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SLATER:

COMMENT

Time for an inquiry

IT IS a rare, if not unique, event for a businessman to be served with summonses by the Department of Trade just a few days after it was revealed that the Bank of England had been shoring up his enterprises to the tune of more than £110m.

The involvement of the Bank — and, through it, the Labour government — in Slater's affairs is a much wider issue than the speculations of this one-time financial 'wizard'.

It is clear that Slater wouldn't exist without the Bank of England. Certainly what happens when he answers the summonses is of little significance. The most he can be fined, if found guilty, is £100.

This matter cannot be glossed over by the issuing of a few summonses. It is time for the working class to step in.

The unions must demand the opening of the books of the Bank of England and all the other companies it is assisting.

Who authorised the handing over of £110m to the Slater-Walker empire?

How far was the Labour government involved?

Which government ministers knew of the deal?

How many other such 'helping hands' are being extended, while workers are told to accept wage laws, unemployment and welfare cuts?

Ex-City whizz kid on 16 summonses

FIFTEEN summonses against Mr Jim Slater, former chief of the Slater-Walker Group, were taken out by the Department of Trade yesterday.

They allege contraventions of Section 54 of the 1948 Companies Act. This section prohibits companies from giving loans or other financial assistance for the purchase of its own shares or, where the company is a subsidiary, shares in its holding company.

An accountant's report on Slater-Walker sent to shareholders last week, in addition to disclosures of directors' loans and multi-million pound write-offs, also said there could have been a breach of Section 54.

Slater must answer to the summonses in court on November 23.

Hailed as a financial 'genius', Slater launched his Slater-Walker empire in collaboration with former Tory Cabinet Minister Peter Walker.

BY JACK GALE

Its interests extended to Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Africa and the Middle East.

Recently it was revealed that the Bank of England had authorised payments of over £110 to help the crisis-hit Slater-Walker combine.

Mr Slater is the only person against whom summonses have been issued. If he is found guilty of contravening the Companies Act, he is liable to a fine not exceeding £100.

Poetry picket for Bukovsky



DAVID MARKHAM and Victor Fainberg, members of the Committee for the Release of Vladimir Bukovsky, picketing the poetry recital of Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko at the Festival Hall last night.

Bukovsky has been repeatedly arrested for his political opposition to the Soviet bureaucracy. His latest term of imprisonment began in January 1974 and is due to last until March 1978, when he faces a further five years in exile.

Bukovsky has played a major role in exposing the Stalinist bureaucracy's practice of registering political opponents as insane, incarcerating them in prison mental hospitals, and forcibly injecting them with damaging drugs.

SEAMEN: No one is satisfied with deal

THE CALLING off of the seamen's strike yesterday by the NUS executive on a 9 to 7 vote satisfied neither the international bankers nor the seamen.

The pound fell again before the deal and made little recovery after.

Britain's overseas creditors are suspicious that other workers will demand fringe benefits like the seamen.

In fact, the run on sterling reflects the weak position



Jim Slater

generally of British capitalism. The slight concessions to the

seamen merely give the foreign bankers a peg on which to hang their lack of confidence.

The deal gives nothing extra in seamen's actual wage packets beyond what they would have got next January from Labour's 4½-per-cent pay laws without threatening a strike.

As a seaman said outside the NUS headquarters (see story page 2): 'Unless you are sick,

unemployed, or a pensioner, this deal gives you nothing.'

The deal is for an increase in fall-back pay for unemployed seamen of £7.20 (to £19.50 per week) for the first fortnight without a ship and by £3.60 (to £19.60 per week) for the 16 weeks thereafter.

Ministry approval will be required to extend this benefit to 26 weeks maximum from the

present 18 weeks.

The food and subsistence allowance per day for seamen travelling from their home port to join a new ship has been increased from 60p to £1.50.

Travelling allowances will also go up.

An additional 11 days a year leave will be given 'as soon as the pay laws permit' in lieu of Saturdays and Sundays worked at sea.

'Captive time' on board ship in foreign ports will be compensated for at the captain's discretion either by shore leave, time off in lieu later, or overtime pay.

Teachers issue writ

THE six suspended teachers from William Tyndale Junior School have issued a writ against the Inner London Education Authority to prevent them from going ahead with the disciplinary tribunal planned for September 29.

SYRIANS SWEAR IN THEIR PRESIDENT

BEIRUT — Heavy fighting and artillery exchanges continued to rage on several fronts in Lebanon yesterday on the eve of the installation of Elias Sarkis as president. Extreme rightists are determined to keep the fighting going and to call for a full-scale military intervention from the Syrians.

Extreme

Apart from the Falangists and other extreme rightists, practically all Lebanese parties have said they want nothing to do with today's ceremony, being held under Syrian guns in the occupied town of Shtoura, 25 miles east of Beirut.

A meeting of the left-wing alliance parties declared the ceremony would be unconstitutional.

Kamal Jumblatt, leader of the Alliance, said: 'The venue lies in occupied territory, and I cannot go there'.

Yesterday former premier Rashid Karami declared that he too would stay away 'because of the place where the meeting is being held'.

The National Unity Front, which includes Christian leaders like Raymond Edde, also condemned the decision to hold the ceremony in Shtoura.

Traditional Moslem leaders, whom Syrian diplomacy has been wooing recently, have come out against the Shtoura move, because of the strength of feeling amongst their followers.

Waiting

Right-wing leader Camille Chamoun, of the National Liberals, is still waiting in the wings ready to be declared President if the Sarkis inauguration fails.

There are growing suspicions, however, that the Syrian regime may actually intend to let Sarkis in — for a fortnight perhaps — as a respectable cover for their planned military offensive against the Left and Palestinians.

SEAMEN SPEAK OUT



KEITH COOPER outside the NUS headquarters yesterday

Nothing in new deal for us

SEAMEN yesterday denounced the agreement reached by the NUS executive to call off the strike and accept the paltry fringe benefits from the employers.



Deep Seaman's tax slip

'You have to be either sick, unemployed, or a pensioner to benefit from this deal', demonstrators from the ports of London and Felixstowe agreed outside the London HQ of the NUS.

'There is nothing in it at all for working seamen,' they added. 'How can especially a deep-water sailor keep a wife and family on the present wages? These have not gone up at all. And this was the whole purpose of our strike decision.'

Donald Slorance, a deep sea seaman, showed his annual tax return to prove the point. He got £2,000 wages overall. But £500 of this was from just five weeks deputising on the summer cross channel ferries.

The other 47 weeks of the year on deep-sea tankers and cruise liners earned him just £1,500. 'The deep-sea seaman gets it in the neck all the time,' he said.

Keith Cooper, a cross channel ferry worker, agreed: 'I can earn more on coastal work in two months than a deep-sea man can earn in six months', he said.

Children

Iris, a steward on cross channel ferries, commented: 'It is the wives and children at home who need the extra money. But they have got nothing. All there is is a few pence more on allowances while a man is at sea working.'

She explained that many seamen who draw a long-distance voyage from the jobs pool in their home port often cannot afford to take it.

'Their wives and families are often bordering on poverty. At present rates, they cannot afford to send anything home while they are away working at sea. So they don't

take the voyage.'

'We wanted better money all round, not fringe benefits for off-duty periods', Iris added.

Ginger, from Felixstowe, said: 'We've been sold down the river again. The union members reckon they were done in the 1966 dispute. Now they've been done in 1976 as well.'

'Seamen see the miners with a union which has fought and got something,' he went on. 'But the seamen can get nothing for themselves.'

Ginger continued: 'When the executive called for a strike, until a new wage structure was won, I thought 'At last we've got a union'.

Keith Cooper added: 'We should have stayed out when Felixstowe first went on strike the day the national stoppage was called.'

'There should have been no going back to work and waiting for the official strike to begin. It never came, and now we are left with nothing.'

He went on: 'They say the seamen could have smashed the pay policy. But so what? The capitalist economy is bankrupt anyway. There is no justice in a system like this, which keeps men unemployed and cuts workers' living standards while speculators like Slater Walker get big free hand-outs.'

POLICE LAUNCHED ATTACK MARCHER CLAIMS

A LABOUR PARTY member accused of assaulting a police officer told a court yesterday that 'Right-To-Work' marchers had been the subject of an unprovoked police attack.

Michael Lynch, 23, unemployed, of Dunfermline, was the first of seven accused to give evidence to Hendon magistrates when proceedings entered their fourth day.

All seven plead not guilty to offences consisting mainly of assaults on police.

The charges arise from clashes between police and marchers at Hendon, north east London, earlier this year after the marchers had walked 300 miles without incident.

Lynch, who said he was chairman of Dunfermline Labour Party, explained that he was near the head of the march when the trouble began.

First, he said, he saw a

policeman scuffling inside the ranks of the marchers and then he saw a policeman sitting next to a wall with blood on his head.

One marcher got a megaphone and started talking, principally to the police.

'We linked arms and formed lines defensively. I saw a police officer trying to arrest someone for no reason. They were grabbing people indiscriminately.'

He said his involvement started when police grabbed three or four people in front of him for no reason.

'That's when I intervened. I considered it was an unprovoked attack. I thought about trying to reason with the officers but that would have been no good in the mood they were in. The violence was increased by the policemen's actions.'

He denied ripping a jacket.

Christmas sack at Walls

CHRISTMAS will bring the sack for 580 workers employed by Walls at Hayes, West Middlesex.

A meeting of the workers learned yesterday that the Transport and General Workers' Union leadership is to accept the closure of the factory. All the T&GWU leaders have done is to push back the shutdown date by three weeks — to December 30.

COUNCIL-owned slums are now widespread in all large industrial cities, David Purchon of the Environmental Health Officers Association, claimed yesterday. He was speaking at a London Press conference launching the association's annual report.

'Housing is a depressing subject in this country today. Much of our housing is in poor condition and it is deteriorating. Our houses are overcrowded and fire risks are widespread', he said.

What we think

We're undeterred

THE Greater London Council has banned the Young Socialists' 'Jobs for Youth Now' pop concert at Catford Stadium for political reasons. Every objection raised by Lewisham council and community organisations was answered in full at a GLC public hearing on September 7.

A spokesman for local residents said they were satisfied with the organisation of the concert — including noise-control preparations.

Yet the Public Services Committee banned the concert and refused to say why. The GLC also refused to say who sat on this faceless committee. But its motives are obvious. Government figures released this week show that 149,772 school-leavers are still without a job. Hard-core unemployment is at its highest level since the war.

Repeated claims by government ministers that unemployment has 'reached its peak' are disproved every time a new

batch of figures is issued. This means that the Young Socialists' 'Jobs For Youth Now' campaign must and will go on, despite the Labour-controlled GLC's indifference to the plight of the unemployed.

The arbitrary ban by the GLC bureaucrats — with no right of appeal — will cause understandable disappointment to all the youth who had worked so hard for the concert, and also to the musicians who had agreed to donate their time and talent to help the campaign against unemployment.

But it will not deter the Young Socialists from their fight against this bankers' government and all those who protect it.

On the contrary, it will add to their determination to make a success of the Young Socialists and All Trades Unions Alliance conference on jobs for youth and increased old age pensions being held in Sheffield on November 28.

£50,000 needed to develop Party

THE VITAL development fund of our movement is still going up at a very slow rate. Yet there are great opportunities for convincing workers and youth everywhere that they should contribute to providing the Workers Revolutionary Party and its Press with the money it needs to lead the class struggle.

Look at the seamen. By a tiny majority the NUS leaders have avoided an all-out strike and a challenge that would have led to a direct battle

with the Labour government.

What were the few rank-and-file seamen saying outside Maritime House as the deal was agreed — 'We wanted to strike, and if it meant the Labour government falling, then good. It is a government of the Tories'.

This is the voice of more and more workers. If we fight politically in the working class and youth, we can get this money.

In the last few days we have received.

Fleet St workers £10; Professional workers £38; Acton £40; Sheffield £5; Merthyr £5; Tulsa Hill £10; Croydon £3; Clapham £10; Ellesmere Port £5; Runcorn Old Town £1; St Helen's £25; Slough £3; North Kensington £12.25; Paddington £12.25; Coventry £10; New Cross £20.

TOTAL in since Tuesday: £209.50

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SEPTEMBER FUND IN DANGER

OUR FUND is lagging way behind. We have only eight days left to complete the £4,000 monthly fund we need to ensure that News Line can be published each day. We urge you all to fight to change the position to raise well over the first £1,000 immediately.

The Labour government is presiding over the most corrupt break-up of the

capitalist system. Every day new evidence is forced out exposing the true nature of the crisis.

Only News Line has consistently fought to explain this reality to the working class. Fifteen charges of breaking the Companies Act have been laid against Slater, but the real issue is the ending of this corrupt system. The first step in this

fight must be to force this Labour government to resign and to build the alternative revolutionary leadership.

Join our Party today. Fight with us to expand the sales of News Line. Raise all you can for our monthly fund. Send your donation at one to:

The News Line
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PABLO URGES CP-REFORMIST ALLIANCE

LABOUR cabinet minister Anthony Wedgwood Benn and Michael Raptis (Pablo) spoke at a conference on 'The Future of Social Democracy' at Bradford University yesterday.

It was organised by the 'Just Society' and held in the university's communal centre with more than 60 present.

Someone lamented the fact that the problems of social democracy had not attracted a larger audience. But its preservation has brought together for three days a rare menagerie of left reformists, Stalinists and revisionists.

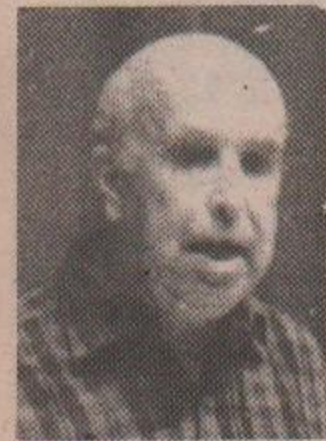
Speakers include Soviet oppositionist Dr Zhores Medvedev, Mr Ken Coates, of the Bertrand Russell 'Peace' Foundation, Lucio Lombardo Radice of the Italian Communist Party's central committee, West German Social Democrat Fritz Vilmar and Stuart Holland of the Transport House 'think-tank'.

'Highlights'

But yesterday's two sessions, when Benn and Pablo delivered papers, were the 'highlights' of the proceedings.

Pablo entitled his document 'a contribution to the creation of a programme of action for the European left'.

He developed an argument for 'self-managed socialism' in which society 'would be able to be constantly developing and perfecting itself, which would approach the norm of a truly just society, that is to say, balanced, harmonious, free from social inequality, and allowing the flowering as



PABLO

completely as possible of the individual who is at the centre of human history and of the future of mankind'.

This, he said, could only be won by establishing the concept of 'a single workers' front'. By this Pablo meant the alliance of the reformist and Stalinist parties.

BY ALEX MITCHELL

'This alliance must be sealed at once at the level of the great working-class organisations — as for example is the case of France with the 'Union of the Left' between Socialists and Communists with its Common Programme,' he said.

Later Pablo denied to News Line that this amounted to a return to the Popular Front policies of the 1930s which Trotsky fought so vehemently.

He said that a fusion between the Alain Krivine group and the PSU in France would be announced within the next few weeks based upon this perspective.

During the discussion period, Pablo told his audience: 'The big masses in the advanced capitalist countries need a real democratic society. That is the purpose of socialism in the advanced capitalist countries.'

In the afternoon, Benn began his speech by apologising for the fact that much of it he had said before. It sounded no better the second time. He talked about 'Christian socialism' and 'doing it on a building-block basis'.

'Revisionists'

He gave a long confessional about the 'revisionists' in the Labour Party who believed in the 1950s that Keynesianism had solved the contradictions within capitalism.

'They were wrong,' Benn said. 'They got it completely wrong.'

Pablo, sitting in the front row, visibly wilted.

Over coffee, Sir Richard Acland, an honorary graduate of the university said:

'This seminar is marvellous. It is most stimulating. I was made an honorary graduate by Harold Wilson, who is the chancellor. I only wish he was here to listen to these marvellous speeches.'

The final session will take place today.

RTZ PROFITS LEAP TO £118m

BETTER-than expected first half profits, well ahead of last time's disappointing figure, were disclosed yesterday by Rio Tinto-Zinc, the big international mining group.

It said the pre-tax total for the opening six months trading of the year came out at £118,800,000 compared with the £76,700,000

reported in the same period last year.

Profits attributable to shareholders were put at £32,900,000 compared with the £29,500,000 expected by some analysts. So the shares moved ahead 3p on the results to 177p.

The directors say that given a continuation of the modest rate of recovery in the major world

economies and the maintenance of metal prices at current levels, second half earnings should 'not be less than' those of the first half.

Shareholders, meanwhile, get the maximum permitted increase in dividends for the year included in their interim dividend, which goes up from 2.64p to 3.18p a share.



Young Socialists visited old-age pensioners in Croydon, Surrey, yesterday during their conference campaign.

We need two rises to make ends meet -OAP

'WELL OFF? We're not well off. I can't manage on my pension. By the time I've paid my rent and food bills I've got nothing left. My rent has just gone up by 95p', said one Croydon pensioner yesterday.

'The pensions are supposed to be going up in November. We need that rise and another one at Christmas. We need two rises just to make ends

meet', said another.

'We get £13.30 single pension each per week. We have nothing left to spend after rent and food. It's worse today than three years ago', said a third.

'The Tories haven't done a thing for us, and neither have the Labour', said a fourth.

The pensioners were

waiting for the rain to stop before going home after their weekly get-together in a club. Most of them, although cheerful, spoke bitterly about their pensions and rising prices.

One of the central demands for the joint YS-ATUA conference in Sheffield on Nov 28 (see

advert below) is for an increase in pensions and the Young Socialists is mounting a big campaign to bring pensioners to the meeting.

Mrs Harding, who runs the club, told YS members yesterday: 'I feel more sorry for the younger people than us, because when you're old you can manage on one potato instead of two. It's 18p for a loaf of bread. I don't know how my grandchildren manage.'

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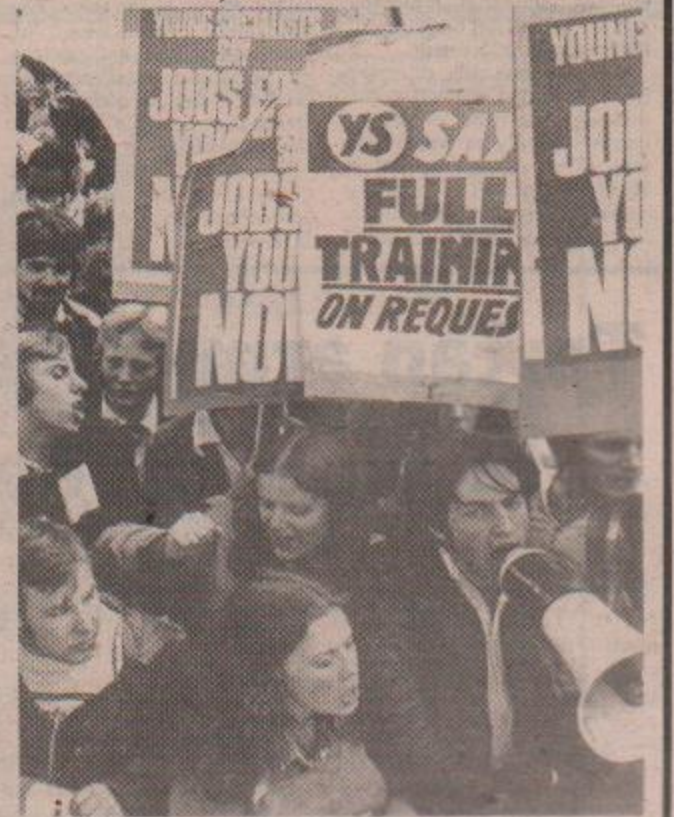
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TV PREVIEW

ENTEBBE: Justifying genocide

BBC 2 Friday, 9.30 p.m.
'Rescue at Entebbe' — CBS
news documentary

TOMORROW British viewers can see the first news reconstruction of the Entebbe raid.

The one-hour documentary by CBS reveals few facts about the Israeli invasion of Uganda's main airport and does not investigate the political background to the military operation.

What it does do is support the campaign by the Israeli state to project Entebbe as a powerful justification for Zionist oppression in the Middle East. The unspoken assumption is that the commando raid was both entirely justified and completely successful.

This kind of propaganda is vital to the Zionist ruling clique in Israel. Without continually proving that Zionism is invincible, the Israeli government cannot survive. The 1973 Yom Kippur war started the political crisis in Israel because it shattered the myth of permanent military superiority.

Entebbe was some kind of third-rate attempt to recover some of the credibility lost after the Egyptian armies forged into the Israeli-conquered Sinai territory.

By accident the CBS film revealed why the bloody adventure had to be launched by the Israeli government. The most dramatic scenes involve newsreel of the families of the hostages violently attacking representatives of the government over their refusal to negotiate terms with the hi-jackers.

Relatives

The grief-stricken relatives told the officials that the operation at the Munich Olympic Games resulted in the slaughter of the Israeli athletes, and that hijacking and terror had not diminished, but increased as a result.

Was Entebbe any different from Munich? Towards the end of the film — which consists wholly of interviews with the Israeli premier Rabin, Israeli military commanders and the Jewish hostages, the statistics of 20

BY BRIAN MOORE

Ugandan soldiers dead, four hostages killed and seven hijackers shot down, are broadcast.

In terms of loss of life, therefore, Entebbe was far more bloody than Munich. The difference for the Israeli government was that Ugandan people were the main sufferers.

CBS did not attempt to report the position or the attitudes of the Palestinian movement or the Ugandans.

Rabin was shown repeating the official version of the raid — that at first the government was attempting to negotiate, but at the same time preparing their military options. In fact the period of bogus 'negotiations' was a deliberate cover-up for the invasion of Ugandan sovereignty.

Individual terror against the main instrument of imperialism in the Middle East solves nothing. Equally, as one thoughtful Israeli commander admitted to the CBS interviewer, Entebbe cannot abolish the conditions that give rise to terror tactics by the oppressed.

The only justification for the CBS film was to portray the Israeli regime as heroic.

One thing is certain. The capitalist television or newspapers will not present any dramatic reconstruction of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land in the West Bank and Gaza.

No-one will show how it came about that the Israeli forces shot dead over 40 Arabs in these areas.

'ALL HELL LET LOOSE'

EDINBURGH — 'All hell will be let loose' by the National Union of Public Employees if the Highland Regional Council goes ahead with its decision to sack 300 school cleaners on official strike, the union's regional organiser here has said.

Pay-cuts

The cleaners have been on strike for three weeks against the local authority's decision to slash their working hours in line with the government cut-backs in educational spending.

Loss of hours will mean pay cuts of at least 33 per cent for most of the workers.

The solidarity of the strike action has forced some schools to close on the advice of medical authorities.

The Highland Regional

Scottish anger over 300 school sackings

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Council emergency sub committee delegated to deal with the situation went ahead on Tuesday with its threat to sack all those who remained on strike.

It plans to advertise for scab labour, relying on the high rate of unemployment in the region. At present running at 6.8 per cent.

The full regional council

meets on Monday. If it decides to endorse the sub committees policy, NUPE officials are committed to decisive action in support of the cleaners.

Area organiser Tony Martin said that the authority was the first local council in Britain ever to dismiss workers for going on official strike.

Serfs

The sub committee are full of hard liners, he said. They are handling the matter as though they were highland lairds and treating the staff as serfs rather than a responsible local authority with proper trade union relations.

'If these people are dismissed, it will be total war. We will be asking other unions to take any action they can to help us.'

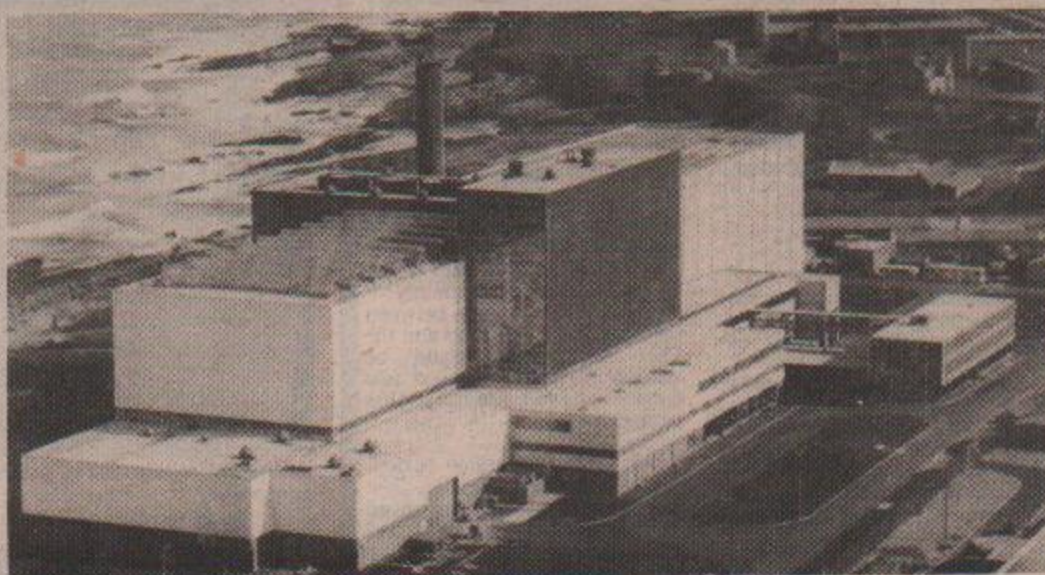
Slow down on the fast breeders

A ROYAL Commission recommended yesterday the postponement of any commitment to nuclear fission and fast breeder reactors as a source of energy.

Instead it called for more research and money to go into alternative energy sources — from wave, wind and solar power, as well as into nuclear fusion.

Fast breeder reactors, unlike conventional nuclear power stations, use plutonium as well as uranium for fuel.

As the reactor operates, it converts uranium into plutonium, and produces more



The Dounreay Prototype Fast Reactor, Caithness, Scotland

plutonium than is burnt. In other words, it actually produces its own fuel as well as electricity.

Cancers

Plutonium, however, is one of the most poisonous substances known. Minute quantities can produce cancers of the bone and lung. It is also incredibly long-lived.

It has a half-life of 24,000 years, so wastes containing it need to be safely stored for a quarter of a million years.

The fast breed reactor is also cooled with sodium, a light liquid metal that explodes if it comes into contact with water.

The Commission urges that the development of the first commercial-sized reactor, which Energy Secretary Anthony Wedgwood Benn has to decide upon this autumn, be delayed.

Among its objections, which include waste disposal fears and 'terrorist dangers of hijacking making a "crude but effective" bomb', the Commission is afraid of the cost which would starve other energy projects of finance and

make by default the CFRI's the major source of energy.

The Atomic Energy Authority rejected the Commission's findings as 'unsound'.

Cost

'There is strong evidence that none of these alternative sources could make a major contribution to the country's energy needs in the time scale required,' a spokesman said.

The estimated cost of the fast reactor project is estimated to be in the region of £600m.

Tartan army taught how to blow up hospitals

A MEETING of Scottish right-wing extremists known as the Tartan Army, at which anyone who felt unable to blow up a hospital was asked to leave, was presided over by a Church Minister, a court was told yesterday.

David Sharkey told the jury at Edinburgh High Court of the

meeting in an Edinburgh hotel after which he claimed he was taught how to make explosives by mixing sugar and weed killer in a container and detonating them.

Sharkey was giving evidence on the opening day of the trial of five men accused of plotting to further the aims of an organisation known variously as 'The 100 Organisation', the 'A.P.G.', the 'Order Clan' and

the 'Tartan Army'.

The charge alleges they did this by theft and by causing explosions at electricity lines and pylons, oil pipelines and broadcasting premises.

Sharkey, currently serving a ten-year jail sentence for stabbing, said that there were about two dozen people at the meeting presided over by a Reverend George Witherspoon.

Ryman denies cash conspiracy against Milne

LABOUR MP John Ryman denied to police that he conspired to make a false return of election expenses, Newcastle Crown Court was told yesterday.

Ryman, 46, a London barrister who is defending himself, and his former agent, Peter Mortakis, also denied making false declarations under the Representation of the People Act and the Perjury Act.

Detective Superintendent McFadd told Ryman he had reason to believe that he and Mortakis had overspent their electoral expenses by over £1,300 and then concealed it.

In the interview Det. Supt.

McFadd put it to him: 'Is it incorrect to say that the object of the exercise was to depose Mr Milne and secure the seat for yourself, regardless of cost?'

Ryman replied: 'Certainly not. That's completely incorrect.'

Ryman said that he had fought the October 1974 election campaign on issues and he had repeatedly emphasised that the electoral law should not be broken because the party of his main opponent, Eddie Milne, would be causing every possible difficulty.



COAL CHIEF WARNS OF NEW CLOSURES

Ezra

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

A WARNING of pit closures came yesterday from Coal Board chief Derek Ezra.

Visiting the site of a rig deepdrilling for coal near Langar, Nottinghamshire, Ezra said:

'New mines will need to be underway soon to get them in full production by the later 1980s.

'Could the coal not come from existing pits? We have gone as far as we can in our plan for the next ten years along that line and have done so over the years.

The Midlands coalfields, for example, have virtually the same production with fewer than half the number of pits they had in 1947.

'But countrywide our pits are 80 years old on average; the oldest will inevitably die off for want of coal', he added.

Children die in Glasgow blaze

A 43-YEAR OLD Glasgow man fought flames in vain yesterday to save two small children trapped in a second floor tenement house.

Robert Stewart raced into the house with a wet blanket over his head when he saw flames at the window of the Paisley Road West house.

'I managed to lead a woman, three teenage girls and a baby down the stairs', he said.

'I went back to get the other

THE Gillette company has joined a growing list of American multi-national companies which have admitted making questionable payments in foreign countries.

A company investigation had revealed that \$400,000 was paid

children, but I couldn't get in because of the smoke.

A senior fire officer said the two children found dead in the front bedroom were aged two and three.

out by some of its overseas divisions between January 1972 and December 1975.

The company did not identify the countries in which the payments were made, but it did say that at least some of the money was paid to government officials.

DRIVERS STAY IN 'DICKENSIAN DOSS HOUSES'

BY OUR OWN
REPORTER

OVERNIGHT accommodation for lorry drivers has been likened to 'neo-Dickensian doss houses' by a travel guide published yesterday.

Egon Ronay's 1977 Guide to Transport Cafes and Accommodation talks of 'fifteen beds in one room with only one lavatory and a dirty bathroom, a pre-fab hut in a field with 22 beds and crumpled linen, one shower and an outside WC'.

Drivers' union leader Jack Jones has called for an official code with proper enforcement to deal with the scandalous state of accommodation that the Guide's inspectors found.

The Guide calls for an Environment Department

examination of overnight accommodation, but an official said today that it was up to the haulage organisations to deal with the problem.

Lowest standards overall were found in the Midlands, with the best transport stops being located in Scotland.

Thousands owed to the underpaid

A DEPARTMENT of Employment investigation in the service industries has discovered more than a quarter are under-paying their workers.

Statistics show that more than 200 employees in the seven towns covered in the first week of the 'drive against low pay' were owed an average of about £50 each.

Nearly £10,000 was found to be owing in retail, hairdressing and catering firms.

'Typical' towns examined in the inspection blitz by Department officials were

Blackpool, Burton-on Trent, Cheltenham, Dundee, Luton, Wakefield and Sunderland.

The largest amount of arrears in minimum wages or holiday pay assessed was in Sunderland, where the 45 inspections carried out showed that one-third of employers were underpaying.

The greatest number of inspections was carried out in Burton-on-Trent where about a quarter were underpaying. A quarter, or more, of employers inspected were also underpaying in Cheltenham, Blackpool, Dundee and Wakefield.

SUFFERING BRITAIN

THE FIVE hundred residents of Cheriton Fitzpalm who are on standpipe water claim the rationing is illegal.

When the South West Water Authority sent the list of places to be cut off to the Environment Department for rubber stamping, the tiny Devon village was left off.

Mrs Susan Meads, 36, who discovered the mistake, said: 'I will suffer for Britain when they turn off Exeter or Crediton, but not before.'



'Unsafe' buses strike

NEARLY 200 bus drivers and conductors went on strike for one day at Shepherd's Bush garage, west London, yesterday.

They were protesting at the condition of the bus fleet.

'London Transport has failed to provide new buses and spare parts for the existing vehicles', said the crews.

On occasions, they allege, buses go out with brakes and steering that are unsafe.

Only 48 per cent of the service was operating on one day this week because of

the non-availability of buses.

Busmen are concerned that behind this lies a plan to cut still further the services which have already been pruned under new schedules introduced in May.

As a result of yesterday's stoppage, the 200 service was cancelled completely and restricted services operated on the 12, 88, and 105 routes.

Five surrounding garages showed solidarity by refusing to operate in the Shepherd's Bush area.

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

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Trotsky speaking in Copenhagen, 1932

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MARY MATHESON (YS National Cttee)

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

World News Line

Minamata charges



A victim of the Minamata poisoning

TOKYO — Two former executives of the Chisso chemical firm, whose mercury waste pollution in the Minamata Bay area poisoned more than 10,000 people, have gone on trial charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Kiichi Yoshika, 74-year-old former Chisso president, and Eichi Nishida, former boss of the

Manslaughter by mercury poison

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

firm's Minamata plant, appeared in court yesterday at Kumamoto.

The indictment noted that in July 1958, the Health and Welfare Ministry charged the Chisso plant with responsibility for the mercury pollution, but the two men took no notice, and their factory continued to discharge poisonous waste from September 1958 to around August 1960.

It was in April 1956 that the first case of the so-called 'Minamata Disease' was recognised at Chisso's factory hospital. The disease damages the central nervous system and can cause death or deformity.

By October that year, a

university research team had established that the disease was in fact heavy-metal poisoning, caused by eating fish and shellfish from Minamata Bay.

Two years later, Chisso diverted its waste disposal to a nearby river, ignoring scientists' warnings against this.

By 1962, 121 victims had been notified, of whom 46 died. By 1968, the government had officially blamed Chisso for the poisoning.

It was not until 1973, after a long legal and political struggle, that the people of Minamata were able to have the Chisso company accept legal responsibility and pay compensation.

Secret Service using Italian Pressmen

ROME — Allegations have been made that 146 Italian journalists are paid informers of the Secret Service with special responsibility for the manipulation of news.

A Rome public prosecutor has opened an investigation into the charges made by 'Tempo' a weekly news magazine.

The magazine claims that full documentation of the journalists' activities are to be found in the Secret Service's files, and that the Service conspired with them to withhold and distort the news for a common political goal.

The Central Intelligence Agency is claimed to be a source of finance for the project.

The Secret Service here is suspected of complicity in coup plots, bomb attacks, terrorist murders and other attempts at right-wing subversion.

The question now is: in how many other countries is the CIA financing journalists to act as secret service agents?

Zionists must quit—Galilee Arabs

ARAB leaders in Galilee called for the immediate resignation of Israel's chief administrator Yisrael Koenig, who recently advocated tough measures to curb Arab population growth.

About 400 members of local councils meeting in Nazareth also called a general strike in all Arab towns in the region next Tuesday to protest against Koenig's continued presence.

A resolution issued after the meeting denounced a report submitted by Koenig as 'racist, Zionist and chauvinistic'.

The report — condemned by government leaders, but supported by some ministers and right-wing factions — proposed cutting social benefits to large Arab families and encouraging young Arabs to study and remain abroad.

The Israeli official warned that unless steps were taken to

change the demographic balance, Arabs would outnumber Jews in the hilly region of northern Israel by 1978.

Koenig advocated a 'carrot-and-stick' approach to reward co-operative Arab officials and punish those who criticised the administration.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, talking to high school pupils yesterday, disowned the Koenig document and all forms of discrimination based on religion.

The Arab leaders in their resolution however said that they were not satisfied by assurances given by ministers and wanted Koenig removed.

TRADE WAR WARNING

TOKYO — A senior Japanese trade official warned yesterday of retaliation if the United States or Common Market countries took protectionist measures to curb imports from Japan.

Toshihiko Yano, head of the international trade department in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, referring to West German chancellor Schmidt's accusations about dumping of Japanese ball bearings, said pressure to curb imports was part of the build-up for the elections in West Germany and the United States.

Trade unionists in struggle for rights

MILITANTS MAN-HUNTED IN ANKARA

ANKARA — Turkish police are hunting down union militants and the secretary-general of the DISK union confederation is being held, as the government moves in to repress the workers' movement after six days of strike action.

Thousands of factory workers and municipal workers have been taking part in strikes against repressive legislation.

The centre on the issue of the

special courts used to jail militants and socialists.

The 350,000-member DISK, which called the strikes, called on members to return to work yesterday. Its offices in Istanbul were raided by the police on Tuesday night and documents were taken away.

Mehmet Karaca,

secretary-general of the confederation, was arrested on orders from an Istanbul court, and warrants were issued for six other executive members.

In Izmir, some 1,628 workers and 55 worker-representatives were detained a few days ago.

The State Security court at Adana issued warrants for the

arrest of 43 workers and another eight were arrested in Istanbul.

It was also reported on the radio that 1,222 workers were to be interrogated at Eskisehir.

The strike hit factories, petrol supplies and public transport, as well as refuse collection in three cities.

In Ankara, the mayor, Vedat Delakoy, attacked by the Governor for not maintaining services replied that he supported the strike.

The Turkish Justice Minister declared that the strike was illegal.

Addis strikers shot 'on the spot'

ADDIS ABBABA — The military regime in Ethiopia has given orders to the army to shoot workers on the spot if they attempt to organise strikes.

The order is announced in a statement attacking the banned Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party. More than 100 people have been rounded up in and around Addis Abbaba this month, in a repressive clampdown on the EPRP.

The military junta, known as

the Derg, is posing as 'socialist', and couches its attacks on the EPRP in 'revolutionary' phrases. Yet the regime continues to receive military aid from the United States, and, according to some reports, from Israel.

The EPRP opposes the Ethiopian regime's repressive

war in Eritrea and its Bonapartist rule at home.

Last autumn the regime broke up the Confederation of Ethiopian Labour Unions and arrested trade unionists, after the unions had rejected the regime as 'petty bourgeois' and expressed support for EPRP policies.

In its latest statement, the Derg speaks of 'decisive and determined measures in order to safeguard the revolution of the masses'.

It goes on to say: 'Members of the security forces have been given orders to take appropriate revolutionary measures on the spot against all those individuals and groups who either instigate work stoppages or go on strike with a view to reversing the on-going revolution.'

This is taken here to mean they will be shot on the spot.

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Argentine regime tortures refugees

POLITICAL prisoners in Argentinian dictator General Videla's jails, have their bellies cut open and are given electric shocks inside their bodies.

Roberto Pissarro, the first political prisoner released from Buenos Aires to arrive in Britain, told this harrowing story to a Press conference in London yesterday.

After ten months himself in jail this eminent Chilean academic flew into London after his release last Tuesday week, hoping to be reunited with his wife, Alicia.

Alicia Pissarro, herself a political prisoner for the last ten months in Argentina, did not arrive on her scheduled flight. There are grave fears for her safety. 'I can only assume she is being tortured in a jail in Buenos Aires,' Pissarro said.

Her passport has run out and she is probably in the police HQ where torturing goes on.

'At the moment there is a regime of terror in Argentina since the coup last March', Pissarro said. He told of the arrests of thousands of trade unionists, students, and ordinary people, as well as 150 political exiles, the majority from Chile. Pissarro fled from Chile after Pinochet's fascist coup and sought asylum in Argentina. Then on November 24 last year, police broke into his house, arrested him and his wife and stole all his money and possessions.

He was questioned for ten days, blindfolded, with a gun at his head. They threatened to kill his wife and his two young children. They threatened to turn him over to the Chilean police.

He is convinced he was arrested at the request of Pinochet. 'The Chilean secret police operate with impunity in Argentina, Bolivia and Uruguay,' he said.

Since the March military coup in Argentina, a state of emergency has meant wholesale arrests and torture of political dissidents.

Pissarro bears witness to prisoners being locked up for 20 hours a day, seven to a cell only nine feet square.

One prisoner he knew was hung from a moving helicopter by a rope which police threatened to cut.

His fears for his wife, whom he hasn't seen for ten months, are real. He thinks she could get out of Argentina if the British government issued her with travel documents, but they have never done this in the past.

The bullet-riddled bodies of two men, believed to be victims of right-wing death squads, were found yesterday in different suburbs of La Plata, Argentina.

This brings the official death toll in political violence to 759 since the military seized power in March.



Roberto Pissarro, victim of Argentinian torturers, now fears for his wife's safety

Car-bomb murder of ex-Allende Minister

Secret Service behind Washington blast

WASHINGTON — Chilean exiles are convinced the right-wing junta's secret police, the DINA, was responsible for the car bomb murder of Orlando Letelier, a former minister in the Allende government.

Police and FBI men were still examining the wreckage of Letelier's car yesterday after Tuesday's explosion.

US Congressmen have called for a full investigation.

South Dakota Senator James Abourezk said the tyranny of the dictatorship in Chile had now extended

to the United States.

Letelier, 44, a leading member of the Chilean Socialist Party, was Foreign Minister and Defence Minister in the Allende government.

He was arrested when the CIA-backed military junta seized power in 1973 and was later deported.

The junta announced 11 days ago that it was depriving him of Chilean nationality.

They blamed him for instigating the blacking of Chilean goods by Dutch dockers and accused him of interfering with foreign investment in Chile.

Letelier was a director of the Transnational Institute of Policy Studies, which carries out research and information on the Chilean issue and similar topics. Mrs Ronnie Moffat, a member of the Institute's staff, was also killed in the car blast.

There have been a series of murder attempts on opponents of the Chilean regime.

Two years ago, General Carlos Prats, a former Interior Minister living in exile in Buenos Aires, was killed with his wife in a car blast.

Cuba accused the CIA of

being involved, and the exiled Chilean Socialist Party leader Carlos Altamirano said US intelligence was working together with the Chilean junta.

Last year an exiled Christian Democrat opposed to the junta, Bernardo Leighton, was seriously injured in an attempt on his life in Rome.

Last year in Switzerland, a former CIA agent, Jorge Ovalle Alvarez, confessed that he had tried to murder an American, William Lynas, in Panama.

Lynas was not a left-wing

opponent of the junta, but a banking official who had helped the Allende regime. Ovalle Alvarez said he had been hired by the CIA through the American ITT corporation.

The Chilean secret police, DINA, is widely regarded as responsible for the terror campaign against Chilean exiles, but it is not working on its own.

Having helped the Pinochet dictatorship come to power, the CIA could well be helping it extend a world-wide arm of murder against opponents.

Through its ex-SS advisors, the DINA also

has an international fascist network of helpers.

In Buenos Aires, Croatian fascists assisted in the Prats murder.

• In May this year in London, a Mr John Cooper told London Weekend Television that he had been engaged by Chilean agents in Britain to carry out spying and harassment against opponents of the junta here.

Cooper's initial contact, with Chilean embassy attaché Jorge Navarrete, was the result of an introduction at a meeting of the right-wing Tory Monday Club.

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Revolt in hospitals against

THE HEALTH SERVICE BUTCHERS

THE National Health Service is being systematically dismantled by the Labour government.

Hospital closures and cut-backs are being carried out by Labour leaders acting as front-men for the Tories and international banks.

The basic right of the working class to a modern, well-equipped, well-staffed NHS is being destroyed in a vain attempt to shore up the bankrupt, crisis-ridden capitalist system.

The same is true in the fields of education and all social services.

But what is equally true is that the working class is mobilising to defeat these attacks on its hard-won rights.

The response that NHS workers are giving to today's 'Day of Action' against hospital cuts is a clear indication that a determined struggle against the cuts is building up.

Militant action is being taken today in several hospital groups in London.

Stoppage

In Hackney, for example, workers at seven hospitals in the district are giving strong support to a stoppage of work (see story and pictures this page).

Demonstrations and meetings are also taking place at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington; Westminster Hospital; Kingston & Richmond; Charing Cross; and hospitals around Queens Square in Central London.

Full support must be given to these actions. The 'Fight The Cuts' demonstration being organised by two health service unions on November 17 will get widespread support.

This is a reflection of the feeling of NHS employees throughout the country.

Much of the anger and opposition will inevitably be directed at the reactionary Area Hospital Authorities, which were set up by the last Tory government.

But workers mobilising against the NHS cuts must be certain to mobilise against the real source of these cuts.

Servant

The AHAs are the tools of the Callaghan government. And this government is the servant of the capitalist class and is laying the basis for dictatorship.

It was elected in 1974 on the basis of promises such as the pledge to 'Redistribute Wealth' in favour of the working class. The opposite is the case.

Millions are handed out to speculators like James Slater,

of the Slater Walker property empire, while workers are getting their living standards slashed by price rises and the 4½ per cent pay ceiling.

A parallel undoubtedly exists within the NHS itself.

While nurses, porters, medical and other hospital staff are seeing their jobs being axed, mountains of cash belonging to the NHS are being secretly handed to the profit-hungry pharmaceutical monopolies.

The fact that the reactionary nature of the AHAs stems from the role of the Labour administration is shown by what happened in the Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow area.

Lobbies and industrial action by hospital workers forced the local AHA to make a plea to Health Minister David Ennals that the cuts would cripple health services in the locality.

Ennals not only refused to meet a delegation from the AHA, but also instructed them to get on with the job.

The lesson here is that militant action to put pressure on the AHAs is inadequate.

Illusions

'Left talkers' and revisionist groups who spread illusions that the struggle can be won by directed union strength against the area authorities are tying the hands of hospital workers behind their backs.

Revisionists like the 'International Socialists' — a group led by middle-class protesters — refuse to call for the bringing down of the Labour government.

The 'IS' programme of demands is confined strictly within the framework of capitalism. Their ownership of non-political 'rank-and-fileism' seeks to hold back workers from drawing the necessary political conclusions about the depth of the capitalist crisis and the role of the Labour leaders. In the latest issue of the IS pamphlet 'East London Hospital Worker', for example, not a single mention is made of the government or the TUC.

But the TUC — including the leaders of unions with NHS members like NUPE, COHSE,

NALGO, ASTMS, G&MWU, T&GWU, etc — are the biggest apologists for the betrayals of the Labour cabinet.

Alan Fisher, general secretary of NUPE, shakes his fist at public spending cuts whilst patting Callaghan on the back.

Words

All the reformist union leaders perform this sickening double act of mouthing 'left' words about cuts while at the same time propping up the 'social contract' that make these cuts possible.

The All Trades Unions Alliance, industrial section of the Workers Revolutionary Party, calls on all NHS workers to join in the building of an alternative leadership in the trade union movement to fight on an uncompromising socialist programme.

Unify the struggle of NHS workers with teachers, other social service workers, and all sections of the working class including the seamen and the miners.

The All Trades Union Alliance calls for:

- Down with the 4½ per cent pay limit, the 'social contract', and public spending cuts. Restore all money cut from the NHS and finance the expansion of the whole health service.

- No redundancies. Occupy hospitals threatened with closure. Elect committees from all staff grades to maintain centralised services.

Strength

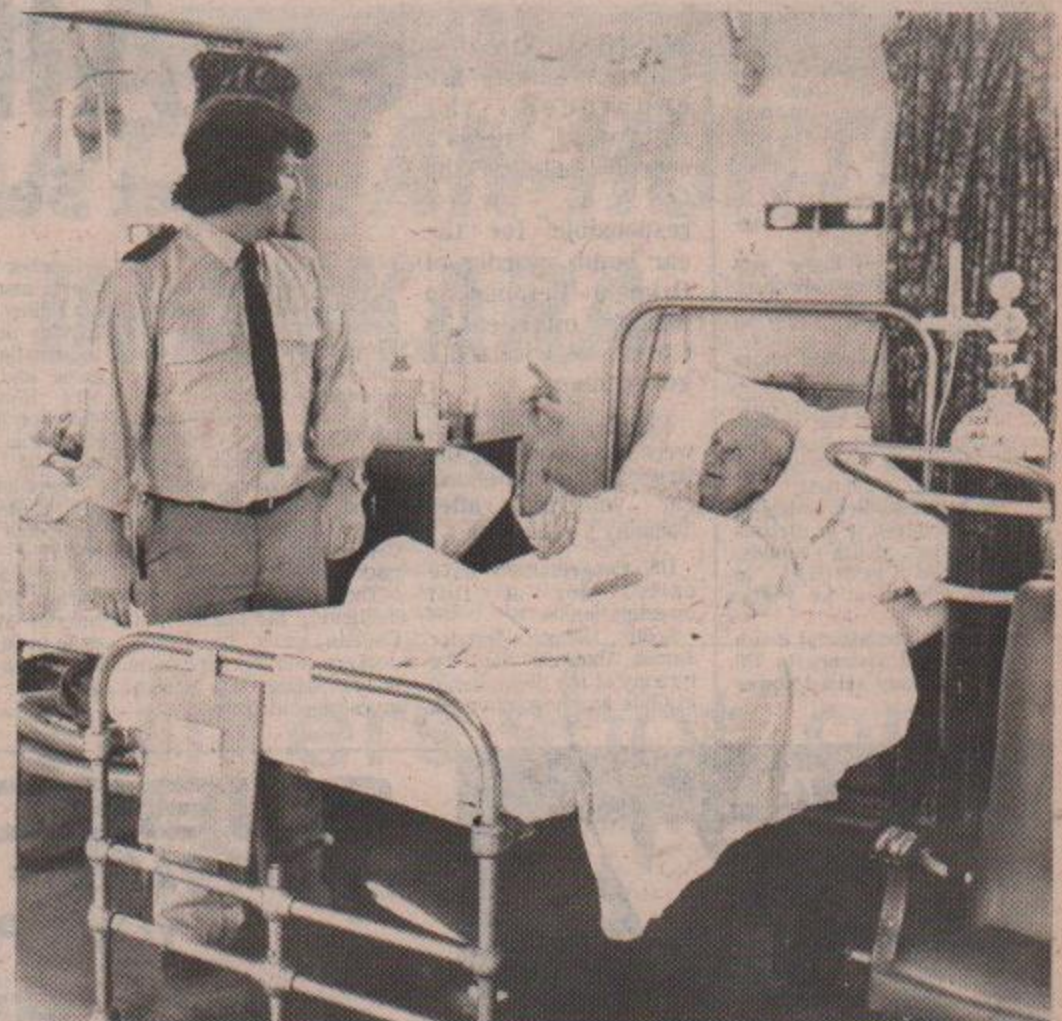
- End private exploitation of the NHS. Bring all private hospitals into the NHS now. Nationalise the drug monopolies, the banks, land and basic industry, under workers' control and without compensation.

- Mobilise the independent strength of the working class to bring down the Tory-inspired Labour government.



Scheduled for closure and demolition . . . Metropolitan Hospital, in Kingsland Road, Hackney

One of the victims of Labour's cuts



'Mountain', a popular porter, shares a joke with an elderly patient. 'I've been here for two years — I was a warehouseman before', said 'Mountain'. He added: 'I didn't think they closed hospitals.'

sackings and closedown



Mrs Hedges (left) and Mrs Plumb in the hospital's laundry department. 'We always expected it would be turned into a geriatric hospital because there are so many old people around', said Mrs Plumb, whose husband also works in the Metropolitan as an anaesthetist's assistant. 'But now we learn they are closing us down altogether.'

Even bulldozers won't budge me —defiant Doreen

'I'LL STILL be here when the bulldozers are knocking this hospital down — they are not moving me.'

This is Doreen Mukherjee (right) voicing determination to fight the imminent closure of the Metropolitan Hospital, Hackney, east London.

Doreen's colleagues in the hospital's medical research department said they felt the same way.

Services

The Metropolitan is one of two hospitals in the Hackney district which face closure under cuts ordered by the Labour leaders.

This part of east London is recognised as being in need of more health services — not less. Infant mortality and deaths from respiratory diseases are all well above the national average.

Pensioners living alone in the City and Hackney district represent a ratio of 30 per cent — compared to a 20 per cent ratio for the national population.

There are also more single parent households, and an appalling proportion of homes with no fixed bath or shower, no continuous hot water and no inside toilet.

October 1 is the date when a 17-point programme of cuts will begin to be implemented, says the health authority.

Seven hospitals in the Hackney district group are affected. Apart from the closure of the Metropolitan together with another one of the seven, the cuts include:

- REDUCING accident emergency services by shutting some in evenings and at weekends and operating a rota system.
- REDUCING the supplies departments in the various hospitals.
- CUTTING medical staff. In turn cutting X-rays and blood tests available to the public. GPs will be unable to refer patients for X-rays or

pathological tests unless authorisation is given by a consultant or senior registrar.

- REDUCE overtime working despite knowledge that this will cause deterioration in services.

• IMPROVED techniques in the fields of nursing and medicine to be 'scrutinised critically'. If judged too expensive, they will not be introduced.

- PRUNE consultancy posts and discontinue automatic locums for absences.

Costs

- REDUCE medical secretarial services; freeze expenditure on furniture, equipment and decoration in non-patient areas.

• INCREASE canteen costs. Ward closures and other cuts will mean 400 jobs will be lost. This figure includes 140 nursing jobs, 160 ancillary; 60 administrative and clerical; 20 para-medical and technical; and 20 medical staff, including doctors.



HIGHLAND FLING



BY OUR OWN REPORTER

SIR Hugh Fraser, millionaire boss of the stores chain which includes Harrods, claimed yesterday that he 'welcomed' an investigation into his share dealings by a top-level Stock Exchange committee.

The inquiry was announced after the group's accountants, Touche Ross, had resigned.

The auditors publicly admitted they had failed to record a £4.4m loan to Amalgamated Caledonian, which the 1975 accounts showed as cash in the bank.

Far from being in the bank the

or how £4m went missing in accounts

£4.4m was later written off as a bad debt. Though Touche Ross knew of the loan last November, they did not reveal it until June of this year.

During that time when silence reigned, Sir Hugh Fraser unloaded some 1.55 million of his own personal shares which were then well above the 53p that they stand at now.

Fraser has denied he took personal advantage in selling shares, knowing they would fall in value when news of the £4.4m loss finally broke, but the Stock Exchange announced on Tuesday that it is to open an inquiry into the Scottish millionaire's share dealings.

The history of the now famous

£4m loan goes back to October 1974.

Then Fraser's Scottish and Universal Investments (known in the trade as SUITS) advanced a sum of £4.23m repayable in October 1976 to Amalgamated Caledonian (AMCAL), a property company owned by Amalgamated Investment and Property Company (AIP) and International Caledonian Assets (Intercal).

AMCAL's principal activity was the redevelopment of the Army and Navy store owned by the House of Fraser Ltd. This project included, in addition to the store, some 140,000 square feet of office accommodation, as well as other related property.

The whole project was funded by a major pension fund known as the 'Fund', who held as security the adjacent properties which they would release when the loans had been repaid.

Loan

SUITS lent AMCAL £4.23m in October 1974 to pay back half of a loan made in 1973 by AIP.

It was thought that the loan would be secured by the sale of the related properties held by the 'Fund', but the slump in the property market changed all that.

AMCAL couldn't repay the loan and asked for a deferment

in August 1975 until the completion of the development in June 1977.

In March this year, AIP went into liquidation. Considering the completed value of the site and the gloomy prospects of finding a tenant, Fraser wrote off the debt.

The March audited accounts of SUITS concealed this whole saga.

What also has to be revealed is that behind the high-sounding independent names, amalgamated this and house of that, every last one of them are Fraser's companies. With his merchant banker Grossart, who has shares in SUITS, he owns the lot.

If the City is now flapping its wings in horror, it is only to try to cover up the real crisis.

There are scores of so-called property companies who jumped on the property boom. They were readily financed by banks, secondary banks and pension funds.

They borrowed long term expecting to repay vast loans

with the realisation of future property lettings. The crash in the property boom and the spiralling interest repayments meant they defaulted on repayments.

The banks and pension funds are stuck with millions of pounds worth of unrecoverable debts and liquidators with property assets they can't sell because they would crash the market.

Fear

The City, the Bank of England, the government all know this and they are all in it up to the neck. The banks and pension funds are holding off demanding repayments because they fear the crash this will mean.

But they can't stall forever, as the Fraser affair reveals. Behind the House of Fraser is the house of cards of the entire credit system of capitalism on the verge of collapse.

Massive cuts in Liverpool students' grants

LIVERPOOL Student Union delegates meet here tonight to discuss the massive cut of £570,000 from discretionary awards grants for first year students on further education courses.

Barry Kemp, committee

member of the Merseyside Area Students Association said: 'This policy is denying people their right to an education. It is like back in the 1930's and 40's, when only those with rich families could go through education.'

The cuts mean there are only 150 of these grants to be shared out among eight colleges. The total cut in Liverpool's education budget is £1m.

BY ROYSTON BULL
Our Political Correspondent

THE Labour party was trounced in the Strathclyde council by-election, losing an 'impregnable' seat to the Scottish National Party.

It confirms the utter bankruptcy of the right-wing Labour government policies. Even in their 'safe' seats they are incapable of mobilising the working-class vote.

That the majority vote went to the middle-class nationalists of the SNP is no indication of where working-class sentiments will end up.

The 3,854 votes for the SNP and the 1,112 for the Scottish Labour Party, a nationalist breakaway, are still a protest vote.

But the tendency shows the dangers to the working class of allowing the right-wing bureaucracy to rule the roost in the labour movement much longer without challenge.

The conditions of frustration in the working class are being created which could lead to all kinds of disoriented voting. Only a vigorous campaign for socialist policies can change this.

Local Labour Party leaders began an inquest yesterday into the loss of the seat.

James Allison, leading Labour Party official in Scotland, claimed that the intervention of the nationalist breakaway SLP had cost Labour the seat.

SLP candidate David McKay

Labour trounced on Strathclyde

conference to commit the party to an all-out socialist programme.

The unemployment figures and the effects of the Callaghan-Healey cuts provide the real answer to Labour's inquest.

The Irvine by-election was caused by the imprisonment of Labour councillor Robert Beattie on a fraud charge in June.

The result is the latest in a series of nationalist victories in Scottish local government elections.

On Tuesday night the SNP also retained a seat on the Clydebank district council with a majority of 72.

Alex Neil, general secretary of the SLP, said that their vote in Irvine was down in percentage terms on their performance at the Darnley by-election in May, but claimed the main point was 'a fanking for the British Labour Party'.

polled 1,112 votes coming fourth behind McLeod (SNP) 3,854, Mackie (Lab) 2,935, and Loach (Con) 2,531.

Jim Sillars, SLP leader, denied Allison's claim that 75 per cent of the SLP vote would otherwise have gone to Labour.

He said: 'If we had not been standing I estimate that up to 800 of our votes would have gone to the nationalists and the result would have been even more disastrous for the British Labour Party.'

The SLP was formed in January in an attempt to capitalise on the growing disillusionment with the Labour government.

Its leaders announced this week that they would resist any attempts at its forthcoming

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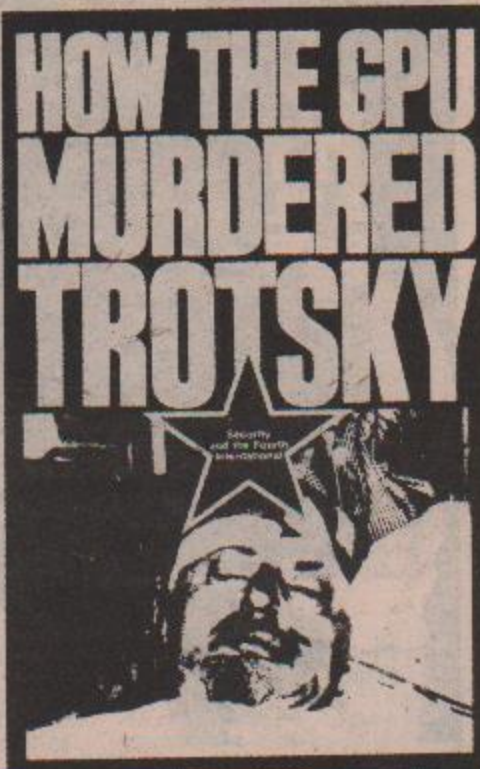
In tracing the history of murder, provocation and disruption by Stalin's undercover agents inside the Trotskyist movement, the book unearths their accomplices — Joseph Hansen and George Novack of the Socialist Workers Party (USA) who have conducted a 36-year conspiracy of silence to shield known GPU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

This book, subtitled 'Security and the Fourth International', will appeal widely to industrial and professional workers, historians, students and young people.

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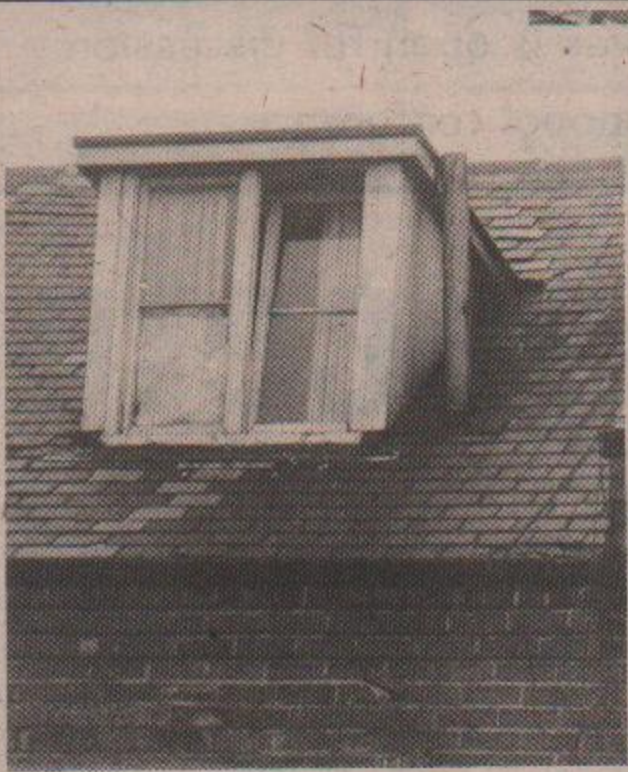
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ROTHERHAM : Bad housing made worse by cuts

ROTHERHAM — Cuts in public spending recently accepted throughout south Yorkshire by the Labour-controlled councils are going to make the housing situation, which is already bad, much worse.

The number of houses built will be reduced.

There will be less money available for mortgages.

Planned improvements and modernisation will not be done.

Slum clearance will slow down dramatically.

Maintenance of council houses will be reduced.

Rents will rise

Although the councils have made a 'no redundancy' pledge, less building and maintenance means less work and, of course, less work means fewer jobs.

Rotherham has some of the worst housing conditions in south Yorkshire area. At Dalton, an old mining village on the east side of the town, and Thrybergh, old slums have been turned into modern slums.

The council have started and in many cases finished the 'modernisation' of the houses and they are now in a worse state than before.

In both places the 'backs' of the houses are in an appalling state. Old bricks, rubble, rotten wood, half completed coal holes, walls, and paths make life hazardous for young and old alike.

On the Whinney Hill 'development' at Thrybergh sewage runs out of a manhole at the bottom of one of the resident's garden

and the smell is all-pervading.

At another house a large hole which children play in, leads directly to the sewer.

Mrs Lee, who lives in one of these houses, told News Line:

'I think it's a disgrace — there's nowhere for the kiddies to play except in the muck and the rubble. They do nothing about the sewage. We're paying all this rent for nothing.'

The rents are not cheap, on average about £10.88 a fortnight.

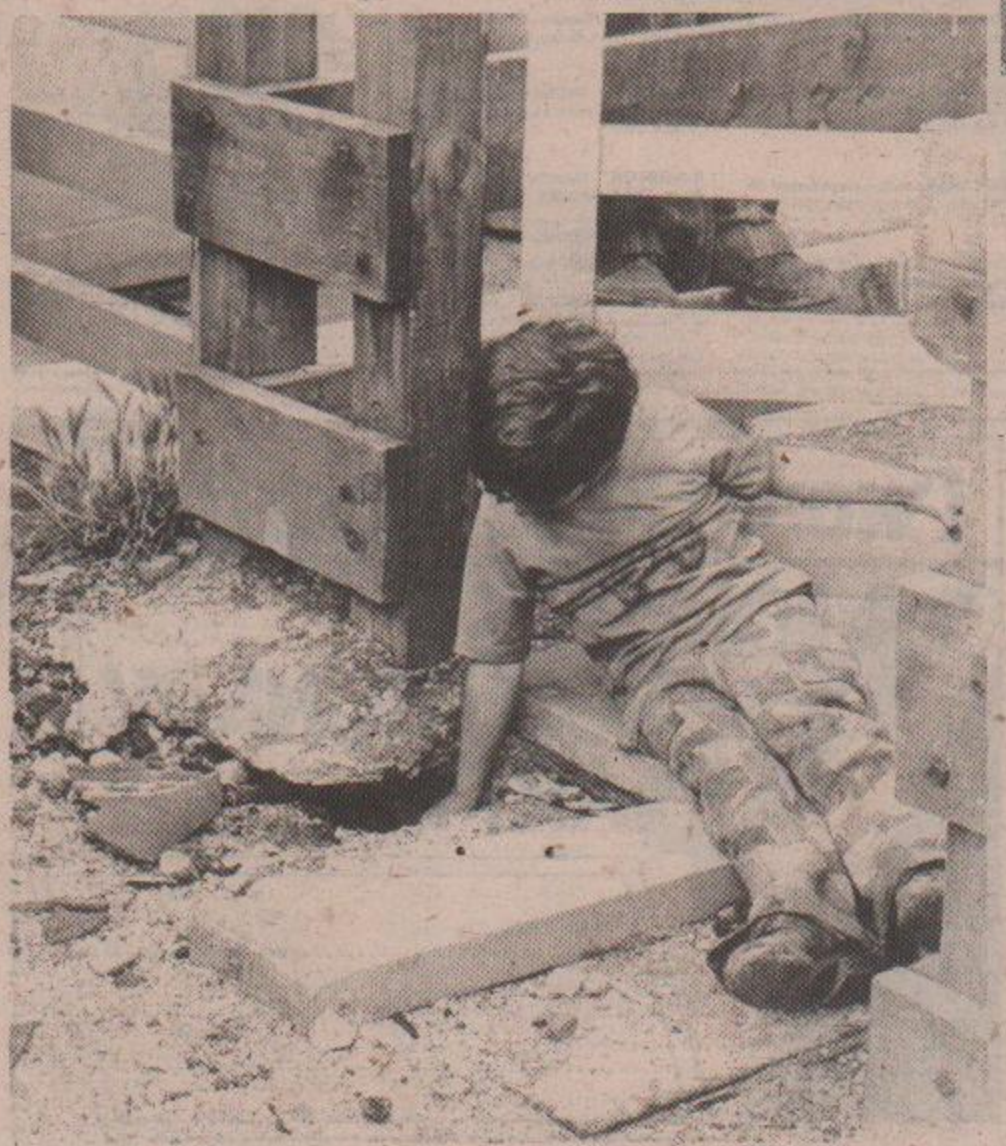
'What we need, she said, 'is a bulldozer right through the lot of these houses. These backs have been like this now for six months.'

Mrs Burrows, another tenant, said: 'They're supposed to have modernised these houses, but we have no fences, street lights, pavements or tarmac road — just this rubbish. They came the other day and took away the flag stones that are meant for our pavements to finish off work in another part of the town.'

Mrs Wardle who lives on the end of a row and inexplicably pays more rent says: 'They're slums these places, that's what I think about them. I have five inch slugs in my kitchen at night — I was out killing them at two in the morning the other day. 'The sewage runs out of a manhole at the end of the garden and all the children play in it. It smells terrible and we can't get anything done about it.'

Many of the houses have broken windows, fences and the state of the guttering means that the back yards of the houses flood when it rains. The garret window of Mrs Wardle's house has been off the hinges and broken for two years and the council will not repair it.

■ Tomorrow: Canklow estate



Perspectives discussion

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



Johnny Dukes

Johnny Dukes is a founder-member of the Workers Revolutionary Party. Hailing from Guyana, he is a printing worker and a member of the Society of Allied and Graphical Trades. Before joining the Trotskyist movement, Johnny was a Communist Party member. In this discussion on the perspectives of the Workers Revolutionary Party, he tells why he quit the CP for the revolutionary movement.

6 In Portugal, South Africa, Italy and everywhere, the Communist Party has proved incapable of carrying out a transformation of society.

There is no such thing as the peaceful road to socialism. It has never worked anywhere and Chile shows the consequences for the working class.

I don't believe in peaceful co-existence. It means making compromises with capitalism as the Communist Party does in Italy.

We have to get rid of the whole Labour government. It is not carrying out its election pledges and has no intention of changing the economic structure. They are reformists whose whole purpose is to prop up capitalism and lead the attacks on the working class.

What we need is the construction of a revolutionary socialist party — the Workers Revolutionary Party — which adheres to scientific Marxist principles. The struggle for Marxism is very important. Without this there is no way that we can give correct leadership.

or guide the working class.

It must be a disciplined party. The International Socialists and the International Marxist Group are loose-knit and are incapable of providing leadership. They confuse workers with their adventures and stunts.

I feel that the fight the Workers Revolutionary Party has put up on the question of security is very important in this respect. The revisionist Socialist Workers' Party attacks this because they have no intention of building a revolutionary party. The investigation of Trotsky's assassination is necessary to learn from the experiences of the past in the preparations for power.

Correct

Our analysis of the world economic crisis is correct and the slump is the driving force for revolutionary struggles around the world, from Britain to South Africa.

The slump was inevitable. Because capitalism is based on

the profit motive, the transition from boom to slump must always take place. The capitalist Press talks of economic recovery, but this is all nonsense and just attempts to confuse and mystify the working class.

As the International Monetary Fund reports, the slump will go much deeper, leading to more spending cuts, more unemployment and more hardship for the working class.

This crisis has to bring about enormous class struggles in this country. Workers have no choice but to fight back and the Workers Revolutionary Party must fight for the leadership of these sections as preparation for a revolutionary transformation.

There is no doubt, as the perspectives say, that the capitalist class is preparing for counter-revolution. Thatcher is in Australia learning about the coup there last year and she would welcome something like that here.

There are many tendencies in the army like Kitson who would assist the Tories and the ruling

No peaceful roads at all

class.

Capitalism will do anything to defend its interests. The shootings, internment and torture in Northern Ireland show this clearly.

There is only one way for us to prepare and that is to build the revolutionary party. That is the central question.

Without such a party you're nothing. As Lenin said, without a revolutionary party there can be no revolution.

This party must unite all sections. Immigrant workers must join it. There is no separate road for them. Racism is a class question, a product of class society.

There is one common enemy for workers everywhere and racism can only be smashed by the destruction of capitalism and the establishment of a planned economy based on people's needs.

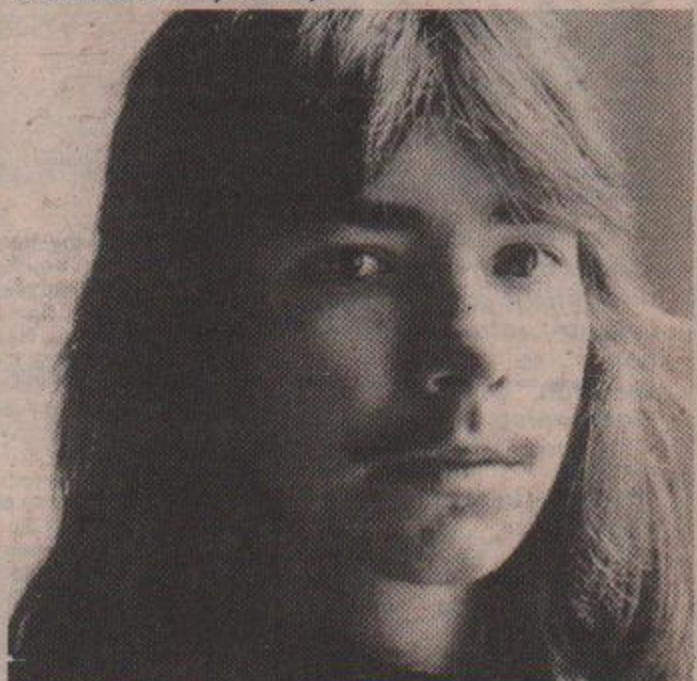
The construction of an

international movement is vital. Socialism in one country cannot work and the building of the Fourth International is necessary.

In South Africa, for example, the leadership of the ANC is not Marxist and cannot lead the struggle for power there. In Guyana, the so-called Marxists have no policies for uniting the two races and allow the ruling class to divide the class.

No future for workers in present system

Chris Sorby, 18, lives in Sheffield. He has just left school and is going to Birmingham Polytechnic to study politics. He told News Line why he had joined the Workers Revolutionary Party.



Chris Sorby

6 It seems really the only party on the left that I have found, that has policies for workers. It has all the policies that I was looking for in other parties but hadn't been able to find.

Coming from the working class I had to find a party that was for the working class — my class. The so-called Labour Party came out with a manifesto before the last election and they haven't stuck to the policies.

Once they've sold the manifesto to workers, they abandon it when they get into power and carry out Tory-type policies.

They do this because this is the way to keep things as they are, to maintain the position and status of the ruling class. This means that the Labour Government is forced by bankers and so on to carry out policies that aren't socialist to keep the system stable and on its feet.

Scapegoats

The only way is to get rid of it altogether. It's the working class who have been made scapegoats — the banks have told the government to cut back and the government takes it from those who can least afford it.

I think it's a disgrace that a Labour government supposed to be for workers has allowed unemployment to rise so high, but you cannot do anything about it without calling for the removal of the Labour government.

It is an obstacle to the working class and must be got rid of. The alternative to this government is real workers' control of industry and the working class in power. The Workers Revolutionary Party is the party to do this.

The Education Centre is designed to educate and produce people to lead the working class. I agree with the perspectives that the next Tory government will be strongly right-wing and would do everything in its power to reduce the rights of the working class.

Racism will grow if

unemployment keeps rising and the right-wingers will use the immigrants as scapegoats.

When people are suffering they might be willing to listen and follow these right-wing policies. We must show them

that this is rubbish.

I don't think that there is any future for the working class under the present system — we must overthrow it, and the Workers Revolutionary Party will do it.

PERSPECTIVES MEETINGS

WILLESDEN: Thursday September 30, 8 p.m. Anson Hall, Anson Road, NW2.

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

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

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

BRIXTON: Tuesday September 28, 8 p.m. Brixton Library, opp. Brixton Town Hall, SW2.

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

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

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

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

TOTTENHAM: Wednesday October 6, 8 p.m. Lord Morrison Hall, Chesnut Road, N17.

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

BATTERSEA: Tuesday, September 28, 8 p.m. Battersea District Library, Lavender Hill, SW1.

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

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TV LineUp

BBC 1

7.05-7.55 Open University. 9.41 For Schools. Colleges. 12.35 On The Move. 12.45 Midday News. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45 Bagpuss. 2.00 You And Me. 2.14 For Schools. Colleges. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Astronut. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Blue Peter. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.15 The Oddball Couple. 5.35 Noah And Nelly. 5.40 Evening News. 5.45 Nationwide. 6.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD. 7.10 TOP OF THE POPS. 7.40 HAPPY EVER AFTER. 8.10 KOJAK 'Both Sides of The Law'. 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS. 9.25 SAILOR. 9.55 GANGSTERS. 'Incident 3'. A missing consignment of heroin, an abandoned railway station. Surveying the scene are Rafiq, the sophisticated gangster, and Khan, the double agent. How will Kline escape the factions ranged against him at the Battle of Snow Hill? 10.45 TONIGHT. 11.25-11.27 Weekend Weather, Regional News.

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 Open University. 11.00 Play School. 11.25 Closedown. 2.20 Racing From Ascot. 4.20 Closedown. 5.00-7.05 Open University.

7.10 TAKE ANOTHER LOOK at Nature's Jekyll and Hydes.

7.29 WEATHER.

7.30 NEWSDAY.

8.05 DIARY OF A VILLAGE.

8.35 THE BOOK PROGRAMME. 'Burgess in Monaco'.

9.00 MIDWEEK CINEMA: DEATH IN VENICE starring Dirk Bogarde. A famous composer takes a holiday in Venice to recover his spirits and meets a youth who is to have a profound effect on him.

11.05 LATE NEWS ON 2.

11.15 OPEN DOOR — OPEN CITY LIVERPOOL.

11.50-11.55 closedown.

THAMES

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Lunchtime Today. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 Children's Film Matinee: 'Nothing but Trouble'. 5.45 News.

6.00 TODAY.

6.35 CROSSROADS.

7.00 THE BIONIC WOMAN 'The Jailing of Jaime'.

8.00 THE CREZZ: 'The Spanish Succession'.

9.00 THIS WEEK.

9.30 THE HOWARD CONFESSIONS.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.30 LOOKS FAMILIAR SPECIAL. David Niven talks to Denis Norden about the things he remembers about his childhood.

11.00 I.B.A. ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

11.30 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

11.45 LONGEST NIGHT followed by LIVING DOLL.

12.25 Close.

GRANADA

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Take Kerr. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Tarzan. 5.10 This Is Your Right. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45 News.

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS.

6.30 LUCKY FELLER 'Kath's Family'.

7.05 THE MAGICIAN: 'The Illusion of the Evil Spikes'. A friend of Tony Blake is killed while performing an escape trick.

8.00 THE CREZZ.

9.00 THIS WEEK.

9.30 THE HOWARD CONFESSIONS.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.30 MAUDE: 'Maude and the Medical Profession'. When Maude takes up on the medical profession it's definitely a one-sided battle.

11.00 THE IBA ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

11.30 OSCAR PETERSON PRESENTS —

Dazzle Gillespie.

12.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

12.20 Closedown.

RADIO

(S) Stereophonic

BBC RADIO 1

247m
6.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Simon Bates. 9.00 Tony Blackburn. 12.00 Paul Burnett. Including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.02 David Hamilton (S). 4.30 It's D.L.T. OK! 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.02 Sam Costa (S). (joins Radio 2). 11.00 John Peel (S). 12.00-12.05 As Radio 2.

BBC RADIO 2

1500m (202m in Scotland) and VHF 98-91

6.00 News Summary. Weather. 6.02 Colin Berry (S) including 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.27 Terry Wogan (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 David Hamilton (S) with 2.45 and 3.45 Sports Desk. 4.30 Waggoners' Walk. 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.47 Sam Costa (S) including 5.45 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 Don Davis's Just for Fun. 7.30 David Allan's Country Club (S). 9.02 Wholly Whyton (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Folkweave (S). 11.02 Don Durbridge with the Late Show. 12.00-12.05 Midnight Newsworld. weather, motoring information.

BBC RADIO 3

64m, stereo and VHF 90-92.5
6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Overture. 8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (S): Tchaikovsky, Liszt, records. 9.50 Schumann and Brahms (S). 10.55 BBC Chorus Directors (S). 11.45 Clarinet And Piano (S). 12.20 Cardiff Midday Prom (S). 1.00 News. 1.05 Concert (S) part 2: Beethoven. 1.45 Now And Then (S). 2.20 English Music. 2.00 In Short. 3.10 Concert (S) part 2. 3.45 Violin And Piano (S) Elgar. Beethoven. 4.45 Alan Bush (S). 5.45 Homeward Bound. 6.05 News. 6.10 Homeward Bound. 6.30 Lifelines: The Wider World. 7.30 Tom Jones (S). 9.15 Thoughts In A Landscape. 9.35 Tom Jones (S). 10.15 Olympian Celebration (S). 10.55 Flute And Organ (S). 11.25-11.30 News.

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: 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.45 The Flypaper. 9.00 News. 9.05 These You Have Loved. 10.00 News. 10.05 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. 11.00 News. 11.05 With Great Pleasure. 11.50 A Century of Countrymen. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 Does the Team Think? 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) 3.50 Jack de Munnio Precisely. 4.50 Story Time. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.50 Financial Report. 5.55 Weather, programme news. 6.00 News. 6.15 Forces Chance. 6.45 The Archers. 7.00 News. 7.05 The World in Focus. 7.30 28 Years of Any Questions? 8.00 In Our Time. 8.45 Right at the Front. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. News. 10.45 A Book at Bedtime. 11.00 The Financial World Tonight. 11.15 Remember Us For Life. 11.30 News. Weather. 11.51-11.54 Inshore Forecast.

REGIONS

CHANNEL: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Southern News and Weather. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Beachcombers. 4.50 The Time Tunnel. 5.45 News. 6.00 Channel News and weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Magician. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The Playwright. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Westward Late News and Weather. 11.30 Dan August. 12.25 News and Weather in French. weather and closedown.

WESTWARD: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Beachcombers. 4.50 The Time Tunnel. 5.45 News. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Magician. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The Playwright. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Westward Late News and Weather. 11.33 Dan August. 12.25 Faith for Life. 12.30 Closedown.

HTV: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.25 Gus Honeybun. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Report West Headlines. 1.25 Report Wales Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Woody Woodpecker Show. 4.45 Fantastic Voyage. 5.15 Chuckleheads. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 Happy Days. 7.00 The Bionic Woman. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The English Vintage. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Film: 'Shaft — The Kidnapping'. 12.45 Weather and Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV General except: 1.20-1.25 Penawdsu Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.20-4.45 Ble Yn Y Byd? 6.00-6.15 Y Dydd. 6.30-7.00 Sports Arena. HTV WEST: As HTV General except: 11.00-11.22 It's Life with David Bellamy. 1.20-1.30 Report West Headlines. 6.15-6.30 Sport West.

SOUTHERN: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.25 Gus Honeybun. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Southern News and Weather. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Romper Room. 4.45 Anita in Jumbleland. 5.15 Follow That Dog. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Bionic Woman. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Tandarra. 12.30 The Living Word. Close.

ANGLIA: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.25 Anglia News. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Romper Room. 4.45 Anita in Jumbleland. 5.15 Follow That Dog. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Bionic Woman. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Tandarra. 12.30 The Living Word. Close.

ATV MIDLANDS: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Woody Woodpecker Show. 4.45 Fantastic Voyage. 5.15 Chuckleheads. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 Happy Days. 7.00 The Bionic Woman. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The English Vintage. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Film: 'Shaft — The Kidnapping'. 12.45 Weather and Closedown.

ULSTER: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 News Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Follow That Dog. 4.45 Tarzan. 5.45 News. 6.00 UTV Reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emergency. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 What's it all About. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Closedown.



Dirk Bogarde in 'Death in Venice' tonight on BBC2 at 9.00

YORKSHIRE: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Thunderbirds. 5.20 Elephant Boy. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Survival Special. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Police Story. 12.25 Closedown.

TYNE TEES: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Little Rascals. 4.45 Animated Classics. 5.45 News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Survival Special. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Home Brew. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Dan August. 12.25 Epilogue. 12.30 Closedown.

BORDER: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Tarzan. 5.15 Skippy. 5.45 News. 6.00 Border News and Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Mavin On. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Gardening Today. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Border News. Weather. 11.33 Closedown.

SCOTTISH: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.25 Road and Weather Report. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Tarzan. 5.15 Kiri. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Garmock Way. 7.00 The Bionic Woman. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Looks Familiar Special. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Moneywise. 12.05 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN: 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 A Ripe Old Age. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Grampian News Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 International Golf. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.20 Wildlife Cinema. 5.45 News. 6.00 Grampian Today. weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Bionic Woman. 8.00 The Crezz. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 The Howard Confessions. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Looks Familiar Special. 11.00 The I.B.A. Anniversary Banquet. 11.30 The Odd Couple. 12.00 Evening Prayer. 12.05 Closedown.

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KING'S HEAD THEATRE 01-226 1916. Evgs 8 p.m. *Spokesong* by Stewart Parker.

ROYAL COURT THEATRE 01-730 1745. *Mother's Day* by David Storey. Evgs 8 p.m. Sat 5 and 8 p.m. First night Wed 7 p.m.

ROYAL COURT THEATRE UPSTAIRS. 01-730 1745. From Wed. *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire* by Caryl Churchill. Presented by Joint Stock. 8.15 p.m. 85p.

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YOUNG VIC (by Old Vic) 01-928 6363. National Theatre Summer Season. *Troilus and Cressida* by William Shakespeare. 8 p.m.

CINEMA

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PERTH (NH)

2.30 KINNOULL OPPORTUNITY HURDLE £500
5m (7 runners)

1	042-113	GALADON (C-D) (BF)	J Barclay 10 11 13	R Collins
3	300243-	WEATHER ALL (D)	Mrs Chesmore 5 11 12	D Turnbull
4	P0FFP-0	SHARINA	W Storey 8 11 10	N Balma
5	232000-	STORY TELLER	T Craig 5 11 9	J Mooney
6	000-430	TOUGHIE (D)	M Naughton 9 11 7	C Hawkins
7	000-3	MANY COLOURS	J Cousins 10 10 3	I Moulton
8	0U-000	ROSE OF FRANCE	D Jermy 8 10 3	I Garner

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Galadon, 4-1 Sharina, 5-1 Many Colours, 6-1 Toughie, 7-1 Weather All, 9-1 Story Teller, 12-1 Rose of France.

3.00 STRONHAVIE NOVICES CHASE £600
3m (3 runners)

3	002F03-	YELLOW SAM	K Oliver 6 11 9	C Tinkler
4	23434F-	GAME CALL	J Dudgeon 11 11 4	R Lamb
6	0U2F0B-	TUMBLELEENA	T Dun 8 11 4	P Mangan

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Tumbleleena, 2-1 Yellow Sam, 5-2 Game Call.

3.30 TENNENTS HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000
2m 4f (11 runners)

1	134300-	ROMANY STAR (C) (D)	A Bacon 5 11 7	G Shaw
2	20112-0	ROMPING TO WORK	J Edwards 4 11 2	R Evans
3	1F00-00	GREAT LAD	B Richmond 4 11 2	M O'Shea (5)
4	43-4122	HURRY BACK (C-D)	J Hubbuck 10 10 12	G Holmes
5	110013-	TERREGLES (D)	J Cousins 6 10 12	Mr P Barry (5)
6	0-123-	JACK'S FLUTTER	W Crawford 6 10 5	R Barry
7	43400-0	COPPER CASTLE	G Richards 4 10 4	J J O'Neill
8	031022-	MILLHOUSE BOY	T Usher 6 10 6	Mr T Butt (7)
9	01021P-	STAR PENNY	T Fairhurst 4 10 0	C Fairhurst (7)
10	020102-	ICY CAMP	E Owen jun 4 10 0	Mrs N Bullock (7)
11	211-023	PIRATE GOLD	P Cook 7 10 0	P James

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Rumping to Work, 4-1 Star Penny and Hurry Back, 11-2 Terregles, 6-1 Jack's Flutter, 7-1 Romany Star, 10-1 Copper Castle, 12-1 Pirate Gold, 14-1 others.

4.00 FAIR MAIDS HANDICAP CHASE £1,000
2m 4f (6 runners)

1	21111-3	IRELAND'S OWEN (D)	J Edwards 7 11 7	H J Evans
2	3122-22	OLD STEPHEN (C-D)	W A Stephenson 7 10 12	T Stack
3	0-BU01P	FOREIGN FIELD	K Oliver 6 10 0	C Tinkler
4	0-U-P30P	WESTWYN	M Salaman 11 10 0	D Walsh (7)
5	B44443-	ARCTIC EXPLORER	L Kilmany 11 10 0	J J O'Neill
7	404300-	COME TO BANN	McLean 9 10 0	N Tinkler

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Ireland's Owen, 13-8 Old Stephen, 6-1 Arctic Explorer, 10-1 Foreign Field, 14-1 Westwyn, 16-1 Come to Bann.

4.30 DUNCRUB NOVICES HURDLE £500
(4-Y-O) 2m (9 runners)

1	30000-1	ROBIN JOHN (D)	T Craig 11 10	J Mooney (5)
2	0-	ALL IRISH	W A Stephenson 11 0	T Stack
3	0-	BAY CITY MISS	J Dodds 11 0	T Stack
4	0002-	CUMBRIA LASS	T Barnes 11 0	M Barnes
5	0004-	DIRECT LEAD	M Salaman 11 0	John Williams
6	000000-	FONDOON	A Bacon 11 0	G Shaw
7	000000-	PENNINGTON	K O Oliver 11 0	C Tinkler
8	000000-	PRIDY FRIENDLY	P Cook 11 0	P James
9	000000-	THE MARTELL	K Oliver 11 0	N Tinkler

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Robin John, 3-1 Cumbria Lass, 4-1 Direct Lead, 5-1 All Irish, 8-1 Pennington and The Martell, 10-1 Fondoon, 16-1 Others.

5.00 JOHN MCKIE AMATEUR RIDERS HURDLE £500
2m 4f (9 runners)

1	B030-12	PLAYBELLA (BF)	G Richards 6 12 8	Mr R Page (7)
3	00-	FISH FARMER	K Oliver 5 11 12	Mr J Mackie (7)
4	3-0434-0	NELODOR	J Edwards 7 11 12	C Saunders
5	00P44-P	NEVERTHELESS (SWE)	J Barclay 7 11 12	H Barclay (5)
6	000000-	ROMAN ROCK	E Owen jun 7 11 12	N Bullock (7)
8	0000-	GREY GRANITE	Mrs Chesmore 4 11 5	Mr R Drew (7)
9	3030-	JOHN MCNAB	J Love 4 11 5	Mr J Love (7)
10	0-	OLD HEAD	J Dodds 4 11 5	Mr H O'Neill (7)
11	000400-	OUR PRINCE	C Alexander 4 11 5	Mr P Greenall

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Playbella, 5-2 Nelodor, 4-1 John McNab, 6-1 Fish Farmer, 9-1 Nevertheless, 10-1 Our Prince, 16-1 Others.

ASCOT BBC2 2.30, 3.05, 3.40, 4.20

DRAW ADVANTAGE: 8f and above high

2.00 SWINLEY FOREST STAKES H'CAP £1,700
1m (8 runners)

1	(3)	110000	THE HERTFORD (C-D)	B Swift 5 9 7	E Eldin
2	(8)	3200-03	BLUSTERY	M Smyr 4 9 3	I Johnson (3)
3	(7)	323312	SWEET RECLAIM (D)	T Waugh 4 9 2	G Ramshaw
4	(1)	202001	MISS FILBERT	D Keith 4 9 2 (5 ex)	F Durr
5	(2)	022104	MOTHER BROWN (D)	J Dunlop 4 8 12	R Hutchinson
6	(6)	021124	MY HERO (D)	R Akehurst 7 8 10	P Cook
9	(5)	200234	CHOP-CHOP (D)	C Benstead 3 8 7	W Carson
10	(4)	241141	INDIAN WARRIOR (D)	P Walwyn 3 8 5	P Eddery

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Sweet Reclaim, 4-1 Mother Brown, 5-1 Miss Filbert, 6-1 Blustery, 8-1 Indian Warrior and My Hero, 10-1 The Hertford, 14-1 Chop-Chop.

2.30 CLARENCE HOUSE STAKES £2,600
(2-Y-O) 6f (7 runners)

1	(2)	01	CARRIAGE WAY (D)	H Price 9 4	B Taylor
3	(4)	4114	BIRKHOLOM (USA) (D)	R Armstrong 9 4	W Carson
4	(1)	122403	GREAT OAK (D)	Thomson Jones 9 4	E Hide
5	(7)	10	ETIENNE GERARD (D) (BF)	M Stoute 9 1	P Cook
7	(3)	21002	TEDDINGTON PARK (BF)	I Balding 9 1	J Matthias
9	(6)	2	NORFOLK GIANT	J Bethell 8 11	F Durr
11	(5)		ACCELERATE	P Walwyn 6 6	P Eddery

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Carriage Way, 3-1 Teddington Park, 5-1 Birkholm, 6-1 Etienne Gerard, 8-1 Accelerate, 10-1 Great Oak and Norfolk Giant.

3.05 DIADEM STAKES £8,000
6f (7 runners)

1	(2)	330221	BOLDBOY (C-D)	W Hern 6 9 7	J Mercer
4	(6)	410204	THREE LEGS (D)	L Cumani 4 9 7	L Piggott
3	(4)	020002	BE TUNEFUL (D)	J Hindley 4 9 4	A Kimberley
5	(1)	021020	DELTA SONG (USA) (D)	H Price 3 9 3	B Taylor
7	(7)	3-30100	GENTILHOMME (C-D)	N Adam 3 9 3	P Cook
8	(3)	100033	ROYAL BOY (D)	M Jarvis 3 9 3	E Hide
9	(5)	220021	HONEYBLEST (D)	Doug Smith 4 9 7	G Baxter

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Boldboy, 7-2 Three Legs, 9-2 Honeyblest, 5-1 Gentilhomme, 8-1 Be Tuneful, 10-1 Royal Boy, 16-1 Delta Song.

3.40 CUMBERLAND LODGE STAKES £8,000
1m 4f (9 runners)

1	(5)	110-122	BRUNI	H Price 4 9 7	L Piggott
2	(9)	002-042	RYMER	H Blagrove 5 9 0	B Taylor
3	(1)	213200	MAJOR GREEN (D)	J Winter 5 8 11	J Mercer

BRUNI WARMS UP FOR 'ARC'

BRUNI will have a warm-up for his big 'Arc' date in France next month when he tackles the mile-and-a-half Cumberland Lodge Stakes (3.40) at ASCOT today.

Luck

Bruni's trainer Ryan Price has had mixed luck in recent weeks.

He has been winning more

consistent handicapper Royal Match, Rymer and the rather disappointing three-year-old Illustrious Prince.

With the recent demise of top-ranking filly Pawnee, Bruni's chance of reversing 'King George' placings with her must rate highly.

It was only by a length that Bruni failed to catch the all-the-way winner of that semi-classic, giving 16lb.

Bruni has not been seen on a racecourse since that fine effort in July when Malacate and Youth (also a strong Arc fancy) were well behind.

Arrayed against the Findon-based star in today's race will be that remarkably

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

Pick

Rymer could prove the pick of these, after his recent prominent showing against Gunner B in Ayr's Doonside Cup, but even though he received 7lb from the younger horse, it is hard to see him toppling Bruni with Lester Piggott aboard.

Lester partners the Luca Cumani-trained four-year-old Three Legs in the Diadem Stakes (3.05), and this could be another winner for the ex-champion.

Three Legs was only narrowly

beaten into fourth place behind Lochnager, Faliraki and Polly Peachum in a great finish to the William Hill Sprint Championship and must do even better over the extra furlong.

At BEVERLEY, there is only a small field lining up for the richest race, the Richard Hodgson Handicap (3.15) and it should provide previous course and distance scorer, Bombe, with yet another winning opportunity.

This bouncy grey filly has been successful in four of her last six starts, and here she can shrug off another small penalty.

The Beverley Cesarewitch trial (2.45) may be within the capabilities of the Michael Stoute-trained three-year-old Pontresina, never out of the frame, and a winner twice in her last six outings.

BEVERLEY

DRAW ADVANTAGE: 5f high

2.15 DRIFFIELD ALL-AGED SELLING STAKES £500
5f (9 runners)

1	(1)	000004	PERICET (D)	T Corbett 7 9 10	G Lewis
2	(9)	012330-	BETTER LATE (D)	S Wainwright 3 9 7	J Seagrave
3	(6)	00-0000	BASALT	R Ward 4 9 5	Tives
4	(7)	00-0000	MISS BELVEDERE	S Nesbitt 4 9 2	C Dwyer
5	(2)	221120	PEGGY JET (D)	E Carr 4 9 2	P Madden
6	(8)	000-004	PIKELLA	W Mitchell 4 9 2	C Storey (7)
7	(3)	000000	MON FLEUR	L Shelden 3 8 9	S Salmon
8	(5)	020000	RAVER	A Balding 3 8 9	G Duffield
10	(4)	000	GERAGHTY GIRL	G Blum 2 7 11	E Hide

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Peggy Jet, 3-1 Better Late, 5-1 Pericet, 6-1 Raver, 10-1 Pikella, 14-1 Miss Belvedere, 20-1 others.

2.45 CESAREWITCH TRIAL STAKES £1,500
2m (8 runners)

1	(3)	432133	HIGH DRAMA (D)	Denys Smith 4 9 7	P Tulk
2	(1)	133220	TWO SWALLOWS	G Toff 3 9 5	T O'Ryan (5)
3	(8)	211244	TREE BREEZE (C-D) (BF)	Miss S Hall 5 9 4	K Lewis (5)
4	(5)	013000	MORAY	M H Easterby 4 9 3	M Birch
5	(2)	001044	BROKEN CAST (C-D)	R D Peacock 5 9 2	J Seagrave

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Bruni, 4-1 Royal Match, 10-1 Illustrious Prince and Rymer, 12-1 Tierra Fuego, 16-1 Quite Candid, 20-1 Major Green, 33-1 Tower-Bird and Val Du Fier.

4.10 GORDON CARTER STAKES H'CAP £1,700
2m (5 runners)

1	(5)	33-1033	MISTRESS CLARE (D)	I Balding 4 9 7	J Matthias
2	(4)	10202-3	TRUSTFUL	S Mellor 5 9 6	D McKay
3	(2)	014111-	SOLDIER ROSE	H Price 4 9 6	B Taylor
5	(3)	101214	TUG OF WAR	D Whelan 3 8 11	B Rouse
6	(1)	201113	FORGOTTEN DREAMS (FR) (D)	P Walwyn 3 8 3	P Eddery

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Tug Of War, 5-1 Soldier Rose, 7-2 Forgotten Dreams, 4-1 Trustful, 10-1 Mistress Clare.

4.40 LICHFIELD NURSERY STAKES H'CAP £1,500
(2-Y-O) 5f (6 runners)

1	(2)	1411	BRAVE LASS	T Waugh 9 2 (7 ex)	L Piggott
4	(5)	001	LIZZYLYN	C Brittain 9 0	W Carson
3	(1)	210100	REGAL FLASH (D)	E Reavey 8 13	D Dineley (5)
4	(4)	413010	LAST SALE (D)	G Hunter 8 10 (7 ex)	R Hutchinson
5	(3)	31000	FULBECK (D)	D Marks 8 0	M L Thomas
6	(6)	41210	RUSHLEY BAY (D)	H Westbrook 7 11	D McKay

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Brave Lass, 9-2 Lizzylyn, 6-1 Rushley Bay, 10-1 Last Sale, 14-1 Regal Flash, 20-1 Fulbeck.

5.10 BISHOPSGATE APPRENTICE STAKES H'CAP £1,500
1m (12 runners)

1	(5)	400110	THE GOLDSTONE (D)	W Wightman 4 9 3 (7 ex)	D Clayton (7)
4	(3)	01-0034	KILDOON	C Whelan 4 8 11	K Pinnington (3)
5	(9)	211033	PADDY'S LUCK (C-D)	C Benstead 4 8 8	
6	(10)	0-01200	FLYING DICE (D)	H Candy 4 8 3	W Wharton
7	(4)	000000	DEBENTURE (D)	P Taylor 6 8 2	D Moss
8	(12)	004240	BERMONDO (D)	C Benstead 5 8 0	N Brannick (7)
10	(2)	122002	BELLE VUE	R Mason 3 8 0	C Sheppard (3)
11	(11)	08-1040	GRAND ORIENT	R Sturdy 5 7 13	G Wright (7)
12	(1)	231000	TWO GOOD (D)	R Houghton 4 7 12	
13	(6)	00-0400	GEMINI MISS	P Taylor 4 7 11	S R Woodard (3)
15	(8)	000300	PROVERBIAL	D Hanley 3 7 7	A Sands (7)
16	(7)	03-0040	INJUDICIOUS	A Turnell 4 7 7	S Spendlove

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Bermondo, 4-1 The Goldstone, 9-2 Paddy's Luck, 6-1 Belle Vue, 8-1 Two Good, 10-1 Flying Dice, 12-1 Kildoon, 16-1 Proverbial, 20-1 others.

6	(4)	1-10300	GREY AGLOW (C)	J Etherington 5 9 0	B Hood (7)
9	(6)	000000	ENRYCO MIEO	K Payne 4 8 10	S Eccles (5)
11	(7)	322131	PONTRESINA	M Stoute 3 8 4	B Raymond

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Pontresina, 4-1 Tree Breeze, 9-2 High Drama, 6-1 Two Swallows, 7-1 Moray, 10-1 Broken Cast, 14-1 Grey Aglow, 20-1 Enryco Mico.

3.15 RICHARD HODGSON SWEEPSTAKES H'CAP £1,500
1m 2f (4 runners)

1	(4)	023311	CARNLEA HOUSE (D)	Denys Smith 4 9 12 (5 ex)	P Tulk
2	(1)	021240	CANICULE	W Gray 3 8 11	E Apter
3	(3)	121141	BOMBE (C-D)	M W Easterby 3 8 11 (5 ex)	Seagrave
5	(2)	000110	PRINCE HENHAM	N Callaghan 3 8 0	J Lynch

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Carnlea House, 9-4 Bombe, 3-1 Canicule, 8-1 Prince Henham.

3.45 BROMPTON NURSERY STAKES H'CAP £1,200
(2-Y-O) 5f (15 runners)

1	(7)	113	PETARD (D)	W C Watts 9 3	S Charlton (5)
2	(4)	210303	LUKE SPLENDID (D)	J Etherington 8 11	M Bray (5)
3	(2)	021100	WESTBROOK (D)	L Shelden 8 11	J Seagrave
6	(15)	0021	AFRICAN VIOLET	P Walwyn 8 2	F Morby
9	(6)	240032	KEIRA (D)	T Fairhurst 8 0	S Webster (5)
10	(14)	41000	CLEAR SONG (D)	R Hollinshead 8 0	K Lewis (5)
13	(10)	030100	FAST DELIVERY (D)	K Payne 7 10	W Bentley
14	(13)	0220	LISCANNOR LASS	W Gray 7 8	C Eccleston
15	(11)	010001	WHENBY (D)	M W Easterby 7 6	E Apter
16	(5)	1	IDONT MIND (C-D)	J Berry 7 4	L Charnock (5)
17	(9)	132204	SANDBECK SONG (D)	D Doyle 7 3	L C Parkes
18	(8)	221020	HABBERSHAW (D) (BF)	M W Easterby 7 0	M Wigham (7)
20	(3)	040	HEAVENLY SONG	J Fitzgerald 7 0	J Lowe
22	(1)	0001	FAIRFIELDS	N Callaghan 7 0	S Salmon
23	(12)	00010	HULEH VALLEY	R Bastiman 7 0	

PROBABLE SP: 7-21 Don't Mind, 4-1 Petard, 9-2 African Violet, 11-2 Whenby, 6-1 Luke Splendid, 7-1 Fairfields, 8-1 Westbrook, 12-1 others.

4.15 SANCTION STAKES £800
(3-Y-O) 1m 4f (3 runners)

1	(2)	022113	THE HAND	J Hindley 9 6	B Raymond
2	(3)	12-0030	CAPPUCILLI	D Morley 9 3	A Bond
4	(1)	111222	TUTU (FR) (D)	B Hobbs 9 3	G Lewis

SPORTSLINE

McLaren may drop Monza appeal

McLAREN may withdraw their appeal over the ruling which forced James Hunt to start at the back of the starting grid in the Italian Grand Prix.

Teddy Mayer, the McLaren director, said the team's appeal would be reconsidered following comments by Pierre Ugeux, the President of the International Sporting Commission, in Paris on Tuesday.

appeal

Ugeux said that McLaren could not be held responsible for using marginally too high octane fuel and that the Commission were intending to introduce new regulations governing fuel octanes.

Mayer still believes that Hunt's world championship chances were prejudiced by the ruling of the Italian race officials.

'The just remedy would be to award half points for the race since it was officially stopped because of rain before half distance. We believe the World Championship should be decided on the race track, not in appeal courts,' he said yesterday.

As the result of the Italian Grand Prix stands, Hunt is five points behind Niki Lauda with three races to go. If Mayer's suggestion is implemented, that lead will be reduced to three points.

Mayer added that his team's decision whether to drop their appeal would be finalised next week, after 'some legal implications' had been considered.

English soccer is best says Soviet boss

THE new Soviet soccer boss, Nikita Simonyan, is a life-long admirer of English football.

Simonyan, placed in one of football's hot seats following the dismissal of two first-team trainers, says:

'England is going through a bad patch. But what is impressive is the strength of its club sides. For us, there is not much distinction in the standard of play between the English divisions.

'A team goes up from the Second Division and moves straight to the top of the first. You don't see that here very often.'

But for sheer depth of talent, Simonyan hands it to the West Germans. 'They have been the most consistently good side since the mid-1950s, and they keep producing top-class players.'

The Soviet squad is going through a major crisis. Based on the Kiev club side, it is in chaos with World Cup matches only months away.

That approach is finished and Simonyan has the unenviable task of remoulding the vast talents available.

BILLY JEAN FOR WIGHTMAN CUP

WIMBLEDON champion Chris Evert and Billie Jean King will lead America's bid to regain the Wightman cup from Britain at Crystal Palace on November 11, 12 and 13.

Billie Jean, six times

Wimbledon champion captains the strongest American team for years which is completed by Rosemary Casals, Ann Kiyomura and Mona Guerrant. Virginia Wade and Sue Barker will spearhead Britain's

challenge to win the trophy for the third successive year.

Michelle Tyler, Glynis Coles, Lesley Charlis and Sue Mappin form the rest of the Squad from which five players will be chosen.

Billie Jean has not played in the Wightman cup since 1970 when the United States won 4-3 at Wimbledon. Britain's 4-3 success in Cleveland last year was their first in America for 50 years.

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



Irena Szewinska, Annegret Richter, Sharon Colyear and Inge Helten

Track stars of 1976

LASSE VIREN has returned home at last to enjoy once again acclamation as the new 'Flying Finn'.

As well as the house bestowed on him after Munich, the great distance runner will receive special favours in Lapland.

Viren's free endorsement of Lapland's reindeer milk — the

explanation, he says, of his remarkable stamina — has been rewarded by another house, and presumably, plentiful supplies of the wonder milk.

Brendan Foster has finished behind Viren only twice in some 20 races — but both these occasions were in the Montreal finals and Viren had made history as the first man

ever to win the 5,000 and 10,000 metres twice.

But even he has not added a new dimension to athletics in the way that Alberto Juantorena has. The Cuban's trainer says his next assault will be on the 1,500 metres, which is an intriguing prospect considering that Juantorena's most enduring achievement has been to turn 800 metres running into a sprint.

He coupled victory in that event in Montreal with another gold in the 400 metres for a unique double.

If he now goes on to 1,500 metres, it will at least provide some competition for John Walker and Filbert Bayi, who never run in the same race, but who, on their day, are in a class of their own.

Rod Dixon recognises that the African boycott of events where New Zealanders are appearing will continue and invites the 'silly ass' Prime Minister Muldoon to 'sit back and smile' about it.

Majestic

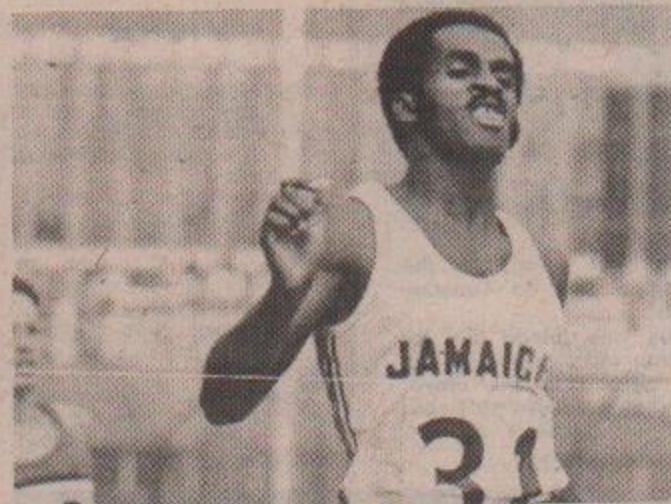
Jamaican Don Quarrie, with the 200 metres Olympic title won at last, has thrilled crowds over here with his majestic stride.

The man who pipped Quarrie for the title of the 'fastest man in the world', Hasely Crawford, is getting a stamp issued in his honour in Trinidad.

Britain's women sprinters have offered more of a challenge than the men, although both Sonia Lannaman and Andrea Lynch have been badly affected this season by injury.

Sharon Colyear has emerged as a sprinter of world class, but that still involves finishing the 100 metres a few yards behind Annegret Richter, who has twice broken the world record this season.

But the queen of the track remains the amazing Irena Szewinska, who won her sixth Olympic medal this season, and promises to carry on next season — as a hurdler!



Don Quarrie found triumph at last with his majestic style.



Alberto Juantorena brought a new dimension to 800 metres running



Lasse Viren and Brendan Foster fight it out for the 10,000 metres gold. The 'Flying Finn' was not to be denied



John Walker, the New Zealander who wants to go faster but can't

I'LL DESTROY ALI



Ken Norton

Keeps watching 1973 film



BY PAUL FELDMAN

KEN NORTON says he is totally confident that he will 'destroy' Muhammad Ali when the two meet in New York's Yankee Stadium for the world title next week.

The challenger, one of only two men to defeat Ali, claims he's never been more sure of anything in his life. 'I'm going to punish him for 15 rounds,' he said yesterday.

Norton expects Ali to try and stop him with right-hand jabs but reckons he took the champion's best punches over 24 rounds and that there is no way he can be knocked out this time.

Norton watches the film of his second fight in 1973 with Ali two or three times every day as he relaxes in his hotel room at his training camp in the Catskill Mountains.

suddenly-developed new talents. He'll just try to use his head more.

'I expect him to fight the same way he did against Joe Frazier the last time. He'll fight in spots. The longer the fight goes, the stronger I'll get. I'm going to hurt him wherever I hit him, whether it's the head, the body, the arms or the elbows.

'And he knows I can hurt him from our first two fights. His hands may be a little faster, but everytime I hit him I can hurt him,' the challenger said.

But the challenger looks at it philosophically. 'Ali may not be able to beat me in the ring, but he sure can beat those drums for publicity,' Norton says.

'I'm glad he's not letting the

promotion down. Through him, I'm not only to become the heavyweight champion of the world, but I'm also going to become a millionaire.

Purse

The fact that Ali is guaranteed a \$6m purse while Norton gets \$1.1m, doesn't seem to bother the challenger. Both boxers will earn considerably more if the closed-circuit television receipts surpass a certain figure.

• An American racehorse owner has taken out a \$10,000 (around £5,813) bet at 2-1 odds with William Hill, the London bookmakers, for Norton to beat

Ali. Ali's odds are still 11-4 on, be on the line next Tuesday night.

Norton ran the film of the second Ali fight for five newsman who had been talking to him in his room after the challenger concluded a light workout with bag-punching and exercises.

He said he did not expect anything different from Ali, though the champion has claimed he is a much harder puncher now because he has ceased his dancing style and is standing flat-footed to get more leverage in his punches.

'Ali is Ali,' Norton said. 'He'll try everything he knows at various times. A leopard can't change his spots and Ali hasn't



Alex Cropley leaves Arsenal for Aston Villa

Villa signs Arsenal's Cropley

ASTON VILLA strengthened their bid for honours this year by signing Alex Cropley, the Arsenal midfielder player, for about £125,000 yesterday.

Cropley, a Scottish international, opened negotiations after watching

Villa beat Norwich in the League Cup on Tuesday night.

His wife joined him for further talks yesterday and he agreed to the move. Cropley will make his debut against Leicester at Villa Park on Saturday.

Victor

The ending is always the same — the ring announcer in Los Angeles raises Ali's hand as the victor on a split point decision over 12 rounds.

Norton disputes that verdict, believing he won the fight as he had done six months previously in San Diego. That time, he broke Ali's jaw while winning in 12 rounds — also on a split decision though Norton seemed to dominate the fight to most observers.

Those were non-title bouts since Ali had not yet regained the world heavyweight championship. But the title will

Million pound offer turned down for Franz



Franz Beckenbauer is wanted by Paris St Germain — for £1.3m!

BAYERN Munich have turned down an incredible £1.3m offer for world star Franz Beckenbauer from French club Paris St Germain.

The astounding offer for the 30-year-old player, lynch pin of Bayern and the West German side, was rejected out of hand by the player.

St Germain offered Beckenbauer £650,000 for himself if he agreed to join the French First Division side.

Beckenbauer's personal manager said he and the Bayern player met St Germain officials this week to discuss their offer.

But the deal was rejected after only five minutes' conversation. Both men had attended the meeting 'out of politeness', he said.

Beckenbauer, who has been capped 100 times for West Germany, started his professional career with Bayern.

RACING RESULTS

BEVERLEY

1.45 (1m): PRINCESS DU RHONE, J. Lynch (2-1 fav); 1. Catchword (12-1); 2. Menin (9-4); 3. Love Beach (12-1); 4. 13 ran. sh hd. 2. (R Boss) T: 25p, 13p, 22p, 14p. 2.15 (1m): VAGUELY, J. Mercer (11-4); 1. Mahar (12-2); 2. Trumania (12-2); 3. Violet Honey (6-1); 4. 12 ran. 7. 2. (W Hera) T: 34p, 14p, 11p, NR. Helping Hand. 2.45 (1m): BOW-WOW, K. Lewis (6-1); 1. Westwood Boy (14-1); 2. The Bowler (7-1); 3. Prince Carl (2-1 fav); 4. 11 ran. 2. nk. (R Hollinshead) T: 11p, 25p, 21p, 25p. Queen Sonia finished 2nd but disqualified. 3.15 (at): LAZENBY, E. Hild (9-4) fav; 1. Palmvinnia (3-1); 2. Midfield (8-1); 3. Laser Lady (12-1); 4. 11 ran. 1/2. (M W Easterby) T: 14p, F: 37p. 3.45 (2m): VALLATION, J. Mercer (9-2) on fav; 1. Formland (7-1); 2. Bright Bid (7-1); 3. 11 ran. 2. 19. (W Hera) T: 12p, F: 22p. 4.15 (1m): DANDY SCOT, E. Hild (12-2); 1. Night Nurse (6-1); 2. Tudor Slipper (4-1 fav); 3. La Gallia (7-1); 4. 14 ran. 1/4. 5. (W Elsey) T: 39p, 21p, 23p, 23p. NR: Blue Gliss. 4.45 (1m): SHINE ON, J. Mercer (5-1); 1. Sir Pellets (15-8) fav; 2. Courting Day (6-1); 3. Ascot Royale (12-1); 4. 12 ran. 1/2. (D. Denys Smith) T: 31p, 14p, 14p, 11p. King's Caper withdrawn. 5.15 (at): SILVER CAMP, W. Higgins (7-2) fav; 1. Two Runnies (6-1); 2. White Emperor (9-2); 3. Marcus Game (8-1); 4. 12

ran. 4. nk. (R Mason) T: 30p, 18p, 23p, 12p. NR: Rail to Glory Basalt withdrawn. TOTE DOUBLE: £5.10. TOTE TREBLE: £12.00.

PERTH

2.30 (2m): THE ENGINEER, C. Tinkler (5-1); 1. Giostar (29-1); 2. Priddy Friendly (14-1); 3. Churchtown Boy (8-1); 4. 12 ran. (K Oliver) T: 77p, 39p, 31p, 11.34. Armed Bandit withdrawn. 3.00 (2m): MORAG'S PARADE, J. J. O'Neill (3-1); 1. Temple Rise (13-2); 2. Kickham (2-1 fav); 3. Kelly Kos (4-1); 4. 6 ran. (G Richards) T: 41p, 25p, 33p, F: 12.30. 3.30 (2m): DEEP MYSTERY, Mrs N Bullock (14-1); 1. Falcons Boy (3-1); 2. Gusty Somers (5-1); 3. Lord David (7-4) fav; 4. (E. Owen Jnr.) T: 12.05; 41p, 20p, 20p. DP: £15.22. 4.00 (3m): THE GENT, T. Stack (5-8); 1. Collingwood (6-4) on fav; 2. Semigale (5-1); 3. 3 ran. (W A Stephenson) T: 25p, F: 33p. 4.30 (2m): SCORTON BOY, A. Dickman (4-1); 1. Copper City (11-2); 2. Stage Whisper (20-1); 3. Vindobala (11-8) fav; 4. 6 ran. (D. Denys Smith) T: 25p, 14p, 12p, F: 45p. 5.00 (2m): GREY MOUNTAIN, John Williams (12-1); 1. Horned (25-1); 2. Allez Stanwick (16-1); 3. Prince Carlos (6-1); 4. 15 ran. (W Marshall) T: 11.18; 34p, 55p, 70p. TOTE DOUBLE: £31.70. TOTE TREBLE: £91.20.

LINGFIELD

2.00 (7f): BLUES AGAIN, Diana Weeden (5-1); 1. King Oscar (5-1); 2. Rose Track (11-2); 3. Town Farm (8-1); 4. 12 ran. 12. 1/2. (K Ivory) T: 42p, 14p, 20p, 19p. DP: £11.10. 2.30 (1m): FRAASH, B. Taylor (16-1); 1. Curmet Joyce (12-1); 2. Red Rogue (12-1); 3. Great Things (9-4) fav; 4. 11 ran. 10. nk. (H Lunness) T: 22.51; 36p, 34p, 36p. 3.00 (7f): LADY CONSTANCE, W. Wharton (25-1); 1. Fair Season (11-1); 2. Casino Boy (10-1); 3. Filipachi (6-1); 4. 13 ran. 1/2. 3. (M Salaman) T: £3.95; 77p, 36p, 34p. 3.30 (1m): JOLLY GOOD, G. Lewis (9-1); 1. Roses for the Star (6-4) fav; 2. Dutch Treat (4-1); 3. Mayhill (6-1); 4. 9 ran. 2/2. 2/2. (B Hobbs) T: 11.00; 26p, 12p, 19p. DP: 97p. 4.00 (1m): MR FORDETTE, G. Starkey (12-1); 1. Melody Ryde (5-1); 2. Barantonga (25-1); 3. Ring Rose (2-1) fav; 4. 9 ran. nk. 6. (G Harwood) T: 11.31; 33p, 15p, 22p. DP: £2.55. 4.30 (5f): SILVER SHOALS, J. Martinus (2-1) fav; 1. Careless Princess (11-2); 2. Susannah (7-1); 3. Charming Weather (7-1); 4. 12 ran. 4. 1/2. (J. Balding) T: 31p, 15p, 17p, 26p. 5.00 (7f): CROWN BOWLER, E. Eldin (4-1); 1. Swagger (5-2) fav; 2. St Albans (13-1); 3. Lord of Misrule (33-1); 4. 14 ran. sh hd. 6. (B Hills) T: 39p, 25p, 15p, 19p. TOTE DOUBLE: £28.25. TOTE TREBLE: £76.60. TOTE JACKPOT: Not won.

Worthington walloped for opening his mouth

LEICESTER'S transfer-listed striker Frank Worthington was fined a week's wages and severely reprimanded by the club yesterday.

This heavy treatment was handed out by Leicester after Worthington's outspoken

criticism of City's performance and tactics against QPR on Saturday. He said the side wasn't playing well enough for the crowd to watch them.

The England striker, who was listed in April, was told of the fine by manager Jimmy Armfield. He said:

'I didn't really know what to expect, but the club has made a decision and I must accept it.'

A week's wages seems a heavy-handed action by the club and shows how much the players' existing contract system makes them virtual slaves.

JIMMY GREAVES, now 36 and still going strong, was expected to sign for Southern League Chelmsford yesterday. Manager Bobby Kellard said yesterday that he hoped to have Greaves in his side for the home game again against Maidstone on Saturday.

JIM HOLTON, who has lost his place in the Manchester United side following two broken legs and the emergence of Martin Buchan and Brian Greenhoff has accepted Sunderland's offer of a month's loan with a view to permanent transfer.

JOE SHAW, the former Sheffield United centre-half, yesterday resigned as manager of Chesterfield. General manager Arthur Sutherland said: 'His resignation has been accepted. It was done on a friendly basis and good wishes have been extended by both parties.'