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TOMORROW

Mrs Maria Joffe witnessed the destruction of the Trotskyist movement inside the Soviet Union. After 28 years in a Soviet camp, she has told News Line of the last stand made by the Russian Left Opposition. Her husband, Adolf Joffe, a leading Bolshevik and friend of Trotsky, her children and her friends perished in the Stalin period. Read her story in tomorrow's News Line.

RAIL FARES LEAK

BRITISH RAIL have drawn up plans for a two-stage rail fare increase next year. The plans call for a 10-per-cent increase in January followed by a 7½ to 10 per cent rise later on in the year.

In the past 15 months fares have gone up four times, an increase of 60 per cent.

A confidential document now before British Rail chiefs says the rise should be as soon as possible. This would be in January after the ending of the freeze on fare rises introduced by the former British Rail chairman Sir Richard Marsh in May.

On Monday, British Rail's new chief, Mr Peter Parker — the millionaire 'socialist' said that the next increase would be in the spring. The 'leaked' document contradicts this.

British Rail panicked over the leakage and denied the reports of fare increases.

The British Rail Board said yesterday: 'No confidential document has been circulated to senior staff or trade unions with proposals for two increases in rail fares in 1977.'

The Board has not yet met to discuss its pricing policy for next year and neither the size nor the timing of any increase is yet known.'

BY ALEX MITCHELL

LORD WATKINSON, Confederation of British Industry president, warned yesterday that 'Britain is effectively bust as a viable industrial nation'.

'This is the measure of the mess that we have got ourselves into,' he told the American Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Savoy yesterday.

The first priority was restoring 'company profitability' — though he did not mention the £110m paid by the Bank of England to Slater Walker!

The 'New York Times' yesterday spelled out what the bankers want.

A major editorial said that Prime Minister Callaghan must impose 'a siege economy' in the face of 'what is looming as an economic Dunkirk'.

CBI chief's shock speech



Lord Watkinson

sensitivity bordering on despair' in the City.

The 'New York Times' editorial warned that if the unions try to start 'a mass scramble' to make wages catch up with inflation then 'the entire British economy would suffer a devastating blow'.

Referring to last Friday's Bank of England decision to hoist the Minimum Lending

Rate to 13 per cent, the 'Times' said it was 'a rate that presumably would draw money not just from the moon, but from Mars.'

The attraction of 'hot money' will not rectify Britain's bankruptcy.

What is needed, the 'Times' adds, is 'a strong combination of fiscal, monetary and incomes policies'.

Harsher

This is American for higher taxes, public spending cuts, large-scale unemployment and harsher wage cuts.

POSTSCRIPT: The 'Ottawa Journal' carried an editorial yesterday saying that no one in British public life inspired more confidence than Prime Minister James Callaghan.

• See What We Think.

Worse

The ever-sinking pound was testimony to the belief of the financial world that worse inflation was to come.

Today the Retail Price Index will be published showing, for the second time this week, that inflation is officially on the upswing again.

Shop prices are expected to follow the increase in the Wholesale Price Index announced on Monday — up for the first time in over a year.

The deadlock over the seamen's pay claim reverberated through the money and share markets again yesterday.

Kenneth Fleet, 'Daily Telegraph' finance editor, spoke of the 'acute



Seamen's leader Jim Slater leaving union headquarters yesterday

SEAMEN TO GET NEW OFFER

SHIPOWNERS agreed yesterday to make a new pay and conditions offer next Tuesday to Britain's 38,000 seamen.

They also agreed to consider the inclusion of the fringe benefits to the 4½ per cent pay limit.

These additional payments will effectively breach the social contract. But the shipowners have been given the go-ahead by the Labour government which is anxious to avert at all costs the seamen's threatened all-out strike.

Assurances have been given to the government by the TUC leaders that they will try to stop the pay limits being smashed altogether by holding other trades unionists back from following the seamen's militant lead.

There were signs, however, of growing fears among rank and file members of the National Union of Seamen that the original claim will be watered down.

A lobby of 50 Merseyside seamen told their union leaders in London that the membership wanted a big increase on basic rates.

Benefits

'We can't give fringe benefits to our wives to pay the bill,' Joe Dobbs, from Liverpool, told NUS executive members as they went in to see the employers.

There were strong demands for the strike to be called as planned from midnight of September 26.

Earlier in the day there had been a 12-4 vote on the NUS

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Industrial Correspondent

executive.

The four dissidents — Peter Rogers, Joe Dodsworth, Callum MacNeil and Laurie Patmore — failed in the vote to stop the union's negotiating body taking control of the talks with the General Council of British Shipping.

Stronger

Right-wing national officials of the union have a stronger hold over the negotiating committee than the lay executive council.

There was also anger at ship owners' senior negotiator William Hunt coming into possession of a secret TUC document on which the NUS claim for fringe benefits had been based.

Left-wing members of the NUS executive insisted that the strike should go ahead unless the offer from the employers included payment for 'captive time' — unpaid time spent by seamen on board ship waiting to be called for duty.

NUS general secretary Jim Slater said his executive council would be called together next Wednesday to consider the offer.

DR K'S VISIT UNDER ATTACK

BY JACK GALE

DR Henry Kissinger's talks with South African premier Vorster were condemned at a meeting in London last night.

John Gaetsewe of the South African Congress of Trade Unions shared the platform with British union leaders including Ken Morgan (NUJ) and Lawrence Daly (NUM). (See centre page story).

Alert

In Pretoria, police and military units are on full alert for Kissinger's arrival for his third talks with Vorster in as many months.

Two paraffin bombs were thrown into city centre shops last night.

In Johannesburg and Cape Town there were strong rumours of an



Last night's meeting of South African and British Trade unionists in London

African 'show of strength'.

It was reported that mass marches, strike and demonstrations might be staged to coincide with Kissinger's visit.

Thousands of black workers returned to work in Johannesburg yesterday, after their

highly-successful three-day strike against the racist regime.

In Cape Town, the two-day strike of mainly Coloured (mixed race) workers continued, with docks, building sites, factories and shops affected.

What we think

Labour hides the dirt

THE SLATER Walker scandal has exposed the Labour government more than ever as the tool of big business.

For more than two years, the right-wing rump under first Wilson and now Callaghan has pleaded poverty and told the working class that public spending must be cut. Wringing their hands in phoney grief, minister after minister has stood up and 'regretted' the need to axe housing, hospitals, schools, etc., etc.

Even greater humbug was poured out about the plight of the pensioners and the unemployed. 'Regrettably', the Labour government had to insist that improvements in pensions would have to be delayed until better times produced an economic recovery and allowed the state to reduce its debts.

Even 'more regrettably', economic expansion to provide jobs for the 1.5 million unemployed, including half a million jobless school-leavers, would have to wait until 'Britain was paying its way again'.

Now this sickening hypocrisy is revealed for the deceitful lies that it is.

Right in the middle of the cuts in public spending which have meant tragedy for many of the elderly, the unwell, the homeless, and the unemployed, the Labour government let the Bank of England hand out more than £110.m to the speculators at Slater Walker.

This greedy gang of City slickers started to burn their fingers badly in 1974 and 1975 as the inevitable slump began knocking gaping holes in the inflationary boom. Instead of letting them stew in the bankruptcy they deserved, the Labour government, via the state-owned Bank of England, came to their rescue.

Even the 'Daily Telegraph', private enterprise's own bible, showed itself yesterday to be amazed at this. It commented on former

managing director Tony Buckley's departure from Slater-Walker last year having just taken another £500,000 loan out of the company, a move the intervening Bank of England and other City worthies did not stop.

The gloss put on his departure, 'the Telegraph' wrote, 'was that the fun had gone from the job... His move, he said, was a natural: he was going to run his own show, make his own mark.'

The newspaper went on: 'Yesterday's documents from Slater Walker Securities put his departure in a rather different light, and one which had it shone publicly at the time might have deflected several other companies from making serious losses.'

'When the managing director left, SWS was collapsing. Its in-house bank was facing insolvency, as was its insurance company. Its investments included some appalling disasters, and Slater directors were being investigated in the Far East. SWS was a mess.'

It was certainly in too much of a mess to justify the £500,000 loan gamble taken on Mr Buckley's ability to build up a new company. Yet this is what the majority of the £780,000 debt owed by Mr Buckley to SWS amounts to. He owed SWS cash when he decided to quit, money which was not sufficiently secured to rank as a good debt. So to try to improve the security for the first debt, a second much larger loan was made over.

No wonder the Department of Trade minister Edmund Dell has refused a Lorrho-type inquiry into the Slater Walker scandal. Because the Labour government, through its responsibility for the Bank of England, will be shown up in as bad a light as anyone involved.

The Labour government is making sure as well that the working class does not find out too much about the Slater Walker scandal. This Labour government's putrid hypocrisy and deceit is the most powerful reason for bringing down this tool of big business.

Be more Tory-say Tories

Calls for a more aggressive right-wing stand by Tory leaders are made in resolutions for the coming Conservative Party

conference published yesterday.

Comment comes from the Ashton-Under-Lyne Constituency Party, which says,

THE conference news-sheet of the Young Liberals has called David Steel's meeting with them on coalition 'a pathetic performance'. It said he refused to commit himself and avoided answering questions. The news-sheet went on:

'Coalition means an alliance with the Tories which would be political prostitution and electoral suicide. It is time that David Steel acquired some political acumen, for the moment he seems as politically aware as Peter Pan.'

20,000 teachers out of job

OVER 20,000 teachers are unemployed according to detailed figures released today by the National Union of Teachers.

They show that local education authorities have employed one third fewer teachers this year than in 1975. The teachers' union estimates that around 14,000 newly-qualified teachers have been unable to find jobs.

NUT general secretary Fred Jarvis said the union's information was the most detailed so far published on teacher unemployment.

'Alas our returns fully bore out what we have been saying for some months now, that the level of teacher unemployment is in excess of 20,000.'

• Solid support has been reported from over 2,500 teachers in Oxfordshire for the half-day strike called by the NUT next Tuesday in protest against proposed education cuts.

Oil yard men turn scaffolders back

A MASS picket at Redpath, Dorman, Long's oil-platform construction yard at Methil, Fife, successfully turned away a busload of scaffolders from the yard gates yesterday morning.

But five steel erectors entered the yard as the company, a subsidiary of British Steel, stepped up its attempt to break the strike.

The strikers, 200 scaffolders and steel erectors and about 30 boilermakers have rejected a deal on severance pay because they say it means abandoning trade union conditions.

Following acceptance of the deal by a narrow majority of the workforce, after pressure from union officials and shop stewards, the company sacked the scaffolders who decided to make a stand.

RDL want to pay off most of their 1,300 workers by early next year because of lack of orders

it is gravely disturbed at the lack of impact on the public by the 'shadowless cabinet', and calls on Thatcher to strengthen her frontbench team as a matter of supreme urgency. From the same source comes another motion saying 'the conservative natives are once again getting extremely restless with the lack of positive administration and alternatives to this disastrous socialist administration.'

Wolverhampton South-West urges that all party policy should 'reflect the tenets of true conservatism and not be influenced by the political opinions of members who can only be classed as pink socialist.'

The Party's marked rightward turn is shown-up by scores of resolutions calling for racist policies and a ban on immigration.

SEPTEMBER FUND: LONG WAY TO GO

WE HAVE 14 days to complete our fund and we have only raised £557.84 out of £4,000. Urgent action is needed if we are to complete our target on time.

We appeal to every reader and all our supporters to rally now as never before for your paper.

The drop in the pound as a result of the Slater-Walker crash only confirms the enormous crisis of this capitalist system. They have no solution except to make the working class pay with mass unemployment and roaring inflation.

The policy of this government has been to prop

Right-wing attack on Des's holiday



Des Warren

THE RIGHT wing are trying to stop Des Warren from having a holiday paid for by trades unionists after his three-year jail sentence for picketing.

More than a dozen unions have chipped in to raise the money to send Warren, his wife Elsa and his five children on a two-week trip to Bulgaria on October 12.

The holiday has been attacked by Yorkshire miner Charlie Churn, the secretary of the Sharlston colliery, near Wakefield.

Churn is a well-known right-winger who has opposed industrial action by miners and led campaigns against the Yorkshire leadership.

Churn said: 'If the man needs a holiday he could have gone to Blackpool under his own steam.'

Len Dawson, secretary of

the British Bulgarian Trade Union Association organised the appeal for the holiday which has raised about £1,000. The Yorkshire miners' union gave £50.

He said: 'Des has spent three years in prison for a political offence. Quibbling about £50 is too petty to talk

about.'

Warren was jailed in 1973 after a long trial sponsored by the Tory government and the employers.

He was a leader of the flying pickets in the 1972 building workers' strike that succeeded in closing many lump building sites.

CRAWLING TO THE BANKERS AGAIN

THE government struck a new blow at the unemployed and at living standards yesterday when it took £350m out of the money supply.

Commercial finance has been ordered to place this amount in the Bank of England's special frozen deposit by October 6.

by Royston Bull Our Political Correspondent

It is a gesture to convince Britain's foreign creditors that the Labour government will tighten the screws on the economy as much as the international bankers want.

This attempt to restore confidence in the tottering pound by deliberately restricting economic activity in Britain still further follows the news revealed yesterday in the Bank of England's quarterly bulletin that domestic credit expansion rose sharply in the second quarter of the year.

The government had already promised the International Monetary Fund that credit expansion will be

limited to £9,000m this year.

The rate of growth from April to June was slightly higher than this.

The promise was made when the British capitalist state applied for its first-stage IMF loan earlier this year.

The 'Financial Times' commented yesterday:

'A specific commitment on its rise (domestic credit expansion) frequently forms one of the conditions for IMF loans and will almost certainly be required if Britain applies for a further loan later this year, as is widely expected on both sides of the Atlantic.'

Rot

In an attempt to stop the speculative rot against sterling by overseas creditors who doubt British capitalism's ability to survive the deepening world slump, the government has already let the pound fall again in value and put up interest rates to 13 per cent.

The new curbs on credit will tighten the deflationary screws on the economy considerably, causing more inefficient firms to go bankrupt and pushing up unemployment and the cost of living still further.

The measures are a direct continuation of Labour's

attack on the working class through cutting public spending and holding wages below the cost of living through the TUC's pay laws.

The special deposits must be handed over on September 28 and October 6.

It will increase by more than a third the total assets already frozen at the Bank of England (currently £1,037m or 3 per cent of all bank assets).

Need

Although there are already 1.5 million out of work in Britain and desperately in need of factories to open to provide them with jobs, the special deposits will reduce the amount of capital available and cause further closures.

The Labour government is acting against the interests of the working class, but is in line with the view of international investors that in the conditions of world-wide slump, British industry is inefficient and loss-making and should be shut down.

This was reflected yesterday when the Stock Exchange index fell another four points. But the international holders of sterling removed some of their pressure and the pound went up slightly.

The most expensive coat in the world

ROCKETING fuel bills will mean a winter of misery and death for thousands of old people and poor families, according to a shock report out today.

It finds that winter fuel costs could double this year and that low income families will not be able to warm their homes to the minimum level.

Some 6 million people are in danger, many of them old people who suffer a lingering death from hypothermia, the disease caused by a drop in body temperature.

Grants

The Medical Research Council say that 45,000 suffer from hypothermia and 730,000 pensioners are at risk from the cold, even in a mild winter.

The findings of the survey — commissioned by the former Prices Minister Shirley Williams — suggests that deaths will escalate this year because of the large government-sponsored price rises in gas, electricity and coal.

The report is now with the government.

It won't keep dying OAPs warm

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Michael Young, chairman of the National Consumers Council, who did the research, said yesterday that not only do poor people have less to spend on fuel, but they also get poor value.

They are forced to buy cheap heaters that are most expensive to run.

Many council house families have expensive heating systems forced upon them, the working class live in homes with low standards of insulation and the old in particular live in houses that waste heat.

The cost of keeping a small room at the tolerable temperature of 70 degrees last December was £1 for a solid fuel closed stove, £1.70 for a gas radiant fire and £2.90 a week for an electric fire.

Winter

The report warns that this winter these costs could double.

The report calls for a removal of disconnection powers, higher fuel benefits for those in need, grants for insulation, prosecution of landlords who overcharge for electricity and gas and favourable tariffs for the poor.

countries. But Britain has only one of the lasers under study — at the Birmingham accident hospital.

And surgeons have told the system's pioneer, Professor Isaac Kaplan, that they doubt if the National Health Service can afford the knife, which costs about £35,000.

LASER SCALPEL

A LASER 'knife' whose pinpoint of invisible light can give almost bloodless surgery with less post-operative pain for patients than the traditional scalpel, has been described in detail to doctors at top teaching hospitals in the past ten days.

The high-powered carbon-dioxide laser is already in use in 19

GOVERNMENT'S CUT ORDERS CLOSE HOSPITALS

THE GOVERNMENT is forcing the pace of hospital closures in London.

The latest areas to suffer are Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow, where the health authority is closing two hospitals and considering the closure of four more.

The authority said it must take these 'unpalatable steps' after a directive from Social Services Secretary David Ennals to cut spending.

The proposals, which include the closure of Western hospital, Fulham, and Brentford hospitals, are intended to cut £3,248,000 by March, 1978.

More than 70 per cent of the cut-back will be found in parts of the service which do not directly affect patient care, said the authority in a statement.

Ennals told the authority that it should bring spending 'into balance' by the end of the current financial year, but members agreed they would aim for the end of the next financial year to minimise the impact.

Apart from the closure of Western (133 beds) and Brentford (33 beds), the authority is considering shutting Temple Hill House psychiatric hospital, Hampstead (18 beds), St Helena's home of Recovery, Cricklewood (22 beds) and

Hounslow Chest Clinic.

Other plans are closure to in-patients of Hounslow hospital (66 beds); South Middlesex hospital to handle only infectious diseases and chest diseases; no more surgical work at Acton Hospital.

The authority is also proposing to close Hurlingham Lodge TB hostel, Hammersmith, where 28 men are accommodated, and the drug dependency unit at Charing Cross hospital.

Early this week, Hackney health authority said government policy had forced it to bring in 400 redundancies and close clinic and emergency services in the East London borough.



Model girl Myrtle wearing the Alaska lynx coat valued at £22,000. It was flown in from Montreal with over £2m worth of furs for Harrods.

International Fur Presentation. Deputy security supervisor John Allen is there to make sure the coat doesn't run away.

Probation for black 'vendetta'

Firebombs thrown at black homes

A man said to be 'harbouring a grievance against the black community' tried to set fire to the homes of two families last June, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

John Charles Hill, 29, of Tottenham, threw part of a paraffin lamp containing methylated spirits through the living room window of one house in north London and then threw a plastic bottle filled with paraffin and burning rags towards another.

Intent

Hill told police later that he had a strong dislike of the black community and that 'he expected to get a medal for what he had done'.

He admitted two charges of attempting to damage houses by fire, possessing the bottle and rags with intent to damage property and breaking a window.

Guilty

Judge Marnan, QC, told Hill: 'There is a lot which demands sympathy and understanding and you are in need of help, but on the other hand the public are in need of protection and it is not altogether easy for me to decide what is the right course.'

Finally he settled for placing Hill on three years' probation.

The prosecution accepted pleas of not guilty to two charges of attempting to damage the houses by fire with intent to endanger life.

Navy tour in Korea

SEOUL — Admiral Sir Ian Easton, Commandant of the British Royal Defence College, arrived here yesterday with a party of 11, on a 'familiarisation tour', at the invitation of the South Korean Defence Ministry.

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

Meeting to commemorate

36th



Trotsky speaking in Copenhagen, 1932

Anniversary of Trotsky's death

SCOTLAND

Sunday October 10, 7 p.m.
Royal Stuart Hotel
Clyde Street, Glasgow

Speakers: G HEALY (Central Ctee)
CORIN REDGRAVE (Central Ctee)
MARY MATHIESON (YS National Ctee)

At all meetings there will be a showing of the new version of the film Trotsky — A Documentary of his Life and Work

Secrets appeal put off

THE RUSSIAN embassy had been approached for evidence to help former RAF Vulcan bomber pilot Alastair Steadman in his appeal court judge said on secrets charges, an appeal court judge said yesterday.

Lord Justice Lawton had read through a solicitor's letter handed to him by Steadman's counsel, Mr Martin Thomas, who was asking more time to prepare the case.

The judge told Mr Thomas: 'Your client's solicitors have been very active to little avail. For example, they enlisted the help of a distinguished politician to try to get a statement from the Russian Embassy.'

'This court would not have considered such evidence unless the witness had been present to be cross-examined.'

Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice Lawson and Mr Justice Ackner agreed to adjourn the case until the first week in October.

Ex-flight lieutenant Steadman, 35, of Rhos-Y-Bol, Anglesey, was jailed for nine years by Mr Justice O'Connor, at Mold Crown Court a year ago for attempting to communicate information which might be useful to an enemy.

He was not present at yesterday's hearing.

TURN THE LIGHTS ON

ELECTRICITY is to be supplied, for the first time, to a remote village in the Cambrian hills.

The population of Wasdale Head, 35 in winter swelling to 600 in summer, will be able to put away the oil lamps and candles when the power is turned on in spring.

The North Western Electricity Board and the National Trust have approved a £75,000 plan to supply power to the community.

The area is renowned for its beauty and in the past, plans to provide electricity have fallen through because the power cables would spoil the views.

The accepted plan consists of two short lengths of overhead cable and five miles of hidden cable.



LONDON STRIKE OVER BONUS RATES

ONE hundred and thirty building workers continued their strike over bonus rates at the Higgs and Hill site, Buckingham Gate, Westminster yesterday.

Bonus rates at the moment can be as low as 40p for some trades.

The men, all in the T&GWU or UCATT, are demanding a bonus scheme where all trades can earn a minimum of 75p bonus.

The men claim that many of the targets at present are set so that they are impossible to achieve.

ROBUST DIRECTOR RAPPED

Fish and furniture only mixed for a short time

BY NEWSLINE REPORTER

A TRANSPORT company which started as a one-man business, should never have become a public company because of the 'lack of ability of the board of directors as a whole', a Department of Trade investigation report stated yesterday.

The report also criticises the 'lack of integrity' and 'management style' of the former managing director, Mr Ralph Hilton.

In his early days, Hilton had a 'robust attitude' to business, says the report.

'For example, he was not embarrassed to combine house removal work with the delivery of fish on the same lorry on the same day'.

Later at one point the results of the company were overstated by about £299,000, says the report, adding that the collapse of the company was 'inevitable' because its weaknesses when it went public were not remedied.

The company is Roadships Ltd, formerly known as Ralph Hilton Transport Services Ltd, which went public in 1970 but

was placed in the hands of a receiver in June last year. HTS changed its name to Roadships in September 1974.

The report, the result of a three-year investigation by two Department of Trade inspectors, says the prospectus when the company went public was 'misleading'.

'It gave an impression of a well-managed company run by an experienced board and having sufficient working capital for its anticipated programme of expansion'.

The Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation is also criticised for lack of 'skill and care' in sponsoring the flotation.

After the inspectors began their investigation in 1974 Hilton, 53, of Chislehurst, Kent, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to falsification of company

accounts and was fined £2,500 and ordered to pay £2,500 towards the Department investigation, the report says.

Former director and company secretary John Skinner of Sevenoaks, Kent, was given a suspended prison sentence at the same court after admitting conspiracy, falsification of company accounts and forgery.

The company's former chief accountant Robert Withers, gave evidence for the crown at Hilton's trial.

The report goes on to tabulate the 'reckless' behaviour of Hilton, who built up HTS from one lorry to a company with several hundred.

Miners ask to see MP

The EXECUTIVE committee of the National Union of Mineworkers has decided to ask for a meeting with premier James Callaghan and other government ministers to press their demands for early retirement for miners.

The miners want retirement at 60, reducing gradually to retirement at 55 for underground workers.

NUM President Joe Gormley said the union was also seeking an early meeting with the

National Coal Board to discuss the board's reply to the miners' original request.

Gormley said: 'Unless we get an offer which meets our full claim, there will be no escaping a ballot. I have no doubt we shall get an offer from the board eventually, and we shall be putting that offer to our members in the ballot, as against our own claim.'

The executive also accepted a decision by the joint national negotiating council to set up a working party to try to work out an incentive scheme for the industry.

PUPILS SENT HOME

ABOUT 1,800 pupils at Bideford Comprehensive School in North Devon were sent home yesterday following a decision by the school governors to close the school.

The closure follows the suspension of nine members of the National Association of Schoolmasters for refusing to work an extra 100 minutes every week.

The remaining 13 NAS members at the school have supported the suspended teachers. They have refused to take any lessons which would

normally have been taken by them.

It is understood that members of other unions — including the National Union of Teachers — had given a similar assurance.

More than 300 pupils had Tuesday off, but by the evening the dispute appeared to be over. A settlement had been reached between the teachers and Devon's Education Department. On Wednesday, however, the row blew up again.

Yesterday, teachers representative Colin Abraham started fresh talks with Devon's Education Chief Mr Joslyn Owen.

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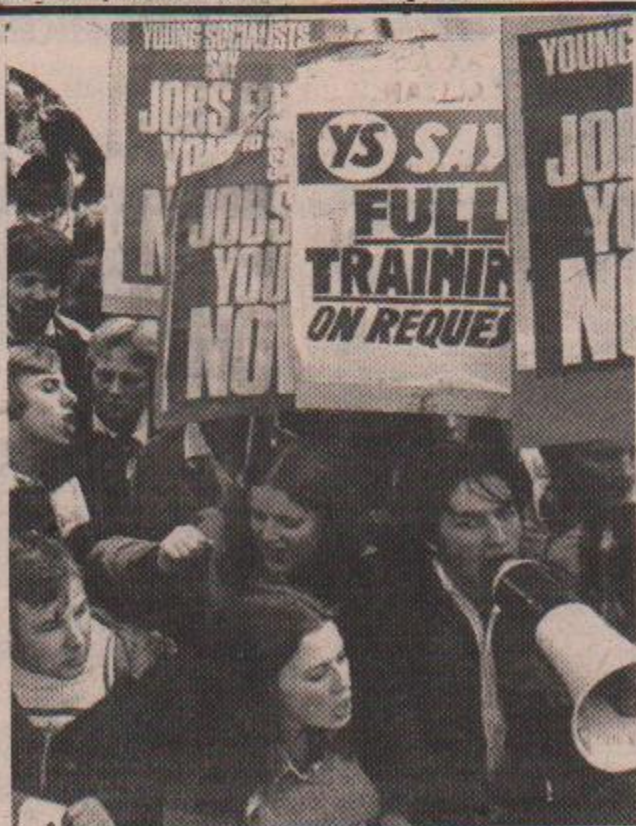
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ITALY'S ECONOMY

DEREK SADDLER was recently in Italy for the News Line. Today we publish the fourth in a series of articles on jobs, housing, health and the economy.

IF YOU go to the market in Piazza Vittoria, probably the cheapest place to buy food in Rome, you have to struggle through the crowds at the vegetable stalls and cheese stalls.

But at the meat stalls, it is as if the butchers have the plague — no-one will go near them.

I waited about ten minutes near one and finally a woman came up and bought 100 grams (about 3½ oz) of pork.

She told the butcher to slice it thin and she went away with three slivers of meat thinner than bacon rashers.

That cost her 32p. A pound of pork would have cost her £1.45. For veal, one of the most popular meats in Italy, she would have to pay up to £1.80 and for steak up to £2.20.

In the local shops prices would be considerably higher.

Meat is rapidly becoming a rare luxury in working class families, but it has not been possible just to fall back on cheaper foods because prices of basic foods have gone up even faster.

Inflation

Potato prices went up as high as in Britain last winter and Italy's staple food, pasta, has doubled in price in two years.

Inflation over the last two years has been about 40 per cent, but in that time average wages have only gone up 25 per cent.

The rate of inflation appeared to be slowing down last year, but in the first four months of this year it went up from 11 per cent to 16.5 per cent.

The full effects of the devaluation of the lira earlier this year have still to be reflected in retail prices.

Behind the fall in the lira and the standard of living of the working class lies a desperate economic situation. The following figures will give a glimpse of how serious it is.

Bankrupt

Italy vies with Britain in being the most bankrupt country in Europe.

The deficit of state-run industries and local authorities now amounts to £83,000m. The interest alone on this represents 5 per cent of the Gross National Product every year.

The International Monetary Fund has estimated that the Treasury deficit this year will come to £10,000m, which represents 14 per cent of the GNP.

This compares to a figure in Britain of 9.3 per cent and in France of only 2.1 per cent.

Overseas debts now amount to

Where the meat

is sliced thinner than bacon



Rome butcher's shop — avoided like the plague



Vegetable stalls in the Piazza Vittoria

some \$16,000m. To guarantee this huge sum the Bank of Italy has reserves of only \$5,000m, mostly in gold.

At the end of this month a \$2,000m loan from West Germany was due to be repaid, but the government has had to absorb almost all the foreign currencies earned through tourism this year.

Last year the balance of

payments deficit was down to only £1,500m but in the first four months of this year it has already reached £1,350m, in spite of the expected benefits of devaluation.

If foreign holders of Italian currency have shown little confidence in the future of the country's economy, the native capitalists have shown themselves if anything more

pessimistic. In money terms, investment fell by 3.4 per cent last year which represents a fall of 20 per cent in real terms.

The first reaction of the Italian industrialist to the election results was relief that the Christian Democrats had retained enough votes to make a left-wing government impossible. The second reaction was that the Communist Party

had to be used to implement an 'emergency programme' against inflation.

The Stalinists have proved quite willing to collaborate in this without even being in the government. However, they will only be able to deliver the goods for the capitalist class to a very limited extent.

The crisis is so serious that the capitalist class must attempt to

destroy the labour movement as they did under Mussolini.

That is why more and more money has been finding its way into the hands of the fascist groups in recent years.

• In two further articles by Derek Sadler, the role of the Communist Party and the extreme right wing will be examined.

Union praises ex BR chief



Richard Marsh

THE railwaymen's paper 'Transport Review' finds praise for former rail chief Sir Richard Marsh in this week's issue.

The National Union of Railwaymen's editorial says: 'His tenure at the Board has been interspersed with minor difficulties which he took with an urbane calmness bordering on indifference.'

'A superb public front man, Sir Richard has not been bad for the industry, although it would tax us to be able to define exactly what

advances had been made under his chairmanship.

'As boss of a very large nationalised industry' he held court 'with charm, wit and occasionally bunny-like playfulness', it continues.

Marsh, who left British Rail a week ago, boasted of its 'success story'. In the past ten years, staff on the railways had been reduced by 40 per cent 'without a single dispute about it', he said.

He now starts a job as chairman of the Newspaper Publishers' Association.

Now Bishop joins the Jesus film row



THE Bishop of Wakefield, Dr Eric Treacy, has come out against those who want to stop Jens Thorsen from coming to Britain to make a film on the imagined sex life of Jesus Christ.

In a letter to his diocese, Dr Treacy, who is due to retire shortly, hopes that the Danish Film producer will abandon his plans.

The proposed film has been described as 'obnoxious' by the queen.

But, says the bishop, he cannot bring himself to join those who want Mr Thorsen to be refused entry and sent back to Denmark.

'Such demands, made by Englishmen suffering from one of their periodic attacks of moral indignation, have about them an ugly ring.'

'They are the first steps towards an authoritarianism which would, in the end, take away from us that freedom of choice which is essential to the growth of personality and the

development of character.'

But the 69-year-old Bishop warns Thorsen that there is nothing he can do to diminish the majesty and power of Jesus Christ.

'He will see you and your film off,' he comments. 'You are not making a judgment on Jesus by this film — you are passing judgment on yourself.'

A college in Nottingham is to give evening courses on exorcism as part of a course on modern spirituality, Reuter reported yesterday.

BP buys into coal in New South Wales

THE British Petroleum Group is to buy a half-share in a coal-mining interest in Australia. It will cost 162 million Australian dollars (£116.5m), said BP in London yesterday.

BP Coal Ltd And Universe Tankships Inc have exchanged letters of intent over the proposed acquisition of 50 per cent of Universe's coal interests in New South Wales.

These interests, currently held by Wollcliff Pty Ltd, and its associated companies, including Clutha Development Pty Ltd, are operated under the name of Clutha.

The deal will mark BP's entry into coal production in Australia. The jointly-owned company 'plans to carry on the vigorous development of Clutha's resources', said a statement.

RODDY'S COMMUNE IS IN RUINS

BY RICHARD DIGNAM

THE upper crust commune where romance blossomed between Princess Margaret and playboy Roddy Llewellyn has collapsed.

There is now no one left at Surrendell Farm, Wiltshire, where out-of-work Roddy entertained the queen's sister.

Scandal

When the royal romance scandal blew up, he went to earth on the instructions of

Buckingham Palace. Now it has been revealed that he is idling on the Island of Sark, where his uncle has a grand estate.

His mother said at her home at Abergavenny in South Wales: 'Before my son left Wiltshire, he brought all his personal belongings home here.'

'He told his father and me that he was fed up with the commune because he had to do all the work. It really wasn't fair on the boy.'

'His job was just to do the garden, but he was often too busy with other things to do it and they used to grumble at him and it upset him.'

'My son is now having a holiday and looking after my sister's camellias — he loves flowers, and at this time of year the blooms are gorgeous and he's having a lovely time.'

Roddy and his jet set friends

bought the 45-acre farm near Chippenham just over a year ago. They also bought a plush restaurant in Bath.

Concern

The idea was to supply vegetables and meat from the commune to make the operation a going concern.

But the whole thing fell apart, particularly as the drought dried up everything.

The commune members took a vote and decided to pull out.

Mr Michael Tickner, an architect, who still lives at the commune with Lady Sarah Ponsonby, refused to sell.

There was an offer, but it was no good, said Mr Tickner. 'There has been a row among us

Row over how it should be run

all and I naturally wanted the best deal.'

'A friend of mine, Dr George, who is a Ghanaian medical practitioner in London and well known in the Chelsea set, has injected a large amount of cash.'

'He now has a 50 per cent share in the restaurant and we are going to run it together. The debts have been paid off and we might now start running discos.'

'Roddy and some of the others did not like the prospect of us selling — there were terrible rows. It was an impossible situation with so many people

wanting a say', said Mr Tickner.

Recently a mysterious benefactor paid almost £300 to farmer John Rawlins for a phone bill that the commune had run up using an extension he allowed them to put in their pigsty.

The bill was going to be paid — it involved calls to Australia — in hay, but the crop failed. Neither Mr Rawlins nor any of the commune will say who paid the bill.

Locals are asking whether it came from the Royal Household purse!

FARMLAND PRICES UP

THE VALUE of farmland with vacant possession in England and Wales went up to an average £707 an acre during the quarter ending July 31, an increase of £217 over the same period last year, says a Country Landowners' Association survey.

Private individuals or family trusts bought 90 per cent of the acreage, financial institutions 6 per cent, public authorities 2 per cent and other institutions 2 per cent.

Cheques girl remanded

A FORMER girlfriend of racing driver James Hunt was bailed yesterday on charges of conspiring to circulate counterfeit cheques and possessing a gas gun.

Chantele Lecluse, 28, a Belgian of Chelsea, west London, was remanded by Havering, Essex, magistrates on her own recognizance of £500 and one surety of £500 until October 21.

New Park Publications has proudly launched its latest title, 'How the GPU Murdered Trotsky'. It is a unique historical document brilliantly presented in three colours in magazine format.

The book was compiled by the International Committee of the Fourth International following a six-month investigation of the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Leon Trotsky, Lenin's co-leader of the Russian Revolution and founder of the Red Army.

It brings together hitherto unpublished evidence of GPU crimes against the Fourth International drawn from US government archives, court testimony given during the 1950s spy trials in New York and interviews conducted in the United States and western Europe.

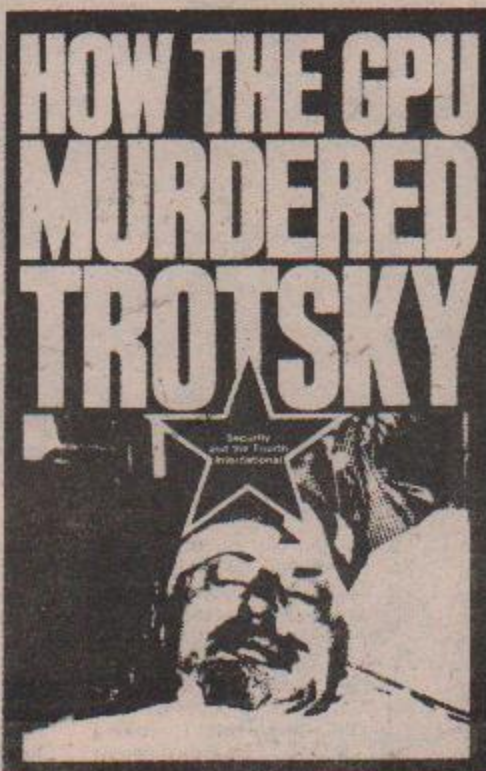
In tracing the history of murder, provocation and disruption by Stalin's undercover agents inside the Trotskyist movement, the book unearths their accomplices — Joseph Hansen and George Novack of the Socialist Workers Party (USA) who have conducted a 36-year conspiracy of silence to shield known GPU agents, cover up their crimes and suppress the truth from coming out.

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SECRECY SURROUNDS RISKY OIL PROBE

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

OIL prospectors are risking an uncontrollable environmental disaster in an effort to find a source of natural gas and oil off the Canadian coast.

Decline

The whole venture, led by Dome Petroleum, Hunt International and Gulf Oil, is costing millions of dollars, relies on the development of a technology that does not yet exist, and is shrouded in secrecy.

The Beaufort Sea, which lies between Alaska and Canada's

Arctic islands, has been estimated to contain 40 billion barrels of oil and 300 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

This is roughly equal to all the oil and gas currently known to exist in the entire north American continent.

Both the United States and Canada are eager to tap these new resources.

Canada, in particular, faces a continuing decline in oil production from existing fields. From being an oil exporter, she is becoming an oil importer.

One government study has forecast that by 1985 Canada would have to import some 1.3 million barrels a day, creating a balance-of-payments deficit in the country's oil account of about 5.7 billion Canadian dollars a year.

Imperial Oil Ltd., the Canadian arm of Exxon Corporation, has made several small discoveries, drilled from man-made islands, but is still

seeking a major off-shore find.

Dome Petroleum, however, is venturing farther out into the Beaufort Sea and has assembled a nine-ship fleet costing \$200m. Now drilling rigs mounted on two ships are boring away in the Beaufort, 50 miles off the Mackenzie Delta.

Over \$50m was spent in modifying the two drill ships, giving them added length, depth and an extra shell of inch-thick steel plate.

Little is being said about the operation, and all visitors are barred from the ships by the Dome Petroleum directors.

What has leaked out is that the cost of each of these drillings is \$35m.

'Leak' is the operative word, and the real reason for the

secrecy.

Using drill-ships in the ice-infested waters of the Arctic has never been tried before. And the Beaufort Sea is ice-free only from mid-July to mid-October.

Even in this period, huge ice-flows often threaten shipping.

Dangers

This presents real dangers. If a well began to leak — and remember there are 40 billion barrels-full of the stuff down there — unpredictable ice movements could prevent a drill-ship from plugging it.

Moreover, if any oil spilled out, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to clear it up before the sea froze over again.

The reality of this threat is shown by the fact that the drilling, which began on August 6, has got to a depth of 4,000 feet after five weeks. The target is 12,000 feet and the sea is no longer ice-free after another five weeks.

Even if underwater pipe-lines were completed — which looks unlikely now — they could be gouged open by a passing ice island and the oil would then spread under the ice.

Yet another danger is that no one is sure whether an above-water production platform can be built which is strong enough to withstand the cracking force of a polar ice-pack.

No wonder the prospecting companies are being secretive!

Junta man remanded

SALONICA — A member of the extreme-right colonels' junta which ruled Greece for seven years has been remanded in custody following the discovery of an arms cache here.

Lieutenant-Colonel Ioannis Steiakakis was arrested on Tuesday and charged with illegal possession of arms and ammunition. Two automatic pistols and rounds of ammunition had been discovered in a storehouse belonging to one of his relatives.

Steiakakis was acquitted last year of charges of plotting to overthrow the Karamanlis government.

Arabs fight West Bank grab

JERUSALEM — Arabs in the Israeli-occupied West Bank area are fighting what they describe as creeping annexation by the Zionists.

At El Bireh, to the north of Jerusalem, the first clash came when Israeli forces ejected a group of Arab workers trying to lay a road into a 650-acre site which the military government is taking over.

Local Arabs oppose the land-grab, and say they want to build on the site of Jabal Ataouil (the Long Hill)

themselves.

On Tuesday, however, the Arab workers were driven off the site and the foreman arrested and charged with building without a licence.

Message

Mayor Haj Ibrahim Suleiman, who led local landowners in a sit-down protest outside the Military Governor's office, has cabled a message to UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, to bring the issue to world attention.

The mayor has received messages of support from the mayors of other West Bank towns, who have also urged the Moslem waqfs (religious foundations) to build a big new mosque on the hill.

The attempt to lay a road onto the site was the first move in a campaign of resistance to the Israeli requisition order.

Mayor Suleiman, who announced on Monday that he was giving permission to build on the site, said the military government had threatened to jail anyone who tried, including

himself.

Since seizing East Jerusalem and the West Bank in the 1967 war, the Israeli occupiers have been gradually filling in the areas between Jerusalem and the twin towns of Ramallah-El Bireh to the north, and Bethlehem to the south.

Cleared

Besides the requisitioning of Jabal Ataouil, the occupiers have closed off a large area near the Christian town of Beit Jalla, near Bethlehem, for a

Zionist settlement.

Areas in the villages of Bethany and Abu Dis have been taken over.

The Israeli authorities say they will move Arab families out to them, from working-class areas of the Old City of Jerusalem, which are being cleared.

Near Nablus, to the north, village mukhtars (headmen) complained to Mayor Bassam al-Shaqqa recently that the Israeli army had ordered them out of a 250-acre area in the Samarian hills, containing 15 wells, where they grazed their sheep and cattle.

Mayor al-Shaqqa complained to the military governor, but says he got no reply. Interviewed in an Arab newspaper, he called the latest take-overs 'colonialist and Zionist steps'.

Clashes

As resentment grows over this creeping Zionist colonisation, the West Bank could well see a resumption of the bitter clashes with the occupation forces which swept the West Bank for three months in spring.

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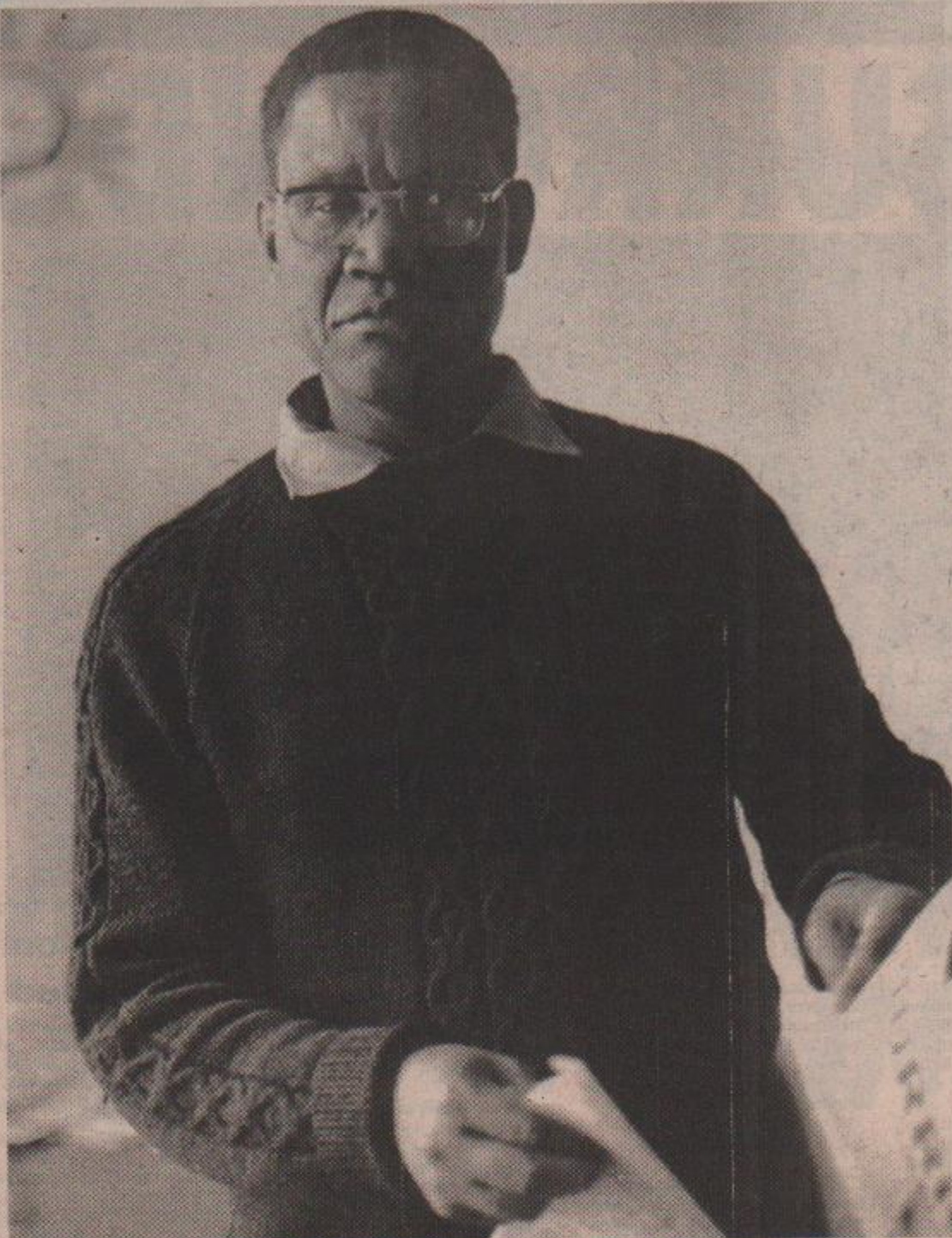
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AFRICAN MINERS APART



John Gaetsewe, general secretary of the South African Congress of Trade Unions, in London for celebrations of the 1946 miners' strike

LEADERS of the banned South African Congress of Trade Unions were in London yesterday for a meeting to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the great African miners' strike of 1946.

The strike involved 100,000 Africans who demanded a minimum wage of 10 shillings per day. In the violent clashes which followed, thousands of miners were injured and many killed, though no official figures were ever issued.

Thirty years later South Africa's 641,000 black miners are still brutally exploited. Their average wage is £56 a month, compared with £455 for white miners.

(Whites employed in the mines are classed as managers, craftsmen, executives or directors. No Africans are admitted into these categories.)

Whereas whites are given two to three years training, Africans get six days. This is reflected in the death rate. Some 2,202 Africans were

killed down the mines over the 1971-1973 period. The figure for whites was 106.

African trade unions are not recognised. Anyone trying to organise a union is arrested for trespass.

Anyone joining a union is sacked. African workers have no political rights. All political parties are illegal. They are denied elementary human rights by a system of pass laws, 'influx control' and residence permits.

Out of this system, huge profits are amassed. Last year the Anglo-American Corporation — chairman Mr H F Oppenheimer — made over £42m net profit, not including monies set aside for investment and development. Consolidated Gold Fields Ltd (Total assets: £180m) made over £24m net profit recently.

The industry as a whole is

run by the Chamber of Mines, which stands at the centre of power in Africa.

The African workers are not free labour. They are brought to the mines by a legally-enforced system of recruitment by 'recruiter' companies. They are then placed in a category of 'wage labour' and leave the mines at the end of their employment.

The workers are housed in company compounds, some of which are without a corner of a room. They cannot bring their families. In many cases there are no worker sleepers — consisting of sides and tops of crates — which crawl into the compounds at one end.

ARAB SCHOOL CHILDREN IN TROOPS CLASH

ARAB SCHOOL children clashed with troops in Nablus, the largest town in the Israeli-occupied West Bank territory yesterday.

The protests — which involved general strikes in other towns — were staged to mark the fifth anniversary of 'Black September' when King Hussein of Jordan launched a violent offensive on the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Amman.

The demonstrators were also protesting against illegal Israeli settlements on Arab land in the West Bank.

The youths shouted anti-Israeli slogans and hurled stones at security forces, who tried to disperse the crowds. The youngsters burnt tyres, a typical protest act in the area, and set up makeshift road-blocks.

Traders shut their shops as tension increased, and schools remained closed.

In Hebron, second largest town in the region, there was a general strike. Those who went to school were told to go home and they began milling in the streets.

For the past two days leaflets have been anonymously

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

distributed in Hebron calling for a strike on the anniversary of 'Black September' in 1970 'when Palestinians were killed on order of King Hussein'.

Early this year, the West Bank was rocked by two months of violent demonstrations against the Israeli occupation during which several people were shot dead by troops.

Israeli security forces detained for questioning four Arab youths in Nablus after they set up roadblocks and burnt tyres, Israeli officials said.

Several youngsters were also detained in Hebron following

stoning incidents. The authorities claimed order was restored to the two towns by midday, but shops in the centre of Hebron remained closed.

• The Israeli government is being challenged by an all-out strike by the country's 15,000 nurses.

They are demanding over 60 per cent pay rises, nursery facilities at hospitals and clinics for their children and a big improvement in working conditions.

The strike follows the rejection of an incentive bonus offer by a government committee which was designed to split the ranks of the nurses' union.



The army hovering around Nablus streets

MINERS FIGHT APARTHEID

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lives in a compound near the cannot leave any pass. He is family with compounds beds and the in a concrete ing of concrete which he has to through an opening

The compounds are surrounded by high walls or barbed wire fences, and they are guarded by special compound police.

Over the last ten years there have been an average of three deaths per shift in the gold mines. There are no figures for crippling injuries or

diseases (tuberculosis, silicosis, pneumoconiosis). The reason for this is simple. If a man is unfit to work any more, he is simply shipped back home.

Today, the African revolution is on the march.

It is, of course, easy for British trade union leaders to

make speeches on the evils of apartheid.

But the British Labour government, through its continued trading and investment in South Africa and Namibia, is one of the best friends that the Vorster regime has got.

What the Africans need in this country is not a government which says one thing and does another, but a socialist government whose policies will include providing the Africans with arms to smash the apartheid system completely.



South African gold miners



Attorney-General calls halt to SWP spying

NEW YORK — The FBI has been instructed to end its surveillance of the United States Socialist Workers Party and its youth organisation, the Young Socialist Alliance, the 'Los Angeles Times' has reported.

A spokesman from the department of Attorney-General Edward Levi said this week that the two Pabloite revisionist organisations did not represent a threat to the security of the United States.

Announcing his instruction to the FBI, Mr Levi said spying on the SWP had gone on for 38 years — ever since 1938.

It had, in fact, begun that year shortly after the Socialist Workers Party separated from the Socialist Party.

Mr Levi said the FBI had accumulated 5 million separate file entries on the SWP.

In one six-year period,

member said Levi's decision was 'an admission that the FBI has been wrong for 40 years'.

The extent of the penetration of the SWP by just one state agency amounts to a total condemnation of the



Hansen and Novack claim that the International Committee of the Fourth International is 'paranoid' over security questions

SWP premises had been burgled by the FBI no fewer than 92 times — an average of more than once a month.

Over a 16-year period, the FBI used 1,600 informants in the SWP and YSA.

The SWP's presidential candidate and national committee

revisionists' leadership in particular Joseph Hansen and George Novack.

They have accused the International Committee of the Fourth International and its British section, the Workers Revolutionary Party, as 'paranoid' over security questions.

Perspectives discussion

The draft resolution on perspectives is open for discussion before the party's second annual conference

Youth, in particular, will lead the fight for jobs



John Graham is a long-standing member of the Union of Post Office Workers. He came to London 19 years ago because there was no work in Glasgow, where he was brought up.

For nearly all of that time he has worked as an Overseas Telegraph Operator, but now finds that the job that he has held for 18 years is threatened. He thinks that the Labour government leaders are lying when they say that there will be an economic recovery.

Trade unions were formed to defend workers' interests, but now the TUC leaders are even threatening to suspend the seamen from the trade union movement.

In the Overseas Telegraph Operators grade of the Post Office large-scale redundancies are threatened. We had a letter from the management saying that substantial redundancies were unavoidable.

The first are due to take place by April 1, 1977. A few days later we had another letter saying that overtime would be virtually abolished from the end of September.

This means a big drop in earnings.

Shock

The threat of redundancies has come as a particular shock to the younger workers. They are going to be the first to go. Compulsory redundancies must hit them first.

As far as the younger workers are concerned, there is a very strong feeling about it.

One young girl told us that she didn't believe in strikes because could not afford to lose her wages for any period of time. But when she heard she

might be made redundant she said they would have to carry her out of the building.

This is the general feeling among the younger workers. We have no faith in the national leadership, like Tom Jackson, who is on record as saying that the leadership would co-operate with redundancies so long as those that were left were well paid.

This is no comfort to those who are going to join the dole queues.

The same thing is happening in all public services. Railways, hospitals, education, housing.

The working class are not going to carry on accepting this government's policies. The seamen are showing the way.

The only policy that can solve the problems of all workers — public service workers as well as workers in the private sector — is to bring down the Labour government.

The only Party that has made this demand is the Workers Revolutionary Party.

The state is preparing to deal with struggles against redundancies, and for higher wages. That was why the police carried out the provocation at Wren House.

The police came in searching everybody for drugs, they claimed.



Meeting of overseas telegraph operators

But that was just a pretext and the workers at Wren House called industrial action because they knew it was just a provocation.

They were trying out an

exercise in preparation for the coming struggles.

The wages struggle and the fight against redundancies will, in many places, take the form of occupation, and the state will

have to use the police to try to evict workers in these circumstances.

Workers have to get ready for this by rejecting the present leadership. Workers have to prepare to take the power.

Open selection for Ombudsman

AN ALL-PARTY committee of MPs urged a more open selection of the Ombudsman in a report published yesterday.

The Select Committee report points out that the Ombudsman, or Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, is a servant of the Commons.

But at no stage before a new appointment is made is the

Commons, or any part of it, advised or consulted.

The report raises the question of 'whether or not the person appointed should invariably be a former civil servant'.

The appointment should follow consultation with the committee's chairman and confirmation by a resolution of both houses, the report says.

The report went on to call for an extension of the powers of the Ombudsman to mediate in

matters of personal grievance within the civil service.

Thirteen per cent of complaints received by the Commissioner were rejected last year because they were concerned with personnel matters outside the scope of his powers.

Some of the trade unions and associations connected with the civil service are opposed to such a change.

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SEAMEN SPEAK OUT

Bitter over TUC's role

MANCHESTER — Seamen registering at Manchester yesterday spoke bitterly about the role of the TUC in getting their strike called off.

Jimmy (17) had just disembarked from the 'Windsor Castle'.

'The membership voted for action, and I fully support this. I've no faith in the TUC leadership,' he said.

His mate, John (20), felt that union secretary Jim Slater should have gone ahead with the strike.

As for those elements complaining about the strike vote, he said: 'The people complaining about the action aren't even recognised by our union. One on our ship is an ex-Drugs Squad officer.'



Tommy Mullen (left) and Tony Santamera, Liverpool seamen outside their union's London headquarters yesterday

No faith in any leaders

MERSEYSIDE seamen condemned the Labour and the TUC leaders yesterday.

Tommy Mullen and Tony Santamera were among 50 Liverpool seamen who travelled to London yesterday to lobby their union's pay talks.

INTERVIEWS BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

'We are fighting the greediest section of society, the ship owners,' said Tony, a seaman for 16 years.

'The shipowners are the same as the old coal mine owners and just as reactionary.'

'The shipping lines don't only own the ships — they even own the ports we sail into round the world.'

Deserted

Tony said the TUC and the Labour government had deserted the seamen.

'People should not be surprised when the TUC threatened our union with expulsion. The TUC has never been on the side of the seamen'

on any strike in our history.

'Every seaman you meet is disgusted with the TUC. Many of our colleagues who are known as "moderates" are equally disgusted with the TUC.'

'We are angry at the attitude of the government and very disappointed in the likes of Jack Jones and Len Murray. Our disappointment and dismay is even greater towards people like Hugh Scanlon and Lawrence Daly.'

Tommy Mullen, 40, has been a seaman for 20 years. He told News Line:

'We should get rid of this Callaghan crowd. We are really angry now. We have to be don't we?'

'The Tory Press is making

out we are well paid, but if that is so, why is it that none of us can get hire purchase or mortgages?'

Overtime

'Our basic minimum wage is still only £24 a week. Our overtime rates are very bad. We have no rights on board ship. Before we go on a voyage, we have to sign articles which are still dated 1894.'

'The government is shutting down hospitals, attacking education and forgetting the old-age pensioners. The TUC leaders are going along with this entirely.'



Frank Cauchi

'The TUC is a complete waste of time', said Frank Cauchi. 'We didn't receive £6 in line with other unions and we're only asking for fair play.'

'If we had to rely on our basic pay, there'd be no seamen', added Mike Fanning. 'Pensions are no good to us, we need the money now.'

Young seamen are particularly hard-hit by wages at present. Neill (17) had only £42.50 for a 60½-hour week — before tax and stoppages.

The eyes of these young seamen are firmly fixed now on their union leadership and the negotiations.

Any sell-out will be bitterly opposed.

'I think Slater should have called action much sooner', said Frank.

Manchester seamen are to meet on Monday to hear a report-back from their representatives.



Seamen John and Jimmy

Strathclyde Labour man walks out

GLASGOW — A Strathclyde regional councillor hit out yesterday at the 'Tory policies' of the Labour government. He called his former Labour colleagues on the council 'true blue Tories'.

David Deans (43), Labour councillor for Ibrox-Kingston since regionalisation, announced his resignation from the Labour Party on Tuesday.

He has joined the Nationalist breakaway Scottish Labour Party.

Deans said: 'The traditional

Labour Party have lost their way nationally and locally.'

'The last straw for me was the Strathclyde Labour group's meeting last week with Labour MPs in Glasgow.'

'All they seemed interested in was cash not people. Social conscience has been submerged by pounds and pence.'

He added: 'I can't go on supporting a party that is doing the work of Maggie Thatcher or a government which seems to be run by the Confederation of British Industries.'

Where cuts will bite in South Yorks

SHEFFIELD — Details of the £6.9m public spending cuts recently accepted by the Labour-controlled council are slowly being revealed.

Three social service centres in the city, including two hostels for the mentally handicapped, are to stay closed until next April. This will 'save' some £40,000.

Councillor David Blunkett, chairman of the family and community services committee, said: 'The delay in the opening of new homes is regrettable. It is an example of what public expenditure cuts actually mean in practice'.

Reductions

These cuts are part of the £263,000 package of reductions in spending in the city's social services department.

Other items to be hit are the meals on wheels service, the price of which will increase from 15p to 18p each.

Charges in hostels for the

mentally disabled rose from £11.65 to £14 last month.

Another rise is for the cost of concessionary bus passes for the blind and disabled. The money for these passes has to come from the family and community services.

This 25-per-cent increase which puts the price up from £18 to £22.50 was deplored by Cllr Blunkett. 'It is against the spirit of the policy of holding down fares'.

There is also a threat of cuts in spending on health next year in the River Trent authority. This is due to 'over spending' of £1.3m.

The region includes some areas like Rotherham that are amongst the poorest funded in the country.

At present, many hospital casualty departments close at 5 p.m. due to under-staffing.

At Sheffield Children's Hospital they have had to launch a £90,000 appeal to provide accommodation for parents of sick children. They are to get no money from the health authorities.

NEPOTISM CHARGE BY HAMILTON

TEMPERS flared at the European parliament this week when Scottish Nationalist Winnifred Ewing was accused of nepotism.

Maverick Labour right-winger Willie Hamilton (File Central) said she had a vested interest in direct elections to the European parliament because she had employed her son as a secretary in Luxembourg.

An indignant Mrs Ewing protested: 'These innuendoes are nothing short of disgraceful' and issued a dire warning: 'If this is how this parliament is to conduct itself then I must consider if my party still wishes to send me here.'

(The Scottish National Party campaigned against the EEC in the 1975 referendum and claimed credit for the high vote in Scotland against having anything to do with it.)

Bursting with emotion, Mrs Ewing said she had employed her son as a secretary after he had failed to get into Cambridge and claimed the secretarial allowance to which she was entitled.

She added: 'I claimed this pittance for my son and no one could have been a more efficient secretary.'

World News Line

CABINET SHUFFLE AIDS

LEBANESE President Suleiman Franjeh's dramatic Cabinet reshuffle is designed to sabotage any peace negotiations and prepare the way for a Syrian military onslaught to smash the Palestinian resistance.

In it he stripped premier Rashid Kerami of the key portfolios of defence and finance and appointed ultra right Camille Chamoun acting premier in his absence.

Yesterday Syrian troops sealed the Lebanese-Syrian border and turned back motorists on both sides without any explanation.

Lebanese sources were asking yesterday whether Franjeh and Chamoun would permit president-elect Elias Sarkis to take office on

SYRIAN ONSLAUGHT

BY OUR OWN
CORRESPONDENT

September 23 — the day Franjeh is due to take over.

The move also reveals a deepening of the split in the rightist camp. Falange leader Pierre Gemayel is in

Cairo for the current round of diplomatic manoeuvres.

But Chamoun's extremist National Liberal Party — which has already clashed militarily with the Falangists — is opposed to any negotiated peace.

Action

The Chamoun-Franjeh alliance now dominates the Cabinet and could take any decision it likes in the next week — including an invitation to Syria to launch a 'final' offensive.

They could also 'appoint

Chamoun as Franjeh's successor in place of Sarkis.

Meanwhile the proposed meeting between the Syrian Premier, Palestine Liberation Organisation chief Yassir Arafat and Sarkis appears to be in cold storage.

Left-wing papers in Beirut accused Syria of sabotaging the meeting.

Reports from Beirut also say that Chamoun pressed the Syrians to take more military action during his visit to Damascus last week.

And Chamoun's son Dany was received by Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam yesterday.



Franjeh

For the first time, the rightists openly threatened to 'liberate' Beirut.

A National Liberal Party statement said yesterday:

'There will be no substitute for a liberation war. We will liberate the mountains. We will attack west Beirut and liberate it.'

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No Schmidt ban on SS rally

BONN — A spokesman for the West German government said yesterday it was unable to interfere legally with the holding of an ex-SS men's rally this Saturday in southern Germany.

Between 80 and 100 Frenchmen, former members of the SS 'Charlemagne' division, are expected to attend the rally in Wuerzburg tomorrow, according to the organisers.

Their hosts are former members of the SS 'Horst Wessel' division.

The Bonn spokesman was commenting on expressions of disapproval received from the French embassy last week.

The Charlemagne division was formed in 1944 on orders from Heinrich Himmler. About 8,000 fanatical French Nazis joined and served on the Eastern Front.

VALETTA — A 90-per-cent turn-out and a close vote are being predicted in today's Malta general elections, with the island's future alignment a major issue.

'We'll meet again when Malta is free from foreign bases!', was Libyan Colonel Gaddafi's parting shot to a crowded public meeting when he visited the island in May.

Maltese premier Dom Mintoff is pledged not to renew the current NATO base agreement, nor to permit future military bases.

The NATO lease expires in 1979, but the opposition Nationalists, although not renewing the agreement, would seek a fresh one maintaining Malta's ties to imperialism.



A PICKET demanding the release of Eva Forest, held in a Spanish prison and tortured for over two years, was held outside the Spanish Embassy in London yesterday.

A psychiatrist by profession, she is a well-known anti-fascist militant and was picked up in September

1974. After one charge was dropped, she was accused of complicity in the killing of Spanish Prime Minister Carrero Blanco, the previous year. The evidence was so patently-trumped up that most of those arrested with her have been released and the authorities have refused to bring her to trial.

TV LineUp

BBC 1

7.05-7.55 Open University. 12.45 Midday News. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45-2.00 Camberwick Green. 3.20 'Medden' Nhw. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 The Wombles. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Why Don't You...? 5.10 The Singing Ringing Tree. 5.35 Noah and Nelly. 5.40 Evening News. 5.55 NATIONWIDE. 7.05 TOM AND JERRY. 7.10 IT'S A KNOCKOUT. 8.30 THE GOOD LIFE. 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS. 9.25 HARRY O. 10.15 TONIGHT. 10.47 THE FRIDAY FILM: 'The Adventurers'. Charles Aznavour, Candice Bergen and Ernest Borgnine in an action-packed saga of love and revolution set in a fictitious South American state. 1.22 Weatherman.

THAMES

10.00 Hammy Hamster's Adventures on the Riverbank. 10.15 Animated Classics. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Lunchtime Today. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing from Ayr (2.30, 3.05 and 3.35). 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 The Kids from 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 The Flintstones. 5.45 News. 6.00 TODAY. 6.35 CROSSROADS. 7.00 LUCKY FELLER. 7.30 GENERAL HOSPITAL. 8.30 YUS MY DEAR. 9.00 VICTORIAN SCANDALS: 'The Portland Millions'. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 POLICE FIVE. 10.40 RUSSELL HARTY. 11.30 THE FRIDAY FILM — Hawkins on Murder. James Stewart in Murder on the 13th Floor. Memories of an old romance stir in Billy Jim Hawkins when he responds to Jenny Burke's plea to defend her son David charged with stabbing a young woman in her hotel room. 14.55 Close.

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MEETINGS

TYNDALE VICTIMISATION: Public Meeting in support of the Tyndale teachers. Monday, September 20, 7.30 p.m. Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1. Speakers: Michael Duce (ex-head Risinghill School), Dick North (NUT) and Tyndale teachers.

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 Open University. 9.30 Liberal Party Assembly 1976. 11.00 Play School. 11.25-12.30 and 2.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 5.00 Open University. 7.05 **ANIMAL MARVELS:** Flight. How do our own efforts at self-powered flight match up to those of birds? 7.30 **NEWSDAY**. 7.50 **SETTLE THE SCORE**. 8.30 **CENTRE PLAY SHOWCASE:** City of Fear. Roving reporter Dennis Lowe goes out for a good mugging story, but when he talks to night-prowling teenagers, who will be the victim? 9.00 **POT BLACK**. 9.30 **BEETHOVEN:** The Late Quartets. 10.15 **FIVE RED HERRINGS**. 11.05 **NEWSNIGHT**. 11.20 **Closedown:** John Rye reads 'Little Peace' by Elizabeth Jennings.

GRANADA

9.30 Technoflash. 9.50 Catch Kandy. 10.15 The Osmonds. 10.35 Clapperboard. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 What on Earth. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 The Kids from 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.10 This is Your Right. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45 News.

6.00 **GRANADA REPORTS**. 6.35 **KICK OFF**. 7.05 **JONATHAN ROUTH AND CANDID CAMERA**. 7.30 **GENERAL HOSPITAL**. 8.30 **THE SWEEPSTAKES GAME**. 9.00 **VICTORIAN SCANDALS:** 'The Portland Millions'. Annie Druce sets out to prove that she is the rightful Duchess of Portland. 10.00 **NEWS AT TEN**. 10.30 **FOR ADULTS ONLY:** 'Take a Girl Like You'. Hayley Mills as a wide-eyed north country innocent in a southern town. 12.15 **U.F.O.:** 'The Cat With Ten Lives'. A siamese cat brings sinister drama to a SHADO pilot and his wife. 1.15 **Closedown.**

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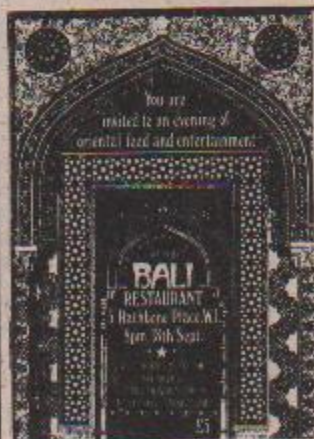
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REGIONS



The Adventurers, the Friday film on BBC 1 at 10.47 with Fernando Rey (left) and Alan Badel

CHANNEL: 1.20 News, What's On Where, and Weather. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing From Ayr. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 Kids From 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 The Flintstones. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report At Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 What On Earth? 7.05 Candid Camera. 7.30 General Hospital. 8.30 Lucky Feller. 9.00 Victorian Scandals. 10.00 News, Weather. 10.30 Film: 'The Priest Killer'. 12.20 News and Weather in French followed by weather, closedown.

WESTWARD: 9.35 Sesame Street. 10.35 Keep Britain Slim. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.25 Gus Honeybun. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 News. 1.20 Westward News. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing From Ayr. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 Kids From 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 The Flintstones. 5.45 News. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 What On Earth? 7.05 Jonathan Routh and Candid Camera. 7.30 General Hospital. 8.30 Lucky Feller. 9.00 Victorian Scandals. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.32 News, Weather. 10.35 Film: 'The Priest Killer'. 12.20 Faith for Life. 12.25 Closedown.

SOUTHERN: 10.35 Keep Britain Slim. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 News and Weather. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Racing From Ayr. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 The Kids From 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Weekend. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Day by Day or Scene South East. 6.30 Out Of Town. 7.00 Lucky Feller. 7.30 General Hospital. 8.30 YUS MY DEAR. 9.00 Victorian Scandals. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 News. 12.35 Weather.

HTV: 10.35 Keep Britain Slim. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 News. 1.20 Report West. 1.25 Report Wales. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Racing From Ayr. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 Kids From 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Chuckleheads. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 Lucky Feller. 7.00 YUS MY DEAR. 7.30 General Hospital. 8.30 Sweepstakes Game. 9.00 Victorian Scandals. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Report Extra. 11.00 Film: 'The October Man'. 12.40 Weather and closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV General except: 1.20-1.25 Penadwsu Newyddion Y Dydd. 6.00-6.15 Y Dydd. 10.30-11.00 Outlook.

HTV WEST: As HTV General except: 1.20-1.30 Report West. 6.15-6.30 Report West.

ANGLIA: 10.10 Phoenix 5. 10.35 Keep Britain Slim. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mr Trimble. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 News, Weather. 1.25 Anglia News. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 The Kids From 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Bygones. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Gambit. 7.30 General Hospital. 8.30 Lucky Feller. 9.00 Victorian Scandals. 10.00 News, Weather. 10.30 Film: 'The Best House In London'. 12.25 Men Who Matter followed by Close.

ATV: 10.35 Galloping Gourmet. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mr Trimble. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing From Ayr. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 Kids From 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Spiderman. 5.45 News. 6.00 ATV Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Sweepstakes Game. 7.30 General Hospital. 8.30 The Many Wives Of Patrick. 9.00 Victorian Scandals. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Extra Time. 11.00 Film: 'Above Us The Waves'. 12.40 Closedown.

ULSTER: 10.35 Keep Britain Slim. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 News Headlines, Lunchtime. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Racing from Ayr. 3.48 News Headlines. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 Kids from 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Here's Lucy. 5.45 News. 6.00 UTV Reports. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Lucky Feller. 7.30 General Hospital. 8.30 YUS MY DEAR. 9.00 Victorian Scandals. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Sportscast. 11.00 Film: 'Revenge'. 12.20 Close.

YORKSHIRE: 10.00 Auxiliary Coastguard. 10.20 Journal. 10.35 Ed Allen Time. 11.00 Liberal Party Assembly. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Tell Me Another. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Calendar News. The Weather. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon Money Go Round. 2.25 Mid-Week Racing. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.15 The Kids from 47A. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 The Flintstones. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Calendar. Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Sweepstakes Game. 7.30 General Hospital. 8.30 Lucky Feller. 9.00 Victorian Scandals. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Calendar Sport. 10.45 Appointment with Fear. 12.20 Close.

RADIO

Scotland) and VHF 88-91

6.00 News Summary. Weather. 6.02 Len Jackson (S) including 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.02 Brian Matthew (S) including 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02 -11.30 Pete Murray's Open House (S) including 10.30 Waggoners Walk. 11.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.50 Sports Desk. 2.02 Ed Stewart (S) with 2.45 and 3.45 Sports Desk. 3.05 racing from Ayr. 4.30 Waggoners Walk. 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.47 Sam Costa (S) including 5.45 Sports Desk. 6.15 Cross-Channel motoring. 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 Free Spin. 7.30 Sammes Songs (S). 8.02 John Fox (S) conducts the BBC Radio Orchestra. 9.02 Friday Night is Music Night (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Take Your Partners (S). 11.02 John Dunn with The Late Show. 12.00-12.05 Midnight Newsroom, weather, motoring information.

(S) **Stereophonic BBC RADIO 1**

247m
6.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Noel Edmonds. 9.00 Tony Blackburn. 12.00 Paul Burnett including 12.30

Newsbeat. 2.02 Ed Stewart (S). 4.30 Rosko's Round Table. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.02 Sam Costa (S). 11.00 John Peel (S). 12.00-12.05 As Radio 2.

BBC RADIO 4
285, 330, 434m and VHF 92-95

6.20 News. 6.22 Farming Today. 6.40 Prayer for the Day. 6.45 Today. (News at 7.00 and 8.00; 7.25 and 8.25 VHF Regional News and Weather; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.45 The Flypaper. 9.00 News. 9.05 Voice of the People. 10.00 News. 10.05 Checkpoint. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. 11.00 News. 11.05 Woman of Genius are Rare: Marie Curie. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 Dr Finlay's Casebook. 12.55 Weather and programme news. 1.00 The World at One. 1.30 The Archers. 1.45 Woman's Hour. (2.00 News). 2.45 Listen with Mother. 3.00 News. 3.05 Afternoon Theatre (S). 4.00 News. 4.05 A Good Read. 4.35 Story Time. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.50 Financial Report. 5.55 Weather, programme news. 6.00 News. 6.15 Harry Worth. 6.45 The Archers. 7.00 News. 7.05 The World in Focus. 7.30 Pick of the Week. 8.30 Simonon's Mairgret (S). 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.45 A Book at Bedtime. 11.00 The Financial World Tonight. 11.15 The Burkiss Way. 11.40 News, weather. 12.01-12.04 Inshore Forecast.

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DRAW ADVANTAGE: 71 & over low.

BUCHANAN SELLING STAKES £1,000

2.00 (2-Y-O) 5f (21 runners)

1 (14)	00	BARON DE HOLLAND	D McCain 87	J Seagrave
2 (12)		BRICOLBOY	C Crossley 87	J Lowe
3 (6)	00000	CARPAULANA	N Angus 87	G McBride (7)
4 (19)	003	GREEN TURTLE DIVER	F Carr 87	C Dwyer
5 (17)	000	GROOVYMAN	J Vickers 87	A Cousins
6 (2)	00	SHOW STEALER	Denys Smith 87	W Carson
11 (20)	000	STAY WITH ME	W Marshall 87	R Marshall
13 (13)	00	TRIGGER	D Thom 87	J Higgins
15 (5)	0	ANNANDALE LADY	G Richards 84	K Leeson
17 (16)	000000	BEACON WOOD	T Walker 84	B Henry
18 (1)	000	BELLA NOVA	J Mulhall 84	N Crouther
19 (7)	20430	BRISBANE QUEEN	N Angus 84	P Tulk
21 (21)	00000	MASSMART	R Supple 84	E Hide
22 (4)	0	MURATA	S Hall 84	O Gray
24 (10)	0004	PORT-OF-VERONA	D Williams 84	G Oldroyd
25 (8)	330002	RAFFONDO	M H Easterby 84	M Birch
26 (11)	000	SAINT MICHELLE	D Thom 84	T McKeown
28 (3)	000030	SNOKEY ANGEL	G Balding 84	M L Thomas
29 (18)	0300	SUPREME PENNY	S Wainwright 84	B Medley
30 (15)	230430	SWEET WALK	T Fairhurst 84	C Eccleston
31 (9)	000	SYNDICATE QUEEN	P Cole 84	B Taylor

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Raffondo, 4-1 Snokey Angel, 5-1 Green Turtle Diver, 11-2 Sweet Walk, 13-2 Brisbane Queen, 8-1 Port-of-verona, 12-1 Supreme Penny, 14-1 others.

2.30 COYLE STAKES £1,200

(2-Y-O) 6f (14 runners)

3 (3)	01	DISC JOCKEY	D N Angus 94	P Tulk
6 (4)	0000	ANOTHER CHAPTER	K Payne 811	S Eccles (5)
8 (11)	034200	BEN HALL	J Vickers 811	A Cousins
11 (8)	3200	DESERT WARRIOR	J Hanson 811	E Johnson
13 (7)	30	HALLS TREASURE	W Marshall 811	A Marshall
14 (10)	00032	MOLLY'S LAD	M H Easterby 811	M Birch
15 (12)	03	MUSTER LANE	Thomson Jones 811	W Carson
19 (14)	000	PTTY MEDAL	D McCain 811	J Seagrave
20 (9)	02	REGION (BF)	P Walwyn 811	F Morby
23 (5)	3	SCABARD (USA)	P Prendergast (IRE) 811	D Latherby
25 (6)	22	VISCOUNT	S Hall 811	E Hide
26 (1)		WHINNEY BRAE	J W Watts 811	J Lowe
28 (13)	3034	GODILA	W Gray 88	E Apter
31 (2)	0	WENNING	J Calvert 88	A Barclay

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Disc Jockey, 11-4 Viscount, 4-1 Region, 8-1 Godila 10-1 Scabbard, 12-1 Desert Warrior and Molly's Lad, 16-1 others.

3.05 AYR GOLD CUP HANDICAP £15,000

6f (18 runners)

1 (7)	142410	ROMAN WARRIOR (C-D)	N Angus 5100	P Tulk
2 (13)	304103	HIGH AWARD (D)	R Supple 590	R Wernham (3)
3 (10)	2-00001	SWEET NIGHTINGALE	M W Easterby 3813	J Seagrave
4 (2)	144100	RUNDONTWALK (C-D)	G Richards 3813	J Seagrave
5 (12)	300230	MANILATE (USA)	H Wragg 3812	B Taylor
6 (16)	0033-00	PERSIAN BREEZE (C-D)	N Angus 4812	V Dunlop (7)
8 (14)	310003	ROYAL BOY (D)	M Jarvis 388	E Hide
9 (8)	023001	HEI'LAND JAMIE (C-D)	N Adam 588 (8ex)	T McKeown

NEWBURY

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None

2.00 BEENHAM MAIDEN STAKES DIVI £1,200

(2-Y-O-c&g) 1m (17 runners)

1 (11)	30	AD LIB RA (USA)	R Houghton 90	L Piggott
2 (1)		ALBION PRINCE	M Jarvis 90	B Raymond
3 (5)	0	ALL AMBER	J Nelson 90	G Starkey
8 (9)	0	BOWSHOT	R Smyth 90	F Durr
12 (17)		DAVOT	G Smyth 90	J Mercer
14 (4)	000	FLYING SWALLOW	N Callaghan 90	J Lynch
16 (15)	00	GUINEAPIG	H Candy 90	P Waldron
17 (2)	0	GULF OF CORINTH	B Hobbs 90	G Lewis
18 (3)	0	HAGAR BOND	P Haslam 90	Johnson (3)
23 (7)	00	JOCKS HALL	H Marmytag 90	G Ramshaw
27 (16)	00	MILLIONDOLLARMAN	Mrs R Lomax 90	P Cook
30 (13)	0	NIGHT BEFORE (USA)	P Walwyn 90	P Eddery
33 (10)	03	OFFLEY PRINCE	R Hollinshead 90	T Lives
35 (8)	0	OUR BOOMERANG	C Hill 90	T Carson
41 (6)	0	SALIAN	J Hindley 90	A Kimberly
44 (14)	0	SILVER TEMPEST	P Mitchell 90	B Jago
52 (12)	0	TUDOR MANSION	I Walker 90	B Jago

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Ad Lib Ra, 7-2 Night Before, 5-1 Salian, 7-1 Gulf of Corinth, 8-1 Guinness, 10-1 Offley Prince, 12-1 Milliondollarman and Bowshot, 14-1 others.

2.30 MARLBOROUGH STAKES £2,250

(3-Y-O) 5f (10 runners)

1 (1)	300020	ALANROD (D)	R Hannon 89	F Durr
2 (4)	000020	DERRINGO (D) (BF)	C Brittain 89	R Fox
3 (6)	21-0020	KELLYSTOWN (D)	B Hobbs 89	G Lewis
4 (10)	014002	MINSTREL (C-D)	J Powney 89	G Starkey
5 (9)	043340	RAFFIA SET (D)	W Wightman 89	P Eddery
6 (7)	41-00	ZOROASTER	B Hills 89	R Street
7 (3)	20-400	ENCHANTED (D)	Thomson Jones 86	L Piggott
8 (5)	023	ENDEARED (BF)	J Bethell 86	B Raymond
9 (2)	2034	FOUR LAWS	D Marks 86	G Baxter
10 (8)	00011	LADY HESTER (D)	H Willis 86	B Raymond

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Minstrel, 9-2 Raffia Set, 11-2 Lady Hester, 6-1 Enchanted, 8-1 Kellystown and Alanrod, 12-1 Zoroaster, 14-1 Endeared and Four Laws, 16-1 Derringo.

3.00 FAIRHURST NURSERY STAKES HCAP £1,500

(2-Y-O) 7f (14 runners)

2 (14)	242101	SAILING ALONG	H Candy 90	P Waldron
3 (1)	14	RECLAMATION	P Walwyn 90	P Eddery
4 (4)	110	MINTAGE	J Dunlop 811	Ron Hutchinson
6 (10)	312114	FRANCA	P Haslam 83	I Johnson (3)
9 (12)	0104	PASAGUADA	H Price 712	D McKay
10 (13)	004340	VILLAGE SWAN	R Hannon 711	G Baxter
11 (5)	022	CHICHESTER BIRD	W Hearn 710	R Fox
12 (9)	2000	COLET COURT	G Smyth 79	J Lynch
15 (8)	204	EAST PLAISTOW	C Hill 75	M Wigham (7)
17 (11)	0043	WELSH STREAK	C Benstead 73	I Jenkinson
19 (2)	00010	MERCYS GIRL	M McCourt 72	R Still
20 (7)	0040	SERIALITE	R Akehurst 71	W Jesse
21 (6)	04001	SIR ABU	P Rohan 70	LC Parkes
23 (3)	002	GREAT SENSATION	P Haslam 70	C Jeamond

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Sailing Along, 7-2 Pasaguada, 5-1 Reclamation, 6-1 Mintage, 8-1 Franca, 11-1 Chichester Bird, 12-1 Sir Abu and Welsh Streak, 14-1 others.

3.30 WHATCOMBE STAKES HCAP £1,500

7f (15 runners)

1 (7)	000-200	MERRY CRICKETER	A Pitt 697	H Ballantine (5)
3 (4)	100000	JAMES JOKER	R Hollinshead 495	Lives
4 (8)	041111	TIGER TRAIL	N Murless 493	L Piggott
5 (5)	102201	THE HAPPY HOOKER (C-D)	P Cundell 593 (7ex)	P Cook
6 (1)	020300	DOCTOR WALL	J Tree 391	J Mercer
7 (14)	000133	SWINGING TRIBE (FR)	C Brittain 389	R Fox
8 (15)	021403	AMADINA	R Houghton 388	Ron Hutchinson
9 (11)	212111	STAR WALK (C)	H Candy 388	P Waldron
11 (10)	111034	DOLPHIN SAFARI	R Smyth 386	G Baxter
13 (9)	020200	MISS FILBERT	D Keith 484	F Durr
14 (13)	023000	SUPER KELLY	T Corbett 483	P Eddery
16 (6)	003110	NAMUCKET	Miss A Sinclair 481	E Eidin
18 (2)	211-000	MAJOR ROLE (C)	B Swift 681	J Lynch
21 (3)	0-04410	WONG WAY GIRL (BF)	R Akehurst 4711	B Rouse
22 (12)	011222	CHUKAROO (BF)	W Payne 4711	J Reid (3)

PROBABLE SP: 9-2 Tiger Trail, 5-1 Star Walk, 7-1 Dolphin Safari and The Happy Hooker, 8-1 Chukaroo and Major Role, 12-1 Amadina and Miss Filbert, 14-1 Doctor Wall, James Joker and Super Kelly, 16-1 others.

10 (9)	003120	AMUN'RA (C)	Denys Smith 384	W Carson
11 (15)	101302	MAJOR BEE	H Nugent (IRE) 683	J Roe
12 (4)	43100-4	QUESTA NOTTE (D)	B Hobbs 5713	C Rodrigues (5)
13 (17)	000004	DUTCH MAY (C-D)	M W Easterby 4713	N Crouther (5)
14 (16)	142120	GERSHWIN (C-D)	J W Watts 3711	J Lowe
15 (8)	030402	LAST TANGO	J Sutcliffe 5710	M L Thomas
16 (5)	242340	GOLD CHEB	M W Easterby 378	S Eccles (5)
17 (1)	2100224	CLEAR MELODY (D)	S Nesbitt 577	C Eccleston
18 (11)	1-00303	SHUFFLING (D)	W Wharton 577	K Lewis
19 (3)	200000	PITBOY (D)	F Carr 377	S Saiton

PROBABLE SP: 11-2 Roman Warrior, 6-1 Last Tango, 7-1 Royal Boy, 8-1 Major Bee And Questa Notte, 10-1 High Award, 12-1 Shuffling, 14-1 Hei'land Jamie, 16-1 Dutch May, Maniata and Sweet Nightingale, 20-1 Clear Melody, Rundontwalk and Amun'ra, 25-1 Gershwin and Gold Cheb, 40-1 Pitboy and Persian Breeze.

3.55 LADBROKE STRATHCLYDE H'CAP £4,000

(3-Y-O) 1m (7 runners)

1 (1)	0-21110	GLORIFIED	J Bethell 97	M L Thomas
3 (3)	301000	GREAT IDEA	H Cecil 92	A Bond
5 (4)	020403	GEMINA	M H Easterby 89	M Birch
6 (7)	010013	CONFESSOR (D)	J W Watts 87	J Lowe
9 (6)	111440	THE RYLES	Miss S Hall 81	E Hide
10 (2)	101004	MALIN COURT (C)	D N Angus 80	W Carson
12 (5)	000410	GREY SAIL (D)	J Calvert 77	E Johnson

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Confessor, 7-2 Glorified, 4-1 Great Idea, 11-2 Gemina, 8-1 The Ryles, 12-1 Grey Sail, 14-1 Main Court.

4.05 EGLINTON AND WINTON MEMORIAL H'CAP £5,000

2m 1f (4 runners)

2 (2)	220000	REGAL STEP	R Houghton 4712	W Carson
3 (1)	42143	MOVE OFF	J Calvert 3710	J Lowe
4 (4)	0-00013	NIGHT IN TOWN (C-D)	I Balding 577	E Johnson
5 (3)	301-304	LA MEME	Denys Smith 477	L Charnock

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Night in Town, 2-1 Move Off, 100-30 Regal Step, 5-1 La Meme.

4.35 ARRAN STAKES £2,000

(3-Y-O) 1m 7f (7 runners)

1 (7)	0-34321	CARRIBEG PRINCE	W Elsey 93	E Hide
3 (3)	0-10100	NETHERTON	R Peacock 93	E Johnson
4 (2)	4-13322	ROWE RESIDENCE (BF)	P Walwyn 93	F Morby
6 (5)	030031	FRIVOLITY	W Marshall 90	R Marshall
7 (6)	402003	LEVANSTRID	P Doyle (IRE) n90	W Carson
8 (1)	2-01001	PERSEVERING	J Bethell 90	W Carson
12 (4)	0-300	MISS SARA	S Hall 84	J Lowe

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 On Rowe Residence, 3-1 Persevering, 11-2 Carribeg Prince, 10-1 Frivolity, 14-1 Levanstrid, 20-1 others.

5.05 KINTYRE STAKES £1,000

(3-Y-O fillies) 7f (9 runners)

3 (9)	300001	SCORTON GIRL	Denys Smith 93	W Carson
5 (6)	000000	BEAUTIFUL PARK	M Naughton 810	A Barclay
6 (3)		BERNICE CLARE	J Hanson 810	E Johnson
7 (5)	000-004	CARITA	C Carr 810	J Seagrave
9 (1)	00-0004	COOL SHULA	C Crossley 810	J Higgins
17 (4)	020224	MISS KUNG FU	R Supple 810	E Hide
41 (2)	0040-24	RIVER BELLE	T Craig 810	K Leeson
23 (8)	0	SUBTLE QUEEN	C Bewicke 810	A Bond
24 (7)	0	TOP OF THE TREE	W Elsey 810	J Lowe

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Scorton Girl, 11-4 Miss Kung Fu, 7-2 Carita, 8-1 River Belle, 10-1 Cool Shyla, 14-1 others.

4.00 FALKLAND STAKES HANDICAP £1,500

(3-Y-O) 1m 2f (12 runners)

2 (6)	00210	MOVING ISLES (D)	G P-Gordon 99	E Eidin
3 (5)	2-40021	RENDA	B Hobbs 96	G Lewis
4 (1)	031030	OUR ANNIVERSARY (D)	R Smyth 93	B Raymond
5 (9)	121400	ASSURANCE (D)	G Harwood 93	G Starkey
6 (4)	230221	SUNBURST (D)	G Balding 811 (6ex)	D Dineley (5)
8 (2)	000400	FREE RIDDEN	D Sasse 85	R Cochrane (7)
10 (8)	014011	BELLA CANTO (D)	P Walwyn 82	P Eddery
11 (12)	0-00040	HOME WATERS	H Candy 81	P Waldron
12 (10)	400-010	FORMULA	R Akehurst 81	P Cook
15 (11)	0-02123	FINE BLUE (C)	P Makin 80	G Baxter
15 (7)	01-00	FAIR HEAD	H Candy 713	R Curran
16 (3)	3-00000	MAIDENFORM	I Balding 710	Cullen

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Renda, 11-2 Bella Canto, 7-1 Assurance and Moving Isles, 8-1 Formula and Fine Blue, 12-1 Sunburst and Our Anniversary, 14-1 Home Waters, 16-1 others.

4.30 DONNINGTON STAKES £1,200

(2-Y-O fillies) 7f (30 runners)

4 (18)		BANNER	W Hearn 811	B Proctor
5 (3)	030020	BRIDGE FOUR	J Hindley 811	A Kimberly
6 (7)	30	CALISPEA (BF)	N Vigors 811	P Cook
7 (25)		CAPITAL	R Mason 811	E Eidin
8 (26)		CARRIGEN	W Hearn 811	J Mercer
9 (5)	00	CORNISH RHAPSODY	R Smyth 811	C Williams
12 (12)	00	DEENAIR	D Sasse 811	G Baxter
15 (20)	00	FLAWLESS (FR)	Doug Smith 811	J Wilson
16 (13)	00	GAY TWENTIES	G Smyth 811	G Starkey
17 (2)	00	GEORGIAN GIRL	R Smyth 811	G Starkey
18 (9)	00	GRUNHILDE	P Cundell 811	B Raymond
19 (28)	00	GUAMA	M Jarvis 811	B Raymond
20 (10)	00	HALFA PORTION	D Jermey 811	P Waldron
21 (17)	00	HIGH FINALE	H Candy 811	LC Parkes
22 (27)	00	LA BELLA	P Rohan 811	G Lewis
23 (6)	00	LANFIRE	B Hobbs 811	R Baker (5)
25 (24)	00	MAJOR ISLE	W Wightman 811	R Baker (5)
26 (1)	00	MHAIIRI DHU	P Walwyn 811	L Piggott
27 (14)	00	MISALLIANCE	J Tree 811	B Jago
28 (21)	00	NICOLENE	I Walker 811	F Durr
29 (16)	00	NIGHT FLIER	R Hannon 811	F Durr
30 (30)	00	NORDIC MAID	R Armstrong 811	J Lynch
31 (11)	00	PERSIAN SWALLOW	P Haslam 811	I Johnson (3)
33 (22)	0	ROCKERY	R Smyth 811	T Cain
34 (15)	00	SASSHAI	B Hills 811	R Street
35 (29)	00	SASSALOUS (FR)	D Marks 811	P Madden
37 (4)	00	SERPENTINE	I Balding 811	G Ramshaw
39 (8)	00	STIFF SENTENCE	B Swift 811	G Ramshaw
40 (19)	0	TRAPANI	I Balding 811	G Ramshaw
41 (23)	0	WELSH ARBOUR	P Walwyn 811	G Ramshaw

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Misalliance, 7-2 Serpentine, 5-1 Carnegien, 13-2 Welsh Arbour, 8-1 Lanfire, 10-1 Trapani, 14-1 Guama and High Finale, 16-1 others.

5.00 BEENHAM MAIDEN STAKES DIV 2 £1,200

(2-Y-O-c&g) 1m (16 runners)

5	(5)	004	BILLION (USA)	J Dunlop 90	.....	Wen Hutchinson
11	(10)	023	CUPIDS DEW	B Hills 90	.....	L Piggott
13	(7)	0	DAVOUT	D Sasse 90	.....	P Eddery
21	(12)	000	JARDINIER (FR)	Doug Smith 90	.....	G Baxter
29	(6)	0	NAUGHTY B	J Sutcliffe 90	.....	B B Rouse
31	(14)	0000	NIGHT LINE	S Woodman 90	.....	R Fox
34	(2)	000	OPTICALITY	P Haslam 90	.....	I Johnson (3)
36	(1)	00	PARALLEL	R Houghton 90	.....	
38	(9)	00	PRINCE DOWA	J Nelson 90	.....	A Lynch
39	(4)	0	RAHAT	W Herra 90	.....	J Mercer
40	(11)	0	SAINT JUST	B Hobbs 90	.....	G Lewis
42	(13)	04	SAZERAC	J Johnson 90	.....	D Culler
43	(15)	30	SEA MINSTREL	R Armytage 90	.....	G Ramshaw
48	(16)	00	SWAN VALLEY	C Hill 90	.....	L Hannigan (7)
48	(3)	0	TIN MINE	M Stoule 90	.....	P Cool
54	(8)	00	WINDING TRACK	H Candy 90	.....	P Waldron

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Cupids Dew, 6-1 Billion, 8-1 Parallel and Rahat; 10-1 Davout and Saint Just, 12-1 Sazerac, 14-1 Tin Mine and Jardinier, 16-1 Winding Track and Night Line, 20-1 others.

SPORTSLINE

LAUDA LOOKS FOR CLINCHER

NEW YORK — Niki Lauda is preparing for the decisive race in his bid to stop James Hunt from snatching the Austrian's world drivers' championship.

Lauda's comeback last Sunday in Italy six weeks after a near-fatal crash is already in the sporting history books as one of the greatest recoveries of all time.

And on October 10, in the US Grand Prix at Watkins Glen, New York, Lauda hopes to clinch the title in the third last race of the season.

He said: 'My chances for the championship are still good, even though I lead James Hunt by only five points.' Lauda picked up three points at Monza while Hunt crashed out of the race.

Octane

The Italian Grand Prix is still under a cloud, however, as the row between Ferrari and McLaren continues. McLaren is appealing against a ruling which put Hunt at the back of the grid for allegedly using too high octane petrol.

Lauda reports no ill-effects following his rapid return to the Grand Prix circuit. 'I felt good. I was only normally tired as after every Grand Prix. I felt good in the car, no physical or mental problems.' The 27-year-old Austrian said he was pleased with both his performance and his car.

Hunt, in his first season with McLaren, has always done well at the twisting 3.77-mile Glen circuit.

Despite the rivalry of their respective manufacturers, the drivers remain personal friends.

Lauda says: 'First he is a good competitor. And he has a good car with McLaren, a very good car. That combination should go as well at the Glen as it has at every race this year.'

So the scene is being set for a decisive and monumental clash. And no doubt the wrangles between Ferrari and McLaren will go on up to and after the start in three weeks' time.

Bill Dodgin Jr gets dad's old job

BILL Dodgin followed in his father's footsteps by being appointed manager of Brentford yesterday. Bill Dodgin Sr was in charge at Brentford for three years during the fifties.

Dodgin played for Arsenal and Fulham, where he began his managerial career. Since then he has been in charge at Northampton, but left there at the end of last season having taken them up to the Third Division.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL (all 7.30)

DIVISION ONE
West Brom v Coventry
DIVISION TWO
Hull v Sheffield United
DIVISION FOUR
Stockport v Barnsley



Niki Lauda



James Hunt

Snow hits out at mystery men behind cricket

Rebel sets the record straight

JOHN Snow has had so many brushes with the cricket Establishment that even if he had finished top of the bowling averages this year, he may still have been left out of the England touring party for India.

In his time, the Sussex pace man has been banned, dropped and sacked by 'mystery figures', as he calls them, behind the selectors. And even his county publicly dropped him at one stage.

For standing up for his rights and those of other players who play the game seriously for a living, Snow has clashed with the authorities for incidents on and off the field, from Lord's to Melbourne.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

Snow has a basis for hitting out because he is one of the greatest Test bowlers of all time. Only four other pace men have, like him, taken more than 200 Test wickets and they include Fred Trueman, Brian Statham and Ray Lindwall.

In the twilight of his career, Snow has decided to put the record straight in his autobiography 'Cricket Rebel' (Hamlyn, £2.95). He glosses nothing over and is harsh with the men who run the game in England.

Omitted

Snow established himself in the England side in 1966 during the series against the West Indies. He was not to be dropped on a 'pure question of form' until the summer of 1973, though he was omitted as a disciplinary measure by Colin Cowdrey and Ray Illingworth, 'plus the mystery men in the background at Lord's.'

By now Snow was learning about the sharp divisions felt by many players in their relations with the Establishment. It became clear in 1967 when Brian Close was sacked as captain for the tour of the West Indies.

The selectors wanted Close but were overruled by the MCC committee who went for

Cowdrey. Snow's comments hit the mark.

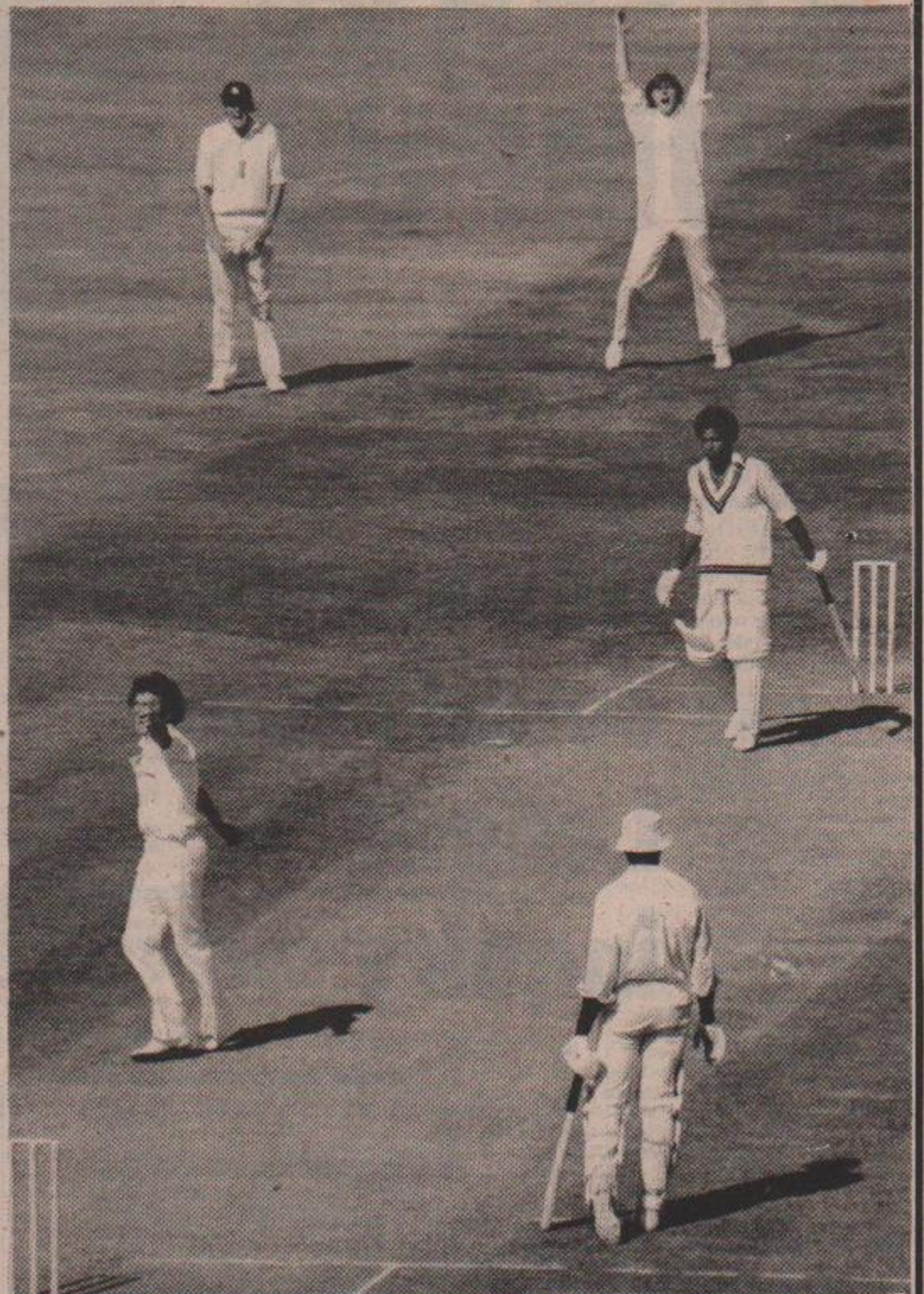
'It hardly seemed to me worthwhile appointing selectors if their decisions were not going to be acceptable... to me it was a prime example of one person having the "right" background and the other the "wrong".'

A year later Snow had his first taste of real trouble with England on the tour of Pakistan. On the eve of the first Test, Cowdrey asked him to bowl his long run. Snow thought it unnecessary given the conditions and refused. That cost him his place in the opening Test.

A major crisis broke when the players were informed, without consultation, that an extra Test match was to be played in the 1970-1971 series. They learned the news off Sir Don Bradman!

Snow writes: 'There was no suggestion that we should receive any extra payment for helping the Australian authorities to maintain their profits from the tour.'

'Now this is not being mean or moody. This was an extra game over and above the agreement we had made when we accepted the terms for the tour. The players were making the sacrifice, but there was no offer of compensation until the



John Snow has Bernard Julien leg before on his recall (again!) to the Test side this summer. But he was soon left out once more

dinner before the fifth Test when we asked for more.

Nothing in his career caused such 'near-hysteria' as Snow's collision with Indian batsman Sunil Gavaskar at Lord's. The little batsman bit the dust going for a run as Snow went for a run-out.

Snow was ready to apologise. Then Billy Griffith, MCC secretary, charged into the dressing room and shouted: 'That's the most disgusting thing I've ever seen on a field,' Snow says.

Tempers flared and Snow left his apology for later when he walked past Gavaskar to his field position.

There were no ill-feelings and the Indian manager accepted the apology. But the authorities did not let the matter rest there.

'What I wasn't prepared for was the explanation of Alec Bedser. He told me I was being left out of the next Test match. Then he added that this wasn't a decision of the England selectors, but a direct

order from above.'

Snow's book has much to say about the treatment of professional players by managements around the country, the scandal of benefit years as a substitute for proper pay and poor English wickets designed to break a pace man's heart.

The book sheds light on the murky goings-on behind the cricket scenes, on incidents that the authorities would like kept secret. For that John Snow should be thanked.

Dwight Stones holds young high jumpers' attention as the world record holder goes through a training clinic at Crystal Palace yesterday

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

SOCCER RESERVE RUMPUUS

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

NEWCASTLE UNITED face action by the Football League, and a possible fine, for playing a 'reserve' team in their Anglo-Scottish Cup tie at Ayr on Wednesday night.

The Scottish Premier League team won the match 3-0, in front of their smallest crowd of the season. And only good saves from Newcastle goalkeeper Ian McFaul kept the score respectable.

But the question League secretary Alan Hardaker may ask is: 'Why was McFaul, the ex-Ireland keeper who is now a junior coach at Newcastle, playing at all?

And he could put the same question mark over nearly every member of the team.

Only Scottish Under-23 international Tommy Craig gave the team a recognisable appearance, and although many of the young reserves who played had first team experience, manager Gordon Lee faces League action.

Lee said two days before the match that he would play a side that had 'something of a Central League look about it,' and he has made no secret of his disregard for the worth of the Anglo-Scottish cup competition, and its predecessor, The Texaco Cup.

Respond

Hardaker was quick to respond, even before the match.

He accepted that Newcastle have injury problems, but added that if the League did not regard the team as 'the best available,' they would be in contact with the club.

That now seems on the cards, although the League will make no official move until they have seen the team sheets, which should be early next week as six days are allowed for delivery.

Lee was unmoved by the threat of a League investigation, and said it was his right to pick what he thought was the best team for the occasion.

Newcastle could face League inquiry

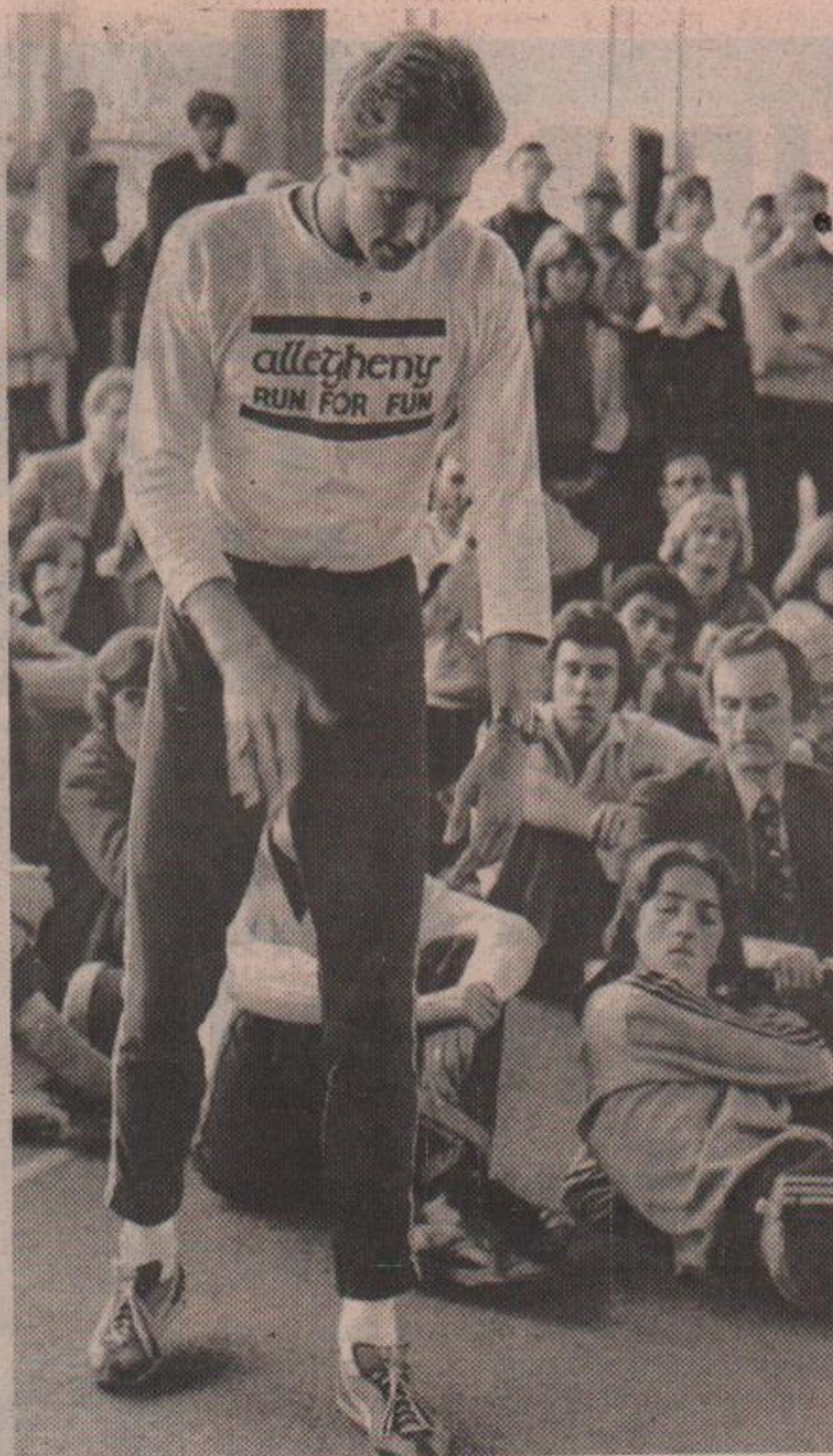
If, as seems certain, the League does investigate, it could mean another major clash between a club and the administrators. It may not be the last of its kind this season.

The match programme is increasing every season, and other club managers are known to share Lee's view that competitions like the Anglo-Scottish cup are unnecessary.

Injured

Managers fear that they could have a player injured in a minor match, and that they would then be weakened for big Cup and League clashes.

Clubs have been fined in the past for making sure that doesn't happen by playing reserves in first team matches and leaving out top players even when they were fit.



High jump doctor takes his clinic

DWIGHT Stones, the world high jump record holder, has a 'bad boy' reputation. But when it comes to coaching young hopefuls, Stones has no equals anywhere.

Yesterday he made his skills available at Crystal Palace at a high jump clinic before hundreds of youngsters. They were enthralled as he took them through a three-hour session.

At Stones' last coaching clinic, his advice to Mike Windsor (personal best 7 ft 2 ins) had such an effect that in the American college championships the next day, Windsor improved to 7 ft 5 ins and even attempted the world record of 7 ft 7 ins!

Tonight Stones renews his duel with Olympic champion Jacek Wszola, who has since raised his best to 7 ft 5 1/2 ins and beaten Stones at home in Warsaw.

Stones, a fluent talker, flopped in the Montreal rain but has since raised his own world record by one quarter of an inch. He says there is no reason why the record should not go to eight feet eventually!

Of his Polish rival, Stones says: 'Wszola is the fiercest competitor I have ever run up against — as fierce a competitor as myself. So you can understand that it is always exciting to meet him.'

Bowen Testimonial

LIVERPOOL have agreed to play in a testimonial game for Northampton's general manager and secretary, Dave Bowen, on a date to be fixed next month.

It will mark 20 years service by Bowen for Northampton as player, and official.

Bowen, a former captain of Arsenal, also played for Wales for ten years and managed Wales for 12 years. He plotted Northampton's successive climb from the fourth to the first division in five seasons between 1961 and 65.

Sheffield sign Hope

SHEFFIELD Wednesday yesterday signed former Scottish international midfielder player, Bobby Hope.

Hope was formerly with Birmingham and was in West Bromwich Albion's FA cup winning team in 1968.

Plum job in Zambia

PAT Wright, axed as Portsmouth's chief coach at the end of last season as an economy measure, has landed a £16,000 a year post as manager of the Zambia national team.

Wright, aged 36, a former Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Derby and Rotherham defender, starts a three-year contract next month.

Busby pens at Norwich

VIV Busby signed for Norwich from Fulham yesterday for £50,000 after the striker successfully underwent a medical.

Norwich manager John Bond said that Busby would play against Derby at Carrow Road on Saturday in place of Ted MacDougall who was transferred to Southampton this week, also for £50,000.

Boxing replacement

PETER Brisland of Southampton, will replace the injured Phil Martin against the former British heavyweight champion, Bunny Johnson in a ten-round light heavyweight fight, at the World Sporting Club, London, on September 27.

Jack-Cole duo

CAPTAIN Tony Jacklin partners Neil Coles against Belgium's Philippe Toussaint and Italy's Baldovino Dassu in today's opening foursomes in the Britain and Ireland against the Continent of Europe match for the Hennessy Cup in Lille.

Evert-Ashe here for Dewar Cup

CHRIS EVERT, the Wimbledon and United States champion, and the undisputed top women player in the world, and Arthur Ashe, the 1975 Wimbledon mens' singles winner, head the entry for this year's Dewar Cup tennis tournament.

The event will be staged entirely in London, from October 30 to November 6. The preliminaries will be at the Sobell centre, Islington.

RACING RESULTS

YARMOUTH

2.15 (7): UNELLA, W O Gorman (11-2) 1; Fasching (5-1) fav; 2: High Charge (10-1) 3; Diamond Day (8-1) 4; 18 ran. 2 1/2. W O Gorman (T: 87p, 27p, 23p, 31p, 43) 1m; SIR PELLEAS, J Rowe (5-1) 1; Blues Again (6-1) 2; Life's Ambition (14-1) 3; Hargrave Rogue (6-1) 4; 11 ran. 3. B. M. Scute (T: 79p, 30p, 23p, 68p, 3.15 (2m 2): MISS ROSETTA, R Fox (20-1) 1; Cumbernauld (12-1) 2; Frisky Scot (8-1) 3; Quiet (11-4) fav; 4: 15 ran. 2 1/2. P. P. Robinson (T: 12.90, 72p, 38p, 23p, 3.45 (3m): CAPTAIN'S MATE, G Lewis (12-10) fav; 1: Mister Quip (9-1) 2; Dancing Robe (14-1) 3; Cruising (16-1) 4; 16 ran. 1 1/2. 5: (B Hobbs) T: 22p, 14p, 19p, 27p, NR; Brisquessard, R4; 10p int. 4.15 (1m): COURT HOUSE, K Lewis (16-1) 1; Vaguely James (7-2) 2; Glazepia rework (12-1) 3; Moon Express (7-2) fav; 4: 10 ran. 1 1/2. (W Marshall) T: 63.03, 62p, 13p, 28p, DF: 47.45 4.45 (1m 2): DOUBLEHOPEFUL, M Miller (100-30) 1; Bally Knod (5-2) fav; 2: Ragotina (7-2) 3; Social Contract (10-1) 4; 9 ran. 5 1/2. (B Lunn) T: 36p, 16p, 13p, 11p, DF: 84p, 5.15 (7): PORT AHOY, G Starkey (2-1) 1; Princess du Rhone (13-1) 2; Shooting Season (5-4) fav; 3: Empress Chanda (20-1) 4; 16 ran. 1 1/2. (M Scute) T: 41p, 14p, 11.02, 13p, 28p, DF: 47.45

NR: Welsh Jewel

TOTE DOUBLE: 1846.60
OTE TREBLE: £21.30
JACKPOT: not won

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2.00 (6): SONNENBLICK, M Birch (2-1) fav; 1: King Willi (14-1) 2; Anemos (12-1) 3; Delayed Action (8-1) 4; 9 ran. 7, sh hd. (G Richards) T: 32p, 16p, 18p, 30p, DF: £1.37 2.30 (5): HE LOVES ME, A Kimberly (11-4) fav; 1: Forty Winks (11-2) 2; Latest Model (10-1) 3; Stonewall Jack (9-1) 4; 9 ran. sh hd, 1 1/2. (J Hindley) T: 41p, 16p, 18p, 30p, DF: 79p. 2.05 (1m 3p): FLAME TREE, G Baxter (4-1) 1; Kalka (10-1) 2; Kunpun (14-1) 3; Warbeck (9-2) 4; 10 ran. 1 1/2. (B Hobbs) T: 63p, 22p, 26p, 63p, DF: £2.76 3.15 (1m): REVLOV, L C Parkes (5-1) 1; Stormy Summer (14-1) 2; Mint (8-1) 3; Danish King (10-1) 4; 12 ran. 3, 1 1/2. (M H Easterby) T: 96p, 33p, 34p, 23p, 6: 1, W Carson (9-4) fav; 1: Bines Bridge (4-1) 2; Bedfellow (8-1) 3; High Steward (7-1) 4; 13 ran. 7, 2 1/2. (J Winter) T: 32p, 13p, 17p, 25p, 4.35 (7): NANA'S QUEEN, E Hide (9-1) 1; Helping Hand (12-1) 2; Lydiate (10-1) 3; Olywyn (5-4) fav; 4: 21 ran. 3, sh hd. (G P Gordon) T: 50p, 23p, 31p, 35p, TOTE DOUBLE: £7.10 TOTE TREBLE: £49.65

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2.00 (2m): SILVER GAL, S Houliker (11-8) fav; 1: Yellow Cloud (3-1) 2; Coffee Bob (7-1) 3; Wiggling (10-1) 4; 4 ran. 7, 1. (J Berry) T: 22p, F: 50p. 2.30 (2m 3/4): ROOKERY NOOK, C Hawkins (4-1) 1; No Defence (11-4) on fav; Only 2 finished 3 ran. 7. (N Crump) T: 36p, F: £1.14. 3.00 (3m): HEMON, T Hallett (20-1) 1; Seldom Daunted (7-4) fav; 2: Georgie (11-2) 3; Peter Scot (16-1) 4; 11 ran. 2 1/2. (T Hallett) T: £1.02, 39p, 18p, 25p, NR: Prince Spook. 4.30 (3m): VILLAGE THIEF, J Francome (3-1) 1; Irish Scholar (7-1) 2; Sandwell (7-2) 3; EvenSwell (16-1) 4; 6 ran. 1 1/2, 30-R Head; T: 33p, 17p, 19p, F: 80p. 4.40 (2m 4): FLASH IMP, R Mann (9-4) on fav; 1: Whispering Grace (2-1) 2; Whistlers Bay (30-1) 3; Some Jest (66-1) 4; 4 ran. 3, 1 1/2. (M Tale) T: 12p, F: 19p. 4.30 (2m): FORGET IT, J Watkinson (9-1) 1; Persian Frieze (5-1) 2; Slievevaugh (6-4) on fav; 3: Tudor Amber (33-1) 4; 7 ran. 6, 4. (E Jones) T: 30p, 23p, 23p, DF: £1.27 TOTE DOUBLE: £11.55 TOTE TREBLE: £49.10