

RATE 'REBELS' STICK IT OUT

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Lambeth council were meeting last night to reaffirm their opposition to the Tories' rate-capping plans — See Sheffield story, page 3



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TORIES OUTLINE 'SLAVE STATE'

BY SIMON VEVERS

THE TORY Bonapartist regime yesterday spelt out its programme for continuing mass unemployment, the abolition of established working practices and the introduction of a slave wage economy.

It was outlined in a government White Paper — 'The Challenge for the Nation' — which includes proposals presented by Tory Chancellor Nigel Lawson in last week's budget.

Introducing the document, Employment Secretary Tom King made it clear that it was part of the Tories' continuing attack on trade union rights. On its opening page it states baldly: 'Jobs will be created to the extent that people are prepared to work at wages that employers can afford.'

In other words the blunt message to the four million unemployed is: **accept slave wages or rot on the dole!**

A recurring theme of the White Paper is the Thatcher government's determination to assist employers in driving down wages and abolishing agreements with unions in order to achieve mobility of labour and increased speed-up.

King boasted of the Tories' success in undermining wage levels and boosting productivity while drastically reducing the number of workers in state-owned industries. He said that while British Leyland, British Steel and British Airways had cut their workforce, the number employed in the poorly-paid hotel and catering industry had grown rapidly.

Creation

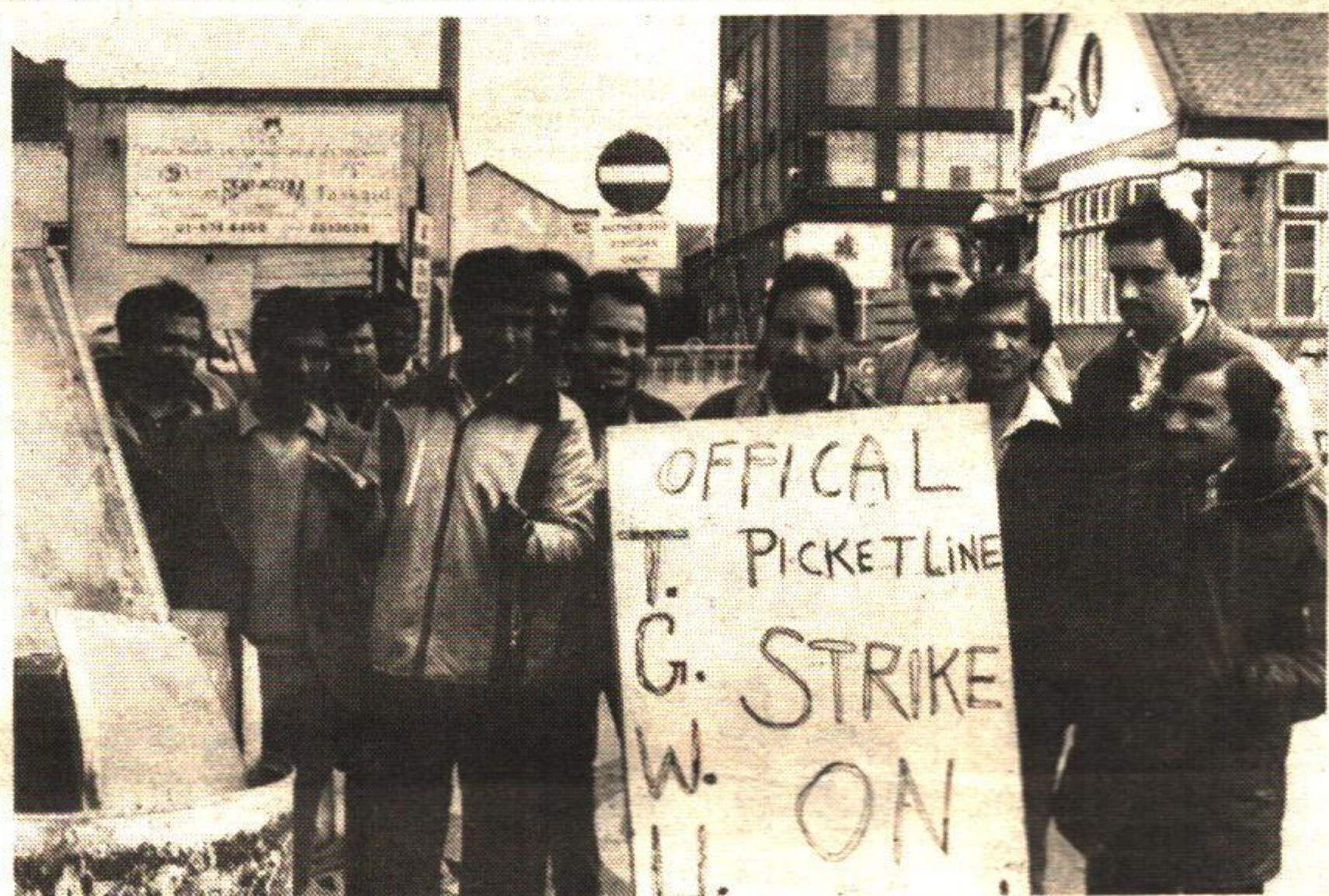
The White Paper sheds the government's own responsibility for the creation of mass unemployment. 'Government cannot do what the nation will not. It cannot on its own create jobs,' it states pompously.

'The main responsibility for what has to be done lies with employers and with employees, not least their trade unions.'

'Improvement is needed in many respects, especially in the jobs market — in realistic levels and patterns of pay, mobility, flexibility of working patterns and workplace industrial relations.'

'But the need extends to efficiency, flexibility and competitiveness generally,' said King, making the absurd claim that the Tory anti-union laws and privatisation had somehow improved employment prospects.

King laid great stress on the need to let individuals 'use their potential'. Press-



Workers on the picket line at the Wall's plant in Southall, west London, yesterday

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ed on how this could be achieved with the long-term unemployed, he replied: 'Perhaps they could be involved with charities in helping the elderly.'

The Tories' plan to lift employment regulations amount to a charter for hiring and firing workers at will. In future, employers will be able to take on workers knowing that their right to industrial tribunals in cases of unfair dismissal has been severely curtailed.

Alongside this will go the creation of a potential scab labour force through the extension of the state regimentation of thousands of youth on cheap labour Youth Training Schemes. King said that a further government White Paper on the YTS would be published next week.

The Tories' plans for another ruthless attack on jobs and working conditions were greeted with a ritual protest from Labour and TUC leaders.

TUC general secretary Norman Willis said the White Paper 'offers no new initiative, only lame excuses.' The government was trying to put the blame onto everybody but themselves, he said.

Shadow Employment secretary John Prescott said it was 'a gross insult to the 3 million unemployed. It contains not one concrete suggestion for creating anything like the numbers required'.

YARROW'S MEETING

GLASGOW — A mass meeting of the 3,800 hourly-paid workers at Yarrow Shipbuilders is being held this morning on the fourth day of the sit-in there.

Workers continued to closely guard all gates and entrances to the warship yard yesterday as management stalled over the issue of five suspended shop stewards.

The workers have demanded that the suspensions are not merely lifted, but withdrawn completely with all record of the disciplinary action removed. Among those suspended was yard convenor Dougie Conroy.

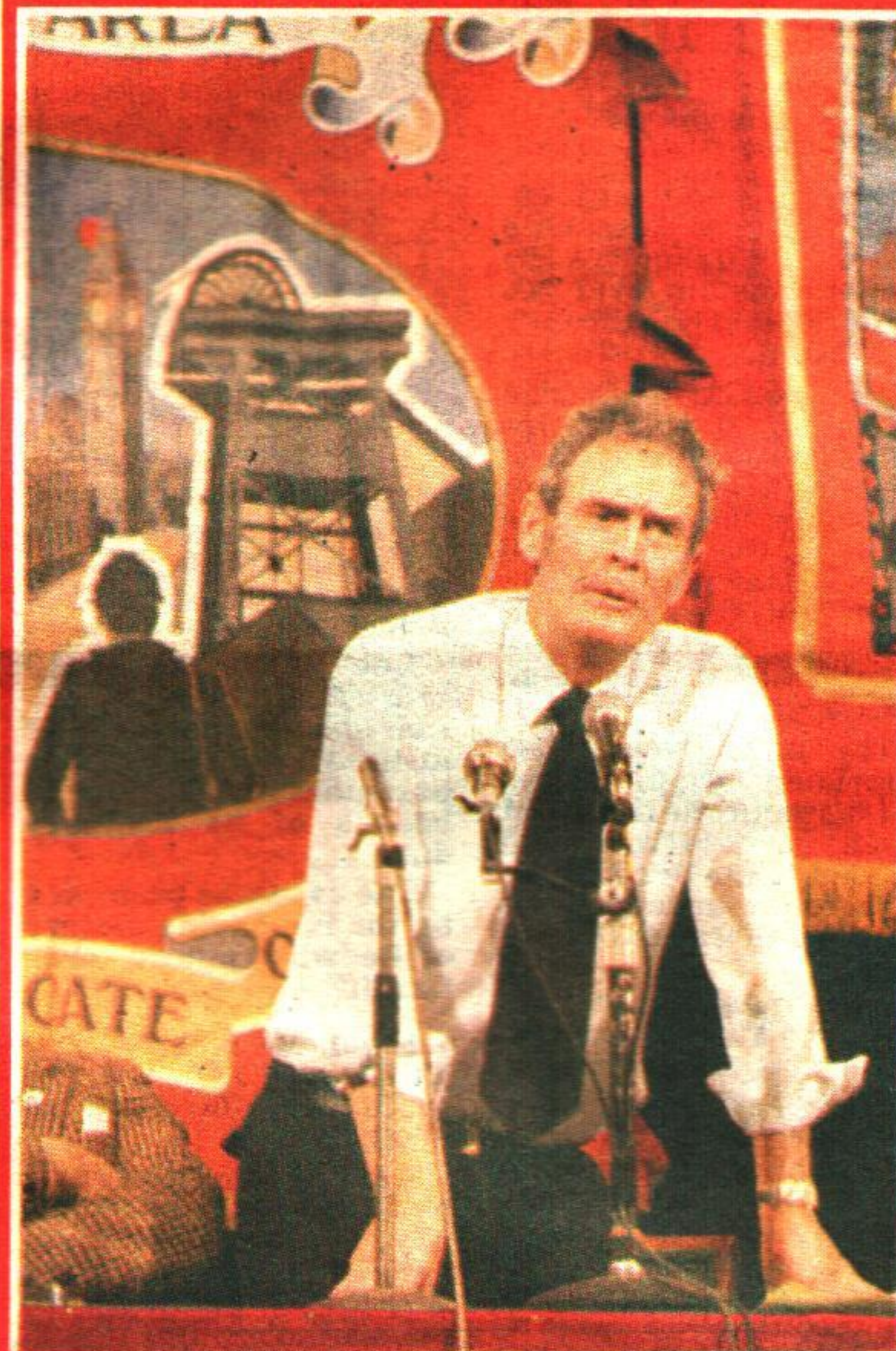
The occupation began after the Tory government announced earlier this week the sale of the former British Shipbuilders-owned yard to the GEC electronics conglomerate.

This breached a promise by BS management to the unions at Yarrow that discussions on wages and job security would take place with new owners before a take over.

Orders worth up to £200m for new naval vessels are on Yarrow's books and the workers are adamant they will only work under privatisation if wages are substantially increased.

**Unions must
act to free
jailed men**

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JACK COLLINS
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**Caborn's Corner, (Junction Spital Hill and Carlisle St)
MARCH TO RALLY AT THE CITY HALL**

**Speakers: Jack Collins, Secretary Kent NUM
Betty Heathfield, Women Against Pit Closures,
Richard Caborn MP,
Johnny Moyle, Sacked President Betteshanger,
Kent NUM,
Liz French Wife of jailed Kent miner
Nicky Boyle, Yorkshire miner's wife.
And a speaker from Yorks area NUM**

NUM CONFERENCE ON OVERTIME BAN

A MINERS' delegates conference is to be held on Tuesday in Sheffield to discuss an NUM executive recommendation to call off the overtime ban in the industry.

After a five and a half hour meeting of the NUM executive, president Arthur Scargill said that despite his well-known view about the overtime ban, the executive had decided to test the word of the Coal Board by calling off the ban.

The NCB have said they will negotiate on the question of reinstatement and the settlement of both the 1983 and 1984 pay claims if the overtime ban is called off.

Scargill admitted that he had been surprised at the decision to recommend the ending of the overtime ban. Without spelling his views out specifically, he said both he and NUM secretary Peter Heathfield shared similar views which were well-known.

Levy

Scargill said the executive had also discussed last week's ballot on a 50p levy to sustain over 600 miners sacked through the dispute.

The executive decided to set up a system for voluntary contributions. He said those areas which had taken the most active part in the strike had shown clear majorities in favour of the levy, and they would be approached to make contributions.

The union would also approach organisations sympathetic to the NUM both in Britain and abroad to make contributions to the upkeep of the families of sacked men.

Firm

'The executive were absolutely firm that there would be no question of the union in any way considering any other policy than of total opposition to the run-down of the mining industry or a run-down of the levels of the union itself. Our position

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on that remains exactly what it was,' Scargill added.

He also dispelled press speculation that Tory anti-union legislation would require him to stand for re-election as union president.

He said the legislation referred only to union presidents where a casting vote is granted to the post of president. Under the NUM rules, a casting vote on a split decision goes to the chairman of the meeting, and the chairman could or could not be the president.



Nottinghamshire NUM secretary Henry Richardson entering NUM headquarters in Sheffield yesterday. In July he will be replaced on the NEC following a decision by the scab Notts leadership earlier this week

Judge refuses NACODS case

THE Coal Board is closing pits without any consultation at all, the pit deputies union told a judge yesterday.

But Mr Justice Woolf refused NACODS permission to challenge the NCB in the High Court on the basis that it was acting in breach of its statutory duty.

The case was prompted by the impending closure of Bedwas colliery, near Cardiff.

Union officials fear the NCB's axe will now fall swiftly on other pits in South Wales.

After the hearing NACODS national secretary, Peter McNestry, said: 'I do not know if we will be appealing. We have tried going through the legal procedures and it hasn't worked. The

national executive council is going to have to meet now.

'The agreement we made last October was clear. No pit would close except under the modified procedure.

'We have been lied to by Ian MacGregor and Mrs Thatcher. Mr MacGregor has torn up the existing review procedure and he will now close any pit he wishes.

'I feel sickened by it. Sickened and betrayed.'

Glyn Jones, NACODS national vice-president and general secretary of South Wales, said: 'Yesterday workmen at Bedwas were asked to bring all their tools out of the mine.

'They've closed Bedwas in a week. I envisage that ten more pits will go

in South Wales very soon.'

The union wanted to seek a court order directing the NCB to enter immediately into consultations with a view to establishing a new pit review procedure, in accordance with an agreement reached with NACODS last October.

NACODS also sought an injunction preventing the board from going ahead with pit closures before the new independent review procedure had been established.

It was the October agreement which brought NACODS back from the brink of strike action.

Woolf said NACODS had not made out a strong enough case to justify court action.

There was insufficient

evidence to show that the Coal Board had not fulfilled any legal obligation to establish consultative machinery.

William Blackburn, QC for NACODS, had told the judge that union members felt 'betrayed' by the Coal Board.

'Despite repeated assurances by Coal Board officials and government ministers that they will abide by their agreements to establish a modified colliery review procedure, they have taken no steps to that end,' he said.

'Indeed, the Coal Board is currently proceeding to close down pits without any consultation at all.'

The board had announced that, in the wake of the miners' strike, it was taking immediate action to reduce costs. That action in-

cluded a programme of 'voluntary and consequential redundancy'.

Blackburn said the word 'consequential' could be translated into 'compulsory'.

Konrad Dehn, QC, for the Coal Board, argued that the NACODS case was 'misconceived'.

The October agreement was merely a step towards the introduction of new consultative machinery, he said.

Between January and March this year, NACODS had refused to enter into further discussions about the scheme. The NUM had refused all along to discuss it.

It would not be right to prevent the board from managing the industry pending the setting-up of the scheme, he said.

'It should have been a General Strike'

ABERDEEN — Fife pit official Bob Young, sacked during the miners strike, spoke to trade unionists here this week about past mistakes and the present situation in mining areas.

He told the miners solidarity meeting the biggest mistake had been the illusion that miners could have won on their own.

'A General Strike should have been called two weeks after the whole thing started,' he said. 'If nobody had crossed picket lines during the strike we wouldn't be in this position.'

Young answered questions from the floor about the proposed attendance of Neil Kinnock and Norman Willis at the Scottish NUM's annual gala in June.

Kinnock should probably come, if only because some kind of unity was needed in the Labour Party, he said. But as for Willis, he had put Scargill in an intolerable position. Miners in Young's area had sent a resolution to the Scottish NUM saying, 'Don't send Willis up here.'

The conditions forced on miners at the moment, plus the NCB's refusal to reinstate sacked miners had resulted in walk-outs at Solsgirth and Comrie.

Many union offices have been closed by the NCB. At Bilston Glen and Monktonhall pits, union files had been burned, he said.

The ISTC leadership at Ravenscraig came in for severe criticism over their coal supply deal during the strike. 'They'll rue the day,' Young said, 'when British Steel says it's too expensive to take coal into the steel plant. They'll turn to us for help against closure.'

He spoke of the march which started from Dunfermline last May, heading for Glasgow via Ravenscraig, calling for a General Strike: 'It was a great idea. I never had a satisfactory explanation from the NUM leadership in Scotland when it was stopped.'

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Steel jobs threatened

A TOTAL of 1,100 steel workers' jobs in Sheffield were put at risk yesterday.

BSC Special Steels said they were consulting trade unions on the possible closure of the Tinsley Park special billet producing works, with the loss of 1,100 jobs.

A statement said the BSC special steels division was operating at less than 70 per cent of capacity and no significant growth in home or overseas sales was foreseen 'during the remainder of the decade'.

BSC added that a decision was needed now 'because the continuing under-utilisation of existing works, together with the sharp escalation

in costs of materials, fuels and services, indicate continuing losses'.

It was possible to meet the whole of current and forecast demand by operating two out of three billet mills at more economic levels, said the statement.

Roy Bishop, divisional secretary of the steel union ISTC, blamed the closure on the government.

'They have reduced the manufacturing base of this country and have certainly hit the engineering industry which is the special steels main customer,' he said.

'These products are not wanted any more because the government have created the climate of a reduction in demand.'

Rate reminder of £ weakness

THE POUND benefitted from a continued US dollar spin yesterday to reach its best level this year on foreign exchange markets.

The pound touched \$1.2475 before closing at \$1.2290, down 0.3 cents but a second interest rate fall this week acted as a reminder of its real weakness.

Despite its relatively dizzying recovery after three months of battering on the world money markets, the announcement by National Westminster and Lloyds banks that they had cut basic rates from 13.5 per cent to 13 per cent set off a panic selling.

The pound immediately fell to \$1.2080 before late buying steadied it. The trade-weighted index, which gives the pound's value internationally, climbed to 78.5 per cent and then slid back to 77.5, down 0.1 on Wednesday's close.

Euphoria

Prime Minister Thatcher, seized by sudden euphoria, immediately declared to the Commons that the world had realised 'the underlying strength of the British economy'.

But news from the United States, reeling under

the rapid succession of banking crises in Ohio and Texas, showed the chronic state of the world capitalist economy.

The Commerce Department said its monthly trade deficit had risen to \$11.45 billion — the highest since last September.

But Britain's four leading petrol companies announced price cuts of 4p, removing at a stroke Chancellor Lawson's budget increase to £2.

Royal Bank of Scotland economists bravely brushed aside a February fall in North Sea output from the record levels of January and asserted that its value had hit new records.

SHEFFIELD STAND BY NO-RATE DECISION

BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

EVERY Labour councillor on Sheffield City Council defied warnings of bankruptcy and disqualification yesterday and refused to make a Tory rate.

Despite predictions by local Tories that the Labour Group would be split, there were no defections in the Labour ranks in a 59-26 vote to defer making a rate until April 26.

When councillor Clive Betts then moved to adjourn business until that date, chief executive Ian

Podmore was called on to advise the councillors that deferring the rate-making process could open those who voted for it to legal action.

'Any delay beyond the end of March involves risk for those who vote to defer. Those who want to avoid risk should vote against the amendment,' Podmore said.

But when the vote was carried with a unanimous Labour Group, cheers and loud applause

erupted from the public gallery where local trade unionists had gathered to show their support for the fight against rate-capping.

Labour leader David Blunkett had earlier told the council that the decision to defer the rate was to allow Tory Secretary of State for the Environment Patrick Jenkin to enter into negotiations with the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

He said Jenkin's cur-

rent refusal to meet rate-capped council leaders was 'a flagrant and dangerous abuse of democracy'. He said there was no other tool in the hands of the council but deferring the making of a rate.

Ranks

And he correctly predicted that those who had forecast disarray in the ranks of the Labour councillors would be proved entirely wrong.

Sheffield joined Southwark and Hackney who on Wednesday reaffirmed the policy of not making a rate until grant is restored and the effects of the Rates Act suspended.

Hackney councillor Martin Whitfield said: 'At the end of the meeting we were more united than on March 7.'

'We know that the trade unions are watching the position carefully. They know that if anything happens to us, the coun-

cillors, it will be down to the unions.'

Court action against Hackney resumes on Monday, with reports that an attempt will be made to impose a date by which the council must set a legal rate.

Other councils meeting last night to confirm their opposition to Tory policies were Lambeth, Camden, Islington, Lewisham and Leicester.

The Association of London Authorities and the

Association of Metropolitan Authorities have condemned the government's refusal to negotiate collectively with the hit-list authorities.

A statement said: 'We are appalled at the quite unnecessary and unreasonable delay shown by Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin in considering the financial crisis facing local authorities in all the main urban areas of the country.'

The GLC and the Inner London Education Authority yesterday failed in their High Court bid to quash maximum rate levels set for them under the Rates Act.

All out bus strike planned

LONDON's 20,000 bus workers are preparing for all-out strike action in opposition to garage closures and the spread of one-man operation.

Over 400 drivers and conductors who packed into Battersea town hall on Wednesday night decided to ask the transport union's executive for power to call a strike.

Terry Allen, London district secretary of the T&GWU busmen, warned delegates of the government's and London Transport's plans to further cut services and close garages and called for the preparation of an all-out dispute.

'I repeat my warnings of last August,' he said. 'Prepare your picket rosters, select your picket captains, find your strike headquarters.'

'The decision to strike must come from the branches,' he added. 'I will not be a party to going over the heads of the membership. But I must tell you we do not need more protests, we need the will to fight and the will to win.'

Harry Mead, for the London Bus Committee, told the meeting: 'We will not be fighting London bus management alone. We will be faced with London Regional Transport and the government who tell LRT what they can and cannot do.'

A resolution moved by Ian Keir, secretary of the closure-threatened Battersea garage, was passed with only two votes against.

It called on the London Bus Committee and the London Bus Conference to develop the struggle against garage closures and against further one-man buses and to consider asking for plenary powers to call all-out strike action.

London Regional Transport has announced that it plans to close five garages — Battersea, Edmonton, Poplar, Southall and Walworth —

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and convert all buses to one-man operation by 1992.

Bromley garage is scheduled for conversion to one-man operation on April 27.

The union's London Bus Committee will meet today to consider the result of the mass meeting and draw up a recommendation.

● Debate on the Tories' Transport Bill to privatise bus services will be guillotined on Monday, Leader of the Commons John Biffen announced yesterday.



Mustard gas victim Amini Seydi (above) was one of eight Iranian soldiers recovering in a north London private hospital yesterday. Thirty three soldiers have been flown to West Europe from the southern Gulf marshlands for treatment for horrific burns from the gas

banned by the Geneva Convention after World War II. Nine soldiers were admitted to the hospital but one died three days ago from irreparable damage to the bone marrow and respiratory system

Wall's workers reject management scheme

WALL'S meat factory at Southall, West London, is almost at a standstill as 700 T&GWU members continue their ten-day-old strike against a management-imposed 'productivity scheme'.

Convenor Cherib Ince told News Line yesterday the company were trying to implement their productivity scheme 'through the back door'.

'First of all they tried it on the night shift to which the union objected and then they decided to push it through in dispatch.'

He said the new scheme was a means of getting redundancies on the cheap.

'The management have told the union that they already have a surplus workforce of 67. We say that if we accept this productivity scheme there will be more people joining this surplus.'

Ince said that after

negotiations broke down management had declared that the scheme would be introduced whether unions agreed or not.

'They then went ahead and tried to bulldoze it through the despatch department.'

'The company and the unions have a disputes agreement which states that normal working will continue whilst a dispute is sorted out. The management refused to observe this procedure.'

'The management is now refusing to accept the union at all.'

Billy Smith, shop steward for the despatch department, added: 'The

dispute in our department involves 47 men who load 144 vans with 12,000 trays every day. The management wants the manning levels reduced to 38 to load 136 vans with exactly the same number of trays.'

'We demanded that the tray count be reduced as well. The management refused and the men were sent home five days running for refusing to work with reduced manning levels.'

'We asked management to observe disputes procedure but the answer was "no". We were left with no alternative but to bring everyone else out in support.'

THE National Union of Teachers yesterday slammed a bonus-based scheme for reshaping teachers' pay levels under consideration by Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph. The pay structure would be replaced with a plan for cash bonuses for good teachers and teachers in shortage subjects. Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, said that Joseph's ideas seemed to go 'from bad to worse'.

NALGO slams health cuts

A MEETING of south Manchester health authority yesterday voted for a total of £2.8 million worth of cuts in its expenditure as a result of the lack of government funding.

The cuts will involve the loss of at least 100 nursing jobs, 200 ancillary jobs, and the closure of at least eight wards in the district — including two geriatric wards, one children's ward, one psychiatric ward, a surgical ward and the possible closure of a ward for cancer victims. Fifty chest medicine beds will also go.

Francis Kelly, deputy chair of NALGO's Manchester Health Services branch said:

'It is clear that the district health authority did not want these cuts, but were forced into this situation by lack of central government funding.'

'People will die on the waiting list created by this decision.'

Lambeth defiant

LAMBETH Council was again set to defy the Rates Act last night.

A meeting called by the Tory opposition proposed a cuts budget involving up to 2,000 redundancies to comply with the government's limit.

But Labour moved an amendment reaffirming the policy adopted on March 7 which declared that because of cuts in grant and a limit on spending it could not set a rate at this time.

Before the council got underway a delegation of eight speakers from the Lambeth trade unions individually addressed councillors.

Shop stewards chairman Jim O'Brien told the Labour Group: 'You've carried the burden long enough. The unions are preparing to share the load.'

Sylvester Smart, representing the AUEW, said shop stewards throughout London were discussing plans for all-out strike action against the government.

He said the local government workers were picking up the baton handed over to them by the miners.

Anna Tapsell, chairperson NALGO, said that the unions would resist with equal determination any attempt to impose a freeze in recruitment.

'We won't sell our jobs or those who come after us.'

5th Anniversary Meeting

The Political Achievements of Robert Shaw



Wednesday April 3, 7.30p.m.

AUEW Hall
Mount Pleasant
LIVERPOOL

Speakers:

Gerry Healy (WRP Central Committee)
Mickie Shaw (Runcorn WRP)
Wayne Chand (YS National Committee)
Bill Hunter (Granby WRP)

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NORTH WEST

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

SPEKE: Tuesday April 16, 7.30p.m. Speke Community Centre.
Speakers: **John Owen** (YS Regional Committee); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee)

ST HELENS: Wednesday April 17, 7.30p.m. Trade Union & Unemployed Resource Centre, College Street.
Speakers: **Stuart Murray** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

MANCHESTER: Thursday April 18, 7.30p.m. Basement Theatre, Albert Square.
Speakers: **Lyn Waring** (YS National Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Agecroft NUM Strike Committee

BLACKBURN: Tuesday April 23, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Centre, St Peter Street.
Speakers: **Lyn Waring** (YS National Committee); **Ray Waring** (WRP Central Committee); Blackburn T&GWU bus section speaker

PRESTON: Tuesday April 23, 7.30p.m. Textile Centre, Sedgwick Street.
Speakers: **Leigh Mullin** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

PETERBOROUGH: Tuesday April 2, 7.30p.m. Honeyhill School, Paston.
Speakers: **Linda Mee** (Peterborough YS); **Pat Brookes** (Peterborough WRP)

CORBY: Wednesday April 17, 7.30p.m. The Green Room, Corby Civic Centre.
Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Pat Brookes** (Peterborough WRP)

YORKSHIRE

BARNLEY: Wednesday April 3, 7.30p.m. Barnley Technical College, Lecture Room.
Speakers: **Steve Tasker** (Barnley YS); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); **Malcolm Bray** (Woolley NUM, in personal capacity)

LEEDS: Sunday April 14, 3p.m. Brunswick Lecture Theatre, Leeds Polytechnic.
Speakers: **Chris Marsden** (YS Regional Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee)

WAKEFIELD: Wednesday April 17, 7.30p.m. Primrose Hill Workingmen's Club, Park Lodge Lane, Eastmoor.
Speakers: **Andrew Allan** (Kippax YS); **Dave Hyland** (WRP Central Committee); **Philip Wilson** (Killingley NUM, in personal capacity)

HALIFAX:

Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. AUEW Club, St James Street (next to bus station)
Speakers: **Warren Stewart** (Bradford YS); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee); **In personal capacity:** **Jeff Ferguson** (Emley Moor NUM); **Keith Jennings** (Bradford NUPE)

SCOTLAND

WHITBURN: Wednesday April 24, 7.30p.m. Whitburn Community Centre, Manse Road.
Speakers: **John Ritchie** (YS Regional Committee); **Chris Corrigan** (WRP Central Committee); **Duncan Foggo** (Monktonhall colliery SCEP-TA, in personal capacity)

GLASGOW EAST END: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Glasgow Youth Training Centre, off London Road.
Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee)

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 WMPT); 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, Winslow Green Road, (corner Dudley Road).
Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); **Vivian Yates** (NATFHE, in personal capacity)

WESTERN

BRISTOL: Tuesday April 16, 7.30p.m. The Plough Inn, Bedminster Down Road, Bedminster.
Speakers: **Beverley Luke** (Bristol YS); **Mick Byrne** (Bristol WRP)

READING: Thursday April 18, 7.30p.m. Room K, South Reading Community Centre, Northumberland Avenue, Whitley Wood.
Speakers: **Duane Bishop** (Reading YS); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTH WALES

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

EAST MIDLANDS

COALVILLE: Tuesday April 16, 7.30p.m. Coalville Public Library, High Street.
Speakers: **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee); **Elaine Gibbons** (YS National Committee)

KENT

DEAL: Wednesday April 17, 7.30p.m. The Yewtree Pub, Mill Hill.
Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Betteshanger NUM

SUSSEX

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

WOOLWICH: Tuesday April 2, 7.30p.m. Glyndon Community Centre, Raglan Road, SE18.
Speakers: **Richard Murphy** (YS Regional Committee); **Jean Kerrigan** (WRP London District Committee); **Paul Holmes** (Vice-chair Greenwich NALGO, in personal capacity)

CAMDEN: Thursday April 11, 7.30p.m. Newtown Community Centre, Bertram Street, NW5.
Speakers: **Chris Eames** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); **In personal capacity:** **John Kirk** (EETPU shop steward Camden DLO); **Jim Widdowson** (UCATT shop steward Camden DLO)

HORNSEY: Monday April 15, 7.30p.m. Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, N8.
Speakers: **Elizabeth Ali** (YS Regional Committee); **Peter Farrell** (WRP Central Committee)

BOW: Thursday April 18, 7.30p.m. Kingsley Hall, Powis Road, E3.
Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Bill Rogers** (WRP London District Committee)

HOLLOWAY: Monday April 22, 7.30p.m. Caxton House, St John's Way, off Archway, N19.
Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

STEPNEY: Tuesday April 23, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Bancroft Road, E1.
Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS National Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP London District Committee)

SHEPHERDS BUSH: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. Project Enterprise, Askew Crescent, off Askew Road, W12.
Speakers: **Clare Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

NO PLATFORM FOR RACISTS

THERE should be no platform for declared racists and fascists, the National Union of Students' Conference in Blackpool voted yesterday.

Many delegates criticised the role of the NUS executive in its handling of the campaign by North London Polytechnic Students to remove National Front Student Organiser Patrick Harrington.

They were speaking in favour of a policy of 'No Known Fascists in Colleges', which was narrowly defeated.

From Newcastle Polytechnic Glyn Holroyd pointed out that the executive had taken no action to deal with the situation at Harrogate college, where a National Front member had been elected student union president.

He was not satisfied

FROM PENNY BLOOR IN BLACKPOOL

with promises by NUS president Phil Woolas, to call for an inquiry there.

'At PNL they fought for almost a year to get Patrick Harrington out. They fought against the NF, the police, the courts, and their own executive.'

'But the NUS executive had merely stood by and allowed two students to be put in jail.'

Scottish NUS president Alan Smart defended the inaction of the executive by claiming that actions such as those at PNL played into the hands of fascists.

Mary MacCawley of the Institute of Education called for comprehensive anti-fascist and anti-racist teacher training courses.

'Education has a primary responsibility in

shaping attitudes towards racism,' she said.

Suzanne Jeffrey of Hull university, pointed to Bradford where teachers had set up their own classes in protest at racist remarks in an article by headmaster Ray Hon-eyford.

She said that Tory cuts in education particularly affected immigrant children.

'That is why students must support any attempt

to fight racism and fascism in schools and support teachers in trying to defend the education system.'

Tory delegate Stuart Milson, of Essex university was ordered to leave the stage and heckled and booed when he claimed: 'Mass immigration in this country has caused racial tension.'

Later delegates turned their backs on another Tory Michael Dark, when he made a racist attack on ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

Fighting flares in Lebanon

SIDON — Fighting erupted yesterday between Lebanese army troops and Falangist militiamen near the southern port of Sidon.

The gunmen, allies of Samir Geagea, who has split from the Falange party of President Amin Gemayel, began attacking Lebanese army posts with machine guns and rocket fire at 1430 hours GMT.

It shattered an uneasy calm that had lasted since fierce battles in the city's eastern suburbs last Tuesday.

Bursts

Residents of a Christian village just outside Sidon heard heavy bursts of machine gun fire as the troops fought the fascist 'Lebanese Forces' militia.

There was no report of casualties.

Four days of fighting last week killed ten people, wounded more than 50 and drove thousands from their homes in Sidon's mainly Shi'ite Muslim eastern suburbs.

Shot

In the Israeli-occupied town of Nabatiyeh to the south, Shi'ite Amal fighters yesterday shot and killed an Arab agent of the Zionist troops.

A note near the body read: 'Let him be a lesson to those who have collaborated with Israel.'

On Wednesday, a retired Lebanese army sergeant was killed in the centre of Sidon for collaborating with the Zionist troops.

The Israeli army, meanwhile, have announced a step-up in the retreat from the Bekaa Valley.

'Times' article in contempt

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

THE publication in 'The Times' on March 6 of the contents of a forthcoming report into the Special Branch was 'a serious contempt of the House', the Commons committee of privileges ruled yesterday.

It warned: 'If the person who originally made the disclosure should be discovered, the House should proceed against that person with appropriate severity.'

It also condemned all those responsible for the contempt — both the original source of the disclosure and the person who gave it publicity.

The paper reported in its diary on March 6 that 'even the Tory majority on the Commons Home Affairs Committee —

which has been investigating the investigators — are going to be embarrassed by the draft report on the inquiry'.

The paper went on: 'The draft report, leaked to the diary, manages to exonerate the Special Branches on all counts.'

The committee says that the publication did disclose the contents of the draft report and that it was improperly disclosed to 'The Times' by a person or persons unknown.

Effect

'The committee concludes that the premature publication was potentially damaging in its effect on the deliberations of the Home Affairs Committee. It was therefore a serious contempt of the House.'

Aid donation insult

Students claim

DOZENS of students voiced their anger at an NUS executive motion to donate £1,000 to war on want for Ethiopia.

A move to up the figure to £20,000 was narrowly defeated by 273 votes to 275.

Further education delegate Jeremy Swift said: 'I do not even think £1,000 is tokenism. It is an insult.'

Students responded angrily when executive members opposed a call for NUS to defend student unions penalised in the law courts for making donations.

A delegate from Sussex university accused the

executive of hiding behind 'wishy washy phrases'. Mick Jeanes of UMIST, said the main motion is not to tell the NUS executive to do anything. 'Don't let them sit on their laurels,' he added.

Mature student Alison McPherson of Ruskin College Oxford, said the NUS executive had made a 'ridiculous mess' over donating money to the miners' strike at the last conference, and were now repeating it.

She urged students to return to the next conference with a policy which would force the executive to act.

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STALINISM GOES ON BREAKING UP

THE 'EURO' leadership of the Communist Party seems increasingly confident about victory over the pro-Moscow faction which controls the 'Morning Star'. Numbers attending meetings of the anti-executive faction are getting smaller, according to reports in 'Focus', the CP's official weekly paper.

Tight control has been established in all the areas to ensure that the 'hardliners' will have few delegates at the special national congress called for May 18-19. The congress will establish the basis for wholesale expulsions, leaving the party machine firmly in the hands of the trendy, middle-class group around 'Marxism Today'.

A month after the congress, battle will be resumed for the

dubious privilege of running the 'Morning Star', which is in desperate need of cash and sellers. Annual general meetings (AGMs) of the People's Press Printing Society will be held in June. The CP leadership will be trying hard to win places on the management committee of the co-operative which owns the paper.

At present, the group around expelled editor Tony Chater have a big majority on the committee. They have used it to hijack the 'Morning Star' from party control. Knowing that their positions could be endangered, the 'hardliners' have cut down the number of AGM venues from seven to three.

The Chater faction's numbers are almost certainly in decline, if attendance at meetings of expelled members is anything to go by. In London last week, fewer than 300 people

came to a meeting to hear 'the expelled comrades' case'; a similar meeting in February had almost 500 CP members in attendance.

According to 'Focus' 'A similar meeting in Birmingham's Digbeth Hall attracted only 54 people (including the "Focus" reporter, the caretaker, visitors from London and members of the Proletarian group). In London, Chater accused the executive of a 'torrent of lies', adding: 'I genuinely began to understand what it was like under Stalinism years ago.'

That is rich, coming as it does from a man who is a Stalinist through and through, and who has backed every crime of the Soviet bureaucracy against the working class! 'Focus' reported: 'His comment was met with shocked

silence and was later the subject of sour sarcasm among the otherwise adulatory audience.'

The widening split inside British Stalinism is self-evident from a glance at the contents of 'Focus', which is designed in such a way as to make a telephone directory look like a work of art. On page one is a letter from Mick McGahey, vice-president of the NUM, accusing the 'Morning Star' of twisting the party's position on the miners' strike.

Factions

The next page has industrial organiser Pete Carter attacking the 'hardliners' for their attitude to work in workplace factions. Below, George Bolton, CP chairman and vice-

chairman of the Scottish NUM, attacks the 'gutter journalism' of the 'Morning Star'.

The light relief of page three gives way to five more pages of articles and letters about the inner-party crisis!

Hugh Wallis from Camden writes: 'The whole resolution (for the special congress) seems to have been written by that faction in the leadership, grouped around Martin Jacques and Dave Cook, who wish to split the party. It is a charter for consolidating the party on its right-wing road to nowhere by expelling all internal critics.'

Gordon McLennan (general secretary) is guilty of gross political irresponsibility in allowing them to get away with it.

Gordon Wardman of Harlow, Essex, wrote: 'The retiring EC has been a disaster,

incapable of giving any sort of political leadership or of launching any political initiatives, its talents restricted to expulsions and mindless apolitical warfare against the "Morning Star".'

John Foster wrote from Glasgow that former leader Sue Slipman had ended up with the SDP. 'Unfortunately, her reformist interpretation is not one wit different from that now advanced by Dave Cook or Martin Jacques.'

But Patricia Mitchell from Luton attacked Chater supporters for 'denying the authority of the elected executive'. She added: 'For the "Morning Star" to publish the letter as a news item headed "Communists in Hackney reject false charges" is inexcusable.'

'That is the sort of slanted reporting we expect from the capitalist press.'

Women hurt in early morning hospital raid

BRUTAL EVICTIONS

BY SUE LAIRD

ONE of the women evicted from South London Hospital occupation this week was grabbed by the hair and dropped down a spiral staircase from the roof by a police-woman, according to eye-witnesses.

She was subsequently strip-searched at the police station, she alleges.

Another woman arrested later in the morning claims she was punched and kicked in the mouth by the police.

Contrary to many press reports, the eviction was carried out by mostly male police officers and the women say that unnecessary damage was done as the police smashed their way into the building.

The women have condemned the brutality of the eviction and say it proves the lengths the government is prepared to go to to enforce their health cuts.

The eviction, which took place at 3a.m. on Wednesday morning, brought to an end the eight-month long occupation of the women's hospital, which was begun in June of last year.

The occupation won support from many sections of the local community and nationally anxious that the hospital should be reopened.

The South London was the only hospital in



Defiant occupiers of the South London Hospital earlier this month.

Europe where patients could be treated by female doctors and medical staff, since the closure of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson hospital some years ago, and its closure caused widespread opposition.

The Occupation Committee said that on Wednesday morning 200 police and a few bailiffs 'forcibly evicted the women from the building.'

'Of the 60 women in the building two were arrested and many other women were brutally manhandled by both women and men police officers.'

Jackie, one of the women present, said: 'I was held by my hair and dropped down the spiral stairs from the roof by women police officers. Later in the police station I was strip searched.'

Some two hours later six other women from the occupation were picked up outside the hospital by police as they went back to collect belongings.

Marilyn, who was one of them, said: 'I was grabbed from behind by a policeman and dragged to the van where I was punched and kicked in the mouth.'

Nicola Lambert from the occupation committee said that some schoolgirl supporters, who had witnessed Marilyn's arrest, were later arrested themselves, while holding banners and making visible protests outside the hospital.

'When the schoolgirls saw the six women arrested they were really shocked. They said they would be witnesses.'

After most of the women had left, Nicola

continued, a policeman came up and grabbed one schoolgirl and took her to the van. 'There was no warning.'

'Four schoolgirls got put in the van and taken to the Kennington police station.'

Nicola said the women who had occupied were determined to continue the fight against health cuts and for improved health provision for women.

'This closure particularly affects Muslim women whose religion requires that they can only be treated by women doctors.'

Maria, ex-nurse at the hospital added: 'We are all ready to carry on campaigning for improvements in women's health and not to stand by to see this building sold off to private enterprise or left to rot.'

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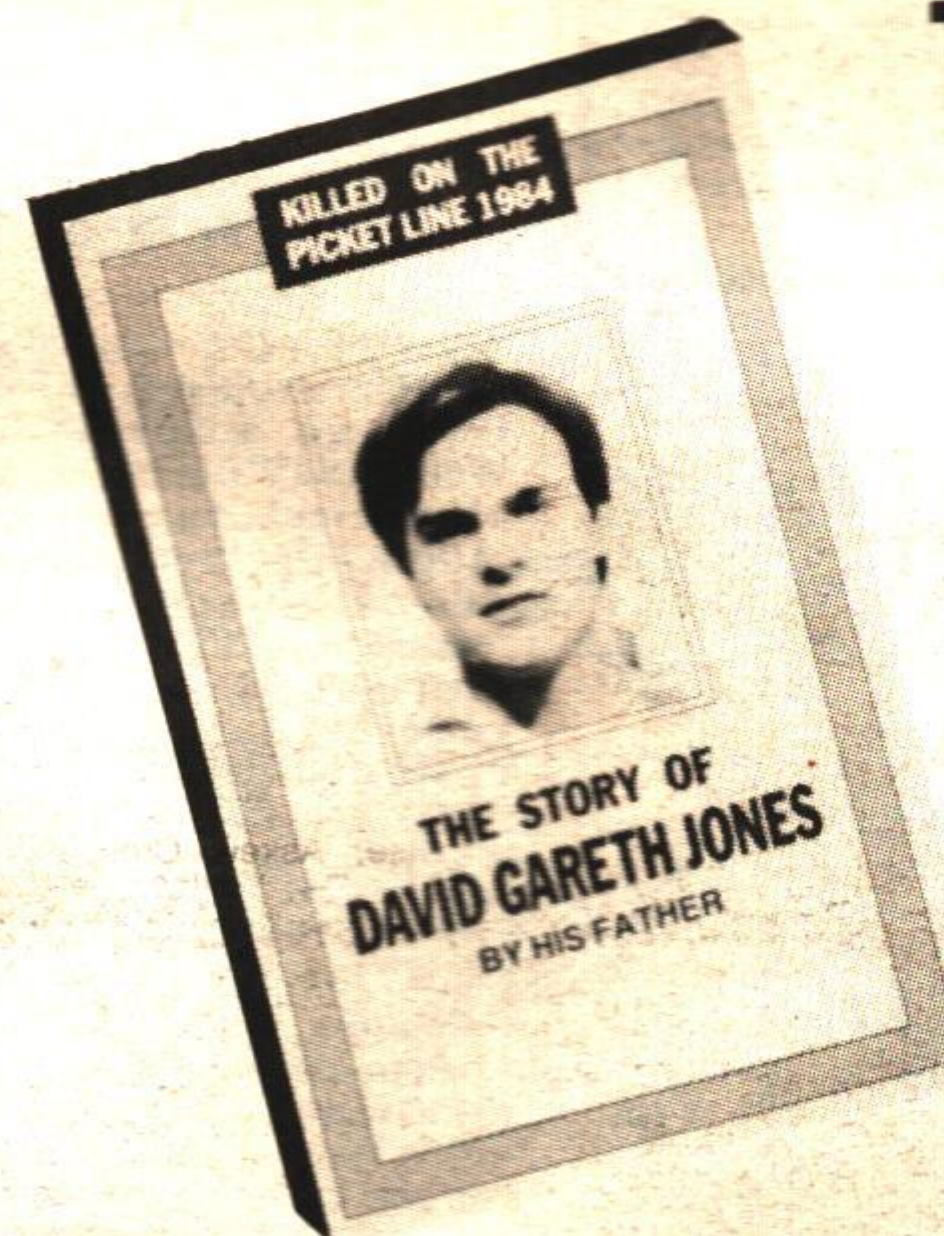
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Anti-nuclear four jailed

KANSAS CITY — Four anti-nuclear campaigners, two of them Roman Catholic priests, were sentenced to jail terms of up to 18 years for damaging a missile silo last November. The stiffest penalties went to Father Carl Kabat, 51, and Helen Dery Woodson, 41. Each received two nine-year terms for sabotaging national defence property. Kabat's brother, Father Paul Kabat, 52, was sentenced to ten years and Lawrence Cloud-Morgan, 46, an American Indian, received eight years. All four said they would appeal.

Ecuador teargas attack

QUITO — Police in the Ecuadorian capital fired teargas and dispersed students and workers who erected barricades of burning tyres to disrupt traffic during a one-day general strike on Wednesday, witnesses said yesterday. Official sources said 60 people were arrested in the capital and Guayaquil, 250 miles to the south-east but the United Workers Front said hundreds had been detained.

De Lorean stays mum

DETROIT — Mystery surrounds the appearance for several hours on Wednesday of former carmaker John De Lorean before a grand jury. He was accompanied into court by Howard Weitzman, the lawyer who successfully defended him against federal drug charges in Los Angeles last summer. Joseph Papelian, a federal prosecutor in Detroit, said he could not comment.

Seoul returns Peking boat

PEKING — The Chinese government yesterday thanked the South Korean government for the return of a torpedo boat and 13 crew who survived a shoot-out on board. A Chinese Foreign Ministry statement thanked Seoul for returning the boat yesterday morning. Peking and Seoul have no diplomatic relations but a Seoul statement said the Chinese government had apologised for intruding into its waters in pursuit of the boat last Saturday.

House boosts Africa aid

WASHINGTON — US congressmen have worked out a compromise legislation for \$575 million in emergency aid for famine-stricken countries in Africa. In February the House of Representatives, controlled by the opposition Democrats, approved food aid worth \$705 million and \$175 million for such non-food aid as money for refugees, blankets, clothes and shelter. The total \$880 million was far more than the \$235 million President Reagan had agreed.

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'TO HELL WITH THE TEARGAS'

UITENHAGE, South Africa — Hundreds of defiant students gathered outside a hastily set-up hearing yesterday to protest against the apartheid regime's March 21 massacre in which more than 40 people are believed to have died.

Armoured personnel carriers ringing the Uitenhage courthouse, police dogs, teargas and heavily armed paramilitary troops did not daunt the students as they held up banners that said, 'To hell with teargas' and waved clenched fists.

Anger flared again in the black 'townships' in the industrial heartland of eastern Cape province, near the Indian Ocean city of Port Elizabeth, after police shot dead two black youth on Wednesday, when they fired on protesters who attacked a house near Langa.

The police opened fire at random, shooting to kill. The two protesters, men aged about 25, are

believed to have died instantly.

'Sneeze machines' were driven in after the killings, spraying vast quantities of teargas to break up the protesters who refused to be scattered.

Stooge

The house they attacked belonged to the mother of the stooge mayor. The pro-Pretoria black councillors are hated by South Africa's blacks because they enforce the apartheid regime's racist oppression.

The protest outside the Uitenhage courthouse followed the indictment under provisions of the notorious Internal Secur-

ity Act of about 239 blacks who marched on the Cape Town parliament buildings on Tuesday.

The accused chose to face charges rather than pay 'admission of guilt' fines.

Yesterday in Uitenhage, the second day of the inquiry ordered by the desperate President Pieter Botha, police began giving their version of the bloody events.

The told Judge Donald Kannemeyer that a 'mob' of about 4,000 had surrounded and begun attacking their armoured personnel carriers.

Black community leaders at the site told Kannemeyer how the heavily armed police had syste-

Black students defy troops

matically fired their machine guns, rifles and shotguns at the unarmed people.

They categorically denied police allegations that any of them were armed with sticks or stones.

Kannemeyer was shown bullet and blood marks on the road surface and in the vicinity and was told police had framed the corpses by placing sticks and stones near them.

Clergyman Allan

Boesak of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches has told of how the police searched among the wounded and summarily shot dead those who regained consciousness.

Boesak, at his indictment in Cape Town on Wednesday, said: 'You simply cannot continue to talk about maintaining law and order. What law and order?

'In this kind of law and order it is perfectly justified to kill people and get away with it.'

Durban show trial opens

BY KATHRYN DAVIES

Albertina Sisulu (wife of Walter Sisulu).

SIXTEEN members of the United Democratic Front are scheduled to appear before a full court in Durban for the first time today, facing charges of high treason.

Anti-apartheid supporters launched the UDF Treason Trial Campaign in London yesterday to demand the withdrawal of charges and unconditional release.

Solicitor Geoffrey Bindman, chairman of the campaign, said: 'In the wake of the massacre at Langa, and with mounting repression of opponents of apartheid, tomorrow's trial assumes an even greater significance.'

'It is clear that the detention and charging of the UDF leadership, far from intimidating and deterring opposition, has unleashed a new wave of anger and defiance.'

Many of the 16 on trial have been in detention for more than seven months. They include two co-presidents of the UDF, Archie Gumede and

Although the 16 have been notified that they are to be charged with high treason, no indictment setting out the charges has been made.

Their legal advisors think it unlikely formal charges will be brought during the court appearance today.

The 'only information given to the defence is that in addition to the high treason charge, there are alternate charges under Section 54 of the Internal Security Act which includes subversion, terrorism and sabotage, and Section 13, which involves 'furthering the aims of a banned organisation'.

Donald Anderson, Labour spokesman on Southern Africa, who visited some of the accused during the sit-in at the Durban embassy last October, said the accused were 'victims of legal tyranny'.

He said the withholding of details of charges should make this clear even to those, like the British government, who said that there would now be a fair trial that this was 'a sham'.

'The whole thing is a device — having decided not to ban the UDF — the purpose and effect of which is to keep these brave leaders out of circulation.'

Bombs explode in Santiago

SANTIAGO — Two bombs exploded in the Chilean capital on Wednesday during a day of protest against the military junta of General Augusto Pinochet.

Residents of the Nunoa district of Santiago yesterday said two small explosions were heard near the city's national stadium during the evening but there was no report of casualties or serious damage.

Troops patrolled the streets to prevent demonstrations after leftist opposition groups called for protests.

Barricades

Witnesses said youths put up barricades of burning tyres and debris from this month's earthquake in the La Victoria slum district, in parts of Pudahuel in the west of the city and on a major avenue in the north.

They said police and soldiers fired warning shots and tear gas grenades to repel demonstrators throwing stones during the afternoon.

News organisations received calls claiming responsibility for car bombs on Tuesday night in the name of the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front (FPMR) and saying more such attacks were planned. The bombs injured ten people.



PINOCHET

Espionage hearing in Athens

ATHENS — A Greek merchant accused of helping a hostile power said yesterday he had introduced a South African military attaché to alleged business contacts in Turkey, according to court officials in the capital.

Michalis Demertzis, 42, told an examining magistrate that the envoy, a military attaché, had undertaken to pay him and them money for unspecified services.

Demertzis later became nervous and told

the whole story to a Greek army officer friend, the court officials said.

The merchant, an export-import agent from Lesbos Island, was charged last Saturday with helping the armed forces of an unnamed hos-

tile power.

The charge carries a five-year prison term, well short of penalties for treason or espionage.

Another Greek, George Olympios, 33, has been charged in absentia with the same offence.

World News Line

Unions protest terror killing

ROME — Trade unions yesterday organised demonstrations in protest against the assassination of economist Ezio Tarantelli.

They held a two-hour stoppage of public transport to coincide with packed public meetings to protest against the outrage.

The terrorist Red Brigades urban guerrillas, dormant for more than a year, gunned down the right-wing Tarantelli because he opposed Italy's rigid system of indexing wage rises to inflation.

His death has focused parliamentary attention on a system of automatic wage rises known as the Scala Mobile (sliding scale), which could affect the country's entire economic and political future, according to political commentators.

Two unidentified gunmen fired about ten shots through the open window of Tarantelli's car as he scrambled in vain for cover, according to police.

Lecture

A labour economist closely associated with the Catholic CSIL trade union confederation, he had completed a weekly lecture at Roma University when he was attacked.

Tarantelli, 43, was a leading monetarist exponent of the view that the Scala Mobile system must be 'modified' to tackle Italy's inflation rate which, at 8.5 per cent, is double that of its main trading partners.

He contended that wage rises must be determined in advance and backed a cut in the Scala Mobile system forced through parliament against opposition from the Italian 'Euro-Communist' Party.

Bank of Italy economists said in a note to Prime Minister Bettino Craxi: 'By killing Professor Tarantelli, somebody wanted to silence his voice of reason and radicalised the different positions.'

A wing of the terrorist Red Brigades, the 'Communist Party Combatants', disowned by the Euro-Stalinists, claimed responsibility for Tarantelli's murder and left a 40-page ideological treatise near the scene of the crime.

Finns told 'quit bickering'

HELSINKI — President Mauno Koivisto has stepped into the factional war between the pro-Moscow minority and the 'Euro-Communist' majority in the Finnish Communist Party.

Koivisto yesterday warned against public expressions of anti-Sovietism, saying: 'It seems to have become something of a sport to

SUDANESE REVOLT OVER FOOD COSTS

KHARTOUM — Angry Sudanese took to the streets of the capital in protest against soaring food price rises for the second day running yesterday.

The uprising flared on Wednesday, hours after the US-backed military dictator Jaafar Numeiry left for Washington.

At least 1,500 people were arrested on Wednesday and at least 200 by early yesterday, according to the authorities.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Police fired tear gas and baton-charged chanting demonstrators and marchers.

The police carried out vicious attacks in the main market place to stop people raiding shops to seize foodstuffs that are beyond the reach of a vast majority of the economically oppressed and impoverished people.

Unable to quell the protests, the authorities ordered Khartoum's shops to close.

Hundreds of frightened small traders had shut their shops even before the authorities issued the order.

Residents in Khartoum said the revolt began almost immediately after news spread that Numeiry, who this week scrapped state subsidies in accordance with IMF 'guidelines', had left the capital.

The official press predictably blamed the Moslem Brotherhood for 'in-

citing violence'.

The uprising coincides with seething rebellion against Numeiry's primitive Sharia (so-called Islamic) laws and brutal repression.

He has failed to crack the predominantly Muslim northern population's allegiance to the Muslim Brotherhood one of whose leaders was publicly executed last month.

But Numeiry backed down from executing another two leaders because of an uproar. The Muslim Brotherhood con-

tinues to operate underground.

Numeiry is in Washington for a medical check and talks with President Reagan on aid for the country's bankrupted economy.

He is scheduled to meet Reagan on Monday, weeks after Vice-President George Bush's north African tour that included a relatively lengthy stay in Sudan early this month.

The 16-year-old dictatorship has remained US imperialism's staunchest

ally in northern Africa.

But the resurgence in the mainly Muslim north, with the Christian-dominated South virtually independent of rule from Khartoum, has alarmed the US State Department.

The anger against Numeiry has been aggravated by an intolerable burden placed on the crippled economy by an influx of thousands of refugees driven from their homelands by the drought and military repression in Chad and Ethiopia.



SHIVAN PERWER at the House of Commons press conference yesterday

Musician outlawed

SHIVAN Perwer, an exiled Kurdish musician, will be performing tonight at the Migrant Festival in the Central Halls, Westminster.

At a press conference in the House of Commons yesterday he told journalists: 'My songs are concerned with the suppression of the Kurdish cul-

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

ture. They present the suffering and they expose the situation in which the Kurds are forced to live.'

Shivan, who had to leave Turkey in 1976, now lives in West Germany. He has just completed a successful tour of Europe.

In 1975 he had to go underground when the Turkish authorities hounded him for articulating the Kurds' demand for self-determination, and his music was later outlawed by the fascist military junta.

'I was able to stay another year in Turkey thanks to patriotic Kurds and democratic Turkish people. Despite many obstacles I decided to stage this cultural resistance,' he said.

Shivan said that it is illegal in Turkey to sing a love song — if it is in Kurdish. 'The authorities know that if a song is not performed in Kurdish then it will have no meaning for our people. This is a way of suppressing them.'

'Any suppression of a culture means the suppression of their total identity.'

banner headline 'President upset over needling of the Soviet Union'.

Koivisto said also that he did not believe anti-Sovietism was a predominant feature in Finnish politics but jibes here and there probably caused irritation.

Under the constitution, Koivisto holds responsibility for the direction of foreign policy.

see who will go how far in chipping away at the Soviet Union.'

His brief comments were published on the front page of the 'Centre Party's' major newspaper 'Suomenmaa' yesterday following a meeting between Koivisto and newspaper editors on Tuesday.

The story carried the

Carrillo fuels CP feuding

MADRID — The feuding Stalinist Communist Party (PCE) was due to begin a three-day emergency national conference today to try to chart out an unlikely reconciliation.

Secretary-General Gerardo Iglesias and former leader Santiago Carrillo have been waging a factional battle that has split the party into two.

Many party members did not believe Carrillo would bother to attend the opening of the conference today.

Carrillo's supporters in key strongholds of Madrid, Valencia and in the smaller groupings in the Basque country, Galicia and the Canary Islands have all announced they will boycott the conference.

The conference was called by the party executive as a last-ditch attempt to end a struggle over ideology and power and force a united front in time to avert another humiliating rout in elections scheduled for next year.

Defeat in the last elections in 1982, when the PCE vote fell from 10 per cent to 4.5 per cent, leaving the party with a mere four seats in the Cortez (parliament), was one of the factors that touched off the present convulsions.

Carrillo resigned and aggravated an internal debate about the wisdom of continuing down the path of so-called Euro-Communism; an

euphemism for the reactionary policy of supporting the national bourgeois regime.

Divisions sharpened as Carrillo's hand-picked successor, 30 years his junior and a coal miner, began a policy of 'broadening the party's base'.

Carrillo's supporters remained in the party but declared war on Iglesias and accused him of betraying the party by opening it up to so-called greens and pacifists.

Iglesias, whose supporters outnumber Carrillo's, had argued that only with such a broad alliance could the party hope to mount a serious challenge to the ruling Socialist Party.

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FRIDAY
March 29, 1985

Thatcher's Scottish Bonaparte

GEORGE YOUNGER, the Tories' Secretary of State for Scotland, is accelerating the scope and depth north of the border of the powers of Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship.

This week the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties has expressed alarm to police authorities over the development and use of computerised criminal intelligence facilities for surveillance of working-class areas and organisations. The attack on basic democratic rights has been directly encouraged by the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980, introduced by the Tories only a year after Younger took over at the Scottish Office.

This Act — the forerunner of similar legislation in England and Wales — gave the police sweeping new powers of detention for the purpose of interrogation (without charges being brought, and without access to legal representation) and enabled police to demand identification.

Since May 1979, when Younger was appointed by Thatcher, spending on 'law and order' has risen by one third in real terms in Scotland. The opposite is the case with public services. In the same six-year period, public spending on Scottish housing has been reduced by £520 million in real terms — a staggering cut of 49 per cent.

Cuts inflicted in social services, health and transport have been equally lethal.

Unprecedented laws have been introduced to grind Scottish local authorities under Younger's heel. This barrage of legislation enables the Scottish Office to override the wishes of democratically-elected local authorities on how much they can spend — and on what. In the National Health Service in Scotland, the Tories are now appointing general managers to run hospitals and other health services — usurping the authority of health boards.

Younger — the Winchester-educated eldest son and heir of a wealthy brewing family — has carefully attempted to cultivate an image of a powerful individual who nonetheless has compassion for the under-privileged. One grand, and well-publicised gesture was orchestrated last Christmas when a visiting dignitary had to pull out at the last minute from an official banquet at Edinburgh Castle. Younger made great play of bringing in 100 pensioners from a local old folks' home to attend the banquet instead.

Since then, of course, savage cuts in spending on home-helps, sheltered housing and other services for the elderly have continued to be imposed as a result of Tory policies.

A key role in enabling the Tories to build up the powers of the Secretary of State has been performed by the Scottish TUC — both the right-wing and Communist Party who control this bureaucracy.

Younger has already presided over the run-down of countless factories — from the vehicle plants at Linwood and Bathgate, to the smelter at Invergordon — yet it is always to Younger that the Scottish labour and trade union leaders turn when even more jobs are under threat. This is what is now happening over the giant Ravenscraig steel works, which is an imminent candidate for the Tory axe.

As with every other industrial and political question, the Stalinist and right-wing union leaders have once more begun talks on this issue with Younger. These talks help boost the Scottish Secretary as some friend of the 'Scottish people', when in fact he is an arch-Thatcherite.

When the STUC's annual congress begins in Inverness in two weeks' time, delegates must demand that union leaders break off all talks with the Scottish Office — both in public and in secret.

Not just Ravenscraig, but closure of pits and mass destruction of council services are currently in an advanced stage of planning by the Tories. The STUC congress must take up the call to organise a General Strike throughout Britain to sweep the Tory dictatorship from power.

TUC MUST CALL G



The Hucknall and Linby women's action group in Nottinghamshire — continuing to function, even though the strike is over

Women will not be pushed around

THE POWERFUL role of the women's support groups during the miners' strike has proved that all women in Britain are starting to resist Thatcherism.

BY BEN RUDDER

'Women have proved that they will not be pushed around any more and that they will now fight for what they think is right,' Hucknall and Linby women's support group secretary Sandra Creed told News Line.

The women in the town who supported their husbands on strike are acutely aware that its future depends on the four local mines — all of which face possible closure in the next five years.

Asked what had made the women's movement so important in the 1984-1985 strike, Sandra replied: 'This time it was not just for money. We are fighting for the rest of our lives.'

'We have opposed the government, the police, the social security department and even our own husbands to some extent. That has taken a lot of courage, and it is not going to be lost.'

'If the women's groups keep together, I'm sure they can do a lot of good. I think we should start thinking about the youngsters in the area. They have no jobs and nowhere to go.'

'You can see them every night just hanging around in the market place. We could be a strong force to get something constructive for them if we stick together.'

Struggles

'And there are all the other people who have struggles still going on. The hospital workers in Barking have been out for over a year, and there are people locally like those at the Doughty engineering company who have given us support.'

'We shall also keep in touch with the support groups in other towns. They were marvellous to us in

Harlow and Welwyn Garden City.

'We had support from people you would never expect to back the miners. The pensioners in Harlow set up their own support group and collected money every week. We had a benefit punk show organised by youth.'

The women in the support group travelled to towns in the south of the country to raise funds, and found themselves addressing meetings of 500 or more having never spoken in public before in their lives.

Sandra's husband Phil said the women were able to raise more money and support than the men on their own, and that they were able to explain the case to other women.

The experience of the large marches in Barnsley, Wakefield and London, as well as the day-to-day struggle to feed several

hundred on a small electric cooker had completely altered the views and way of life of many women, added support group chairman Sally Seabrooke.

'If they read the newspapers now they are doubly suspicious of everything. Many used to read the "Sun" from cover to cover. But after reading the lies written about the pickets and the police they have changed.'

Effects

Sandra added that the first effects of the strike could be seen in the attitude of miners' wives to the teachers' dispute. 'They would not have thought much about the teachers' problems in the past, but now they are asking what they are fighting for.'

'And personally I don't think the fight for jobs in the pits has finished at all. In many ways it has only just started.'



Sally Seabrooke (left), Sandra

GENERAL STRIKE FOR JOBS

'FREE WORKERS TODAY CLASS PRISONERS TOMORROW'



Jack Collins sending off the Kent strikers who marched from the south of England to Nottinghamshire in April last year to gain support for the miners' strike. Terry French, the miner now serving a five-year sentence in Wandsworth jail, is on the left

Unions must act to free jailed men

— Jack Collins

BY SIMON VEVERS

THE FIGHT to win the release of miners jailed for fighting to defend jobs must be taken up by the whole working class, says Kent NUM secretary Jack Collins.

'The free workers of today are the class prisoners of tomorrow,' he warned in an interview with News Line this week.

Collins will be addressing a rally tomorrow in Sheffield following a march to demand the release of jailed miners and the reinstatement of sacked men.

Other speakers will include Liz French, whose husband Terry has been condemned to five years in jail, and John Moyle, branch president at Betcheshanger colliery in

Kent, who has been dismissed.

'The Labour and trade union movement must wake up and fight at every level on this issue and campaign to get the men released and those lads sacked their jobs back.'

Destiny

'They are no longer just the property of the miners, they are the property of the whole working class. Their destiny is therefore the responsibility of the whole working class,' Collins stressed.

'Let's have Willis and Kinnock come out with a statement. On second thoughts let's not because that could mean them staying in jail even longer!'

Urging the fight for an amnesty to be broadened, the Kent NUM leader said: 'People must be confronted at every street corner, at every meeting, rally and conference.'

'Wherever a miner speaks he must mention the lads that are in jail. And not only mention them. The demand must be to get them out of jail.'

'We must tell other unions that an organisation that allows people to remain in jail cannot itself be free.'

Collins said the Kent NUM was organising collections to support the families of jailed and sacked union members. 'The determination is there and we're serious about the campaign in

Kent to get an amnesty.'

He insisted that the question of those men who had been sacked by the Coal Board could not be separated from the issue of the jailed miners.

'In a sense the sacked men are themselves in jail without being behind bars because they are now blacklisted throughout the mining industry.'

Victimise

Collins pointed out that a large number of Kent miners had moved to the area many years ago after being victimised for their trade union activities in other coalfields.

'But now there is no "Kent" to go to as there was then. If these men

are not reinstated at their own pits there is nowhere else for them to go in the industry.'

Collins urged the working class to heed the call made by Terry French in a message from his cell in Wandsworth jail.

French demanded to know whether the trade union movement would still stand by giving 'conscience money' to the miners' union while it is being bludgeoned by the full force of the state.

'Will you still stand and watch until there is nothing left but a corpse or will you stand like true trade unionists and come to the aid of the miners?' he asked.

Collins added: 'Let these dramatic words ring in the ears of the working class and hopefully stir the conscience of the workers into acting to get these comrades out of jail.'



Creed, Phil Creed (back left) and Mark Seabrooke

RELEASE class war prisoners AMNESTY for all sacked men



Jailed miners are victims of Thatcherism

EVERY SACKED and jailed miner is a victim of Thatcherism, and not a criminal, sacked Creswell miner David Heald insists. 'I don't regard anyone charged during the strike to be a criminal, they are victims of Thatcher's onslaught against us.'

'I am opposed to violence and I had never been in trouble with the police in all my life. The night we were arrested we never set out to get involved in any violence — but like other people who were arrested during the strike, we just got caught up in it by the police.'

'Before the strike I used to have respect for the police, but they treated us like animals. The trickery they used to try and get us to admit to things we didn't do has given me a hatred of the police.'

Heald's wife Lorraine was 8½ months pregnant when the police came to arrest him. As they dragged him out of the house, their three-year-old son was left screaming in terror and Lorraine abused by the police when she tried to find out what was happening to her husband.

Inside the police station, Heald said he was told he would not be bailed to see the birth of his second child unless he admitted to

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

charges of unlawful assembly.

Another act of duplicity which Heald blames on the police was an assurance that a plea of guilty to the charges would lead to the men's reinstatement at the pit. But despite these promises, the first interview with the Creswell pit manager dispelled any such hopes.

The manager said that the men would not be offered their jobs back and dissociated himself from written documents which stated that the men would be given an amnesty at the pit.

Leader

But despite their present situation, Heald holds no grudge against the National Union of Mineworkers and their leader in president Arthur Scargill.

'I'm right behind the union and everything it has

stood for. The quicker the present leaders in Nottinghamshire are thrown out the better, as far as I am concerned.'

'There are some important lessons to be learned from our strike.'

'Firstly, everybody left it to the miners to fight the battle for jobs. Now the rest of them know what to expect and it is up to them to stand up and fight like we did.'

'But we have also been an inspiration to other groups of workers. I think it was brilliant the way the miners stayed out for 12 months.'

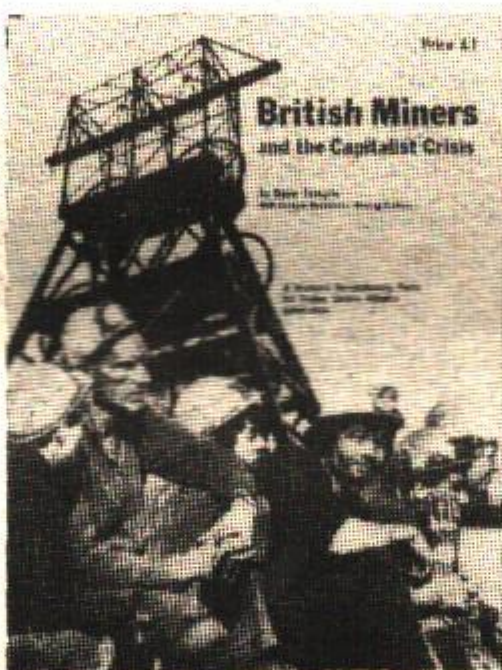
'But it must be understood that no union can be left to fight on its own any more. They have got to have help from the rest of the trade unions.'

'And I would hope that despite the ballot verdict on the levy, the rest of the trade union movement recognises its responsibility to those of us who were sacked and jailed. It could have been any one.'



David Heald and his wife Lorraine in their Creswell home

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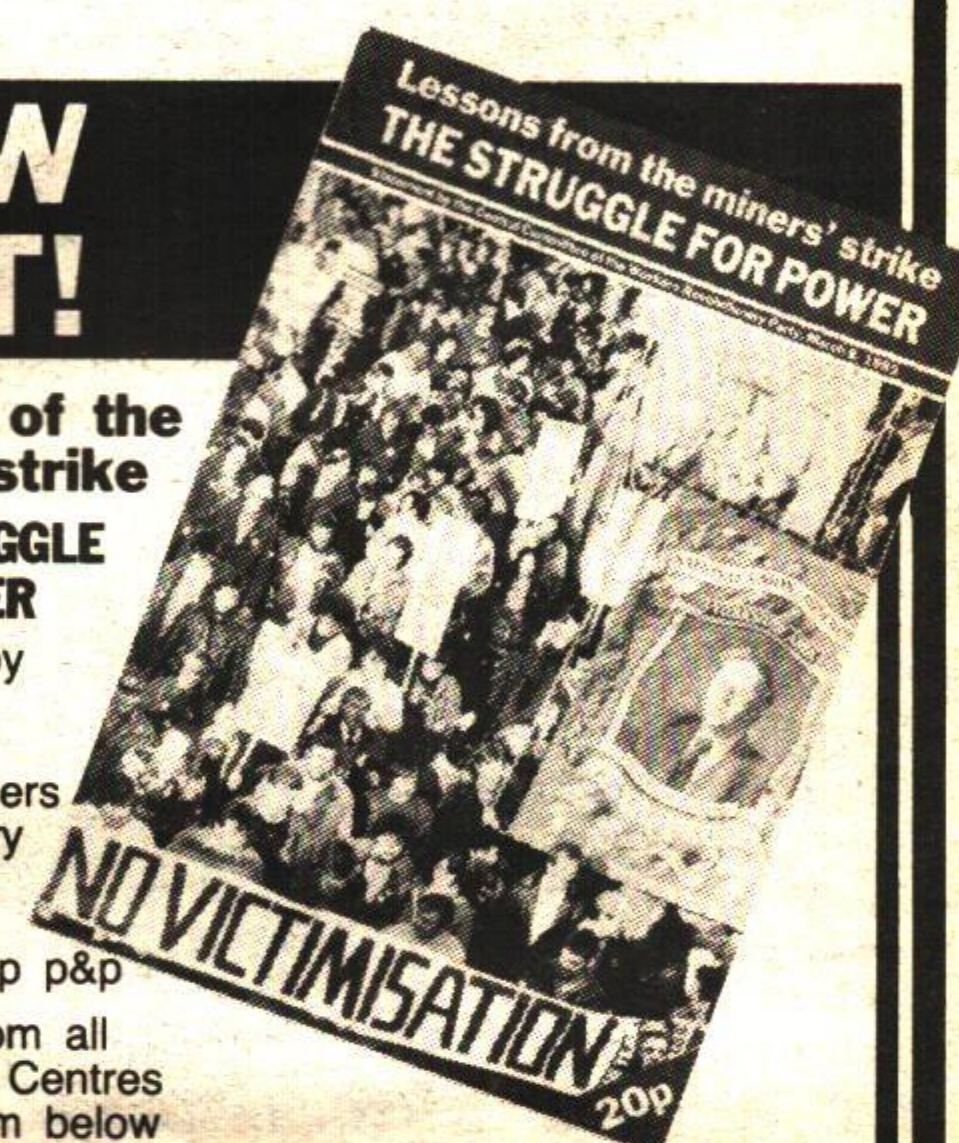
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KEVIN GREEN

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North Derbyshire NUM — Four-
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BOOKS

A weekly review of
the latest publicationsSoldiers revolt to back
revolutionThe Soldiers' Strikes of 1919. Andrew
Rothstein
The Journeyman Press, £3.95

ON FRIDAY morning January 3rd 1919, three thousand British troops in Folkestone refused to embark for Germany. The British government intended to use them in its intervention against the Russian Revolution.

By 9a.m. a march began to the Town Hall, where over ten thousand men assembled. Several climbed on to the portico and made speeches demanding demobilisation. The Mayor told the men that if they returned to their camps they would hear good news and the crowd answered by singing: 'Tell me the old, old story'. The following day, thousands more soldiers were marching, some new arrivals carrying kit and rifles.

Committee

It was announced that a 'Soldiers' Union' had been formed and had elected a committee of nine to confer with the authorities. The 'Daily Herald' reported that everywhere the feeling was the same: 'The war is over, we won't fight in Russia, we mean to go home'.

By the end of the war, the British army numbered 5,973,000 men. Demonstrations, refusals to obey army discipline and riots, spread rapidly through the ranks in Britain and abroad, as their demobilisation was held up. The revolt spread into the Navy and the air force.

In the summer of 1918, the British Government had despatched an expeditionary force to Archangel and Murmansk.

The overwhelming mass of soldiers, sailors and airmen were hostile to that intervention. They clamoured for demobilisation. They had had enough of war.

The Folkestone demonstration was followed that January by mutinies in camps throughout the country. Lorries were commandeered for a mass descent on London. Soldiers and airmen's committees were elected in almost every depot and camp. The soldiers of the Army Service Corps depots in London demonstrated 6,000-strong to Downing Street. Everywhere, British workers in uniform were demanding

the end of all drafts for Russia.

A captain in Greece commented in his diary on the mood of the troops: 'Strangely enough, now that the war is over, numbers of the men refuse to obey orders, or rather they show a certain amount of independence that is most disconcerting. I had to talk to a whole company of men that were disgracefully abusive to their officers.'

The rulers of Britain, virulent opponents of the Russian Revolution, found their crusade against Bolshevism, crumbling underneath them.

Churchill, writing to Prime Minister Lloyd George, at the end of January advocated that the British armies in Russia should be reinforced until victory was obtained against the Bolsheviks. 'But unfortunately' he was compelled to add, 'we have not the power, — our orders would not be obeyed, I regret to say.'

Opposition

That 'but', killed the intervention. British workers and soldiers at that time were part of the great world wide opposition to the

plans of the imperialist powers which helped save the first workers' state.

Andrew Rothstein's book was first published in 1979 and is now reprinted. Rothstein, now in his eighties, took part in one of the demonstrations in 1919. The book, however, could have been compiled by any young student gathering together press reports, reminiscences, etc, on 'interesting' events.

Except that Rothstein, a long time Stalinist, is much more concerned in the book to destroy any revolutionary conclusions from the events of 1919.

According to him it was 'an extraordinary protest movement' with soldiers insisting on their right that 'on becoming soldiers we have not ceased to be citizens'.

Stalinism cannot rouse workers to their revolutionary traditions and Rothstein reduces the movement in 1919 to a liberal protest seeking for the army a place in bourgeois democracy.

In fact it was a movement directly clashing with capitalist power. By its very nature any mutiny in the forces must reflect a revolutionary crisis in society.

Rothstein long since ceased to be a Marxist, and long since became unable to teach the working class anything but false lessons from its history.

He peddles his liberal conclusions by separating the 'facts' of the soldiers' revolts of 1919 from all their

interconnections in the British working class, internationally and with the weakness of revolutionary leadership.

There were great movements among workers in the factories and in uniform, part of a world revolutionary upsurge. There was contact between the two but the mutinies in the forces remained spontaneous in character because of the inability of the revolutionary groups who had not yet formed a Communist Party — to conduct systematic work to win the leadership of the millions of workers in uniform.

Hack

It would be foolish to expect an old Stalinist hack like Rothstein to discuss these tremendous movements of revolt from the point of view of building a revolutionary leadership. His history is meant to blur the sharpness of class struggle.

We even have the attempt to make Lenin more 'respectable' by showing that he and Lloyd George had 'identical assessments of the whole affair'.

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Shamelessly obvious follow-up to the remarkably successful 'Lace', not even dignified with a proper title of its own, it barely manages a new plot.



May 21st, 1892, Plymouth station: gangs of workmen replace over 400 miles of the old broad gauge with the standard 'coal-cart gauge' in a single weekend

Steam hey-days

IN the Victorian heyday of the Great Western Railway, Adrian Vaughan's fourteen year old great-grandfather joined the company as an engine cleaner.

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He was not promoted to driver until 1891, when he

Grub, Water and Relief: Tales of the Great Western, 1835-1892
by Adrian Vaughan (John Murray, £9.95)

was thirty and already had a string of fines and suspensions for drinking and absenteeism.

His is just one of the stories in Vaughan's anecdotal history of the railway, which starts with the men who built it, the navvies, the contractors and Brunel himself.

There are tales of the 'eight foot singles', the engines with a huge driving wheel, designed by Daniel Gooch and capable of steaming into stations with only the most rudimentary lights at over sixty miles an hour. Swindon, the company town, merits a chapter.

In the late nineteenth century, 10,000 Swindonians left on the annual 'Trip week' with concessionary tickets to Weymouth or Aberystwyth for their only long holiday of the year.

The book ends in 1892 when the last broad gauge train steamed up with the overnight mail from Penzance to Paddington, and then steamed back to the scrapyard, while teams of workmen spent two 16-hour days converting Brunel's superb seven foot track to the standard 'coal-cart' gauge so disparaged by generations of the Great Westerners.

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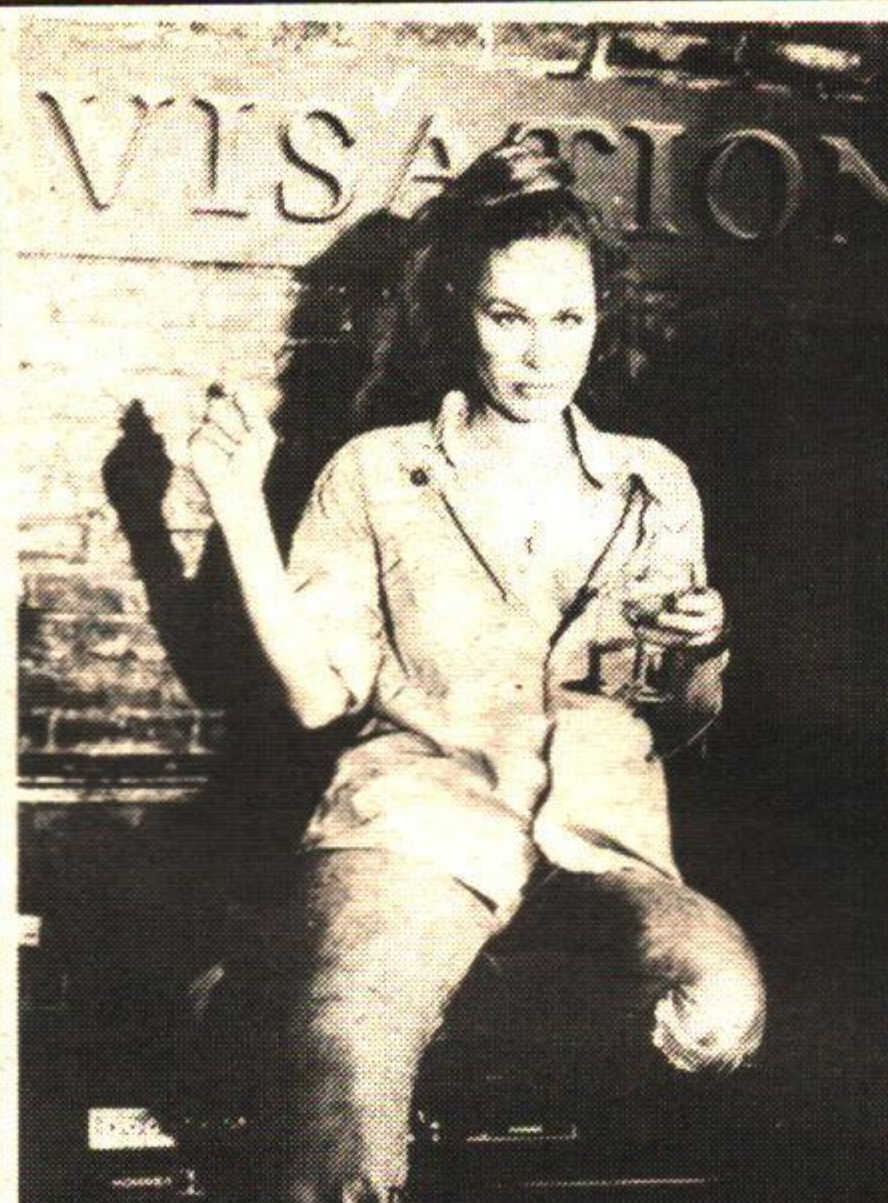
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Karen Black in 'Can She Bake a Cherry Pie' is on 4 at 11.15



Jill Gascoine stars in 'The Gentle Touch' on ITV at 9

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. 2.20 Racing from Aintree (2.35, 3.10 races). 3.25 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 The Magic Pudding. 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

7.40 ODD ONE OUT Paul Daniels challenges contestants to identify words, pictures or pieces of music as the 'odd one out'

8.10 STARKY AND HUTCH With Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul in *Murder on Stage 17*. The cop duo pose as stuntmen

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. His academic life behind him, Brett faces the shock of life in the real world

10.15 THE VISIT: *The Boy David Trilogy* A new film chronicles the progress of the disfigured Peruvian baby since his adoption by plastic surgeon Ian Jackson

11.05 THE LATE FILM: *The Day The Earth Stood Still* An extra-terrestrial visitor tries to warn mankind of the perils of war in this sci-fi classic starring Michael Rennie and Patricia Neal (1951)

12.35 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 6.35-7.00 Gardening Together. 11.05 Sioe Siarad. 11.15 The Late Film: *Weekend of Shadows*. 12.40 News of Wales Headlines and Weather; Close

BBC2

6.30-7.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.30 Introduction to Economics. 6.55 Stressed Materials. 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 Mathscore Two. 10.38 Zig Zag Special. 11.00 English 11-13. 11.22 Geography Casebook. 11.44 Going to Work. 12.05 Making the Most of the Micro. 12.30 Pages from Ceefax. 1.38 Around Scotland. 2.00 Scene. 2.30 English File. 2.55 Pages from Ceefax.

3.25 Racing from Aintree (3.45, 4.20 races). 4.35 Pages from Ceefax. 4.40 Monkey.

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.30 EUREKA Clive Doig looks at the invention of everyday things

6.00 THE INVADERS *The Trial* Classic sci-fi adventure series starring Roy Thinnes who suspects a murder trial of being set up by aliens

6.50 PHIL SILVERS as Sergeant Bilko in *Revolutionary War*

7.15 ORS 85 There's music from The Thompson Twins and Bronski Beat in the last programme of the series from the Oxford Road studios

8.05 NATURE Tony Soper and Brian Leith report on turtles, the plight of our countryside, and radar as a weapon against insect pests

8.35 GARDENERS' WORLD IN NEW ZEALAND Geoff Hamilton visits a sea-facing garden in the south of the island

9.00 JUST ANOTHER DAY A day in the life of the Tower of London

9.30 AROUND WITH ALLISS

10.00 HARTY GOES TO... OXFORD

10.30 NEWSNIGHT

11.15 Weatherview

11.20 MARCEL CARNE *Les Portes de la Nuit* In the confusion of liberated Paris, Yves Montand (making his breakthrough as a serious actor) is drawn along a complex trail of treachery, revenge and retribution. (1946) Also starring Pierre Brasseur, Nathalie Nattier, Serge Reggiani

1.05 Close

CHANNEL 4

2.35 MASTER BRIDGE

3.00 WINTER SUNLIGHT Dorothy is beginning to feel confident about her independence

4.00 LOOK WHAT IT CAN DO

4.30 THE PEOPLE'S COURT

5.00 THE ADDAMS FAMILY *The Addams Family Tree*

5.30 THE TUBE Jools Holland, Paula Yates and Muriel Gray introduce the usual mix of live bands, videos and interviews plus guests Van Morrison and Squeeze

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 Andrew Alexander of the 'Daily Mail'

8.15 A WEEK IN POLITICS Peter Jay's weekly look at the world of politics

9.00 THE COSBY SHOW *Is That My Boy* Cliff Huxtable coaches his enthusiastic but untalented son who has somehow won a place on the school football team

9.30 GARDENER'S CALENDAR April

10.00 CHEERS *Diane Meets Mom*

10.30 FRAGILE EARTH RETROSPECTIVE Within the next 15 years it is expected we will lose 2 million species of plants and animals. Phil Agland and a group of experts discuss the continuing destruction of our wildlife

11.15 CAN SHE BAKE A CHERRY PIE? (1983) Karen Black in the British television premier of this off-beat comedy as a neurotic woman abandoned by her husband, who forms a romantic relationship with equally eccentric New York divorcee and health freak Michael Emil

1.00 Close

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 12.00 Emma and Grandpa. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Understanding the Under 12s. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Friday Matinee: *The Girl Who Couldn't Quite* With Bill Owen, Elizabeth Henson. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Batfink. 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 HAWAII FIVE-0 *Full Fathom Five*

9.00 THE GENTLE TOUCH *Exit Laughing* A minor civil servant is found dead in some exotic surroundings

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by London News Headlines

10.30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME *SPECIAL City of Fear* John Taylor talks to Londoners about their fear of crime

11.30 SOUTH OF WATFORD Ben Elton looks at the backwaters of London to find boat-dwellers, and house-boat owners

12.00 BRITISH OPEN INDOOR BOWLS from Darlington

12.45 FREEZE FRAME *Phil Collins* Phil Collins talks about his music at London's Town House recording studios. Including videos, 'In The Air, Tonight' and 'Why Can't It Wait Till Morning'

1.10 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

S4C

1.00 Silent Laughter. 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... 4.20 Cartoon Carnival. 4.45 Hanner Awr Fwy. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 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 Towers of Silence. 12.40 Close.

RADIO

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

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Mark Page (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Phil Kennedy. 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 Paul Heiney (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk; 3.10 Racing from Aintree). 3.30 Music All The Way (S). 4.00 Steve Jones (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 Les. 10.30 Old Stagers. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Steve Madden (S). 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) Debussy, Clementi, Torroba, Sullivan (8.00-8.05 News) Vivaldi, Holborne, Schumann, Parry. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Chopin. 10.00 Albion Ensemble (S) Malcolm Arnold, Graham Whettam, Holst. 10.40 Langham Chamber Orchestra (S) Mozart, Arensky, Pierre-Max Dubois. 11.25 Song Recital (S) Purcell, Henze and Britten. 12.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Arwel Hughes, Beethoven Piano Concerto No.5 (1.00 News) Dvorak Symphony No. 9. 1.50 Faure (S) Piano recital. 2.35 L'Homme et Sa Cuisine (S) Milhaud and Dutilleul. 3.05 Mozart and Haydn (S). 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) Narvaez, Gaspar Sanz, Ginastera, trad arr Bonell. 7.00 Music for two violins (S) Leclair, Prokofiev. 7.30 BBC Singers (S) Bach, Schutz (8.10-8.30 Heyday's (S) Schutz, Bach. 9.20 A Self-Made Man (S). 10.20 Arnold and Rubbra (S) BBC Scottish S.O. 11.00 The Beethoven Piano Sonatas (S). 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; 6.45 Business News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.20, 8.50 Your Letters; 7.25, 8.25

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: *Journey Back to Oz*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Batfink. 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 Hotel. 9.00 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Indoor Bowls. 11.15 Riptide. 12.15 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: *Wyoming Mail*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Batfink. 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 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Indoor Bowls. 11.15 The Tough Guys. 1.10 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:

The Abominable Snowman. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Batfink. 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 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Police Squad. 11.00 Mannix. 12.00 Indoor Bowls. 12.45 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: *Journey Back to Oz*. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 The Protectors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Batfink. 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 Airwolf. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.35 Sounds Classical. 11.00 Hardcastle & McCormick. 12.00 Indoor Bowls. 12.45 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 Batfink. 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 The Benny Hill Show. 9.00

The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Indoor Bowls. 11.15 Film: *Good Against Evil*. 12.50 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: *The Fan*. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Batfink. 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 The Fall Guy. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Your Say. 10.45 Nothing But the Best. 11.15 Indoor Bowls. 12.00 Mannix. 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. 11.00-11.15 Vertical Roll.

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 Film: *Bullet For A Badman*. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Batfink. 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 It's Mike Yarwood. 9.00 The Gentle Touch. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.15 Indoor Bowls. 12.00 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense: *In Possession*. 1.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Everett - Walwyn's treble up!

FULKE WALWYN can win the Sporting Life Weekender Handicap Chase for the third successive year at LIVERPOOL today with Everett (2.35).

Fauloon won two years ago when it was the Holiday Inn Chase, and Straight Accord scored last season for the Lambourn trainer.

Everett has had something of a chequered season, but there is no doubting his ability when he is on song.

He began with an impressive Kempton victory, beating Fred Pilliner by 15 lengths, but disappointed in the Hennessy, when a poor display of jumping left him struggling in seventh place.

Two runs over hurdles, the most recent when fourth to Mick's Star at Nottingham, should have sharpened him up, and he is fancied to come good.

Against The Grain, Nohalmdun and Humberside

Lady, second, third and fourth respectively in the Triumph Hurdle behind First Bout, re-oppose in the Derby Quincentenary Hurdle.

However, preference here is for the Irish raider Derrynvale (3.10), whose unbeaten run was ended by Tondbad at Leopardstown in December.

He has not run since, but may benefit from having had an easy preparation instead of a hard race at Cheltenham.

Admiral's Cup (2.00), third to Very Promising at Newbury last time, can take advantage of the 10lb he receives from Karenmore in the riding for the Disabled Association Novices' Chase.

Best bet at DEVON could

be Dicky Blob (5.05) in the Old Coaching Inn Chudleigh Hunter Chase.

He is always a force to be reckoned with in this part of the world and has much less to do than when fourth to Cheekio Ora at Ludlow last week.

TACROY was confirmed yesterday morning as a definite National runner by trainer Mick Masson.

Masson said: 'He worked this morning and will travel up to Liverpool early tomorrow. Tacroy, backed by his owner Alf Duffield to win £75,000 in last year's race, is currently on offer at 33-1.

LAMBOURN trainer Nick Henderson announced at Liverpool last night that John White rides Classified in tomorrow's big race.

Henderson said: 'John was booked for five Hereford rides on Saturday — for me and Peter Bailey — but will now be recalled to Liverpool. John rode Spartan Missile in last year's National and got around alright. I'm very confident he will do the job on Classified.' The horse is a 25-1 shot in the latest betting.

PETER SCUDAMORE, booked by Jenny Pitman to partner 1983 winner Corbiere in the National this year, had a crashing fall on Burnt Oak in the Whitbread Trophy at Aintree yesterday.

Scudamore escaped with just a shaking, but will have to pass a medical check-up before riding today.

Robert Earnshaw, who fell on Richardstown four out, was concussed and is automatically out of action for seven days. Richard Dunwoody came down at the same fence on Run To Me, but West Tip's Grand National partner was quickly back on his feet unscathed.

LIVERPOOL BBC1 2.35, 3.10 BBC2 3.45, 4.20

2.00 RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION NOVICE CHASE £6,000 2m (10 runners)

1	111110	KARENMORE (D) M H Easterby 7 11 13	A Brown
2	10FF3	OUR FUN J Gifford 8 11 7	R Rowe
4	113210	ST WILLIAM (D) R Hodges 8 11 7	Peter Hobbs
6	102123	ADMIRAL'S CUP F Winter 7 11 3	J Francome
7	1-1F222	GOLDEN FANCY (D) I Vickers 8 11 3	R Lamb
9	0U1311	ITSGOTTABEALRIGHT (D) Mrs W Sykes 8 11 3	S Morshead
10	000-0-00	NANCY'S BOY R Jeffrey 6 11 3	J Mansen
11	000003	PAN ARTIC T Bill 6 11 3	Philip Hobbs
14	01-1122	TARN (D) T P Tate 7 11 3	R Earnshaw
15	21124F	THE FOODBROKER (CHI) (D) P Haynes 9 11 3	A Webb

BLINKERS: 16
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Karenmore, 7-2 Admiral's Cup, 5-1 Itsgottabealright, 6-1 The Foodbroker and St William, 10-1 Tarn, 12-1 Golden Fancy, 14-1 Our Fun, 20-1 others.

2.35 SPORTING LIFE WEEKENDER HANDICAP CHASE £6,000 3m 1f (12 runners)

1	143120	ROYAL BOND (C-D) A Moore (IRE) 12 12 0	T J Taaffe
2	1P-1004	EVERETT (C-D) (BF) F Walwyn 10 11 8	S Shilton
5	214102	ACARINE P W Harris 9 11 1	R Stronge
6	110-010	FINAL ARGUMENT (BF) G Richards 9 10 10	D Coakley (4)
7	412400	LEAN AR AGHAIDH S Mellor 8 10 8	M Perrett
8	34-1420	W SIX TIMES (C-D) Mrs M Dickinson 8 10 7	R Earnshaw
9	2-00010	GREAT HEAD BOY R Fisher 8 10 4	J O'Neill
10	21FF1F	GREEN BRAMBLE N Henderson 8 10 3	S Smith-Eccles
11	21111U	BLUE REEF W A Stephenson 10 10 3	R Lamb
14	044133	FRED PILLINER (D) M Scudamore 8 10 0	P Scudamore
15	U1F4PF	KING OR COUNTRY (C) D Barons 14 10 0	
21	UP0414	SEA SPLASH O Brennan 9 10 0	M Brennan

PROBABLE SP: 9-2 Green Bramble, 5-1 Everett, 6-1 Final Argument and Acarine, 7-1 Lean Ar Aghaidh and W Six Times, 9-1 Blue Reef, 10-1 Royal Bond and Great Head Boy, 14-1 others.

3.10 DERBY QUINCENTENARY HURDLE £12,000 (4-Y-O) 2m (15 runners)

1	1201	QUICKSTEP (D) M Pipe 11 8	P Leach
2	112110	WING AND A PRAYER (D) (BF) J Jenkins 11 4	J Francome
3	132313	ACE OF SPIES (D) L Kennard 11 0	B Powell
5	212422	AGAINST THE GRAIN D Nicholson 11 0	P Scudamore
6	1114	DERRYVALE (D) (BF) P Prendergast (IRE) 11 0	T Carmody
10	011010	MENINGI (D) N Tinkler 11 0	N Tinkler
11	031	MUSIC WONDER (D) R Hodges 11 0	R Linley
12	1F3011	NEWMARKET SAUSAGE (D) G M Moore 11 0	Mr G Harker
14	131223	NOHALMDUN (D) M H Easterby 11 0	J J O'Neill
15	21	ROUGH STONES (D) Mrs J Pitman 11 0	G Bradley
17	31	SHANGOSEER J Jenkins 11 0	
19	0	TARTAN TAILOR G Richards 11 0	C Coakley
20	110F00	WHISKEY EYES S Mellor 11 0	M Perrett
22	31	YOUNG NICHOLAS N Henderson 11 0	S Smith-Eccles
23	04114	HUMBERSIDE LADY (D) G Huffer 10 9	M Dwyer

BLINKERS: 1
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Against The Grain, 5-1 Nohalmdun, 6-1 Humberside Lady, 7-1 Wing And A Prayer, 8-1 Quickstep and Young Nicholas, 10-1 Rough Stones, 12-1 Shangoseer, 14-1 others.

3.45 R. E. A. BOTT FOX HUNTERS CHASE £8,000 2m 6f (18 runners)

1	1P0/P03	BUECHE GIOROD E Knight 14 12 0	Mrs C Elliott
2	3-121	CITY BOY Mrs J Mann 10 12 0	Mr T Thomson Jones
3	100-10U	ELIOTGARTY (BF) J Hassett (IRE) 10 12 0	Miss C Beasley
4	FP0PP-U	FLAGSTAFF D Cockram 13 12 0	Mr D Cockram
5	4FB0-11	FREDDIE BEE R Parker 8 12 0	Mr T Grantham
6	1U2121	GOLDEN TY (D) Vic Hall 7 12 0	Mr A Orkney

RESULTS

TAUNTON

2.15 (2m 1f): IMPERIAL CHAMPAGNE P Dever (7-2 fav); Carado (4-1); Boldnine (20-1); Asmid (10-1); 15 ran. 1/2, 10, 4 (J Thorne) T: £4.30; £1.80; £1.50, £4.10. CSF: £16.64. NR: Air Flight and Should Never Be.
2.50 (2m 1f): BLACKBOOSH Mr M Bosley (14-1); Super Dip (7-1); Lift High (10-1); Drum Maker (9-1); 19 ran. 1/2, same, (J Bosley) T: £13; £2.20, £1.40, £2.20, £2.20. CSF: £109.93. Drum Maker fshd 2nd but placed 4th.
3.25 (3m 1f): BLUE BEANS Mr R Alner (25-1); Hill Express (7-2); Dart Over (6-4 on fav); Golden Jest (14-1); 11 ran. 1/2, (B Rendell) T: £20.10; £4, £3, £1.10. CSF: £102.79.
4.00 (2m 3f): PEGGY P Richards (12-1);

Quite Hot (20-1); Crowning Moment (14-1); River Warrior (5-1); 14 ran. 1, 7, (R E Pocock) T: £12.90; £3.20, £4.40, £4.50. CSF: £205.92.
4.35 (2m 1f): MIGHTY STEEL C Smith (7-4 fav); Lille (15-2); Celtic Saga (33-1); Cervante Sovereign (12-1); 17 ran. 2, 7, (N Lee-Judson) T: £3.30; £2.10, £2.20, £3.20. CSF: £14.51.
5.05 (2m 1f): BICKLEIGH BRIDGE W Knox (11-2); Tudor Road (4-1); The County Stone (9-4 fav); Lucky Chris (4-1); 7 ran. 1, 2, (J D Roberts) T: £7.30; £1.60, £2.60. CSF: £25.63.

LIVERPOOL

2.00 (2m): SAILOR'S DANCE J Duggan (12-1); The Clown (25-1); Kesslin (13-8 fav); Ten Of Spades (7-1); 18 ran. 4, nl, (F Winter) T: £8.80; £2.60, £6.30, £1.90. CSF: £225.96.
2.35 (3m 1f): WAYWARD LAD J Francome (6-1); Earls Brig (11-4); Half Free (2-1 fav); Royal Bond (10-1); 6 ran. 3, 1/2, (Mrs M Dickinson) T: £3.50; £1.30, £1.80. CSF: £20.43.
3.10 (2m 4f): GEMBRIDGE JUPITER J Suthern (12-1); Dodgy Future (8-1); Chrysaor (10-1); Burannour (12-1); 21 ran. 1/2, 2, (C Tietline) T: £28.70; £5.60, £2.60, £2.80, £2.60. CSF: £97.17.
3.45 (2m 6f): SMITH'S MAN M Perrett (10-1); Knock Hill (16-1); Kilblowen (10-1); Poyntz Pass (10-1); 21 ran. 8,

hd. (Mrs J Pitman) T: £6.90; £1.60, £7.70, £2.10, £2.10. CSF: £148.81.
4.20 (3m 1f): RHYME N'REASON G Bradley (11-8 fav); Arctic Beau (14-1); Galesburg (12-1); Zamandra (6-1); 12 ran. 1, 3, (D Murray-Smith) T: £2.40; £1.40, £2.40, £3.50. CSF: £19.30.
4.50 (2m 4f): BEAU RANGER J Hurst (5-2 fav); Direct Line (3-1); Stand Back (12-1); Brave George (7-2); 8 ran. 3/4, 1/2, (J Thorne) T: £3.70; £2, £1.70, £1.60. CSF: £10.73.

SELECTIONS

LIVERPOOL: 2.00 Admirals Cup (n.b.), 2.35 Everett (nap), 3.10 Derrynvale, 3.45 City Boy, 4.20 Lucky Rascal, 4.50 The Last Prince
DEVON: 2.15 Golden Glitter, 2.50 Dawn Street, 3.25 Tanker, 4.00 Bellekino, 4.35 Toro, 5.05 Dicky Blob

DEVON

2.15 HALDON MOOR NOVICE HURDLE DIV I £600 2m 1f (18 runners)

1	2-04100	KING BURG (FR) J D Roberts 6 12 0	W Knox (7)
2	0001	THE TARIAHS D T Thom 6 12 0	Mr D Murphy (4)
3	F0	ALPINE AIR J H Baker 5 11 4	J H Davies
6		BRIGHTON BOY B B Isaac 6 11 4	R Millman
9	P	CANDY DAN D Bloomfield 6 11 4	L Bloomfield (4)
10	040	GOLDEN DELICIOUS (NZ) D H Barons 5 11 4	G Newman
15	0	GOLDEN GLITTER (BF) M C Pipe 5 11 4	P Nicholls
16	00P	PRINCE VIDAR Miss P Neal 6 11 4	R Hoare
21	PP	THE DINNICK LAD W G Turner 6 11 4	A Geering (4)
25	0-P	THE UNDERGRADUATE C C Tietline 6 11 4	K Frost (7)
26	P00	WATER SLADES T P Tery 5 11 4	A Carroll
27		WIMBLEBALL J R Payne 5 11 4	C Gray
28	123000	CHRONICLE LADY P Wardle 4 11 1	
29	0-P	ACORAS PREDICTION R G Frost 5 10 13	J Frost
30	0-P	PURSTON BALGELLA E Retter 9 10 13	Mr A J Wilson
35	PP	SHESGOTT W E Fisher 5 10 13	Miss H Chard (7)
37		TRESILIAN GOLD J D Thomas 9 10 13	A Griffiths
39	P	GREY TORNADO T Keenor 4 10 10	George Knight
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BLINKERS: 25
PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Golden Glitter, 3-1 The Tariahs, 6-1 Golden Delicious, 8-1 King Burg, 10-1 Chronicle Lady, 12-1 Prince Vidar, 20-1 others.

2.50 WEST OF ENGLAND HUNTER CHASE £850 2m 6f (13 runners)

1	442-301	BURN NOOKA W T Kemp 8 12 2	Mr C Newport (7)
2	144-030	HENRY KISSINGER H G Swaffield 11 12 2	Mr P Swaffield (7)
4	14120-2	LINPAC NORTH (C) Mrs J Retter 10 12 2	Mrs J Retter (7)
6	PP1-PUP	BLUE BEANS B F Rendell 10 11 12	Miss M Seear (7)
7	13040-2	DAWN STREET R Willis 7 11 12	Miss A Dare (7)
8	P3P1P0	GALLIC DREAM H C Morris 11 11 11	Mr S Long (7)
9	PF2F-20	BARARDEN Mrs R Fell 12 11 7	Mr P Wakeham (7)
11	RP0-034	HIGH CLASS AGENT (USA) M R Churches 7 11 7	Miss P Curling (7)
13	4303U3	MASTER STRAIGHT J R Sloman 13 11 7	Mr R Vicker (7)
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15	342P/UU	ROYAL RICHARD G Taylor 11 11 7	Mr C Down (7)
16	0U00F-3	SUB ROSA Mrs M G Watson 14 11 7	Mr C Gordon-Watson (7)
17	0/00400	SWALLOW HILL Mrs J Irish 11 11 7	Mr R Irish (7)

BLINKERS: 1, 8
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Henry Kissinger, 11-4 Burn Nooka, 9-2 Linpac North, 6-1 Sub Rosa, 8-1 Dawn Street, 10-1 Bararden, 12-1 High Class Agent, 16-1 others.

3.25 R.M.C. GROUP NOVICE HUNTER CHASE £1,500 3m 1f (17 runners)

1	2/11UFP	TANDYS TONIC B F Rendell 8 12 7	Miss M Seear (7)
2	30P-413	SIDBURY HILL S Pike 9 12 5	Mr A J Wilson
3	1	TANKER (D) P J Corbett 8 12 5	Mr A Ulyett (7)
4	P	ADONIS BLUE D V Gardner 8 11 12	Mrs S Gardner (7)
8	4	COOMEND G de Speville 10 11 12	Mr T Smith (7)
10	OF	CRESTED GREBE Mrs J Irish 10 11 12	Mr R Irish (7)
17	00224P	JUST A GHOST Mrs J French 9 11 12	Miss S French (7)
21	0BP-P	MARREN DENE N T Eley 11 11 12	Mr L Harvey (7)
22	FP	MERRY MAIL A P Moore 9 11 12	Mr A Moore (7)
23	3100P0	NEVER DEEMED H M Bennetts 9 11 12	Mr S West (7)
25	U444-UU	RANNERDALE G de Speville 11 11 12	
27	2420-23	ROMULEX (BF) Mrs J Baimbridge 7 11 12	Miss A Dare (7)
29		TULLISPAK N A Ramsay 9 11 12	Mr F Edwards (7)
30	F-	WHAT A CHANCE Mrs R Fell 8 11 12	Mr P Wakeham (7)
31	P0	WILLING'S MIDAS V Vaclavak 6 11 12	Mr P Hacking (7)
33	20F0	ARCTIC WARBLER O Sherwood 8 11 7	Mr S Sherwood
34	0000-	LUCKY MARBLE D B Clark 9 11 7	Mr D Clarke (7)

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Tanker, 7-2 Romulex, 9-2 Sidbury Hill, 6-1 Arctic Warbler, 8-1 Coomend, 12-1 Tandys Tonic, 20-1 others.

4.00 HAWKINS NOVICE SELLING HURDLE £400 (4-Y-O) 2m 1f (10 runners)

1	F210	MAC'S OR MINE D J Wintle 11 3	Mr J Wintle (7)
2	P0P	ABLE DAN Mrs E Harden 10 10	R Dennis (4)
5	000	BRUNDEAN BREEZE R T Jukes 10 10	G Williams (4)
6	PP	DECOKE L G Tizzard 10 10	Mr C Tizzard
8	222020	ESKER HOUSE D R Tucker 10 10	S McNeill
9	00P0	PIARA SINGH I Campbell 10 10	R Campbell (4)
10	PP4	SPECIAL ENVOY J R Jenkins 10 10	F Leavy
11	00	BELLEKINO R G Frost 10 5	J Frost
12	000	GRAFTON MANOR J R Bosley 10 5	Mr M Bosley (7)
14	0	MAID OF IRELAND D J Wintle 10 5	A Carroll

BLINKERS: 9, 10
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Special Envoy, 7-2 Mac's Or Mine, 9-2 Esker House, 6-1 Bellekino, 8-1 Maid of Ireland, 10-1 Grafton Manor, 12-1 Able Dan, 20-1 others.

4.35 HALDON MOORE NOVICE HURDLE DIV II £600 2m 1f (18 runners)

2	003401	BLUELIMIT D R Elsworth 4 11 6	R Arnott (4)
4	0000P0	BARNEY C C Tietline 5 11 4	K Frost (7)
5	P	BEATTIES BOY O Sherwood 8 11 4	Mr S Sherwood
6	00/0-4	BRIGONA S T Harris 7 11 4	
14	P	KALKUS O J Carter 6 11 4	
15	0-40	MIDNIGHT MADNESS D Bloomfield 7 11 4	L Bloomfield (4)
16	F	MORNINGTON (NZ) D H Barons 6 11 4	G Newman
17	0-	NIRMAL HRIDAY D A Wilson 7 11 4	
18	PP	PRIORY POACHER T P Tery 6 11 4	A Carroll
19	0	RELMORE G Kindersley 5 11 4	M Richards
220	SCOTTISH BOY	J L Spearing 6 11 4	P Warner
25	2	TORO (NZ) D H Barons 5 11 4	J Frost
30	P0-	MAN MAID I P Wardle 6 10 13	
34	0	SPINSTER'S ROCK Mrs N Stephens 8 10 13	B Wright
36	3/P-02P	TORBAY WEEKENDER (BF) M C Pipe 7 10 13	P Nicholls
39	0030	IL SARACENO M R Bosley 4 10 10	Mr M Bosley (7)
41	023430	SHINER'S PAL Mrs B Waring 4 10 10	George Knight
42	003030	SHOULD NEVER BE J R Jenkins 4 10 10	F Leavy

BLINKERS: 2
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Bluelimit, 7-2 Toro, 4-1 Torbay Weekender, 6-1 Should Never Be, 8-1 Shiner's Pal, 10-1 Beatties Boy, 1-1 Relmore, 14-1 others.

5.05 OLD COACHING INN CHUDLEIGH HUNTER CHASE £700 3m 1f (9 runners)

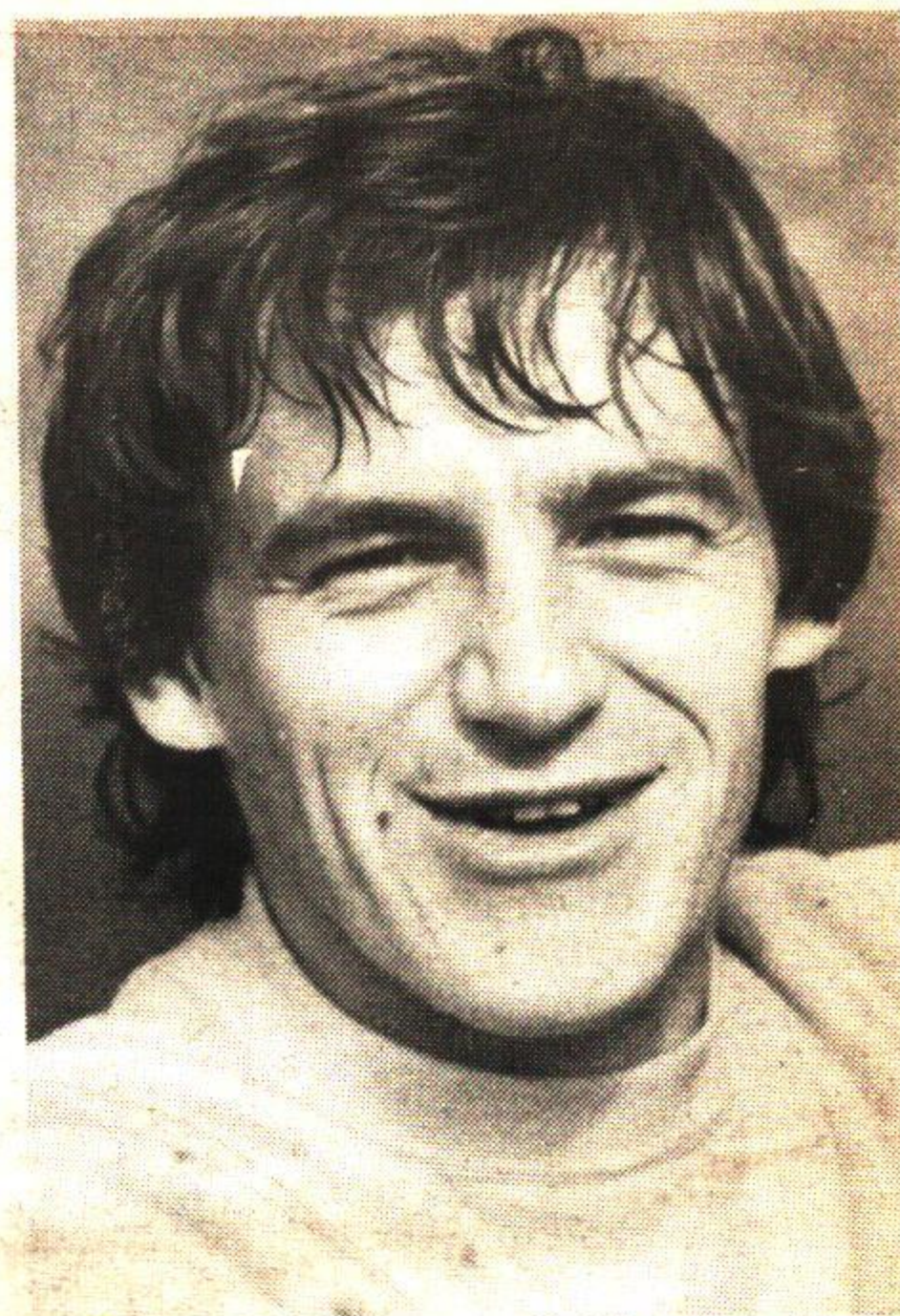
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3	11-P440	CULM PORT (C-D) N W Down 11 12 2	
4	FFP00-	GALLANT PRINCE C G Roach 10 12 0	Mr M Biddick (7)
6	40000P-	GO DEO DEO Mrs P Allison 11 12 0	
7	3100P0-	NEVER DEEMED H M Bennetts 9 12 0	Non-Runner
10		PHIL GREY Mrs R Bratchley 7 12 0	Mr S West (7)
11		RASHLEIGH BOY H J Widdicombe 11 12 0	Mr H Widdicombe (7)
12	U02111/	OTTERY NEWS (D) O J Carter 12 11 9	
13		TINKER'S QUEST Mrs A Frank 9 11 9	

BLINKERS: 13
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Dicky Blob, 7-2 Phil Grey, 5-1 Tinker's Quest, 6-1 Culm Port and Ottery News, 10-1 Rashleigh Boy, 14-1 others.



A side-long glance at Wembley but Steve says

HAPPY AS I AM



STEVE COPPELL . . . Settling into the challenge at Palace

IT WILL be two years to the day tomorrow since Steve Coppell last pulled on an England shirt, and he could have been forgiven for taking a long look in the direction of Wembley this week.

If his playing career had not been cruelly curtailed by injury, there is little doubt that Coppell would have been one of the first names on Bobby Robson's teamsheet for the international against the Republic of Ireland.

Instead, Coppell was behind the manager's desk at Crystal Palace, grappling with the problems of running a hard-up club too close for comfort to the bottom of Division Two.

But the former Manchester United star, still only 29, refuses to indulge himself by wondering what might have been.

'I would be a very bitter person if I still thought I ought to have been out there at Wembley, so I don't. I am looking forward, not back,' he said.

It was at Wembley in November 1981 that Coppell suffered the knee injury which was to eventually bring about his premature retirement. The damage was done in a crude challenge by Hungarian Jozef Toth during a World Cup qualifying match which England won 1-0.

Coppell's managerial role a challenge

Coppell recovered to play in the World Cup finals the following summer, but his days were numbered. He eventually quit on medical advice in October 1983.

'The knee went when I had another bang on it in a match at Sunderland. It was nothing drastic but it was bound to happen eventually. It was like a faulty car — if you keep driving, it eventually breaks down.'

His loss was felt as keenly by England as it was by Manchester United. On the day Coppell hung up his boots, Bobby Robson paid him a generous and genuine tribute: 'When I took over as England man-

ager he was one of two world-class players I was looking to build my side around.'

Even now, after numerous permutations and experiments, Robson does not attempt to hide his view that Coppell's role on the right hand side of midfield has not been adequately filled.

Embarked

At the time of his retirement, Coppell was chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association and could have embarked on a full-time career with the players' union.

Instead, he opted for a considerably less secure life by accepting the managership of Crystal Palace in May last year.

'If I had seen out my time as a player I would probably have worked away from football. But because I finished early I wanted to stay within the game,' he said.

'When I took this job I had an idealised view of what management should be about. I knew it would be hard work with a lot of restrictions, but like most people I'm vain enough to think I can turn it around.'

'To be honest, though, the progress we have made this

season has been disappointing. The one thing I didn't want was a fight against relegation.'

He insists that Palace's frequent turnover of managers did not worry him when he arrived at Selhurst Park and still does not worry him now.

Chance

'I said all along that all I wanted was a chance. I am doing the job to the best of my ability, but if that's not good enough, some one will tell me. I will say thanks for the opportunity and be on my way.'

Coppell is too realistic to make rash forecasts about Palace's prospects for the future.

'I hope we can do enough in our last dozen games to reach respectability, but I am not looking any further forward than the next match.'

'If I was to get back into the First Division I would like it to be with Crystal Palace. They gave me a chance when a lot of people would not.'



COPPELL . . . A great loss to England

WEEKEND SOCCER PREVIEW

Robson's 'waiting' game

BRYAN ROBSON is playing two kinds of waiting game at the moment. On the one hand the Manchester United and England captain is still anticipating his return to full fitness, and on the other he will be hoping Championship rivals Everton and Tottenham slip up on Saturday.

This will give United the chance to close the four-point gap at the top in Sunday's live TV match at champions Liverpool.

League leaders Everton are away to Southampton, a fixture they lost 3-1 last season, while Spurs face Aston Villa at White Hart Lane, almost certainly without Eire international full back Chris Hughton. He took a hefty whack on the knee in Tuesday's England victory over the Republic at Wembley — from club mate Glenn Hoddle, of all people.

Villa may have been thrashed 4-0 at Old Trafford last week as United's Welsh international and 'young player of the year' Mark Hughes notched his second hat-trick of the season, but went down only 2-1 at Spurs last year.

Starter

Robson was another Wembley casualty, hurting his ankle in colliding with Port Vale's Eamonn O'Keefe, but is an almost certain starter for Sunday.

Looking back to his recent long lay-off with shoulder and ankle injuries he said: 'I still don't feel 100 per cent, but I'm getting closer with every game.'

In the scramble against relegation, third to bottom Luton take on Ipswich, a place and two points behind them, at Kenilworth Road, and bottom club Stoke face a tough home match with fourth placed Arsenal.

West Ham visit Notting-

ham Forest, 4-1 winners at Stoke last week, Coventry go to Milk Cup winners Norwich, and Sunderland, the beaten finalists, take on their Milk Cup semi-final victims Chelsea.

Second Division leaders Manchester City can put their 3-0 mauling at second-placed Oxford behind them when they entertain bottom club Cardiff. Oxford are home to Grimsby and third-placed Portsmouth go to Shrewsbury.

Birmingham, fourth, are visited by financially stricken Wolves, who have not won in the League since November 24.

Clear

Bradford City, seven points clear at the top of Division Three from Millwall and Hull, are home to Plymouth, and Fourth Division leaders Chesterfield face Wrexham, who are struggling against having to apply for re-election.

RUGBY LEAGUE PREVIEW

Wigan's big test

BY OUR RUGBY LEAGUE CORRESPONDENT

couple of weeks ago promised so much. They were favourites for the League and Cup double, and the team everyone feared most.

Now some indifferent League form and last week's Cup exit at Elland Road means they could end up with nothing. But they should easily get back on the winning trail on Sunday when the visitors at relegation-haunted Barrow.

Sunday also sees second-placed St Helen's take on Warrington at Knowsley Road.

A series of good results has virtually ended Warrington's fear of the drop, but Saints at home should prove too strong for the 'Wire'.

The only other side with an outside chance of taking the title is Oldham. They will have the easiest job in rugby when they face Workington at Watershedding on Sunday.

The relegation of two more teams should be confirmed this weekend. Hunslet and Leigh both need away wins at Featherstone and Bradford respectively to stay up. Neither side looks to have the ability to avoid the drop.

In the Second Division the top four sides all won last week, and they all look likely to do the same this week.

Leaders Swinton should easily dispose of Sheffield Eagles at Rotherham soccer ground tonight, while second-placed Dewsbury are too good for Rochdale Hornets.

Salford are at home to Bramley who knocked them out of the Challenge Cup earlier in the season. Since then Salford have gone from strength to strength and a victory at the Willows will keep them on course for First Division rugby next year.

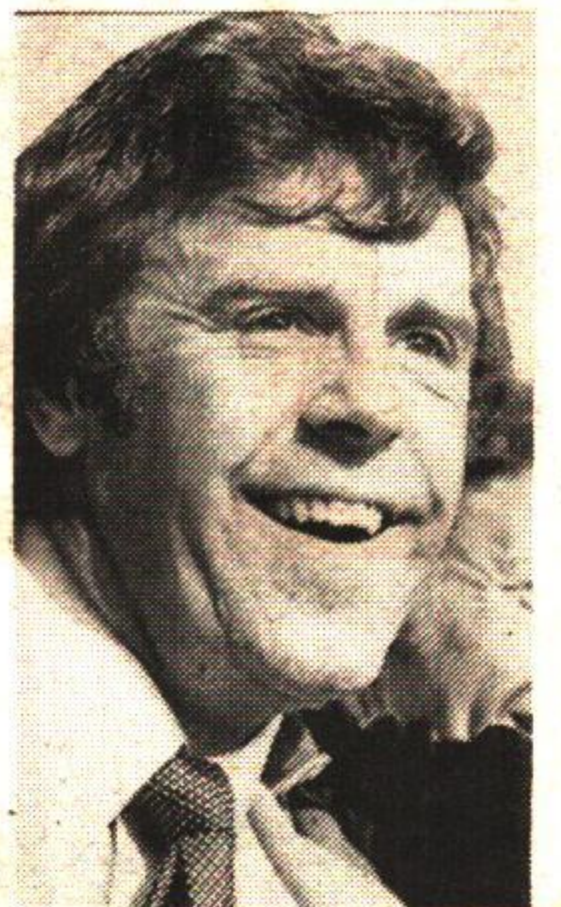
The last of the quartet are York. They play Fulham at home and should win comfortably against a struggling London side.



BRYAN ROBSON . . . Fingers crossed for Saturday

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER PREVIEW

Just what the doctor ordered



MIKE ENGLAND

MIKE ENGLAND'S ultimatum to his players kept Wales dreaming of Mexico at Hampden Park on Wednesday night.

The Welsh manager had spelt it out beforehand: 'Beat Scotland or forget the World Cup finals,' and the team responded with a magnificent 1-0 victory which has ripped open the Group Seven qualifying section.

A 37th-minute goal by Liverpool's scoring machine Ian Rush enabled Wales to draw level with Scotland and Spain on four points and afterwards manager England admitted he had used his own brand of psychology to prepare his players for the clash.

He said: 'I kept rubbing it into the players all week that if they did not get a victory they could stop dreaming about going to the finals.'

'People like Rush, Mark Hughes and Neville Southall deserve to be in Mexico — but I told them they had to get the result first. Now we are very much alive.'

Series

Scotland, who had begun the qualifying series with two impressive Hampden victories earlier in the season, completely collapsed under the pounding they received from the dynamic front-running partnership of Hughes and Rush.

A dispirited Scottish manager Jock Stein admitted that his players had



JOCK STEIN

been 'very nervous — just not themselves at all' but was quick to praise the performance of Rush and his Manchester United partner Hughes.

He said: 'They were incredible. They managed to occupy our entire back four and for that reason we were at a severe disadvantage.'

However, Stein was convinced that Hughes had made an illegal challenge on defender Alex McLeish before he knocked the ball down for Rush to send a blistering half-volley past Jim Leighton from the edge of the box. He said: 'It was an obvious foul, but I suppose that's what Hughes is there for.'

'We were very nervous with our passing and their front two got on top of our lads and seemed to frighten them.'

Scotland and Wales both have two games remaining in the qualifying section, the Welsh meeting Spain at Wrexham in a month's time and Scotland travelling to Iceland in May before the two meet again in the autumn.

And Welsh manager England confessed that he is already getting 'very excited' about the prospect of tackling the Spaniards in four weeks' time.

England said: 'This result has opened up the group entirely. It would be nice if Scotland and ourselves could get rid of Spain somehow, but I can't really see it. The main thing is that our hopes are still alive.'

'We knew we had to get a result desperately and it was unquestionably our night. I am a very, very proud man. The team were magnificent and I am sure the people of Wales must be very proud of the way they played.'

England enjoyed being able to scoff at the suggestions before the match that his strike force of Hughes and Rush were not an effective partnership.

He declared: 'That combination is quite something. I don't think McLeish and Miller have been given that type of game by anybody before.'

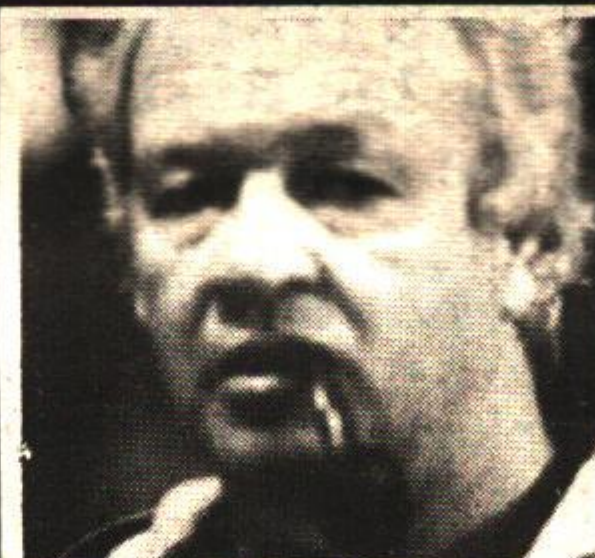
One bleak area for England was the booking of Joey Jones, which means that the Chelsea defender will miss next month's game against Spain.

England glossed over the incident during the second half in which Souness stamped on Peter Nicholas after a clash. He said: 'Both players are good professionals and they shook hands afterwards. The less said about it the better.'

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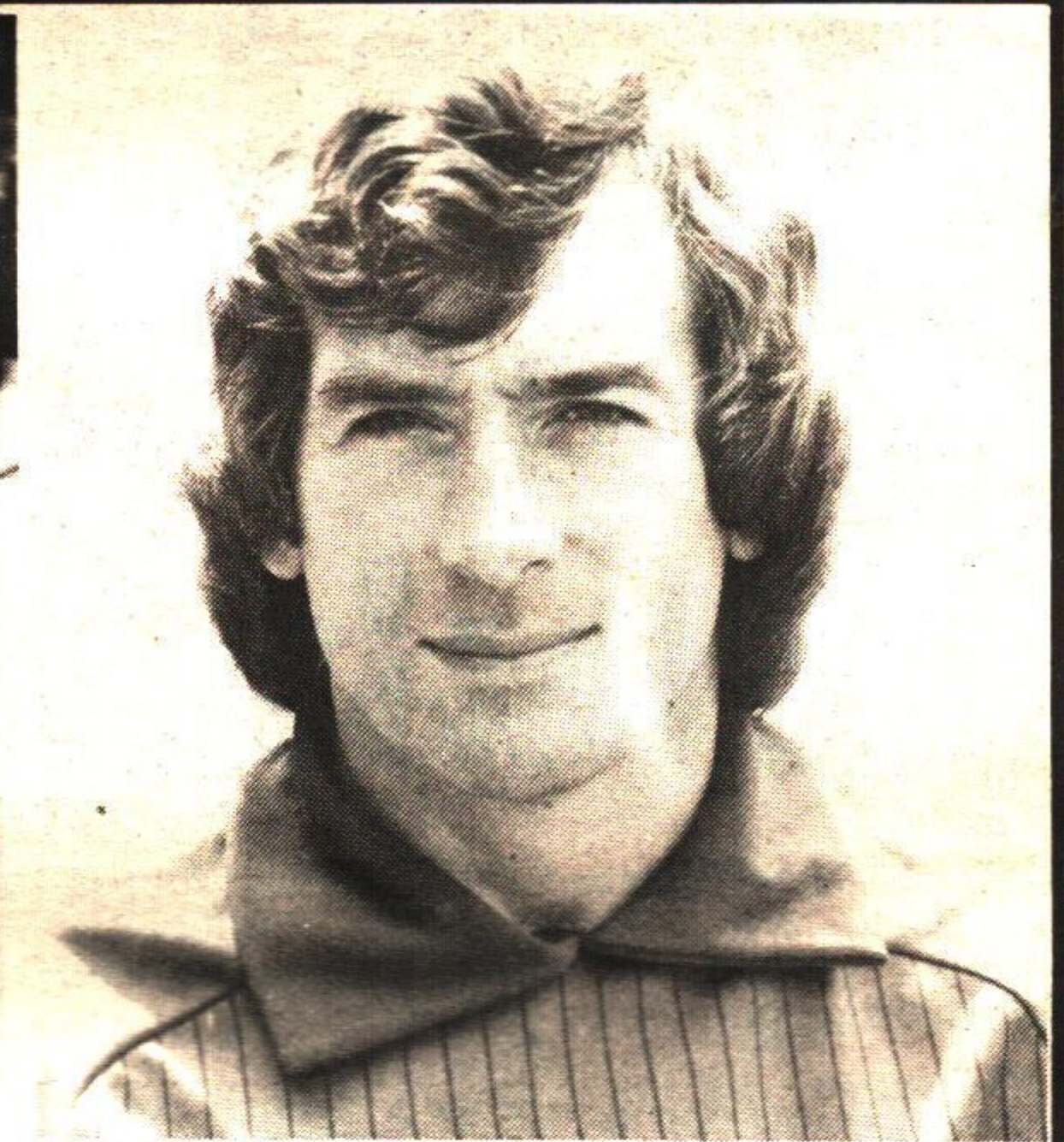


MARK HUGHES . . . Building a great partnership with Ian Rush



BILLY BINGHAM

Pat the Magnifico



PAT JENNINGS . . . Another great performance

PAT JENNINGS dragged his creaking bones out of the Football Combination and into the frenzied atmosphere of a Spanish hothouse to re-affirm once again his place among the world's top goalkeepers.

Arsenal manager Don Howe, who has condemned Northern Ireland's goalkeeper to his reserves, should have been in Majorca on Wednesday night to witness the incredible performance Jennings gave in the 0-0 draw.

It was only a friendly, but Jennings chose the night he cracked a British international appearance record to produce a breathtaking display that had the Spaniards clamouring to shake his giant hand afterwards.

Team-mate and long-time friend Gerry Armstrong was moved to comment: 'I just don't understand how Pat can even think about retiring.'

Jennings, a few months short of his 40th birthday, had the reflexes of a teenager and pulled off one save in the first half from Roberto that left the crowd gasping.

Best

He said afterwards: 'That has to be one of the best. I'm delighted, because I always believe each game could be my last at my age.'

'But I think in my last three internationals my

form has been as good as ever.'

The Irish enjoyed their luck with the woodwork coming to their rescue three times. But their battle for survival will give great heart to the Welsh, who take on Spain in Cardiff at the start of May in a World Cup qualifier.

Manager Billy Bingham was more concerned that his own side put behind them the memory of last month's damaging defeat by England and restored their morale for the resumption for the World Cup trail.

They take on Turkey in Belfast on May 1 and Bingham said 'that gives us a lift, especially for our away games. We know if we can do it here there's no reason why we can't go and do it in Turkey, Rumania and Wembley.'

'Scotland and Wales couldn't beat Spain on their own ground and it helps put our England result in perspective.'

The Irish wrecked Spain's World Cup hopes in the finals in 1982 but never really threatened to repeat that shock. Bingham said: 'It was a real battle, but to come here and do it again against a team of their calibre in that frenzied atmosphere is incredible.'

'Our back four were terrific but there is only one word to describe Jennings — superb. There were a few close calls but he was always there.'

Bingham flies off from Majorca at the end of the week after a well earned rest to which Rumania tackle Turkey.

Windies' easy victory

WEST INDIES took a 2-0 lead over New Zealand in their five-match series of one-day cricket internationals when they beat the tourists by six wickets yesterday in Port of Spain.

New Zealand, sent in on an easy-paced pitch in brilliant sunshine, scored 51 for three off 22 of the allotted 50 overs before heavy rain stopped play.

The home side, faced with the easy task of scoring 236 runs an over off 22 overs, finished on 55 for four with five overs remaining. Skipper Viv Richards hit the top score of 27 before he was out with just one run required.



VIV RICHARDS

It was an unsatisfactory end to a match which had promised much for the capacity crowd of 30,000 after pacer Winston Davis rocked New Zealand by taking the three wickets in his first three overs.

INDIA CHASE HAT-TRICK

INDIA, undisputed kings of the one-day game, hope to extend their run of victories further today when they play Australia in the final of the four-nations limited overs cricket tournament in Sharjah.

India, World Cup champions and victors in the recent World Championship of Cricket tournament in Australia, defeated Pakistan by 38 runs in the first game of the competition.

Now they take on a near full-strength Australian side who will be looking for a morale-boosting win before their tour of England starting next month.

India's strength has rested in their stylish and effective batting, the all-round ability of captain

Kapil Dev and the potent spin of Ravi Shastri and Laxman Sivaramakrishnan.

Left-armers Shastri and leg-spinner Sivaramakrishnan have brought fresh heart to cricketing purists who have witnessed sadly the demise of spin bowling in the one-day game and their respective performances today could be the key to the match.

Australian Board of Control chief David Richards agreed that India were very strong.

'They'll be difficult to beat, very difficult,' he said.

But captain Allan Border said: 'We hope to be in good spirits, and see a good chance of winning.'

Australia have a talented batting line-up and can call on an intriguing pool of experience and potential in their bowlers.

The seasoned Geoff Lawson and Terry Alderman and the promising Rod McCurdy are among the pacemen, but with the pitch expected to play slowly Australia, like India, may rely on their spinners.

Border was an unexpected success with three wickets in Australia's thrilling two-wicket win over England on Sunday and fellow left-armers Murray Bennett captured two victims.

Off-spinner, Greg Mathews was the pick of the bowlers, conceding only 15 runs from his ten overs

Fans fight for club

THE EVIDENCE given by five Millwall supporters could save their club from possibly the heaviest punishment handed by an Football Association commission of inquiry.

The five-man FA team yesterday opened their inquiry into the incidents surrounding the FA Cup sixth round tie between Luton and Millwall at Kenilworth Road.

After spending over five hours sifting through the evidence and inspecting the Luton ground, the commission adjourned their inquiry until April 9 when they will announce their verdict at Lancaster Gate.

The five Millwall supporters — including a headmaster, a local councillor and two women — wrote to their club offering to give evidence on its behalf.

Terrace

They had stood on the visitor's terrace during the Cup tie and were invited by the FA inquiry team to travel to Luton yesterday and give their side of the story.

Luton and Millwall have

BY A SPORTS LINE REPORTER

been charged by the FA with failing to take reasonable precautions to prevent spectator hooliganism.

Ground

The commission spent their time yesterday inspecting the Luton ground and also hearing evidence from club officials, match officials, and the police.

They saw the six-foot fences behind the goals and the unguarded seating along both touchlines.

When the commission reconvenes at Lancaster Gate, officials from both clubs will be asked to attend to be told what punishment, if any, is being imposed.

None of the inquiry team would comment on yesterday's hearing as they left Kenilworth Road last night.

Both clubs were quizzed about their pre-match liaison on expected crowd problems, failure to make the game all-ticket and vandalism outside the ground after the match, which Luton won 1-0.

The high-powered commission was headed by disciplinary chairman Les Mackay and included Norwich chairman Arthur South and Football League vice-president Dick Wragg.

Fine

If it finds the clubs guilty, the commission is likely to impose a fine for their failure to make the match all-ticket and order the erecting of fences all around the Luton pitch.

Each club gave evidence to the inquiry separately yesterday. Since the match, the Bedfordshire police have been severely criticised for not having 'sufficient' officers on duty to cope with the problems that arose on the night of the match.

ITALIAN JOB

AC Milan chase Rush

THE ITALIANS are about to pounce for Ian Rush with AC Milan leading the chase.

Club director Antonio Cardillo said yesterday that he had made arrangements to visit Liverpool early next week for exploratory talks about the possible transfer of the Welsh international.

Cardillo denied in Milan yesterday that the Italian club had recently offered to pay Liverpool £2.5 million for Rush. 'We still have to negotiate absolutely everything,' he said.

'Ian Rush is a world-class goalscorer and we are keen to sign him. AC Milan feel it is in their best interests to open negotiations for him now so that we can come to some arrangement with Liverpool.'

But he said that because of the Italian Football Federation's ban on imports of foreign players until after the 1986 World Cup finals, his club might consider making a 'down payment' on Rush before finalising his transfer at the end of next season.

Cardillo ruled out any possibility of a deal under which AC Milan would buy Rush outright and allow Liverpool to keep him for a fee until after the World Cup.

'That would be unfair to the player, Liverpool and AC Milan,' the Italian director said. 'I don't believe that Liverpool would be too keen on such a suggestion at all.'

AC Milan already have their full quota of two foreign players — England internationals Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley.

Under the present regula-

BY ROBERT JAMES

tions one of them would have to leave the club and Wilkins looks the likeliest.

AC may well face stiff opposition from several other Italian clubs, however. Juventus, who Liverpool could meet in the European Champions' Cup final in May, are also interested in Rush.

They too, have their quota of imports, France's Michel Platini and Poland's Zbigniew Boniek, but they are willing to part company with the Polish international.

Clubs

Some of the the bigger West German clubs — Bayern Munich and Cologne — have also shown an interest in the Welsh international.

Spanish clubs, having witnessed at first hand the success of Terry Venables at Barcelona and his import, Scotland's Steve Archibald, might also turn their sights towards Anfield.

● GERRY ARMSTRONG is poised to end his Majorcan exile and return as a free agent to English soccer.

Oxford United could head the clubs chasing the Northern Ireland striker, who made his name as the



IAN RUSH . . . An Italian target

outstanding British player in the 1982 World Cup finals.

Armstrong revealed after Wednesday's 0-0 drawn friendly against Spain in Palma that his Spanish club Real Mallorca rejected a £70,000 bid from

the Second Division promotion favourites six weeks ago.

But that was before last week's decision by the Spanish FA to make all professionals free agents at the end of their contracts this season.

The 30-year-old Armstrong said last night: 'That made my mind up for me — I'm coming home. With no fee involved, I hope I can set myself up with a club quickly, and maybe have three good last years back in England.'

Mac says NO!

BY A TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

The document was formulated after American outbursts during the Davis Cup final in Sweden, in December, which the US team lost.

Final

Teammate Jimmy Connors was almost thrown out of the final for his behaviour while McEnroe was criticised for complaining about the surface used by the Swedes in the final.

The Americans, who defeated Japan 5-0 in the first round of this year's competition earlier this month without the services of either McEnroe or Con-

nors, are due to meet West Germany in the quarter-finals in August.

The seedings in Milan means that McEnroe should meet the competition's No.2 seed, Anders Jarryd — a Davis Cup player for Sweden — in Sunday's final for a \$60,000 top prize.

McEnroe broke Becker's serve only twice in their match but his experience under pressure paid off against the teenager, who won the Young Masters title in January at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre and is widely tipped as a future star.

'Becker is a bit of a hit or miss type of player,' McEnroe said. 'He tried for winners on every shot. That's what makes him dangerous.'



JOHN McENROE . . . Not willing to sign USTA document

JOHN McENROE has officially announced that he won't sign an American Davis Cup players' code of conduct no matter what the circumstances.

The world's No.1 tennis player said, after defeating West Germany's Boris Becker 6-4, 6-3 in the Milan Grand Prix tennis tournament, that he had informed the United States Tennis Association (USTA) of his decision.

The USTA recently instituted a code of conduct which amounted to a good behaviour pledge.

'I won't sign the paper. This is a problem with the US Tennis Association,' McEnroe said. 'I don't know what this means as far as me playing Davis. If you like, my Davis Cup future is on the line.'

TONIGHT'S GAMES

DIVISION II

(7.30 kick-off)

Brighton v Oldham (7.45).....

DIVISION III

Gillingham v Burnley.....

Millwall v Rotherham.....

York v Bolton.....

DIVISION IV

Bury v Rochdale.....

Colchester v Tranmere.....

Darlington v Hereford.....

Scunthorpe v Swindon.....

Southend v Port Vale.....

RUGBY LEAGUE SLALOM LAGER CH'SHIP

Castleford v Workington.....

Hull v Wigan.....

DIVISION II

Sheff Eagles v Swinton (at Rotherham FC).....