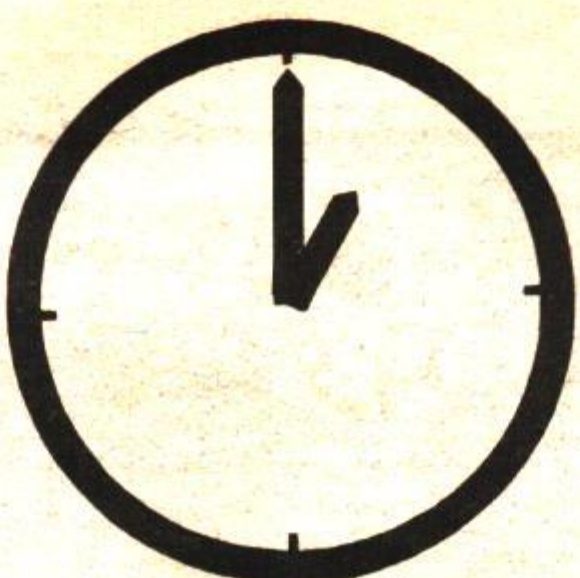




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RATE-CAP COUNCILS TO FIGHT THATCHER

TWELVE defiant Labour councils in London, Sheffield, Liverpool and Manchester enter the new financial year without having made a rate or a budget under Tory terms.

They are on course for a head-on confrontation with the Thatcher government, which has imposed a dictatorship over inner-city Labour councils through the Rates Act and grant manipulation.

From Monday, the councils are in uncharted territory, and they expect attacks through the courts, together with renewed threats from the district auditor about surcharge and disqualification.

A national conference of council shop stewards meets in Liverpool today to discuss co-ordinated action against rate-capping and the massive reduction in grants to Labour authorities.

Nine councils in London — Lambeth, Haringey, Southwark, Islington, Camden, Lewisham, Hackney, Greenwich and Newham — are joined by the three outside the capital in not making a rate.

On Monday, an attempt will be made in the High Court to force Hackney to make a legal rate within a specified period; if judgement is given, it is certain to be applied against all 12 authorities.

Although a judge ruled yesterday that Hackney can borrow to pay wages, the SDP councillor who is bringing the action against the borough wants a receiver appointed if Labour members ignore court instructions.

Islington leader Margaret Hodge said yesterday that the determination and unity shown on March 7 when councils

first defied the Tories had been sustained.

'The unity in Labour Groups has held up, despite rumours to the contrary.'

She added: 'We are strong, we are united. We are a large number of authorities and there is no way the government can sit on and throttle this number of councils.'

Hodge believed that the government was already casting around in Islington for a candidate to run the authority by direct rule.

She said: 'The view we take is that none of us are criminals. We're not throwing bricks through windows or robbing widows. Are the government going to make martyrs of hundreds of councillors?'

She expected that a crisis in one borough would be met with a collective response of trade unions across the city. Their action would be of 'paramount importance'.

Lambeth leader Ted Knight, whose Labour Group remained 100-per-cent solid on Thursday night, said: 'If I had believed what was written, I wouldn't be here.'

'Every Labour councillor voted not to set a rate, despite the threats of the opposition and the media.'

He stressed that the

trade unions had made it clear they had no intention of allowing the cuts to go through.

Knight added: 'Shop stewards made it clear that councillors had led the way, now the trade unions intended to share that responsibility. In the next few weeks we will see a reaction from the trade unions.'

He said as from April 1 every kind of pressure could be put on councillors, and they were all aware of the implications when they voted this week.

Knight said: 'Illegality is the choice of the Tory government and not councillors.'

'We're defending jobs and services, and will continue to defend them against the moves of outside agencies in the next few weeks.'

He added: 'The government hasn't got the luxury of the time factor. We're moving into a serious financial crisis in a brief period if the government does not provide the resources to maintain our services.'

Greenwich leader John Austin-Walker forecast: 'The trade unions will respond to the lead councillors have set.'

'If we're removed from office, the trade unions have got to step into the breach.'

BY PAUL FELDMAN

MARCH FOR JAILED MINERS AND JOBS TODAY

South Yorkshire Defence Campaign

JOBS NOT JAIL
National demonstration for amnesty
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Kent Area 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



Miners on the March 6 councils' Day of Action demanding no victimisation just as their strike ended. The campaign continues in Sheffield today

Legal block on Stolport inquiry

A HIGH Court ruled against opponents of the proposed airport in London's dockland area yesterday in a case they had brought against Environment Secretary Patric Jenkin.

Jenkin's refusal to reopen a public inquiry into the £15 million plan for the short take-off and landing (STOL) airport was not unlawful or unreasonable, Justice Glidewell ruled.

Opponents of the scheme had claimed that the minister was legally bound to order a re-opening because he had disagreed with the findings of his own public inquiry inspector and new technical evidence had come to light on aircraft noise controls.

The scheme has aroused the anger of local residents and the case was taken up against Jenkin by the London borough of Newham, the GLC and a local residents' campaign.

Decision

The judge emphasised that yesterday's application was not a challenge to the minister's final decision on whether or not the Stolport should receive outline planning permission, as that decision had not yet been made.

The application arose as a result of the public inquiry inspector, Montague Smith, recommending that objections were not sufficient to warrant refusal of outline permission, bearing in mind the supposed benefits the scheme would bring to the docklands.

But he recommended that approval should be subject to certain conditions to control noise levels.

The inspector said the type of aircraft to be used should be the De Havilland 50-seater dash seven, or others of comparative quietness, and flights should be restricted to 120 per week day and 40 each on Saturday and Sunday.

After Jenkin received the recommendations, he obtained further technical information on more direct methods to control noise levels from the Department of Transport.

Two more join crisis Market

BRUSSELS — The Spanish and Portuguese governments entered the Common Market yesterday, firmly allying themselves in the process to NATO's imperialist war-mongering.

EEC heads of state, in the Belgian capital to begin their summit, met in triumphant mood hours after the celebrations, hailing the entry as a 'major victory' for West Europe.

The agreement came eight years to the day after Lisbon formally applied to join the bloc and just under eight years since Madrid began negotiations.

Both the Iberian governments stuck to their

demands for low contributions in the first years of their EEC membership.

But the price for the paltry gain was heavy in terms of policy concessions on the economy and NATO's strategic requirements.

In fact, EEC market will remain closed to most Iberian produce for an average of ten years.

For the 48 million people of the Iberian peninsula, among the poorest of the West European peoples, the celebrations in Brussels marked the beginning of what will be an unprecedented onslaught

on their living standards.

The farming communities of the two Iberian countries each outnumber the combined farming populations of the other ten EEC members.

Spanish Socialist Party Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez was jubilant. 'We are toasting in wine because, apart from it being in surplus, it was one of the stumbling blocks of the negotiations,' he said.

Prime Minister Mario Soares, the leader of the Portuguese Socialist Party, said: 'Within five years Portugal will be a completely different country and certainly a much better one for all the Portuguese.'

Biggest Danish demo for 12 years

COPENHAGEN — Hundreds of thousands of Danish government workers yesterday walked out of their jobs in protest against government plans to impose a so-called settlement on an industrial conflict involving more than 300,000 private sector workers.

Schools closed, hospitals sent patients home, post was disrupted, buses and aircraft stopped and government ministries hit all over the country as the civil servants joined the strike in a mass show of solidarity.

The square in front of the parliament building in the capital was packed by demonstrators estimated by police to number 70,000 in one of the biggest

gatherings seen there in more than 12 years.

Waving red union banners and shouting slogans such as '35 hours now', the demonstrators heard union and opposition leaders attack the terms of settlement proposed by Prime Minister Poul Schluter.

The strike began last Sunday and is threatening to cripple the land-based Danish economy.

The Schluter settlement, expected to be ratified by parliament today, offers private and public sector workers a 2 per cent pay rise this year and 1.5 per cent next year.

It would cut the work-

ing week from 40 to 39 hours from December next year in the private sector and from January 1987 for public sector employees.

Schluter is seeking legal power to end the strike on the grounds that it was 'damaging to society'.

The leader of the main opposition Social Democratic Party, Anker Jorgensen, told the demonstrators at yesterday's rally the conservative coalition had brought the country nearer to the risk of serious confrontations.

On Thursday, the private sector workers barricaded about 12 bridges in the city and cut off the parliament buildings

Burnham row taken to court

JUDGE BACKS ANTI-STRIKE TEACHERS

THE ANTI-strike Professional Association of Teachers yesterday won court backing for the right to sit on salary sub-committees and other working groups on the Burnham committee, the profession's pay and conditions negotiating body.



Anti-Apartheid supporters picketed the South African Embassy in London yesterday to coincide with the opening of the show trial in Durban against 16 members of the United Democratic Front. They demanded the withdrawal of charges and the unconditional release of the 16 who are accused of high treason.

A High Court judge upheld a complaint by the 30,000-strong association that rival unions, particularly the National Union of Teachers, had been unlawfully excluding its single delegate from taking part.

Doug McAvoy, NUT deputy general secretary said the union was 'not surprised' at the judgement.

'PAT was put on the Burnham Committee by the Secretary of State because he has the legal power to do so. This judgement is that by law PAT is entitled to be on sub-committees: there is no change.'

Exclusion

Mr Justice MacPherson said that to the outside observer it was obviously fair and desirable that the association should be represented on all the relevant sub-committees and that its exclusion was unfortunate.

He said the NUT majority on the teachers' panel of Burnham was frustrating the intention of parliament by refusing to accept that each union should be represented on sub-committees.

The actions taken to exclude the association from sub-committees was 'wholly unreasonable', said the judge.

During the hearing, the association's general secretary Peter Dawson was said to have taken his seat on Burnham 'amid great hostility' from representatives of other unions.

Meetings

Although he attended sub-committee meetings, he was not allowed to speak or vote and was not given any documents under discussion.

The judge made no formal order after being told that the six other teaching unions represented on the Burnham staff panel were prepared to put the views of the court into effect.

The association was awarded its costs of the action, to be paid proportionately by the other unions according to the size of their representation.

NUJ go back in Portsmouth

THE three-month dispute at the Portsmouth 'Evening News' ended yesterday with 74 members of the National Union of Journalists accepting the management's latest proposals on new technology.

The NUJ members refused last December to accept a new technology deal which included three members of the NGA print union being re-trained as sub-editors without giving up their NGA membership.

The journalists were sacked at the end of January but the paper continued to be produced by scab non-union labour.

Agreed

Yesterday the NUJ members agreed unanimously to go back to work on Monday provided there was no victimisation.

Jeremy Gardner, NUJ Father of the Chapel, said the three NGA members would be allowed to retain their own union membership.

'While the NGA has gained bargaining rights they won't be able to negotiate anything different from what the NUJ has negotiated,' he said.

'It is bargaining rights on paper but in reality it is fairly meaningless.'

Post workers near strike

POSTAL workers have been told by their leaders to prepare for national industrial action to oppose the employers' bid to increase the number of part-time staff and undermine working conditions.

The executive of the Union of Communication Workers (UCW) has sent out a letter to all its branches stating that meetings will be held throughout the country on Monday to decide what form the action will take.

The Post Office's proposals for new technology involve wholesale redundancies and changes in working practices, including the introduction of split shift working.

PIONEERING liver transplant operations at a Birmingham hospital were saved yesterday when the Health Department and local authority stepped in with £900,000. The transplant unit at the Queen Elizabeth hospital was due to be shut because of lack of funds.

£8,000 Monthly Fund

Our last weekend

ONE HUGE final action is needed to raise our Fund and reach our £8,000 target by this weekend. We know it needs a mammoth effort as we only have in £2,032.18 to date. But we have faced battles before and always won through. Now let's have our biggest effort ever and flood your amounts in.

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Down payment on unfair sacking

SACKED workers wanting to challenge employers on the grounds of unfair dismissal in future may have to pay a cash deposit before taking their cases to an industrial tribunal.

The latest Tory proposals to give employers the freedom to hire and fire who they wish is bound to raise a storm of protest.

Chris Smith, Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, said: 'This is outrageous. It removes from people of limited means the opportunity of seeking redress through a tribunal for unfair dismissal.'

The option is described in a government document entitled 'Burdens on Business'. It suggests that a scheme for cash deposits from some or all com-

plainants to be refunded or forfeited at the discretion of the industrial tribunal.

'It may well be for people in trade unions such a payment would be feasible. But if not it would powerfully militate against their ability to see proper redress,' said Smith.

'All I can say is that Labour will go in with all guns blazing if the government try to introduce this.'

Shadow Employment secretary John Prescott said: 'Employees in small firms will be deterred from seeking justice.'

'These proposals are preparing the way for more attacks on the rights of young people.'

WEATHER

CENTRAL and south-eastern Scotland will be rather cloudy with occasional sleet or snow slowly turning to rain. All remaining districts will be rather cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, more prolonged at times in the west. Winds will reach gale force at times in exposed parts of the south-west. Temperatures will range from cold in the north to rather warm in central and south-eastern districts.

Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Changeable with outbreaks of rain but also some brighter drier periods. Becoming mostly rather warm.

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Delegate conference lobby call

THE Kent area of the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday called a lobby of Tuesday's delegate conference in Sheffield and urged miners to join them in opposing an end to the overtime ban.

The Kent area council, whose delegate joined representatives from Yorkshire in voting against lifting the ban, expressed concern at the decision of the NEC majority.

Area secretary Jack Collins said: 'It seems to us that the Coal Board want to call off the ban. They want to do that to build up stocks again so that they can possibly come in and destroy the union completely.'

'We are mindful of all the devious schemes of the board. We've noted the way they are now treating NACODS.'

The Kent area council called on miners to show their feelings by lobbying delegates as they arrive on Tuesday morning.

Deputies demand pit strike ballot



McNESTRY... Accuses Board of violating agreement

PIT deputies in South Wales yesterday urged their union to call another strike ballot.

They accused the Coal Board of violating procedures in order to accelerate its closure programme.

Their call for a ballot on industrial action will be discussed at a NACODS executive meeting in Doncaster on Monday.

Leaders of 1,500 NACODS members in South Wales

BY SIMON VEVERS

angrily condemned the NCB for closing Bedwas pit, near Caerphilly, without allowing it to be put through the colliery review procedure.

Following a meeting in Cardiff, NACODS area secretary Glyn Jones said: 'The board has gone back on their word to discuss closures properly. NACODS is a very moderate union, but now the gloves are off.'

'My members are incensed at what is happen-

ing, and we believe the tactic is to close pits as quickly as possible.'

Jones, who is also the union's national vice-president, added: 'I feel that Ian MacGregor's attitude is to get rid of much more capacity than was originally intended, and to just ignore the agreement made last year.'

The Coal Board yesterday gave a clear indication to all three mining unions that it intends to ride roughshod over the review proce-

dures in order to wipe out thousands of jobs.

A letter to them from NCB personnel director Merrik Spanton warned that 'while detailed assessments are being made, the board are taking immediate action to reduce costs by means of voluntary and consequential redundancy'.

The NCB is understood to be sending out letters to every miner in Britain offering them voluntary redundancy. It then intends to select which men and which pits it wants to retain.

In its letter the NCB says

Bedwas closure threat hits deal

that it will make every attempt to give details of assessments and any proposed action.

'However', it adds ominously 'this immediate post-strike strategy cannot be regarded as action within the industry's normal joint procedures.' So much for the sanctity of the NACODS deal!

Violated

NACODS general secretary Peter McNestry said the agreement signed between his union and the National Coal Board last October setting up a modified colliery review procedure had been violated.

He said the NCB was proposing to shut Frances colliery in Scotland and Bedwas, without even putting their case through the old procedure.

McNestry said the union had taken legal advice because under the Mines and Quarries Act there has to be a consultation process — the colliery review procedure — when a pit is threatened with closure.

But when the union went to court on Thursday, a judge ruled that although the law requires a consultation machinery, the NCB is not obliged to operate it.

'I find that ridiculous,' said McNestry. 'We are considering whether we should go to the Court of Appeal.'

Dirty

Accusing the NCB of 'playing a very dirty trick' on NACODS, he made it clear that he personally did not favour strike action because of the hardship faced by mining communities over the last year.

McNestry described the board's refusal to use the colliery review procedure as 'worse than a stab in the back'. He added: 'Our union, the nation and parliament have been hoodwinked over this.'

BANK RAID IN ZURICH

Receiver wants hand on NUM cash

MORE than a quarter of a million pounds of the NUM's assets, sent to Switzerland to escape seizure by British courts, is on the point of being returned to this country, it was claimed yesterday.

The Receiver appointed by the High Court to take over the running of the union's financial affairs, has applied to a court in Zurich for the return of £260,000 held there and a decision is expected soon.

The money was part of £8.5 million sent abroad by the union at the start of the strike to put it beyond the reach of British courts.

The action in Switzerland was brought by the Receiver, City accountant Michael Arnold, who was appointed after a High Court judge ruled that the union's trustees — Arthur Scargill, Peter Heathfield and Mick McGahey — were 'not fit' to remain in charge of the union's funds.

Arnold applied to the Swiss court two weeks ago for an order releasing the £260,000 from the custody of the court to him.

Money

The money was paid into court by EBC Schweig AG, the Zurich bank to which it was sent by the NUM last year. The Swiss judge gave the union until yesterday to oppose its payment to the Receiver before giving his ruling on where it should go.

On January 30 this year Arnold announced that he

TWO KIDNEY transplant patients have been given the chance of a new life thanks to a pioneering computerised donor scheme. The patients, recovering in Manchester's Royal Infirmary, are the first to benefit from the North West Kidney Lifeline project which stores the names of 100,000 willing kidney donors on its computer.

had recovered £4.9 million lodged in a bank in Luxembourg. But the NUM revealed that in fact the bank had not handed the money over and had instead paid its own money into court to avoid further legal action.

Seized

In London yesterday Justice Nicholls was told that although the sequestration had been under way since last October the sequestrators had only seized £3,000 of the union's money.

Counsel for the sequestrators, Howard Page, said the Transport and General Workers' Union had given the NUM an 'open credit' of which the miners' union had taken interest free loans of £492,900.

Payments

The sequestrators had also discovered payments of £100,000 from the National Union of Railwaymen, £10,000 from the Union of Communication Workers (UCW) and a sum from the independent cokemen's area of the NUM.

A spokesman for the sequestrators — City accountants, Price Waterhouse — said after the hearing that the presentation of the report did not signify that the sequestration was about to end.



Inside the Yarrow sit-in... workers man the main works gate

Yarrow men vote to stay in

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

GLASGOW — The occupation of the Yarrow warship yard on the Upper Clyde continues into its fourth day today with workers still controlling all gates.

'Everything is proceeding smoothly in here,' a shop steward inside the sit-in said last night. A mass meeting of the 3,800 hourly-paid workers had voted earlier to keep the sit-in going until suspensions of five shop stewards are withdrawn.

The firm action by the workers has directly challenged a joint plot by Tory ministers and the yard's new owners, the GEC electronics monopoly.

By implementing the £34m take-over from British Shipbuilders without any consultation with the

trade unions, the Tories and GEC chiefs had intended serving early notice that union rights at the yard are under the hammer.

Profits

GEC — headed by multi-millionaire Lord Weinstock — will undoubtedly aim to push up profits even further at the yard by tying any increases in the present low wage levels to an intensive productivity drive and, inevitably, to cuts in jobs.

But the swift and decisive action by the shop stewards and the workers last Tuesday to efficiently take con-

trol of the site, has thrown into disarray the Tory-GEC plan to show that trade unionism will not have an influential role in the yard's future.

GEC have since offered talks with union representatives on Monday. But it is not known exactly what the new owners will be prepared to discuss at that meeting.

The demand that the suspensions of the five stewards be stricken from the record arises from union fears that management could use this disciplinary action to put pressure on once the dispute was over. Yard convenor Doug Conroy is one of the five.

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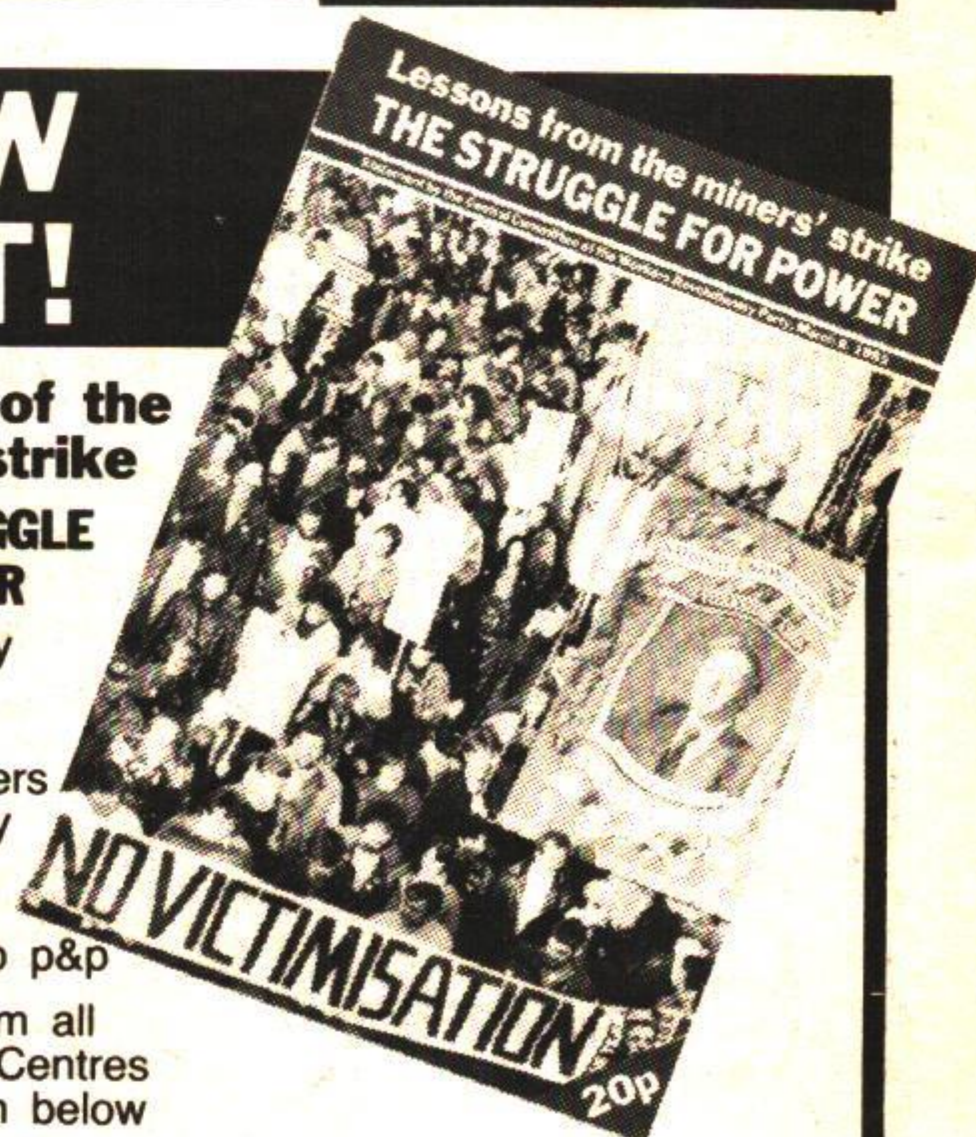
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National Union of Students conference, Blackpool

SUNDERLAND POLY TO BE BARRED

FROM PENNY BLOOR

THE National Union of Students conference decided yesterday by a close majority to disenfranchise Sunderland Polytechnic students' union.

The decision will take affect at the Christmas conference if they refuse to recognise a Zionist Jewish Society. But Mick Flaherty, treasurer of Sunderland Student Union, insisted afterwards that it was not the end of the matter, but only the beginning.

'Already I have been asked by several unions — along with anti-Zionist Jews and representatives of the General Union of Palestinian Students — to attend public meetings,' he told News Line.

'Unless the National Executive close it down, the debate is going to mushroom and the conference at Christmas is going to be a different story.'

The Sunderland union decided to ban a society

whose aim was to 'promote a greater understanding of the Jewish religion, culture, people, the state of Israel and Zionism'.

The union says this contravenes their own policy that 'Zionism is racism'.

The move against Sunderland's principled stand came in an emergency motion from the Labour-dominated national executive. It was moved by NUS president Phil Woolas.

Woolas claimed that the

debate was not about the right of Palestinian to self determination, but the issue of autonomy.

'We must resist the temptation to decide for Jewish students what their religion is tantamount to.'

Opinion

That, in his opinion, was the root and cause of anti-Semitism.

Walid Tala of the General Union of Palestinian Students asked delegates to compare the position of the racist apartheid in South Africa.

Those who rejected claims by pro-apartheid members of the Dutch Reformed Church that apartheid in South Africa was an integral part of Christianity should also reject Zionism as racism.

Tala responded angrily to claims by Union of Jewish Students supporter Marcus Sharif, of Leeds University, that he believes in the right of both Jews and Palestinians to a homeland.

Tala said: 'I will believe those Zionists who say they are for a homeland for Palestinians when they join with me in writing a leaflet

calling for a common homeland for all Israeli Jews and Palestinians entitled to equal rights under one democratic law.

'I challenge you, but I know you won't.'

Flaherty bitterly condemned the move to suspend Sunderland.

Laws

The affect of Zionism was laws which denied citizenship to expelled Arabs, he said. Zionism believed in the consolidation of the state of Israel and

this was clearly a political statement, he said.

'We were caught in a position of trying to oppose all aspects of racism, including Zionism,' he said.

Rob Rosenthal of the Institute of Education said he was an anti-Zionist Jew. This meant he could not join a Zionist Jewish Society without feeling that he was being discriminated against.

'While not ratifying a Zionist Society, Sunderland did ratify an anti-Zionist Jewish Society and were not acting in an anti-

Semitic way,' Rosenthal stressed.

Earlier a supporter of the revisionist 'Socialist Organisation', Simon Pottinger, attempted to move a motion condemning Sunderland, although opposing the move to suspend them from the National Union.

Stand

Pottinger said he condemned Sunderland's stand because he believed most Jews who identified with Zionism did not do so out of anti-Arab racism.

MARK JONES BOOK SIGNINGS

MARK JONES, is due to sign copies of the book he wrote about his son: 'Killed on the Picket Line 1984 — The Story of David Gareth Jones'.

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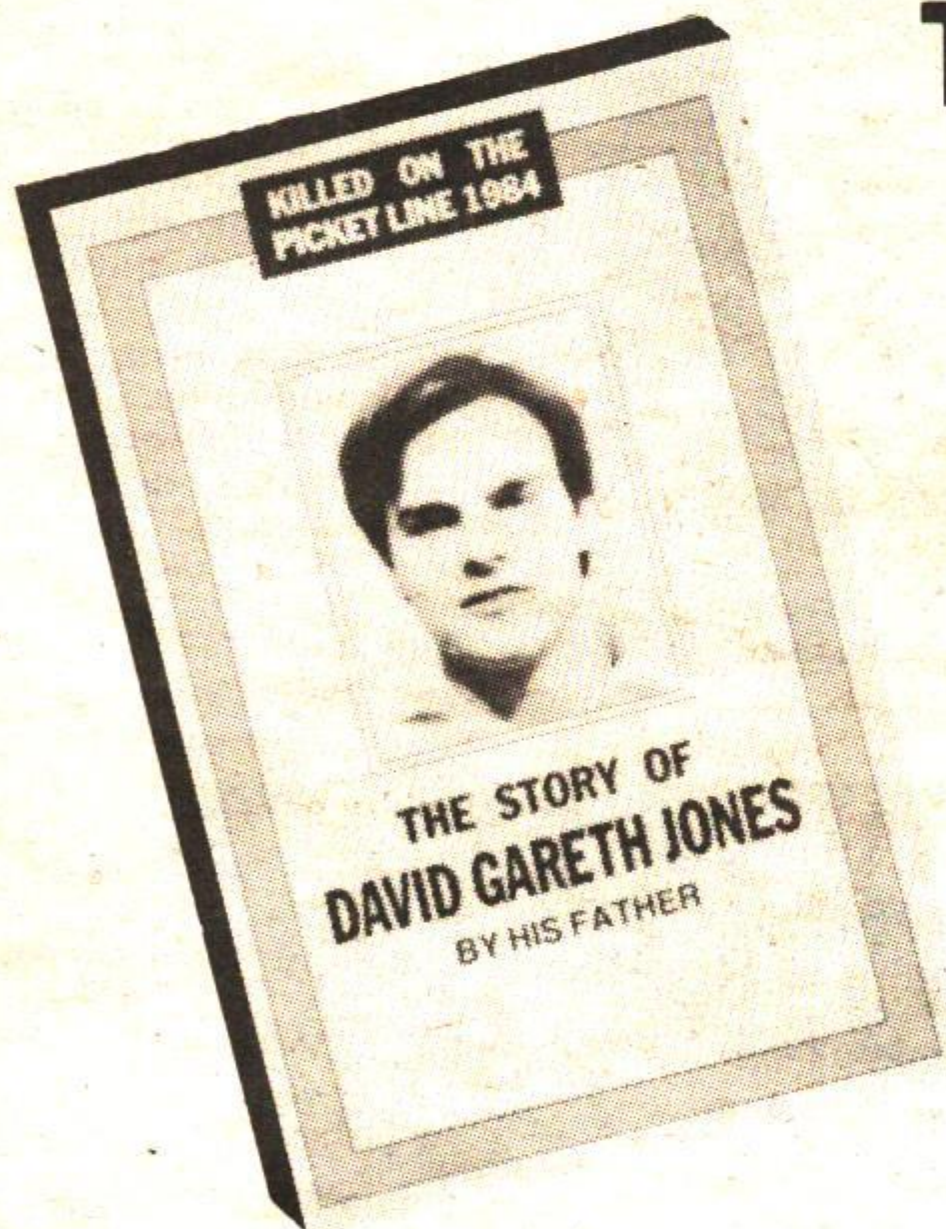
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Support for jailed miners

DELEGATES in Blackpool yesterday overwhelmingly voted to launch a campaign alongside the Mineworkers' Defence Committee to defend class-war prisoners.

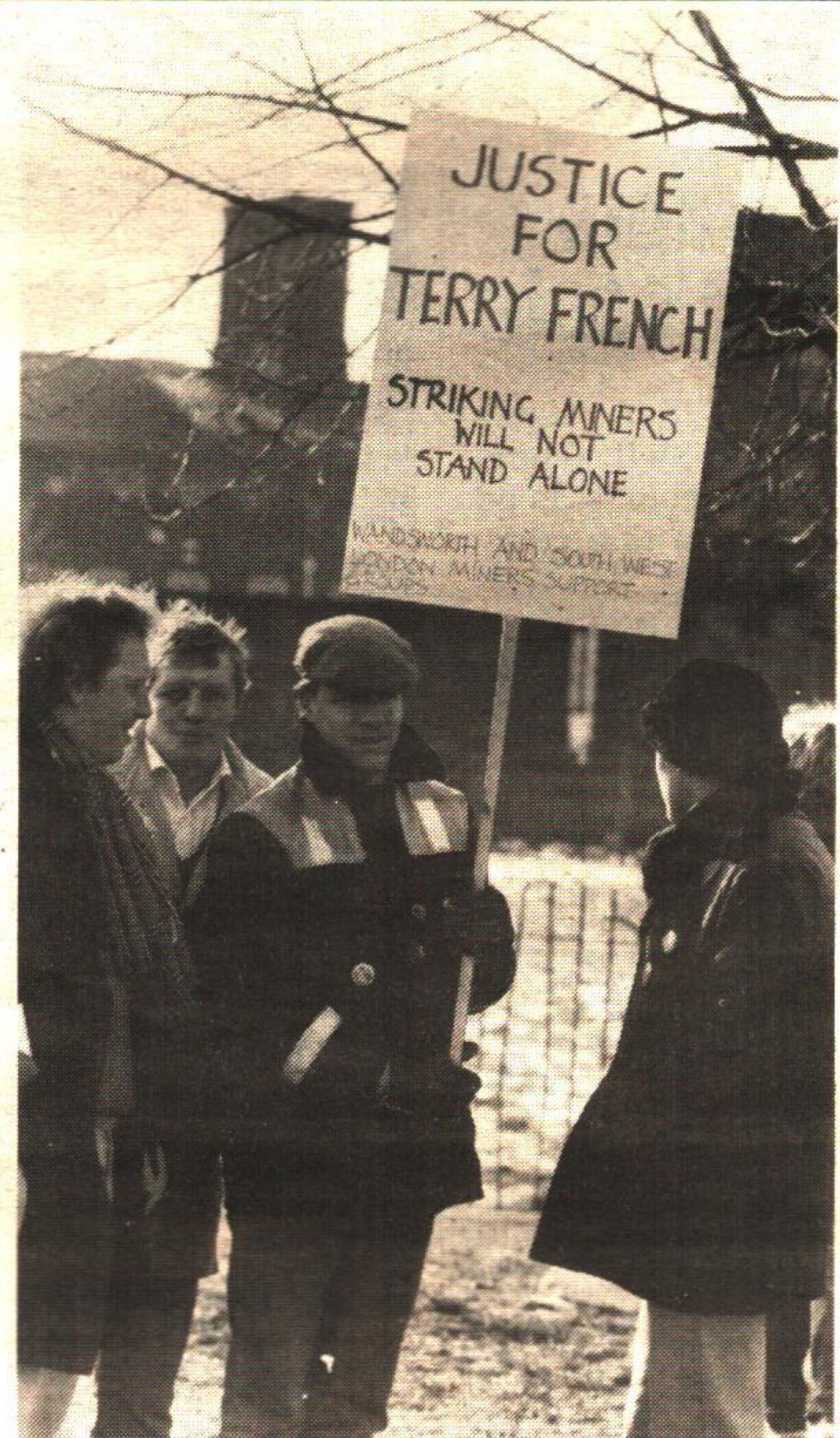
Students should support miners sacked or imprisoned during the one-year strike, the motion said.

It called on constituent members to adopt imprisoned miners and keep in contact with their families, to picket jails, to organise student contingents on class-war prisoners' marches and to continue raising money for the miners and their families.

Motion

The motion stated: 'In the case of miners convicted of an "offence" they would have paid their debt to society; it totally unacceptable that they should be forced to pay twice by a life-time of unemployment.'

● Conference also voted to support the teaching union in any action they may take and to condemn the uncompromising attitude of their employers.



Protester in support of jailed miner Terry French outside Wandsworth jail in south London

YTS Row

LIBERAL executive member Sean Williamson was voted out of the chair in a motion of no confidence for his handling of the debate on the Youth Training Scheme.

The issue arose when he refused to allow a delegate from Liverpool Polytechnic the same speaking right as a member of the National Executive.

The conference condemned the introduction of a compulsory Youth Training Scheme, but opposed a call to make the TUC withdraw from the Manpower Services Commission.

The only proposal made to deal with the plan was for students to 'do all they can in their areas to inform school-leavers of the government's intended plans.'

The new NUS executive

NO TORY was elected to this year's new executive of the National Union of Students, even though dozens stood in the elections.

The new executive is as follows: president, Phil Woolas (National Organisation of Labour Students); national secretary Jim Doran (NOLS); treasurer John Murray (Liberal/Left Alliance); vice-president welfare Vicky Phillips (NOLS); vice-president education, Andy Whyte (Labour/Left Alliance); NUS Scotland president, Alan Smart (NOLS); NUS Wales president, Richard Marshall (NOLS); Part-time members: Naevie Sherlock (NOLS); Simon Pottinger (Socialist Students in NOLS); David Amos (SDP); Linzi Brand (Union of Jewish Students); Liz Sewell (NOLS); Paul Hassan (CP/Left Alliance); Jim Cawley (NOLS); Sean Williamson (Liberal/Left Alliance); Tom Green (Independent/Further Education); Adrian Long (NOLS); Gary Law (Independent/FE); Elaine Heffernan (Socialist Worker Student Society).

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)

A FIFTH Anniversary meeting for Comrade Bob Shaw, who died on March 22, 1980, a victim of asbestosis, has been organised in Liverpool.

Bob, a member of the Trotskyist movement for 40 years, fought a courageous year-long battle against a rapidly developing cancer.

During that year, many present comrades and friends from the past wrote to Bob recalling their rich experiences together in the working-class and labour movement. They paid particular tribute to his contribution as one of the full-time organisers of the movement.

'Fighter for Trotskyism: Robert Shaw 1917-1980' by Mickie Shaw is still available from 21b Old Town, Clapham, London SW4 0JT (£3 plus 75p postage and packaging).

Campaign against the arts cuts

THE storm over the Tory government's attack on the arts has been gathering momentum over the past weeks.

The total government funding for the Arts Council for the year 1985/86 is up by a mere 3 per cent. A figure well below the inflation rate of 5 per cent, and a cut in real terms for the arts of 3.5 per cent. Every area is affected — music, visual arts, dance, opera, films — but nowhere has the axe fallen so swiftly or provoked such anger as in the theatre.

Subsidised theatre, which came with the establishment of the Arts Council in 1945, provided the impulse for new generations of writers, actors and directors whose impact has been felt not only in the theatre itself but also throughout television and film. The training and

experience actors and actresses have had in the subsidised theatre has been a strong element in making the British acting profession so highly respected worldwide.

Now the first blows have been struck. The cut at the National Theatre has meant the immediate closure of the Cottesloe Theatre. Touring companies like the 7:84 have already been chopped.

Seven members of the Drama Panel of the Arts Council, long time opponents of Arts Council chairman William Rees-Mogg's 'Glory of the Garden' strategy which they believe divisively pits London against the provinces in terms of funding have now resigned en bloc.

In their letter of resignation on February 28 they said,

the Arts Council 'will never re-establish its position as an invaluable national asset until it is no longer perceived as an arm of the government'.

An unprecedented meeting of 47 artistic directors representing subsidised theatre companies all over Britain took place on March 5. The meeting endorsed the principle of an independent arts council, but unanimously expressed 'a vote of no confidence in the Arts Council of Great Britain as presently constituted, and described its policies as divisive and no longer representative of the needs of the subsidised theatre as a whole'.

Today News Line continues a series of interviews with actors, writers, directors who are directly affected by the cuts.

No glory in the garden

NICHOLAS KENT is one of the seven members of the Arts Council Drama Panel who recently resigned in opposition to council chairman Sir William Rees Mogg's divisive 'Glory of the Garden' strategy.

All seven members who resigned are practitioners in the theatre world. Kent is at present artistic director of the tiny fringe Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn in the London borough of Brent.

He points to the gains and achievements of the subsidised theatre since the formation of the Arts Council: 'Almost every small town has a theatre or arts centre of its own.'

Kent says the regional repertory system is 'an achievement which has influenced all aspects of the arts'.

And the biggest gain he sees, particularly since the 1950s, has been the development of new writing.

Kent's career has spanned work at the Liverpool Playhouse, the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh and the Oxford Playhouse.

He has always worked as an administrator but has also combined this with directing at the same time. His main interest has been new work, new writing, new translations and also neglected plays.

It was from this position of total immersion in

the work of the theatre that he joined the Arts Council New Writing Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Drama Panel, about four years ago.

Until his recent resignation, Kent was a member of the Drama Panel for two and a half years.

From inside the Arts Council he has seen the slow erosion, over the past six years, of all the gains of the subsidised theatre.

He believes that now 'although the Arts Council denies it, we are going back to a much more centralised policy' for the arts.

Money

He says this will mean in concrete terms that 'medium-sized towns which boasted theatres of their own will be the first hit. Gradually they won't have the money to support these theatres.'

'The arts centres will go next and we'll be left with just the big conurbations having a theatre of their own.'

He sees the whole repertory system being reduced to maybe six or seven major centres.

Interview
by
KATHY
HILTON

Kent believes the New Writing Committee where he began his work in the Arts Council, operates in the way an Arts Council should be run.

The New Writing Committee is drawn from people who are practitioners in the theatre and a great majority are writers themselves. Its recommendations are usually carried out.

But the Drama Panel, Kent says, is largely ignored as a body.

'The Drama Panel was demoted about six years ago' (the time of the re-election of the Tories) 'to become an advisory panel and since then decisions have been imposed from above.'

'The Drama Panel is consulted only when policy has been made. At best it can modify things and at worst it has no role whatsoever.'

Kent says the biggest change came with the appointment of Sir William Rees Mogg as chairman.

He sees Rees Mogg's arrival as a consciously political appointment. 'He was appointed because he was a monetarist.'

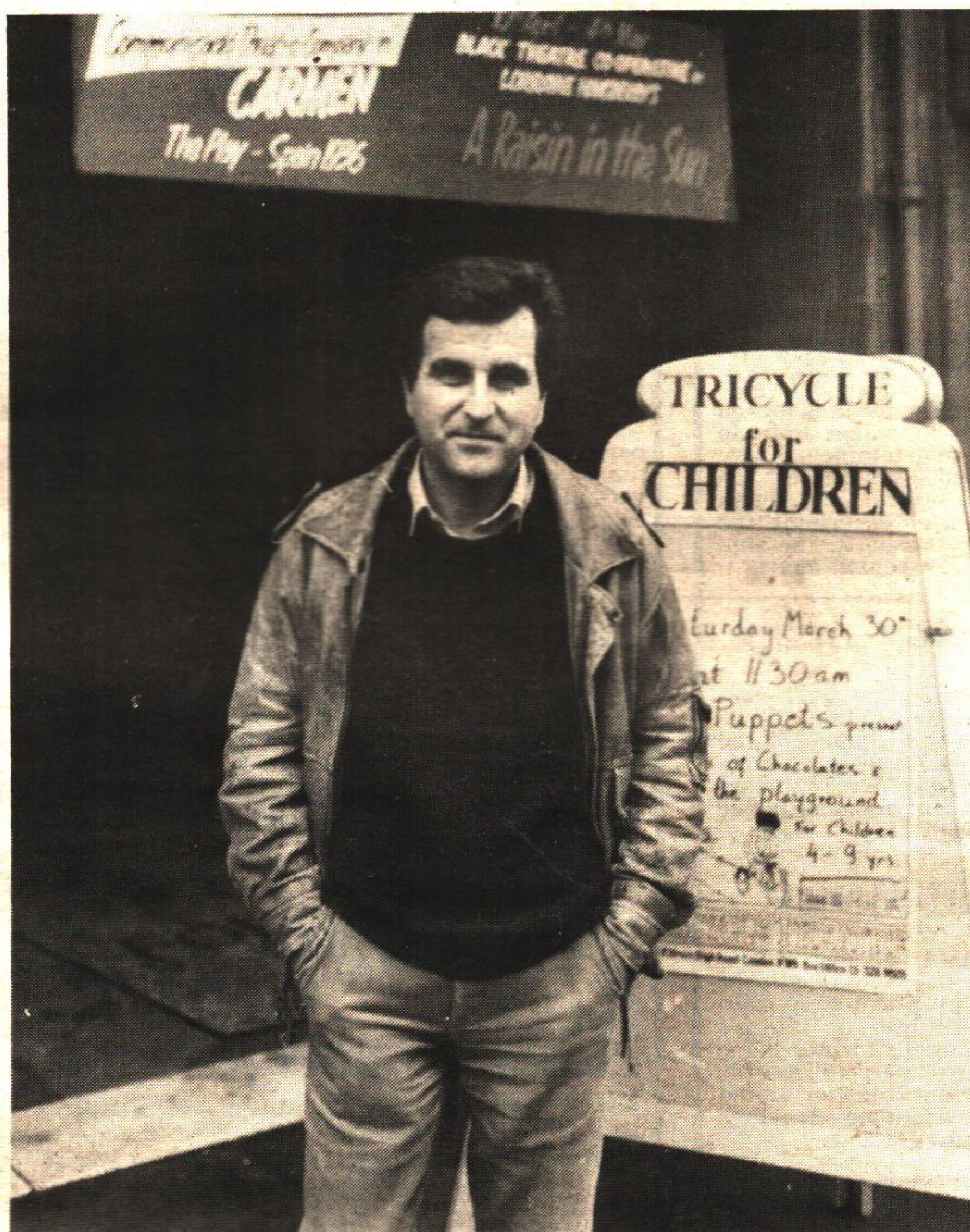
'Rees Mogg wants to run the Arts Council like a newspaper, where the editor makes the decisions, is authoritarian, tells people what to do, and lays down the policy of the newspaper.'

'The Arts Council began to be run on the lines of a publishing house, a newspaper, instead of being a consensus of people working in the field of the arts.'

But the crunch came with Rees Mogg's strategy 'The Glory of the Garden' proposed in March 1984.

A group of eight Drama Panel members responded immediately to the new strategy.

The following letter was published in 'The



NICHOLAS KENT outside the Tricycle Theatre in Kilburn where he is artistic director

Guardian', on March 28, 1984.

'Sir, — We write as the majority of the drama panel of the Arts Council of Great Britain. Sir William Rees Mogg (Sunday Times, March 25) describes the arts funding strategy to be announced tomorrow as challenging and dramatic. We disagree. We would use the words irresponsible and dangerous for the following reasons.

It has been undemocratically introduced. The scheme has been imposed from above with only the barest pretence of consultation with the Drama Panel or the theatre companies involved. For example our strong opposition to proposed cuts has been ignored.

It is a species of blackmail. We have been told that new money for drama can only be 'won' if this strategy and only this strategy is accepted.

It is hazardously ill-considered. These propositions — which will drastically alter arts funding in this country — have been hastily assembled without clear plans for practical implementation. All our questions about the execution of the scheme have been fobbed

off with vague generalisations. Nothing has been thought through.

It is a smokescreen. This supposedly 'positive' strategy is a cosmetic exercise to disguise unpopular cuts and the continued critical underfunding of drama in Britain. It is not about 'new money'. It is about robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Scheme

It is a gamble. This has been openly acknowledged by the directorate. The full realisation of the scheme is utterly dependent on greatly increased government funding over an unspecified period of years. There is absolutely no guarantee that this will happen.

There will be adequate funds to benefit only a tiny number of regional companies in 1985-1986. All other companies, not only in London but in other regions will be at risk.

We are not opposed to serious and thorough discussions for new ways to fund theatre, but we are opposed to the enormous risks that this inadequately researched policy may entail.

to do that,' says Kent, 'but that was the belief of the Arts Council. So the onus was on them and Rees Mogg to prove that they could release more money.'

'In fact what happened was worse than they expected. The Arts Council were shaken by the amount of money the government did release.'

'The Arts Council were given less than inflation... a three per cent increase altogether of which a high proportion had to be spent on Glory of the Garden.'

'This would mean enormous cuts would be suffered by other people.'

'It was at this point,' he adds, 'It seemed important to go out with the biggest blaze of publicity possible to start the debate rolling. Hence the resignations of seven of the Drama Panel last month.'

'Had we resigned a year ago we would have been lost in the furor over whether the Glory of the Garden was a good idea or not.'

Ideas

'Although we opposed a lot of the ideas of the Glory of the Garden we did not oppose the idea of more money being spent on the regions.'

'What would have been masked in our resignation at that time was the fact that no more subsidy was forthcoming. This clear now.'

'I think we chose our moment well and have got the maximum publicity out of it for the underfunding of the arts in this country.'

The seven who resigned accused the Arts Council of 'betraying the arts and lending itself to party politics' by acquiescing to government policy.

Rees Mogg's 'Glory of the Garden' was an attempt to mask the debate, says Kent.

'This government are very good at throwing up smokescreens when they want, to make it seem they're doing the opposite of what they're actually up to. They continually do that to diffuse crises.'

'But I think they've taken on more than bargained for with the arts world. Theatre people are very good at having rows. This row is going to go on for some time and it's going to be particularly unpleasant for the government.'

'The situation has politicised a lot of people who were not political before. It is quite clear which side you've got to be on.'

NEXT WEEK: How the cuts hit the fringe — The Tricycle Theatre

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Nearest underground, Swiss Cottage

Briefly ...

Ceausescu is re-elected

VIENNA — Rumanian Communist Party leader Nicolae Ceausescu was re-elected President yesterday, the official Agerpress news agency said. Ceausescu, who has amassed immense power in his hands and those of his family, marked his 20th year as party First Secretary on March 22.

Finnish liquor strike

HELSINKI — Sales workers at the Finnish state liquor monopoly 'Alko' went on strike yesterday, shutting all the country's retail outlets for hard drink, union officials said. But another strike by restaurant staff was called off after the national (labour) mediator intervened. The sales workers are on strike for more pay and shorter working hours.

Pope's visit boycotted

BRUSSELS — Protestant leaders are to boycott Pope John Paul's visit to Belgium. They have brushed aside an invitation to celebrate a joint service with him, according to a spokesman for the United Reformed Church. Spokesman Martin Bugenhout said in a radio interview that many Protestants were alienated by the pontiff's emphasis on the cult of the Virgin Mary and the business of his travels.

Court row in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA — US-backed Honduras is locked in a constitutional crisis with President Roberto Suazo Cordova demanding the reinstatement of five Supreme Court judges sacked by Congress on charges of corruption. Suazo Cordova met armed forces chiefs on Wednesday after describing the ruling Liberal Party's efforts to reshuffle the Supreme Court as a violation of the constitution.

Police graft in San Juan

SAN JUAN — Ten ex-policemen have been convicted in connection with the 1978 killing of two pro-independence activists in a case that shook the justice system of the American colony. Among those found guilty of perjury and conspiracy in the so-called Cerro Maravilla case was a former police intelligence division commander.

Lange picks part-Maori

WELLINGTON — The Anglican Archbishop of New Zealand, Paul Reeves, was yesterday named New Zealand's next Governor-General, the first part-Maori to hold the ceremonial post of Queen's representative. Reeves, 53, succeeds former judge Sir David Beattie in the post in November. Reeves was the choice of Labour Prime Minister David Lange, himself a lay preacher who often advocates Bible teachings in his political speeches.

World News Line

ARMY PATROLS IN KHARTOUM

KHARTOUM — Security forces guarded key points in the Sudanese capital yesterday after two days of rebellion that has shaken the military dictatorship.

Besides guarding public buildings, lorry-loads of riot police patrolled streets in the capital, Khartoum.

The US-backed President Jaafar Numeiry is in Washington for a medical check-up and urgent talks with President Reagan, less than three weeks after Vice-President George Bush toured the country.

No incident was reported but the capital was tense yesterday, which was also a Muslim holy day.

Earlier, 300 of up to about 1,500 people arrested in a police sweep were given summary trials. Government statements

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spoke of 'different sentences' but did not give details.

Khartoum residents, however, said they had heard that jail terms and floggings had been imposed.

Revolt

Three people were shot dead by the police in the revolt over steep food price increases and the abolition of subsidies on fuels.

The military rulers have blamed the Muslim Brotherhood, purged earlier this month from the



NUMEIRY

ruling hierarchy by Numeiry.

Thousands of people who had migrated to the capital to escape the scourge of drought that has hit the north African continent took part in the rebellion.

Official statements also said the regime was pledged to evacuate 'vagabonds, unemployed and beggars' and that 17 Muslim Brotherhood

leaders were being hunted.

Numeiry is in Washington trying to unblock about \$100 million worth of aid frozen earlier this year because of International Monetary Fund protests that he had not complied with their economic austerity programme.

He has told the White House that he has no money to buy petrol for his poverty-stricken country of 23 million and that an influx of 1 million refugees from drought and military repression in Chad and Ethiopia has worsened the crisis.

Bush's visit early this month was part of the Reagan government's attempts to ensure Numeiry promptly complied with all IMF dictates.

His visit was to have ensured the unfreezing of aid funds but the White

House is facing stiff opposition from the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives, where a number of politicians have criticised Numeiry's Sharia laws.

The purge of the Muslim Brotherhood early this month was an effort by Numeiry to appease US criticism and shift the blame for the regime's primitive forms of punishment on to the sectarian politicians who represent the feudal landholders and petty traders.

But the survival of the shaky military regime is vital to US imperialism because of its strategic position on the Red Sea.

Dozens of US banks are also caught up in the chronically depressed Sudanese economy because of the mountain of debts American money speculators built up after the US-assisted military coup of 1969.

Sudanese rise against brutal Numeiry rule

KHARTOUM — The Sudanese capital erupted into rebellion hours after the US-backed President Jaafar Numeiry left on a visit to Washington last Wednesday.

Within a short time Khartoum was in revolt, the streets ringing to chants of, 'We will not be ruled by the World Bank, we will not be ruled by the IMF!'

Petty traders and merchants hurriedly shut their shops as surprised police resorted once again to brutal repression, shooting dead at least three protesters.

But the police action was no deterrent to the anger of the thousands of starving, defiant and undefeated people who stormed the central market place and seized food-stuffs.

The upheaval manifests accumulated frustrations over chronic poverty, starvation and military repression.

Numeiry, a stooge of US imperialism and slavishly committed to International Monetary Fund directives, last month devalued the Sudanese pound by 48 per cent as 'a radical cure for the negative economic practices of some greedy people' and set off a new chain of economic catastrophes.

Protests erupted again on Thursday, with more police cordons being thrown around the city.

When the revolt flared on Wednesday, University of Khartoum students were prominent among the protesters, joined by

countless 'street boys' — dispossessed youth forced to eke a living out of the city's dusty streets.

Their rage against the semi-colonial bourgeoisie was apparent. They burned down the offices of the Sudanese Socialist Union — the only permitted political party in the country.

The plush Meriden Hotel was attacked three times, during which most of its windows were broken up to third floor level.

The Faisal Islamic Bank, a preserve of the repressed Muslim Brotherhood, was also repeatedly attacked.

Hatred

In their overwhelming hatred of the nationalist collaborators and agents of imperialism, the protesters left the US embassy undisturbed.

Under the dictates of the IMF, desperate for repayments on a \$9 billion foreign debt, Numeiry has raised the price of bread and sugar by 33 per cent.

Fuel prices have been raised by 60 per cent and 70 per cent and subsidies have been abolished — exactly as the IMF demands.

But none of these measures were officially



Ethiopian refugees in a Sudanese camp... part of one million people who have fled to crisis-ridden Sudan

announced. It is a measure of the military regime's fear of the mass resistance that these measures were imposed by stealth.

Numeiry's repeated efforts last month to achieve a truce with the Southern People's Liberation Army in the Christian-dominated Upper Nile region have failed.

In the predominantly Muslim north the suppression of the peasant and rural proletarian masses through the use of primitive Sharia (so-called Islamic) laws have earned the entire regime an undying hatred.

Last month, speaking at a rally at his hometown of Dongola, 300 miles from the capital, Numeiry said: 'The doors to a dialogue will be open to them (the SPLA) on condition that the dialogue is an end in itself and not for personal interest.'

The address was an unmistakable admission of the devastating military reverses his US-paid army has suffered at the hands of the SPLA, led by ex-Sudanese army colonel John Garang, in the Upper Nile province of Equatoria.

According to SPLA clandestine radio reports last month the liberation forces have carried out successful ambushes and raids in the southern region of Owinky Ki-bul, the Malwal garrison and Sudanese army installations in Adok and Bentiu.

The radio also reported several defections, the most significant of which was that of a government-sponsored militia led by Dinka tribal community leader Stephen Kunei Long.

Garang sent a personal message of congratulations to Long in apparent recognition of the strategic gain of winning over another section of a tribe who had remained isolated for most of the 17-year-old civil war.

The SPLA leader has pledged his guerrilla army to the overthrow of the pro-US military dictator who seized power in 1969 and uniting Sudan as a secular state.

The message said 'the people of Equatoria are daily joining the SPLA forces under its command in large numbers' and appealed to Sudanese forces occupying posts in Juba, Equatoria's main town, to join the liberation army.

The radio said also that Sudanese army Sergeant-Major Marko Tut had defected with 13 policemen and four game scouts from the Adok region in the Upper Nile administrative area.

The other liberation group, the Anyanya secessionist movement, last year met Numeiry's negotiators in talks but they proved abortive.

The US-sponsored dictator seized power in 1969 after a series of unstable civilian governments

Funds

Numeiry, despite the military repression and the backing of US imperialist arms and funds, has never controlled the south, where his Sharia laws have proved unenforceable.

In the north the outlawed Republican Brotherhood Party continues to operate clandestinely despite the heavy jail sentences, public floggings and executions.

The upheaval in Sudan is an essential expression of the social explosions engulfing Africa, and of the world crisis of capitalism.

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Greek
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ATHENS — Christos Sartzetakis, a former Supreme Court judge, was proclaimed President yesterday amid accusations in parliament that his election was invalid.

Opposition parliamentarians accused the PASOK government of having violated provisions of Greece's 1975 constitution.

They refused to recognise Sartzetakis as head of state.

Sartzetakis secured 180 out of a possible 300 votes in parliament — exactly the number needed to elect him under the constitution in yesterday's third and final ballot.

But one of the votes for Sartzetakis came from Acting President Ioannis Alevras, also Speaker of parliament and a leading PASOK socialist.

The right-wing New Democracy party said Alevras had no right to vote.

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu would have been forced to dissolve parliament and call a general election within a month had Sartzetakis failed to receive a three-fifths majority yesterday.

During a heated and chaotic parliamentary debate, the right-wing and their allies accused the PASOK government of ignoring the 1975 constitution which stipulates a secret ballot to select the President.

Papandreu attacked the 1975 constitution, drafted under the former conservative Prime Minister and President, Constantine Karamanlis.

Karamanlis was forced to resign when Papandreu suddenly refused to endorse him for a second term in the Presidency.

Junta
issues
death
sentences

ANKARA — A military court in the Turkish capital yesterday passed jail terms of up to 17 years on 228 alleged members of the underground Turkish Communist Party.

Court reporters said the accused were found guilty of membership of an illegal organisation and of subversive activities aimed at setting up a communist state.

A military court in the Aegean city of Izmir sentenced a member of the banned Turkish People's Liberation Party Front to death on Wednesday on charges of involvement in two separate murders, robbery and trying to change the constitutional order.

The court reporters said two others defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment and 11 others were jailed for up to eight years.

CAPE REBELLION
DEFIES NEW BAN

MARC CHAGALL, the Russian-born painter died late on Thursday night in France at the age of 97. He died at his home in the village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, near Nice in the south of France where he had lived since 1950. The painter, who developed a unique combination of childlike vision and sophisticated fantasy, left the Soviet Union five years after the 1917 revolution and took French nationality in 1937.

Chagall's 97th birthday was celebrated last year with three major exhibitions of his work in France and an exhibition this year in London's Royal Academy. The official Soviet news agency Tass praised the painter, saying he left an enormous artistic legacy. Above: the artist painting for the Jewish Theatre in Moscow 1919-1921. ● See obituary page 12

CAPE TOWN — The apartheid regime yesterday banned meetings in the so-called townships and surrounding areas in a desperate attempt to quell what opponents called 'the tide of liberation'.

But mass revolts continued across the eastern Cape 'townships' despite a mobilisation of heavily armed police and paramilitary troops.

Law and Order Minister Louis Le Grange, the architect of the premeditated slaughter at Uitenhage on the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre on March 21, announced the new measures.

Le Grange said meetings of the reformist United Democratic Front and 28 other groups were forbidden until June 30 in 18 magisterial districts, mostly in the eastern Cape but including two around Johannesburg.

The ban follows government propaganda that the UDF is linked to the banned African National Congress. The UDF denies the allegation.

Beyers Naude, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, said in a statement teleaxed to Reuters news agency yesterday:

'It is clear that this is an act of desperation on the part of the government to stem the tide of liberation.'

Strike discussions are specifically banned, showing Pretoria's alarm at the biggest social upheaval to hit the industrial belt of eastern Cape, on the Indian Ocean.

Outdoor meetings and demonstrations are

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already banned. Those recently approved have been held under the auspices of the UDF, whose reformist politics the racist white minority regime has tried to use as a catspaw in the rebellion sweeping the country.

Some such recent meetings were addressed by the pacifist Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Yesterday police in the so-called independent tribal homeland of Ciskei said they had arrested nine UDF members.

The trial of top UDF leaders on treason charges began in Durban yesterday. It is expected to be the biggest show trial since the apartheid courts tried 156 oppositionists from 1956 and 1961.

In continued rebellion in the eastern Cape on Thursday night police

once again fired shotguns, rubber bullets and tear gas to quell angry demonstrations.

Police alleged five schools were burned down and two houses destroyed by arsonists.

In Graaff-Reinet, the house of a church caretaker was burned down after he refused to allow a group of black student to meet.

In Uitenhage, police fired birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas as defiant students continued their protests.

They had gathered early on Thursday as a Uitenhage court began a second day of hearings into the March 21 slaughter outside the town.

State-controlled Radio South Africa warned strong measures would be taken against 'instigators' of unrest.

Pakistanis sentenced

VIENNA — A Vienna court yesterday sentenced nine Pakistanis to jail terms of up to 13 years for plotting to murder military dictator Zia ul-Haq's envoy to the Austrian government.

The court was told that a plan to take 58 people hostage last July to press for the release of prisoners in Pakistan was aborted because the men failed to find the room at the Hotel Imperial at which the reception took place.

Barry John Cann, the leader of the mission, was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment.

Iran gears up for
'final offensive'

TEHRAN — Iran had stepped up plans for a 'final offensive' against the Iraqi regime, majlis (parliamentary) Speaker and spokesman for the Supreme Defence Council Ali Akbar Rafsanjani said yesterday.

Rafsanjani ruled out clemency for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and said the use of outlawed mustard gas in the southern marshlands, raids on civilian targets and the declaration of Iranian airspace as a 'zone of war' were criminal.

His comments followed Iraqi claims to have pinpointed a base from which the Iranian military had fired six devastating ground-launched missiles raids on Baghdad.

Iraqi commanders said they believed the base was close to the Iranian city of Kermanshah, 75 miles from the border and that they were a modified version of old Soviet-made REF-17

missiles, with a range of 125 to 150 miles.

Diplomats in Baghdad said the pro-Moscow Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and Minister for State for Military Affairs Abdul-Jaabar Shanshal were on Moscow in connection with Iran access to the missiles.

Missiles

On Thursday, Hussein for the first time admitted Iranian missiles had been hitting Iraqi cities. Iraqi military command withdrew its allegations last week that the Baghdad explosions were the work of pro-Iranian saboteurs.

Hussein said: 'Some Arab traitors gave the Iranians a number of missiles to strike at Baghdad and Kirkuk with the hope of terrifying the people of Iraq, he said in a speech.

Rafsanjani declined to comment on the Iraqi claim but conceded one missile alone had killed 131 important Iraqi military personnel, including 20 of the rank of major or higher. He did not elaborate.

Referring to Iran's recent offensive in the marshlands of southern Iraq, Rafsanjani said the Iranian forces had advanced on a front of up to 30 miles from an outpost at Tourabah to southern Majnoon island.

The advance reached between five and ten miles into the marshland area, he said.

About 3,000 Iraqi prisoners had been captured and 6,000 killed or wounded.

● THE BRITISH government yesterday condemned the use of chemical weapons by Iraq and advised Britons on non-essential business to leave central Baghdad.

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This morning...

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Thatcher issues soccer decree

THE decree issued by the Tory government ordering the cancellation of a match between England and Scotland is the clearest indication of the Bonapartist nature of the Thatcher regime.

She has virtually outlawed the Football Association, one of the most respectable bodies in bourgeois society whose patron is the Queen and whose vice-presidents include an air vice-marshal, an admiral and a general.

Soccer disturbances have become a major pretext for a clamp-down on all democratic rights. Scottish fans now face internal exile, unable to cross the border to watch a game in London.

Having shown little interest in the topic before, Thatcher has rushed to set up a 'war cabinet' on the issue and ordered soccer chiefs to meet her on Monday.

Ministers make speeches on little else except 'soccer hooliganism' in a transparent attempt to legitimise the repression of football fans by state organised violence.

Last night Home Secretary Brittan was back in action, directing magistrates and courts to impose the harshest sentences on youth arrested at football grounds.

So anxious are the Tories for the diversion to proceed, that Mrs Diana Brittan delivered the speech when her husband was delayed on his way to address magistrates.

Thatcher will brook no kind of opposition, or even hesitancy in carrying out her wishes. The FA's decision only to warn Chelsea following ground disturbances at a recent match angered Thatcher. To emphasise her supreme authority, Thatcher has simply decided to take over the running of football herself.

She got her sports minister, Neil Macfarlane to write to FA secretary Ted Coker. He was told in no uncertain terms that the England-Scotland fixture scheduled for Wembley on May 25 should not go ahead.

Macfarlane wrote: 'The government is extremely concerned that the current timing of this fixture increases the risk of disorder and this is something which the Prime Minister is also likely to raise with you.'

An astonished Coker commented yesterday: 'The wording of the letter was such we could not reject it. We decided not to risk being forced to cancel the match at a late date.'

The FA decided to switch the match to Glasgow rather than call it off altogether. Although Scottish soccer officials welcomed this move, they rightly condemned Thatcher's outlawing of the Wembley venue.

Ernie Walker, Scottish FA secretary, said he was 'astonished and dismayed' at the tone of Macfarlane's letter which 'could be construed as an instruction rather than a request'.

'It is astonishing that we can take 20,000 supporters to Spain for the World Cup finals without disorder, yet cannot play a match in our own country.'

The heavy irony in his remarks was evident when Walker added: 'We did not feel the need to obtain any government approval to switch the game. We always arrange our major fixtures without having to consult the Scottish Office.'

Mr Walker may be too optimistic. The way Thatcher's going it won't be long before Scottish Secretary Younger vets all soccer fixtures north of the border!

Faced with the stubborn resistance of the working class to the burdens of the capitalist slump, Thatcher's regime is turning to more openly repressive rule and towards military dictatorship. That is the meaning of the frenzy over soccer violence.

TUC MUST CALL GI

Release all jailed men

ALL jailed miners are political prisoners and must be released, says Rob Andrews, a sacked miner from Creswell who served six months of a nine-month sentence.

Andrews, who hopes to be at today's demonstration in Sheffield, told News Line: 'I don't class myself as a criminal, and nor are any of the other lads in jail. I was fighting for my job and my future and I was victimised for it.'

BY BEN RUDDER

'I have no remorse for what I did, and I would do it again. We are not criminals. What we did we were forced to do by the police, who intimidated us.'

Andrews was charged with grievous bodily harm against a scab lorry driver who suffered only a nosebleed. The jury rejected the charge, but convicted him of common assault, the lowest charge open to them.

Sentences

But under conditions when a fine would have been usual, the judge sentenced him to nine months in jail.

'The sentences passed on miners have been ridiculous. There are lads inside for two and a half years and five years. It is up to everyone who supported the miners and those trade unions which did nothing during the strike to support these men financially and fight for their jobs for when they get out.'

'That is why I am opposed to the lifting of the overtime ban. I think it is the only weapon we

have at the moment to fight for their jobs.'

Andrews has not been knocked back by his experience, but has been in London recently fighting for the miners' cause. He is confident of a growing movement against the Thatcher government after speaking at public meetings.

'She wanted the humiliation of the miners, and she has not got that. It must have hurt her to see the miners marching back with their banners.'

'And despite the damage she may have done to the union, she has brought the people in this country together like never before. The strike has bridged the north/south gap in the country. We had our best support from people in London. And I have been in Richmond and Twickenham where actors and professional people have been out on the streets collecting money for us.'

'Also, the women have become more political. They see now that this government is trying to

drag us all back to the gutter.'

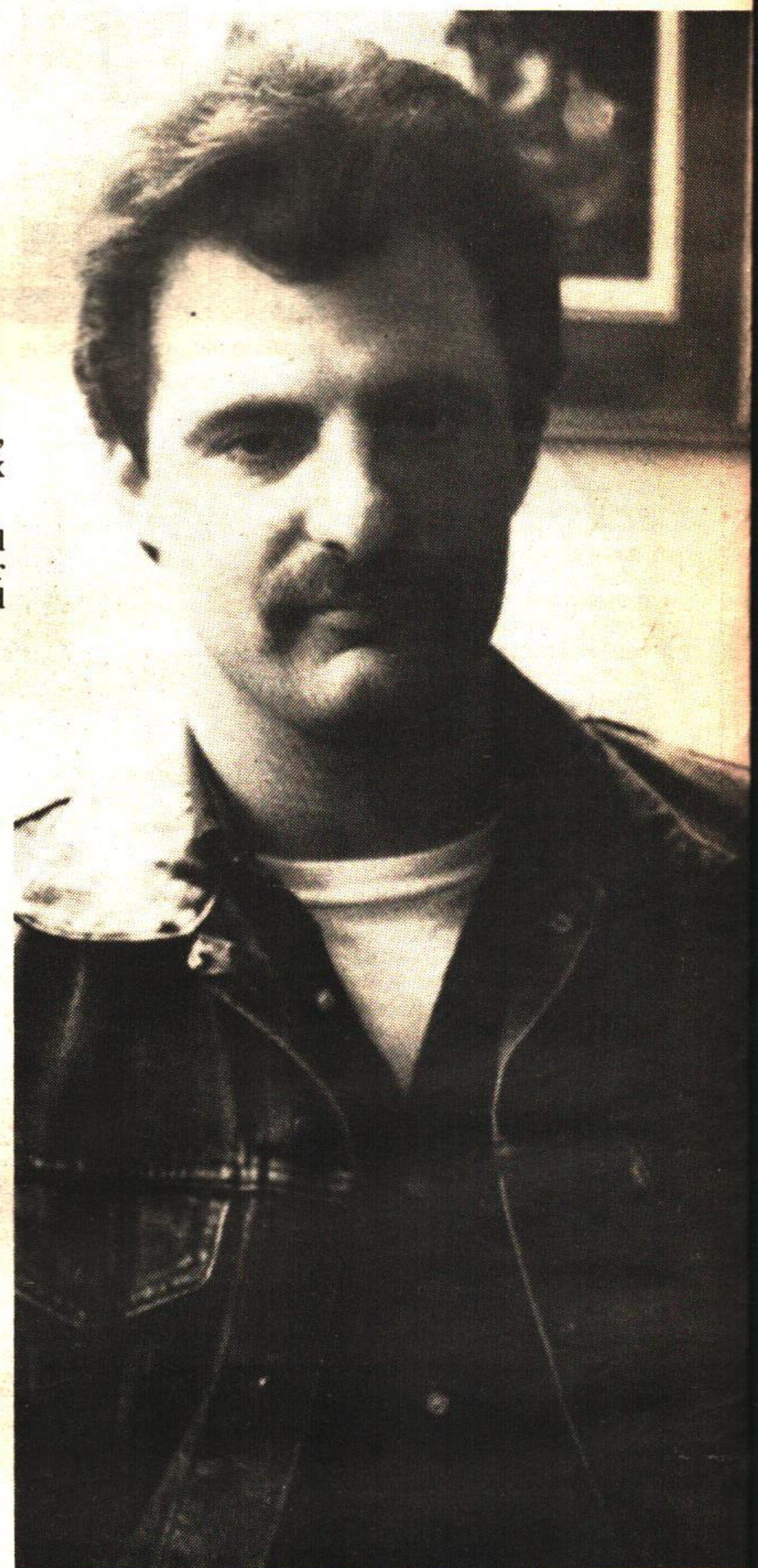
'So while she might have won this battle, she has brought the people closer together. The biggest part of the country is against this government, which has broken up families and seen men killed.'

Andrews' girlfriend Jane Charles confirmed that women in the community had learned a great deal of politics through the strike. She added: 'I support Rob, and I think he should get his job back, as should all the other sacked men. They have done nothing wrong.'

Principles

'All they did was stick to their principles, which is what any man should do for his children, the children of others and the future of the communities.'

Finally, Andrews called on all supporters of the miners to defend those still in jail and to look after their families and fight for their jobs back.



Rob Andrews with his girlfriend Jane Charles

THE JAILED MEN

WILLIAM BANNISTER

Hem Heath, Staffordshire NUM — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

KEVIN BEAL

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 031 Sudbury Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

GLEN BLACK

Dawdon, North East. Unemployed. Sentenced for two years in connection with the miners' strike from March 1985.

SIMON BROOKES

North Derbyshire NUM — 18-month sentence. Young Offenders Centre, Glen Parva, Wigston, Leicester.

PAUL BROTHWELL

North Derbyshire NUM — 12-month sentence.

GRAHAM COOPER

Ireland, North Derbyshire NUM — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Sudbury open prison, Derby.

PETER COOPER

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

PAUL FOSTER

North Derbyshire NUM — 12-month sentence, due out this month.

TERRY FRENCH

Betteshanger, Kent NUM — Five-year sentence from January 1985. B73383 Wandsworth Prison, Heathfield Road, London SW18.

DAVID GAUNT

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — Three-year sentence from December 1984. E71037, A Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Duddington Road, Wellingborough.

STEVEN GOODALL

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 039 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

STEPHEN GREGORY

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

VICTOR GREGORY

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

KEVIN GREEN

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

STANLEY GREGORY

Dawdon, North East. Unemployed. Sentenced for two years in connection with the miners' strike from March 1985.

DEAN HANCOCK

South Wales NUM. 899410 Cardiff Prison.

ALAN HAWKINS

North Derbyshire NUM — Four-month sentence at a detention centre from March 1985.

GARY HOPPER

Wearmouth NUM — Four-month sentence, due out on April 19. Wetherby Prison, Yorkshire.

KEVIN HUGHES

Dawdon, North East NUM — Two-year youth custody sentence from March 1985.

PETER HURST

Fitzwilliam village. Six-month sentence in connection with miners' strike started December 1984. G78282 HM Prison, Haverigg Millan, Cumberland.

DAVID JAMES

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 034 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

MICHAEL JONES

Hem Heath, Staffordshire NUM — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

PAUL JONES

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71036, D Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

IAN KESTLE

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71032, Welford Prison, Leicester.

GARY KRISTONSON

Dawdon, North East. Warehouseman. Two-year sentence in connection with miners' strike started March 1985.

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BRIAN LITTLE

Dawdon, North East. Engineer. Two-year sentence in connection with miners' strike started March 1985.

JOHN LITTLE

Dawdon — North East NUM. Two-year sentence started March 1985.

STEVEN LOWE

Hem Heath, Staffordshire NUM — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

BRIAN MARTIN

North Derbyshire NUM — Three-month sentence from March 1985.

DAVID MASON

Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71033, F Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Duddington Road, Wellingborough.

BRIAN MILLAR

Solsgirth, Scottish NUM — Four-month sentence from March 1985. Saughton jail, Edinburgh.

GORDON MILLER

Wearmouth NUM — Four-month sentence, due out on April 19. Leyland Prison, Lancashire.

KEITH MILLWARD

Markham, North Derbyshire NUM — Three-month sentence from March 1985.

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GENERAL STRIKE FOR JOBS

'We have won a lot'

'WE HAVE opened the eyes of people to what is happening in this country,' said Lyn Stevenson, when asked about the achievements of the women's support groups during the miners' strike.

'We have won a lot. People round here were saying a year ago that perhaps Margaret Thatcher was not too bad. Now they see her on the television and call her names,' she said.

Lyn is a member of the Doe Lea women's support group in Derbyshire. Her life has altered completely from the days before the strike when she would spend a lot of time indoors.

The secretary of the group, Norma Darby, says the time has come for all women to organise behind the strike action of other industries to save jobs.

'All those facing an attack on jobs should get prepared now, and form a support group before hand, we know from our own experience that they will get support from all sorts of people.'

'If the strike started again we could be back to feeding 500 a day within a couple of days. We know how to raise money, where to go to get support.'

'You name it and we have tried it — fancy dress, raffles, sponsored walks, discos, football — all to raise money. And,

of course, we joined the men on the picket line.

'We are still full of fight and ready to start again. But we will also become involved in other issues. Many of the women have joined the local Labour Party and the Community Association.'

'Dennis Skinner has been very good to us in this area, but I do not have any time for Neil Kinnock. He stood too far back for too long. We sent him a vote of no confidence from this area.'

Violence

'He put us down every time he could. He was talking about violence — but he should have come down here to see it.'

'We had a 50-year-old woman being knocked down by police. She had to be taken to hospital.'

'Things like that really alter attitudes. I have no fear any more of telling the police what I think of them. In the old days things used to be quite pally with the local police.'

'But not any more, I don't trust them any more, nor do most of the people in the village.'

'We have made many complaints against the police, but nothing has come of them. The only



Lyn Stevenson (left) and Norma Darby

success we had was when three of them were drinking on duty. They were a bit merry, saying how they had money and could afford a drink when we couldn't.

'So we asked them what

their names were — and to our surprise they told us. So we got their numbers as well. They found out later what we wanted to know them for when we reported them.'

Both women believe

that the fight for jobs in the pits is not over by a long way. 'Give the men a few weeks to get themselves financially a bit more back on their feet, and we could see some more action,' said Norma.

WILLIAM SMITH
Whittle, Northumberland NUM — 2½-year sentence from February 1985. Durham jail.

MICHAEL SOUTHWELL
Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 030 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

RON STANILAND
North Derbyshire NUM — expected release next month. Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

IAN STEPHENSON
Dawdon, North East. Unemployed. Two-year youth custody sentence in connection with miners' strike started March 1985.

PHILIP STIRLAND
Shirebrook, North Derbyshire NUM — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71035 B Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Dodington Road, Wellingborough.

BILLY TAYLOR
In Featherstone Prison, New Road, Wolverhampton, WV10 7PU.

CHRIS TAZEY
Betteshanger, Kent NUM — Three-year sentence from January 1985. A29398 Youth Detention Centre, Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

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

PAUL WRIGHT
Saville, Yorkshire NUM — 18-month sentence. Kirkham Prison, Lancs.

GLEN WRIGHT
Ireland, North Derbyshire NUM — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Sudbury open prison, Derby.

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Derbyshire NUM — custody sentence 5.

MARTINGTON
NUM — Three-month March 1985.

PATTERSON
NUM — Two-month March 1985.

PATTON
Derbyshire NUM — sentence from January on, Hornby Road.

PEARSON
Derbyshire NUM — sentence from December Prison, Derby.

NNINGTON
NUM. Kirkham Prison, Lancashire.

CHESTER
NUM — Two-month March 1985.

CHARDSON
NUM — Four-month April 19. Wetherby.

HOFIELD
Yorkshire NUM — sentence from March on, Leeds LS12.

HANKLAND
NUM — A83752 Hospital on.

Tribute to colleague

HUNDREDS of miners in the Yorkshire pit village of Hatfield, near Doncaster, paid tribute to their colleague Allan Ball, whose funeral was held yesterday.

Allan, only 43 years old, had earned the respect of the mining community for his unstinting support for the strike. Miners marched through the village behind the NUM branch banner which was draped in black in honour of their dead comrade.

After a ceremony at Rose Hill crematorium, Hatfield Main NUM president Dave Douglass said of Allan: 'Most of us got to know him well during the strike. He was always a strong branch member and was one of the lowest-paid men at the pit.'

'He threw himself into the strike heart and soul. He battled from one end of the country to another in the fight for jobs. He never missed a picket, and was at Orgreave with the other lads. And when he had finished picketing he would go and chop wood.'



The family of Hatfield miner Alan Ball at his funeral yesterday

YOUR TV GUIDE

SATURDAY



Burt Reynolds, here with Sally Field and James Best, stars in the title role of 'Hooper' on BBC1 at 6.35



Lee Tracy and Fay Wray in 'Dr X' on 4 at midnight

BBC1

7.10-8.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 7.10 Oceanography. 7.35 Molluscan Evolution. 8.00 International Marketing.

8.30 Roobarb. 8.35 Battle of the Planets. 9.00 Saturday Superstore. 12.12 Weather News.

12.15 GRANDSTAND: 1.00 News Summary; Grand National day, including 1.55, 2.30, 3.20 races; 3.45 Half-time Football; 3.50 International Rugby; 4.50 Final Score.

5.05 NEWS; Weather News

5.15 SPORT

5.20 DOCTOR WHO Will Necros be the last resting place for the Doctor and Peri? *Revelation of the Daleks*

6.05 TERRY AND JUNE *Wine, Women and So Long*

6.35 HOOPER Burt Reynolds in a comedy tribute to the world of Hollywood stuntmen. With Sally Field, Jan-Michael Vincent and Brian Keith. An amusing tale of the world's greatest stuntman who is challenged by a young rival, well directed by stuntman-turned director Hal Needham (1978)

8.10 DYNASTY *The Mortgage*

9.00 BERGERAC *The Company You Keep* Successful police work, like successful robberies depends on information — alas for the Jersey-based private investigator played by John Nettles

9.50 NEWS AND SPORT Weather News

10.05 MATCH OF THE DAY SPECIAL Jimmy Hill introduces highlights of two Canon League First Division matches and a re-run of the 139th Grand National

11.05 LATE LATE HORROR: *Black Christmas* A sadistic killer imposes a reign of terror on a college sisterhood in this 1974 film with Olivia Hussey and Keir Dullea

12.40 Weather; Closedown

BBC2

6.25-1.55 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.25 The Shape of Things to Come. 6.50 World Politics. 7.15 St Lucia. 7.40 Energy. 8.05 Personal Identity. 8.30 Magic in the Web of Art. 8.55 Counting Atoms. 9.20 Physics: Which Way to Turn? 9.45 Studying with the OU. 10.10 History of the Gun Industry. 10.35 Casting a Bronze Statue. 11.00 Cheddar: Mapping the Mendip Anticline. 11.25 Chemistry: Spectroscopy. 11.50 Hogarth's Paintings. 12.15 The Effective Manager. 12.40 Thirties Film Comedy. 1.05 Cropping the Countryside. 1.30 Quantum Theory and Atomic Structure.

2.05 SATURDAY CINEMA 1: *The Kid* Charlie Chaplin plays the tramp and six-year-old Jackie Coogan the abandoned child in the 1921 classic

2.55 INTERNATIONAL RUGBY Ireland v England kick off at Lansdowne Road at 3p.m.

3.50 SUN CITY

4.30 SATURDAY CINEMA 2: *The Prince and the Showgirl* (1957) Laurence Olivier's prince (Regent of Carpathia) falls for Marilyn Monroe's provocative America chorus girl against a background of the 1911 Coronation

6.25 THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED *In the Light of the Above* Continuing James Burke's globe-embracing series about how developments in our knowledge have altered our perception of the universe, changing us and our world

7.15 NEWS AND SPORT Weather

7.30 DER ROSENKAVALIER Sir Georg Solti directs Richard Strauss's opera in the new Royal Opera production with Kiri Te Kanawa as Marschallin and Anne Howells as Octavian

10.55 HARTY GOES TO ... OXFORD Poet, historian and A.L. Rowse shares his Oxford with Russell Harty

11.25 RUGBY SPECIAL Highlights of today's internationals: Ireland v England at Lansdowne Road, and France v Wales at the Parc des Princes

12.35 Closedown

WALES: 1.55-4.30 International Rugby Union, France v Wales live.

CHANNEL 4

1.05 BLACK AND WHITE AND READ ALL OVER Review of children's books

1.30 THE MAKING OF BRITAIN *Europe and the Wider World*

2.00 LILLIAN RUSSELL (1940) Alice Faye takes the title role in this fictionalised biography of the legendary musical star Lillian Russell

4.20 COMPANY OF FOOLS Five strangers come together to investigate the life of a man who has called them all serious financial losses and to exact their own private revenge

5.05 BROOKSIDE

6.00 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS Paul Gambaccini reviews Bryan Ferry's successes and failures and takes a look at the classical record market

7.00 NEWS SUMMARY and Weather; followed by UNION WORLD

7.30 CREDO *Multifaith Britain and Christian Salvation*

8.30 MY WORLD AND WELCOME TO IT *Seal in the Bedroom* The arrival of John Monroe's mother is all the provocation he needs to escape into his imaginary cartoon world

9.00 THE GREEN LINE *Divide and Rule* It is more than ten years since Cyprus was divided firstly by a coup and then by an invasion. In the second and final part of this documentary Greek and Turkish Cypriots tell dramatic and controversial stories resulting from the separation of their communities

10.00 CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL AND CURLING

12.00 DR X (1932) A cannibalistic murderer is on the loose and police narrow their investigation down to the Academy of Surgical Research, run by the mysterious Dr Xavier. With Lionel Atwill, Lee Tracey, Fay Wray and Preston Foster

1.20 Close

LWT

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Cartoon Time. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 The Fall Guy.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT 12.20, 4.20 Wrestling from Southend; 12.45 ITN News; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.20 Yachting; 1.30, 1.55, 2.25, 4.00 Indoor Bowls from Darlington; 1.40 Racing from Lingfield (1.45, 2.15, 3.40 races); 3.45 Half-time Soccer Round-Up; 4.45 Results.

5.00 NEWS FROM ITN AND SPORT

5.05 BLOCKBUSTERS Hosted by Bob Holness

5.35 ROBIN OF SHERWOOD *The Enchantment*

6.40 THE FAME GAME Presented by Tim Brooke-Taylor

7.20 ALL STAR SECRETS

7.50 T J HOOKER *Death On the Line*

8.45 THE PRICE IS RIGHT With Leslie Crowther

9.45 NEWS FROM ITN AND SPORT

10.00 TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED *People Don't Do Such Things* A tax consultant's wife is fascinated by her husband's new client and decides to embark on new risks and adventures

10.30 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

AUF WIEDERSEHEN, PET *The Alien* The Georgie brickies working in Germany are terrorised by a trouble-maker and Bomber is away fishing

11.30 MAGNUM *Home From the Sea*

12.25 MARVIN GAYE IN CONCERT Marvin Gaye, the legendary Motown superstar who died in tragic circumstances last year, is here seen performing some of his greatest hits

1.20 THAT'S HOLLYWOOD *The Fox Ladies*

1.45 Night Thoughts followed by Closedown

S4C

1.20 A Question of Economics. 1.50 Rygbi Rhyngwladol: *Ffrainc v Cymru*. 3.35 A Week in Politics. 4.20 Americans at War. 6.05 Where in the World? 6.30 The Avengers. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion A Siân. 8.15 Portreadau. 8.45 Pwl. 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.30 Championship Curling and Basketball. 12.30 Close.

RADIO

- 1 News on the half-hour until 12.30p.m., 2.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight.
- 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Punk to Present (S). 2.00 Paul Gambaccini (S). 4.00 Saturday Live (S). 6.30 In Concert (S). Screaming Blue Messiahs and Roaring Boys. 7.30 Phil Kennedy. 9.30-12.00 Dixie Peach.
- 2 News on the hour until 1p.m., then from 6.00 (except 8p.m.). Headlines 6.30a.m., 7.30.
- 4.00 David Dunning (S). 6.00 George Fergusson (S). 8.05 David Jacobs (S). 10.00 Sounds of the 60s (S). 11.00 Album Time (S) (11.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 The News Headlines. 1.30 Sport on 2. 6.00 Folk on 2. 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 Gala Concert (S). 9.00 The National Big Band Competition All Winners Concert (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Steve Jones (S). 12.05 Night Owls (S). 1.00 Steve Madden (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Wally Whyton (S).
- 3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Aubade (S) Rossini, Offenbach, Chopin orch Douglas, Mozart, Britten, Dohnanyi, Gers-
- whin. 9.00 News. 9.05 Record Review (S) Smetana's 'Ma Vlast'. 10.15 Stereo Release (S) Sibelius, Bliss, Delius, Elgar. 11.35 Salzburg Festival 1984 (S) Schumann Piano Concerto (12.05-12.10 Interval Reading) Brahms Symphony No.1. 1.00 News. 1.05 Czech Piano Music (S) Smetana, Jiri Teme, Janacek, Martinu. 2.00 Otto Klemperer (S) Wagner, Mendelssohn, Hindemith, Beethoven, Schubert, Mozart, Bruckner. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests (S). 5.45 Critics' Forum. 6.35 Liszt and Chopin (S). 7.25 P.L. Travers. 8.00 British Music (S) Vaughan Williams's Pastoral Symphony (8.40-9.00 In Ciro's Boat) David Matthews, Christopher Steel. 9.40 Percy Grainger and Friends (S) Grainger, Quilter and Grieg. 10.25 Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields (S) Corelli, Telemann, Mozart. 11.10 A Swiss Nocturne (S) Otmar Schoeck's 'Notturmo' Op.47. 11.57-12.00 News. VHF: 6.35-6.55 Open University Maths Foundation Tutorial.
- 4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather; Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective.
- 7.50 Down To Earth. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 Sport On 4. 8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Breakaway. 9.50 News Stand. 10.05 The Week In Westminster. 10.30 Pick Of The Week (S). 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 News; Money Box. 12.27 Nineteen Ninety-Four (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) *Talk of Love and War*. 3.00 News; Funny You Should Sing That. 3.30 Mysterious Messenger. 4.15 Water, Water Everywhere. 4.45 Bolshoi Tyshinsky No.26. 5.00 Wildlife (S). 5.25 Week Ending (S). 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel. 6.00 News; Sports Round-Up. 6.25 Desert Island Discs (S). 7.05 Stop The Week With Robert Robinson (S). 7.45 Baker's Dozen (S). 8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre (S) *Muggers*. 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 Evening Service (S). 10.30 Soundings. 11.00 Science Now. 11.30 In One Ear. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00, 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 9.55 Young Lookaround. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 11.50 Batman. 12.13 North East News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 North East News. 5.07 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 T.J. Hooker. 9.45 News. 10.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 10.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.30 Gargoyles. 12.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Adventures of the Blue Knight. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Chips. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 T.J. Hooker. 9.45 News; Sport. 10.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 10.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.30 Shelley. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; Bugs Bunny. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and

Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 The Adventurer. 11.50 Joanie Loves Chachi. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 T.J. Hooker. 9.45 News. 10.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 10.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.30 The Master. 12.25 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 9.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Danger Freaks. 12.12 TSW Regional News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Newsport. 5.10 The Smurfs. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 T.J. Hooker. 9.45 News; Sport; Weather. 10.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 10.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.30 Live from London. 12.30 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 The Green Hornet. 11.45 Birdman and Galaxy Trio. 12.12 TVS Weather. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; TVS News. 5.05 Blockbusters. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The

Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 T.J. Hooker. 8.50 The Price is Right. 9.45 News; Sport. 10.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 10.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.30 Cher at Caesar's Palace. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 12.13 HTV News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; HTV News. 5.05 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 The Price is Right. 8.50 T.J. Hooker. 9.45 News and Sport. 10.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 10.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.30 Demis Roussos. 12.40 HTV Weather; Closedown.

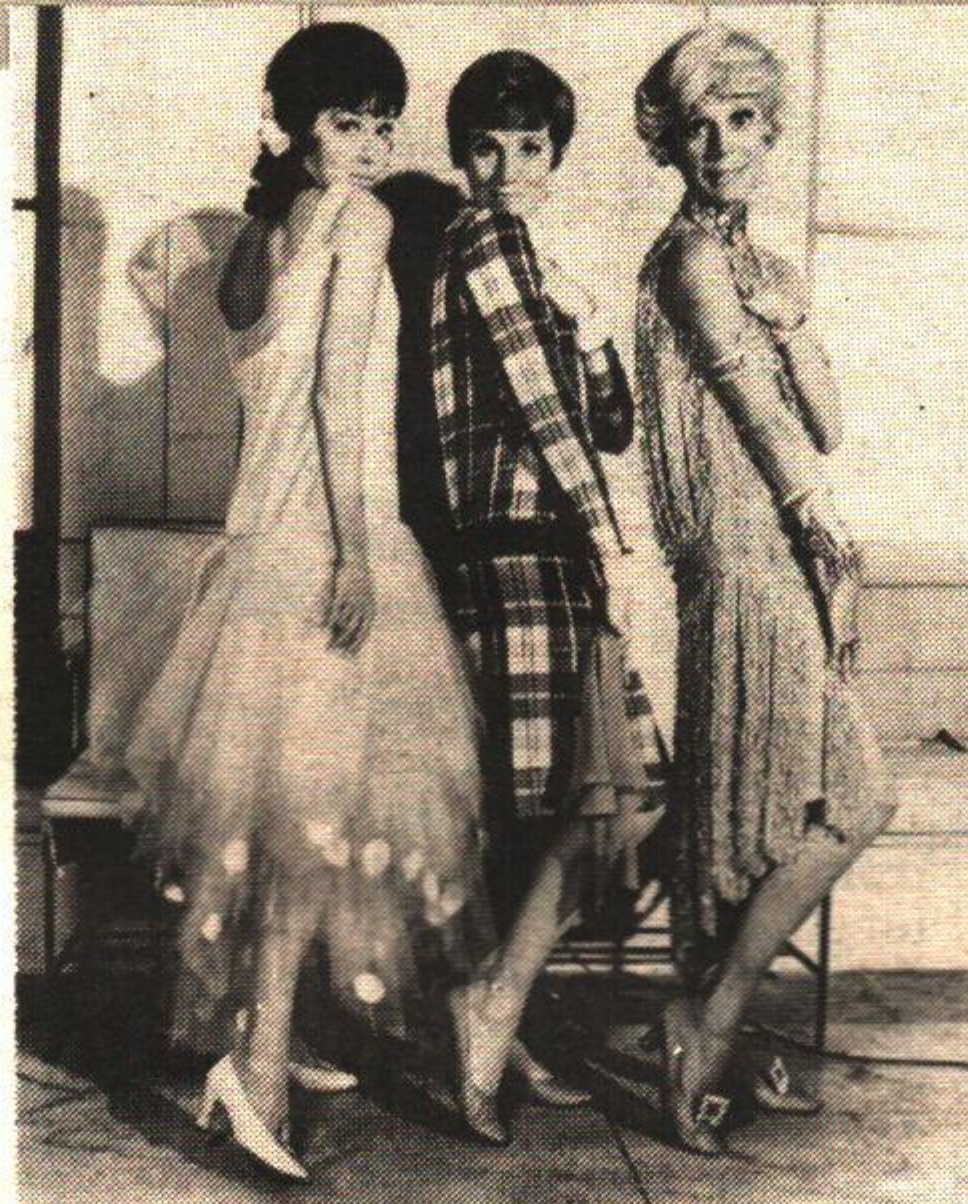
ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Cartoon. 9.35 Scooby, Scrappy and Yabba Doo. 10.00 No.73. 11.20 Chips. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; Sport; Weather. 5.05 Blockbusters. 5.35 Robin of Sherwood. 6.40 The Fame Game. 7.20 All Star Secrets. 7.50 T.J. Hooker. 8.45 The Price is Right. 9.45 News; Sport; Weather. 10.00 Tales of the Unexpected. 10.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. 11.30 The Monte Carlo Show. 12.25 Epilogue; Closedown.

SUNDAY



Tom Kempinski's play 'Duet For One', which ran for 11 months in London's West End, after beginning its life at the Bush Theatre, is being shown for the first time on television on BBC1 (Sunday night at 9.05). Frances de la Tour and David de Keyser create verbal fireworks as they confront each other in a psychiatrist's consulting room in the unravelling of the story. De la Tour plays a concert violinist who is stricken down with multiple sclerosis at the height of her career and becomes wheelchair-bound. This is one of her best-known roles — second only to her 'Miss Jones' in the 'Rising Damp' series.



Mary Tyler Moore, Julie Andrews and Carol Channing star in 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' on 4 at 2



'Apocalypse Now' is on 2 at 9.05

BBC1

6.45-8.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.45 Technology, 7.10 Crystal and Mantle Processes, 7.35 Work and Retirement, 8.00 Biochemistry, 8.25 Stereochemistry.

8.55 Play School. 9.10 Taking Stock. 9.35 Business Club. 10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Use Your Head. 10.55 Greek Language and People. 11.20 Sunday Worship. 12.05 Mr Smith's Indoor Garden. 12.30 Farming. 12.53 Weather News for Farmers. 12.55 News Headlines. 1.00 The Queen in Portugal. 1.30 Wildlife on One. 2.00 Eastenders. 3.00 Film: *River of No Return* (1954) Rugged adventure with Robert Mitchum and Marilyn Munroe set during the 1875 gold rush. 4.30 Top Gear (with regional variations). 5.00 The Dukes of Hazzard. 5.50 Antiques Roadshow.

6.30 NEWS Weather News

6.40 SONGS OF PRAISE

7.15 LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE *Serenade for Tight Jeans and Metal Detector* Compo goes to the local second-hand shop for some new trousers, but its Clegg who makes an unexpected purchase

7.45 JULIET BRAVO *Guilt*

8.35 MASTERMIND Magnus Magnusson with the first semi-final

9.05 DUET FOR ONE Adapted from the play by Tom Kempinski. Frances de la Tour gives a powerful performance as a violinist who battles against her own illness with David de Keyser as her psychiatrist

10.30 NEWS Weather News

10.45 THE ROCK GOSPEL SHOW

11.20 THE COMING OF AGE *Staying Home* Looking at how home helps benefit the 40-per-cent of over-75s who live alone

11.50 THE SKY AT NIGHT *The Sky in Infra-Red* Patrick Moore and Dr Jim Emerson discuss material gathered by the Infra-Red Astronomical Satellite

12.10 Weather; Closedown

BBC WALES: 2.00-3.00 Weekend Rugby Union. 4.30-5.00 A Question of Sport. 10.45 The Silver Road to Guanajuato. 11.35 The Rock Gospel Show. 12.10 The Coming of Age. 12.40 News Headlines; Weather; Close.

BBC2

6.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.50 Ethnic Minorities. 7.15 Sociology. 7.40 The Making of the Open University. 8.05 Classical Greece. 8.30 Computing at the Royal Bank of Scotland. 8.55 Maths Methods. 9.20 Cogs in the Wheel? 9.45 Maths. 10.10 Pure Maths. 10.35 Maths. 11.00 The Value of an OU Degree. 11.25 Control of Education in Britain. 11.50 Biology. 12.05 Perception. 12.40 North Westminster Community Schools. 1.05 Madonna di San Biagio. 1.30 Engineering Mechanics. 1.55 Religion. 2.20 Modern Art: Seurat. 2.45 Reconstruction of the Bankside Theatres.

3.10 Bridge Club. 3.35 Master Photographers. 4.10 Horizon. 5.00 Prince — In Syracuse.

6.00 NEWS REVIEW with subtitles

6.30 THE MONEY PROGRAMME presented by Brian Wylake and Valerie Singleton

7.15 IN SEARCH OF THE TROJAN WAR Michael Wood looks for connections between the legendary fall of Troy and the late Bronze Age decline of the Aegean world

8.15 HARTY GOES TO... OXFORD Russell Harty retraces the Oxford of his own student days

9.05 THE COPPOLA CONNECTION: *Apocalypse Now* (1979) Startling, shocking and disturbing images of war and madness assembled in Coppola's vision of Vietnam. With Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen and Frederic Forrest. Beginning a new series of films by Francis Coppola

11.30 PAT BENATAR IN CONCERT Rising rock star Pat Benatar recorded in concert in America

12.25 Closedown



'The Black Room' with Boris Karloff is on 4 at 11.20

ROUND THE REGIONS

Farming Diary; Farming Weather. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 The Champions. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match Live. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 The Jimmy Young Television Programme. 6.00 The Queen in Portugal. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Royal Night of 100 Stars. 10.15 News. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Session. 12.30 Five Minutes; Closedown.

TSW

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Link; South West Link. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 Faces of Christ. 11.00 Crafts Made Simple. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30 Farming News. 11.55 Postscript. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Gardens for All. 1.30 The South West Week. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match Live. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Cartoon Alphabet. 5.30 The Queen in Portugal. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Royal Night of 100 Stars. 10.15 News; Weather. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Legmen. 12.25 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Action Line. 9.35 Atom Ant. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 Faces of Christ. 11.00 Link. 11.30 Crafts Made Simple. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Agenda. 1.30 Farm Focus. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match Live. 4.30 Ace Crawford Private Eye. 5.00 The Queen in Portugal. 5.30 Supergran. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News; TVS News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Prac-

CHANNEL 4

1.05 IRISH ANGLE *London Irish Festival* A documentary about the annual festival held in London's Roundwell Park

1.30 FACE THE PRESS Yves Montand is among the guests today

2.00 THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE (1967) Effervescent musical comedy set in the 1920s about two naive young girls in New York. With Julie Andrews, Mary Tyler Moore, James Fox and Carol Channing

4.40 DANGEROUS JOURNEY *The Slough of Despond*

4.55 THE AMATEUR NATURALIST *Upstream, Downstream*

5.25 NEWS SUMMARY AND WEATHER followed by

BASKETBALL Live coverage of the National Championship Final from Wembley

7.15 FRAGILE EARTH *Kalahari: Wilderness Without Water* The searing heat and constant drought of the Kalahari desert in Africa make it an ideal habitat for scavengers

8.15 TROPICAL MOON OVER DORKING Play by Jeremy Burnham about Myra, a successful author of romantic novels, and her word-processor. With Nicky Henson, Hetty Baynes, Pauline Collins and Michael Gambon

9.15 GUITARRA! *Rondo* Classical guitarist Julian Bream plays works by Sor and Aguado who wrote in the Viennese tradition

9.50 OPINIONS Photographer Roman Vishniac gives a personal account of his experiences recording for posterity the Central European Jewish communities destroyed in the Holocaust

10.20 CURLING Highlights from the curling final at Kelvin Hall in Glasgow

11.20 THE BLACK ROOM (1935) Boris Karloff stars in an ingenious thriller as twin brothers, one evil and one good, one of whom murders the other. With Marian Marsh and Katherine de Mille

12.35 Close

LWT

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Crafts Made Simple. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 The Faces of Christ. 11.00 Link. 11.30 Coping. 12.00 Weekend World: The Future of the BBC. 1.00 Police 5. 1.15 The Smurfs. 1.30 Survival. 2.00 London News Headlines; followed by Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match Live: *Liverpool v Manchester United*. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Benson. 5.30 The Queen in Portugal. 6.00 Bullseye.

6.30 NEWS FROM ITN

6.40 HIGHWAY

7.15 THE PRACTICE Dr Golding faces the problem of telling his old friend Dr Biddy that Armitage won't cover for him any longer

7.45 A ROYAL NIGHT OF ONE HUNDRED STARS Jimmy Tarbuck hosts a gala night of entertainment from the National Theatre

10.15 NEWS FROM ITN

10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW Presented by Melvyn Bragg In tonight's programme Michael Crawford returns to the New York Circus School where he trained for the part he is currently playing in *Barnum*

11.30 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

BREADLINE BRITAIN This series has already established that 7.5 million people in Britain are 'too poor'. It now asks economists to explain what it would cost to abolish poverty

12.25 HARDCASTLE & MCCORMICK *Homecoming Part 2* — Hardcastle is presumed dead after a bizarre series of events, and the killers set out to find McCormick who is ensconced in a mountain cabin

1.15 SEVEN DEADLY SINS

1.25 Closedown

GRANADA

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9.35 Window on the World. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 The Faces of Christ. 11.00 Crafts Made Simple. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30 This is Your Right. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 The Protectors. 1.30 The Queen in Portugal. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match Live: *Liverpool v Manchester United*. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 The Love Boat. 6.00 Bullseye.

6.30 ITN NEWS

6.40 HIGHWAY

7.15 THE PRACTICE Dr Golding faces Dr Biddy's outraged anger when he tackles the alcoholic doctor about his neglected emergency calls

7.45 A ROYAL NIGHT OF ONE HUNDRED STARS Gala show hosted by Jimmy Tarbuck from London's National Theatre. Also featuring excerpts from West End shows such as 'Guys and Dolls', '42nd Street' and 'Me and My Girl'

10.15 ITN NEWS

10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW Michael Crawford goes back to the New York Circus School where he trained for his acrobatic part in the musical 'Barnum', and Melvyn Bragg takes a look at the 'alternative music' of singer Billy Bragg whose no-frills style has won him big popularity

11.30 SIMON AND SIMON *Red Dog Blues*

12.25 Closedown

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2.15 The Living Body. 2.45 Gardeners' World. 3.10 Union World. 3.40 Film: *Libel*. 5.30 Basketball. 7.15 Sioe Siarad. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.35 Hafod Henri. 8.05 Nos Sul 'Da Sulwyn. 8.45 Almanac. 9.20 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9.50 Galwad I'r Genedl. 10.20 Curling. 11.15 The Ever-Popular Tortured Artist Effect. 12.45 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour until 11.30a.m., then 2.30p.m., 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.30, and at 12 midnight.

6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Steve Wright. 12.30 Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 2.30 Adrian Jolly. 4.30 The Great Rock 'n' Roll Trivia Quiz. 5.00 Top 40 (S). 7.00 Anne Nightingale (S). 9.00 Robbie Vincent (S). 11.00-12.00 The Ranking Miss P (S).

2 News on the hour (except 8p.m.). Headlines 7.30a.m.

4.00 David Dunning (S). 6.00 George Fergusson (S). 7.30 Paul McDowell (S). 9.00 Melodies for You (S). 11.00 Desmond Carrington (S). 12.02 Sports Desk. 1.00 Ken Bruce presents Two's Best (S). 2.00 Benny Green (S). 3.00 Alan Dell (S). 4.00 It's a Funny Business (S). 4.30 Sing Something Simple (S). 5.00 Charlie Chester (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.30 Twentieth-Century Troubadour. 7.00 Niall Murray Sings. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows. 10.45 Dennis Gomm at the piano. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00 Steve Madden (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Ken Bruce presents Two's Best (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Mozart and Ravel (S). 8.00 Bach Cantatas — 1724 (S) Bach's Cantata No.182 and music from Reincken and Pachelbel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice (S) Tartini, Chopin arr. Godowsky, Chausson, Stravinsky. 10.30 Music Weekly (S). 11.15 From the Proms 1984 (S) Mozart Symphony No.38 (11.45-11.50 Words) Bruckner's Symphony No.7. 1.10 Poulenc and Satie (S) Chamber music. 1.50 Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble (S) Telemann, Handel, Babel (2.25-2.30 Interval Reading) Alessandro Scarlatti, Sammartini, Johan Helmich Roman. 3.10 Symphonic Variations (S) Parry, Franck. 3.45 Beethoven Quartets (S) Op.18 No.1 and Op.133. 4.30 Schumann (S) 12 Lieder Op.35. 5.15 The Uneasy Eye. 6.15 The Mantle of Beethoven (S) Ferdinand Ries and Georges Onslow. 7.15 Dead Men (S) Play by Mike Stott. 9.05 Halle Orchestra (S) Wagner, Schubert, Strauss (9.40-10.00 Fish and Fowl) Mahler Symphony No.1. 11.00 Peter Serkin (S) Mozart, Chopin and Beethoven. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Prelude (S). 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather;

Travel. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel. 8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Appeal. 8.55 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service. 10.15 The Archers. 11.15 Weekend. 12.00 The Right to Roam. 12.30 The Food Programme. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World This Weekend; News. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30 Afternoon Play (S) *Jonathan Wild*. 4.00 News; The One Great Scorer. 4.30 The Living World. 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 Down Your Way. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 Feedback. 6.30 Bookshelf. 7.00 Travel; The Gold of the Conqueror (S). 7.30 Words, Words, Words (S). 7.50 A Voice Crying in the Wilderness. 8.05 Law in Action. 8.30 Central American Journey. 9.00 News; Micah Clarke (S). 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 The Counselling Industry. 11.00 Life's Calvaries. 11.15 Inside Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 6.45-7.45 Open University. 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study On 4.

TYNE TEES

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Link. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 Faces of Christ. 11.00 Crafts Made Simple. 11.25 Lookaround. 11.30 Batman. 11.58 North East News. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Farming Outlook. 1.30 The Smurfs. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match Live. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.28 North East News. 5.30 Short Story Theatre. 6.00 The Queen in Portugal. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Royal Night of 100 Stars. 10.15 News. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 TX:45. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Wattoo Wattoo. 9.30 The Flying Kiwi. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 Faces of Christ. 11.00 Link. 11.30 Crafts Made Simple. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Star Fleet. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match Live. 4.30 Supergran. 5.00 New Fred and Barney Show. 5.30 The Queen in Portugal. 6.00 Bullseye. 6.30 News. 6.40 Highway. 7.15 The Practice. 7.45 Royal Night of 100 Stars. 10.15 News. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.55 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather; followed by Link. 10.00 Morning Worship. 10.45 Faces of Christ. 11.00 Crafts Made Simple. 11.30

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WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Fight rate-capping! Unite the struggle for jobs!**
- **TUC must call General Strike now!**

Plus film: 'The Organisation of the General Strike'

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 Moe** (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

BARNSELY: Wednesday April 3, 7.30p.m. Barnsley Technical College, Lecture Room.
Speakers: **Steve Tasker** (Barnsley 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 Workingmens Club, Park Lodge Lane, Eastmoor.
Speakers: **Andrew Allan** (Kippax YS); **Dave Hyland** (WRP Central Committee); **Philip Wilson** (Kellingley 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 WMPTE); Speaker from West Midlands NUM

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

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

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)

BY CISSIE LODGE

TRIBUTES have come from all over the world for the painter Marc Chagall, who died at his Mediterranean home in Nice on Thursday night.

Chagall, who was 97, was one of the great painters who came out of the crucible of artist development in the early years of this century.

Born into a modest Jewish family in the town of Vitebsk in Russia, Chagall became one of the most famous artists of this century, combining a peasant innocence and simplicity of vision with the sophistication of 20th century artistic language.

Chagall visited Paris when he was 23 and was greatly impressed by the creative fervour which inspired Cubism and changed the course of modern art.

He returned to Russia for a visit in 1914 and was caught up in the outbreak of World War I. Some of his best work was produced in the years between 1910 and 1920.

Chagall enthusiastically pitched into the revolutionary changes of 1917, and became Commissar of Arts in Vitebsk.

After working in Moscow's Jewish theatre, and teaching in an orphan's village, Chagall left the Soviet Union and did not return until 1973.

Reflected in his work was the simple life and outlook of peasant and village people, but



'Birthday', a painting by Marc Chagall from 1915

through the eyes of someone who looked back at this, having experienced traumatic changes.

'My art is a wild art, a blazing quicksilver, a blue soul flashing in the canvasses,' Chagall once wrote.

Chagall's images always remained close to his Russian Jewish origins throughout his long life — wandering violinists, flying cows, acrobats, rabbis, lovers, the uprooted, painted with increasingly brilliant colours.

Chagall also worked in ceramics, sculpture and stained glass.

His stained glass windows decorate cathedrals

in Rheims, Metz and Chichester, the Hadassah University hospital synagogue in Jerusalem, the Chicago Art Institute and several churches, including a tiny church in Tudeley, Kent.

'He was the last of that extraordinary generation including Matisse and Picasso, who invented the visual language of the 20th century', said Royal Academy exhibition secretary, Norman Rosenthal yesterday.

'What's so miraculous about Chagall is how he reduced complexities to almost childlike simplicity, while remaining pure, inventive and serious.'

● The Royal Academy is currently showing a major exhibition of Chagall's work, which has been attended by 270,000 people so far.

It announced yesterday that the galleries would be open until 8p.m. at the weekend. The last day.

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PUBLIC LECTURES The Elements of Marxism

Monday April 15

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Monday April 22

Socialism and the socialist revolution. Revolutionary role of the working class. Marxism, reformism and trade unionism. The state and revolution.

Monday May 13

Materialism and idealism. Hegel and Marx and the dialectical method. Theory and practice of building the revolutionary party.

Assembly Rooms Rotherham, 7.30p.m.

Lecturer **CLIFF SLAUGHTER**
(WRP Central Committee)

Admission 20p

Bus workers plan protest

THOUSANDS of bus workers and bus users will be demonstrating in London on Tuesday against the government's Bill to deregulate and privatise bus services. NALGO's 10,000 transport administrators will be supporting the demonstration.

The Transport Bill, which is now in committee stage in the Commons, will mean the breaking up of the National Bus Company and Passenger Transport Execu-

tives, and the handing over of their services to private operators.

This move, says NALGO, threatens to lower safety standards, greatly reduce less profitable rural services, raise fares and clog city centres with competing private buses. Thousands of jobs will also be put at risk.

● The demonstration will assembly at Malet Street at 12 noon and march to a rally at Jubilee Gardens for 2.30p.m.

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		(Light blue and orange chevrons, blue sleeves and cap)		
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		(White, dark blue sash, striped cap)		
4	U-03332	GREASEPAINT	D Weld (IRE) 10 10 13.....	T Carmody
		(Emerald green and yellow check, green sleeves)		
5	4-10213	LUCKY VANE	G B Balding 10 10 13.....	J Burke
		(Lilac, rose quartered cap)		
6	21-2410	HALLO DANDY (C-D)(BF)	G W Richards 11 10 12.....	G Bradley
		(Black, black cap, emerald green spots)		
7	10-4430	BROOMY BANK	J A Edwards 10 10 7.....	Mr A J Wilson
		(Cerise, old gold sleeves, gold cap cerise spots)		
8	430-001	FETHARD FRIEND	J A Edwards 10 10 7.....	P Barton
		(Red, white cap, green diamond)		
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		(Red, yellow diamond, check cap, green collar)		
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		(Light blue, black sash and armlets, black hoop on light blue cap)		
15	1U0100	KUMBI	D McCain 10 10 0.....	K Doolan
		(Light green, maroon striped sleeves)		
17	2210P0	MUSSO	F T Winter 9 10 0.....	Mr S Sherwood
		(White, turquoise blue sash and sleeves, quartered cap)		
18	310030	DUDIE	P Mullins (IRE) 7 10 0.....	A Mullins
		(White, emerald green chevrons, yellow sleeves and cap)		
19	321-403	RUPERTINO	E H Owen jun 10 10 0.....	R Stronge
		(Yellow, royal blue striped sleeves and cap)		
20	0330P0	IMPERIAL BLACK	N F Crump 9 10 0.....	C Hawkins
		(Black, white cross-belts and sleeves, striped cap)		
21	F-PP3F0	SHADY DEAL	J T Gifford 12 10 0.....	R Rowe
		(Emerald green, white sleeves, check cap)		
23	131000	TUBBERTELLY	M Hourigan (IRE) 8 10 0.....	T J Taaffe
		(Black and white check, black sleeves and cap)		
25	431-143	TALON	R C Armitage 10 10 0.....	A Webber
		(Chocolate, yellow spots, chocolate cap)		
26	000004	ONAPROMISE	R W Jeffrey 9 10 0.....	A Brown
		(Yellow, black disc armlets and cap)		
27	011240	KNOCKAWAD	M Hourigan (IRE) 8 10 0.....	K F O'Brien
		(Blue and white halved, white cap)		
28	032330	BLACKRATH PRINCE	G B Balding 9 10 0.....	B Reilly
		(Grey, orange chevron and sleeves, black cap)		
29	00-0003	HILL OF SLANE	A P Jarvis 9 10 0.....	S Smith Eccles
		(Black, emerald green seams and cap)		
30	034400	ROYAL APPOINTMENT	T Carberry (IRE) 10 10 0.....	P Gill
		(Royal blue, white sleeves, dark green cap)		
31	OFF-000	SOLIHULL SPORT	J L Spearing 11 10 0.....	S Morshead
		(Light blue and orange quartered, orange sleeves)		
32	430014	CLONTHURTIN	A L Moore (IRE) 11 10 0.....	Mr T Thomson Jones
		(Navy with white stars, navy cap white stars)		
33	0042-00	FAULOOD (C)	F Walwyn 10 10 0.....	K Mooney
		(White, red spots, royal blue and white hooped sleeves, blue cap)		
34	310220	BASHFUL LAD	M Oliver 10 10 0.....	G McCourt
		(Dark blue and red halved, sleeves reversed, blue cap, red star)		
35	3-23200	CROSA	J C Fox 10 10 0.....	S Moore
		(Royal blue, yellow cross-belts, and spots on cap)		
36	114111	MR SNUGIT	M W Easterby 8 10 0.....	P Tuck
		(Black, white striped sleeves, pink sash and cap)		
37	112244	GLENFOX	S Mellor 8 10 0.....	Mr D Gray
		(Yellow, dark green star on body and cap, green sleeves, yellow armlets)		
38	0040-00	NEVER TAMPER	J H Baker 10 10 0.....	C Brown
		(Light blue, yellow seams, quartered cap)		
39	P4P0P0	ROMAN BISTRO	J T Gifford 9 10 0.....	P Nicholls
		(Ancient McDougall tartan, green sleeves and cap)		
40	213PP2	CAPTAIN PARKHILL	B McLean 12 10 0.....	C Grant
		(Yellow, green sleeves, red cap yellow spots)		
41	40-0030	LENEY DUAL	D F Pitcher 10 10 0.....	Mr D Pitcher
		(Dark blue, light blue cross-belts, striped cap)		
42	0404F0	OUR CLOUD	S Shields (IRE) 9 10 0.....	Mr J Queally
		(Brown, orange seams, hooped cap)		
44	4P010P	IMMIGRATE (BF)	G W Richards 12 10 0.....	J Hansen
		(White, red sash, black cap)		
45	22121P	GREENHILL HALL (BF)	C W Thornton 9 10 0.....	D Wilkinson
		(Yellow, brown spots on body, brown cap)		
46	142F21	NORTHERN BAY	T T Bills 9 10 0.....	Philip Hobbs
		(Emerald green, black spots and cap)		

1984: Hallo Dandy 10 10 2 N Doughty 13-1 G W Richards 40 ran

PROBABLE SP: 6-1 West Tip, 7-1 Greasepaint and Corbiere, 8-1 Lucky Vane, 12-1 Hallo Dandy and Drumlargan, 14-1 Mr Snugfit, 20-1 Fethard Friend, 25-1 Classified and Tacroy, 28-1 Scot Lane and Talon, 33-1 others.

PINSTICKERS' A-Z GUIDE

FOR THOSE with a limited knowledge of recent form, here is a pinsticker's guide to Saturday's big race. (Prices courtesy of William Hill):

BASHFUL LAD (100-1): Ran quite well over the big National fences in last year's Kalenberg Pils Chase, and won't run short on stamina. Would prefer a muddy surface.

BLACKRATH PRINCE (66-1): Stable companion of Lucky Vane. Owners Roger Dowsett and Peter Gorvin will be hoping some of the luck they enjoyed with that fine jumper Golden Vow will rub off on this fellow.

BROOMY BANK (33-1): Ross-On-Wye trainer John Edwards should already have won a National — his Sandy Sprite broke down with the race at his mercy. Broomy Bank was well fancied last year but broke a blood vessel in the race. He's been brought along steadily this time and is not one to strike off any shortlist.

CAPTAIN PARKHILL (200-1): Well out of his depth.

CLASSIFIED (33-1): Has done most of his winning over two and a half miles so whether he'll like tackling almost twice that distance is anybody's guess. Gay Trip (1970) and Crisp (1973) were similar types and ran great races. Trainer Nicky Hender-

son is in tip-top form at present.

CLONTHURTIN (100-1): Irish-trained front-runner who is likely to be swallowed up by half-way in this company. Tim Thomson-Jones rides.

CORBIERE (8-1): Gave Jenny Pitman the distinction of becoming the first woman to train the National winner when successful in 1983. Jenny is not happy about his weight, but he carried 12 stone into third place last year and on recent form must be concerned in the finish again. A spell of hunting has rekindled his interest. Peter Scudamore takes over in the saddle for the injured Ben De Haan.

CROSA (100-1): Mare rated with an outside chance by trainer Jimmy Fox. There's one proviso — she must have fast ground.

DUDIE (66-1): Nobody will be humming this one's name afterwards.

DRUMLARGAN (12-1): Probably last chance of National glory for Champion Jockey John Francome, who is expected to hang up his boots at the end of the season. Classy Irish chaser placed in last year's Gold Cup, but is happier when the ground is like porridge.

FAULOOD (66-1): Still makes mistakes

and it would be a mistake to back him.

FETHARD FRIEND (25-1): Ex-Irish gelding who has hit form at just the right time with a six lengths victory at Wolverhampton. Seventh last year and new trainer John Edwards, who also runs Broomy Bank, may have improved him enough to be in the shake-up this time.

GLENFOX (100-1): Stan Mellor expects a good run from this eight-year-old, but it's hard to justify his confidence.

GREASEPAINT (7-1): Runner-up for the last two years and the handicapper has given him a great chance of making it third time lucky. Irish trainer Dermot Weld has been criticised in his own country for being too easy on the old horse this season, but he may have the last laugh today.

GREENHILL HALL (200-1): Won't reach the Aintree hall of fame.

HALLO DANDY (14-1): Gordon Richards is adamant that his 1984 hero will take the world of beating again — despite an extra ten pounds on his back. Probably the cleverest jumper in the field, but needs good, fast ground to show his very best form.

HILL OF SLANE (33-1): Completed the course last year but has a mountainous task.

Grand National

West Tip made for Aintree classic

WEST TIP (3.20) has been the horse on everybody's lips at LIVERPOOL this week, and Michael Oliver's eight-year-old can complete a nap hand in the £66,000 Seagram Grand National there today.

Apart from lack of course experience, the gelding has everything else required for the four and a half mile endurance test, and is the best handicap horse in the race.

He jumps and stays well, seems to handle anything but firm ground and will be partnered by Richard Dunwoody, who many believe is a champion jockey of the future.

At 21, Dunwoody is the youngest pilot in the race, but has a coolness and maturity which belies those years. He gained vital experience of the fences when getting as far as the fourth last on Run To Me in Thursday's Whitbread Trophy.

West Tip is not the easiest of rides, tending to get himself outpaced, but Dunwoody has struck up a terrific partnership with the eight-year-old, the combination winning four races on the trot.

At the Cheltenham Festival earlier in the month, West Tip staged a perfect National trial in the Ritz Club Handicap Chase, beating Acarine four lengths, despite Dunwoody breaking his whip with a mile to go.

The gelding came from

sixth to first over the last two fences and scored without being given a hard race. Oliver believes he has the horse better than ever, and with a clear round he will be very hard to beat.

Torrential rain was easing the ground at Aintree yesterday morning and that will suit West Tip just as much as his chief rivals Lucky Vane and Corbiere.

Staying is also Lucky Vane's strong suit, and Toby Balding's gelding recovered

NOSEBAG'S AINTREE TIPS

GRAND NATIONAL

1. Classified
2. Corbiere
3. Hallo Dandy

- 2.00 Sea Merchant
- 2.35 Robin Wonder
- 4.05 Golden Friend
- 4.35 Desert Hero
- 5.05 The Breener

from some howling blunders to finish fourth behind Hallo Dandy, Greasepaint and Corbiere 12 months ago.

Lucky Vane ran a cracking National trial when beaten by Dumper over a trip too short for him at Sandown at the beginning of the month, but his concession of 12lb to West Tip further strengthens the case for the Midlands raider.

After Smith's Man won yesterday, Jenny Pitman predicted that Corbiere, her

National hero of two years ago, had never been better.

There will be no braver runner in the field, but Corbiere is giving West Tip 23 lbs, and that looks an impossible task. To put the handicapping into perspective, the weights for the Scottish National put West Tip 36lbs better in with Corbiere than he is on Ayr.

Graham Bradley has come in for the chance ride on last year's winner Hallo Dandy, following a freak accident in which the horse's usual partner, Neal Doughty, dislocated a shoulder.

Hallo Dandy is a top of the ground specialist and came from last to first a year ago. Fourth behind Corbiere in 1983, he looks a banker to get round. But his lack-lustre warm-up at Ayr does not inspire confidence.

If there is a joker in the pack, it could come from Mr Snugfit, Mick Easterby's first National runner. The gelding has improved to win his last five races, and Easterby confidently predicts he will win.

Mr Snugfit handled the fences well when finishing seventh in the Topham last year, but was given just 8st 10lb in the long handicap for the National, which suggests he is out of his depth.

In the National so much depends on luck. Providing he gets enough of that today, West Tip will, hopefully, storm home from the final fence to complete a fairytale for Oliver and Dunwoody.

SELECTIONS

LIVERPOOL: 2.00 Kathies Lad, 2.35 Gaye Brief, 3.20 — 1. West Tip (nap), 2. Lucky Vane, 3. Corbiere; 4.05 State Case, 4.35 Charlie's Cottage, 5.05 Out of the Gloom

EDINBURGH: 2.15 Garda's Gold, 2.40 Pergoda, 3.05 Tromeros, 3.50 Miami Star, 4.20 Run Easy, 4.50 Owen's Pride

LINGFIELD: 1.45 Baton Passer, 2.15 Tom Forrester, 2.45 Sylvan Joker, 3.40 Corn Street, 4.15 Alqirm, 4.45 Virgin Prince, 5.15 Destina

HEREFORD: 2.30 Kinsbourne Lad, 3.00 Gods Will, 3.50 Last of the Foxes, 4.20 Mr Moonraker, 4.50 Emmabel, 5.20 Lexador, 5.50 Wrong Righted

in this class, and current odds are unrealistic.

MUSSO (66-1): Has never run well over really extreme distances, but will probably give jockey Simon Sherwood a gentle hack round.

NORTHERN BAY (100-1): Very slow animal who beat some even slower horses in a four-mile race at the Cheltenham Festival.

NEVER TAMPER (500-1): West Country chaser who may get round — but in his own time.

ONAPROMISE (100-1): Not one to be trusted, I promise.

OUR CLOUD (200-1): Too many clouds on his horizon.

ROMAN BISTRO (200-1): No one's cooking up his chances.

ROYAL APPOINTMENT (66-1): Even the fact that he's trained by 1975 winning jockey Tommy Carberry won't help him.

RUPERTINO (66-1): A real tryer sure to do his best, but that is still not good enough.

SCOT LANE (33-1): Long in the tooth, but not short on ability. This old stager has

been written off before and come back to make fools of his critics.

SHADY DEAL (66-1): Josh Gifford trained Aldaniti to win in 1981, and that horse would have put this one in the shade.

SOLIHULL SPORT (66-1): Won over four miles last year but no worthwhile form since.

TACROY (25-1): Owner Alf Duffield backed his horse to win half a million pounds in 1984. Tacroy ran well on the first circuit, but faded badly second time round and the bookies were saved. Handicapped by a lack of finishing speed these days.

TALON (28-1): Clawless!

TUBBERTELLY (66-1): This Irishman's connections would be better advised staying at home and watching the telly.

WEST TIP (7-1): Can Richard Dunwoody, jockey find of the season, win on his first National ride and crown a marvellous year? His mount is an out-and-out stayer who has not stopped improving since recording the first of four consecutive victories back in January. On form, West Tip, who was once almost cut in half in a road accident, is the best handicapped horse today.

Grand National Day

LIVERPOOL (NH)

BBC1 2.00, 2.35

2.00 CAPTAIN MORGANS AINTREE CHASE (LTD H'CAP)

Grade 2 £20,000 2m (8 runners)		
2 142321	KATHIES LAD (D) A P Jarvis 8 11 7	S Smith Eccles
3 1F-4222	SEA MERCHANT (D)(BF) W A Stephenson 8 11 4	R Lamb
5 412402	FAR BRIDGE (D) G Balding 9 10 11	B Reilly
6 112FP3	KYOTO (D) J R Jenkins 7 10 10	J Francome
7 0-23133	WESTERN ROSE (C-D)(BF) Mrs M Rimell 13 10 7	S Morshead
8 241110	BLACKFEET (D) J S Wilson 6 10 7	S Charlton
10 121003	JO COLOMBO (D) Mrs W Sykes 10 10 7	P Scudamore
12 FO-2022	NORTH YARD (D) R House 9 10 7	Philip Hobbs

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Kathies Lad, 4-1 Far Bridge, 5-1 Sea Merchant, 13-2 Western Rose, 8-1 Blackfeet, 12-1 Jo Colombo, 16-1 others.

2.35 SANDEMAN AINTREE HURDLE Grade 2 £17,000

2m 5f (8 runners)		
1 03-2410	FREDCOTER (A) L Moore (IRE) 9 11 11	T J Taaffe
2 121-124	GAYE BRIEF (C-D) Mrs M Rimell 8 11 9	R Linley
3 412300	BAJAN SUNSHINE M Tate 6 11 6	P Scudamore
4 210-040	CENTROLINE C A Bell 7 11 6	J H Davies
7 4-12242	MOUNT BOLUS D A Oughton 5 11 6	P Double
8 111020	PASSAGE CREEPER P Mullins (IRE) 8 11 6	A Mullins
9 0-21302	ROBIN WONDER (C) D R Elsworth 7 11 6	J J O'Neill
10 2-20111	ROSE RAVINE F Walwyn 6 11 6	R Pusey

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Robin Wonder, 3-1 Gaye Brief, 9-2 Rose Ravine, 6-1 Fredcoter, 8-1 Passage Creeper, 12-1 Bajan Sunshine, 33-1 Centroline, 100-1 Mount Bolus.

4.05 CHIVAS REGAL CHASE £6,000

2m (8 runners)		
2 240-1PP	CARDINAL'S OUTBURST (D) J A Edwards 10 11 8	W Knox (4)
3 4P1U40	DENNIS AUBURN (D) R B Francis 8 11 8	M Pitman (4)
4 243434	FURY BOY D Nicholson 12 11 8	Mr A McDonald-Buchanan (7)
5 012230	GOLDEN FRIEND (D) Mrs M Rimell 7 11 8	Mr M Price (7)
6 02314F	GRIMA I M Dudgeon 8 11 8	D Chesney
7 0001-1F	POUNTES (D)(BF) W W McGhie 8 11 8	P A Farrell
8 111340	SILENT ECHO (D) A G Blackmore 10 11 8	M Jenkins (7)
9 21211U	STATE CASE (D)(BF) Mrs M Dickinson 7 11 8	Mr A Dudgeon (4)

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 State Case, 3-1 Golden Friend, 11-2 Pountes, 8-1 Fury Boy, 12-1 Silent Echo and Cardinal's Outburst, 16-1 others.

4.35 WHITE SATIN ANATEUR HANDICAP HURDLE

£6,000 2m (18 runners)		
1 1/P	L'AUBERDIERE (FR) C Holmes 5 12 7	Mr C Holmes (7)
2 12-3001	DESERT HERO (D) F Walwyn 11 11 10	Mr H Ponsonby (7)
3 122001	RHYTHMIC PASTIMES (D) J R Jenkins 5 11 8 (5 ex)	Mr R J Beggan
7 000000	JADE AND DIAMOND (D) G Balding 7 11 2	Mr T Thomson Jones
9 02P000	WHOLE SHEBANG (D) D A Wilson 6 11 1	Mr A J Wilson
10 4-31110	JO BROKE (D)(BF) M H Easterby 5 10 13	Mr T Easterby
11 0-40314	GLORIOUS JANE (D) H de Bromhead (IRE) 5 10 12	Mr J Lombard (4)
13 1-34001	MISTER GOLDEN (D) F T Winter 5 10 7	Mr S Sherwood
16 111040	NO-U-TURN (D) S Mellor 7 10 0	Mr D Gray
18 030442	SEAGRAM (NZ)(D)(BF) D H Barons 5 10 0	Mr A Armytage (7)
19 200000	ASIAN MINOR (D) C J Hitchings 5 10 0	Mr M Richards (7)
21 21U0	DON'T ANNOY ME (D) R M Whitaker 5 10 0	Mr P Dennis (7)
22 3F0U-04	RIVAL (D) K A Morgan 7 10 0	Mr J Scott (7)
23 02101P	BOLD RODERICK (D) D Burchell 6 10 0 (5 ex)	Miss T Davies (7)
24 34FF0P	HARRY SIPPERS K G Wingrove 8 10 0	Mr R Ley (7)
25 3P/0000	PARSON'S PRIDE K G Wingrove 10 10 0	Mrs H Noonan (7)
26 04P/000	RACHEL STREET (C) J Harriman 9 10 0	Mr C Harriman (7)
27 041220	CHARLIE'S COTTAGE (D) P Mullins (IRE) 5 11 7	W P Mullins

PROBABLE SP: 9-2 Seagram, 11-2 Rhythmic Pastimes and Desert Hero, 6-1 Mister Golden, 8-1 Jobroke and Charlie's Cottage, 10-1 Jade and Diamond and Glorious Jane, 14-1 others.

5.05 GLENLIVET NOVICE HURDLE £6,000

2m 5f (15 runners)		
2 1113	THE BREENER O Sherwood 6 11 9	Mr S Sherwood
7 21031	CHIPPED METAL R B Francis 6 11 1	R Crank
8 423210	DOWN FLIGHT C Holmes 5 11 1	A Webb
11 30212	GLEN LOCHAN N F Crump 5 11 1	C Hawkins
12 10	KINGSWICK (USA) F T Winter 5 11 1	J Francome
13 20031	LAY PREACHER P Healy (IRE) 7 11 1	Mr P J Healey
16 023120	MOON MARINER D R Elsworth 5 11 1	S Smith Eccles
17 0014	OAKLEY HOUSE F Walwyn 6 11 1	S Shilston
18 1103	OVER THE LAST T Carberry (IRE) 5 11 1	T McGivern
19 2-31210	SOME MACHINE D Nicholson 6 11 1	P Scudamore
20 0012	STRANDS OF GOLD (BF) J G FitzGerald 6 11 1	M Dwyer
23 3111	OUT OF THE GLOOM R Hollinshead 4 11 0	J J O'Neill
24 01114	GANGABAL P Mullins (IRE) 5 10 10	Mr W P Mullins
27 230P0	DARRU R W Jeffrey 4 10 6	J Brough
28 4210	HIERONYMOUS M C Pipe 4 10 6	P Leach

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Out of the Gloom, 7-2 The Breener, 9-2 Over The Last, 13-2 Gangabal, 10-1 Kingswick, 12-1 others.

LINGFIELD

1.45 WADE FURNISINGS HANDICAP £3,000

1m 2f (6 runners)		
1 (6) 2413	BATON PASSER (USA) (C) G Harwood 9 7	G Starkey
2 (1) 00001-1	MARLEY ROOFUS M J Haynes 9 4	P Cook
3 (1) 22203-3	ROYAAN (USA) C Benstead 9 0	B Rouse
4 (5) 030-	DAWN JUSTICE (USA) G Huffer 8 11	G Carter (5)
7 (4) 000000-0	DREYFUS D Sasse 7 13	D McKay
8 (3) 000000-0	NAJJI P Butler 7 7	N Adams (5)

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 oh Baton Passer, 7-2 Marley Roofus, 5-1 Royaan, 7-1 Dawn Justice, 10-1 Dreyfus, 16-1 Najji.

2.15 UNION TRANSPORT HANDICAP £4,000

7f (10 runners)		
4 (7) 100000-	SYLVAN BARNUM (C) P Mitchell 4 9 7	J Matthias
5 (9) 12-0200	EWEL LAMB (C-D) A Hide 4 9 0	A Murray
6 (1) 041310-	VIRGIN ISLE (D) P Haslam 4 8 10	G Sexton
9 (8) 400100-	MINMAX (D) Pat Mitchell 7 8 8	R Cochrane
10 (5) 1000000-	AL AMEAD (C-D) C Benstead 5 8 7	B Rouse
11 (2) 000021-	HIGH PITCHED (D) M Haynes 6 8 7	C Rutter (7)
12 (6) 000200-	REAR ACTION R Smyth 5 8 5	S Whitworth (3)
13 (10) 440024-	TOM FORRESTER (C) A Pitt 4 8 4	W Carson
14 (4) 0000/00-	BUNTER A Moore 7 8 3	D McKay
16 (3) 040100-	GAUHAR (C-D) M Blanshard 4 8 2	N Adams (5)

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Tom Forrester, 7-2 High Pitched, 5-1 Virgin Isle, 6-1 Sylvan Barnum, 8-1 Minmax, 10-1 Al Amead, 12-1 Ewe Lamb, 14-1 others.

2.45 NUTLEY SELLING STAKES £1,000

(3-Y-O) 7f (6 runners)		
1 (2) 0	NIGEL'S ROCK P Haslam 9 0	G Sexton
3 (1) 00000-	SYLVAN JOKER P Mitchell 9 0	J Matthias
4 (6) 00-	THE CHALICEWELL J Holt 9 0	W Osborne (7)
6 (5) 000033-	AMIGA BORRACHA K Brasse 8 11	S Whitworth (3)
7 (3) 200200-	IRELAND GIRL K Ivory 8 11	R Cochrane
9 (4) 00-0	TAXINETTE A Davison 8 11	M L Thomas

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 on Sylvan Joker, 4-1 Amiga Borracha, 7-1 Ireland Girl, 10-1 Nigel's Rock, 16-1 The Chalicewell, 25-1 Taxinette.

3.40 GRAISONS HANDICAP £10,000

7f (10 runners)		
2 (9) 10/0200-	THRONE OF GLORY C Brittain 4 9 7	P Robinson
3 (6) 00211-4	MILK HEART G Lewis 6 9 3	J Mercer
4 (2) 0000-	CREWS HILL Mrs C Reavey 9 9 2	N Day
5 (3) 022-100	PHARLIU (USA) R Armstrong 4 8 13	S Cauthen
6 (1) 20104-0	CORN STREET J Bosley 7 8 7	R Hills

HEREFORD (NH)

2.30 HAY NOVICE HURDLE (DIV 1) £800

3m 1f (14 runners)		
1 P-00441	KINSBOURNE LAD M Connell 5 11 7	M Hammond
2 400203	BRYMA B Palling 5 11 0	A Griffiths
3 00-0000	CELTIC CAPRI J H Cork 6 11 0	J Frost
4 4/0000	DAINTY JOE Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 9 11 0	J Sutherland
8 FU00	GANDOUGE LANE J Old 8 11 0	E Murphy
10 0000	KEEP IT DARK M Gibson 5 11 0	B Powell
11 P0/PP	KELLY'S PILGRIM I Blair 7 11 0	C Gray
14 00-4F3F	MASTER CONE M Reid 8 11 0	P Warner
15 P0/P004	MIDNIGHT ROCKET R Brazington 9 11 0	C Jones
16 0U0	ROYAL TOM C Loggin 8 11 0	Mr M Bosley (7)
17 000200	SATANTILLER H Dale 6 11 0	Susan Wilton (7)
19 F	SPRINGWOOD BOY K Baileyn 6 11 0	M Richards
21 PF3F43	TIMSUN M McCourt 7 11 0	N Greaves (7)
24 0F-00	BONNY RYMER B McMahon 5 10 9	T Wall

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Kinsbourne Lad, 11-4 Bryma, 9-2 Timsun, 13-2 Satantiller, 10-1 Master Cone, 20-1 others.

3.00 LITTLE BIRCH SELLING HURDLE £500

2m (19 runners)		
1 0400/P	CHARMING CHARLES (D) D Morrill 6 11 11	C Bell (4)
2 201410	GODS WILL (D) O O'Neill 6 11 11	M Caswell (4)
5 32401	ANDREX (D) R Hollinshead 6 11 7	D Carcary (7)
6 P000-0	RODACE W Whiston 6 11 7	C Gray
11 P0P0P0	GUARD THE FORT Mrs C Symour 5 11 2	M Alston (7)
12 224200	JOHNSTON'S PRIDE E J Alston 6 11 2	M Bridgeman (7)
14 043220	MASTER BOON D Tucker 6 11 2	P Warner
17 P00P-0	SOLAR LIGHT F Yardley 5 11 2	Mr D Plummer (7)
19 P	WINTER SPORT Miss J Seaborn 5 11 2	Peter Hobbs
20 0220-00	BARASTONE ROSE G L Williams 6 10 11	C Cowley (7)
21 242B-00	CIDER WITH KATHY C Wildman 5 10 11	J Duggan (4)
22 03-	GLEN MAYE R Francis 6 10 11	G Jones
26 P0-	IRENE'S PRIDE B Forsey 5 10 11	G Davies
32 0	ROCKEFILLER A Aylett 5 10 11	Lorna Vincent
37 P	SPRING MELODY B Hicks 6 10 11	M Brisbane
38 20F4	PLOUGHMAN'S G Gracey 4 10 8	P Howe (7)
39 P000	RUSY ROC M W Davies 4 10 8	T Wall
40 20F4	BEAU'S GIRL Mrs P Townsley 4 10 3	Mr P Townsley
41 20F4	ORBITAL MANOEUVRES (BF) B McMahon 4 10 3	Mr P Townsley

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Andrex, 11-2 Gods Will, 13-2 Master Boon and Orbital Manoeuvres, 8-1 Solar Light, Cider With Kathy and Glen Maye, 12-1 Charming Charles, 14-1 others.

3.50 HAY NOVICE HURDLE (DIV 2) £800

3m 1f (17 runners)		
1 310043	LAST OF THE FOXES (C-D) N Twiston Davies 12 12 0	C Bell (4)
2 112000	RANDOMLY D Morrill 6 12 0	B Powell
7 0000-0	BRONZE WARRIOR M Gibson 5 11 0	J Frost
8 0004-0	COYOR (USA) R Blakeney 5 11 0	M Caswell (4)
10 0000	HIGHLAND FARMER O O'Neill 5 11 0	Mr C Bridgett
11 P00P/0	KAMACHOW C Bridgett 9 11 0	A Gorman
13 00/00-00	LUDWELL Mrs S Richardson 6 11 0	J Sutherland
16 0F0F00	MY BOY BOY J Fenion 8 11 0	A Sharpe
17 000-00	PENNETT LAD Mrs M Rimell 6 11 0	C Cowley (7)
18 4F02	POOR HAL R Francis 7 11 0	W Morris
20 0P	TEXAS TURKEY (NZ) D Barons 5 11 0	A Griffiths
22 F0-030P	TUDOR FUN R Morris 5 11 0	S Earle (7)
23 4-00000	ARCTIC GIPSY B Palling 9 10 9	G Newman
24 P32403	HAND ME DOWN R J Hodges 8 10 9	Peter Hobbs
26 0-422F0	KITTY BUSKINS F Sheridan 7 10 9	Mr P Townsley
28 PPU	NETTY'S GIRL C Loggin 9 10 9	Mr P Townsley
29 FF-0	ROWANE Mrs J Barrow 11 10 9	Mr P Townsley

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Poor Hal, 3-1 Randomly, 5-1 Hand Me Down, 13-2 Kitty Buskins, 12-1 Last Of The Foxes, 14-1 Arctic Gipsy, 20-1 others.

4.20 MITCHELLS & BUTLERS NOVICE CHASE £3,000

2m 4f (16 runners)		
1 21122P3	EMMASON (D)(BF) J Spearing 10 11 11	P Warner
2 P11P2P	ROGAIRIO P Bailey 9 11 11	N Fearn (7)
3 00U423	ARCTIC MARINER W G Turner 7 11 4	A Geering (4)
4 00F000	BALLYMURPHY Mrs A Finch 7 11 4	P Dever
6 0P/0P0F	BEST INTENT T N Bailey 8 11 4	M Caswell (4)
9 2F0F0P	COUNCILLOR BILL Mrs J Barrow 9 11 4	Peter Hobbs
12 2004-03	GLEN-LOOK J Honeyball 10 11 4	J Frost
21 32/0P2F	LEWESDON PRINCE (BF) R Blakeney 8 11 4	B Powell
23 00FFPP	MAGIC MOUSE J Colston 9 11 4	C Mann
25 04121F	MR MOONRAKER (C-D) L Kennard 8 11 4	J Sutherland
28 342F42	NOTRE CHEVAL (D) S Mellor 6 11 4	Mr P Townsley
29 10P0P0	PALMERSTON (NZ) D Barons 6 11 4	Mr P Townsley
32 0000-00	SHINING TUSK Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 7 11 4	Mr P Townsley
33 3-01320	SIR KENWIN R Armytage 7 11 4	Mr P Townsley
34 1-P0P40	SQUIRE TRELAWEY D Barons 8 11 4	Mr P Townsley
41 P040PP	EVENING SMOKE Mrs P Townsley 6 10 13	Mr P Townsley

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Mr Moonraker, 5-1 Notre Cheval, 11-2 Lewesdon Prince, 6-1 Emmason, 8-1 Sir Kenwin, 10-1 Rogairio, 16-1 others.

4.15 OXTED STAKES £1,200

(3-Y-O) 6f (15 runners)		
1 (1)	ABSOLUTE BOUNDER R Hannon 9 0	W Carson
2 (15) 2220-	ALQIRM (USA) C Benstead 9 0	B Rouse
3 (4) 03-	ARNOUX C Horgan 9 0	A Clark
4 (7) 0	CROOK N HONEST G Lewis 9 0	J Mercer
5 (12) U0-00	HEART OF STONE (USA) R Armstrong 9 0	S Cauthen
6 (8) 0	JANE'S BRAVE BOY W Hastings-Bass 9 0	R Lines (5)
7 (5) 00-	PUCCINI R Armstrong 9 0	G Sexton
8 (11) 000-	ROAD TO KILLS C Benstead 9 0	D McKeown
9 (14) 002-004	SECRETARY'S OFFICE P Mitchell 9 0	J Matthias
10 (3) 00-	EUROLINK SEA BABY P Mitchell 8 11	A McGlone
11 (2) 0	FREE SALLY J Holt 8 11	Angela Frampton (7)
12 (10) 0	HILDALARIOUS M Bolton 8 11	J Reid
13 (9) 044-	IRISH COOKIE Mrs C Reavey 8 11	N Day
14 (13) 0	PRIORITY MAID J O'Donoghue 8 11	P O'Leary
15 (6) 000-	PURE PLEASURE R Howe 8 11	S Cottle

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Alqirm, 100-30 Secretary's Office, 5-1 Absolute Bounder, 6-1 Arnoux, 8-1 Irish Cookie, 10-1 Jane's Brave Boy, 12-1 Crook N Honest, 20-1 others.

4.45 WESTERHAM STAKES £1,500

(2-Y-O) 5f (6 runners)		
4 (1)	ME AND MY SHADOW D Sasse 8 11	D McKay
8 (4) 0	SYLVAN EXPRESS P Mitchell 8 11	J Matthias
9 (6) 0	THORNHILL J Bridger 8 11	N Dawe (5)
10 (3) 3	VIRGIN PRINCE R Hannon 8 11	A McGlone
12 (2) 0	HOTBEE J Bridger 8 8	R Guest
13 (5) 0	SKYLIN Mrs C Reavey 8 8	J Reid

PROBABLE SP: evens Virgin Prince, 5-2 Sylvan Express, 4-1 Skylin, 12-1 Me and My Shadow, 16-1 others.

5.15 EAST GRINSTEAD STAKES £2,100

(3-Y-O) 1m 4f (4 runners)		
1 (2) 100000-	YALE R Boss 9 7	M Miller
2 (4) 01-	DESTINA (USA) G Harwood 9 4	G Starkey
3 (1) 1	BOLD REX (FR) J Dunlop 9 7	W Carson
4 (3) 0-0	TODA FORCE AVANTI A Davison 9 0	M L Thomas

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Bold Rex, 15-8 Destina, 7-2 Yale, 10-1 Toda Force Avanti.

4.50 KATIE GAZE MEMORIAL TROPHY (H'CAP CHASE)

£2,000 3m 1f (13 runners)		
3 0-02F42	LORD LEIGHTON (USA)(C) L Kennard 9 11 7	B Powell
4 1/1FPP-0	COMBE HILL N Henderson 8 11 3	C Mann
5 P01420	FREDWEL (C-D) P Bailey 9 10 11	J Duggan (4)
7 0232U-0	HAYBALE (C-D) J Spearing 11 10 11	J Sutherland
8 PP-FP40	DONJILL D R Greig 11 10 10	G Newman
9 0-10001	SPACED OUT (C-D) T N Bailey 10 10 9 (7 ex)	P Dever

WEEKEND SOCCER PREVIEW

WHITE HURT LANE

TOTTENHAM, whose League Championship hopes have been badly dented in recent weeks because of a string of injuries, call in two youngsters against Aston Villa at White Hart Lane this afternoon.

Mark Bowen and Ian Crook will be thrust into the race for the title as Spurs' resources are stretched to the very limit.

Both will be making their first League appearances of the season, Bown at left back and Crook in midfield. Captain Steve Perryman also changes position again, moving to the centre of the defence to deputise for the suspended Graham Roberts.

The present injury crisis could hardly come at a worse time for the north London club. After today's tussle, Tottenham must start preparing for the clash with League leaders Everton at White Hart Lane on Wednesday night — a match that could decide the destination of the League Championship this season.

Manager Peter Shreeves said last night: 'You cater for injuries, but when you have six quality players injured and another one suspended, that is a lot under any circumstances.'

List

'But I am not looking for sympathy. I have two exciting kids coming in and I am sure they will not let me down.'

The Spurs casualty list includes Gary Stevens, Gary Mabbutt, Clive Allen, John Chiedozi, Mike Hazard and Chris Hughton. If it is any consolation to Shreeves, however, today's opponents have their problems too.

They could be forced to bring in untried goalkeeper Kevin Poole if Nigel Spinks fails to recover from a shoulder injury. Villa captain Allan Evans has a neck

injury so Dean Glover is standing by.

While the Spurs' treatment room is working overtime, Everton could find themselves back at full strength for an awkward match at Southampton, who are pushing for a place in Europe next season.

Midfielder Kevin Sheedy, who has missed the past four games, and Paul Bracewell, who has missed two, are both hoping to return. Alan Harper and Kevin Richardson are the two players who will probably stand down.

Paul Wilkinson, the talented Grimsby striker who manager Howard Kendall swooped for before Thursday's deadline, is in Everton's squad but is not expected to play.

Southampton, who crashed 5-1 at Tottenham last weekend, hope to welcome back their long-serving skipper Nick Holmes after a nine-match absence. Striker Steve Morar, who has missed three of the last four games, could also be fit to play.

Struggling West Ham, too close to the relegation area for comfort, will be looking



PETER SHREEVES



STEVE PERRYMAN

BY A SOCCER REPORTER

to end an abysmal record of 16 years without a goal at Nottingham Forest.

Since Geoff Hurst scored there in March 1969, the Hammers have gone 959 minutes without finding the net at the City Ground.

Geoff Pike faces a late fitness test on a groin injury, but Alan Devonshire is still not fit enough to return to the West Ham midfield.

Returns

Ipswich striker Mich D'Avray, who has been absent for five matches, returns for the vital relegation battle at Luton, who are unchanged.

Chris Waddle, who aggravated a knee injury on his England debut last Tuesday night, will have a test before the match at Sheffield Wednesday.

Colin West, Watford's £150,000 signing from Sunderland on Thursday, makes his debut at Queen's Park Rangers.

Liverpool's day at the races at nearby Aintree today has been cancelled — on the orders of manager Joe Fagan.

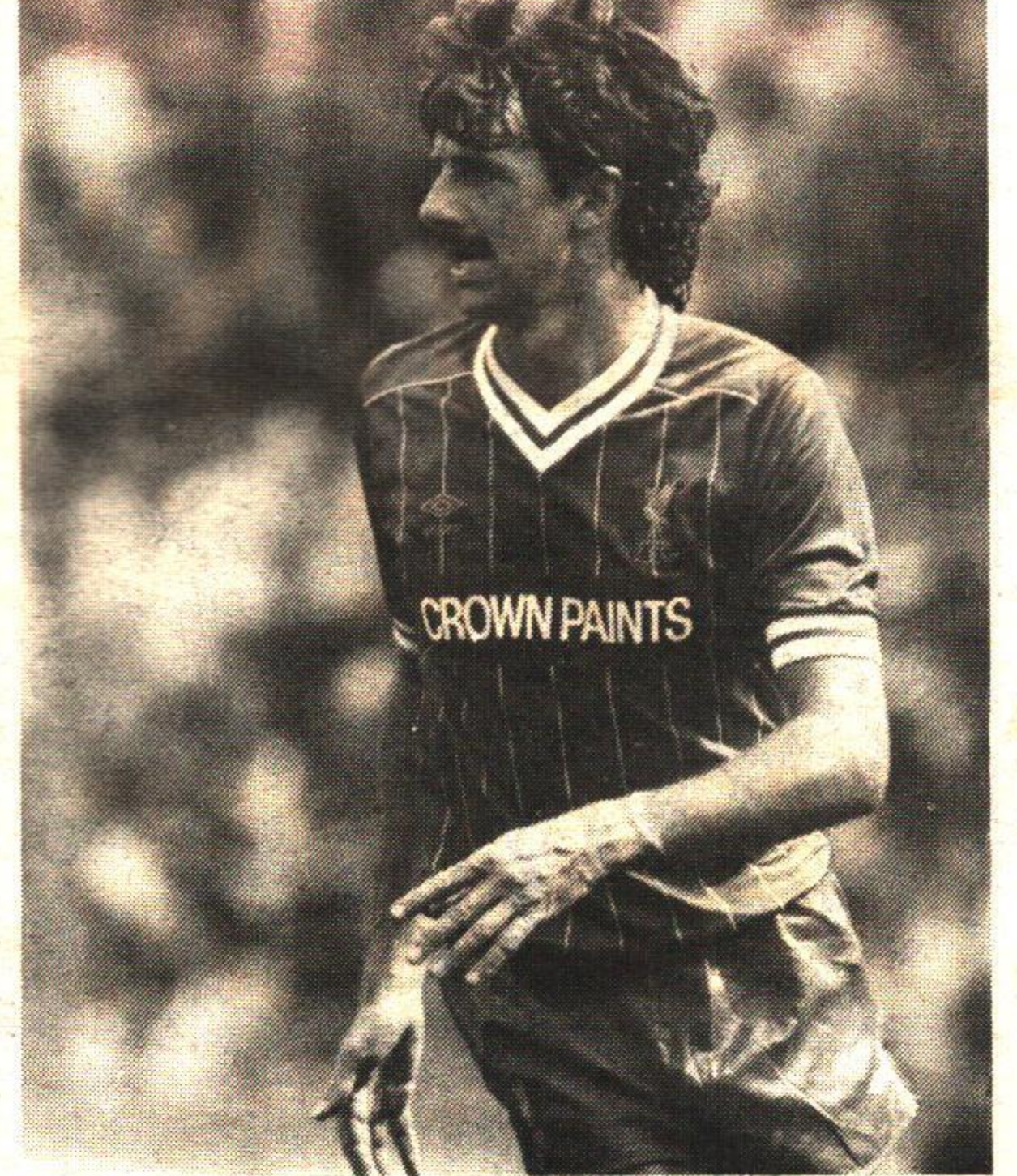
Lawrenson added: 'That includes the Grand National and it is understandable because you are on your feet all day at the races. It's perfectly logical.'

Fagan, naming an unchanged side that must win to stay in the Championship frame, said: 'In many ways this is the start of the season. The pressure is now on and we must hold steady.'

Although the game is on television, a crowd of 40,000 is expected, and Fagan reckons many of them are coming to see Welsh 'partners in crime' Ian Rush and United's Mark Hughes in opposition.

Fagan added: 'Those who foresake their armchairs and come to Anfield on Sunday will see two outstanding strikers. They are two of the finest around — they have split-second reactions and know how to find the back of the net.'

United have a slight doubt about Norman Whiteside's knee and have put Mike Duxbury on standby to take over in midfield.



MARK LAWRENSON . . . Banned from the races

SCOTSCENE

Last chance for Wallace

TODAY'S Old Firm game is the fourth and final meeting of the season between the clubs — and both Celtic and Rangers need to win for very different reasons.

Grabbing both points is crucial for Celtic to keeping alive their hopes of, at the last minute, overhauling Aberdeen to clinch the Premier League title.

And Rangers are desperate for a famous victory to keep their dwindling support relatively content for

the rest of a disastrous season for the Ibrox club.

Many fans might see today's clash at Parkhead as an anti-climax, but rarely has any Celtic-v-Rangers game proved to be one.

Even though Rangers fans had had very little to be cheerful about lately, beating Celtic at Parkhead would in large measure make up for it. That element itself will heighten the tension.

Celtic's team will be along the same lines as that which beat Morton 7-2 last Saturday, while Rangers' manager Jock Wallace brings back Davie Cooper, Ian Redford and Ally Dawson after the side's thrashing by Dundee the same day.

On paper then, Celtic are favourites to run out comfortable winners. But their inconsistency this season has already cost many

potentially championship-winning points.

This inconsistency has mainly been due to a shaky defence, though this problem has been tackled with no little effect through the acquisition of Pierce O'Leary. The defence will once again be put to the test today however in a game that — if resulting in ignominious defeat for Rangers — could put manager Jock Wallace's job on the line.

Knocking on heaven's door

KINGSTON KINGS have the most talent of any team in England — but they have still surprised people with their success this season.

They have already won the League and Cup and this weekend at Wembley, they can win the National Championship. Kingston are not used to success and stability. Traditionally, they start the season badly and fall apart regularly.

In the middle of last season, chairman Dennis Roach, sacked his two American players and

National Championship preview
BY BOB PRYCE

two club administrators and demanded that everybody else should take temporary pay cuts.

One player, Andy Innell, was not paid for more than two months. Another, England international Paul Richards, quit in disgust.

'People kept warning me not to come here,' admits player-coach Steve Bontrager. Bontrager is a crew-cut clean-

cut Christian, whose last club was Athletes in Action, an American touring team who preach the gospel to the crowds who come to watch them play.

He does not smoke, nor drink. Yet this season he took charge of a team that had never won anything except a reputation for living their night-life to the full.

Bontrager may have converted them. This sea-

son Kingston started strong and got stronger. Richards returned at Christmas, the star of Britain's Olympic team, transferred from National Champions Solent Stars.

So far all Bontrager's prayers have been answered. In November, for instance, Kingston beat Manchester Giants with a basket three seconds from time, when Bontrager sunk a turnaround jump shot from 25 feet out under pressure from two defenders.

Manchester coach Tom Becker called it 'pretty much a miracle'.

For Bontrager, it was nothing. He had clinched a win in the previous home game with a last-second shot from 80 feet, almost the full length of the court, the longest field goal in National League history.

'I like responsibility,' he said. And so far, it seems to like him. This is his first season in charge. At 25, he is the League's youngest and least experienced coach.

He has made some mistakes. He has taken some unwise shots. He has occasionally neglected even his best players.

In the Manchester game, he played the full 40 minutes, even though he was suffering the after-effects of bronchitis. In the second half of a close Cup final, he fired off a string of long-range shots, while Great Britain international forward Martin Clark looked in vain for a pass.

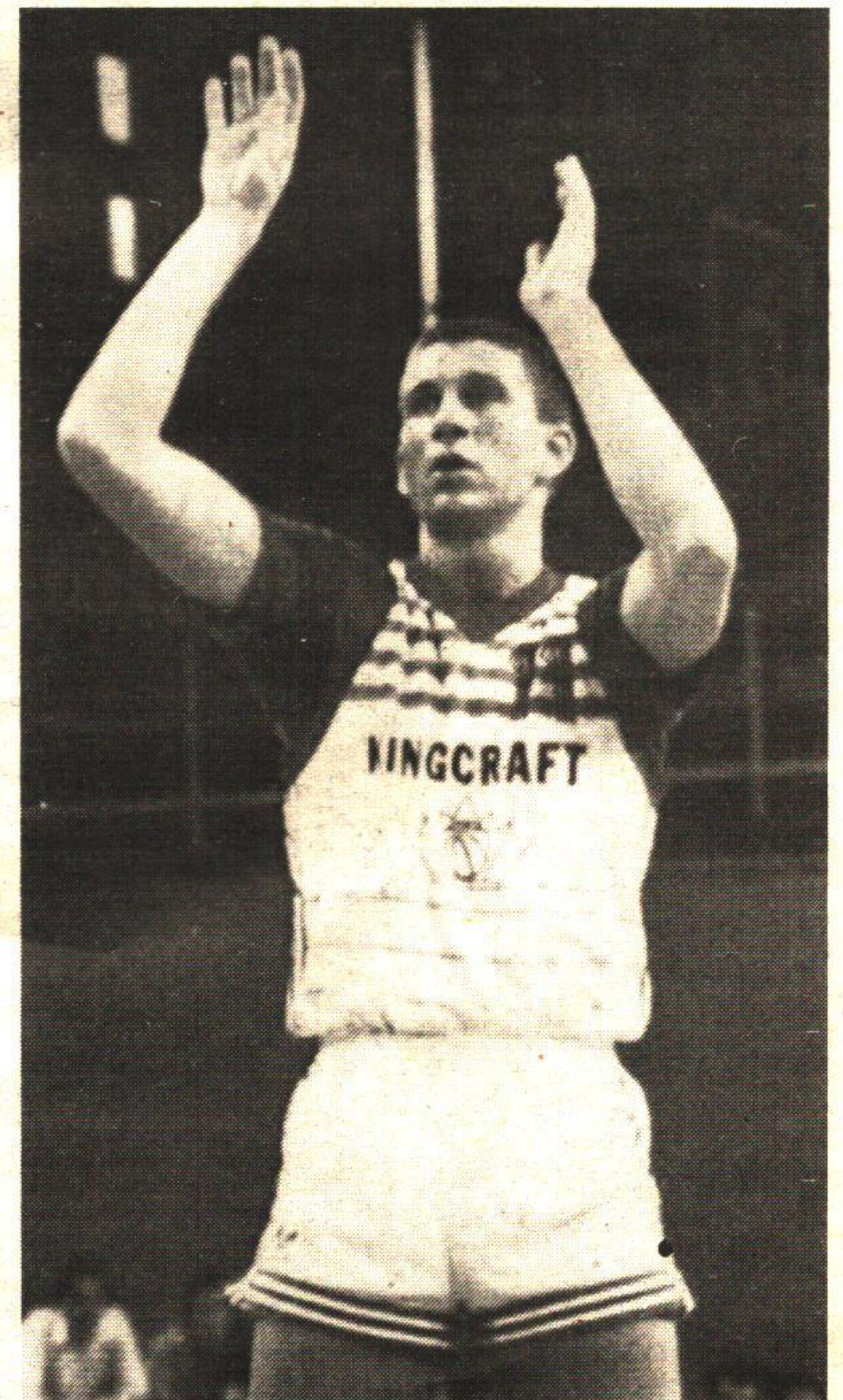
But Kingston came through each time.

As the team's playmaker Bontrager handles the ball a lot. As the team's leading scorer, (31.7 points per game) he shoots a lot. As the team's coach, he plays all the time.

Tomorrow, after two games in just over 24 hours, he is going to be a very tired young man.

But in the morning he will go to church, as usual. There is still one more prayer to be answered!

● Kingston play Leicester in the first semi-final at 2.30 today. Manchester United play Worthing later, at 7.30. The final is scheduled for 5.30 tomorrow.



STEVE BONTRAGER . . . Hoping for divine intervention!

RACING RESULTS

LIVERPOOL

2.00 (2m): PAN ARTIC Philip Hobbs (100-1); Its gottabealright (100-30 fav); Admiral's Cup (4-1); The Foodbroker (9-1); 10 ran. 3, 7. (T Bill) T: £61.70; £7.90, £1.20, £1.40. CSF: £348.88.

2.35 (3m 1f): GREEN BRAMBLE S Smith Eccles (5-2 fav); W Six Times (12-1); Fred Pilliner (20-1); Great Head Boy (14-1); 11 ran. 7, 8. (N Henderson) T: £3.90; £2.20, £2.70, £3. CSF: £28.85. NR: King or Country.

3.10 (2m): HUMBERSIDE LADY M Dwyer (15-2); Nohaldun (11-2); Against The Grain (8-1); Music Wonder (22-1); 15 ran. 1/2, 4. (G Huffer) T: £13.20; £3.30; £1.60, £3.10. CSF: £45.82.

3.45 (2 3/4m): CITY BOY Mr T Thomson Jones (4-1); Golden Ty (3-1 fav); Freddie Bee (11-1); Peace Clash (10-1); 18 ran. 6, 2. (Mrs J Mann) T: £4.30; £1.50, £1.70, £3. CF: £16.08. Peace Clash f'sh 2nd but placed 4th.

4.20 (2m): CATS EYES P Leach (10-1); Melhagen (12-1); Hand Over (7-1); Just Alick (12-1); 17 ran. 2, 3. (M Pipe) T: £10.60; £2.20, £1.40, £1.60, £4.70. CSF: £115.54. NR: Maggies Girl. Withdrawn: Highland Clipper.

4.50 (2m 4f): CARPENTER'S WAY C Grant (14-1); Stray Shot (16-1); The Last Prince (9-2 fav); Manna Reef (16-1); 16 ran. 4, 3. (Denys Smith) T: £29.70; £4.60, £6.60, £1.50, £6.10. CSF: £208.43.

DEVON

2.15 (2m 1f): THE UNDERGRADUATE K Frost (33-1); The Tariahs (2-1); Golden Glitter (5-4 on fav); King Burg (12-1); 18 ran. 2, 4. (C Triettline) T: £44.40; £9.80, £1.20, £2.20. CSF: £110.32.

2.50 (2m 6f): BURN NOOKA Mr C Newport (5-1); Master Straight (14-1); High Class Agent (16-1); Sub Rosa (7-1); 13 ran. 2 1/2, 15. (W T Kemp) T: £6.80; £1.90, £5.80, £3.80.

CSF: £69.60. 3.25 (3m 1f): ARCTIC WARBLE Mr S Sherwood (4-1); Tanker (7-4 fav); Sidbury Hill (5-1); Merry Mail (33-1); 16 ran. 3, 20. (O Sherwood) T: £4.00; £1.40, £1.70, £1.10. CSF: £11.80.

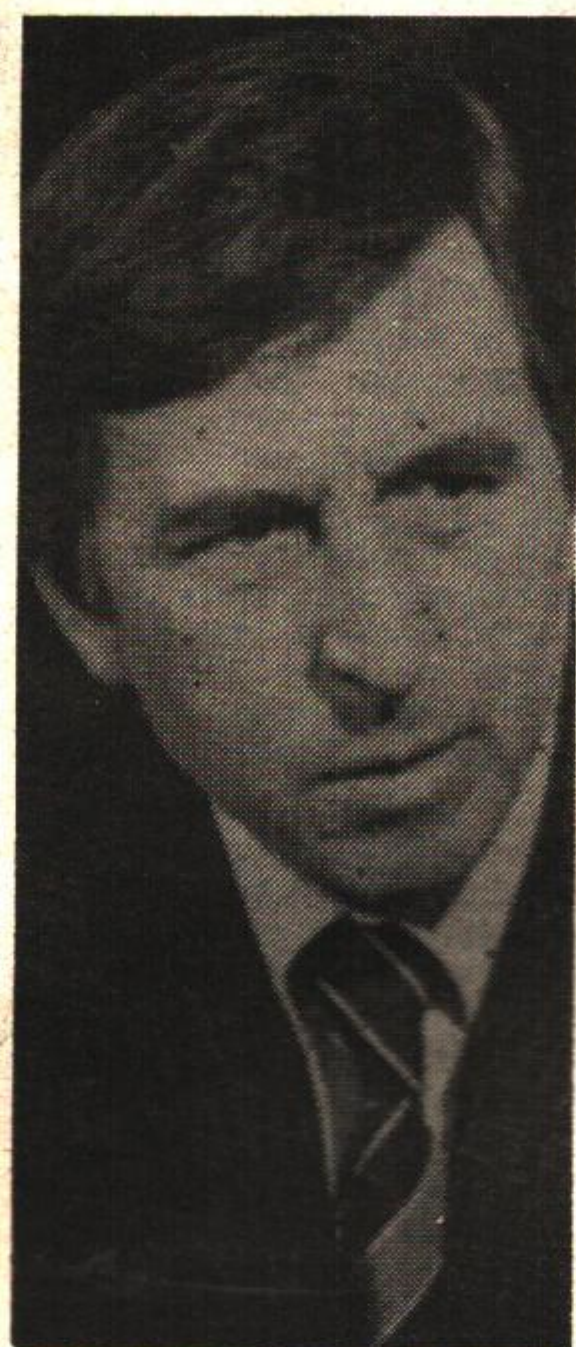
4.00 (2m 1f): BELLEKINO J Frost (8-1); Brudean Breeze (20-1); Mac's or Mine (4-1); Grafton Manor (12-1); 9 ran. 34, 3. (R G Frost) T: £9.70; £1.90, £20.30, £1.10. CSF: £132.04. Maid of Ireland was withdrawn. Rule four does not apply.

4.35 (2m 1f): BLUELIMIT R Annot (3-1 fav); Brigona (20-1); Midnight Madness (10-1); Should Never Be (6-1); 17 ran. 1 1/2, 15. (D Elsworth) T: £2.60; £1.10, £7.20, £5.80. CSF: £74.11. Shiner's Pal.

5.05 (3m 1f): DICKY BLOB Mr S Long (6-4 fav); Culm Port (12-1); Phil Grey (7-2); Tinker's Quest (16-1); 8 ran. Head, nk. (J Nicholls) T: £1.70; £1.10, £2.90, £2.10. CSF: £19.64. NR: Never Deemed.

SAINTS' BIG CHANCE

Tories' tartan ban



TED CROKER



DENNIS HOWELL

The Tory government order to the Football Association that the England-Scotland soccer international scheduled for May 25 had to be cancelled has already caused serious repercussions within the game.

For many it means that British football is now being governed by Thatcher from Downing Street.

Yesterday's shock announcement, made by current FA secretary Ted Croker from his present headquarters at Lancaster Gate, came following a letter received from the Tory minister for sport, Neil Macfarlane, earlier this week.

The letter from Whitehall left no room for argument and made the government's stance on the match quite clear.

'I must make a formal request to you to change the date of the England-Scotland match, currently scheduled for Bank Holiday Saturday, May 25,' Macfarlane's letter stated.

'The government is extremely concerned that the current timing of this fixture increases the risk of disorder and this is something which the Prime Minister is also likely to raise with you,' he added.

Letter

Croker, after discussing the letter with fellow FA Council members on Wednesday, said yesterday: 'The wording of the letter was such that we could not reject it.'

And after cancelling the match he added: 'We certainly have no joy in making this decision. It has been forced upon us and is a very sad testimony to the state of the world we live in.'

Shortly afterwards, however, the FA, after consultations with their counterparts at the Scottish FA, issued a statement saying that the match would go ahead — but at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

A press conference was

then hurriedly convened by Ernie Walker, secretary of the SFA, where he made his feelings known about the Tory's intervention.

Walker admitted that his Association was 'astounded and dismayed' by the tone of Macfarlane's letter to the FA which he said 'could be construed as an instruction rather than a request.'

Match

'We feel that the FA were left with no alternative but to put off the match, it is astonishing that we can take 20,000 supporters to Spain for the World Cup finals without disorder, yet cannot play a match in our own country,' added Walker.

'If there is any fear or danger from the Wembley occasion it must come from an element in England. The track record of Scottish fans is quite exemplary. It is quite clear that this is an English problem. I feel the trouble at Wembley in the past has been blown out of all proportion.'

The SFA secretary added that the FA had been delighted to agree to switch the match to Hampden Park, with Scotland now travelling to Wembley next year.

Switch

Walker commented: 'We did not feel the need to obtain any governmental approval to switch the game. We always arrange our major fixtures without having to consult the Scottish Office.'

The switch of venues, rather than the match

being called off altogether, upset the Tories yesterday afternoon in the House of Commons.

Allan Stewart, parliamentary under-secretary for Scotland, tried to distance the government from the change-of-venue decision, when he made a brief intervention during a routine backbench debate on the economy in Scotland.

Gordon Brown, Labour MP for Dunfermline East, then called for a Commons statement 'exonerating Scottish football fans from any slur against their reputation caused by the transfer of this fixture.'

He asked: 'Will the thousands of Scottish fans who stand to lose thousands of pounds because of this transfer be compensated by this government?'

Sport

Shadow Sports Minister Dennis Howell said: 'I think it is one of the most extraordinary things I've come across for a long, long time.'

He added: 'It is not the government's job to say we can not have sport in England, we can only have it in Scotland.'

Ron Brown, Labour MP for Leith, said he would be tabling a Commons question to the prime minister about the 'astounding' decision.

Brown said: 'It is an insult to the Scots fans. It is gross over-reaction on the part of the government to the whole situation. If there is violence it will only be a reaction to the state thuggery of unemployment.'



NICK HOLMES, Southampton's long-serving captain, hopes to make a return at the Dell this afternoon. And what a match to make his comeback, for the Saints face League leaders Everton in the day's top clash

DIVISION I	
(3p.m. kick off)	
1	Luton v Ipswich
2	Norwich v Coventry
3	Nottm For v West Ham
4	QPR v Watford
5	Sheff Wed v Newcastle
6	St'mampton v Everton
7	Stoke v Arsenal
8	Sunderland v Chelsea
9	Tottenham v A Villa
10	West Brom v Leicester
DIVISION II	
11	Birmingham v Wolves
12	Blackburn v Notts Co
13	Carlisle v Barnsley
14	C Palace v Sheff Utd
15	Fulham v Leeds
16	Huddersfield v Charlton
17	Man City v Cardiff
18	Oxford v Grimsby
19	Shrewsbury v Portsmouth
20	Wimbledon v Middlesbro

POOLS CHECK	
DIVISION III	
21	Bradford C v Plymouth
22	Brentford v Derby
23	Bristol C v Doncaster
24	Cambridge v Hull
25	Newport v Lincoln
26	Orient v Reading
27	Swansea v Preston
28	Walsall v Bristol R
29	Wigan v Bournemouth
DIVISION IV	
30	Aldershot v Stockport
31	Blackpool v Peterboro
32	Chester v Mansfield
33	Chesterfield v Wrexham
34	Exeter v Hartlepool
35	Halifax v Torquay
36	Northampton v Crewe
NORTHERN PREMIER	
37	Buxton v Burton
38	Gainsboro v Rhyl
39	Goole v Mossley

SCOTTISH PREMIER	
40	Stafford v Grantham
41	Aberdeen v Dundee Utd
42	Celtic v Rangers
43	Dundee v Dumbarton
44	Hearts v Hibs
45	St Mirren v Morton
SCOTTISH DIV I	
46	Ayr v Kilmarnock
47	Brechin v Partick
48	Clydebank v Airdrie
49	Falkirk v St Johnstone
50	Forfar v East Fife
51	Hamilton v Clyde
52	Motherwell v Meadowbank
SCOTTISH DIV II	
53	Albion v Dunfermline
54	Arbroath v Stranraer
55	Berwick v Montrose
	Cowdenb'th v Queens Pk
	Queen O'Sth v Stenh'muir
	Raith v Alloa
	Stirling v E Stirling