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SOARES TO UNLEASH ARMY ON FARMS

LISBON — Portugal's hated Republican Guard — the paramilitary police force set up by the fascists — say they are just 'waiting for the word' from the Soares government to go in to the southern Alentejo region against the farmworkers. Soares is planning to order the eviction of farmworkers who have set up co-operatives on land taken over from the big landowners. He intends to have it returned to private owners.
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Nervy £ awaits seamen's result

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

SEAMEN'S union negotiators (far side of table) yesterday confronted the General Council of British Shipping, the body which represents 200 UK shipping companies.

While the intense talks went on, the pound fell during the day by a half a cent in value against the dollar. Dealers on the money markets said: 'The pound is uneasily waiting for developments in the seamen's fringe benefit talks.'

Despite denials by the government, international bankers feel fringe benefits being offered to the seamen in an attempt to avert an all-out strike spell doom for the 'social contract'.

But the pound is also falling in value because of withdrawal of purchases by the Bank of England. The Bank and the government are again using the seamen as a scapegoat. Support for the pound prior to the seamen's strike threat had been draining UK currency reserves week by week.

Our picture shows shirtsleeved Jim Slater, the union's general secretary, shortly before the shipowners made their new pay offer.

Angry words followed — and the London talks were adjourned for long periods while each side held separate discussions. The arguments continued well into last night.

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School kids IN MURDER HUNT

THE ATTEMPTS to indoctrinate children into automatic collaboration with the forces of law and order apparently know no bounds.

The cash register was missing from the Autosale Garage, where cashier William Melvin died.

Yesterday, the Surrey police mobilised the children of Aberdor School at Burgh, near Epsom, to look for clues in a recent robbery of a petrol station at Banstead.

Adults, many of whom take legal action against police abuses and are suspicious of an arm of state repression which has so many of its own officers currently on criminal charges, can choose whether to collaborate with the police. Children cannot.



JOBLESS WORST SINCE THE WAR

Hard-core unemployment has reached its highest level since the war, on the eve of the Labour Party conference at Blackpool.

The September unemployment figure, issued yesterday, showed 1,456,363 people out of work. This is 6.2 per cent of the working population.

Normally, there is a substantial drop in September as school-leavers find jobs and come off the register.

This time 53,645 school-leavers came off the register, leaving a total of 149,772 school-leavers still jobless.

Despite this, the unemployment level fell by only 45,613 since August.

BY OUR OWN STAFF

Northern Ireland now has 11.4 per cent unemployment, the north of England 8.2 per cent, Wales 7.9 per cent, the north west 7.5 per cent and Scotland 7.4 per cent.

Increase

After school-leavers are excluded, there are 1,306,591 hard-core unemployed this month, an increase of more than 8,000.

Seasonally-adjusted figures show an increase of 9,900. This did not prevent the government from asserting, yet again, that an improvement is 'just around the corner'.

Full regional totals and percentages are:

South East — 343,506 — 4.6%
East Anglia — 34,691 — 5%
South West — 104,432 — 6.6%
W Midlands — 145,771 — 6.4%
E Midlands — 80,066 — 5.2%
Yorks-Humber — 122,099 — 5.9%
North West — 211,250 — 7.5%

North — 110,079 — 8.2%
Wales — 82,473 — 7.9%
Scotland — 161,403 — 7.4%
N. Ireland — 60,593 — 11.4%

Short-time working is also on the increase. 65,000 workers were affected in mid-September, compared with 30,000 in August.

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What we think Policy for jobs fight

THE LATEST rise in the hard-core jobless figures, and the news that almost 150,000 school-leavers are still without work, is confirmation that the Labour government is deliberately driving up unemployment.

David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said yesterday: 'The unemployment figures remain appallingly high. At next week's Labour Party conference, unemployment will be the number one issue.'

Brian Sedgemore, economic spokesman for the 'Tribune' group, said: 'Every month for the past year, the government has been telling us that the unemployment figures have reached the peak, but it is clear that the underlying trend is still up.'

But the trade union leaders have consistently collaborated with the policies of the government, and the parliamentary 'lefts' have refused to vote against them.

The only real fight against unemployment is being waged by the Young Socialists' 'Jobs for Youth Now' campaign.

Young Socialists national secretary Simon Pirani told News Line: 'We are going forward from our lobby of the TUC on Jobs for Youth to a national conference of trades unionists and youth at Sheffield on Sunday November 28.'

The demands of the unemployed school-leavers, like the call for increased pensions for the elderly, predominated at the TUC Congress. We are calling on trade union branches to link the fight of the young and the old, as both these sections are hardest-hit by the crisis.

We are circulating branches, shop-stewards' committees and all union organisations, urging them to send delegations to the conference and support the campaign. (See advert page 4.)

Bombs and the law

THE Provisional IRA has admitted responsibility for the killing of the British ambassador to Eire, Mr Christopher Ewart-Biggs. News Line did not join the flood of crocodile tears shed by the Fleet Street Press over Ewart-Biggs. Thousands of Irish men and women have been bombed, shot, starved and tortured to death by British imperialism to the applause of the British capitalist Press.

We oppose the assassination of the ambassador because, far from helping the cause of Irish Republicanism and the working class, it plays right into the hands of their most bitter enemies.

The Provisionals claimed that Ewart-Biggs was in charge of British Intelligence in Ireland. But intelligence operations are a normal function of embassy staffs. His death paved the way for the most reactionary wave of legislation ever passed in Eire — ostensibly as a move against 'terrorism', but in reality a preparation for serious clashes with the working class as the economic crisis deepens.

If one lesson is clear from the blood-stained history of Ireland, it is that imperialism cannot be driven out by bombs and assassinations.

For more than 100 years, individual acts of terrorism — sometimes the act of the opponents of imperialism, but often the work of agents and provocateurs — have been used to strengthen the grip of reaction.

Way back in 1881 the notorious 'Coercion Bill', which outlawed all opposition to landlordism, was passed through the British parliament after the Phoenix Park killing of Lord Cavendish, the British Secretary of State for Ireland.

In 1922 the killing of the former Director of Military Operations at the War Office, General Sir Henry Wilson, greatly helped the British government in its preparations for civil war in Ireland.

In more recent times, the mysterious explosions in Dublin in December 1972, enabled the then government of Jack Lynch to rush through emergency 'anti-terror' legislation. Those bombs were the work of British government agents.

The Birmingham bombings two years later led directly to Roy Jenkins' Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The Workers Revolutionary Party defends the right of those forces fighting against imperialism to choose their method of waging that struggle. The main enemy for us is British imperialism. But we have the right to point out that individual terrorism only helps reaction. It enables the gutter Press to split the working class and prepare for right-wing attacks on all basic rights.

Such terrorism substitutes individual 'action', typical of the petty-bourgeoisie, for the political mobilisation of the only force which can defeat imperialism — the working class.

Seamen keep up strike demand

EDINBURGH — Rank and file seamen are keeping up demands for strike action.

Robert Croll, for example, left the roll-on roll-off ferry 'Rof Beaver' at Leith yesterday saying:

'As far as I am concerned I'm leaving the ship to go on strike.'

Robert, from South Wales, told News Line that he and militant colleagues felt the strike should not have been postponed.

'Now that that's happened we want a lot more than the £6 and

the TUC must support us since they laid down the terms of the negotiations.

'If we get everything they're talking about it would amount to more than £6 and that's what I want to see.

'All these things are things we should have had years ago,' he said.

Robert continued:

'Stand-by time on a ship should be paid at the basic rate.

'We need to get fares for travelling to the nearest town which is sometimes miles away

from the port we're at.

'We should also get air fares if we're paid off a long way from home otherwise you often can't get home while you're on leave. And we need more leave.

'I've been at sea ten days. If I were going back to work in a couple of days as usual it would be impossible for me to get home and back again in time.

'If we get concessions on these lines, they'll be worth much more than the £6.

'If we don't, the strike must go ahead. I'm ready for it.'

'Fiddling' charge angers seamen

CATERING staff on a cross-Channel ferry were still angry yesterday over allegations of 'fiddling'.

On Monday they staged a lightning strike, delaying the sailing of the British Rail ferry 'Senlac' from Newhaven to Dieppe. About 24 staff were involved.

The crewmen marched to a harbour-side pub and held a meeting.

A spokesman, Michael

Sweeney, of Kemp Town, Brighton, said: 'We are stopping work in protest at the article. The unions and Sealink are not involved.'

'The story that we are fiddling is absolutely nonsense. We are being called thieves to the whole public and we want an apology.'

The report alleged that a small group of seamen known as

'the Newhaven mafia' were controlling the fiddles.

'What nonsense,' said a galley chef Paddy Heading of Peacehaven. 'With all the returns in triplicate it is impossible.' NUR and NUS men have rightly denounced the smears of the capitalist Press and the way management has quickly got in on the act.

Catering staff should insist on an inquiry into 'fiddles' at the top of British Rail and in Fleet Street.

EIRE POLICE STATE LAWS

HELD UP

Brothers try to make a break



Kenneth Littlejohn

THE Littlejohn brothers, who worked for British intelligence in Ireland, have tried to escape again from Mountjoy jail, Dublin. It was disclosed yesterday.

They were caught climbing through the vestry on a rope made from knotted vestments.

The brothers, Kenneth and Keith, are serving long sentences for an armed £67,000 robbery from a Dublin Bank.

They have always maintained they took part in the crime while working for British Intelligence.

The two escaped in March, 1974, from Mountjoy. Keith, the youngest brother, hurt a leg and was recaptured within hours.

Kenneth enjoyed a remarkable year of freedom in Birmingham before being returned from the UK on an extradition warrant.

While in Birmingham he was interviewed by the Press and stayed in the home of a police-spy involved in the Birmingham bombs trial, which resulted in the anti-terror laws being legislated by the Labour government in November 1974.

THE IRISH government's attempt to introduce a legal framework for a police state has been delayed by Eire president O'Dalaigh.

He has referred the Criminal Law Bill which seeks to give the army sweeping powers of arrest to the Council of State which advises the president whether legislation is compatible with the Eire constitution.

The council of state is a body that has been called upon only six times since the Irish constitution was passed in collaboration with the British government 37 years ago.

O'Dalaigh has already sent the proposed Emergency Powers Bill — which would enable suspects to be held for seven days without trial — to the council.

The eventual outcome may be a full-scale examination of the legislation by the Irish Supreme Court.

Arrest

President O'Dalaigh, announcing his decision pointed specifically to two sections, one dealing with incitement to join 'subversive groups', the other allowing army men detaining suspects for offences mainly under this Bill or the Offences Against the State Act 1939, to justify the arrest by declaring his army status and his suspicion of the detainee's involvement in the offence.

His request for advice from the council of state refers only to one of the eight sub-sections of the particular clause giving powers of arrest and search to the army.

The legislation has caused considerable anxiety among large sections of the Irish population.

Many are comparing it to the laws of the dictatorial regimes of the 1920s and 1930s when Republicans were hunted down and executed to preserve the ruling class and the large British interests in the country.

Provisional Sinn Féin, the political wing of the IRA, said:

'These iniquitous provisions possess the potential of being used against groups — trades unions, unemployed, tenants' associations — who, in their quest for justice, may threaten the ruling class.'

They add: 'It is undeniable that a state of emergency exists in this part of the island in view of the fact that 150,000 are unemployed; housing conditions for the poor are atrocious, and we are confronted with a stagnant economy.'

HIGHLAND FLING

News of the resignation of the big city accountancy firm, Touche Ross, as auditors of Sir Hugh Fraser's Scottish and Universal Investments sent the company's shares sliding on the Stock Exchange yesterday.

It also lifted another lid on the dubious workings of the Fraser empire.

See: The missing £4m in tomorrow's News Line



Limping home

LIMPING back to Portsmouth with a damaged bow after NATO's dangerous war games ended in disaster comes 'HMS Mermala', the frigate which sank the minesweeper 'Fittleton' in a collision off the Dutch coast.

Twelve naval reservists lost their lives as the 'Fittleton' capsized and

then sank in 160ft of cold North Sea water.

The NATO war exercise, codenamed 'Teamwork', gives the armed forces hierarchy the chance to whip up anti-communist propaganda about the Red Fleet bogy and to strut about in absurd military postures designed to intimidate the working class.

CORRECTION — The Liverpool seamen's meeting reported yesterday on page 9 was a special branch meeting called by the Liverpool National Union of Seamen and not the strike committee. The chairman at the meeting was Joe Kenny and not Frank Lennon as stated.



Stan Orme

THE REAL FACE OF CALLAGHAN'S TEAM

MR ORME'S SPIES

GET TOUGHER

BY STEPHEN JOHNS
UNEMPLOYED workers, poor families and pensioners face identity checks and surprise home visits by social security detectives under new plans announced by the Labour government yesterday.

Sharks prey on miner's houses

SPECULATORS have been moving in to Coal Board housing estates in the Kent coalfield since the board said it would sell its houses in the country, says the National Union of Mineworkers.

Their targets have been elderly and retired miners and miners' widows who have no hope of obtaining a mortgage when the board offers them their houses at half their market value.

The speculators are offering to buy houses immediately the tenants have purchased them from the board. The tenant then gets a small profit from the speculator who, says the union, will then sell the house for enormous profit.

Jack Dunn, secretary of the union's Kent area, said yesterday:

'This is a disgusting move by speculators and get-rich-quick boys.'

The union at Betteshanger colliery, near Deal — the largest pit in Kent — is opposed to the sale of the Coal Board houses.

...and Healey boasts of dwindling pay

CHANCELLOR of the Exchequer Denis Healey boasted yesterday about how the Labour government was driving the working class in Britain towards impoverishment.

With living standards falling as never before, as wages are outstripped by price increases, and with 1.5 million out of work altogether, Healey told the Industrial Management magazine:

'No country in the world has lower wage cost increases than Britain.'

He went on praising his own

right wing and the TUC bureaucracy:

'I think it is about time that industry gave trade unions and the government some credit for the fact that... the second year of pay restraint is to be more, not less, strict than the first.'

Healey boasted that the squeeze on workers' living standards through unemployment, the pay laws and inflation might allow the government to relax its tight rules in the future.

This boast is rendered threadbare by the gaping hole which the seamen have just knocked in the Phase Two

4½-per-cent limits by threatening a total indefinite strike.

Fears of the effects of this breakthrough on other groups of militant workers are what is helping drive down the value of the pound this week.

Healey ended with a sop to the middle-class management which he hopes will help the government impose corporatist controls on the working class.

The level of taxation for middle managers in industry is probably operating as a disincentive and I want to relieve it,' he wrote.

This underlines the class



Denis Healey

bias in favour of the rich so blatantly revealed in the Labour government's treatment of the bankrupt Slater Walker speculators (a £110m handout) compared to the victimisation of the poor (see story this page).

right-wing propaganda in the Tory Press designed to build up hatred against unemployed people — particularly immigrants.

Full-time officials at the Ministry of Health and Social Security are working on 30 secret projects designed to track down 'scroungers', said Orme.

He would not say how much the extra staff and improved detection methods would cost the taxpayer, but he did reveal that only £2.6m was lost to the

state through known social security 'frauds'.

This sum is tiny compared to the total social security payment which is more than £10,000m a year and the £100m to £200m owed to poor and unemployed people who do not claim what they deserve under the law.

Orme denied that the machinery he was establishing would provide a future Tory government with powers to persecute the working class along the lines of recent

'scrounger' stories in the Tory gutter Press.

'Some people are trying to make scapegoats in our society. We are not going to tolerate that', he emphasised.

The case of the four Asians who were put up in a first-class hotel in the south of England created a great deal of feeling and comment and it was taken way out of context', he said.

One of the civil servants who flanked Orme during

yesterday's Press conference said that there were 15,000 cases of fraud over the last 12 months, 6,400 involved people drawing benefits while they were working, 2,400 involved people claiming benefits for dependents who were working and 4,400 involved people illegally acquiring social security credentials.

'Those who defraud the system are going to have a bumpy ride,' said Orme.

'Bug'mystery at MP's home

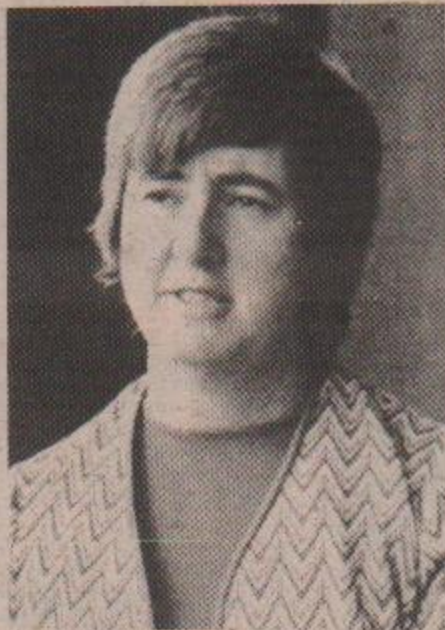
SCOTLAND Yard claimed yesterday there was no truth that a bugging device had been discovered at the home of a left-wing Labour MP.

But an article in yesterday's 'Daily Mirror' was adamant the device had been found there.

Break-in

It was found following a mysterious break-in at the London home of Maureen Colquhoun MP, said the newspaper which also reported that Home Secretary Merlyn Rees and police chief Sir Robert Mark had been sent reports on the discovery.

The Yard statement said: 'Divisional CID officers are investigating a case of burglary at the home of Mrs Colquhoun MP but there is no truth in the 'Daily Mirror' story today that a bugging device has been discovered there.'



Maureen Colquhoun

A member of the left-wing Tribune group of Labour MPs, Mrs Colquhoun has bitterly attacked the Labour leadership in recent months, particularly over the dropping of the child benefit scheme.

The break-in was at No 19 Vicars Close, Hackney — a new terraced house she moved into only two months ago.

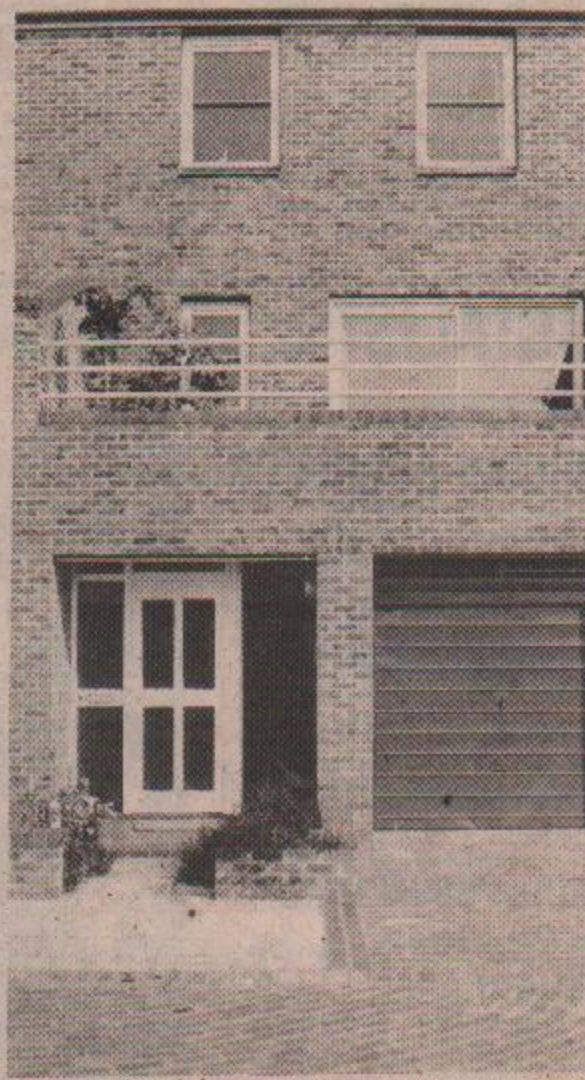
She apparently became suspicious because the burglar or burglars took some items of small value but left untouched a large amount of cash.

Several Tribune MPs have been insisting for some time that their telephones are bugged.

Torture

One of them, Tom Litterick (MP for Selly Oak) said yesterday: 'The evil thing about Britain today is that the citizen has no protection and that the state can torture them, jail them, invade their houses, and bug them — and there will always be someone like Roy Jenkins (ex-Home Secretary) to say they are not doing it.'

Mrs Colquhoun, who is MP for Northampton North, was not available for comment yesterday.



Mrs Colquhoun's house

September Fund

Not got our first £1,000

WE ONLY have another nine days left! At this rate we will not complete our £4,000 target. Please, dear readers, don't let our fund drop so far behind.

We cannot make all this amount up with just a last-minute fight. Help us, therefore, with a big effort to catch up immediately.

There is no doubt that inflation has hit everyone hard. Another rounds of price increases and a prospect of more to come, can only turn more and more sections of workers against this Labour government and its social contract.

We say fight back against this huge onslaught on living standards by campaigning everywhere to bring down this treacherous government. Build an alternative revolutionary leadership. Join our Party today.

It means that we must not allow our fund to slip back any more. Everyone must go into action and drive our total right up. Raise all you can. Rush every donation to:

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Clapham SW4 0JT



OIL PROFITS FLOW ON

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

THE OIL companies have continued to amass multi-million profits during the crisis.

The latest returns from the United States show that only the Exxon corporation (Esso to British motorists) has failed to increase its profits over the last six months.

But Exxon executives are not worried. Theirs is the

biggest oil company in the world and profits dwarf those of all their rivals.

Getty Oil — whose owner Paul Getty died recently surrounded by his wealth in the south of England — reported £120.1m profits for the first half of 1976. Shareholders' holdings were up-valued by 25 per cent. No curb on incomes here.

Texaco, one of the

infamous 'seven sisters' who monopolise world production and distribution through cartel agreements, enjoyed an 18.6-per-cent rise in profits. The company's net six-month income was £424.9m.

Chairman F Grenville put the profits bonanza down to

Texaco's ability to charge higher prices for petrol products in the US.

Shell Oil, the Anglo-Dutch monopoly that began as a trading company, increased its profits by 40 per cent to £164.9m. Their chemical and natural gas sales were responsible for

the extra millions.

Continental Oil did the best of all with a 50.3 per cent rise in profits to £255.9m which equals a £2.48 increase per share.

The other smaller and medium-sized US corporations also improved their earnings.

Profits in the oil industry display a marked feature of capitalism in crisis. The biggest capitalist concerns,

because of their monopoly position, can control production and prices.

This has the effect of transferring into their own coffers the lion's share of the total surplus value produced in the world by the working class.

While they grow fat on the billions of dollars extracted from the working class, other weaker companies are driven into bankruptcy

Wigg remanded on 'insult' charge

LORD WIGG, former Labour paymaster-general, was remanded on £20 bail yesterday by Marlborough Street magistrates, charged with using insulting behaviour in London's West End.

The 75-year-old peer's counsel, Mr Roy Roebuck, said: 'My client strenuously denies these allegations and this case will be most vigorously contested.'

The case was adjourned at the defence's request until November 4, after a one-minute hearing.

The charge was not read out in court, nor was it listed on the public list of cases.

Lord Wigg, of Warwick Square, Belgravia, London, said nothing during the brief hearing, in which he sat in the wrought



Lord Wigg

iron-surrounded dock. Afterwards police cleared a way through waiting

photographers for Lord Wigg, who left in a taxi with his counsel and a third man.

Lord Wigg, Labour MP for Dudley, Worcestershire, for 22 years before he became a life peer in 1967, was paymaster-general in the 1964 Labour administration, which made him responsible for intelligence services.

He is also former chairman of the horserace betting levy board.

He is married with three daughters.

Lord George-Brown, the 62-year-old former Labour Deputy Prime Minister, who was admitted to St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, last Saturday for investigation and observation is 'satisfactory'.

Free pardon for army deserter

AN ARMY deserter who gave himself up after six years on the run has been given a free pardon.

Ex-private Robert Stark, 28, from Stirlingshire, joined the army ten years ago. He walked out in November 1970.

He fled to Dublin and worked as a casual labourer. After

illegally obtaining an Irish National Insurance card, he returned to Scotland as an Irish immigrant.

He then worked in Dundee for a while before returning to his home town, Kilsyth.

He said: 'The strain of constantly looking over my shoulder was too much for me and I decided to give myself up.'

An Army spokesman said: 'He was fired. There is a provision in Queen's Regulations for the discharge of a soldier who has been absent without leave for a long period.'

'When it appears that a man will be of no further use and clearly does not wish to remain in the service, this regulation can be applied.'

THE NAME OF THE HOUSING GAME...

THE housing market is a nightmare. It will never house everybody decently. And the state supports it.

This is the conclusion of a government-sponsored community development project after four years' research.

The CDP was set up by the Home Office in 1969 as a neighbourhood-based experiment aimed at 'finding new ways of meeting the needs of people living in areas of high social deprivation.'

It consisted originally of 12 local projects, but only five — in Birmingham (Saltley), Newcastle (Benwell), North Tyneside (North Shields), Oldham (Clarksfield) and Paisley (Ferguslie Park) still exist.

The result of their findings is that the land dealers, builders, building societies, solicitors and estate agents exist to make profits and not to provide housing.

This view is not shared by the Home Office, who announced that the department responsible for the scheme is to be shut down next month.

The feeling among the CDP staff was that the closure was a political move prompted by the controversial nature of the

report.

The Department of the Environment is preparing its own report on housing, which is yet to appear and has been postponed several times.

The CDP report says of it: 'When the DOE report does appear it will only recommend some tinkering with the system. Our report shows that no amount of tinkering will improve the harsh conditions in CDP area.'

Of land, the report says: 'The

banks, building societies and local councils — who 'lend money for profit'.

It exposes the myth that building societies 'are benevolent institutions which draw money from innumerable small investors and pass it on to humble owner-occupiers.'

'In reality they are multi-million pound businesses. Most of their money comes from big investors whose tax position is subsidised by the small



land dealers are in it for profit. The Community Land Act will not change that. Setting out to destroy development land speculation, the law gets watered down.'

Of builders: 'They build for profit, though they often make a loss because of boom-slump-boom-slump. The state bails it out when it gets tough, but its own building programme is squeezed when builders can make bigger profits in the private market.'

The most vehement attack comes on the money lenders —

investor lured into the net of any of a thousand branch offices, the report states.

Of the 'exchange professionals' — the estate agents, solicitors, surveyors, etc — the report says the market for owner-occupied houses is controlled by them, and that they make money out of property transactions.

'They have a vested interest in owner-occupation. Council housing puts them out of business. And they control the building societies.'

The name of the housing game is profit.

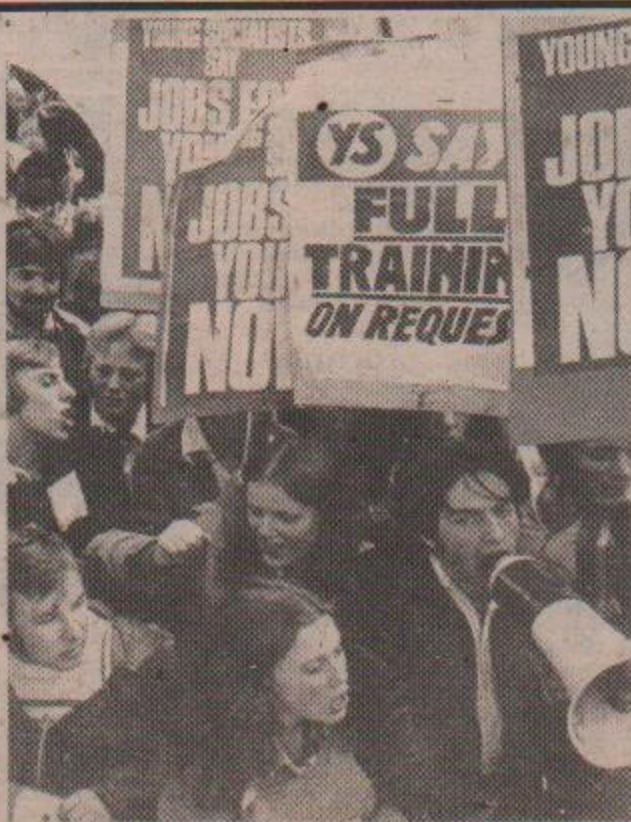
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'Daily Mirror' boosts the International Socialist group

NO CAUSE FOR JEALOUSY

HERE

THE International Socialism group has developed a practice of feeding misleading information about itself to the capitalist Press, and then reproducing this in its own publications as if it were true.

The latest example is an inspired leak to the 'Daily Mirror' which carried what purported to be a review of the left on September 10.

Since this was, in fact, an attack on the Workers Revolutionary Party and a build-up of the International Socialism group, the source of the 'information' is not difficult to discover.

If any further proof were needed, the IS weekly 'Socialist Worker' proudly reproduced the 'Mirror' article on September 18 under the heading 'That really is a sign of the times'.

The 'Mirror' article describes the Workers Revolutionary Party as 'secretive about its membership and activities and jealous of International Socialists' membership'.

This is a deliberate lie. We are not 'secretive' about our activities as far as the working class is concerned, but we don't go around feeding the capitalist Press with false information so that our members can experience what it is like to 'lift ourselves up with our own bootlaces'.

COMMENT BY JACK GALE

It was the capitalist Press which, after joyfully seizing on the hysterical antics of leading IS members at the Brighton TUC, maintained a blanket of silence about the 1,000-strong orderly and disciplined 'Jobs for Youth Now' lobby.

Spitting

Of course, we did not provide copy for bourgeois newspapers by breaking up 'Tribune' meetings, spitting on trade union leaders and harassing delegates to the Trades Union Congress.

When the Young Socialists organised five Right-To-Work marches in 1972 — four years before IS thought of it — it did not attract major attention from the capitalist Press.

But, then, it did not provide

newsworthy items such as running out of money and levying the unemployed on their march an extra £1 a head, failing to provide accommodation so that some marchers had to sleep in the open, never setting off on time, losing a good proportion of the marchers on the way, and incidents like shoving and pushing and finger-twisting among rival contingents.

All of this was a regular feature of the three-day march from London to Brighton, according to the International Socialists' would-be collaborators, the International Marxist Group. They listed them all in 'Red Weekly' of March 11.

Nothing like that occurred on the Young Socialists 1972 marches to London from Glasgow, Liverpool, Swansea, Southampton and Deal.

There is therefore nothing in



The International Socialists ended their London-to-Brighton march by attacking union leaders, breaking up the 'Tribune' meeting and winning wide Press and TV coverage

the IS activities for us to be jealous about.

Certainly, we do not envy the kind of publicity they get.

Confidential

We do not, for instance, care for the publicity IS received in March 1975, when one or more members of their National Committee leaked a whole series of confidential internal documents to the 'Daily Telegraph'.

These revealed that income was 'stagnating', membership had fallen to 3,310, and 'Rank and File' papers were £5,000 in the red. ('Daily Telegraph' March 7, 19 and 13, 1975.)

Now, in September 1976, IS claims, through the 'Daily Mirror' and repeats in 'Socialist Worker', that it has a membership of 4,000.

The last 18 months have seen unprecedented attacks on the working class in this country, including first the £6, then the 4½-per-cent wage rise limit.

They have also seen great international victories over

imperialism, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Angola and Mozambique.

To have recruited a mere 700 members in that time would be a paltry enough achievement — even if it were true. It certainly would not constitute 'the largest group on the left' with 'a talent for organising marches and demonstrations' as the 'Mirror'/'Socialist Worker' claims.

But, in fact, it is not true.

The IS leadership leaks an alleged membership of 4,000 to the 'Mirror'. Then it reproduces the 'Mirror' article in 'Socialist Worker', thus leading its readership to believe that IS membership stands at 4,000.

The IS leadership knows this is a lie.

IS membership is not 4,000. It is 2,500.

Far from having gained even a miserable 700 members in 18 months, Cliff and Hallas and Company have actually lost over 800.

Everyone who has read the IS internal bulletin for September, 1976, knows that a minority faction document recently attracted 100 signatures — and

that the leadership acknowledged this to be '4 per cent of IS current membership'.

If 100 signatures amounts to 4 per cent of the membership, then 100 per cent is 2,500 — not 4,000.

And IS members who read their own internal material know that pre-conference district aggregates were described as 'often small, not particularly proletarian and clearly more used to administrative than political discussion'.

Plant

To get round this decline of membership and political crisis, the IS leadership resorts to the desperate trick of planting articles in the capitalist Press containing false and exaggerated claims about themselves and then reproducing these articles in their own paper as good coin.

No one, least of all the Workers Revolutionary Party, need be 'jealous' of people who have to stoop to that.

NO PRESS, NO SCANDAL ON THE WRP'S CAMPAIGNS



One of five Right-to-Work marches organised by the Young Socialists in 1972 — long before the revisionists thought of it. They were extremely well organised and won very little publicity. The marchers seen here were on the road for nearly two months marching from Glasgow to London and were welcomed by 10,000 trade unionists, youth, students and housewives who filled the Empire Pool, Wembley for a rally

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World News Line

Call-up
for Greek
women

ATHENS — The Greek government has confirmed newspaper reports that it is planning to introduce a bill for military call-up for women.

Two papers, 'Kathimerini' and 'Acropolis', had reported yesterday morning that under the bill women between 20 and 22 would be liable to military service in case of war or general mobilisation.

Married women or those looking after incapacitated parents would be exempt. Service would be for 14 months, which could be extended to 24 months.

SLOPPY
SPENDING

THE US army has blamed \$220m worth of mistaken weapons purchases on sloppy bookkeeping.

The equipment was bought in the early 1970s on behalf of South Vietnam and other countries, but they had never ordered it.

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Soares seizes land
—from
workers

LISBON — The reformist government of Mario Soares took another step towards confrontation with the working class yesterday — it adopted measures to forcibly seize back land for capitalist owners from workers who have occupied it.

About 2.5 million acres of land, mostly in the southern Alentejo regions, was taken over by farm labourers.

The Alentejo is a region of rich soil and poor tillers, where most of the land was in large holdings, owned by wealthy landlords, often absentees.

The workers' takeover and setting up of co-operatives was recognised in last year's agrarian reform laws.

Now this major gain by the working class is being attacked, by a so-called 'socialist' government that was elected with workers' votes.

Behind the move stands capitalist pressure both at home and abroad — including that of Soares' British and West German fellow reformists, concerned for their nationals who own land in Portugal.

The concerted attack being waged on Portuguese workers,



Soares

in town and country, coincides with moves towards Portugal's membership of the EEC.

Labour's foreign secretary Anthony Crosland said on Monday that Britain would 'strongly support' the application.

In Portugal itself, the Portuguese Agriculturalists Confederation (CAP) is threatening direct action unless Soares enforces the attack on the farmworkers.

It has rallied small and medium-size farmers from the north: around the defence of property, while using them as a

force for the interests of the big landowners.

It wants all land reform scrapped and the return of the big estates to their former owners.

The landowning interests are also financing the armed fascist gangs, which continue to infest the country under Soares' 'democracy' and have threatened violence and killings against the farmworkers.

Soares himself has said twice that his government will deal forcibly with workers who try to resist the land being taken back, just as he has threatened families squatting in the big cities.

Last week he met with the Ministers of Agriculture and Defence, as well as the President, General Eanes and army chiefs, to discuss his measures.

General Vasco Lourenco, military governor of the Lisbon region, attended the discussions.

He said later troops would be used if necessary to assist the return of the land.

There are reports that troops are being got ready to move into the Alentejo.

P.L.O. facing
cash witch-hunt

WASHINGTON — The United States government is threatening a new witch-hunt against the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The State Department says it is investigating charges that the PLO mission to the United Nations has been raising funds.

A government spokesman said if the allegations were true, the PLO officials could be expelled from the country.

Funds

Jack Anderson, whose columns are syndicated in several US papers, claimed on Monday that the PLO had raised funds in Virginia. On one occasion, he claimed, the money was routed through the UN mission and deposited in an overseas account.

The columnist added: "The account is used to finance PLO operations, presumably including terrorist and airplane hijackings."

This 'presumption' is a lie, and Anderson must know it. The PLO has repeatedly made it clear that it is against hijackings and similar terrorist operations.

The alacrity with which the US authorities leap in to hound the PLO mission is in striking contrast to the way they allow right-wing outfits, from Zionists to Croatian fascists, to operate freely in America.

The Zionist terrorists of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, who massacred the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin in 1947, were both financed and armed from the United States.

American nationals served with them, as they serve today in the Israeli army.

Zionist fund-raisers in America provide millions of dollars every year for the state of Israel and the Zionist political parties.

The extreme right-wing Gush HaEmunim and the Jewish Defence League get their funds from the United States.

A considerable sum is also channelled back from Jerusalem to finance Zionist propaganda and lobbying in the US.

Inside out down under

PRISONERS at a new police station at Wilcannia, New South Wales, had to lock themselves in their cells and then hand the keys to their jailers through the bars — because the locks had been fitted on the inside.

DROWNINGS END
HORROR VOYAGE

ABU DHABI — Sixteen drowned and others died of hunger, thirst and overcrowding on a three-day horror voyage in two packed ferryboats carrying 1,150 illegal immigrants to the United Arab Emirates, police sources said here yesterday.

The bodies of 30 Pakistanis who died in the mass attempt to land would be buried in the sea when a police patrol surprised the boats unloading men, women, children and old people on to the beach in the pre-dawn hours.

More than 600 immigrants were arrested. Police said they

were still hunting scores of others who escaped into Fujairah's coastal hills above the landing beach. A search was also going on for more bodies.

According to the police, the arrested immigrants gave horrifying accounts of death from hunger and thirst on the voyage of more than 400 miles from the Pakistani coastal island of Gwadar to the oil-rich emirates where they were seeking work.

They said the two captains threw the dead overboard and some of the bodies recovered from the sea appeared to bear out this charge.

One of the two ferries was built to carry 350 passengers but it had 650 immigrants aboard, police said.

The boat stuck fast in the sand, but its captain got away on the other ferry, which carried 500 immigrants.

It was still the biggest attempt ever made to land Asians illegally in the emirates, where about 300,000 workers from the Indian subcontinent are believed to have found employment in recent years.

Canadian un

A GENERAL STRIKE called by the Canadian Labour Congress earlier this year has now been set for October 14. It will involve most of Canada's 2 million-strong trade unionists.

The 'day of protest' against Prime Minister Trudeau's wage-cutting legislation will involve work stoppages, marches and demonstrations throughout the country.

The United Autoworkers, with 120,000 members, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, with 200,000, have both pledged their total support.

Dennis McDermott, autoworkers' leader, has said that 'not a car will be made' on October 14.

The Toronto Building Trades Council, the country's largest organisation of construction workers, with 60,000 members, has pledged its support, and in Quebec, the 90,000 construction workers on strike at the moment are expected to give their backing.

This move comes in the wake of evidence that Trudeau's anti-inflation board has done

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little or nothing to control price and profit increases, but has been most efficient in rolling back wage increases.

The only action by the Board against excessive price increases has been made against the General Foods Company in Coburg, Ontario.

The board is still undecided how to compensate consumers already charged unfair prices.

A number of employers, with the active encouragement of Labour Minister John Munro, have threatened to sue the unions for breach of contract.

The provincial government in

Only one way to deal with Frazer

SHIPYARD MOTION

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

SYDNEY — The Fraser government in Australia was described as 'potentially fascist', by a leading union organiser at a meeting here.

Jimmy Baird, of the Australian Metal Workers' Union (AMWU), told a mass meeting of shipyard workers that he had been to Chile and seen the dictatorship there.

Warnings

'My view', he said, 'is that, if the crisis gets any deeper, that is what is going to happen in Australia'.

Despite his warnings Baird, a Communist Party member, recommended the official union leaders policy of collaboration with the employers in productivity schemes.

What was needed, he said,



Shipyard workers leave Parliament house

was 'a movement of people to continue the public opinion that the industry must continue'.

A different perspective was put by the ANWU convenor from Cockatoo Island dockyard, Billy Haggerty.

Trying to put 'pressure' on Fraser's government was useless — the central question in the fight for jobs was to bring the government down.

The issue of leadership was essential, Haggerty said.

Almost unanimously, the shipbuilding workers voted for his motion, which called on the unions 'to initiate a campaign of industrial action against the policies of the Fraser government and if necessary call on the ACTU to call the general strike to bring down the Fraser government'.

Fraser's Liberal (Tory) government came to office by way of the infamous 'Canberra Coup', brought about by the combined efforts of the CIA and the Queen's Governor-General.

Its purpose in government is

to smash jobs, rights and living standards.

Tory leader Margaret Thatcher is in Australia now studying the way things were done there, as part of the Tory conspiracy being prepared in Britain.

Despite the weak and collaborationist leadership of the Labour Party and the Australian Council of Trade Unions, workers and sections of the middle class are fighting back.

Strikes

Strikes and occupations in defence of jobs are widespread.

Demonstrations by workers and students greet Governor-General Sir John Kerr wherever he goes.

Speaking to the Returned Services League, an ex-servicemen's organisation, on Monday, Kerr warned darkly of 'forces in society' that were

influencing young people against 'freedom'.

He also claimed next year's visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh was going to be an 'outstanding success'.

The same night, more than 3,000 people crammed the Sydney Town Hall, and a further 1,000 had to gather outside, for a meeting called by 'The Committee of Concerned Citizens'.

The platform of people like ex-Labour Minister James McClelland and history professor Manning-Clark, was not an exciting 'draw', but it was a rally against the Governor-General.

Having passed McClelland's motion saying that a ceremonial head of state should not have political powers, the crowd went further.

They voted overwhelmingly for another motion, saying the monarchic constitution was a threat to democracy and that Australia should be made a republic.

MOTERING TODAY



SPARKY CAR

WASHINGTON — The electric car could be nearer getting on the road — thanks to America's sharp lessons about oil and its prices in recent years.

The US House of Representatives has overruled a veto by President Ford, and voted that \$160m of public funds should be spent on perfecting an electric alternative to the petrol-driven automobile.

Ford didn't like the voltage

by the weightier 'energy crisis' fear, the drive to improve electric cars and replace the petrol engine is much stronger.

The President vetoed spending plans a few days ago, arguing the project was 'premature and wasteful' and that anyway, private industry was better equipped to carry out the investment and research.

By the necessary two-thirds majority, the House of Representatives has voted to reverse the presidential veto.

The bill before Congress calls for 2,500 demonstration models to be built with existing technology and another 5,000 when advanced techniques are developed.

Technical

Although under discussion for many years, and with a limited number already made and sold, the electric car's development has been dogged by technical problems as regards batteries, inertia in capitalist industry and, of course, the oil lobby.

But now the anti-pollution argument has been replaced

Sun power

AN ISRAELI inventor has unveiled a vehicle he claims is the world's first solar-powered car.

Professor Arye Braunstein, head of the power engineering department at Tel Aviv university, fitted two panels of solar cells to an electric-powered car and said solar energy was now providing one-third of the required power.

'The trick is to park in the sun,' Professor Braunstein

told reporters. 'This is only the beginning. We hope to make further refinements.'

The car has two silicone solar cell panels, one on the roof, the other at the front, where the petrol engine of a conventional car would be.

Professor Braunstein said it was expected solar cells would be a tenth of their present price as well as smaller in size by 1980. 'The time to start planning for these cars is now', he said.

ions call pay-cut strike

One-day action pulls in big support

Quebec is planning anti-labour legislation in retaliation to the strike.

In British Columbia the right-wing Social Credit government is preparing to liquidate closed-shop unions.

The Canadian Labour Congress Executive is trying to hold back many workers from joining the strike.

A meeting of bus, railway and transit workers in Toronto was urged not to join the strike 'in the interests of public opinion'.

Trade union bureaucrats are

worried that the anger of the working class in Canada will lead to a struggle for power against the Trudeau government that far exceeds the Labour Congress's corporatist plans.

The Labour Congress Manifesto calls for a tripartite union-government-corporation agreement to solve the economic crisis, but many workers are opposed to this reformist policy.

Many Canadian workers have denounced the CLC executive

and demand a full General Strike to overthrow the Trudeau regime and bring to power a New Democratic Party government pledged to socialist policies.

The reformist trade union bureaucrats and their social-democratic friends in the NDP are understandably worried at such a demonstration of the independent strength of the working class.

They are stepping up their efforts to keep the strike at the most token level possible.



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100,000 a year die in Euro-accidents

ABOUT 100,000 people are killed and 2 million injured in European road accidents each year, the World Health Organisation (WHO) reports.

The figures were given by Dr Leo A. Kaprio of Finland, at the end of the recent 26th session of the WHO regional committee for Europe. Dr Kaprio was re-elected regional director for a third five-year term.

Establishing a world-wide co-ordination body to minimise road accidents and the classification of health

centres in Europe were among subjects discussed at the session.

Dr Kaprio told a news conference his committee discussed plans to set up a group which would direct traffic policy as a whole and seek stricter safety regulations by car manufacturers.

1,000 in seven months

Some 7,755 people were killed in road accidents in France during the first seven months of this year, a 6-per-cent increase over the same period

last year. The number of injured in road accidents from January to the end of July this year was 293,750.

Oxford education cuts bring biggest dem

Teachers and parents unite in protest

ABOUT 4,000 teachers and parents united yesterday on a demonstration against £3.25m cuts in next year's Oxfordshire County Council education budget.

The demonstration outside County Hall, where the council was holding an extraordinary meeting to discuss the

cuts, was one of the biggest ever seen in Oxford. It coincided with a half-day protest strike by teachers throughout the county.

Some councillors had to fight their way in through massed ranks of parents and teachers chanting slogans and waving banners.

As the council meeting started, hundreds of

teachers marched to the town hall to hold their own meeting at which Alf Wilshire, national president of the National Union of Teachers, warned of 'trouble' if the cuts go ahead.

More than 500 teachers stand to lose their jobs if the axe falls and there have been strong protests from the teaching unions.

Wilshire accused the council of acting too

hastily and stepping beyond the government's guidelines for reducing expenditure.

At County Hall, John Francis, chairman of the policy and resources committee, denied that the council was over-reacting to government pressure.

On the critical question of redundancies, which the teaching unions, NALGO

and NUPE oppose bitterly, Francis said:

'Our recommendations are based on the redundancy of the posts which become vacant.'

A final decision on the proposed cuts wouldn't be made before next February, he said.

Hundreds of Oxfordshire schools were closed yesterday morning because of the teachers' protest action.



Oxfordshire teachers at their meeting yesterday

Vital evidence missing in Tyndale inquiry

The decision to haul six London teachers before a disciplinary tribunal was taken on the basis of an inquiry from which vital information was withheld

The investigation into the William Tyndale Junior School, conducted by Mr Robin Auld QC lasted three and a half months and cost £100,000.

Before, during and after this inquiry, the Tyndale teachers were subjected to blaring and hostile Press publicity.

But the ruling Labour Group on the Inner London Education Authority knew of information which was not being put before the inquiry.

It was deliberately kept back in order to avoid revealing serious divisions within the authority itself.

News Line has obtained a copy of the minutes of a special meeting of the ILEA Labour Group held on Sunday, July 18, to discuss the Auld Report.

One extract from these minutes reads as follows:

'In reply to the debate Harvey Hinds made it

BY JACK GALE

plain that there were some documents which he had not been shown.

In his evidence [to the Auld Inquiry], had he made this point clear, there might have been more understanding of the position, but he had been persuaded to omit this fact to avoid splitting the Authority wide open.

Three questions, at least, must now be of concern to many teachers.

1. Who persuaded Hinds, then ILEA chairman, to withhold information from the Auld inquiry?

2. How valid are the findings of an inquiry from which important information was withheld?

3. Should the livelihoods of teachers be threatened as a result of an inquiry whose findings must have been affected by a behind-the-scenes conspiracy to withhold information from it?

But that is not all that emerges from the minutes of this truly remarkable Labour Group meeting.

Political

What is also established, beyond any question, is that the decision to charge four of the Tyndale teachers was a political decision taken by Labour councillors.

News Line has already reported (September 16) that Inner London Education Officer Dr Eric Briault submitted a report to this meeting recommending no action against any of the teachers except headmaster Terry Ellis and Brian Haddow.

The day after the Labour Group meeting, he submitted another report saying just the opposite — that charges should be laid against them all.

Briault's report to the Labour Group stated specifically:

'I am not satisfied that there are grounds for disciplinary action against the other members of the junior school staff...

The day after the group meeting, Briault's revamped report said:

'I consider that the report discloses facts which warrant me to lay a complaint against the remainder of these teachers on the grounds of indiscipline...

Minutes

The minutes we now have bears out what we said then — that the Labour councillors ordered Briault to change his mind.

They also prove conclusively that the only reason for charging four of the teachers is that they went on strike.

The minutes state:

'There was again some discussion on whether or not to take disciplinary action against Mr Ellis and Mr Haddow only, or against all the staff.'

'Some members felt that all teachers having gone on strike, all were responsible.'

'The Education Officer's report was again criticised. Stanley Mayne advised that the staff code required specific charges to be laid.'

'Ewan Carr said that it was a matter of law. The teachers must either be charged or let off completely under the Employment Protection Act.'

One of the most determined to charge the

teachers was Councillor Dora Loftus. The minutes state:

'Dora Loftus said that all this sounded like an excuse for doing nothing. Disciplinary action must be taken — teachers might have the right to strike, but they did not have the right to involve children — she did not support a motion of no action.'

The decision to press charges was then taken — not on the professional advice of the Education Officer, but on a vote of the Labour Group members.

Haddow was charged by 29 votes to 3, Ellis by 28 to 2 and the remaining four — Jackie McWhirter, Sheila Green, Steve Felton and Dorothy McColgan — by 24 votes to six.

Terry

SARKIS NEEDS SYRIAN VEIL

THE OATH-taking ceremony of Lebanese President-elect Elias Sarkis, scheduled for noon tomorrow, has been moved from Beirut to Shtoura — a town in the Beqaa Valley, which is occupied by the Syrians.

And battles raged yesterday on all four major fronts, making it obvious that there is no chance of a peaceful solution to the crisis.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Left-wing leader Kemal Jumblatt, whose supporters seem certain to boycott the ceremony, has publicly accused Sarkis of advancing ideas 'no different from those of the Syrians and the rightists'.

Sarkis this week joined the Syrians and rightists in demanding an unconditional PLO-left withdrawal from the mountain areas east of Beirut.

Block

Sarkis was elected to office with heavy Syrian support last May, but right up to the last minute it will be by no means certain that the Syrian-backed rightists will not block his accession and put National Liberal leader Camille Chamoun there instead.

The US-backed Syrian regime is still anxious to smash the

Palestinian Liberation Organisation — and the latter is still standing firm.

In its editorial this week, the PLO's official journal 'Palastin Al Thawra' said: 'It has now become obvious to all that the Palestinian Revolution is honest in its call for immediate peace in Lebanon.'

'But immediate peace is one thing, and agreements which represent a mere filling of the gaps between one military round and the next are something totally different.'

'For such agreements in time of war are but an expression of the conspirators' need for time to patch up the broken ropes of the plot under this or that Arab cover.'

The journal added that 'concessions to please the Kfour front, the US agents, and the

advocates of military intervention will never be made at the expense of the Lebanese Nationalist Movement or the Palestinian Revolution'.

The statement concluded: 'It remains for us to inform the agents of the USA in our region that the revolution is a strong reality which cannot be uprooted. A material, military, political and popular reality which has proved its capability in repulsing the conspiracies and revealing the plotters.'

Steadfast

'They should be aware of this reality before talking about a military settlement, because the revolution has taken a decision to remain steadfast, to fight and not to retreat.'

YS TO CAMPAIGN ON BANNED POP CONCERT

A POLITICAL ban is behind the Greater London Council's decision to stop a Young Socialists' 'Jobs for Youth Now' pop concert at Catford stadium, south-east London.

The decision to refuse permission was made by the GLC's all-party Public Services Committee. But the County Hall will not say who sat on the committee, nor give the reasons for its decision.

These facts have been independently verified by 'Time Out', which has conducted its own investigation into the pop concert ban.

'Time Out' reporters have discovered that at the GLC public hearing on September 7, the objections from Lewisham Council and community organisations were satisfied in full.

The council got assurances that it could use a decibel noise counter in Catford stadium during the concert, to keep the music at 'acceptable levels'.

A spokesman for the residents said they were satisfied it would be a professionally-organised event and went away happy.

The 'Time Out' news team has posed the question: With all the objections met, why did the Public Services Committee still refuse the permit for a concert

for unemployed youth?

South London newspapers said last week that the refusal was 'politically motivated'. They have also been asking why the GLC took action so late in the day. The Young Socialists and the stadium owners were only informed of the GLC hearing late in August, just over three weeks before the concert was due to be staged.

The council's intervention followed close on the heels of a newspaper item in the Rothermere-owned London 'Evening News'.

The 'News' witch-hunters, who come from the same stable as the 'Daily Mail', attacked the pop concert and said they hoped it would be 'a flop'.

The last-minute ban disrupted months of preparations by the 'Jobs for Youth Now' campaign. It was to have starred three popular groups — Curved Air, Cimarrons and Loving Awareness.

A Young Socialists' spokesman told News Line:

'The YS will not take this arbitrary decision lying down.'

'We are going to fight back against the establishment, the faceless committees, the Tory Press and the Labour-Tory politicians who want to prevent our campaign to mobilise the jobless youth and the trade union movement.'

'We are going forward to a conference in Sheffield on November 28.'

'This will be the next major event in the "Jobs for Youth Now" campaign.'

'We are launching a programme of action from today to get the biggest trade union delegations.'

'This is how we will answer the witch-hunters!'

Cleaners need more support

THE THREE-week-old strike of school cleaners in the Highland region is in danger of isolation.

More than half the region's cleaners are involved — and schools at Nairn and Lochaber have been forced to close on medical advice.

The strike is against cuts in hours introduced by the regional authority to implement the government's cutbacks in educational spending.

They will mean substantial wage cuts for the cleaners.

The determined response to the National Union of Public Employees' call for official strike action showed the strength of feeling but no steps have been taken to extend the action to more central areas.

The Highland Regional Authority has now sacked all those on strike and succeeded in pressurising some of the other NUPE members — such as school meals staff at some schools — back to work.

The Authority is relying on the high unemployment in the area to recruit scab labour to keep the schools functioning and to open up those that have had to close.

The extension of official strike action is becoming increasingly urgent.

The main areas affected by the strike are Caithness, East Sutherland, Easter Ross, Dingwall, Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber.



lis and Michael Duane

Derek Sadler reports

ON-THE-SPOT

on Italian Communist Party

How Italian Stalinists betray working class



Squatters confront cops... but the CP says the power of the state forces should be 'delimited' and should 'safeguard the institutions of the Republic...'

THE Italian Communist Party is the biggest in any western country.

It has over 1.75 million members. It controls the biggest trade union in the country, the CGIL, with over 2 million members.

Its daily paper, 'Unità', sells up to 2 million copies a day. It has thousands of party offices in almost every town and village in the country.

On the last day of the Festival of Unità in Florence last September it was claimed that over a million members and supporters marched through the city.

In the June 20th election the Party polled 12.6 million votes, giving it 35 per cent of the vote. The Socialist Party polled a

mere 3.5 million votes, or 9.6 per cent.

A Communist Party meeting, such as the pre-election rally I saw in Rome, is a stirring sight. The huge Piazza San Giovanni was packed with tens of thousands of workers and youth.

There were red flags everywhere and at the end of the rally all you could see was a forest of clenched fists as everyone sang 'Bandiera Rossa' at the top of their voice.

Contrast

There can be no doubt that the main sections of the working class still support the Communist Party, but the contrast between the aspirations of these thousands of communist workers and the policies of the Stalinist leaders could not be more stark.

The Party Press tries continually to suggest that Italian party is independent of Moscow. It gives considerable publicity to such events as the food riots in Poland.

The Party secretary Enrico Berlinguer likes to present himself as the leader of the move to an 'independent road' by some of the European parties.

There are illusions among the centrist groups in Italy that this 'independence' has something to do with the pressure of the working class on the Party leadership.

It is nothing of the sort. Berlinguer's statement shortly before the election that he was not in favour of Italy leaving NATO if the Communist Party came to power made very clear what this 'independence' is all about.

It is the tendency of the Party

to get closer to its own ruling class.

The bourgeois commentators need not have been surprised at his statement because the position is spelt out in the Party's election manifesto. There it states clearly:

'The Italian Communist Party recognises Italy's international alliances.'

Involved

They know full well that NATO has been involved in all the attempted coups in Italy since the war and that its whole purpose is to destroy the Soviet Union.

Another anti-communist grouping the Stalinists support is the Common Market. While in Britain the Communist Party leaders proclaim their

nationalistic opposition to the EEC and call for protectionist measures, the Italian bureaucracy are 'completely against any attempt at closing the national economy in on itself... our choice is a regime of free competition in the international sphere; our choice must be for the correct development of economic and commercial relations between the countries of the European Economic Community...'

In other words they are for maintaining the capitalist economy of Italy and for staying inside Europe's capitalist club.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the main emphasis of their policy during and after the election has been on how best to restore the health of the (capitalist) economy.

A major part of their manifesto was devoted to proposals for strengthening the

ira, reducing the balance of payments deficit and increasing investment.

In the unions the Party does not fight for higher wages any more. When contracts come up for renewal, their main demand is that the bosses should spend more money on investment not wages.

They only offer a policy of sacrifice to bail out capitalism. The manifesto said it would 'speak the language of truth' about the situation.

Critical

'We must look reality in the face. The situation is extremely critical. We must make a great effort to get out of it. We can't offer any easy times ahead...'

Workers must have 'complete faith in the possibility of getting

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.

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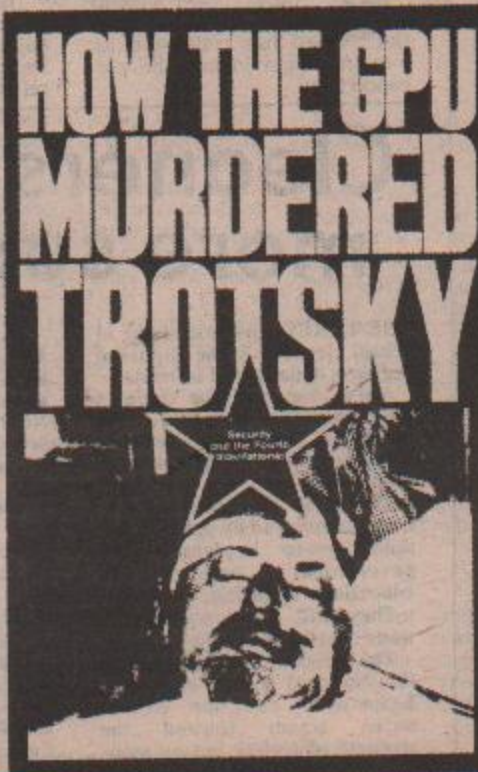
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Stalinist leader Enrico Berlinguer framed by the CP flag ... and the Italian tricolour

our (sic) economy back on its feet.

'Decisions must be made to prevent the growth of uncontrolled consumption.'

It is hardly surprising that Fiat boss Giovanni Agnelli confidentially proposed after the elections that the CP be brought into discussions on an 'emergency austerity plan'.

The Stalinists have established their credentials as the ones who will police the working class in the slump.

Before the election the Stalinists put all their efforts into boosting the policy of the so-called 'historic compromise'. This is the policy of forming a coalition government, including the Communist Party and the Christian Democrats.

It was first proposed by Berlinguer in September 1973, just after the fascist coup in Chile.

Far from drawing the lesson from Chile that to achieve socialism the capitalist state and its bodies of armed men had to be smashed, he concluded — and the only disagreement in the leadership was over the use of the word compromise — that to avoid a military coup the Communist Party had to form an alliance with the party of capital.

Practice

In practice, this means abandoning the struggle for socialism altogether.

The manifesto reflected this clearly. After 12 pages of closely-argued text on how to revive the capitalist economy, there are four lines on the last page about the world crisis of capitalism and three lines about Italy 'developing along the road towards socialism'.

The most dangerous role of all that the Stalinists play is their deliberate spreading of complacency about the strength of 'democracy' in Italy.

They have a theory that the post-war constitution was a creation of the Resistance and therefore somehow a creation of the working class.

In their yearbook for 1976 they devote 18 pages to the

constitution and its origins. They quote former party leader Palmiro Togliatti as saying in 1956:

'The greatest conquest that the working class and our people have achieved is the present Republican constitution.'

This is a deliberate smokescreen to cover the real history of the end of the war which saw the Communist Party in the leadership of the armed partisans, on Stalin's instructions, allowing the capitalist class to return to power and re-establish its state and its (capitalist) constitution.

Vigilance

The Stalinist line is that if only the working class maintains enough 'democratic vigilance' and defends the constitution, right-wing plots will be foiled.

Whenever new evidence of right-wing subversion comes to light, they make noises about the need to look into the police.

But they would never suggest disbanding them and they are quite happy to see the notorious secret services department (SID) continue in operation, provided its powers are 'delimited'.

As for the army, it needs a 'new political role' — securing the independence of the nation and safeguarding the institutions of the Republic.

After the elections, I went to the Press office at the Communist Party headquarters and asked whether, in the uncertain political situation created by the elections, they were not worried about right-wing plots or even an attempted coup.

A spokesman, who would not give his name, said that there was no reason to think there was such a danger.

The Party leadership had not even discussed the matter.

Every few days there is a story in 'Unità' about the fate of left wingers and particularly Communist Party members in Chile.

Yet in the very same issues they propose policies for Italy which are leading down the very same road.



Part of the huge and enthusiastic Communist Party rallies before the recent General Election

Perspectives discussion

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

Workers have to create the conditions for a general election now

JOHN COX is from Warrington, Cheshire. He joined the Workers Revolutionary Party on May Day this year.

I joined the Workers Revolutionary Party because it is the only party really doing anything to lead the working class.

Before I joined I went to a Communist Party meeting but all they discussed was whether or not there should be a woman's page in their paper.

I always had ideas about communism. My grandfather was secretary of Warrington Communist Party.

Since joining the WRP I've learned about the policies of the CP and revisionist groups like

International Socialists and International Marxist Group.

I think the WRP is the only party that can take the working class to power.

I used to think the only way to get anything done was to put pressure on the lefts. Foot and Benn and the Tribune group. But they've really exposed themselves now.

Dangerous

Just look at the slogan of the Labour party for the last election: 'Back to work with Labour' — there were 600,000 on the dole then, today it's 1½ million and still rising.

The Labour government is more dangerous in this situation than the Tories.

Tories would never get away with what Labour is doing now. They'd be out.

People are beginning to realise about the Labour

government. They are losing their illusions.

But as it says in the perspectives the Tories are moving ahead with their plans.

At the moment Thatcher is in Australia learning how the Whitlam Labour government was toppled.

Everything is coming out into the open now, though.

There's one scandal after another — Poulson, Lonrho, Stonehouse, now Slater Walker.

And the way Bernhard got away with the Lockheed affair, just because he was royalty — as if he was above the law.

Then on the other hand they use laws like the 'Anti-Terror Laws' as a pretext for arresting militant trade unionists.

To get back to unemployment, not half enough is done about the youth unemployment.

All they can suggest are these jobs schemes renovating old houses and cleaning out canals. The youth can't fight it alone.

I did one of these Government Training Schemes as a joiner. I've had one job since but it only lasted two months. We were building houses for Saudi Arabia.

It's ridiculous that there are so many homeless families yet one in four building workers are unemployed.

We found in the fight for the 'Jobs for Youth Now!' that trade union members do support our campaign.

It's the trade union leaders who are against.

At the TUC conference the IS 'right to work' marchers were called 'Trotskyist bootboys'.

Separate

I think the IS are a dangerous movement, we have to separate ourselves from them and all the revisionists.

When I first started selling papers outside the dole I spoke to an IMG member — he had all the 'knowledge' — in his head — yet he never did anything — it was all abstract.

He never put it into practice which is the essence of Marxism.

The IMG and the IS say the working class is not ready for Marxism. They always underestimate workers.

Someone said to me the other day that the News Line was the only paper which didn't insult his intelligence.



John Cox

I think the News Line is a vital paper.

I've read all the so-called 'socialist' papers and on the surface they appear to say the same, but they have no programme for the crisis.

They don't give any leadership. They're great believers in militancy but they don't explain what's behind the militancy — they don't explain that the struggles today are political struggles.

The seamen must be really angry about the strike. I think it

was disgusting when the TUC said they would expel the NUS if they took industrial action.

Urgent

I think it's very urgent that the working class create the conditions for a general election now by bringing down the Labour government.

We have to decide. We can't give the Tories any more time.

PERSPECTIVES MEETINGS

STOKE NEWINGTON: Thursday September 23, 8p.m. Stamford Hill Library, Stamford Hill.

KINGSTON: Monday, September 27, 8p.m. The Cricketers, Fairfield Green.

HARINGEY: Wednesday, September 29, 8p.m. Hornsey Library, Haringey Park Road, N8.

ISLINGTON: Thursday, September 30, 8p.m. Essex Road Library, Essex Road N1.

WEST LONDON: Monday, September 20, 8p.m. The Gunter, Fulham Road, SW10. (corner of Gunter's Grove & Fulham Road).

BATTERSEA: Tuesday, September 28, 8p.m. Battersea District Library, Lavender Hill, SW11.

WOKING: Wednesday, September 29, 8p.m. Central Halls.

CRAWLEY: Thursday, September 30, 7.30p.m. 19 Station Road.

LAMBETH: Thursday, September 30, 8p.m. South Island Library, South Island Place SW9.

PLUMSTEAD: Wednesday, September 29, 7.30p.m. Barnfield Meeting Room, Barnfield Road, Barnfield Estate, SE18.

PECKHAM: Tuesday, September 21, 8p.m. Peckham Civic Centre, Committee Room (corner of Peckham Park Road and Old Kent Road).

EAST HAM: Wednesday, September 29, 8p.m. Rising Sun, Romford Road, Manor Park, E12.

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SPORTSLINE

A two-part review of the athletics season by Brendan Martin

THE FIELD STARS OF 1976

THE ATHLETICS season has come to a close with the final meetings around the world, and the stars who have inspired millions of TV viewers in Olympic year, have taken their jaded bodies off for a deserved winter rest.

Meadowbank, Gateshead and Crystal Palace have had standing room only for the attraction of British favourites attempting to turn the tables on visiting Olympic champions.

The 5,000 metres final in Montreal, won for the second time by the incomparable Lasse Viren, has already gone down as one of the great races of all time.

But for many the field events, with their long-drawn-out dramas, are remembered longest.

One of the most memorable competitions was the high jump at Montreal in which the world record holder spent every spare moment between his jumps trying to clear away the pools of water on his run-up.

It was a losing battle, and Dwight Stones had to be satisfied with third place as the rain kept falling. Jacek Wszola, of Poland, only nineteen years old, took advantage of the conditions to score one of the most unexpected victories.

Rivalry

The continuing rivalry of the pair has become a feature of the international athletics scene, each having won four times on the eight occasions they have met in the last two months.

In the course of it Stones was delighted to break the world record only four days after Montreal, proving to the world that it was only the rain that had stopped him.

He has broken the record again since, and it now stands at 2.32 metres, or 7 feet 7½ inches. Wszola too has been inspired. He has set a new European record of 2.29 metres (7 ft 6 ins), beating Valery Brumel's old mark which had stood unchallenged in Europe for nearly fifteen years.

There has been no comparable rivalry in other field events, but some of the achievements have been no less remarkable. Since Miklos Nemeth's almost feck javelin throw of 94.08 metres (310 ft 4 ins), which put 20 inches on the world record, officials everywhere scurry for safety.

With men like the Hungarian around, there is some basis for



Mac Wilkins: a great year in the discus



Ruth Fuchs won her second Olympic gold medal in the javelin



Jacek Wszola won his duel with Dwight Stones on the night that really mattered

the decision to make the javelin heavier in order to keep it inside stadiums!

Ruth Fuchs of East Germany has not managed the same feat in the women's event, but was certainly satisfied to win the Olympic title for the second consecutive time.

Stones was not the only American world record holder and red-hot favourite to bite the dust at the hands of a young Pole.

Tadeusz Slusarski was the unexpected winner of the pole

vault in Montreal, and no-one was more surprised than Dave Roberts, who three times failed to go better than 5.50 metres.

Only a few weeks earlier he had set the world record of 5.70m.

The Americans were not pushed completely out of the field events, however. Arnie Robinson leapt 8.35 metres to win the long jump, and Mac Wilkins did not need to approach his own world record set earlier in the season to win the discus. Tomorrow: Track stars of 1976.

Speedway star escapes ban

SPEEDWAY star Chris Morton escaped a driving disqualification yesterday after magistrates were told his career would be 'finished overnight' if he was banned.

The 19-year-old star, who took part in the world championships in Poland recently, admitted driving his car at more than 90 mph on a motorway — his third speeding offence in less than three years.

Ronald Teeman, defending, said Morton had gone to the top of his profession as a speedway rider.

He was due to race in Australia but if he was disqualified he would not be able to go.

'If he is disqualified, the career he has created will be finished overnight,' he said.

The magistrates at Warley Court, West Midlands, told Morton he would not be disqualified because it would cause hardship. He was fined £50.



Miklos Nemeth — his world javelin record could last for years

Revie watches Finland game

DON REVIE will keep a watchful eye on today's World Cup match between two of England's rivals for a place in Argentina — Finland and Luxembourg.

The most these two teams — who meet in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium — could do is upset either Italy or England along the road to the finals in 1978.

As Luxembourg's manager, Gilbert Legrand, says: 'We are in the same group with two world soccer powers, and that's a pretty hopeless proposition.'

England, who have beaten Finland 4-1 already, and Italy will be anxious to inflict big defeats on Finland and Luxembourg.

If matches between themselves end in shared spoils, then England and

Italy may find goal difference deciding who goes forward to the finals.

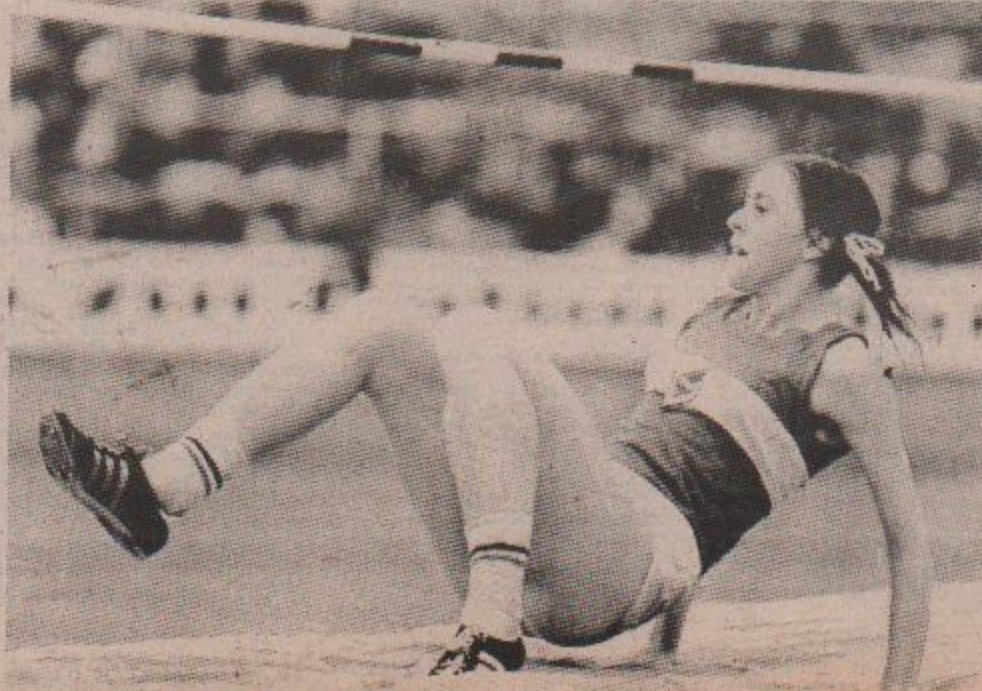
Luxembourg and Finland have met only once before, Finland winning 3-0 in 1951.

Finland's manager Aulis Rytkoenen was in that victorious side, and is anxious to repeat that success today.

He has dedicated himself to raising Finland's soccer status, steering them to victories this season over Switzerland, Iceland and Turkey in friendly internationals.

Defeats against England, Scotland (6-0) and Sweden (twice) have proved Finland's vulnerability against more formidable opposition.

But Rytkoenen is determined there will be no slip up this time. Finland will be without injured star defender Arto Tolsa, who plays in the Belgium league, and is also doubtful for Finland's visit to Wembley next month.



Rosi Ackerman: Olympic high jump winner

Loyalty pledge leaves Tudor on the bench

STOKE manager Tony Waddington honours an agreement with Newcastle boss Gordon Lee by leaving John Tudor out of the side for their League Cup clash at St James's Park tonight.

Tudor is on loan from

Newcastle to Stoke, but when the loan was arranged Waddington agreed not to play him in the tie. So Tudor will restrict his conflicting

loyalties to watching the game from the stand.

'To play Tudor would have been like biting the hand that feeds you', said Waddington. 'A loan

transfer is made through the kindness of the players' club, and it would not have been the thing to do to play Tudor'.

Waddington added: 'Tudor is not cup-tied so if the tie had been against anybody else, there would have been no question about it, Tudor would be in the side. He is definitely back for Saturday'.

Jimmy Greenhoff moves back into the attack for Tudor, with John Mahoney, recovered from knee ligament trouble, returning to the mid-field.

Newcastle, League Cup finalists last season, will be without top scorer Alan Gowling. He still has a thigh injury and so Lee is expected to name the side that drew 2-2 at Leeds on Saturday, Tommy Cassidy and Graham Oates having recovered from knee injuries.

West Bromwich boss Johnny Giles has a selection problem for the clash with Third Division leaders Brighton at the Hawthorns. Former England Under-23 star Len Cantello has recovered from ankle trouble and Giles has to decide whether to bring him back at the expense of young mid-fielder Bryan Robson, who has played well in recent games.

Brighton, after their 7-2 thrashing of York, are expected to be unchanged. Under the shrewd guidance of Alan Mullery, they have already knocked Ipswich out of the League Cup.

BREMNER'S SET FOR HULL

BILLY BREMNER, the Leeds captain who led the side to seven trophies in six years, is bowing out at Elland Road and is set to join Hull today.

His departure is another move in the break-up of the great Leeds side of the last decade. Terry Cooper, Johnny Giles, Mick Bates and Terry Yorath have already gone while Norman Hunter is nearing the end of his career.

The clubs have agreed a transfer fee of £40,000. Hull manager John Kaye approached Leeds on Monday about the availability of Bremner and the Elland Road board agreed the move yesterday.

by PAUL FELDMAN

Decision

When Bremner was told of the decision, he met Hull officials at a motel halfway between the two cities. No immediate agreement was reached.

As there are financial details to be finalised, Bremner is not expected to decide whether to join the Second Division club until today.

Bremner, born in Stirling, joined Leeds from the Scottish junior club Gowan Hill Juniors and first played for Leeds at Chelsea in 1960.

Originally he was an outside right or inside forward, but manager Don Revie converted him into an outstanding midfield player.

Altogether he has played in 770 games for Leeds, 586 of them in the League and he has scored 116 goals.

He won medals for the championship in 1969 and 1974, FA cup in 1972 and League Cup

in 1968. There were also Fairs Cup wins in 1968 and 1971 and UEFA cup in 1972.

Two years ago Bremner had a testimonial which brought in a club record of £37,000. Hull see in Bremner a man to lead their promising young players, while his departure will give Jimmy Armfield the chance to bring on his own youngsters.

Bremner was probably the player, above all others, who helped Don Revie, now England manager, to build Leeds into one of the most powerful club sides in Europe.

The enthusiasm and drive of the tiny Scot permeated the Leeds style of play, especially in those early years as they fought to return to the First Division.

Revie fought off bids for Bremner from Arsenal and

Chelsea in those early years and watched the Scot become one of the most influential midfield players in the game.

Temper

Bremner's fiery temper got him into trouble with the soccer authorities at intervals, but he more than made up for his lapses in on-the-field behaviour with years of top quality football.

He captained Scotland to the World Cup finals in 1974, but after his 54th international appearance, in Denmark last season, he was suspended indefinitely by the Scottish FA for a breach of conduct during that trip.

ALEX CROPLEY travelled to Birmingham yesterday for transfer talks with Aston Villa. The Arsenal forward, subject of a bid from Villa manager Ron Saunders last week, considered too low by the London club, was scheduled to watch the League Cup tie between Villa and Norwich last night.

MANCHESTER CITY will be without Jim Conway for at least three weeks. An X-ray has revealed that he cracked a shoulder bone at Sunderland on Saturday. Tommy Booth is expected to take his place in Saturday's team for the local derby against Manchester United.



Billy Bremner looks like he has played his last game for Leeds. He is set to join Hull today for £40,000.

RACING RESULTS

LEICESTER

2.45 (1m): JULIA'S SON, E. Hide (5-1) ft fav; 1: Velvet Circle (5-1) ft fav; 2: Royal Audition (12-1) 3; Hopeful Cid (12-1) 4; 23 ran. 1st sh hd (M Tate); T: 38p, 22p, 19p, 24p.
2.45 (1m): FRIDAY BROWN, H. Ballantine (9-4) fav; 1: H. Ruffino (16-1) 2; Yellow Boy (11-2) 3; Swakara (8-1) 4; 16 ran. 3, 1st (M. Masson); T: 28p, 12p, 63p, 16p, 30p, NR. Romance at Sea, Silver Yarrow and Kalgoolie.
3.15 (1m): MAIN EVENT, J. Lynch (9-1) 1; Atwood (3-1) fav; 2: Rapide (12-1) 3; Kolyma (14-1) 4; 20 ran. hd, 2 (B. Swift); T: 41, 36, 39p, 17p, 28p.
3.45 (1m 2f): DEEP RIVER, A. Bond (13-2) 1; Schloss (7-1) 2; Chailoner (33-1) 3; Pale Saint (19-1) 4; 16 ran. 1st, 4 (J. Walker); T: 30p, 17p, 30p, 48p, 25p, NR. Indian Mark and Precipice Star. Dunretz withdrawn.
4.15 (1m 4f): CARN GREY ROCK, W. Carson (9-1) 1; Panda's Gambol (5-4) fav; 2: Wall Hill (3-1) 3; Flash Pist (31-1) 4; 5 ran. 2, 2nd (P. Cole); T: 34p, F: 62p.
4.45 (1m 4f): RIBO PRIDE, Gayle Johnson-Houghton (13-2) 1; Wellth (3-1) 2; Out of Season (16-1) 3; Ofa's Dyke (6-1) 4; 13 ran. 10, 3 (R. Houghton); T: 41, 34, 24p, 14p, 31p, NR. Miss Calela.

TOTE DOUBLE: £15.80
TOTE TREBLE: £163.50

FIXTURES

LINGFIELD

2.00 (7f): BEST OFFER, J. Mercer (100-30) fav; 1: Rare Beauty (33-1) 2; Chitterling (20-1) 3; Yinka (19-1) 4; 19 ran. 2nd, 3 (W. Hern); T: 30p, 17p, 57p, 50p, NR. Huhemunde.
2.30 (7f): PANOREALM, B. Taylor (4-1) ft fav; 1: Heracles (14-1) 2; Dame Clara (8-1) 3; Yunkel (11-1) 4; 10 ran. 1st, 2nd (M. Skute); T: 43p, 24p, 67p, 21p, DF: 43, 28.
3.00 (1m): TRUCE OF OMAN, P. Eddery (6-1) 1; Bodensee (6-5) on fav; 2: Warren Wood Park (9-1) 3; Punto Banco (10-1) 4; 8 ran. 1, 4 (P. Walwyn); T: 32p, 11p, 16p, DF: 30p, NR. The Fuzz, and Madam Jane.
3.30 (1m): CLAIRONCITA, P. Eddery (7-1) 1; Doubly Hopetul (13-8) fav; 2: Candid Queen (7-2) 3; Sambrook (35-1) 4; 10 ran. 2, 1st (R. Houghton); T: 31p, 15p, 12p, 12p, DF: 22p.
4.00 (2m): RUSHMERE, P. Eddery (11-8) fav; 1: Hardirondo (10-1) 2; Assured (7-2) 3; Heracles (15-2) 4; 8 ran. 3, 4 (P. Walwyn); T: 29p, 13p, 19p, 14p, NR. Harry Hedges.
4.30 (6f): GREENJACKET, J. Reid (33-1) 1; Waterbuck (4-1) 2; Eastern Palace (11-2) 3; Petronisi (12-1) 4; 16 ran. 2, 2 (C. Bewicke); T: 12, 31, 54p, 25p, 20p, NR. Saros, Major Flora.

TOTE DOUBLE: 16.50
TOTE TREBLE: £127.50
JACKPOT: not won

TONIGHTS GAMES (7.30 unless stated)

League Cup — Third Round
Derby County v Notts County; Fulham v Bolton; Manchester United v Sunderland; Newcastle v Stoke; Tottenham v Wrexham; Torquay v Swansea; West Bromwich Albion v Brighton.

Scottish League Division One
Arbroath v East Fife; Hamilton v Queen of South; Raith v St. Mirren; St. Johnstone v Montrose.

Scottish League Division Two
Ailsa v Forfar (5.30); Brechin v East Stirling (5.30); Dunfermline v Clyde; Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath; Stranraer v Stenhousemuir (5.30).

Scottish League Cup
Quarter Finals First Leg
Aberdeen v Stirling Albion; Albion Rovers v Celtic; Hearts v Falkirk; Rangers v Clydebank.
Rugby Union — Tour Match
Gloucestershire v Japan (at Gloucester, 7.00).

Rugby League Division One
Leigh v St. Helens.