townsley 10 9	Mr P Townsley
33	0	GOLDEN BUNTING	R Voorspu 10 9	T Bathe (7)
35		RAGINDA	M J Haynes 10 9	
36		STRAIGHT GIN	A J Taylor 10 9	Mr A J Taylor

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Crisp, 100-30 Longcross, 6-1 April Prince, 8-1 Muqadar, 10-1 Royal Craftsman, 14-1 Merton Monarch and Stampy, 20-1 others.

2.30 GIFT HORSE NOVICES' HUNTERS' CHASE £1,000

1	3-12	CITY BOY	Mrs J Mann 10 12 7	Mr T Thomson Jones
2	1	ROBSON (D)	P Greenall 7 12 7	Mr P Greenall
3	P/P	ABBEY SUN	K Bailey 11 12 0	Mr C Brookes
4	OP0	ARROW NEWS	G Balding 9 12 0	Mr D Yates (7)
5	200/P-	BOOK OF PROVERBS	P Savill 7 12 0	Mr P Savill (7)
6	420P/00-	BRANDYLAND	W Haynes 12 12 0	Miss T Wright (7)
7	FFU0	CUMBERBUND	M Davies 11 12 0	Mr T Grantham (7)
9	4	GIOLLA FIOR	B Hawker 12 12 0	Mr B Hawker
13	00000P/	MASTER AT ARMS	K Roberts 7 12 0	
15		MR PILCHARD	D Marley 10 12 0	Mr D Marley (7)
16		NEAR RUM	A Jessop 9 12 0	Mr A Jessop (7)
17	0FP3P0-	USTED ARRIBA	Mrs P Townsley 10 12 0	Mr P Townley
18	004PPP/	ARENIG	F Harvey 10 11 9	

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 City Boy, 9-4 Robson, 6-1 Giolla Fior, 12-1 Near Rum, 20-1 Brandyland, 25-1 Usted Arriba, 33-1 others.

RESULTS

CHELSTENHAM

2.15 (2m): **FIRST BOUT** S Smith Eccles (5-1); Against The Grain (40-1); Nohaimdun (12-1); Humberdale Lady (25-1); 27 ran. 1, 1/2. (N Henderson) T: £6.20; £2.50, £7.40, £2. CSF: £148.59. NR: Archie's Nephew, Hard Line and Pike's Peak.
2.50 (3m 2f): **ELMBOY** Mr A Hill (10-1); Border Burg (16-1); Talon (66-1); Compton Lad (25-1); 17 ran. 12, 7. (W Mawle) T: £13.90; £3.20, £3, £11. CSF: £144.65.
3.30 (3m 2f): **FORGIVE N FORGET** M Dwyer (7-1); Righthand Man (15-2); Earls Brig (13-2); Drumadowney (9-1); 15 ran. 1/2, 2 1/2. (J FitzGerald) T: £7.70; £2.10, £2, £2.30. CSF: £50.19. NR: Excursion.
4.05 (3m 1f): **WEST TIP** R Dunwoody (6-1); Acarine (25-1); Run And Skip (16-1); Another Duke (50-1); 20 ran. 4, 4. (M Oliver) T: £4.40; £1.10, £8.60, £2.50, £19.80. CSF: £132.18. NR: Going Straight and Charter Party.
4.40 (2m): **FLOYD** C Brown (5-2 fav); Comedy Fair (11-2); Herbert United (8-1); Prideaux Boy (9-1); 27 ran. nk, 3. (D Elsworth) T: £3, £1.70, £1.20, £1.30, £3.20. CSF: £17.69. NR: Light Traveller and Swedish Pine.
5.15 (2m 4f): **STRAIGHT ACCORD** S Shilton (15-2); Connaught River (50-1); Classified (11-8 fav); Kililowen (11-4); 8 ran. 1, 3. (F Walwyn) T: £9.10; £2.10, £1.80, £1.20. CSF: £180.83.

HEXHAM

2.00 (2m): **GENNARO** P A Charlton (6-1); Grey Wonder (5-2 fav); Campus Boy (7-1); Travel Home (33-1); 16 ran. 12, 3. (M Naughton) T: £7.70; £2.40, £1.50, £2.80. CSF: £23.16.
2.30 (2m): **PRESS GANG** T G Dun (6-4 fav); Velled City (11-4); Sir Badsworth (10-1); Coeur Valiant (7-1); 7 ran. 8, 15. (J S Wilson) T: £2.40; £1.50, £2.60. CSF: £6.38.
3.05 (2m): **TEEJAY** R Hatfield (14-1); Holly Buoy (6-4 fav); The Beginning (14-1); Bertie Me Boy (7-1); 11 ran. 3, 6. (P J Bevan) T: £10.50; £2.90, £1.10, £3.20. CSF: £36.14.
3.45 (3m): **MEGGIES DENE** J Hansen (10-1); Strawhill (4-1); Worthy Heires (7-1); Citadel Rock (8-1); 9 ran. 1 1/2, 20. (Miss M Benson) T: £12.90; £2.10, £2.50, £2.10. CSF: £51.34.
4.20 (3m): **HAZY DAY** K Jones (11-8 fav); Purple Beam (4-1); Joyful Star (9-2); Super Tony (16-1); 10 ran. 5, 20. (W A Stephenson) T: £2.20; £1, £2, £1.50. CSF: £7.04. NR: Cool Trickster.
4.55 (2m): **STARSHOT** Mr D J Swindlehurst (9-2); Blackwell Boy (11-8 on fav); Cool Jamie (8-1); Magwood (33-1); 11 ran. 1/2, 20. (D Swindlehurst) T: £3.70; £1.80, £1.20, £2.60. CSF: £9.33. NR: Lady Locket.

3.00 CHELSHAM HANDICAP HURDLE £3,000

2	012200	RHYTHMIC PASTIMES (D)	J Jenkins 5 11 7	J Francome
4	0-023P0	SENR ROMANA	C Holmes 6 10 6	A Webb
5	P03004	SEAGRAM (NZ)(D)	D Barons 5 10 2	H Davies
6	00-01F0	SILVER MAID (C-D)(BF)	M Pipe 6 10 0	
7	000320	BARRERA LAD (USA)(C-D)	D Elsworth 5 10 0	R Arnett (4)
8	20-0002	MORVERN	W Musson 6 10 0	C Smith
9	0-00002	MARINE	G Balding 7 10 0	B Reilly
11	0020-	LOAN CHARGE (D)	J C Berry 9 10 0	C Brown
12	00FPPP	CHARJIM (C)(D)	A Moore 7 10 0	J Akehurst
17	2F11P2	TUDOR BOB	C Holmes 7 10 0	A Webb

BLINKERS: 8

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Seagram, 7-2 Rhythmic Pastimes, 9-2 Barrera Lad, 6-1 Morvern, 7-1 Silver Maid, 10-1 Tudor Bob, 16-1 Marine, 20-1 others.

3.30 HENNESSY COGNAC NOVICES' CHASE £2,000

2	0-00241	I HAVENTALIGHT	F Winter 6 11 8	J Francome
4	1-0P140	NAVAJO BRAVE (USA)	J Fitch-Heyes 7 11 8	R Goldstein
6	0021403	ARMATRIST	N Wheeler 6 11 3	Mr N Wheeler
7	FF0P00	BROOKLANDS (NZ)	D Barons 8 11 3	H Davies
13	P0-F44P	LAUREL HILL	I Dudgeon 8 11 3	Mr T Thomson Jones
15	U04P	PANDA MAN	R Gow 6 11 3	A Madgwick (4)
19	0020P0	TEN BELOW	Lady Herries 7 11 3	M Kinane
24	1440/F4	DIRECT CALL	M E Francis 8 10 12	M Perrett
25	P0-	QUEEN FRANCESCA	Mrs B Dukes 14 10 12	Mr T Grantham (7)
26	13-0040	TIC-ON-ROSE	Mrs B Waring 8 10 12	E Walte

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HAMMERS SPUR REVENGE!

JOHN
LYALL

REVENGE will be the spur as West Ham attempt to put an end to their reputation as Upton Park fall guys against Manchester United tonight.

Manager John Lyall is convinced his side can have a say in the destination of the League title, with games against Everton, Spurs and Liverpool to come.

But first West Ham must halt an Upton Park slide which threatens their First Division status, with only five points taken from their last eight home games. And the memory of last weekend's FA Cup exit at Manchester United should be all the motivation West Ham need.

Lyall says: 'Our home record has been poor. Although we've had some good Cup wins, in the League we've got in front and then sat back on our advantage.

'I've stressed to my players that they can't afford to do that against sides of the calibre of Manchester United.

'But we were encouraged by our performance at Old Trafford. We played well and on many other days it would have been good enough to win.'

Alan Devonshire, still struggling with influenza, is unlikely to be fit for the live televised game, but Geoff Pike resumed training yesterday after a

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groin strain and may be in contention.

Manchester United, delighted by Tuesday's win at Spurs, will move to within a point of leaders Everton if they win.

But manager Ron Atkinson faces a selection poser, with England captain Bryan Robson pressing for a first team return after his shoulder injury.

Drawn

Without Robson, United have won seven and drawn twice, and mid-field stop-gap Norman Whiteside scored a hat-trick from that position against West Ham in the Cup.

Aston Villa begin their attempt to interfere in the Championship, at home to Everton with trips to Old Trafford and White Hart Lane to follow immediately.



GEOFF PIKE . . . Fit to face United tonight

But injuries and suspension could diminish their impact, with Colin Gibson suspended and former Goodison favourite Steve McMahon and Paul Birch struggling. Striker Paul Rideout also will be missing, while Everton will be without Peter Reid.

Spurs could not have faced a tougher fixture in which to repair Tuesday's damage — a trip to Champions Liverpool, where they have not won since 1912.

Ian Rush wrecked their bid to lift the jinx in the FA Cup in January and warmed up for Saturday's clash with a Cup hat-trick at Barnsley on Sunday.

Spurs' Danny Thomas could be the player to fill the gap caused by Gary

Stevens' knee injury against United that puts him out for the rest of the season. Former Coventry full back Thomas has made only one full appearance this season.

Southampton, 33-1 title outsiders, may have been underrated. They have matches against all four of their big-city rivals to come and eight of their last 13 games at the Dell.

And, having won four of their last League outings, they will expect to continue to challenge at home to bottom-club Stoke.

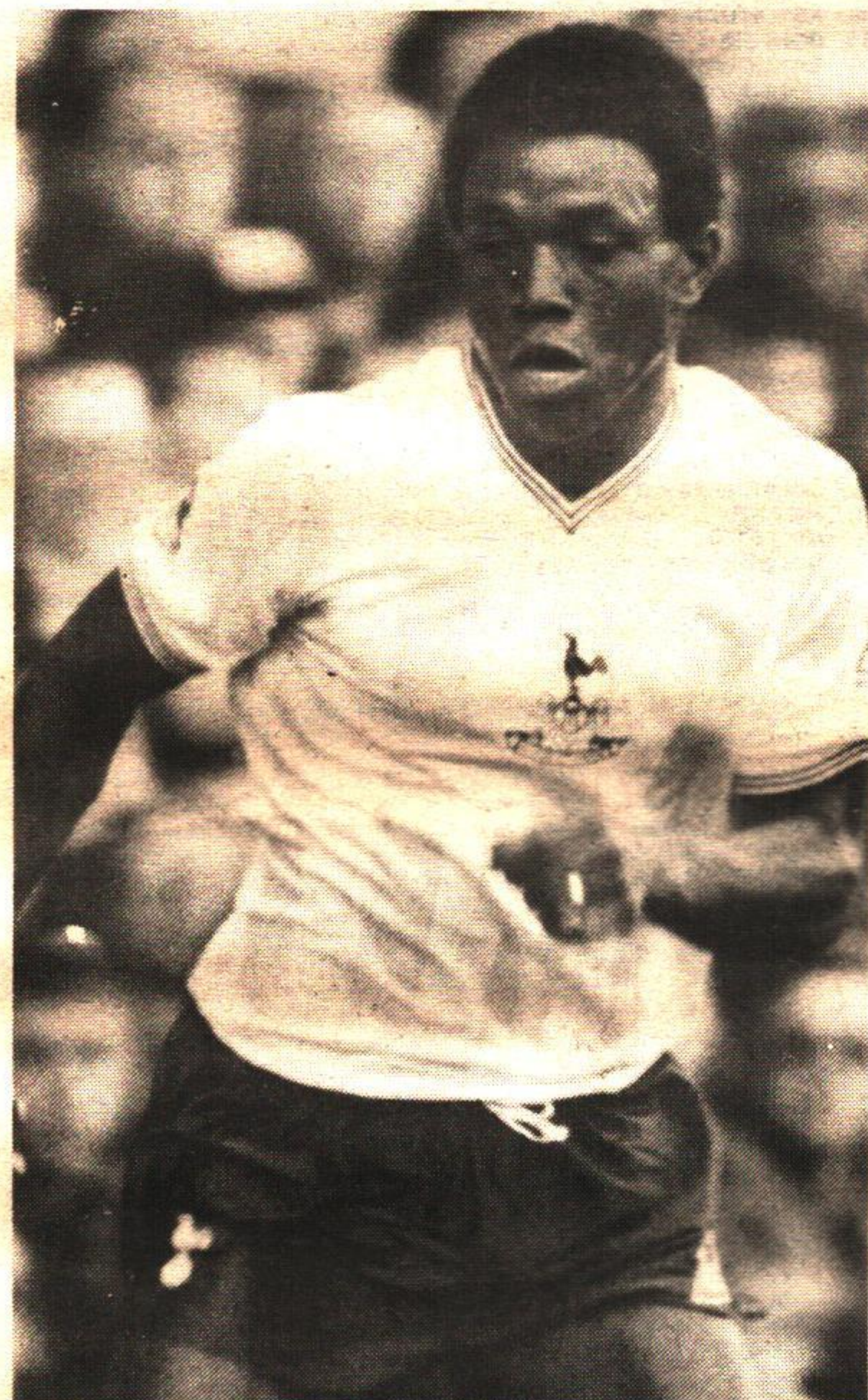
Arsenal will attempt to stay on the fringe with a game against Leicester at Highbury, having beaten them 4-1 in October.

If Everton are ever tempted to count their chickens a night too early, they have only to look down a division to see how quickly a title charge can turn into a slump.

Oxford, just two points from five games, and Blackburn, seven from nine, are now scrambling to stay in touch with in-form sides like Manchester City, Birmingham and Portsmouth.

Blackburn could go back into second place if they beat visitors Birmingham tomorrow, having won comfortably 2-0 at St Andrews earlier in the season.

And Oxford, with games in hand, will hope the return of Irish striker Billy Hamilton will restore their fortunes. They are at Brighton.



DANNY THOMAS . . . Back in Tottenham's plans

FAKENHAM

2.15 HOLKHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICES' HURDLE £800 (4-Y-O) 2m (15 runners)

1	0P0P1	MISCHIEVOUS JACK	J J Scallan 11.6	Williams
2	010	BROTHER PARTISAN	W J Musson 11.6	Gina Hensman
3	4P44	ALCINOUS	B Preece 10.10	P Millar (4)
5	0000	CANARIM	T S Bulgin 10.10	M Howitt (4)
7	0	EMMETTS PROVIDENCE	W Charles 10.10	S Lovejoy (4)
10	00	JUST AUTUMN (USA)	A P Jarvis 10.10	K Burke
11	P	KIRK BRIDGE	M C Chapman 10.10	M Hoad
13	0	NASR	P Butler 10.10	M Hoad
14	00	QUALITY CHORISTER	R Champion 10.10	J Duggan
16	P000	SQUIRES GOLD	M Dickinson 10.10	M Bowly
17	300	TACHADOR	R J Hodges 10.10	S Earle
19	000	PRINCESS POSSUM	P Mitchell 10.5	A Wright
20	0	ROCKY'S GAL	W Holden 10.5	K Townend
22	0P0	STREET LEVEL	H O'Neill 10.5	K Supple
23	FRP	SUMMERHILL GOLD	Miss A Sinclair 10.5	Miss F Millen (4)

BLINKERS: 13, 16, 23

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Princess Possum, 7-2 Brother Partisan, 4-1 Tachador, 7-1 Just Autumn, 8-1 Mischievious Jack, 10-1 Alcinous, 12-1 Street Level, 14-1 others.

2.45 WYMONDHAM SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £700 2m (16 runners)

5	320P04	TOUGH CUSTOMER	H C Westbrook 5.11.7	G McCourt
6	210-00F	BLACKBOOSH	J R Bosley 6.11.5	Mr M Bosley (7)
7	000	ANSWER TO PRAYER	D T Thom 6.11.3	Mr D Murphy (4)
8	P4100	RIX WOODCOCK	G Kindersley 4.11.2	M Howitt (4)
10	01P000	MAINZ BRIG	A Madwar 6.11.0	J McLaughlin
11	F00	FULL OF SPEED	H O'Neill 4.11.0	M Hammond
12	U00034	SAFFRON POSER	R J Hodges 5.10.13	J Barlow
14	030003	ARNAB	L Wordingham 5.10.11	M Hoad (7)
18	F00	MISTY ROCKET	R P Hoad 4.10.8	M Hoad (7)
22	4P-P0P0	YOUNG LOFTY	B Preece 5.10.6	R Arnott (4)
23	00002	SOCHER	A P Ingham 4.10.5	Vicki Harris (7)
24	U0000	JACKS FOLLEY	J L Harris 4.10.5	K Burke (7)
25	00P	NEGRESKO	G G Morgan 4.10.5	I Williams (7)
26	00-PP4	PRINCE LAFITE	J J Scallan 5.10.5	M Bastard
27	000-000	KELLY'S FESTIVAL	Mrs P Slay 6.10.5	S McNeill
29	0340	DOWNTOWN FOXY	D S Ringer 4.10.5	S McNeill

BLINKERS: 26, 27
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Socher, 3-1 Saffron Poser, 5-1 Rix Woodcock, 6-1 Tough Customer, 10-1 Arnab, 12-1 Prince Lafite, 14-1 Downton Foxy, 16-1 others.

3.15 CURRY AND PENNICK NOVICES' CHASE £1,000 3m (12 runners)

1	10	TURN BLUE	R Champion 6.11.12	M McCourt
3	PP0-UFF	BEECHWOOD LAD	M B Connell 6.11.5	S McNeill
4	004/000	CANFORD LAD	P D Haynes 8.11.5	R Strong
5	F22/4F-	CAPPING	P W Harris 10.11.5	M Hammond
6	20-P0B0	COMMANDER CHRISTY	H O'Neill 9.11.5	S Shilston
7	PP	LADBROKES LEISURE	W T Kemp 11.11.5	Mrs C Elliott (7)
8	00PFF-P	RHYTHM STICK	M A Rawlings 8.11.5	Mr S Sherwood
10	UP23	SHOW ME THE WAY	K C Bailey 10.11.5	J A Harris
11	0FFU-P0	SIT AND WAIT	G F Lee 8.11.5	G Moore
13	0-P0332	TRICKY BUSINESS	A Moore 7.11.5	J McLaughlin
14	FF0-PPP	TURENNE'S LAST	J J Scallan 12.11.5	M Brennan
16	0021-0P	WILLIE'S GIG	O Brennan 7.11.5	M Brennan

BLINKERS: 4
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Turn Blue, 100-30 Show Me The Way, 5-1 Tricky Business, 8-1 Commander Christy, 12-1 Willie's Gig, 14-1 Canford Lad, 20-1 others.

3.45 FAKENHAM HUNTERS' CHASE £1,000 2m 5f (15 runners)

2	20/P311-	SALDATORE (C)	J M Turner 8.12.2	Mr D Turner
3	P/0FUU1-	JACK OF ALL TRADES	J S Delahooke 9.11.12	Mr A Hill (7)
4	P122-21	RUGY	R G Weaving 9.11.12	Mr J Wrathall (7)
5	121U/21-	SWIFT WOOD (C-D)	D A Wales 11.11.11	Mr W Wales (7)
7	0U4U0/P	BIG BEN (FR)	R Fox 11.11.7	Mr P Harding-Jones (7)
8	PF0P4-F	FOUR POSTER	R L C Brown 9.11.7	Mr S Bullard (7)
10	P4203-3	JUST LIKE THAT	M D Trusler 13.11.7	Miss S Belcher (7)
11	143/UPP-	LIGHTVALE (C)	R J Case 11.11.7	Mr T Moore (7)
12	4P0P/42-	LOANAN	S N Wilshire 9.11.7	Mrs L Gibbon
13	3F/P30P-	LORD JOHN	P Newton 9.11.7	Mr N Morris (7)
14	3	MARTINEAU	Mrs A Villar 6.11.7	Mr S Cowell (7)
15	43-	MESMERIST	A C L Smith 12.11.7	Mr C Lee-Smith (7)
16	0030-00	MY BUCK	P C Clarke 13.11.7	Mr P Clarke (7)
17	03-F	PRYDEL	R Champion 7.11.7	Mr S Hulze (7)

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18 11P/3- ROUNDTOWN C Sparshott 12.11.7 Mr R Lawther (7)

BLINKERS: 2
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Swift Wood, 4-1 Martineau, 5-1 Rugby, 7-1 Saldatore, 10-1 Jack of All Trades, 12-1 Just Like That, 14-1 Roundtown, 16-1 others.

4.15 SWAFFHAM HANDICAP CHASE £1,700 2m 5f (9 runners)

2	1UP041	SEA SPLASH (C)	O Brennan 9.11.9	M Brennan
3	0-12211	OVERSWAY (C-D)	Mrs D Haine 8.11.7	J Barlow
4	0/11122	LEIGHT HILL FLYER (C)	P Mitchell 9.11.0	Mr S Sherwood
5	004400	GREENWAYS	A P Jarvis 10.10.10	Peter Hobbs
8	F00430	MOOD MUSIC	R J Hodges 13.10.9	Miss C Saunders (7)
9	3U3331	PRINCE CARLTON (C)	Mrs J Bloom 10.10.7	J Duggan (4)
10	203322	ABO ACE (BF)	R Champion 7.10.0	S McNeill
12	F00000	SLIP O'GRACE	G King 8.10.0	M Hammond
13	40003P	HANOVER PRINCE	G R Graham 10.10.0	J Barlow

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Leith Hill Flyer, 3-1 Oversway, 9-2 Sea Splash, 6-1 Abo Ace, 8-1 Prince Carlton, 10-1 Greenways, 14-1 others.

4.45 LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE £1,200 2m (14 runners)

3	213431	BATON MATCH (D)	M C Chapman 5.11.10 (5 ex)	Mr M Bosley (7)
7	302000	OUI MONSIEUR	J R Bosley 11.11.7	M Hammond
8	00F400	GOLDORATION (C-D)	H O'Neill 10.11.5	Peter Hobbs
9	140020	TOMMY TUDOR	R J Hodges 5.11.4	G Moore
10	0000-00	END OF ERA (C-D)	A Moore 7.11.3	M Brennan
11	204100	MILORE	O Brennan 7.11.3	J McLaughlin
12	31P004	QUALITAIR PRINCE	M J Ryan 6.11.0	M Wilson (4)
13	00UU-10	DOLLYMIXTURE BOY	R W Armstrong 7.11.0	S McNeill
15	320202	TIN BOY	D S Ringer 6.10.12	J Barlow
16	0010	DIENAU'S TROVE	H J Collingridge 4.10.7	Mrs C Elliott (7)
17	212-000	PADDYS BELLE	D C Tucker 5.10.6	
18	3420F-0	NOTIKI	J Twibell 10.10.2	
20	PPP00-0	WARWICK COTTAGE	M A Rawlings 8.10.0	
21	000/P-0U	WISSINGTON JOY	P J Poston 8.10.0	Mr P Harding-Jones (7)

BLINKERS: 12
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Tin Boy, 5-1 Paddys Belle, 6-1 Baton Match and Qualitair Prince, 8-1 Dollymixture Boy, 10-1 Goldoration and End of Era, 12-1 Milore, 14-1 Dienau's Trove, 16-1 others.

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BLUES STILL ON TARGET

EVERTON's pursuit of the treble goes on, but Ipswich have nothing left this season but a desperate battle against the threat of relegation.

The contrasting fortunes of the two clubs were graphically illustrated at Portman Road last Wednesday night as luck stayed with Everton on their way to a 1-0 victory in the FA Cup quarter final replay.

Ipswich can certainly consider themselves unlucky to have been beaten by the penalty which Graeme Sharp, Everton's top scorer, converted 14 minutes from time.

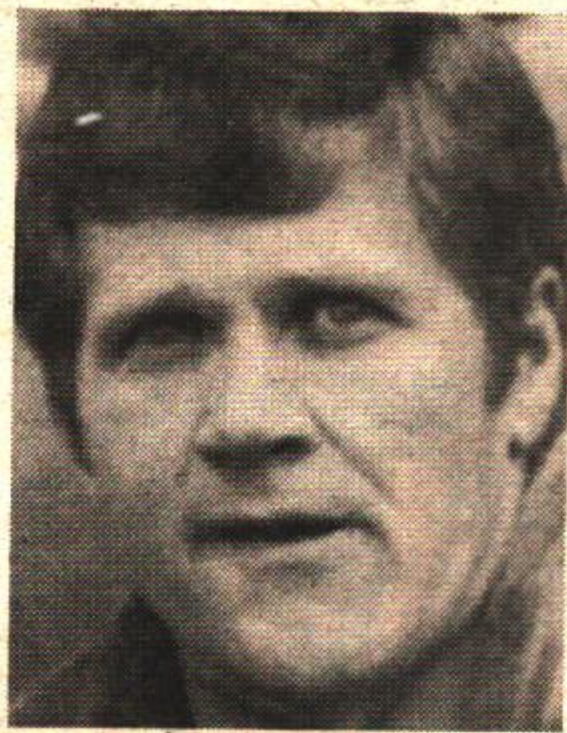
The spot kick was awarded when Sharp's harmless looking cross suddenly reared up and struck Ipswich substitute Russell Osman on the arm. Referee Alan Robinson decided that the offence was intentional, despite Ipswich's assertions to the contrary.

Bounced

Osman said: 'I went to play the ball and it bounced up and hit me in the arm. It was definitely unintentional.'

Ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson added: 'It was a very harsh decision. We lost an important game on the referee's interpretation of the laws.'

If Ipswich needed any further confirmation that it was not to be their night, they got it five minutes from time when a shot by Steve McCall hit



BOBBY FERGUSON

the post with Everton goalkeeper Neville Southall hopelessly beaten.

Ferguson said: 'We were both well worth extra time and I think we would have won if the game had gone on that far.'

It was Ipswich's second bitter disappointment in a week. Seven days earlier they were knocked out of the Milk Cup by Norwich and they now have a long struggle to try to climb out of the First Division bottom three.

They are currently six points away from safety

although they have three games in hand on Sunderland, the club closest to them.

Ferguson said: 'We've had two great runs and nothing at the end of it but if we pull clear of relegation I will think we've had a great year and I fully expect us to do that.'

Return

Everton, meanwhile, can look forward to a quick return to Wembley as they will be clear favourites when they meet Luton in the semi-final at Villa Park on April 12.

They also lead the First Division and, barring a disaster, should next week clinch a place in the last four of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Everton manager Howard Kendall diplomatically refused to be drawn on Wednesday night's penalty incident. He said: 'If you go out of the FA Cup on a penalty, the reaction is bound to be one of disappointment. But the referee was very close to it and he had no doubts.'



GRAEME SHARP . . . His goal sent Everton into the semi-finals

McFarlane chases bonanza

MIKE MCFARLANE, Britain's top sprinter, can help himself to a cash bonanza this summer courtesy of British Rail.

He will lead a dash to find Britain's fastest man in a new series of races for the British Rail sprint trophy.

The 24-year-old European 60-metres indoor champion, who was fifth in the Olympic Games last summer, will battle against this country's leading sprinters over 100-metres.

Meetings

The challenge, for men and women, will be held at three meetings this summer, in a Grand Prix-style challenge at Meadowbank on July 23rd, Gateshead on August 9th, and the final at Crystal Palace on August 26th.

The overall winners of the men and women's finals will collect £2,500, with the junior men's champion taking £500.

Top prizes of £300 will also be on offer for the successful athletes in the opening two rounds.

And there is a £5,000 bonus for any athlete breaking a British record.

British Rail are also providing £39,000 to support the Scottish Championships and Welsh Games, and the overall sponsorship package is worth £150,000 over three years.

Mark's Wembley target

MARK PROCTOR is making a last-ditch attempt to play in the Milk Cup final.

The Sunderland midfielder has been out of action since tearing a groin in the defeat at Newcastle on January 1, but was in the reserves at Port Vale last night.

Proctor's recovery has been boosted by injections in the groin area and manager Len Ashurst will decide after training whether to risk the former England Under-21 international.

Reuben Agboola, who missed Tuesday's 1-1 draw against Watford with bruised ribs, is expected to return for tomorrow's Milk Cup final rehearsal at Norwich.

Gary Bennett, who injured an ankle in midweek, is doubtful.

RUGBY LEAGUE . . . AND UNION

Hull KR chase top spot

THE BATTLE for the Rugby League Championship continues this weekend, with all the top clubs playing vital games.

Favourites Hull KR have a great chance of going back to the top of the table by beating Castleford tonight.

The Yorkshire side easily made it to the Challenge Cup semi-final, hammering Second Division Bramley last week.

But their League form is still very shaky and it is doubtful that they are capable of halting Hull KR's march back to the top.

Wigan have the easiest game, taking on already relegated Workington at Central Park on Sunday.

The Cumbrian team have only won one League game all season and have just placed 12 players on the transfer list.

St Helens scored 62 points against them last week and Wigan should do something similar.

Saints themselves are

playing at Halifax, who wrecked Wigan's chance of equalling the record of 13 successive League wins when they held them to a 12-all draw on Wednesday.

Slumped

Unlike Wigan though, St Helens have only the League to go for and are unlikely to let Halifax stand in their way.

The form of Widnes has

slumped dramatically over the past few weeks. A series of defeats has ended any hope they had of taking the Championship.

Then on Wednesday Hull beat them 19-12 to knock them out of the Challenge Cup.

All of this will be forgotten for 80 minutes on Sunday, however. The derby

match with Warrington is always special and this one has extra spice, because it sees the return of Andy Gregory to Norton Park.

Warrington's world-record signing will be hoping for a winning return to his old ground, especially as his new team needs the points urgently to pull them-

selves clear of the relegation zone.

Second Division leaders Swinton are at home at second-placed York. The Lions have gone from strength to strength after their disastrous defeat at Salford in the first round of the Cup.

They should beat York to keep on course for the title at First Division rug-

by next season.

● Sunday also sees Great Britain's return Test match against France at

including three from high-flying Wigan, winner Phil Ford, hooker Nick Kiss and second rower Shawn Wane.

Changes

Perpignan. Coach Morris Banford has made eight changes from the side that destroyed France 50 points to 4 at Headingley in the first Test.

There are six new caps,

Bamford clearly intends to give as many players a game as possible in preparation for the visit of New Zealand later in the year and it will take an incredible amount of change for France to beat even this new-look British team.

'Tigers' lose ground appeal

INTERNATIONAL rugby player William 'Dusty' Hare, one of three Leicester players who joined the England Rugby Union tour of racist South Africa last year, yesterday lost an appeal challenging the city council's ban on the club using recreation ground facilities for a year.

By a 2-1 majority, three appeal judges dismissed an appeal by six members of the Leicester 'Tigers' against a Leicester City Council decision last Au-

gust banning the club from using the Welford Road recreation ground for a year.

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a youth team. It has been using the Welford Road pitch for matches — not

first team — and training since the war.

The court had been told that the council had reacted angrily when three club members, including Hare, joined the South African tour.

Leicester has a large Asian and West Indian population, a large proportion of whom regarded the players' departure to South Africa as an insult.

The club, the court was told, was multi-racial and

condemned South Africa's apartheid policies.

The council's recreation ground ban forced members to travel by coach to other grounds for training and club officials said that had damaged morale.

The players' appeal was from a decision of Justice Forbes who held that the council was covered by the 1976 Race Relations Act. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Lord Justice Ackner, giving a reserved judgement, said the council considered the club to occupy an important role in the life of the city. It was identified with Leicester and, on account of its standing and prestige in the sporting world, would be seen as an 'ambassador' for Leicester.

Council

Last April, the council asked the club to press the Rugby Football Union and the three club members to

call off the South African tour.

The club replied by saying it joined with the council in condemning apartheid but it recognised that there were differences of opinion over the way in which barriers of apartheid could be broken down.

It pointed out that although the government was opposed to the tour, it had not declared sporting contacts illegal or applied sanctions to those involved in tours.

Jumping on the bandwagon

BY ROBERT JAMES

IT WAS a case of 'Millwall bashing' from every side of the House of Commons yesterday.

Politicians, as usual, used the Kenilworth Road fiasco as a chance to get into the public eye once again while football administrators, not known for their social awareness, also jumped on the bandwagon.

Reactionary Tory MPs came forward with their inevitable calls for birching and 'eye-for-eye' policies, while right-wing Labourites soon followed.

The most ingenious — and original — of these were Don Concannon's call for the possible use of water cannon at football matches.

Tory MP Terry Dicks set the ball rolling with his remark: 'Animals should be treated like animals.'

'The sooner we bring



JOHN CARLISLE
... Advocating the birch

back corporal punishment and birching the better,' he said.

His fellow back bencher John Carlisle, who attended the match, waded in with a suggestion that a law should be introduced to allow birching of football hooligans.

But Carlisle's comments were to get 'better'.

'The time is long past for discussion papers and



SPORTS minister Neil Macfarlane

mouthed statements. People want to see some kind of response,' he said.

'There should be legislation to give magistrates powers to impose stiffer sentences on these yobs and, if need be, inflict on them the physical violence which they inflicted on others.'

'I am talking about birching and some very, very stiff physical punishments,' Carlisle added.



DENIS HOWELL
... 'Treat them like the miners'

Carlisle found a strange bed mate on the opposing bench in the shape of the shadow minister for sport, Denis Howell.

He stated that he had written to the Home Secretary, demanding an urgent meeting, with the Sports Minister present, 'to tell us what action the government proposed to take to maintain the peace of the realm' (sic).

Howell went on: 'This is a law-and-order government. If you contrast the way the Home Secretary and the government dealt with what they thought was violence on the picket lines in the last 12 months when they showed an absolute determination to get rid of it to what they are doing here, you will find that this is much, much, worse.'

That I'm sure, is a statement which will interest all miners who are fighting for their communities against the onslaught of the Tory law and order machine.

Not to be outdone by his fellow Labourite, Concannon bleated: 'It now seems clear that the riot control techniques used in other countries will have to be studied to find the solution to this problem in Britain.'

Advocate

'I do not want at present to advocate the use of riot control technique. But the government may have to consider the use of water cannon as a possible solution,' added Concannon.

Terry Bailey, the new Luton chairman, added his half-pence when he said: 'If we ever have the misfortune to have Millwall come to our ground again we shall put them in an animal enclosure and consult Whipsnade Zoo as to the best way to control them.'

● FOOTNOTE: While making no excuses for the violence perpetrated by a small number of so-called Millwall supporters on Wednesday night, it should be noted that nobody yesterday took into account the social problems that envelop the area surrounding the club's ground in south-east London.

Millwall, in the borough of Lewisham, is an area of high unemployment which lacks sufficient leisure amenities and where the relationship between the large black population and poor whites and the police has never been good.

The area, in London's docklands, has never recovered from the loss of thousands of jobs on the waterfront over the years and successive governments have done little to help.



LUTON AT FAULT!

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

WHILE Millwall supporters were being branded as 'animals' last night, evidence was growing that the troubles surrounding their FA Cup tie at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday were brought about by lack of organisation by the host club, Luton Town.

Luton seem to have totally underestimated the number of travelling fans by close to 3,000 — and when they did arrive, the club appear to have been very slow in reacting to the situation.

Only three of the five turnstiles for visiting supporters were used for the game, despite the huge turnout of Millwall fans. With some queuing from 6p.m. to enter the ground, tempers flared. But still Luton made no attempts to defuse the situation by opening the other turnstiles.

The terrace enclosure for visiting fans at Luton can hold just over 5,000 fans in comfort, but by the time the match began there were close to 7,500 and even at that stage the police on duty at the ground knew that this could lead to trouble.

The 'pitch invasion' which stopped the match after 14 minutes of play — leading to the match being suspended — was brought about when fans, in the now overcrowded enclosure began to climb the barriers on to the pitch for safety.

Police even helped some fans over the barrier to escape crushing and then began to march them along to one of the ground's stands.

This is where both the club and the police on duty made their second mistake, for they ordered the Millwall supporters into an area where Luton fans were congregated.

Many of those who travelled from London for the match said yesterday that this particular incident led to the troubles at the end of the match. Luton fans threw bottles and coins at the Millwall supporters who took up their places in the stand.

Incident

One incident which seemed to go unnoticed in the capitalist press yesterday was the fact that, seven minutes after the match had resumed, a group of Luton supporters

got on to the pitch and began to tease the opposing fans.

Several reporters at the match stressed that the Millwall fans who had been herded into the main stand by the police behaved themselves until the last few minutes when a small group of lunatics invaded the pitch when it seemed that their team were about to lose the Cup tie.

When this happened, thousands of the Millwall supporters at Kenilworth Road shouted 'Off, off, off'.

From the outset, when the visiting fans arrived at Luton railway station, it was evident that not enough police were on duty to direct them to

the ground on the other side of town.

Yet despite harassment from some local supporters there was little or no disturbance reported.

Steve Marsling, a life-long supporter of the London club, said last night that genuine Millwall fans were now being branded by the press for the actions of a small minority.

Committee

Marsling, who is the chairman of Southwark Council's leisure and recreation committee and a sports adviser to the Greater London Council's sports committee, is a highly respected figure in south east London.

'I can't believe some of the rubbish that I've read today about what hap-

pened at Luton on Wednesday,' he told News Line last night.

'I'll never know why there wasn't a riot outside the ground before the kick-off. With thousands of fans trying to get into the game, Luton seemed quite happy to leave the other two turnstiles closed.'

'The match should have been all-ticket too,' added Marsling, who stood in the visiting enclosure and travelled on one of the British Rail specials to the game.

'Millwall is a bigger ground than Luton and if there had been a draw then they were going to make it an all-ticket affair.'

'Watford, who have a bigger ground also, and whom we would have played had they beaten

Luton, had also decided to make the match all-ticket. It was a big mistake on Luton's behalf not to follow suit.'

Marsling, obviously upset by the media coverage of the whole affair, also stated that on his journey from Luton railway station to the ground he saw no Millwall supporters misbehaving or causing trouble.

Violence

'Of course I can't condone the violence. It was the worst I have ever seen at a football match, but it was just a very small percentage of so-called Millwall supporters who caused it,' he said.

'I honestly believe that a lot of the blame has to be laid at Luton's doorstep.'

Spurs chase striker



GARY LINEKER ... Proven goalscorer

TOTTENHAM may be forced to make one big signing before the transfer deadline later this month.

Manager Peter Shreeves, rocked by the loss of Gary Stevens this week with a ligament injury that rules him out for the rest of the season, is on the trail of goalscorers Chris Waddle and Gary Lineker, with the former being the favourite to join the north London club.

'We have not been scoring, and the absence of Gary for the rest of the season has convinced the manager that he must make a big signing for one last push in the Championship race,' a source close to the Spurs' manager said last night.

Shreeves had not been keen to rush into the transfer market before the deadline in less than a fortnight, but News Line was told last night that he has already had talks with both Waddle's boss at Newcastle,

EXCLUSIVE BY MATTHEW NUGENT

Jackie Charlton, and Lineker's manager at Leicester, Gordon Milne.

Offers in the region of £650,000 have been discussed with both clubs.

Waddle, 24, has been unsettled at St James's Park ever since Newcastle failed to agree new terms with the Georgie striker.

Success

He became an instant success two seasons ago when he joined the club from a local junior side for whom he played for at weekends — he worked in a sausage factory to earn his living.

Instrumental in helping his club into the First Division this season, Waddle was on the bench for England in their recent World Cup qualifier against Northern Ireland in Belfast.

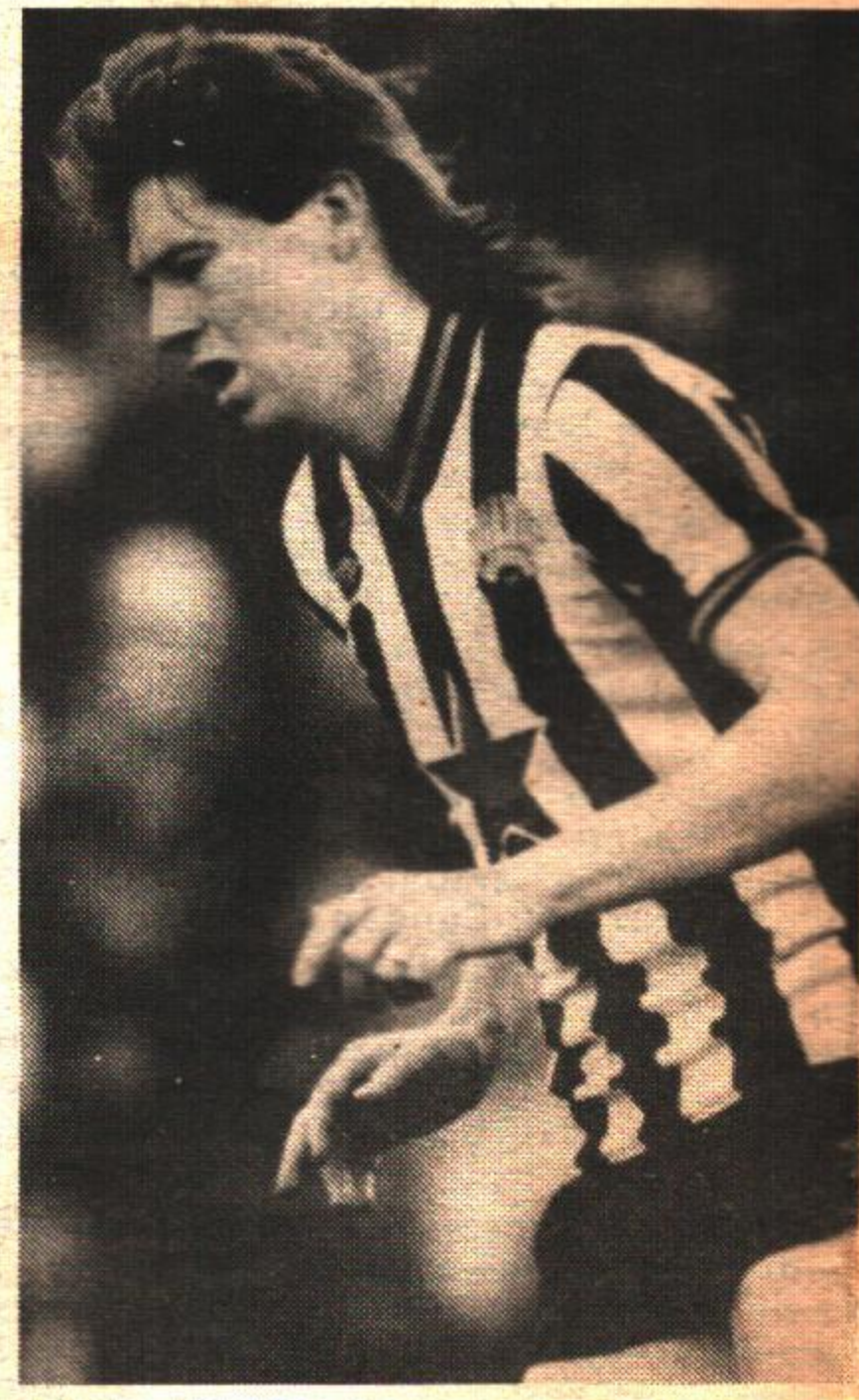
Lineker's contract runs out at Filbert Street this summer. Also 24, he has played all his League football with his home town club, but now believes that the only way to achieve success in the game would be to move to one of the bigger clubs.

Milne may be tempted part with him for a big fee now, something he could not be guaranteed when the player's contract runs out.

Even with Leicester struggling in the bottom half of the table this season, Lineker has managed to score 21 goals, and with 22 and 26 in the last two seasons, respectively, he has proved himself capable of finding the back of the net at the highest level.

Waddle, however, is Tottenham's best chance of signing a class striker.

Jackie Charlton has had his scouts in recent months running the rule over such strikers as Gillingham's Tony Casciaro and Reading's Trevor Senior.



CHRIS WADDLE ... Unhappy at St James's Park

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

DIVISION I

(7.30 kick-off)

West Ham v Man Utd (7.15)

DIVISION IV

Colchester v Darlington

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER CHAMP'SHIP

Castleford v Hull KR