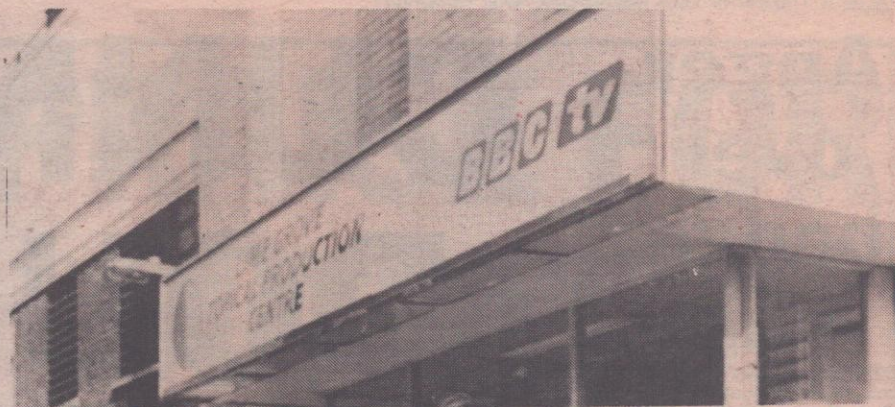


Journalists close down programmes overnight



The BBC's Lime Grove studios in London where the current affairs NUJ members are in action

JOBS FIGHT HITS BBC

SEVERAL BBC television news programmes were cancelled overnight in a 24-hour strike by 180 journalists over sackings and cut-backs.

The strike action was called yesterday after a packed meeting of over 100 members of the BBC current affairs NUJ chapel. The strike follows the sacking of six reporters on the BBC's Lime Grove current affairs team who are represented by the union. One more journalist has also had his contract terminated but is not represented by the union.

Those programmes affected included News at Six, Newsnight, and South-East regional news programme London Plus. This morning's Breakfast TV

has also been cancelled.

A statement issued by the union chapel yesterday said the members were 'outraged' by the sacking decision.

The statement said: 'At a crowded meeting today, reporters and producers of the BBC Lime Grove Chapel of the NUJ decided on an immediate one-day strike. They were protesting at the decision of BBC management to get rid of six of the 36 permanent re-

porting staff at Lime Grove.

'The journalists were outraged that so many highly experienced reporters, with many years of BBC service, are being sacked. Those affected include reporters who have risked their lives on countless occasions in the interests of the BBC's public service broadcasting.'

'The chapel was deeply concerned that the sackings demonstrated a lack of

commitment to serious journalism on the part of BBC management. Speaker after speaker expressed anger at the arrogance and inept style of the present management of the BBC.'

Those sacked by the BBC are Watchdog presenter Hugh Scully, former That's Life reporter Glyn Worsnip, Philip Tibenham and David Lomax of Panorama, Bob Wellings of London Plus, Luke Casey of The Money Programme and Nick Wooley of Watchdog.

The union statement added: 'The Chapel had suspended its decision to take strike action originally made on April 2, until Peter Pagnamenta, the new head of current affairs programmes had returned from holiday to address the Chapel, both to explain the sackings and to outline his plans for the future.'

'Nothing he had to say convinced the Chapel to

withdraw its decision to strike.'

A spokesman for the union said the action was a protest prior to negotiations with management on new programmes.

While the union had a commitment to negotiate, it was too early to rule out further action. Much would depend on the reaction of management to the union's negotiating team.

Pompey deal is rejected

JOURNALISTS involved in the 17-week-old strike at the Portsmouth News have rejected a redundancy programme in a management settlement document. Their decision means that they may not go back to work next week as expected.

In a unanimous decision yesterday, the 70 journalists, who were sacked by management at the end of January, decided not to accept the latest proposals.

The management document demands the loss of ten jobs in the editorial department.

A spokesman for the NUJ journalists' union chapel at the newspaper said that they were prepared to discuss redundancies with the management, but only after normal working had resumed.

BY BEN RUDDER

Print crisis talks at TUC

TALKS begin today at TUC headquarters in London to settle a joint union approach to new technology in the print industry.

But the atmosphere at the discussions between the NGA print union and the NUJ journalists' union may be soured by the decision of journalists at the Wolverhampton Express and Star to undermine an NGA dispute over jobs.

Nearly 80 members of the NGA at the newspaper have been suspended by management for obeying union instructions not to work with advertising material set with new 'direct input' equipment.

But on Friday, the NUJ journalists' chapel decided to violate an instruction from the union's national executive not to work with the new equipment.

Their decision follows a reversal of policy by the NUJ leaders who had early accepted a £15-a-week pay deal with management in return for working with the new machines — a move which seriously undermined the NGA members' fight.

After the NGA publicly pointed out that the NUJ were breaking basic trade union principles, the NUJ

leadership revoked its earlier decision and instructed the chapel not to work with the new equipment.

Today's meeting at Congress House is being held under the auspices of Lord MacCarthy, who will chair a TUC inquiry into the dispute and make proposals for a joint agreement on new technology.

East Fife — Target of revenge



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Anger over badge ban

DEVON teachers are incensed by Tory attempts to stop them wearing CND badges in school.

National Union of Teachers' area secretary Harry Brokensha called yesterday's decision by local education councillors meeting in Exeter as 'bigotry gone mad'. The union would investigate whether it infringed civil liberties.

Local CND spokesman Roger Greenhough said: 'It is really an attempt to distract attention from the serious issue of chronic underfunding in schools.'

Education committee chairman Ted Pinney declined to say after the stormy meeting what action could be taken against staff who insisted on wearing badges and lawyers believe the decision — due to be ratified by the full Tory-controlled council — would be extremely difficult to enforce.

The proposal passed by 18 votes to 12 caused a major row. Labour councillor Mrs Saxon Spence said it would destroy morale and 'what little good will' was left among the county's 6,600 teachers.

Holding up a CND badge, she said: 'I don't think any child is going to be corrupted by it.'

Liberal leader David Morrish said the plan smacked of McCarthyism and would amount to a 'snooper's charter' against teachers.

Professor Ted Wragg, Exeter University representative, said the affair had developed into a witch-hunt with 'self-appointed vigilantes haranguing professional people about their views'.

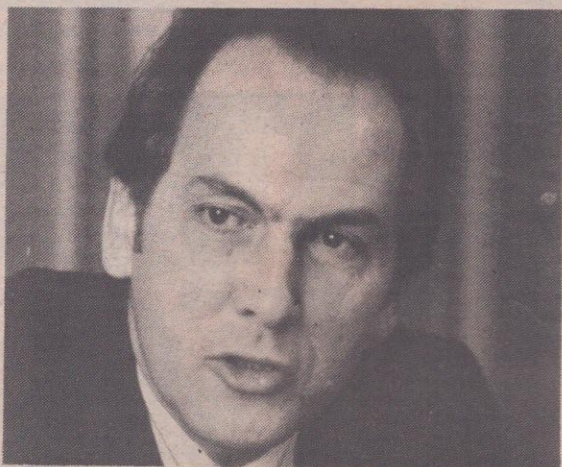
WEATHER

EASTERN SCOTLAND and northeast England will be rather cloudy with a little drizzle at times. All other areas will have sunny intervals and showers heavy at times in parts of southern and eastern England. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will become cloudy later with rain in places.

Temperatures mostly near normal, rather cold in the cloudier parts of northeast England and eastern Scotland.

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Continuing unsettled with periods of rain or showers, also sunny intervals. Temperatures mostly near normal.

CUNNINGHAM'S DOUBLE TALK



JOHN CUNNINGHAM

THE Labour Party yesterday launched its county council election campaign, with shadow environment spokesman John Cunningham pronouncing on his party's concern for the defence of services.

'Not only does Labour care about education, social services and public transport, we give people better value for their money,' he said.

Cunningham was challenged by one press man to say how Labour would carry out its 'caring' policy when, at the end of the day it was Patrick Jenkin and the government that would determine what councils had to spend.

BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

Not surprisingly Cunningham ducked the question. Instead Louise Ellman, leader of Lancashire Council, answered it:

'We are not yet operating under a total dictatorship, though that is the way Patrick Jenkin and the government are pushing us.'

'Our track record has shown there is a real alternative, where Labour councils are determined', she added.

Of course Labour councils in rate-capped boroughs, who have refused to set a rate on Tory

terms, have an admirable track record.

Through their stand they have created the conditions for the trade unions and community as a whole to come into the struggle against the government.

But the track record of Cunningham, Neil Kinnock and the Labour Party leadership has demonstrated their role as faithful servants of the capitalist state.

Kinnock has told Labour councils they must stay within the law and Cunningham has been outspoken in his attacks on defiant rate-

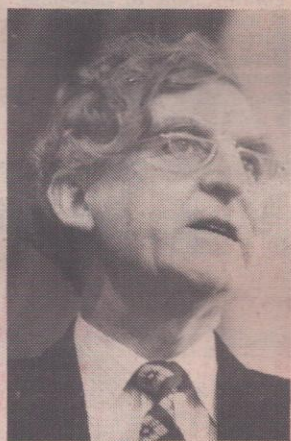
capped councils who refuse to comply with Tory class laws.

The Labour Party's election material shows that since Thatcher came to power, rates have more than doubled, due in large part to the government's withdrawal of over £12 billion in Rate Support Grant.

But Cunningham failed to put forward any policies to fight government attacks.

All he promised was that Labour-controlled County Councils would continue to use limited public resources 'efficiently' and that he hoped the election results would take Labour 'along the road to Westminster'.

NUT fails to back councils



DON WINTERS



PETER GRIFFIN

THE NUT executive yesterday defeated a local association motion calling for support for rate-capped authorities but not without a fierce fight from delegates at the conference in Scarborough.

The conference rejected an executive amendment that sought on Monday to avoid commitment to support councils fighting the Tory Rates Act.

Yesterday the conference refused to discuss a similar, Communist Party-sponsored amendment from Brent association.

It took all the rhetoric of ex-president Peter Griffin and Treasurer Don Winters to defeat the resolution originally moved by the Southwark and Wandsworth associations.

Griffin and Winters raised the spectre of illegality and possible sequestration of union funds in their desperate fight against the conference.

The original resolution called on the NUT executive 'to sanction, when necessary, action up to and including strike ac-

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

tion' in support of authorities which pursue a policy of non-compliance with the Tory Rates Act.

Hilda Kean, of Westminster Teachers Association and leader of Hackney Council, challenged executive member Margaret Raff, who had warned on Monday that workers would not get paid if councils did not comply with the Rates Act.

Kean said: 'The workers will simply not be there. There will be massive redundancies.'

She said that in August 1984 the NUT executive



HILDA KEANE

had welcomed the Labour Party local government conference and had recognised that 'a policy of non-compliance needs the full support of the unions'.

'Local councils are making a stand. Councilors are putting their job on the line. They are treated as criminals, simply for refusing to carry out cuts.'

'The union has a duty to support and defend education,' she said.

Griffin contended 'it would be double standards to defend the democratic process by abandoning the democratic process'.

He warned the union to 'stay inside the law'. 'Stay with the strong policies you've got,' he said.

Mike Chapman from Sefton, said: 'The resolution is not a blank cheque. It's a strategy for defending the education service and defending local jobs and conditions.'

Executive member Harry Dowson said: 'In Sheffield we face it as soon as we return. The council have still not set a rate.'

'Next week we are advising our members to work unpaid for two hours so the pay could go to the legal penalties of the councillors.'

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Falange leaders discuss split

BEIRUT — Falangist politicians and Maronite Christian religious leaders began an emergency meeting in the Lebanese town of Bkirki yesterday to discuss a serious split in President Amin Gemayel's party leadership.

Militia chiefs led by Samir Geagea of the 'Lebanese Forces' — the Falange's former armed wing — boycotted the meeting as 44 establishment leaders who support Gemayel's pro-Syrian policies gathered to contemplate their crisis.

In an attempt to inject an air of conciliation into the meeting, at Lebanon's luxurious Maronite Patriarchate nine miles north of Beirut, the pro-Gemayel faction released an unusual plea.

The plea was reported to have been brought by a little girl, with a placard saying: 'We should love each other like children love each other all over the world.'

Nadine Khoury, 9, the daughter of Lebanese poet Assad Juan, was allowed into the crisis conference after reportedly telling journal-

ists: 'I want to stop war in all the world.'

The sensational publicity was designed to bely the fact that Gemayel's leadership is meeting under orders from President Hafez al-Assad of Syria, who has told the Falange to resolve its problem rapidly and declare its full backing for Damascus-backed Prime Minister Rashid Karami.

The 'breakaway' gunmen, meanwhile, have formed several militia groups in south Lebanon in open collaboration with the Israeli army and its intelligence services.

104 arrests at Molesworth

POLICE said 104 people were arrested during Monday's CND demonstration at the Molesworth base in Cambridgeshire.

Seventy-four have been charged with public order offences, criminal damage or assault and will appear in court in two weeks.

A number were released without charge, but have been reported for possible prosecution at a later date.

CND plans to have demonstrators at Molesworth every day until the scheduled arrival of cruise mis-

siles in three years' time. Peace protesters have raised nearly £25,000 in an Easter wheat fund for Eritrea.

Demonstrators at Molesworth at the weekend contributed £6,000 of wheat, blankets, clothing and money for the fund.

The fund, set up to link the sale of nuclear arms and the suffering of the third world, has already equipped two 25-ton lorries for Africa and hopes to send a total of 150 tons of wheat, a fund spokesman said.

Strike ballot result

RESULTS of the civil service unions' ballot over strike action to support their pay demand are expected to be known today.

The ballot was held after the government took out High Court injunctions against the CPSA union which had previously refused to hold a ballot under the Tory anti-union 1984 Trade Union Act.

Majority

If the ballot shows a majority in favour of strike action, then the holiday work-to-rule by 13,500 customs officers in the SCPS union is likely to be stepped up.

The action is over the government's paltry 4.4-per-cent pay offer — well below the rate of inflation.

Leslie Christie, general secretary designate of the SCPS, told reporters yesterday that his members were now 25 per cent behind the wages of people in similar jobs outside the public service.

THATCHER PRAISE FOR INDONESIA DICTATOR

PRIME Minister Thatcher arrived in Indonesia yesterday as the guest of dictator Suharto, who came to power on the corpses of a million communists.

She praised the 'strong leadership' shown by the president since he seized power 20 years ago in a military coup and referred to his 'impressive record of sound economic and financial management'.

The Prime Minister was speaking at a banquet in Jakarta. She paid special tribute to the dictator's savage austerity programme imposed in 1983 after the fall in the price of oil.

By **JOHN SPENCER**

Suharto told her that high tariffs and other foreign trade restrictions could lead to political unrest in developing countries.

'Failure to provide employment opportunity and failure in social development will, in turn, create political unrest in developing countries which quite often marks the beginning of regional instability,' he said.

Thatcher began the day in Singapore, where she fawned on Lee Kuan Yew, the local mini-Bonaparte. Then it was off to Brunei, where she met the Sultan, said to be the world's richest man.

In London, Labour spokesman Gerald Kauf-

man said the tour was 'turning into one of the most disgraceful trips abroad ever made by a British Prime Minister.'

He described it as 'a beano' and called her 'the enemy abroad'.

Kaufman added: 'It is normal practice for Prime Ministers not to wage domestic political battles on their journeys overseas. They are supposed to speak for the whole of Britain. After all, they travel at the expense of all British taxpayers.'

'Yet Thatcher is using her sunshine tour as a platform to insult and attack her fellow citizens back home.'

He added: 'As a Prime Minister Thatcher has now become Britain's

worst liability. Even before she started her trip she was showing increasing signs of megalomania.'

'Thatcher once spoke about the enemy within. She has now become the enemy abroad.'

Thatcher's spokesman, Bernard Ingham, replied to Labour criticisms with a bland assurance that she was merely 'batting for Britain'. He said: 'The Prime Minister is trying to promote British business — and therefore jobs — abroad.'

'In doing so she is trying to get over the point that the economy is improving, although unemployment is grievously high, and that strikes which are so damaging to our reputation abroad are largely confined to the public sector.'



THATCHER



SUHARTO

Battle bus is ready for action

From our own correspondent

BUSMEN fighting Tory plans to privatise the public transport system were campaigning in Liverpool yesterday in a special battle bus.

The bus was due to be scrapped but was taken over by local unions. It is now being used to highlight the consequences of a new government White Paper which would make sweeping changes to bus services.

John McCann, lodge secretary at Garston bus garage, explained that the bus, which is covered in slogans attacking Tory plans, is meant to represent the 'cowboy operators' who would take over if Thatcher gets her way.

He said: 'The Tories' action in guillotining discussion on their White Paper last week shows how desperate they are to force through privatisation of the bus services.'

Rush

'They have to rush it through without discussion, because although it's no worse than their attacks on the health and education services, putting the buses out to private tender will affect thousands of people immediately, and is sure to provoke a huge resistance.'

'There has been no consultation with the unions, but our management have told us that the measure would mean redundancies of 25 to 30 per cent immediately and that's just for starters.'

'It is only because of the policy of Merseyside County Council that there have not been massive job cuts and fare increases already. So our fight is also part of the fight against abolition and rate capping.'

Chris Gallagher, vice chairman of the Liverpool PT (public transport) branch of NALGO, said: 'For the first time we have been able to get both manual and craft unions united in the same fight.'

Plans

'This is because Thatcher's plans threaten the future of all of us.'

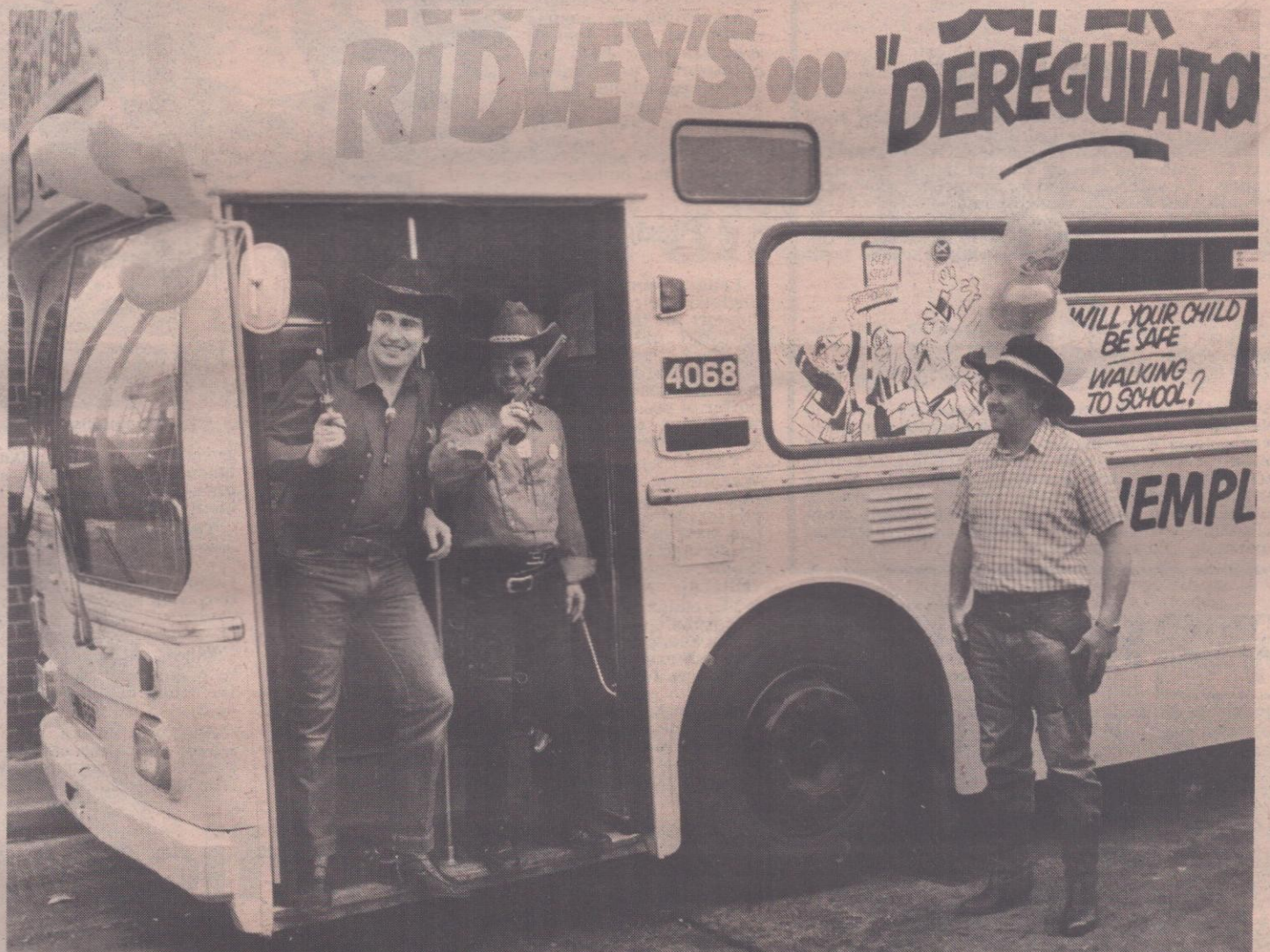
'The response from passengers has been excellent because they realise that selling off bus routes to private operators will lead to the destruction of the service.'

'Some people have accused us of scaremongering, particularly when we said that privatisation would mean big cuts in pensioners' concessionary bus passes.'

Pensioners

'Well, in Hereford, deregulation has already been brought in. When I was there I was told that pensioners now get only £9 worth of bus tokens a year and they even have to pay £1 for them.'

The 'battle bus' will be seen all over Merseyside in the next few months. Each garage in the area will have use of it as part of the campaign against the Transport Bill.



Merseyside's 'battlebus', highlighting Liverpool busmen's determination to fight Tory plans to privatise the bus service

Soldiers questioned over killing

TWO SOLDIERS were being questioned by detectives yesterday about the Easter Sunday murder of a young Catholic man in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh.

Army headquarters at Lisburn, Co Antrim, confirmed that one soldier was arrested by police while home on leave. It is understood he is a private, based in England, working as a craftsman and attached to REME.

A soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment was detained shortly after 24-

year-old Martin Love was shot in the neck and back close to his father's home.

He is expected to be charged with murder when he is brought before a magistrate this morning.

The ultra-right Ulster Freedom fighters said it carried out the shooting, claiming Love belonged to the IRA.

This allegation was vehemently denied by the dead man's father, Edward Love, a 65-year-old retired security officer, and a member of the Alliance Party.

A police spokesman said the UDR man was also being questioned about 'other terrorist crimes' in South Fermanagh.

Dairy farmers quit industry

DAIRY farmers are quitting the industry because of Common Market quotas imposed a year ago. More than 1,450 have decided to take government compensation and stop producing milk.

Their quotas will be redistributed among other herds to make them more profitable.

Last April 45,000 dairy farmers were ordered to cut production by 6 per cent, or one million tonnes a year in order to

curb the runaway cost of EEC farm spending.

The Tories then set up a £50 million fund to persuade smaller producers to leave the industry.

But Agriculture Minister Michael Joplin is still well short of his target of 289 million tonnes for redistribution.

A Ministry spokesman said that 1,451 producers had now gone and 224 million tonnes were available for redistribution.

Briefly ...

Quake rocks Chile again

SANTIAGO — Several buildings in the Chilean capital, damaged during a powerful earthquake five weeks ago, have collapsed under the strain of a new earth tremor that shook central Chile late on Sunday night. Residents in Valparaiso reported brief isolated power cuts and at least one area of Santiago was blacked out for a few minutes. Telephone services were also affected. Much of Chile's agricultural export industry has been at a standstill since the first earthquake.

South-East Asian exercise

SINGAPORE — Australia, Malaysia and Singapore yesterday began an air defence exercise as part of the regional Five Power Defence Arrangement. An Australian High Commission spokesman said the four-day exercise, codenamed 'ADEX 85-3', was being conducted from the Butterworth Air Base in north-west Malaysia and involved about 50 aircraft and naval craft.

Belize minister held

MIAMI — A former minister of the Belize government has been arrested by federal agents on charges that he conspired to smuggle up to 5,000lbs a month of marijuana into the United States from the Central American former British colony. The Drug Enforcement Administration said Eligio Briceno, 47, former Energy and Communications Minister, faced a 14-count federal indictment.

Bhopal suit is filed

NEW YORK — The Indian government has sued Union Carbide on behalf of those who died or were injured in a gas leak at the company's Bhopal plant last December in history's worst industrial catastrophe. The suit has asked for no specific amount of damages but said the award should be large enough to deter Union Carbide and other corporations from 'wanton disregard of the rights and safety of the citizens of those countries in which they do business'.

Neves said to be well

SAO PAULO — Brazilian President-elect Tancredo Neves, recovering from his fifth operation in three weeks, was receiving oxygen early this week but inflammation in his lungs was receding steadily, according to his spokesman, Antonio Brito. Neves has suffered disorders of the heart, vascular system and abdomen and was rushed to Sao Paulo from Brasilia, where he had undergone two intestinal operations, late last month.

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ISRAELI RAID
CONDEMNED

BY A FOREIGN
CORRESPONDENT

BEIRUT — The Arab League yesterday condemned an Israeli pre-dawn air raid on the Damour region close to the Lebanese capital and pledged to put the issue to the United Nations.

The League, composed of 20 Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, denounced United States imperialist policy of 'barbarous' attacks on Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

According to reports yesterday, the Israeli warplanes hit an apparently undefended two-storey building in the nearby village of Shemlan, seven miles south-east of Beirut, wounding at least three people and reducing the building to rubble.

Pledged

League representatives pledged their continuing support for the Lebanese national unity government of Prime Minister Rashid Karami against Israeli plans to create a buffer of pro-Zionist militia forces along Lebanon's southern border.

They condemned Washington's protection in the UN Security Council for Israel's 'barbarous' acts in Lebanon and its encouragement to the Zionist regime 'to pursue criminal acts'.

The council, which met at Jordan's request at its Tunis headquarters at the level of permanent representatives to the League, asked the group of Arab states at the UN to raise the Lebanese crisis at the Security Council and with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.



Devastation in Beirut after an Israeli bombing raid

League members had ended an extraordinary session of the League into the Lebanese crisis late on Monday night and issued the statement early yesterday after the Israeli air force began the raids on Damour village.

Police in Beirut said the air raids were aimed against the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front. They said four people were killed and six wounded.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli army officers alleged their aircraft had hit a

guerrilla base in Shemlan belonging to the PPSF, a group opposed to PLO chairman Yassir Arafat.

The Druze-led Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) 'Voice of the Mountain' radio said a 'PSP position' was hit in the dawn raid.

Bulldozers were trying to rescue four men from the rubble of a building, it said.

Shemlan is an area where Druze forces have been confronting gunmen who have split from Pres-

ident Amin Gemayel's Falange party.

The fascist gunmen, led by Samir Geagea who was expelled from the Falange in February, are reported to be entrenched in the nearby town of Souq el-Ghard.

Yesterday's surprise raid was the first by the Israeli air force since March 13, when their aircraft struck at an alleged base of Dr George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command at Tannayel in the

Bekaa Valley, wounding two people.

PSP radio confirmed the PSP building was destroyed in yesterday's raid. The radio said the attack lasted ten minutes and was carried out by two jets with others flying escort.

Lebanese police, who said the building belonged to the Palestinian group, said they had no guerrilla unit in Shemlan.

Their information came from the Druze-held town of Aley, three miles to the north-east.

Police officer shot dead
in tense Punjab

NEW DELHI — A police officer was shot dead at the Punjab town of Jullundur as he rode a motorcycle to work, state-run Press Trust of India reported yesterday.

PTI said Jagdish Rai Kanda was hit in the chest at 'point-blank range' but did not lay responsibility for the attack on any group.

The shooting follows Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's declaration of a new state of military alert in the Punjab on the eve of two major events next Saturday.

On that day Punjabis celebrate the Baisakhi (Harvest) Festival and commemorate the 61st anniversary of the Massacre of Amritsar under British colonial rule.

New hatred has been stirred by the recent appointment of Arjun Singh, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and confidant of Gandhi's, as Governor to oversee military rule by Presidential decree.

Provocative

Unlike President Zail Singh, Arjun Singh is not a Sikh. But the appointment of the Congress (I) party bureaucrat and right-wing politician, accompanied by Gandhi's provocative statements against alleged 'terrorists', have hardened suspicions that New Delhi's military rule is not likely to be relaxed.

Continuing kangaroo court proceedings against thousands of Sikhs arrested during the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's state of emergency last year have aggravated the hatred against the federal government.

In addition, Mr Gandhi has followed in his mother's footsteps by refusing to recognise the Punjabis' rightful claims to control over the state's five main rivers.

Gandhi has refused also to discuss legitimate Sikh demands for recognition of their religion and the abolition of harsh land rates, exploitative government controls on grain

prices and the state of military siege.

He released eight leaders of the Akali Dal, the main Sikh political party, after nearly ten months in prison in a ploy to gain their collaboration but the freed men have threatened a gigantic protest march on Saturday.

Retaliation

In retaliation against Gandhi's undisguised anti-Sikh chauvinism, armed groups of Sikhs have raided the properties of Punjabi landowners and attacked government agents and policemen.

Gandhi early this week ordered the military cordon around Amritsar, where thousands of Indians will commemorate the April 13, 1919 massacre of 300 protesters and the wounding of at least 2,000 others by General Reginald Dyer at the Jallianwala Bagh (Park), close to the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

Troops have taken positions on rooftops near the shrine and around the Jallianwala Bagh in scenes reminiscent of the weeks before Mrs Gandhi launched her carefully planned storming of the Golden Temple on June 6 last year.

World News Line

Revenge
for
police
attacks

JOHANNESBURG — Angry black protesters yesterday retaliated against renewed police attacks by setting fire to houses and property belonging to pro-apartheid councillors and traders.

Police fired teargas at the demonstrators in the eastern Cape province rebellion but Pretoria headquarters refused to release details of the locations.

The eastern Cape, besieged by a military cordon and roadblocks outside all the 'townships' in the region, has been declared out of bounds to journalists.

Apartheid spokesmen at the Pretoria police headquarters alleged four houses, a beer hall, a church and a school were set ablaze in the uprising.

They accused the protesters of trying to undermine the infrastructure of the eastern Cape 'townships'.

But the toll of five people killed in protests during the Easter weekend pointed unmistakably to a savage escalation of military brutalities against the black people of the Cape province.

Massacre

Langa, near Uitenhage, the scene of the massacre of at least 19 innocent, unarmed people on March 21, and several other townships in the vicinity of Port Elizabeth are under the grips of the draconian orders from Law and Order Minister Louis Le Grange.

Central to the desperate measures by the regime of President Pieter Botha are the disclosures at the judicial inquiry into the massacre.

The inquiry re-opened in Johannesburg yesterday and further police testimony was expected to be given.

Botha's ploy of ordering the inquiry to quash outrage and black rebellion over the slaughter on the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre has backfired.

The police officer who carried out Le Grange's premeditated murder plan has delivered testimony that has devastated the government's fraudulent allegations that the police force opened fire in self-defence.

Several police officers have confirmed that Pretoria order the issue of automatic rifles, machine guns and other lethal equipment a month before the Uitenhage massacre.

Damascus 'clean-up'

DAMASCUS — Prime Minister Abdel-Rauf al-Kasm has formed a new coalition government, bringing several 'technocrats' into a 35-strong Cabinet to help tackle Syria's economic crisis.

Kasm, Prime Minister since 1980, resigned shortly after the re-election

SUDAN'S STRONG MAN
BROWBEATS STRIKERS

KHARTOUM — Most professional trade unions returned to work yesterday — under threat of being charged with high treason — but a feud has broken out among the military clique who seized power in Sudan last Saturday.

Unofficial reports said thousands of people had continued to defy military decrees in support of demands for the immediate handing over of power to the people.

A number of leaders of still-banned political organisations yesterday repeated demands that the General Command of the Armed Forces, the de facto government, rescind Saturday's decree of a state of emergency.

As the new military rul-

ers warred with rival factions, more than 3,000 people attended a meeting at Khartoum University on Monday night — a proscribed rally under the new military decrees.

The rally endorsed demands for freedom of speech and a dialogue with the Christian-dominated south, where Colonel John Garang's Southern People's Liberation Army have conducted a devastating armed campaign against Numeiry's brutal dictatorship.

Statement

The professional unions issued a statement officially calling off the general strike after Swareddahab called them in for talks but it contained reservations.

It said trade unionists

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'must be alert and maintain unity and steadfastness to achieve the people's demands'.

'Al-Sahafa', the daily paper the military regime has seized as its mouthpiece, repeated Swareddahab's threat to charge with high treason those who defied his return-to-work order.

Under rules decreed by the military, any person detained on such a charge is likely to be summarily shot on orders from army officers with the minimum rank of captain.

'Al-Sahafa' said the military was in charge everywhere and that troops were authorised to arrest anyone suspected of threatening 'public security'.

Gun battles flared in and around the Sudanese capital on Sunday as troops loyal to coup leader General Abdul-Rahman Swareddahab tried to round up members of deposed dictator Jaafar Numeiry's notorious Internal Security Authority, according to diplomats in Khartoum.

'Al-Sahafa' did not mention the reports of gun battles between contending troops but the Khartoum diplomatic corps was buzzing with speculation over the likely outcome of the faction feud within the military clique.

Sudanese newspapers yesterday reported army raids on 'hideouts' of men of the ISA resisting Swareddahab's attempt to wind up the spy network to establish a new one under his reins.

The newspaper reports

said troops had seized weapons, ammunition and communications equipment in raids in Khartoum and its sister city across the Nile, Omdurman.

The military regime has proscribed every institution of Numeiry's 16-year regime and has rounded up all former ministers and senior civil servants.

Crippled

Banks, shops, airline offices and other businesses in the city centre re-opened yesterday, many for the first time since a general strike of Wednesday last week crippled the country.

It was the development of the general strike into a popular insurrection that triggered the coup by the military under the

command of Swareddahab, appointed by Numeiry three weeks ago to the posts of Defence Minister and Chief Armed Forces Staff.

Sudan Airport stayed closed for the sixth consecutive day yesterday and communications with the outside world remained erratic, apparently under instructions from the new military ruler.

The General Command of the Armed Forces did not name the leaders of the former Numeiry regime who had been arrested but diplomats said Numeiry's three vice-presidents, Omar Al-Tayeb, Joseph Lago and Al-Rashid Taher Bakr were all jailed last Saturday.

Swareddahab decreed the release of all political prisoners

Reagan and Thatcher
Botha's accomplices

PRIME Minister Thatcher and President Reagan are the main accomplices in the crimes of apartheid, a United Democratic Front spokesman said in London yesterday.

Murphy Morobe, an UDF organiser, said: 'Britain in particular has encouraged P W Botha to implement the new apartheid constitution in the face of almost unanimous internal and international condemnation.'

Sixteen UDF members face trial on charges of high treason, starting on May 20 in Pietermaritzburg.

The UDF is a popular-front protest movement of black and white opposition groups for legal, peaceful struggle against the apartheid regime.

Morobe quoted from a statement issued by the UDF after an Easter weekend conference of 300 members in Azaadville:

'Foreign governments invest their capital in South Africa because of the huge profits they make through the exploitation of our people and the natural wealth of our land,' it said.

Morobe dismissed a recent statement from Tory Foreign Office Minister Malcolm Rifkind that most blacks oppose sanctions.

He said: 'We can only draw the conclusion that Britain will do nothing to end its collaboration with apartheid South Africa.'

BY PENNY BLOOR

The UDF's weekend statement said: 'There is still time for the racist minority regime to consult with the authentic leaders of the people, with the sole objective of making the necessary arrangements for the speedy and effective dismantling of the apartheid state and the transfer of power to the people.'

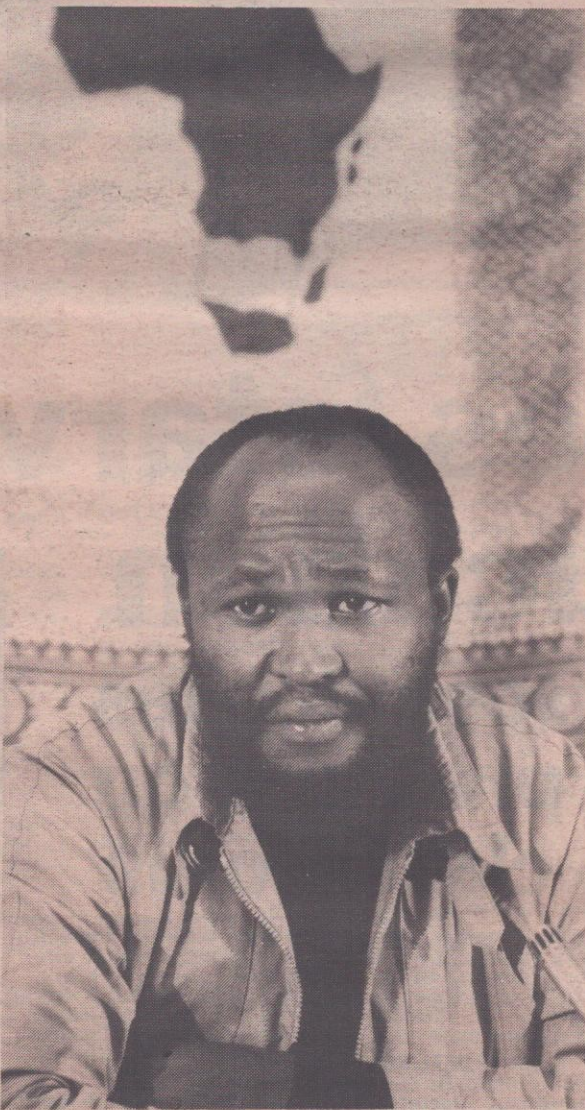
'The precondition for the achievement of peace in this country is the removal of the evil apartheid system. That is why we say that our struggle for liberation is a struggle for peace.'

'Not one more drop of blood need be shed... if these conditions are met.'

But the racist republic is founded on state vio-

lence against the black African majority. It will not surrender or disappear peacefully. It must be overthrown by the armed struggle of the black working class.

That requires the building of a Trotskyist leadership in South Africa which completely opposes the class collaborationist treachery of the UDF and its Stalinist backers.



UDF organiser MURPHY MOROBE speaking at a press conference in London yesterday



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TEACHERS IN CONFERENCE

TUC rapped for miners' strike role

THE National Union of Teachers conference, meeting in Scarborough, noted the TUC's lack of action on the statement of support for the miners passed at the 1984 Congress.

The successful resolution quoted the General Council statement presented to the Trade Union Congress, and supported by the NUT, and noted: 'To date there has been no serious attempt to implement the resolution adopted.'

Vanessa Wiseman of Lambeth moving the successful amendment said that the executive report had 'not mentioned why the miners went on strike, for their jobs and communities, at the chosing of the National Coal Board'.

She called for recognition of 'the struggle the

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miners have faced' and the 'support and solidarity shown by every area of the union.'

'The miners themselves could not have done more but the union leadership could.'

Geraldine Egan of Birmingham, said: 'Never before have we witnessed the length and scale of this dispute, for this reason we must put on record the actions of this union.'

'Two hats' wrong

THE conference stated its view overwhelmingly that head teachers should not be allowed to hold dual membership of the NUT and a head teachers' union.

Ian Murch of Bradford

She paid tribute to the 'magnificent support' of the membership of the union.

Ian Morgan, for the executive, claimed as 'partisan' that part of the resolution which blamed the dispute on 'the National Coal Board's decision to renege on the agreement, Plan for Coal'.

He said that it was 'a disgrace' to include the last sentence of the amendment which made a 'judgement on the integrity of the TUC.'

Division, moving the successful amendment to the executive report, described the case of a school where the 35 members had voted by 34 votes to one to take strike action.

'At a meeting with the authority we found that the 35th member had briefed his other union to attack our members and call for disciplinary action against them,' he said.

David Firth of Bradford, seconding, said it was not a motion to remove head teachers from the NUT.

He described a school where 'one head put on his other hat and walked through an NUT picket line.'

Mr Whiting of Redbridge said the issue was the nature of trade unionism itself. 'How can you accept the policy of one union and at the same time be a member of a union with a totally different policy.'

● FOLLOWING Monday's unsuccessful attempt to suspend standing orders to discuss the threatened deportation to Pakistan of infants teacher Shahida Zubair Ali, president Gordon Green told conference: 'I have today written to the Home Secretary on behalf of the NUT to urge him to revoke the decision.'



The NUT conference in session at Scarborough

Tories 'starving' education

Joseph piles pressure on classrooms

EDUCATION Secretary Sir Keith Joseph was yesterday accused of systematically starving the education service while heaping more demands on teachers.

Unless he does a U-turn, the education system will break down under the pressure, the second largest teachers' union was warned at its annual conference at Torquay.

'The public must be made aware that teachers are suffering under social, economic and technological conditions,' Fred Kane, of Derry, told delegates of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

'As a profession we have every reason to feel depressed. We are under attack from the Prime Minister and our own Education Secretary and we are having increased demands imposed on us. There is a real danger that we will become demoralised as a profession.'

Kane complained of lack of inservice training for teachers, and of increasing workloads, including the introduction of new exams.

'In Sir Keith Joseph we have potentially the most significant Secretary of State for Education this century. He is an intelligent man, but he is also a dangerous man whom you underestimate at your peril.'

'He is systematically starving the education system of the necessary resources, whilst at the same time heaping demand upon demand on teachers.'

Unless this man is stopped the education system will break down under the pressure.'

Tony Kane of London said Teachers were already overstretched and badly needed a fair wage, sabbatical leave, more money for school books and proper cover of supply teachers.

He also called on the government to stop criticising teachers and face the fact that teachers were doing a better job than ever.

The 1,200 delegates called on their executive to take necessary steps to protect teachers' interests.

Delegates were also urged to wage war on 'crass and impertinent' questions at job interviews.

Nigel Follett, from Sandwell in Birmingham, said he had been inter-



SIR KEITH JOSEPH

viewed by panels which included a storekeeper, a retired wing commander and a pawnbroker.

'It seems that teaching is like being manager of the English football team — anyone can do it. I often think our careers are in the hands of semi-morons,' he said.

Follett told delegates he reacted violently when he heard of women teachers being subjected to blatant sexist questions.

'I know of many interviews where ladies are asked about their reproductive intentions. No worker should be cross-examined about their private or family life and we must wage war on crass and impertinent questions at job interviews.'

The 1,200 delegates called unanimously for an agreed code of practice for job applications and interviews.

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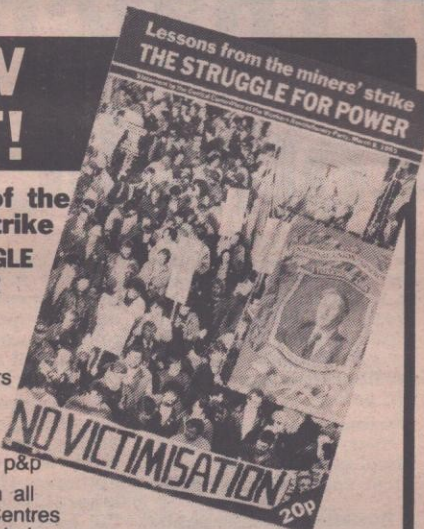
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Trade union movement has one last chance

BY SIMON VEVERS

says councillor Mick Varley

THE Thatcher government and the Coal Board should be hauled before the courts, not young miners, says South Yorkshire county councillor Mick Varley.

His own 21-year-old son Ray, from Markham Main colliery in Armthorpe, is currently serving a six month sentence in Armley jail, Leeds.

Varley told News Line yesterday: 'When you look back over the last 12 months of the strike it's clear to me that the real culprits, the real villains have not been before the courts, let alone been put in jail.'

'Thatcher and MacGregor should have been in court for the crimes they have committed against the people of this country.'

'Their policies have brought violence which will linger for years,' Varley said.

'Men have been sacked for picking coal and resisting arrest on picket

lines which are trivial offences.'

'But leading politicians and people in the NCB are guilty of far greater crimes than that.'

Varley said the Tories had committed an act of violence by trying to starve miners and their families into submission by instructing the DHSS to cut benefit payments.

No money

'We've seen violence against the single lads who did not receive a penny during the strike. They've had no money week after week — that's what I mean by lingering violence.'

'Isn't it violent to restrict freedom of movement by putting up roadblocks which are illegal?'

'After 12 months with now it'll take some men and their families up to three years to get right.'

Varley, an ex-miner, is at odds with all those who claim that the miners have suffered a defeat.

'They are still fighting for their jobs and they will carry on fighting for them,' he insisted.

'Thatcher's now decrying unions because she thinks that she's got the miners beat. But she hasn't and the whole thing will backfire on her. The strike has simply gone underground.'

'On the day the strike was called off everything on television was presented as though the miners had been beaten. But if that had been the case then all unions throughout the country would have been finished.'

'What happened was the lads returned to work after fighting tooth and nail and without an agreement.'

'The rest of the trade union movement has one last chance of survival. There's no doubt that Thatcher is out to defeat not just the NUM, but all unions.'

'Every time I get up and speak in the council I warn about the govern-

ment's attack on trade unionism as a whole.'

He believes that the NCB has now deliberately set out to sack as many miners as possible for the most petty 'offences' because it knows that it will not be able to obtain the necessary redundancies on a voluntary basis.

Varley headed a deputation of councillors and local NUM officials who went to protest to Home Secretary Leon Brittan following the police siege of Armthorpe last summer.

'Brittan's response to us was what I expected. He maintained that the police were maintaining law and order. I don't accept that. I think he used the police to achieve a political objective — the defeat of the miners,' said Varley.

His wife, Joyce, shares his hatred of the Thatcher government. 'They are on about miners retiring early. That's ridiculous. It's time Thatcher and MacGregor were retired,' she said.



Parents of 21-year-old jailed Yorkshire miner Ray Varley — South Yorkshire county councillor Nick Varley and his wife, Joyce — outside their home in the pit village of Armthorpe

SCOTTISH NUM

BRIAN MILLAR: Solsgirth — Four-month sentence from March 1985. Saughton jail, Edinburgh.

DURHAM

GLEN BLACK: Dawdon — Two-year sentence from March 1985.

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

KEVIN HUGHES: Dawdon — Two-year youth custody sentence from March 1985.

JOHN LITTLE: Dawdon — Two-year sentence started March 1985.

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

RAYMOND PATTERSON: Dawdon — Two-year sentence from March 1985.

GEORGE RICHARDSON: Wearmouth — Four-month sentence, due out April 19. Wetherby Prison, Yorkshire.

MARK ROCHESTER: Dawdon — Two-year sentence from March 1985.

Not miners but sentenced in connection with the miners' strike:

STANLEY GREGORY: Dawdon — Unemployed. Two-year sentence from March 1985.

GARY KRISTONSON: Dawdon — Warehouseman. Two-year sentence started March 1985.

THE JAILED MEN

BRIAN LITTLE: Dawdon — Engineer. Two-year sentence started March 1985.

IAN STEPHENSON: Dawdon — Unemployed. Two-year youth custody sentence started March 1985.

NORTHUMBERLAND

NIGEL BIRCH: Bates — Three-month sentence from April 1985.

WILLIAM SMITH: Whittle — 2½-year sentence from February 1985. Durham jail.

LANCASHIRE

DENNIS PINNINGTON: Bold — Kirkham Prison, Nr Preston, Lancashire.

YORKSHIRE

ALAN BRIDDICK: Armthorpe — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Wymott prison, Liverpool.

MICHAEL BRIDDICK: Armthorpe — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Wymott prison, Liverpool.

DAVE SCHOFIELD: Prince of Wales — Three-month sentence from March 1985. Armley Prison, Leeds LS12 2TJ.

RAYMOND VARLEY: Armthorpe — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Wymott prison, Liverpool.

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

PAUL WRIGHT: Saville — 18-month sentence. Kirkham Prison, near Preston, Lancashire.

PETER HURST: Fitzwilliam village. Not a miner, but sentenced in connection with the miners' dispute. Six-month sentence started December 1984. G78282 HM Prison, Haverigg Millan, Cumberland.

STAFFORDSHIRE

WILLIAM BANNISTER: Hem Heath — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

MICHAEL JONES: Hem Heath — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

STEVEN LOWE: Hem Heath — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

GARY MOULD: Hem Heath — Two-year youth custody sentence from January 1985.

RAYMOND PATTON: Hem Heath — Two-year sentence from January 1985. Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

NORTH DERBYSHIRE

KEVIN BEAL: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 031 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

SIMON BROOKES: 18-month sentence. Young Offenders Centre, Glen Parva, Wigston, Leicester.

PAUL BROTHWELL: 12-month sentence.

GRAHAM COOPER: Ireland — Six-month sentence from March 1985. Sudbury open prison, Derby.

PETER COOPER: Expected release in April. Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

DAVID GAUNT: Shirebrook — Three-year sentence from December 1984. E71037, A Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

STEVEN GOODALL: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 039 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

STEPHEN GREGORY: On remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

VICTOR GREGORY: On remand since September. Lincoln Prison, Greetwell Road, LN2 4BD.

ALAN HAWKINS: Four-month sentence at a detention centre from March 1985.

DAVID JAMES: 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 034 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

PAUL JONES: 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71036, D Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Northamptonshire NN 8NH.

IAN KESTLE: 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71032, Welford Prison, Leicester.

BRIAN MARTIN: Three-month sentence from March 1985.

DAVID MASON: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E711033, F Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

KEITH MILLWARD: Markham — Three-month sentence from March 1985.

MICHAEL PARTINGTON: Three-month sentence from March 1985.

PETER PEARSON: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. 038 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

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

RON STANILAND: Expected release next month. Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

PHILIP STIRLAND: Shirebrook — 2½-year sentence from December 1984. E71035 B Wing, Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

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

WEST MIDLANDS

LES WARD: Coventry — Unemployed ex-miner. Six month sentence. Expected release May 29, 1985. C54232, A Wing, Ranby Prison, nr Retford.

KENT

MARK BEST: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

EMLYN DAVIES: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

BRIAN DAY: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

TERRY FRENCH: Betteshanger — Five-year sentence from January 1985. B73383, Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

GARRY NEWELL: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

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

JAMES WADDELL: Three-year sentence from April 1985. Wandsworth Prison, London SW18.

SOUTH WALES

DEAN HANCOCK: 899410. Cardiff Prison.

RUSSELL SHANKLAND: A83752. Hospital Wing, Cardiff Prison.

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

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WEDNESDAY
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Sudan: Forward to socialist revolution

JOHN GARANG, leader of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army, yesterday gave a cogent warning about the perfidious nature of the new military regime headed by General Abdul-Rahman Swareddahab. 'Fellow countrymen,' he said, 'the army officers who have treacherously stolen your victory and power, have never participated in the people's struggle against Numeiry.'

'The shadow of Numeiry looms over the new military administration in Khartoum. The masses must not abandon the struggle after cutting off the monster's head. I call on the professional, trade and students' unions to continue the strikes and demonstrations until the generals hand over power to the people.'

'If the generals do not hand over power to the people within seven days the Sudan People's Liberation Army will be obliged to continue the war to ensure that the people do take over power.'

Garang is correct to warn against placing the slightest confidence in the new state power which calls itself the General Command of the Armed Forces. It is headed by British and US-trained generals who were hand-picked men of Numeiry's blood-drenched regime.

Only three weeks ago Numeiry selected General Swareddahab, 51, to be Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces and Defence Minister. He now steps into Numeiry's shoes to defend the Sudanese bourgeoisie and imperialist interests in Sudan. He fraudulently claims to have headed a 'revolution'. In fact, his role is to head off the revolution of the Sudanese masses.

This was underlined by the warm welcome that the new regime received with indecent haste from Washington, London, Cairo and Riyadh. The deposed Numeiry even sent a message of support from exile in Egypt saying that he 'fully understood' why his protege had carried out the coup.

It was one of the rare times in history that a President ousted by a coup has thanked his successors for doing the job!

Giving political credibility to the new military regime is a 'rainbow coalition' of parties and bourgeois personalities which includes everyone from the Sudanese Communist Party, to the Moslem Brotherhood, to the feudal parties, to the chiefs of police and millionaires like Mr Khalil Osman.

They have persuaded the strikers to return to work on the basis that the generals will install a civilian government after six months. But where are the guarantees that the generals will fulfil this promise? They don't exist.

Since assuming power last Saturday General Swareddahab's junta has announced that Numeiry's State of Emergency will stay in force, there is a complete ban on marches and political gatherings and strikers have been warned they face being charged with high treason. This is Numeiryism without Numeiry.

The generals' regime is an imperialist-backed attempt to hold the line against the revolutionary upsurge in the Sudanese working class, the rebellious southerners, sections of the middle class and the Islamic community.

We call for the mobilisation of the working class and the peasantry against the junta, the occupation of factories and the seizure of land and its distribution to the poor peasants.

The slogan should be — Numeiry has gone, now forward to the revolution.

TUC MUST CALL G EAST FIFE — TARGET OF REVENGE

PUTTING a cross on a bit of paper used to be their limit of political activity. That's a thing of the past for members of Lochgelly Miners Wives Action Group, East Fife.

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

'In the strike we discovered we'd have to play an active part politically. We had to go through all the arguments about ballots for a start,' Elenor McShane, the group's chairwoman, said yesterday.

Ballot

'There was all that talk that there should have been a ballot in the NUM. But the Tories never gave a ballot to the workers at the GCHQ in Cheltenham. Those workers were just told there were no more unions there.'

'We always said the miners did the right thing — they voted with their feet,' said Elenor, whose husband David, 31, works at Solsgirth mine, in West Fife.

The Lochgelly group — part of a women's group covering the whole of Fife — is remaining in action. It has no alternative.

'Miners in the Lochgelly area used to walk to work,' says Elenor. 'There were quite a number of pits around here.'

'They were all closed, and the men transferred either to Seafield and Frances pits in Kirkcaldy, or to the Longannet complex and Comrie pit in West Fife.'

She echoed the statement of NUM officials in Fife that the Tories and the NCB bosses are inflicting 'revenge' on the area for the way it stood so solidly behind the strike.

Secret

Both Frances and Seafield have been named in an NCB plan — secret until last week. Frances is to be shut virtually immediately, and Seafield closed within two years, destroying 2,500 mining jobs directly.

Bogside and Comrie pits, both in West Fife, are victims of the same plan. Bogside is marked for immediate closure... and Comrie within two years.

'So it's a battle for survival for us,' says Elenor, the mother of two children. 'These closures would turn us and other places in Fife into ghost

towns. There are no other industries in Lochgelly area. There's an American-owned electronics factory, but they're leaving people off.

'Shops are being boarded up because there's no business. There's hundreds of men from around here who work at Frances, Seafield and Comrie. It's ridiculous what the government and the coal board are setting out to do. It's terrible.'

David, her husband, has just been forced to transfer with many others from the threatened Seafield colliery to Solsgirth at the other end of Fife.

Fighting

'We've really got to stand up and keep fighting. We're certainly not giving in. The women's groups are going to play a leading part.'

'In the strike, these

groups enabled wives who would normally have been tearing their hair out to get together with people in the same predicament. That kept a lot of us sane during the hardship, and through all that was going on.

Serious

'In fact, although we learned a lot of serious lessons, we were also able to have a good laugh at some things.'

It is an extreme bitterness, however, that is provoked by mention of the TUC leadership. 'They really let us down,' says Elenor.

'If the TUC had supported us in the right way, instead of just donating financially, the strike would have been won. By the right way, I mean coming out on strike with us — a general strike. What is very obvious is that the whole trade union movement will have to have a good shake-up.'



'Together we will win,' says the banner of these women from Lochgelly.



Polmaise miners on one of the many Scottish demonstrations.

GENERAL STRIKE FOR JOBS



Tom Lochgelly, Fife. Elenor McShane, chairwoman, is in front of the banner, on the right

LETTER

Polmaise thank News Line for supporting NUM

The News Line received the following letter from the Polmaise Fallin NUM branch in Scotland yesterday:

Dear Brother,

I write this letter hoping you can print it in your paper, the News Line.

Now that the strike is over, may I, on behalf of the NUM membership at Polmaise, extend our thanks and gratitude for the financial and moral support and newspaper coverage given us during the 56 weeks of the dispute.

This was greatly appreciated

by all at Polmaise and helped enable us to carry on the fight as long as we did.

May I add that although we are back at work we are not defeated and will carry on fighting this government to protect our trade unions and the rights of the working class.

Once again, thanks for all your help.

Yours sincerely,
James Armitage (secretary)



Polmaise miners on the picket line

REAGAN'S 'HUMAN RIGHTS' REPORT DEFENDS TERROR

A RECENT report on human rights by the Reagan government systematically defends fascist terror by US-backed dictatorships and military regimes in Latin America.

It hypocritically condemns Nicaragua for taking emergency measures to combat Reagan's CIA and terrorist war.

Elliot Abrams is Reagan's Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and is re-

sponsible for covering up atrocities by US puppet regimes.

His department specialises in slandering any government that challenges Washington and in the report, Abrams declares his department has found a 'trend toward improvement in the Western Hemisphere' — as a consequence of US imperialist terror campaigns.

Abrams refers in particular to the regimes in El Salvador, where the Pentagon is directing the 5-year-old war in which over 50,000 unarmed civilians have been killed by

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

government forces, and in Guatemala, where army massacres and death squad violence has turned opposition politicians and human rights activists into refugees.

Reagan is seeking to increase 'security assistance' to the regime in El Salvador to \$342.6 million in 1986 and to resume full-scale military funding to the Guatemalan dictatorship.

The report says 'there has been substantial progress in the last year' in El Salvador. It adds that 'in contrast to the situation in the past, there is no credible evidence to suggest that violence against civilians is now even tacit government policy.'

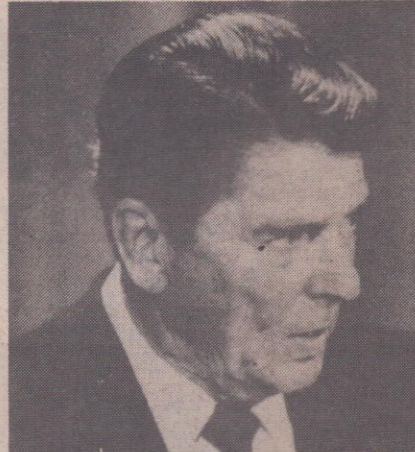
It alleges: 'As far as can be determined, the majority of alleged civilian deaths stemming from military operations were actually guerrilla combatants.'

According to the human rights group, Americas Watch, 1048 civilians were killed in El Salvador from last July to December, the majority of them in indiscriminate bombing raids against peasant villages.

The death toll has followed the introduction of a US-devised strategy based on eliminating the civilian population in the liberated zones controlled by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

It has been executed through a major buildup in the firepower of the Salvadorean air force, including the introduction of two C-47 gunships and several new helicopter gunships.

Reagan's report fails to even mention two well-documented massacres



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by the army; one in Cabanas province that claimed the lives of at least 60 peasants, and a second in Chalatenango in which at least 80 were killed.

President Jose Napoleon Duarte has adopted the same method used by the US military during the infamous 'body counts' of the Vietnam war — simply classifying anyone killed by the government forces as a guerrilla.

Similar praise was lavished on the Guatemalan regime with declarations that 'significant steps' had been taken to 'return the country to democratic rule' and that 'overall human rights conditions improved.'

Since General Mejia Victores seized power in August 1983, every independent human rights agency has documented a sharp increase in death squad murders of trade unionists, student leaders and oppositionists.

A recent Americas Watch report referred to Guatemala as 'a nation of prisoners', noting the existence of hundreds of thousands of Indian peasant families who had been forced off their land

in the bloody 'scorched earth' counter-insurgency campaign of 1982 and 1983. They now live under the direct control of the army.

The Americas Watch report says '... the number of rural killings remains very high, and the number of killings in the cities has risen sharply... a great many civilian non-combatants are being murdered by the government of Guatemala'.

Upsurge

Abram's report on Reagan's behalf whitewashes President Belaunde Terry's campaign of state terror in Peru's Andean highlands, attributing it to an 'upsurge in terrorist violence'.

Last February, Amnesty International issued a report citing the 'disappearance of over 1,000 civilians abducted by the military and the execution of hundreds more'.

In addition, Reagan is proposing to triple the amount of US military aid to the Belaunde Terry regime.

Similarly, while noting 'some violations' by General Augusto Pinochet's military dictatorship in Chile, the report explains the five-month-old state-of-siege imposed against the Chilean working class as an understandable measure to 'curb growing terrorism'.

Also given a clean bill of health was the government of President Salvador Jorge Blanco in the Dominican Republic, where in April last year army troops gunned down at least 84 civilians protesting against International Monetary Fund-dictated economic austerity measures.

In advance of a general strike movement in February, troops arrested hundreds of youths in the working-class districts and raided the homes of union and opposition political leaders.

The report blithely declares Dominicans 'continue exercising the full range of human rights guaranteed by the constitution'.

While dismissing mas-

sacres, 'disappearances', death squads and mass arrests in each of these countries, the report vilifies the revolutionary Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

Managua 'continued to tighten Sandinista control over Nicaraguan society and to intimidate the remaining opposition,' Abrams' report alleges.

It contends there is 'credible evidence' that Nicaragua's military was responsible for the deaths of six prisoners.

It should be noted that there is no 'credible evidence' that any prisoners of either the Salvadorean army or the CIA-backed 'contras' attacking Nicaragua have ever survived.

The report characteristically makes virtually no mention of the CIA mercenaries, claiming, incredibly, that 'no reliable information is available' on their activities.

The Nicaraguan government has attributed 7,000 deaths to the US-backed terrorists as well as massive damage to the country's economy.

The Nicaraguan ambassador to Washington, Carlos Tunnerman Bernheim has charged the Reagan government with responsibility for any restrictions on human rights in his country.

He said shortly after the release of the report: 'The aggression against Nicaragua explains why temporary restrictions on certain civil liberty — including freedom of the press — have been imposed by my government.'

Response

'This has been done reluctantly and as a direct response to the war that the CIA and its contras have been waging against us.'

'No restrictions on these civil liberties were imposed by my government during its first two and a half years in power — that is, before the CIA war began in December 1981.'

'The restrictions were not established until March 1982, when the war took on major proportions. Press censorship and other restrictions were lifted during the elections.'

'The opposition campaigns, including Arturo Cruz's unofficial one, received full and prominent coverage in the press. The opposition newspaper "La Prensa" openly endorsed his candidacy.'

'If the United States government and the CIA really want to see democracy flourish in Nicaragua, let them stop supporting the war against us.'

'Numerous delegations from all over the world have visited Nicaragua, including representatives of Amnesty International, Americas Watch and the National Council of Churches.'

'These delegations have all stated categorically that no persecution exists of the Nicaraguan people or the church by the government.'

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Sandinista fighters for Nicaragua



El Salvador government troops with a cargo of slaughtered civilians

PLF reaffirms its commitment to PLO

THE leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Front has strongly denied reports that it is supporting the so-called National Salvation Front recently established in Damascus as part of the Syrian regime's campaign against the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The reports, from Damascus, said that one of the Front's leaders, Talaat Yaacoub who is resident in Syria, had taken part in the formation of the National Salvation Front.

The National Salvation Front is composed of pro-Syrian and pro-

Stalinist groups including the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

In a statement issued in Tunis, a spokesman for the general secretariat of the central committee of the PLF declared as follows:

61. The PLF did not take part in the above-mentioned formation, and Talaat Yaacoub's participation was personal. His political and organisational conduct is one of the reasons for the crisis in the PLF which will be considered by the seventh national congress in the very near future.

2. The Front considers that attempts to create substitutes (for the PLO) and compliant leaderships subservient to

external politics, accords with the American-Zionist (plan) which aims at destroying the PLO.

3. The Palestinian Liberation Front affirms its full commitment to the PLO as our Palestinian people's only legitimate representative and command of their struggle for repatriation and the right of self-determination, and believes that the Aden-Algiers agreement still represents the sound basis for solving all Palestinian disagreements through the structures and institutions of the PLO.

4. The PLF affirms that the task of all Palestinian forces and detachments is to work to mend the rift and

achieve Palestinian national unity, which is sufficient to protect the Palestinian people's struggles and attain their aims.

5. The formation of the (Salvation) front has led to the obstruction of the patriotic role of the Democratic Alliance, which stood against the split in the Palestinian arena and on the side of the PLO's legitimacy. We renew the appeal to the members of the Democratic Alliance who have not participated in the Salvation Front on the need to complete the internal Palestinian debate, in order to strengthen the unity of the PLO and its institutions and our people's steadfastness in the occupied homeland.

Workers Revolutionary Party PUBLIC MEETING

**SMASH THE BOTHA REGIME!
ARM THE AFRICAN WORKERS!
FORWARD TO SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF AZANIA!**

**Monday April 15, 7.30p.m.
Conway Hall**

Red Lion Square, London WC1

Speakers: **Mike Banda** (WRP General Secretary)
Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)
Claire Dixon (YS National Committee)

In personal capacity:

Zoille Hamilton Keke (UK representative of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania)
Jack Young (Sacked Kent NUM)

Chairman **Richard Price** (WRP London District Committee)

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Monday April 15

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Monday May 13

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

Admission 20p

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- **Out with YTS — No cheap labour schemes!**
- **Call the General Strike now!**

SCOTLAND

FALLIN: Thursday April 18, 7.30p.m. Fallin Miners Welfare.

Speakers: **Helen Gallacher** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee)

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 SCEBTA, in personal capacity)

GOVANHILL: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. Daisy Street Resource Centre.

Speakers: **Barry Huyton** (YS Regional Committee); **Alex McLarty** (WRP Central Committee)

ABERDEEN: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. St Katherine Community Centre, West North Street.

Speakers: **Brian Craigen** (Aberdeen YS); **David Lovie** (Aberdeen WRP)

DALKEITH: Monday April 29, 7.30p.m. Dalkeith County Hotel, High Street.

Speakers: **John Ritchie** (YS Regional Committee); **Duncan Foggo** (Monktonhall SCEBTA); **Jackie Aitchison** (Bilston Glen NUM branch secretary)

CLYDEBANK: Tuesday May 7, 7.30p.m. The Hub Centre, Kilbowie Road.

Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional Committee); **Joe Keegan** (Clydebank WRP)

DUNDEE: Thursday May 8, 7.30p.m. Central Library, Wellgate.

Speakers: **Alan Mackie** (YS National Committee); **David Lovie** (WRP Scottish District Committee)

GLASGOW EAST END: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Glasgow Young Socialists Training Centre, off London Road.

Speakers: **Marie Devlin** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Pirani** (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH WEST

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)

SPEKE: Thursday April 18, 7.30p.m. Speke Community Centre.

Speakers: **John Owen** (YS Regional Committee); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee)

MANCHESTER: Thursday April 18, 7.30p.m. Basement Theatre, Town Hall Extension, Albert Square.

Speakers: **Lyn Waring** (YS National Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee); **Phil Davies** (FTAT national president); **Len Newnham** (T&GWU branch secretary Waste bus depot); 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)

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS: Tuesday May 7, 7.30p.m. The Railway.

Speakers: **John Lappin** (Warrington YS); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

LIVERPOOL: Tuesday May 14, 7.30p.m. The Jawbone, Litherland Road, Liverpool 20.

Speakers: **Keith Mullin** (Walton YS); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Roger Mullin** (UCAIT Sefton Trades Council, in personal capacity)

YORKSHIRE

LEEDS: Sunday April 14, 3p.m. Brunswick Lecture Theatre, Leeds Polytechnic, Merriam Way.

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** (Killingley NUM, in personal capacity)

HALIFAX: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. AUEW Club, St James Street (next to bus station)

Speakers: **Warren Stewart** (Bradford YS); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee); **Jeff Ferguson** (Emley Moor NUM); **Keith Jennings** (Bradford NUPE)

KEIGHLEY: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. Albert Hotel, Bridge Street.

Speakers: **Warren Stewart** (YS Regional Committee); **Colleen Smith** (WRP Central Committee); **Keith Jennings** (NUPE Bradford Waterworks, in personal capacity)

WEST MIDLANDS

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday April 11, 7.30p.m. Summerfield Centre, Winson Green Road, (corner Dudley Road).

Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); **Vivian Yates** (NATFHE, in personal capacity)

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)

LEICESTER: Monday May 13, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate.

Speakers: **Chris Lynas** (YS Regional Committee); **Peter Jones** (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

CORBY: Wednesday April 17, 7.30p.m. The Green Room, Corby Civic Centre.

Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Pat Brookes** (Peterborough WRP)

ST NEOTS: Monday April 29, 7.30p.m. Kings Head Hotel.

Speakers: **Michelle Christmas** (YS Regional Committee); **Chris Bailey** (Cambridge WRP)

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)

BRISTOL: Wednesday April 24, 7.30p.m. Shepherds Hall, David Street, Old Market.

Speakers: **Hollis Byrne** (YS National Committee); **A Robertson** (Bristol WRP)

EXETER: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. The Oddfellows Arms, New North Road.

Speakers: **Daniel Stephens** (Exeter YS); **A. Robertson** (WRP Western District Committee)

SWINDON: Thursday May 9, 7.30p.m. The Ship, Westcott Place.

Speakers: **Bruce Chapman** (YS Regional Committee); **Dave Good** (WRP Central Committee)

STAFFS

STOKE ON TRENT: Wednesday April 24, 7.30p.m. Stoke Town Hall.

Speakers: **Mathew Lovett** (Stoke YS); **P Reid** (Stoke WRP); **In personal capacity:** **Trevor Holloway** (Florence NUM); **Doreen Muncney** (Silverdale Wives 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

GILLINGHAM: Wednesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Black Lion Hotel, Mill Road.

Speakers: **Paul Crittenden** (YS Regional Committee); **Colin Harrison** (WRP District Committee)

HERTS

WATFORD: Tuesday April 23, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Hall, Woodford Road.

Speakers: **Gary Young** (YS Regional Committee); **Paul Shipley** (Watford WRP)

LUTON: Monday May 6, 7.30p.m. High Town Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road.

Speakers: **Amanda Whitmore** (Colney Heath YS); **Paul Stickley** (WRP District Committee)

LONDON

TUFNELL PARK: 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: Tuesday April 16, 7.30p.m. Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, N8.

Speakers: **Elizabeth Ali** (YS Regional Committee); **Peter Farrell** (WRP Central Committee)

WOOLWICH: Tuesday April 16, 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)

CAMBERWELL: Tuesday April 16, 7.30p.m. The Foyer, Brandon Baptist Church, Redcar Street, SE5.

Speakers: **Gary Hughes** (YS National Committee); **Ben Rudder** (WRP Central Committee); **Mount Pleasant postal worker and T&GWU busman**

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.

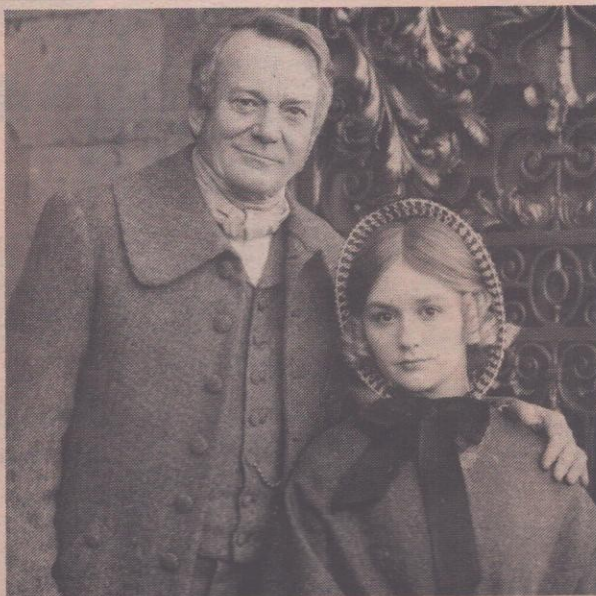
Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS National Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP London District Committee)

SHEPHERDS BUSH: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. Project Enterprise, Askew Crescent, off Askew Road, W12.

Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

KILBURN: Thursday April 25, 7.30p.m. Carleton Centre, Carleton Vale, NW6.

Speakers: **Dolly Short** (YS editor); **Peter Farrell** (WRP Central Committee)



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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time. 9.20 Battle of the Planets. 9.40 The Monkees. 10.05 Why Don't You...? 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Gharbar. 11.15 The Apple Dumpling Gang. 12.00 Treasures of Imperial China. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather News. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Mr Benn. 2.00 The Pink Panther Show. 2.30 Racing from Cheltenham (2.30, 3.05, 3.40 races). 3.53 Regional News (except London). 3.55 Lay on Five. 4.10 The Wombles. 4.15 The Biskitts. 4.35 Take Two. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 The Red Hand Gang. 5.35 Grange Hill. 6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS Weather. 6.35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES. 7.00 WOGAN Terry Wogan and his guests. 7.40 MONKEY BUSINESS Naturalists and showbiz people make up two teams facing Henry Kelly's questions about animals and plants. 8.10 DALLAS. 9.00 A PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Tory Party. 9.05 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weather News. 9.30 Q.E.D. A Body in the Bog The story of the Iron Age man whose corpse was discovered in a Cheshire peat bog last year where it had been preserved for some 2,500 years. 10.00 SPORTSNIGHT Highlights from tonight's European football introduced by Harry Carpenter. 11.15 TAXI The Road Not Taken. 11.40 Weather; Closedown. BBC WALES: 5.35-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio. 11.15 Rugby Union: Pontypridd v Spain. 11.45 News; Weather; Close.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 2.25 Film: Seven Days Leave (1942) Musical comedy with Victor Mature and Lucille Ball. 3.50 Racing from Cheltenham (4.15 race). 4.40 Schools Prom. 5.30 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; weather. 5.35 ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS Wiltshire House, Wiltshire. 6.00 THE WEDNESDAY WESTERN The Sheepman (1958) Jason Sweet provokes a violent reaction from his neighbours when he decides to set up a sheep farm in cattle country. With Glenn Ford and Shirley MacLaine. 7.25 AN ARTIST ON EVERY CORNER Documentary about Stanhope Forbes, founder of the Nelwyn School. 7.55 SIEGE: A FAILURE OF INTELLIGENCE? Report by Tom Bower with interviews from London and Tripoli about the Libyan embassy siege which began on April 17 last year. 9.00 BLEAK HOUSE Diana Rigg and Denholm Elliott head the cast in this eight-part dramatisation by Arthur Hopcraft of Dicken's biting attack on Victorian society and its lumbering legal system. Esther Summerson, brought up as an orphan, is brought to London and meets her guardian for the first time. 9.55 OPEN SPACE Drugs Professor Anthony Clare looks at legal and illegal drugs and their effects. 10.25 A PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Tory Party. 10.30 NEWSNIGHT. 11.15 Weatherview. 11.20 ANIMATION NOW Two films by Canadian animator Pierre Veilleux. 11.40 Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

2.40 ALL THE RIVERS RUN Second part of the Australian river romance with Sigrid Thornton and John Waters. Delie's romance with Brenton is short-lived, for he is interested in another woman. 4.30 THE PEOPLE'S COURT. 5.00 ALICE Alice in TV Land. 5.30 FARMING ON FOUR. 6.00 EVER THOUGHT OF SPORT? Climbing. 6.30 DANGER MAN The Dead Man Walks Patrick McGeehan stars as John Drake. 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS. 7.50 COMMENT by a Tory Party representative. 8.00 HOW WARS END Napoleon's Last Great War A.J.P. Taylor returns to TV for another series of his off-the-cuff solo performances. 8.30 RAJIV GANDHI The first British TV interview with the new Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi. In this programme he talks to 'Observer' editor Donald Treford. 9.00 DANCE ON 4 Dance Black America Opening a new four-week season of dance programmes with this celebration of the history of American black dance with rare archive material and new film from the Brooklyn Academy of Music's spectacular black dance festival in New York. 10.40 BOOK FOUR Writing from Glasgow. 11.10 E.F. BENSON IN BRIXTON Ali Ballantyne catches up with Prunella Scales, Geraldine McEwan and Nigel Hawthorne in the Brixton rehearsal room. 11.25 THE SQUARE MILE MURDER. 11.55 Closedown.

THAMES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; Sesame Street. 10.25 Through the Eyes of a Child. 10.45 Hands. 11.10 Fabulous Funnies. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr & Mrs. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins. 6.25 HELP! 6.35 CROSSROADS. 7.00 ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS. 7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE Eamonn Andrews with a surprise on another unsuspecting guest. 8.30 MORECAMBE AND WISE Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise with Margaret Courtenay and Stutz Bear Cats. 9.00 WIDOWS. 10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST By the Conservative Party. 10.05 NEWS AT TEN followed by Thames News Headlines. 10.35 MOVIE PREMIERE Omen III — The Final Conflict With Sam Neill. 12.35 NIGHT THOUGHTS followed by Closedown.

GRANADA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Once Upon A Time. 9.50 The Poseidon Files. 10.40 History of the Grand Prix. 11.05 Fireball XL5. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Granada Reports News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Survival. 5.45 News. 6.00 THIS IS YOUR RIGHT With Michael Winstanley. 6.05 CROSSROADS. 6.30 GRANADA REPORTS Latest news from around the region. 7.00 ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S WORLD OF STRANGE POWERS Things That Go Bump in the Night. 7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE With Eamonn Andrews. 8.30 MORECAMBE AND WISE Another opportunity to see Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise in this comedy classic. 9.00 WIDOWS. 10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Tory Party. 10.05 NEWS AT TEN. 10.35 OMEN III: The Final Conflict (1981) With Sam Neill and Rossano Brazzi. Damien Thorn, the Antichrist, is now the US ambassador in London. 12.35 Closedown.

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1.00 Silents Please. 1.25 The People's Court. 2.00-2.15 Ffalabalam. 2.45 Painting Time. 3.10 Raising the Titanic. 4.10 Irish Angle. 4.40 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.30 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Bwyta'n Dda. 6.50 Dafganfod Y Byd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.25 Rygbi: Pontypridd v Sbaen. 8.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 8.55 Gwr Y Gadair; News Headlines. 9.30 Film: Nowhere to Run. 11.20 Black on Black. 11.20 Black on Black. 12.20 Close.

TYNE TEES

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Indian Legends of Canada. 10.50 The New Fantastical Four. 11.15 Cartoon Time. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Bygones. 1.00 News; North East News; Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Whose Baby? 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 Party Political Broadcast. 10.05 News at Ten; North East News. 10.37 Film: Omen III. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sport Billy. 9.50 Ace Crawford. 10.15 Ray Reardon Master Class. 10.40 It's Hell to be an Astronaut. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Something To Treasure. 1.00 News; Central News. 1.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Newsround. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 Party Political Broadcast. 10.05 News at Ten; Central News. 10.35 Film: Omen III. 12.40 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; Sesame Street. 10.25 Gather Your Dreams. 10.50 The Cop and the Kid. 11.15 Abigail.

ROUND THE REGIONS

11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.00 News; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 The Game. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 Party Political Broadcast. 10.05 News at Ten; Calendar Headlines. 10.35 Film: Omen III. 12.35 Closedown.

TSW

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Seseame Street. 10.25 Danger Freaks. 11.15 Highwinding. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Teachers Only. 1.00 News; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.25 Home Cookery Club. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Scene South West. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 Party Political Broadcast. 10.05 News at Ten; TSW Late News and Weather. 10.39 Film: Omen III. 12.35 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS Weather. 9.27 Do it Daily; Seseame Street. 10.25 Matt and Jenny. 10.50 Wattoo Wattoo. 11.00 Fireball XL5. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 Mr & Mrs. 2.00 Different Strokes. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.27 TVS News; The Young Doctors. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink.

4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.12 TVS News Headlines; Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 Party Political Broadcast. 10.05 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.35 Film: Omen III. 12.35 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Soup and Me. 9.50 Gather Your Dreams. 10.15 Film: Bonnie Scotland. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 It's A Vet's Life. 1.00 News; HTV News. 1.30 Hart to Hart. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems; HTV News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Three Little Words. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 Party Political Broadcast. 10.05 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.35 Film: Omen III. 12.35 HTV Weather; Closedown.

HTV WALES: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.15 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Seseame Street. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.40 The Protectors. 11.10 Fireball XL5. 11.30 About Britain. 12.00 Button Moon. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 On the Market. 3.00 Gems. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Button Moon. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Fraggie Rock. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Arthur C Clarke's World of Strange Powers. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 8.30 Morecambe and Wise. 9.00 Widows. 10.00 Party Political Broadcast. 10.05 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Omen III. 12.35 Epilogue; Closedown.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m. and at 12 mid-night. 6.00 Adrian John. 8.00 Mike Read. 10.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S). VHF: 8.00 String Sound. 8.30 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition. 9.15 Listen to the Band.

2 News on the hour (except 9 p.m.). Headlines 5.30 a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 Howard Pearce (S). 6.00 Ray Moore (S). 8.05 Ken Bruce (S). 10.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.05 Sports Desk; David Jacobs (S). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 Steve Jones (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 European Soccer Special. 9.30 Listen to the Band (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Cambridge Buskers. 10.15 Tom Mennard Tells Local Tales. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Night-ride. 3.00 Niall Murray Sings (S). 3.30-4.00 Non-Stop Stutz (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Mid-week Choice (S) Druzecky, Schumann, Rimsky-Korsakov arr Prokofiev.

Bach arr Stokowski. Mozart (8.00-8.05 News) Vaughan Williams, Delibes arr Dohnanyi, Debussy orch Caplet. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Mozart — his trips abroad: records. 10.00 Stravinsky and Italian Baroque (S) Pergolesi and Stravinsky. 10.45 Napoleon Coste (S) Guitar music played by John Mills. 11.10 Flute and Piano (S) Berkeley. Copland, Richard Stoker. 11.50 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Schubert, Mozart (Piano Concerto No.17 with Ingrid Haebler) Haydn. 1.00 News. 1.05 Bill Evans (S). 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Ulster Orchestra: Fergu-son, Norman Hay, Bax, Sibelius, Warlock, Bizet. 2.30 Bax Violin Sonatas (S). 3.10 Sibelius (S) Symphony No.2. 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly For Pleasure (S). 6.30 Choral Voices (S) Poulenc, Messiaen, Faure and English folk songs performed by the Chapter House Choir of New York. 7.00 Handel and Bach: First Thoughts (S). 7.30 The Road from Kym-mendo Bay (S). 9.00 Royal Philharmonic Society Concert (S) BBC S.O.: Sibelius, McCabe (9.45-10.05 Six Continents) Shostakovich; John Lill (S) Piano recital: Bach Transr Busoni, Schumann. 11.57-12.00 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Business News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25,

8.25 Sport). 8.43 Griff Rhys Jones Reads Roald Dahl: George's Marvellous Medicine. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: The Bridegroom of Qasim. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Hunger USA. 11.48 What's in a Name. 12.00 News; The Food Programme. 12.27 The Gold of the Conqueror (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.35 PPB by the Tory Party. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; The Great and Good Mr Handel (S). 2.47 From Thames Maru to Tokyo. 3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (S) A Woman of No Importance. 3.47 Time for Verse. 4.00 News; Actuality. 4.40 Story Time: A Gun For Sale. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Just A Minute (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Ray Gosling in the House of... 7.45 Books of the Century. 8.15 In Business. 8.45 Between Earth and Sky. 9.30 Where Death Delights. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Magic Toyshop. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 The Divine Sun. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF: 5.55-6.00 Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4.

Power grid 50 years old

THE national grid yesterday celebrated its 50th anniversary — and, as usual, five men behind locked doors took the decisions which keep the electricity flowing.

Yesterday 28,000 megawatts were being used across the country. This compared to 45,000-plus on four days in mid-January when record power was produced, during the miners' strike.

Central Electricity Generating Board chairman Sir Walter Marshall described yesterday how the grid was used to try and break the strike.

Reversed

Marshall said the normal north to south flow of electricity from the coal-powered power stations was reversed by increasing the output of southern oil-powered stations.

The decisions to be taken by the five men in front of their banks of humming computer terminals linked to every power station and regional control centre have remained similar throughout the half century the national grid has been in existence.

The experts were sceptical when 4,000 miles of cables and 140 power stations were linked together in 1935 to provide a national power grid, stating the increase in the cost of electricity would be staggering.

Today the grid includes 8,000 miles of cable and 84 power stations. The cost of fuel is 55 times higher than in 1935 with the average price of electricity nine times higher than then.

Control

Since 1971 the control centre has been in an anonymous-looking building near Bankside power station in London.

In 1988 it will be moved to Wokingham, where new computers will be introduced for greater precision. The new site's parkland setting has partly been chosen for security reasons.

New aluminium alloy cables are currently being fitted to pylons which carry 40 per cent more electricity than old steel and aluminium cables.

GORBACHEV UNVEILS 'NEW' ECONOMIC LINE

MOSCOW — Mikhail Gorbachev has renewed a call for 'intensive work and bold thinking' to boost the crisis-ridden Soviet economy.

In a speech to industrial and agricultural managers in Moscow on Monday, the new Communist Party General Secretary blamed bad organisation and complacency for poor results in agricultural and industrial production.

He pledged the Kremlin to broadening the scope for 'independence' for individual enterprises and farms, first introduced under Yuri Andropov to increase labour incentives and productivity.

'It is the time for major accomplishments and important decisions, deep analysis and ... bringing to light of problems and obstacles that are hindering progress,' Gorbachev told the party bureaucrats.

Officials should use all available time with 'intensive work and bold thinking and give full scope for initiative and creative endeavour ... in order to attain higher economic results'.

He criticised poor organisation, complacency and irresponsibility, saying it was not sufficient to blame a severe winter for the lag in economic development.

Decline

Economic figures for the first two months of this year showed a serious decline in the rate of growth of Soviet industrial production and labour productivity.

The meeting was attended by leading members of the Kremlin bureaucracy, including Moscow party chief Grigory Romanov, a member of the faction catapulted into powerful Kremlin office by Andropov.

The presence of Romanov, a key power broker in the Stalinist bureaucracy, merely underscored the fact that Gorbachev was reiterating a bankrupt Stalinist policy employed with varying degrees of ineffectual results by Stalin, Khrushchev, Brezhnev, Andropov and Chernenko.

Romanov is expected to be appointed to the ruling Politburo when Gorbachev succeeds to the presidency in due course. The meeting received prominence on the television news reported by the official news agency, Tass, and on radio.

In the four weeks since Gorbachev came to power, newspapers have concentrated on the so-called precepts he spelt out in a speech last December. Gorbachev delineated organisation, order and discipline as key factors for economic resuscitation in that speech.

The papers have almost daily reported sackings of corrupt and inefficient party officials and managers.

The new leader was blunt in his speech on Monday, criticising the poor quality of products and saying many factories turned out obsolete machines and equipment as well as consumer goods that no one wanted.

Gorbachev's pet theme of science and technological boosts to industrial performance and the need to concentrate on modernising and re-equipping old factories rather than building new ones were also aired.

The speech was the clearest declaration of the Kremlin's commitment to confronting the Soviet working class with demands for breakneck productivity.



GORBACHEV

MARK JONES BOOK SIGNING

MARK JONES will sign copies of the book he wrote about his son, 'Killed on the Picket Line 1984 — The Story of David Gareth Jones', at Norwich Paperbacks Centre this Wednesday.

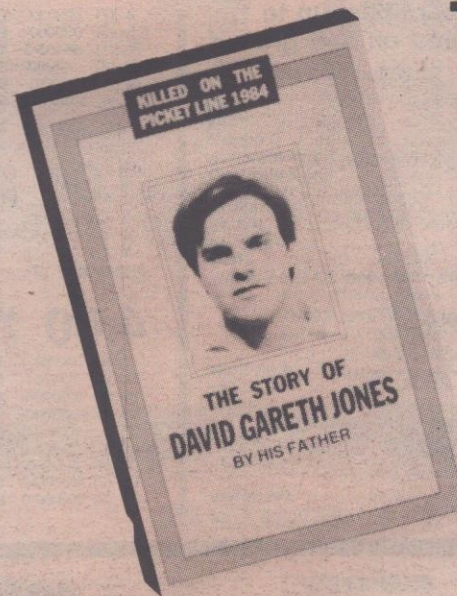
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Peking drops conditions for Soviet talks

PEKING — Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang yesterday said the Chinese government had dropped three key conditions for agreement on bilateral relations with the Soviet Union.

Hu, speaking to Hong Kong journalists, said the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, a pull-out of missiles on China's northern borders and abandonment of Soviet support for Vietnam were not decisive to agreement.

Peking was merely insisting that the Kremlin agree to remove so-called threats to its borders, he said.

It was clearly a reference to the Peking Stalinists' demands for Moscow's intervention in Kampuchea to order a

withdrawal of Vietnamese troops.

He said: 'I cannot say clearly how many obstacles there are but the obstacle regarding state security must be removed.'

The Hong Kong journalists said Hu's statement was a major switch in tactics since 'normalisation' talks between Peking and Moscow began in October 1982.

One Western diplomat in Peking said: 'It looks like they're (the Peking bureaucracy) fudging the issues in public but the Chinese remain adamant that the Soviet Union must reduce its support for Vietnam.'

Hu made his remarks as the sixth round of Sino-Soviet talks got underway in Moscow.

The Mikhail Gorbachev leadership has expressed its 'desire for better relations' and support for Deng Xiaoping's 'socialism with Chinese characteristics'.

But Moscow's attempts to maintain dominance over Stalinism's reactionary secret diplomacy with US and world imperialism are believed to have been rejected by Deng.

Hu told the Hong Kong journalists yesterday Peking would retain 'an independent foreign policy'. It was a pointed warning to the Moscow Stalinists that Deng's 'rapport' with US imperialism will not be affected by any likely Sino-Soviet bilateral accord.

No 'hi-tech' solution to Scotland's jobless

THE 'Silicon Glen' image of Scotland as a European leader in micro-electronics is exaggerated, says a report out yesterday and the lack of trade union organisation limits its development.

The report warns that the electronics industry will not solve male unemployment in Scotland where 200,000 manufacturing and mining jobs have been lost in the last

ten years.

The new firms tend to take on non-unionised women rather than redundant miners or shipyard workers, it adds.

If Scotland's future is to be based on electronics, it may become even more dependent on decisions taken abroad than it is now.

The verdict comes in a report from Scottish Education and Action for Development, a charity set up in 1977 to promote

debate about 'third world' and world development issues.

Scotland at present has 43,000 people employed in micro-electronics and probably has a more diversified and sophisticated industry than any country of comparable size — but 'serious' doubts remain about the industry's capability to generate new jobs at the frontier of technology, says the report.

For, despite the 'Silicon Glen' tag, the report

claims:

● Scotland has little more than a proportional share of Britain's 'chip' jobs — Scotland has 9 per cent of the UK population, 8 per cent of the manufacturing labour force.

● Only 16 per cent of Silicon Glen's workforce, about 7,000 people, work for Scottish-owned firms. And the start of new high-tech firms in Scotland compares badly with other parts of Britain like Cambridge and the London-Bristol corridor.

Winning Post



SELECTIONS

CHELTHENHAM

2.30 Corporal Clinger
3.05 Brown Trix (nap)
3.40 Green Bramble
4.15 Midnight Song
4.50 Young Nicholas
5.25 Gala's Image

LINGFIELD

2.00 Eye Flasher
2.25 Virgin Prince
3.00 Down Flight
3.30 Sand Iron
4.00 Street Level
4.30 French Emperor



JOHN FRANCOMÉ

JOHN FRANCOMÉ's decision to retire two days early and miss the CHELTENHAM meeting could cost him a winning ride on Brown Trix (3.05) in the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers Championship Final

Although Brown Trix disappointed in the early part of the season, he has come good on his last two starts, winning decisively at Stratford and Lingfield.

He may still have some improvement in him, and this is as good an opportunity as he will get to land an important prize.

Green Bramble's (3.40)

season has swung from the sublime to the ridiculous, as useful performances have alternated with crashing falls.

His last two races sum him up perfectly. He looked certain to win the Mildmay of Flete Chase at Cheltenham only to fall two fences out, but showed much more aptitude for the task when scoring comfortably at Liverpool next time.

He is still leniently hand-

icapped, and granted a clear round will be hard to beat in the day's most valuable race, the Golden Miller Handicap.

Nick Henderson and Steve Smith Eccles, the team associated with Green Bramble, should complete a double with Young Nicholas (4.50) in the Cheltenham Juvenile Novices' Hurdle.

The four-year-old was out of his depth at Liverpool last time, but had run well on his

two previous starts. Back in this grade, his chance is clear.

At LINGFIELD, Down Flight (3.00) can gain compensation for a narrow Doncaster defeat in the Tonbridge Handicap. He came with a tremendous late run but just failed by a neck to catch the race-fit Relkisha.

This is an easier task and it will be disappointing if he fails to take advantage.

CHELTHENHAM (NH) BBC1 2.30, 3.05, 3.40, BBC2 4.15

2.30	GEORGE DULLER H'CAP HURDLE £3,000
2m 4f (9 runners)	
5 4002-01	CORPORAL CLINGER M C Pipe 6 11 7..... P Leach
7 13-1140	BENI H Handel 9 11 5..... Miss H Handel (7)
8 300421	SEAGRAM (NZ) D H Barons 5 11 5..... H Davies
9 0F/2011	MY BRAVE N J Henderson 7 11 4..... S Smith Eccles
10 330031	WILD CORN W E Fisher 6 11 4..... K Mooney
11 23-0000	BOWDEN I M Dudgeon 7 11 3..... NON-RUNNER
13 040P11	MODEL PUPIL (D) O O'Neill 5 11 1..... J Suthern
15 F2F34F	GOLDEN BRIGADIER (C) J A Old 7 10 13..... P Murphy
21 UO-40P0	REPUBLICAN F Walwyn 7 10 2..... I Shoemark (7)

BLINKERS: 15, 21
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Seagram, 100-30 Corporal Clinger, 5-1 Wild Corn, 13-2 Model Pupil, 8-1 Beni and My Brave, 12-1 Golden Brigadier, 14-1 Republican.

3.05	STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS CH'SHP FINAL £14,000 2m 4f (6 runners)
1 4-32011	BROWN TRIX (D) F T Winter 7 11 8..... R Linley
2 311-1F1	CLUTTERBUCK F T Winter 7 11 8..... R Linley
4 22PF12	BUCKS GREEN (D) J T Gifford 7 11 4..... R Rowe
5 23232P	CONNAUGHT RIVER D Nicholson 6 11 4..... H Davies
7 0F002	LEAN ORT R A Perkins 7 11 4..... Dai Williams
8 230120	POLLY'S PAL S G Payne 7 11 4..... B Storey

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Brown Trix, 9-4 Clutterbuck, 9-2 Bucks Green, 6-1 Connaught River, 10-1 Polly's Pal, 20-1 Lean Or.

3.40	GOLDEN MILLER LTD H'CAP CHASE £17,000
3m 2f (12 runners)	
3 2131P4	GREENWOOD LAD (C) J T Gifford 8 11 7..... Mr T Grantham (7)
5 11-1132	PLANETMAN (C)(D)(BF) Mrs M Dickinson 8 11 2..... R Earnshaw

6 1FF1F1	GREEN BRAMBLE N J Henderson 8 11 2..... S Smith Eccles
7 434U00	SCOT LANE (C) M Tate 12 10 12..... C Smith
8 32100P	HY-KO (C)(D) D R Gandolfo 9 10 11..... P Barton
9 2F11F1	CHARTER PARTY D Nicholson 7 10 11..... P Scudamore
10 0242-B	KING SPRUCE R Champion 11 10 10..... Mrs J Carrier
11 213-321	ACES WILD F T Winter 7 10 9..... J Duggan (4)
12 3-P4F00	PRINCE ROWAN Mrs M Dickinson 9 10 9..... D Browne
13 114222	MOUNT OLIVER (D)(BF) M Scudamore 7 10 9..... M Williams
14 4P100D	SOLID ROCK (NZ) D H Barons 9 10 1..... H Davies
19 11F130	MASTER TERCEL J L Spearing 9 10 0..... S Morshead

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Green Bramble, 4-1 Aces Wild, 11-2 Solid Rock, 6-1 Planetman and Mount Oliver, 8-1 Charter Party, 10-1 Prince Rowan, 16-1 others.

4.15	HOLMAN CUP HANDICAP CHASE £2,500
2m (7 runners)	
1 3-U1110	ROMANY NIGHTSHADE (C-D) T A Forster 9 11 11..... H Davies
6 33U231	TOIRDEALBHACH (C-D) P O'Connor 11 11 0 (5 ex)..... S Morshead
7 231333	WESTERN ROSE (C-D) Mrs M Rimell 13 10 13..... Mr S Sherwood
8 210032	JO COLOMBO (D) Mrs W Sykes 10 10 7..... R Dunwoody
9 023023	MIDNIGHT SONG (D)(BF) T A Forster 10 10 5..... P Scudamore
12 F43042	LULAV (D) D Nicholson 7 10 4..... R Crank
18 P1U40U	DENNIS AUBURN (D) R B Francis 8 10 0..... R Crank

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Toirdealbhaich, 4-1 Lulav and Romany Nightshade, 11-2 Midnight Song, 8-1 Jo Colombo, 10-1 Western Rose, 16-1 Dennis Auburn.

4.50	CHELTHENHAM JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE £1,500 (4-Y-O) 2m (10 runners)
6 310	SHANGOSEER J R Jenkins 11 5..... P Howe (7)
8 01	THE PROCESSOR (D) R Howe 11 5..... S Smith Eccles
10 310	YOUNG NICHOLAS (BF) N J Henderson 11 5..... P Scudamore
15 00	BERNINI (USA)(BF) J S King 11 0..... P Scudamore

16 0	BOARD THE TRAIN Miss J Seaborn 11 0..... P Warner
18 000	EMMETTS PROVIDENCE W Charles 11 0..... M Charles
21	MR MC F Walwyn 11 0..... K Mooney
22	RAPID GUNNER (USA) J A Edwards 11 0..... P Barton
27	PETITE MIRAGE J R Bosley 10 9..... Mr M Bosley (7)
28	SURELY A P James 10 9..... G Jones

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Young Nicholas, 5-2 Shangoseer, 5-1 Bernini, 7-1 The Processor, 8-1 Mr Mc, 12-1 Rapid Gunner, 16-1 others.

5.25	PAINSWICK NOVICES HURDLE £1,500
2m (17 runners)	
3 01	BRENDON PRINCE H Handel 6 11 8..... Miss H Handel (7)
4 010	BROLLIN (D) F T Winter 5 11 8..... Mr M Richards (7)
5 F04-130	CRUMPET CATCHER (D) D M Richards 9 11 8..... R Linley
6 102200	GALA'S IMAGE (D) Mrs M Rimell 5 11 8..... G Jones
9	NORTHWARD A P James 5 11 8..... M Perrett
10 0-2F301	RIG STEEL (D) P D Cundell 5 11 8..... H Davies
21 00P2	DYLAN'S PRIDE (NZ) D H Barons 6 11 1..... N Fearn (7)
22 00/2000	FLYING OFFICER M C Pipe 8 11 1..... J White
29 000/0-	INIGO SOCIETY N J Henderson 7 11 1..... J Suthern
30 P00-020	KEMALOCK Miss A King 5 11 1..... Mr S Sherwood
31	KILLEENAGH PRINCE O Sherwood 5 11 1..... R Hoare
33 FPP-	LINCOLN BENNETT W McK-Coles 8 11 1..... B de Haan
34 03-0P40	MARSH LANE F T Winter 6 11 1..... R Rowe
35 004	MISSINGMAN J T Gifford 5 11 1..... G McCourt
37 0-P0	OWENSVILLE R Champion 6 11 1..... M Charles
38 P-0P0	ROYAL REVENGE W Charles 6 11 1..... M Bastard
39 02332	SINGLECOTE Mrs P Sly 5 11 1.....

BLINKERS: 34, 38
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Gala's Image, 9-2 Rig Steel, 11-2 Brollin, 8-1 Crumpet Catcher, 10-1 Dylan's Pride and Singlecote, 14-1 Marsh Lane, 20-1 others.

LINGFIELD

DRAW ADVANTAGE: high numbers best up to 1m, but low numbers may be favoured on soft ground

2.00	WORTH FILLIES STAKES £1,200
(3-Y-O f) 1m 2f (9 runners)	
3 (5) 00000-3	BLAIR'S WINNIE Pat Mitchell 8 11..... R Fox
4 (6) 000-2	EYE FLASHER G P-Gordon 8 11..... G Duffield
7 (9) 040-	GREEN ROOM GAMBOLS R Smyth 8 11..... S Whitworth (3)
12 (4) 203-	MISS NEVER HYDE P Kelleway 8 11..... Gay Kelleway (5)
13 (3) 0-	PETRADIA C Brittain 8 11..... P Robinson
14 (1) 00-	RELKUSA W Wightman 8 11..... M L Thomas
15 (8) 4	RELZA COCCINEA G Turner 8 11..... M Miller
16 (7) 00-	SAGAREINA P Mitchell 8 11..... J Matthias
17 (2) 000-	STONEBROKER A Ingham 8 11..... J Reid

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Eye Flasher, 11-4 Miss Never Hyde, 4-1 Petradia, 6-1 Blair's Winnie, 8-1 Relkusa, 12-1 Green Room Gambols, 20-1 others.

2.25	CRANLEIGH STAKES £2,000
(2-Y-O) 5f (3 runners)	
1 (1) 31	VIRGIN PRINCE (C-D) R Hannan 9 2..... A McGlone
3 (3)	MISCHIEVOUS LAD Mrs C Reavey 8 11..... N Day
6 (2)	WEST CARRACK A Ingham 8 11..... J Reid

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Virgin Prince, 3-1 West Carrack, 4-1 Mischievous Lad.

3.00	TONBRIDGE HANDICAP STAKES £3,000
2m (7 runners)	
1 (7) 10/000-2	DOWN FLIGHT C Holmes 5 9 10..... Pat Eddery

RESULTS

WETHERBY	CHEPSTOW
2.00 (2m): DROMODAN J J O'Neill (9-4 f fav); Togg (9-4 f fav); Target Man (8-13); Phoenix Gold (5-24); 11 ran. 34. 6. (M H Easterby) T: £2.80; £1.10, £1.50, £1.20. CSF: £6.74. NR: Mr Perfect, Just A Spark, Lime Blossom, Luxury and Swap Shop.	2.00 (3m): LE SARTHOIS G McCourt (11-8 fav); Celtic Capri (25-12); Gandouge Lane (15-23); Mzima Spring (14-14). 12 ran. 12. 2 1/2. (Mrs S Davenport) T: £2.50; £1.20, £3.20, £2. CSF: £33.97. NR: Royal Broom.
2.35 (3m): GOLDEN TY Mr A Orkney (5-2 on fav); Moons Quadrille (50-12); Rastafaleich (8-13); Bishops Bell (16-14). 8 ran. 10. 4. (V Hall) T: £1.50; £1.20, £4.50, £1.40. CSF: £18.02.	2.30 (2m 4f): BRIGHT DREAM R Rowe (6-5 fav); Hadjar (3-12); Mr Peacock (7-13); Virgin Soldier (3-14). 4 ran. 1. 8. (J Gifford) T: £1.80. CSF: £4.66.
3.10 (2m 4f): OREGON TRAIL K Mooney (13-21); Mick's Star (5-12); Carnades (9-4 fav); What's What (20-14). 14 ran. 20. 6. (D W Arbuthnot) T: £5.80; £1.50, £2.00, £1.40. CSF: £41.47. NR: Mr Denetop, The Man Himself, Secret Finale.	3.00 (2m): CONS PAL J Watten (7-4 fav); Glen Road (10-12); Glasgow Central (4-13); Marina Star (7-14). 11 ran. 3. 6. (J Wintle) T: £2.90; £1.50, £3.20, £1.50. CSF: £19.08.
3.45 (2m): CHARLOTTE'S DUNCE A Brown (6-4 fav); French Nephew (5-12); Melkleour (5-23); Thorbell Arch (20-14). 9 ran. 10. 10. (M H Easterby) T: £2.90; £1.10, £1.60, £1.40. CSF: £9.75. NR: Bluebirdie.	3.30 (2m): MR MOONRAKER B Powell (2-1 fav); The Foodbroker (11-22); Roadster (3-13); Freight Forwarder (13-24). 5 ran. 12. 2 1/2. (L Kennard) T: £3.10, £2.40, £2.40. CSF: £11.63. NR: Cilema Jet.
4.20 (2m): BARTON CROSS J McLaughlin (40-11); Kevinsfort (3-1 on fav); The Ridings (33-13); Mr Coggy (3-14). 4 ran. nk. 20. (A Watson) T: £16.60. CSF: £52.58.	4.00 (3m): ARCTIC WARBLES Mr S Sherwood (6-4 fav); Tawny Myth (7-22); Leonstar (33-13); Blue Beans (25-14). 10 ran. 6. 12. (O Sherwood) T: £2.30, £1.20, £1.60, £3.50. CSF: £6.63. NR: Sidbury Hill and Rowden Ruler.
4.55 (2m): GUISBOROUGH TOWN A Stringer (6-4 on fav); Cruden Bay (10-12); Owen Herbert (25-13); Priceclove (66-14). 9 ran. 5. 8. (G A Calvert) T: £2.20; £1.30, £2, £1.90. CSF: £8.23. NR: Dantune, Prudent Boy and Tax Code.	4.30 (3m): MAUJENDOR P Scudamore (5-4 on fav); Midnight Madness (10-12); Jimmy Flint (25-13); Samshu (14-14). 8 ran. 25. 5. (M Tate) T: £2.20; £1.60, £1.90, £2.70. CSF: £9.59. NR: Timsun.

WARWICK	UTTOXETER
2.15 (1m 2f): EL-FAYEZ M Miller (3-11); Song Master (10-12); King Luthier (6-5 on fav); Moss Empire (12-14). 13 ran. 1 1/2. 2 1/2. (G Huffer) T: £5.10; £2.30, £2.40, £1.70. CSF: £33.24. King Luthier f'shd 1st, El-Fayez 2nd, Song Master 3rd. Placings amended.	2.15 (2m): CRACK A JOKE J Duggan (5-2 fav); Tiernee (4-12); Crowning Moment (11-43); Hilly Way (16-14). 8 ran. 1. 15. (M W Eckley) T: £3.10; £1.30, £1.70, £1.40. CSF: £12.57. NR: County Player, Sallys Carouselle and Black Earl.
2.45 (7f): AMIGA BORRACHA S Whitworth (2-1 fav); Dolly's Pet (9-22); Sonofeve (6-13); Domtomy (9-24). 10 ran. 2. nk. (K Brassey) T: £2.20; £1.60, £1.50, £1.60. CSF: £13.21.	2.45 (2m 4f): PICKET LINE S J O'Neill (4-1 fav); Jen Maye (13-22); Blackboosh (6-13); Some Moor (20-14). 16 ran. 10. 12. (W Clay) T: £3.90; £1.30, £1.60, £2.10, £2.80. CSF: £33.01. NR: Greenacres Joy.
3.15 (1m): SCOTTISH REEL W R Swinburn (6-4 on fav); Absolute Bounder (16-12); Sir Crusty (33-13); Gambart (10-14). 17 ran. 12. 1 1/2. (M Stoute) T: £1.80; £1.30, £2.10, £2.20. CSF: £13.29. NR: Kilimanjaro Bob and State Banquet.	3.15 (2m 4f): SCOTTISH SOUND R Linley (5-4 fav); Silve Bracken (9-42); Spartan Major (11-23); Skegby (13-24). 6 ran. 12. nk. (R J Hodges) T: £1.70; £1.10, £1.40. CSF: £4.46.
3.45 (1m 4f): PERCASE Pat Eddery (6-4 on fav); Vital Boy (11-22); Glenhawk (9-13); Flying Scotsman (20-14). 9 ran. 5. nk. (P Cundell) T: £2; £1.10, £1.90, £1.80. CSF: £5.34.	3.45 (3m 2f): YOUGHAL Mr T Greenhall (2-1 on fav); Good Action (8-12); Tregeed (50-13); Coolafancy (10-14). 6 ran. dist. sh hd. (W A Stephenson) T: £1.20; £1.20, £2.80. CSF: £5.52. NR: Another Simon.
4.15 (5f): JOKIST G Baxter (11-41); Green Dollar (16-12); See No Evil (9-13); Anderby (11-24). 6 ran. 8. 3. (C Williams) T: £3.70; £1.70, £4.30. CSF: £33.41. NR: Mr Jester.	4.15 (2m): BLUEBIRDINO R Linley (7-11); Baluchi (7-22); Mountain Man (9-4 fav); Kilayth (5-14). 12 ran. 12. 10. (Mrs J Ramsden) T: £6; £1.60, £1.30, £1.40. CSF: £33.83. NR: Northorpe and Outlaw.
4.45 (1m): STAR OF A GUNNER Pat Eddery (5-2 fav); Misha (9-22); O I Oyston (14-13); Whistledownwind (25-14). 25 ran. 6. 25. (R Holden) T: £4.30; £2, £1.50, £2.40, £6.50. CSF: £15.66.	4.45 (2m): GAINVILLE LAD J K Kinane (9-4 fav); Red Columbia (25-12); Balmatt (8-13); Burgundy Star (3-14). 12 ran. 1 1/2. 2. (F Gibson) T: £2.70; £1.30, £5.40, £2.40. CSF: £59.54. NR: Misk.

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Street Level, 7-2 Misty Rocket, 9-2 Hampton Walk, 6-1 Mummys Fancy, 8-1 Freebie, 12-1 Boas Festas, 20-1 others.

4.30	LANCING HANDICAP STAKES £2,000
(3-Y-O) 7f (13 runners)	
1 (10) 023-	RUNNING FLUSH D Oughton 9 7..... A Murray
2 (2) 002300-	MASTER FRANCIS M Blanshard 9 6..... J Reid
6 (12) 0000-	ONE WAY TICKET A Pitt 8 10..... P Robinson
8 (8) 0003-	SAHARA STRAW C Benstead 8 9..... B Rouse
10 (4) 3000-2	DISTING (BF) H Beasley 8 7..... S Cuddy (7)
11 (6) 324300-	SARDAR K Brassey 8 6..... S Whitworth (3)
15 (13) 000-0	ROAD TO KILLS C Benstead 8 2..... D McKewen
16 (11) 000-	GUEST IMAGE G Lewis 8 2..... P Cook
18 (7) 021000-	SINGLE W Wightman 8 2..... M L Thomas
20 (1) 100000-	SUPERB TROOPER R Hoad 8 0..... B Crossley
21 (3) 13100-0	FRENCH EMPEROR M Haynes 7 11..... I Jenkinson
22 (9) 000-	TRIKKALA STAR R Voorspu 7 11..... D Brown (7)
23 (5) 0000-0	HYPERWASH W Holden 7 11..... R Morse (7)

BLINKERS: 23
PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Single, 7-2 Sardar, 9-2 Running Flush, 6-1 Disting, 8-1 Sahara Straw, 10-1 French Emperor, 12-1 One Way Ticket, 16-1 others.

HULL FAVOURITES

RUGBY LEAGUE

HULL and Castleford meet at Headingley again tonight to decide which of them will play Wigan in the Challenge Cup final in Wembley in May. Over 21,000 fans watched Saturday's gripping encounter, which ended with the teams locked at ten points each.

Tonight's game will be the third in five days for both sides. Hull play again on Friday. A fixture backlog of this proportion could even test the stamina of their incredible scrum half, Peter Sterling.

The Australian star was undoubtedly man of the match in Saturday's clash, which both teams could reasonably claim to have had good opportunity to

clinch. But in scrum half Bob Beardmore Castleford have a man who can turn any game on his own.

Castleford nearly shocked the favourites on Saturday. In the last minutes Steve James dropped his first pass of the afternoon when the seemingly easy try would have beaten Hull.

A packed Headingley crowd and the prospect of a visit to the famous twin towers should spur the two sides on to another great game tonight. It looks like Castleford have blown it, though. Hull are a class side and are unlikely to give the Yorkshire team a second chance.

It still looks like the black and white army from Humber-side will be marching south again in May.

Sports Line

KIWIS FIGHT BACK

NEW Zealand's chances of saving the second Test match against the West Indies in Georgetown, Guyana, depend to a great extent on the survival of Martin Crowe and Jeremy Coney, and to a lesser extent on Caribbean rainfall.

Play resumes today after the rest day with New Zealand on 230 for four in reply to West Indies' mammoth first innings total of 511 for six declared.

The touring side had shown considerable character to recover from a disastrous 98 for four, thanks to a fine 72 not out from Crowe and a steady 65 from Coney.

Priority

Defence was the batsmen's first priority. But as the fifth wicket stand climbed towards an unbeaten 132 the pair opened up, scoring 84 in

the 90 minutes' play possible after tea.

The New Zealand batsmen increased their dominance over the West Indies bowlers by dealing easily with a series of short-pitched deliveries from West Indies pacer Malcolm Marshall, annoyed at the New Zealand escape act.

New Zealand now need just 82 runs to avoid the follow-on and their chances of claiming their

second draw in the series have been increased by the rain which interrupted play on Monday.

Rain caused play to stop 30 minutes before the close on the third day, soon after the new ball had been taken, after 90 minutes had been lost late on the second day.

The West Indies' chances of victory in the first Test were also thwarted by a downpour which caused four hours to be lost on the first day.

match in Trinidad and was advised by doctors to rest for a few days. He missed the second one-day match because of a back injury.

Marshall did not play in the first two one-day internationals because of a knee injury. West Indies lead 2-0 in the five-match series.

New Zealand's second Test hopes rest with Jeremy Coney (right) and Martin Crowe (below)



BY OUR CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

Victory

Captain Viv Richards knows victory in his first series as captain will depend on fine weather in the last two Tests and also livelier strips than Georgetown's Bourda pitch which has offered his pace bowlers little encouragement.

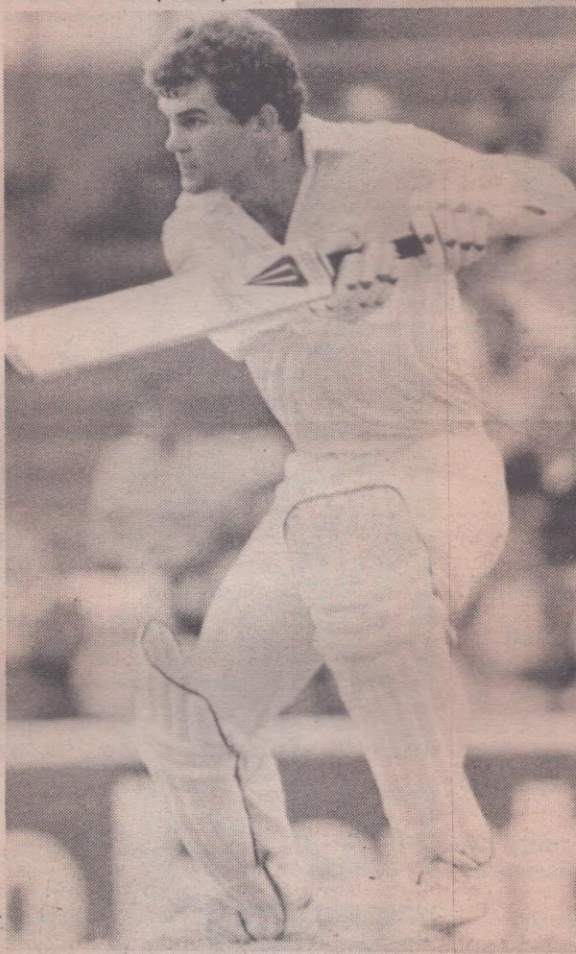
● WEST Indies cricket selectors have named Barbados captain Carlisle Best in a 12-man squad for the third one-day international against New Zealand.

Stylish

The uncapped Best, a stylish opening batsman, was also appointed to captain the West Indies President's XI against the New Zealanders in a three-day match in St Lucia starting on April 19.

Best, 25, gets a chance to make his international debut because his Barbadian compatriots, opening batsman Gordon Greenidge and fast bowler Malcolm Marshall, will miss the third and fourth one-day internationals.

Greenidge suffered from a stomach complaint on the last three days of the first Test



RUGBY NZ steps up pressure over rugby tour

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Acting Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer has told the New Zealand Rugby Union its planned tour of South Africa would hurt the country's global ties and jeopardise economic interests.

In a letter released yesterday, Palmer told the Union that despite the Labour government's efforts, some people would view the tour as New Zealand support for apartheid and defiance of international opinion.

He said past sport contact with South Africa had undermined Wellington's efforts to play a full part in international affairs and had directly contributed to its failure to gain election to the United Nations Security Council in 1982.

Palmer was replying to rugby chiefs' request on March 30 for clarification of Prime Minister David Lange's directive that the tour must not proceed — a directive Lange admitted he had no legal power to enforce.

Rugby Union chairman Ces Blazey said Palmer's assessment would be taken into account at next week's Union council meeting.

The Union has delayed deciding on whether to send the national All Blacks side to South Africa until April 17 — the day Lange returns from his five-nation visit to Africa.

Blazey has reacted to a decision by the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front to hold

mass protests in South Africa if the tour goes ahead.

He claimed it would be 'discriminatory' to demonstrate against a New Zealand rugby tour, but said nothing against the racist repression practiced in every field by the South African regime of President P.W. Botha.

● AUSTRALIA will boycott the 1986 World Surf Lifesaving Championships because South Africa intends to take part, the Surf Lifesaving Association of Australia (SLSA) said yesterday.

Boycott

SLSA president Alan Whelpton said the boycott was in line with Australian government policy.

In previous championships SLSA had said that they would not seek to be present where their attendance would cause embarrassment or deny attendance to any other world lifesaving countries.

Whelpton said he was very critical of the new stance taken by South Africa and the American authorities who have allowed South Africa to take part in the championships.

'There is no doubt that the South African SLA and the United States Lifeguard Association, the hosts of the carnival, have joined forces in a move which will exclude the majority of world lifesaving members from participation in the lifesaving contest,' he said.

Larry waits on Spinks

LARRY Holmes has signed a contract to defend his International Boxing Federation heavyweight title against undisputed light-heavyweight champion Michael Spinks.

Dick Lovell, Holmes' public relations representative, has said the fight probably would be held sometime between May 31 and June 21 with the venue undecided. It

was not known whether Spinks had also signed a contract.

The 35-year-old Holmes said before and after his 10th-round knockout of David Bey on March 15 that he would announce his retirement on June 9 unless he received between \$3 million and \$4 million dollars to fight Spinks or more than \$25 million for a rematch with Gerry Cooney.

Lovell declined to say how much Holmes, unbeaten in 47 professional bouts, had been guaranteed for the fight with Spinks.

If it comes off, the 15-round bout will be promoted by Lewis and Ring-side Events of Palm Beach, Florida, which has run a number of small-scale boxing cards but never a major bout.

Most of the purses, however, would come from either the National Broadcasting Company or Home Box Office, a cable television network, both of which have expressed an interest in televising the fight.

Should the fight materialise, Spinks, unbeaten in 26 professional bouts, would seek to become the first light-heavyweight champion to win the heavyweight title.

Spinks also would be seeking to become the first brother of a heavyweight champion to win the title. His brother, Leon, beat Muhammad Ali in 1976.

... TENNIS ... TENNIS ...

Jimmy ready for WCT

JIMMY Connors is expected to play in the World Championship Tennis (WCT) Finals in Dallas this week despite a back injury he suffered in a match last Saturday.

A spokesman for WCT said Connors' agent had informed tournament officials that he was 'keen' to play and expected to be able to do so.

Connors, who drew a first-round bye, was not scheduled to play until Thursday or Friday in the 12-man event which began yesterday.

Bill Norris, the trainer for the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), said the 32-year-old Connors suffered a slight muscle tear during his semi-final victory over Andres Gomez of

Ecuador in a tournament in Chicago last Saturday night.

As a result of the injury, Connors was forced to pull out of the final against John McEnroe.

The Chicago 'Sun-Times' claimed that after his default Connors became angry with a 'Sun-Times' photographer, cursing him, putting a hand on his camera and then pushing him.

The top 20 ATP men's tennis rankings, recently released, put Connors third in the world behind John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl. The top 20 is dominated by nine US players and five Swedish.

RANKINGS

THE top 20 in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings:

1. John McEnroe (US); 2. Ivan Lendl (Czech); 3. Jimmy Connors (US); 4. Mats Wilander (Sweden); 5. Andres Gomez (Ecuador); 6. Anders Jarryd (Sweden); 7. Henrik Sundstrom (Sweden); 8. Kevin Curren (SA); 9. Aaron Krickstein (US); 10. Pat Cash (Aust); 11. Joakim Nystrom (Sweden); 12. Eliot Teltscher (US); 13. Tomas Smid (Czech); 14. Yannick Noah (France); 15. Scott Davis (US); 16. Tim Mayotte (US); 17. Stefan Edberg (Sweden); 18. Johan Kriek (US); 19. Vitas Gerulaitis (US); 20. Gene Mayer (US)

THE top 20 moneywinners on the

Women's Tennis Association (WTA) circuit:

1. Martina Navratilova (US) \$375,187; 2. Chris Evert Lloyd (US) \$220,937; 3. Hana Mandlikova (Czech) \$167,537; 4. Helena Sukova (Czech) \$102,325; 5. Kathy Jordan (US) \$83,115; 6. Catarina Lindqvist (Sweden) \$74,375; 7. Carling Bassett (Canada) \$71,275; 8. Pam Shriver (US) \$65,680; 9. Elizabeth Smylie (Aust) \$51,187; 10. Kathy Rinaldi (US) \$50,612; 11. Wendy Turnbull (Aust) \$44,887; 12. Zina Garrison (US) \$43,612; 13. Kathy Horvath (US) \$42,937; 14. Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (W.Ger) \$38,900; 15. Barbara Potter (US) \$38,700; 16. Sharon Walsh (US) \$38,644; 17. Bonnie Gadusek (US) \$37,862; 18. Gigi Fernandez (US) \$36,612; 19. Peanut Louie (US) \$36,500; 20. Betsy Nagelsen (US) \$30,994.

Cautious Wark

EUROPEAN expert John Wark yesterday warned that holders Liverpool may need a three goals platform from tonight's semi-final against Panathinaikos if they are to reach a fifth European Cup semi-final.

Wark has hit a staggering 22 goals in 31 Euro ties with Ipswich and Liverpool — and is looking forward to figuring on the scoresheet again, against the Greeks at Anfield.

'I always seem to get among the goals in Europe, especially at home,' said Scottish midfielder man Wark. 'And we have got to make sure we do the business tomorrow.'

Wark, Liverpool's leading scorer this season with 23, feels Panathinaikos could pose a real threat to Liverpool's crown.

'Everybody has been saying they are the easiest team left, but they must be good to have got to the semi-finals of the European Cup,' he said.

'I think we will win, but if we don't score a few goals we might just find it hard over there. You don't usually get much out of Greece — and we need two or three from the home leg to make sure of getting into the final.'

Snooker dope tests

SNOOKER'S governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, yesterday introduced drug testing into all their future tournaments.

The testing begins this Friday, the first day of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship in Sheffield, and will be given to every player competing.

Should any player be subsequently proved to have taken a 'banned substance' they will be fined both prize money and ranking points and banned from the six following tournaments. Second offenders will be banned for life.

Paul Hatherell, a WPBSA official, explained the action by saying: 'We are supporting the drive of the Sports Council in this matter.' Snooker's traditional 'drugs' — alcohol and tobacco — are not affected, so long as players are over the legal age for smoking or drinking.

The WPBSA statement said: 'The board of the WPBSA, in line with recommendations from the Sports Council, has banned the use of certain substances by all its members in all snooker tournaments organised under the auspices of the WPBSA.'

'The banned substances are the same as those declared illegal by other sporting associations and this ban will operate from Friday April 12, 1985'

LUTON ANGRY AT F.A.

DON'T US IN FENCE

BY A SOCCER CORRESPONDENT

LUTON Town are expected to fight yesterday's Football Association order to fence in their Kenilworth Road ground following the troubles at last month's FA Cup match against Millwall.

Both clubs were found guilty by an FA disciplinary commission in London:

MILLWALL were fined £7,500.

LUTON were ordered to fence the ground and told to make all their home FA Cup ties next season all ticket. All Millwall's Cup ties will be made all-ticket.

The Tories and police were in uproar at the findings of the inquiry because they claimed it didn't go far enough in meeting the orders of Thatcher when she summoned the FA to Downing Street.

Attacked

Luton's chief executive John Smith immediately attacked his club's punishment. In a statement he said: 'In our view, the fencing in of our family enclosure and of our own season ticket holders defies all logic.'

'They were never at any time involved in the crowd misbehaviour. It was not our fans who wrecked our town, our stadium, or the trains en route.'

'We have an excellent disciplinary record spanning 14 years.' Added

EVERTON meet Bayern Munich tonight in a European Cup Winners' Cup first-leg semi-final which could put one of them nearer a unique soccer treble.

And Bayern's manager Uli Hoeness has nothing but praise for the Merseysiders.

'Everton are the greatest team to have come out of England in recent years. We only have a 20-per-cent

chance.'

Both clubs are on course to complete a League and Cup double on the domestic front, but tonight's game will decide which one could go on to lift the Cup Winners' Cup as well.

Squeezed

Bayern, who squeezed into the West German Cup final thanks to a controver-

sial penalty in extra-time against Borussia Moenchengladbach last Saturday, are troubled by injuries.

The West Germans have defenders Norbert Eder and Holger Willmer doubtful, but they may have been trying to bluff Everton when trainer Udo Lattek lamented: 'I wonder how I'm supposed to get a team together from the

dead and semi-dead available.'

Everton have injury worries of their own following last Saturday's 4-1 win over Sunderland.

Injury

Striker Andy Gray suffered a recurrence of a knee injury and could miss the first-leg tie.

Kevin Sheedy is nursing an injured ankle but re-

mains in manager Howard Kendall's 18 man squad.

Kendall will also be able to call on Belgian-born Pat van den Hauwe who missed the Sunderland game because of suspension.

Lattek will be hoping to end Bayern's poor record against British opposition in Europe — they have lost their last three encounters — and a £3,500 per-man winning bonus may prove the necessary incentive.



JUBILANT fans at Kenilworth Road celebrating a Luton goal — without the fencing. Now the club has been ordered to erect barriers around the pitch

pocket and it will be his decision whether we appeal or not,' said Shaw.

He added: 'The events of March 13 were so horrific and we were so crucified by the media afterwards that nothing the FA did today could have matched that as a punishment.'

'It's a slur on our name that will take a long time to eradicate.'

Reservations

Shaw said the club were willing to accept the all-ticket order for FA Cup games home and away, but had strong reservations. 'It's only an effective policy if it's adhered to, and that hasn't been the case in the past.'

Sports Minister Neil Macfarlane said in a statement: 'Some will be surprised that harsher penalties were not meted out after the

scenes of violence at Luton in the same way as the Football Association has urged the courts to pass firm sentences.'

Police Federation chairman Alan Eastwood said: 'We are yet again saddened that the football authorities have failed miserably to take measures to illustrate their disquiet on such disgraceful crowd scenes.'

'We would have thought that a ban to compete in all competitions plus relegation would have had a salutary effect on all clubs and spectators.'

Prime Minister Thatcher's personal manifesto for football crowd control wants every First and Second Division ground fenced in and more all-ticket games.

She has already intervened to ban the England-Scotland match due to be played at Wembley next month. The FA decided to

switch the game to Glasgow.

The FA sanctions took into account Luton's record, and commission chairman Les Mackay added that the FA had tried not to let the recent government crackdown on football crowds influence them.

Isolate

Mackay said the decisions had been made purely on the FA's present regulations, and the members had tried to isolate themselves from the recent discussions at No. 10.

Mackay said: 'We felt it would be unfair to both clubs as the incidents happened before we went to Downing Street.'

Of the suggestion that there were not enough police at the game, Mackay said: 'On the evidence from the police, we know 400

police were on duty, and they considered that would be adequate. We have to accept their word.'

He added: 'Evidence indicated an attack on the police at the end of the game, rather than fighting between rival supporters. There were no scuffles between rival supporters, it was visiting supporters against police.'

'It is fair to say our decision indicates these incidents might not have happened if the match had been all-ticket. The clubs had only three days to arrange matters, and felt an all-ticket game difficult to arrange.'

'To me the first scenes were due to overcrowding, and Millwall supporters tried to get out of the crush.'

Mackay said the commission had 'reached a severe enough sentence on the evidence we have seen'.