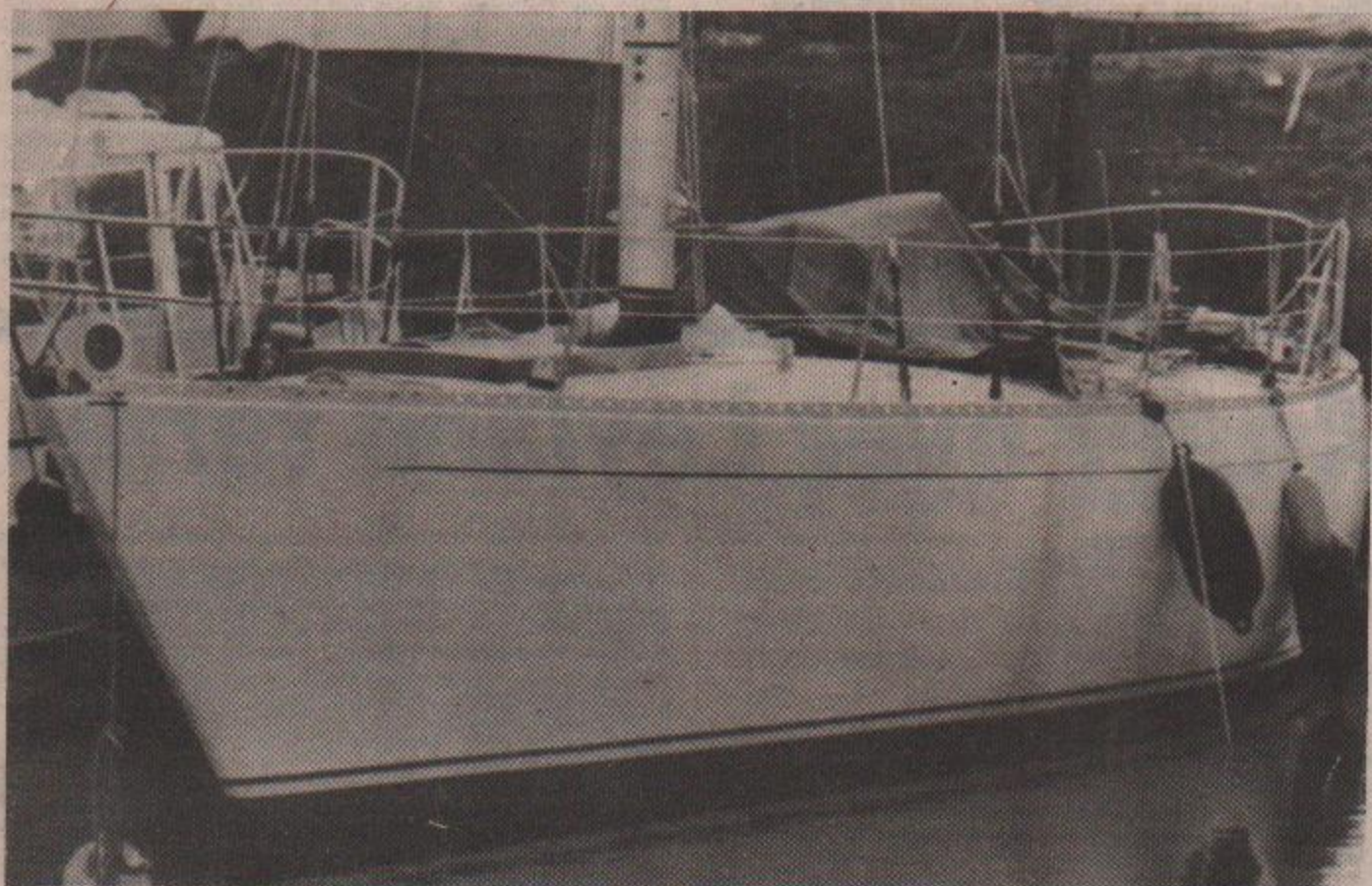




'Hermit', the Admiral's Cup racing yacht of Lady Rose Delbray, alleged to have been used to store almost a ton of cannabis resin.

HEATH PRAISE FOR TUC

EX-TORY leader Edward Heath yesterday paid tribute to trade union leaders for holding down workers' wages.

He urged them to stand ready to impose even bigger cuts in living standards as overseas borrowings dry up.

The former premier whose Tory administration was brought down in 1974 over its wage-cutting policy was making his reconciliation speech at the Conservative Party conference in Brighton.

'When the borrowing is no longer available, the present standards of the British people cannot be sustained.

'The crunch, so long awaited, so often discussed, is now upon us. The time remaining to us is short, very short indeed,' he said.

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

He told the conference: 'Britain' has now come to the end of the present road. The rest of the world knows it. The rest of the world is very sorry, the rest of the world regrets it is unable to oblige any longer.'

As Heath spoke the pound received a beating on the money markets from Paris to Bonn to New York — closing almost two cents down on the day. (See story page 3)

Earlier Shadow Employment Minister James Prior, a creature of Heath's, called upon the TUC leaders to co-operate with a Tory government.

'I challenge every trade union leader to co-operate with the government democratically elected,' he told the conference.

In London last night, Prime Minister Callaghan said that Labour does not intend to return to free collective bargaining after the 4½ per cent limit expires.

Speaking to Tory businessmen at a Hilton Hotel dinner Callaghan said: 'It would be in no-one's interest to unleash a new free-for-all.'

Callaghan's speech to the British Institute of Management sounded just like those being made by the Tories in Brighton.

Ex-deb tells Old Bailey of lords, drugs, yachts

DRUGS, expensive yachts, and threats of physical violence featured in the Old Bailey case yesterday where young aristocrat Lady Rose Delbray is on a £1m smuggling charge.

Delbray, 25, daughter of the Earl of Hardwicke, told how she heard her wealthy American businessman lover Herman Fine threaten the Earl of Bathurst over some money.

Lord Bathurst was to have bought a share in the £32,000 Admiral's Cup racing yacht 'Hermit' later used on a £1m drug run from Tangier to the United States.

Condition

Lady Rose said: 'Herman once rented a house from Lord Bathurst on condition that he put money into the boat. When he couldn't get the money from him, Herman said he would have him killed or roughed up by somebody.'

Lady Rose had been Fine's mistress since she was 17 but later married Lord Delbray.

BY ROYSTON BULL

Fine contacted her again in 1974 about a boat and she went to see him. 'As a result I renewed my association with him and went back to being his mistress,' she said.

The 20-ton yacht was eventually bought in 1975 and registered in Delbray's name. A bill of sale was shown in court with her name as the owner.

Delbray told the court: 'I have never had anything to do with a bill of sale before.'

'I agreed to have it in my name although I did not particularly want it. I don't like having my name put to things which don't concern me. But he just went on and on,' she claimed.

Delbray admitted going with Fine one weekend to view the boat but added:

'I had nothing to do with any negotiations for buying the yacht and I supplied none of the money for it.'

Lady Rose was shown another bill of sale recording that she had transferred for a sum of money shares in the boat to Fine. She said she could not remember this.

Delbray of Egerton Place, Chelsea, admitted that just before they sailed from England, Fine had talked

'vaguely' about smuggling hashish.

She also said Fine told her he had a conviction in Britain concerning drugs. He had been 'busted for hash at Daneways', a house belonging to Lord Bathurst in Gloucestershire.

Agreed

Delbray agreed in court that she told Customs officers she had 'smoked hash.' But she said this was in Spain and not on the boat.

CAR CHIEF WANTS 40 pc SPEED-UP

LEYLAND car workers must intensify their work effort by up to 40 per cent, managing director Derek Whittaker demanded yesterday.

Speaking to reporters at the Paris Motor Show, Whittaker said he wanted present productivity levels increased by between 30 and 40 per cent 'from the existing plant and equipment and from our existing employees.'

Union convenor Derek Robinson, a Communist Party member, expressed 'absolute confidence' that a majority of the Longbridge workforce would agree to higher productivity and said the joint shop stewards' committee had decided by 500 votes to 100 to recommend that they do this.

The union leadership has buckled to the blackmail of Leyland directors, the National Enterprise Board, and the Labour government.

Whittaker warned in a confidential document that unless the commitment was given by 4 p.m. today, Longbridge and Leyland's other major car plant at Cowley near Oxford would close — with the loss of 100,000 jobs.

Whittaker says he wants production targets, particularly those linked to the new Mini due for launching in 1979, to be comparable to Continental levels.

But modern equipment in many car plants on the Continent makes that still operating in Britain look obsolete.

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Force Labour to resign

The continuing collapse of sterling is the greatest indictment of the authors of the 'social contract' — Callaghan, Healey, Foot, Benn, Murray, Scanlon and Jones. They told workers that wage-freezing would bring down inflation and unemployment and stabilise the pound. It has proved to be a cruel and cynical hoax.

Unemployment has almost doubled to 1.5 million and prices are going up as fast as ever. The result is felt by every worker and housewife in Britain — living standards are falling more sharply than at any time since the 1930s. Now the Labour government is planning to escalate the attack. It is going deeper into debt to the international bankers and the price will be paid by the working class in higher unemployment, higher direct taxation, bigger cuts in public spending.

This is being done in the name of a truly wondrous philosophy: socialist policies must be put off for the time being until capitalism is made more healthy! Then, when capitalism has been resuscitated, we'll have the right conditions for a spate of

What we think

socialism. That's what the Labour Party conference was told last week. With a policy like this, it's no wonder that the Tories, the bankers and the 'Daily Express' call Callaghan 'the best Tory Prime Minister in the country'.

No one should be under the slightest illusion about the next round of talks with officials of the Bank of America, otherwise known as the International Monetary Fund. Both Callaghan and Healey are lying when they say it won't mean any change of policy. It will.

All the 'no coalition' talk is hogwash. A state of economic siege and national emergency will be whipped up, and all kinds of suggestions will be made for 'national' governments. No coalition from the existing parties could be stable or permanent. The ruling class must accelerate its plans for right-wing dictatorship and repression.

We face a whole new period of complete political instability, of growing mass struggles, of changes of government, of provocations against the left, all against the background of imminent economic collapse.

The capitalist crisis is on the verge of bringing a series of spectacular crashes, greater than even 1929 and the subsequent depression. The capitalist economists have said openly in the last three weeks that the famous 'recovery' from slump is a fiction.

The Labour government must be defeated by the working class, forced to resign. A General Election must then be fought in which an all-out campaign for socialist policies to solve the crisis is struggled for as part of the preparation of the working class to resist the plans of the class enemy and take state power. For this, the first requirement is the building of the Workers Revolutionary Party, the only party which has consistently held this position.

Every day, Callaghan, Healey and Benn stay in office they help the Tory enemy and their capitalist masters and encourage the confusion and desperation in which fascist and racist movements flourish. Callaghan and his friends are the ones who are helping the Tories back to power.

It is time to stop this now. International finance capital is now forcing the hand of the British ruling class; it is time for them to go beyond the Labour government as it now stands. The working class must not be just the victim of their conspiracies. What is necessary is to take the initiative, for the working class to settle accounts with the Labour traitors by independent class action to force the rump government out of office.

Squeeze put on National Theatre aid

Anger over Leyland terms

BY RICHARD DIGNAM

AN ARTS Council working party has launched an attack on budgeting at the new multi-million pound National Theatre.

The Council's confidential report has been leaked to London newspapers to create an 'austerity atmosphere' at the theatre.

The report attacks Peter Hall, the theatre's director, for upholding a policy of setting 'proper' salary rates as an example to the rest of the theatre industry, and particularly attacks the cost of overtime pay for stage technicians.

Control

The working party calls for 'procedures and techniques... to deal with the assessment of the National Theatre's estimates'. It seeks greater Arts Council control over the National's finances.

Publication of excerpts of the report in the London 'Evening Standard' follows a series of articles in that paper attacking

the costs of the National, in particular the 'Weapons of Happiness' production.

This play was produced with a budget of around £18,000, less than half the cost of an equivalent West End production.

Attacks

Attacks on the funding of Britain's largest theatre come at a time when the entertainment industry faces its worst crisis ever, with some 80 per cent of actors out of work, and the casts of major plays being forced to accept salary cuts of up to 35 per cent.

The situation for theatre workers is especially grave in the light of attempts by the right-wing Equity Council to smash the union as any kind of effective organisation representing actors' interests.

The working party, consisting of people like Cedric Messina, Michael Elliott and Phillip Hedley, have produced a report which may well be used by the Arts Council to slash wages and necessary expenditures at the National, and so contribute to the government's general attack on the arts.

THERE were angry reactions after meetings held yesterday in various sections of the Longbridge plant.

Most workers interviewed by News Line outside the gates were under no illusions about the nature of the attacks being launched against them.

John Cutler, a welder, said: 'The purpose of the ultimatum from the company is to take the power from the unions.'

'The trouble will come when they try to bring in these new working conditions.'

Angry

A group of sheet-metalworkers from the West Works body shop where the Allegro bodies are made were particularly angry about the proposals for 'mobility of labour'.

John Vwughan (25) said: 'We recognise that our future lies

with the new Mini. But we are skilled men. We didn't learn these skills to do any job.'

These workers were also angry because there had been no mass meeting for the whole plant.

Workers meeting in the various sections could not assess the feeling of the whole plant.

A maintenance worker told News Line: 'They want us to sign a blank cheque.'

'Anyone entering a hire purchase agreement would do what we have had to do today.'

British Leyland want a car but they are not prepared to pay for it.'

About 150 foundry workers voted against the shop stewards' recommendation.

Changes

One of the foundry men said: 'They want to bring in changes but they are not telling us what they are.'

'In any case they can still close the place down.'

Ford men vote to strike on

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

DAGENHAM — Ford's refusal to guarantee a 40-hour week caused a mass meeting yesterday to vote to continue a week-long strike.

60ne thousand night shift workers from the body plant heard that talks with management had broken down.

Action

Body plant convenor, Dan Connor, confirming that the strikers would continue their action and not meet again until next Wednesday, said: 'They want permanent security of employment.'

6The employers would not agree to this at Tuesday's talks and the unions suggested a ten days'

trial period during which there would be no laying off.

'We felt this would restore confidence in the negotiating machinery and allow talks to continue,' said Connor.

Connor felt that if the management had agreed, the issue of whether the strikers should be paid for eight or four hours the night they were told to go home would not hold up a return to work. It could have been discussed.

Although no further joint talks have been arranged, Connor said the unions and workers' representatives were ready for more discussions.

There have been repeated

lay-offs in recent months at Dagenham. The strike began a week ago when the night shift was sent home at the beginning of a shift.

Talks

National pay and conditions talks between management and union negotiators in London on Friday are to be lobbied by the strikers.

Sid Harraway, one of the union negotiating team from Dagenham, said yesterday that those on strike are seeking official support from their trade unions.

BRITISH CAR SALES SLUMP

MAJOR shortages of British cars for 'off the shelf' buyers meant that sales last month, at 87,500, were at their lowest September level since 1970.

6The shortages, due largely to model changes by Ford, and not to major disputes, allowed importers to move to a record 43.5 per cent share of the home market.

6Preliminary figures for sales issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders showed that Ford sales were only 17.5 per cent of the month's total. For most of this year the company has been hovering around the 30 per cent mark.

Sales

Ford's total sales of 15,300 cars included 1,650 from Germany.

British Leyland last month sold 25,500 cars for 29.2 per cent of the market, bringing its total so far this year to 283,000 and allowing it to maintain its market leadership.

In September, Vauxhall sold 7,970 cars (9.1 per cent), including 2,280 Belgian-built Cavaliers. Chrysler's 5,850 sales (6.1 per cent) included 1,750 cars from Europe.

Union branch backs Trotsky inquiry

EDINBURGH general branch of ASTMS has voted to support the campaign for an inquiry into penetration of the American-based Socialist Workers Party by Stalin's secret police.

The resolution reads: 'That the Edinburgh general branch supports the campaign for an international commission of

inquiry into the penetration of the American Socialist Workers Party in the 1930s and 1940s by the GPU culminating in the assassination of Leon Trotsky in 1940.

'Recent evidence unearthed by the International Committee of the Fourth International clearly indicates that the leadership of the SWP has

deliberately suppressed information regarding the role of these GPU agents for the last 30 years.

'This branch takes the view that the suppression of such information is contrary to the interests of the international workers' movement.

'We call upon the Edinburgh Trades Council and the STUC to

support the campaign for an international inquiry in order to establish the truth in this vital area of working class history.'

This resolution was supported by a large majority at a well-attended meeting of the branch. It is expected to be raised for discussion at the Edinburgh Trades Council on October 12.

SOUTH Glamorgan ambulance drivers began an all-out strike yesterday. The 150 men and women are refusing to attend any calls including emergencies in a highly-populated area including Cardiff. The dispute is over manning levels at ambulance stations. A Health Authority spokesman said they were being forced to make cuts in order to avoid a £600,000 deficit next spring.

EVERY WIND SHAKES £

BY OUR OWN STAFF

THE POUND crashed to its lowest ever against the German mark yesterday and again reached rock-bottom against the dollar in New York.

A new wave of selling drove sterling down on every major international money market. All kinds of things were blamed.

Dealers in Frankfurt said confidence in sterling was undermined by the devaluation of Ireland's agricultural trading unit with the Common Market, the 'green pound'.

The Labour government refuses to devalue its own 'green pound' because it would push food prices up even further.

Dealers in London said the trouble at Leyland was responsible, despite a vote on productivity.

One dealer commented realistically: 'Good news seems hardly to help the pound at all in current conditions. But the slightest bit of bad news knocks it.'

Sterling's weakness hit the Stock Exchange badly. The index fell another 10.7 points, declining to 308.6 a new low for the year.

Reaction

The Press reaction to the latest bank figures did not help. 'Quite a way off course', said the 'Financial Times', adding:

'Monetary expansion continued at an altogether excessive rate. Public spending, financed quite largely by sales of Treasury bills to the banking system, contributed most of the £600m or so.'

It went on: 'A failure to act resolutely now will quickly undermine any confidence which might otherwise be created by an application to the Fund or the helpful comments of the US Secretary to the Treasury.'

Doleful

This doleful prophecy was immediately fulfilled. And now helpful comments from Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Germany yesterday — 'The pound is clearly under-valued' — failed to work.

The markets formed their own opinion that British capitalism is in fact far weaker than the pound's exchange rate implies.

The markets say sterling is over-valued, and the pound fell below 4 marks for the first time in history.

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As the pound continues to fall to an all-time low, nothing can halt it plunging down to a crash. The latest loan from the International Monetary Fund has not restored any confidence.

This Labour government, in spite of its desperate measures against the working class, is unable to save the pound. The News Line says bring down this reactionary government now. Build instead a revolutionary leadership and end this capitalist system.

The political situation is moving very fast. So must we. Raise every amount you can immediately. Rush your donations to:

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October Appeal Fund
21b Old Town,
Clapham, SW4 0JT



News Lines...

Builders' strike

BUILDING workers on the Higgs and Hill site in Buckingham Gate, Victoria entered the third week of their strike for a 75p bonus payment yesterday. Management have rejected a stewards' plan for an alternative £200 severance payment when the site is completed in three months. The 120 are angry that the national leadership of their unions has refused support on the grounds that the claim breaches the social contract.

Councillor's cash

A COUNTY councillor on corruption charges earned £22 a week as a groundsman but had a string of bank accounts when apprehended by the police, a court was told yesterday. Eifon Roberts, QC, said at Cardiff Crown Court that Ernest Westwood, 48, chairman of the Mid-Glamorgan planning committee, had gone on several holidays with his family in 1972-1973, including a £350 cruise, and had a style of living 'utterly out of proportion with his legitimate income.'

Westwood had paid £900 cash towards a new Datsun, provided his daughter with £1,080 for a deposit on a house when she got married, and gave her a £135 carpet. In November 1973 police discovered that Westwood and his wife Joan had a total of six accounts in bank and building societies, containing a total of £2,719.

Soldier charged

A SOLDIER has been charged with the manslaughter of a 12-year-old girl who was shot as she walked to Mass in Ulster. Michael Williams, of the 3rd Parachute Regiment, was remanded into military custody at a court in Newry, Co. Down, yesterday charged with unlawfully killing Majella O'Hare, who was shot in Ballymoyer, Whitecross, South Armagh, on August 14. No home address of the soldier, who is serving in Northern Ireland, was given during the appearance.

Right-winger summoned

A MEMBER of the right-wing National Party is to appear in court accused of becoming a councillor when disqualified because of a criminal conviction. The summons alleges that John Frankman became a member of Blackburn Council within five years of a conviction and suspended jail sentence for theft. Frankman, of Hythe Close, Blackburn, Lancs, was elected in May, but resigned two months later for personal reasons. He is due to appear in the local magistrates' court on October 15.

PICKET AT EMBASSY

MEMBERS of the Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists staged an all-day picket of the Syrian Embassy in London yesterday.

They demanded the withdrawal of Syrian troops from the Lebanon.

They also called for the victory of the Palestine

Liberation Organisation in their struggle against imperialism, and denounced the Stalinist and Zionist support of Syrian and right-wing forces.

During the course of the picket, trade unionists were threatened by police with arrest for 'causing an obstruction'.

The incident came after several passers-by stopped to talk about the picket's demand for an end to the Syrian bloodbath in the Lebanon.

A number of foreign visitors from Arab and Asian countries expressed their solidarity with the PLO and the struggle of the Lebanese working class.

Battle stations in Lebanon

LEFTIST forces in Lebanon yesterday asserted military law in their mountain strongholds in the face of imminent Syrian and rightists attacks throughout the country.

They announced a crack-down on 'fifth columnists' and threatened summary court-martial for traitors.

For the first time PLO official journal 'Filastin Al-Thawra' repeatedly referred to the Syrians as 'the fascists in Damascus'.

Damascus radio claimed

that 'the people' of 19 towns and villages — including the key port of Sidon which repelled the Syrians with heavy losses in June — had appealed to the Syrian army to end 'anarchy and bloodshed'.

It was such conveniently-timed 'popular appeals', which no-one but the Syrians ever saw, which prepared the way for the first Syrian

invasions last June.

Palestinian sources say the Syrians are preparing to attack at any moment in the north as well as the south, and that they are demanding that the Palestinians lay down their arms and retire to their camps under Syrian supervision.

The Palestinians have said they will never accept such terms.

Scheme to aid small chemists

A SUBSIDIES scheme for small pharmacies in financial difficulties was announced in London yesterday by the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee.

Under the scheme, chemists providing 'an essential service to the local community' will be subsidised by the committee out of National Health Service funds.

As many as 400 chemists would receive subsidies when the scheme begins next

year. Initially, payments would total around £300,000.

Spokesman Donald Royce, said about 4,000 small chemist shops had been forced to close in the last ten years, and the trend was now reaching 'danger point'.

Royce added that many people living in new estates and in country areas had to travel miles to reach their nearest dispensaries. The subsidy would encourage pharmacists to set up in these areas.



Donald Royce

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DEAD MAN VICTIM OF A VICIOUS ASSAULT — DOCTOR

A BOXING coach examined a few hours after being released from police custody had been 'severely and viciously assaulted,' his doctor said yesterday.

Dr Alan Powney was giving evidence at a Durham inquest on Liddle Towers, 39, who died in February — three weeks after being arrested outside a nightclub.

He said he was called to Towers' home in Chester-le-Street a few hours after he had been released from a police cell at Gateshead.

'He had been severely and viciously assaulted. I could not conceive of any other cause for injuries of such a nature,' Dr Powney said.

Towers indicated to him that the injuries occurred during the night, at more than one time, and at more than one place.

The patient was so 'shocked and distressed' that the doctor sent him back to hospital.

A few days later he counted 30 bruises on Towers' body.

Bleeding

Dr Powney said he visited Towers at his home several times. He was vomiting and arrangements were made for a specialist to visit him on January 27. Dr Powney said that at about midnight on January 28 he was called to Towers' home.

'I found he had collapsed and vomited fresh blood. He was obviously suffering from internal bleeding.'

The doctor had him admitted to Dryburn Hospital, Durham, as an emergency, and never saw him again.

BY A NEWSLINE REPORTER

Dr Powney said Towers had previously been 'a very strong, healthy man.'

Witnesses have alleged that when Towers was arrested by police outside the Key Club at Birtley he was kicked and thrown into a police van.

Cause of death was said to be internal bleeding following ruptures of the spleen and pancreas.

Another doctor who examined Towers some 12 hours before Dr Powney had earlier told the inquest jury that he had no marks on his body.

Dr Gottipati Rayindra Babu said he saw Towers in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead, where he had been taken by police after complaining of stomach pains.

No bruises were visible, and there was nothing to suggest that Towers had been kicked.

Dr Babu said bruises would have taken time to develop, but he would have expected to see marks on the skin to indicate where a bruise would later appear.

Towers was not treated, but was given an appointment for later the same day for X-rays.



The four cleaners on strike against the danger of asbestos poisoning on the picket line yesterday. Left to right: Mary Pelling, Flora Batt, Ann Nicholson and Queenie Webb

Cleaners fight asbestos hazard

FOUR women cleaners on strike say they have been needlessly exposed to asbestos dust.

The week-long strike is at the Holbrook Precinct of North East London Polytechnic at Plaistow.

On picket duty yesterday, the cleaners issued a leaflet saying: 'For the last three months we have been sweeping and dusting this building believing that nothing more dangerous than plaster-board was being used.'

'Not only have we come into contact with asbestos but we have also had to sweep up as building workers were continuously making more dust with their sawing and drilling.'

They say they were never informed that asbestos — a known killer — was being used in conversion work at the polytechnic during the summer break.

The cleaners have between

them spent a total 41 years working at Holbrook. Their strike is officially supported by the G&MWU union.

'We are demanding to see Walter Sutton, the assistant services officer, who has refused to meet us,' said pickets yesterday.

The cleaners are being supported by the students who have set up a strike fund. Other workers have also refused to work in the building.

The women are demanding: a scientific analysis of the atmosphere and dust in the precinct; a register kept of everyone who has come into contact with the building; a specialist cleaning company to be brought in before the precinct is used again; and no victimisations.

The precinct is layered with asbestos dust, say the cleaners who are appealing for support for their picket to enforce the lock-out of Holbrook until their demands are met.

POLICE SILENT OVER HIDDEN 'GRASS'

SCOTLAND Yard yesterday refused to discuss allegations that the police are keeping a man from court trial so he can work for them as an informer.

A Yard spokesman said the Metropolitan Police were not 'directly involved' and therefore could not comment.

A report in 'The Guardian' said an Old Bailey judge had been told that the man, Charles Lowe, could not attend his trial because his whereabouts were not known and that he might even be abroad.

Secret

In fact the police are keeping Lowe in a secret hideout in the Home Counties.

He has been held in unofficial custody for more than 12 weeks to act as a police informer. The warrant for his arrest and court appearance issued more than three months ago has still not been executed.

'The Guardian' added: 'There are no imminent plans to bring him to court.'

The report goes on: 'It is widely believed in the East End of London that the man has become a major police informer on the scale of Bertie Smalls and Maurice O'Mahoney and that a major police operation involving regional crime squads has been mounted to work on the statements he has made and information he has given.'

Guard

'It is thought he is being held in total secrecy under guard and moving from one police station to another'

Lowe is described as 33, tall and stocky, fair haired, with a long police record including four and six-year sentences for robbery.

He is also, according to the report, being questioned about the London Electricity Board robbery for which George Davis was wrongfully convicted on the basis of a police identification parade.

Shoe jobs work-in

SHOE workers were yesterday occupying two factories operated by the K Group in a protest over threatened redundancies.

They say the management has refused to reconsider plans to shut down one of the factories in Norwich at the end of the year, with the loss of 350 jobs.

Roger Spiller, divisional officer of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, said his members would remain in the factory to deny access to senior management, adding: 'The factories will work absolutely normally.'

WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

Meeting to commemorate

36th



Trotsky speaking in Copenhagen, 1932

Anniversary of Trotsky's death

SCOTLAND

Sunday October 10, 7 p.m.
Royal Stuart Hotel
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Speakers: G HEALY (Central Cttee)
CORIN REDGRAVE (Central Cttee)
MARY MATHIESON (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

GROCERIES COST £2 A WEEK MORE

THE AVERAGE British household is paying £2 a week more for food than last year, according to the consumer magazine, 'Which?' out today.

Food prices went up by 12½ per cent between July 1975 and July 1976, while fresh vegetables more than doubled in price.

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

The survey of 1,123 shops in England, Scotland and Wales found that butter, cheese, coffee, eggs, fresh milk and frozen vegetables went up in price by up to 40 per cent.

Some vegetables cost 130 per cent more than last year.

Food subsidies benefit the typical family of two adults and two children by about £34 a year, 16 less than last year. The report goes on to point out:

'The government is planning to phase them out, so the benefit to consumers will be considerably less next year.'

Another 'Which?' survey reveals that 'fresh' eggs on sale

at local grocers and stores may be over five weeks old.

Laboratory tests of 1,400 eggs from various shops revealed that only one in twelve were of the class A grade that the shops claimed them to be. Many of them were no more than class C — suitable for food manufacture and not for shop sale at all.

'Which?' attacks the EEC egg labelling system which requires packers to stamp the week number, but not the date, on egg cartons.

It recommends that consumers buy from the farm for freshness, and from the chain supermarkets for next best.

Five times as much — for the same house!

A CONFIDENTIAL Housing Corporation report reveals that newly-built housing association property is being rented for up to five times more than equivalent council housing.

The report shows that rent inspectors in Leeds have set 'fair rents' for two-bedroom flats at £18.46, compared with the £3.75 charged for equivalent council flats.

In Dundee, one-bedroom housing units are being rented for £9 weekly, three times the council rent.

And in Croydon, rents for four-bedroom houses have been fixed at £20, while the council charges £9.15 for the same houses, built by the same developer to the same design.

The Corporation's report comments that 'the whole credibility of the voluntary housing movement as an agency

providing for housing need' is in question.

Stuart Weir, Editor of ROOF, Shelter's housing magazine, criticises the report for paying no attention to the problems of low-income families.

The report calls on rent officers who are responsible for setting 'fair rents' to take into account council rent levels and the rent-paying capacity of housing association tenants.

But Weir says that housing scarcity and thus the market value of property is affecting the assessment of 'fair rents' by inspectors, who are supposed to base their calculations on the individual age, character and locality of property.

He points out that the whole funding of housing associations, where the government pays the difference between rents paid and the association's costs, is inadequate.

Housing associations accounted for 24,000 of the 215,000 government-subsidised housing units under construction last year.



Thatcher meets admirers

Her Ladyship wows the faithful

GOING to the Tory Party conference in Brighton, with the wind at force 8 gusting in from the Channel, is like going to a revivalist meeting for the faithful.

Indeed when your correspondent fought his way into the hall and found them all at the Lords' Prayer he thought it was a revivalist meeting.

High Priestess in blue, Margaret Thatcher, her eyes lowered, stood on the platform like a faith-healer waiting to lay her hands on the halt and the lame, or anyone else for that matter.

Ritual

Intently she sang 'O God Our Help in Ages Past', reaching a crescendo of faith with:

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy Saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

though Reggie Maudling, his mind no doubt on other things, didn't look so certain.

The essence of ritual and incantation is preserved throughout the so-called debates.

References to the Queen, patriotism, the police, the forces of the Crown and 'freedom' are



Thatcher with the mayor of Brighton

guaranteed to jerk the delegates into wild applause.

Likewise denunciations of the workshy, those on social security, progressive educationalists, 'terror Arabs' and socialists, form the notes of a secular gospel which can in the right demagogic quantity lift the congregation to its feet.

The Thatcher leadership, now being fashioned by a PR team that has closely followed the

BRIAN MOORE at the Tory Conference

Carter campaign, is very consciously following an image that is hoped to bring together the graciousness of the Queen Mother, the firmness of a school marm and the magic powers of a high priestess.

Reasonable commonsense is the password.

It's commonsense to slash public spending, cut the money supply, ban immigration, denationalise, to help, in Geoffrey Howe's words, those who are in real need — the police, and the defence of Britain.

Nothing pleases reasonable men in their reason more than to have their prejudices endorsed by those they are prejudiced against.

So it was that an Asian immigrant became the star of the show.

'We believe in freedom, free enterprise. We want to set up our shops. These are Conservative values. Long live Conservatism. Long live the Queen!'

He brought the house down, or up anyway to its feet in adulation. Thatcher smiled

warmly.

This correspondent, mortified by boredom in the jaws of the enemy camp, gulped in the fresh if blustery Brighton air and waited for the Municipal reception at the Dome in the evening.

Black ties were optional but the Lord Mayor wasn't. He stood with his multi-chains round his neck waiting for the gracious iron lady to arrive.

Tribute

The band played 'Viva España' in memory of holidays abroad, and the delegates throwing caution to the wind fandangoed about in a tribute to Franco.

She arrived twenty minutes late in a lime green Grecian number, a sort of refugee from the Home and Colonial amateur dramatic society's production of 'Troilus and Cressida'.

When the orchestra struck up and she sallied forth on the ball room floor with the Mayor of Brighton it was time to leave. Enough was enough.

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MUNICH — The Munich office of Syria's airline asked for a special police guard on its aircraft because of telephone threats to attack them.

A spokesman for Syrian Arab Airlines said it believed the threats came from Palestinian supporters in this Bavarian capital angry at the Syrian offensive in Lebanon.

Last week a bomb was thrown into the airline's passenger office in Central Munich in the early hours of the morning. No one was injured.

The spokesman said telephone threats received today warned that an attack would be made on the airline's long-range jumbo planes. He gave no further details.

STUDENTS MASSACRED
AS THAI ARMY REVOLTS

THE MILITARY siezed power in Thailand yesterday following a bloody battle between police and left-wing students at Bangkok's Thammasat University.

Killed

An announcement on behalf of a self-styled 'Administration Reform Committee' was made over the state-run radio by 60-year-old Admiral Sa-Ngad Chaloryoo — who had been Defence Minister in the Seni Pramoj government. That government had lasted just one day.

Earlier at least 30 students

had been killed, over 1,300 arrested and hundreds injured when police and a 20,000-strong right-wing mob stormed the university.

The right-wing mob moved in behind police against 3,000 left-wing students who were demonstrating against the return to Thailand of former

BY JACK GALE

military dictator Thanom Kittikachorn, driven out three years ago following student demonstrations.

1,000 policemen, half of them from special warfare police units, stormed the university with heavy weapons. They fired recoilless rifles and threw grenades into classrooms.

Left wingers arrested by

police were handed over to right-wing thugs. Some were hanged, some burned to death and — according to a BBC reporter — at least one was clubbed to pulp while police looked on.

Wounded students were attacked and in some cases killed as they were being carried to ambulances.

But many escaped by boat or by swimming across the Chao

Phya river, and right wingers threw up a protective cordon around Bangkok monastery where the 65-year-old Thanom is staying.

The announcement of the military take-over said a group of people, including students, had 'insulted the monarchy with the aim of destroying it'.

It said this was part of a communist plot to take over the country.

Amnestied Basques
held in Spanish
police round-up

Juan Carlos

SAN SEBASTIAN — Several Basque nationalists who returned to Spain from exile under the recent royal amnesty have been arrested in the latest police crack-down.

Over 100 people have been rounded up and held in custody, since Monday's

shooting of right-wing politician Juan Maria de Araluce Vilar.

Police stood by without interfering on Tuesday night, as young fascist supporters ran riot through the streets after Araluce's funeral.

The right-wing rioters fired revolvers, broke shop windows, and hurled chairs into cafes. They shouted 'Spain United will never be Defeated'.

A group of them went into the premises of the newspaper 'El Diario Vasco' with pistols drawn, and told the workers to stop.

But the paper was out normally yesterday, and said printers had ignored the threats.

Basque left-wing sources said the right-wingers included members of the fascist 'Warriors of Christ the King' group, and off-duty policemen.

ONE DAY GENERAL STRIKE
IN FRANCE

PARIS — France's main trade unions are staging a 24-hour General Strike today in opposition to the Barre government's 'anti-inflation' package and pay freeze plans.

Edmond Maire, leader of the CFDT unions, told 'L'Humanite' yesterday: 'If we allow the Giscard-Barre plan, then in a year's time there'll be increased recession, 1,500,000 out of

work, and a drop of 3 per cent of our purchasing power'.

The strike, supported by the CGT and CFDT union federations, and by the Socialist

and Communist Parties, will affect electricity and gas supplies, industry, railways, and the Metro (underground).

National newspapers will not appear, and television will be restricted to news and old films.

Bank services will be limited, and many schools will be closed, as the FEN teachers' union is also backing the strike call.

Thousands of trade unionists are expected to turn out for a big demonstration in the centre of Paris.

US army stole
Soviet bridge
plans

BONN — The US Army is using river bridging equipment copied from a Soviet design procured by espionage, the official army newspaper, 'Stars and Stripes', reports.

The so-called 'Ribbon Bridge' has been developed from photographs and drawings acquired by intelligence sources using clandestine means, the newspaper said quoting Ben Spangler, an army engineering technician from the research and development laboratory at

Port Belvoir, Virginia.

The floating bridge which unfolds like a butterfly when it hits the water, has been demonstrated in Hanau this week to West German army commanders, who are said to be interested in buying it.

Spangler, an expert on mobility equipment, has worked on the development of the bridge since 1971. He told the army newspaper: 'It is cheaper to manufacture, easier to transport and simpler for the troops to use. It also halves the time for bridging a river.'

Foot welcome
for Kissinger—
Vorster deal

NEW DELHI — The British government is determined to do everything in its power to use 'the fresh opening' created by Kissinger's deal with Vorster, Labour MP Michael Foot told reporters here yesterday. Referring to Indian premier Indira Gandhi's impending trip to Mauritius, Tanzania and Zambia, ex-'Tribune'-ite Foot expressed the hope that she

would help British diplomatic efforts.

'I'm sure she would be eager to see the same peaceful solution as us', he said.

Turning to other matters, Foot denied that the issue of Asian immigrants had recently soured relations between the British and Indian governments.

He said that Britain had legislation outlawing racial discrimination, and added the claim that the government was trying to make the administration of its immigration laws as 'humane as possible'.

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Andreotti

CP backing Italian cuts

THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY is ready to assist the Christian Democrat government in cutting the standard of living of the working class.

Imports

The Andreotti Cabinet meets tomorrow to approve an 'austerity package' including price rises on consumer goods, increased VAT on imports, a reduction of public holidays and abolition of threshold payments for some sections of workers.

Andreotti has arranged discussions with leaders of other political parties, including the

Stalinists, to make sure his minority government can get the measures through.

These, Andreotti says, are only the first austerity steps necessary to lay the basis for 'national economic recovery'.

The powerful Italian Communist Party has only to vote against these attacks on the working class, and the right wing government will be defeated.

Plans

But Andreotti is confident that the PCI will abstain in the parliamentary vote on his plans.

'Don't tell it to the Marines'

WASHINGTON — The Mayaguez incident has been depicted in President Ford's election propaganda as a daring and skilful operation, demonstrating that Ford knows how to handle the 'commies' and foreigners.

This was the American military operation launched against Cambodia, on the pretext of forcing the release of the captured US container ship Mayaguez and its crew.

Now a Congressional report has found that the Marines who landed on Koh Tang island — losing 41 men in the attack — were supplied with false information by Washington.

Furthermore, the marine attack and the subsequent US bombing of Cambodia played no part in the release of the Mayaguez crew.

US pilots reported to Washington that about 30 to 40 white men — apparently the Mayaguez crew — has been seen on a fishing boat, and not on Koh Tang.

The officials in Washington did not relay this information to their forces. Furthermore, the report says:

'Marine assault forces planned and carried out the assault on Koh Tang with inaccurate estimates of Cambodian strength on the island'.

The report also reveals that there were indications all along that the Cambodians were prepared to release the Mayaguez crew, and the US military attack played no part in their decision.

OTTAWA — Former Canadian prime minister John Diefenbaker has accused president John Kennedy of intervening in Canadian affairs to oust his government from power.

In a preview of the first of a 13-part television series called 'One Canadian', Diefenbaker blamed the late US president and his friends, the powerful

PARIS — When the French Foreign Legion first arrived in Corsica, 14 years ago, they were welcomed with flowers and confetti by local people.

Today the Legionnaires are jeered as thieves and murderers whenever they appear on the streets.

When a 19-year-old Legion deserter was picked up the other week for questioning about the brutal murder of two Corsican shepherds, several hundred people surrounded the police car carrying him through the town of Corte, and were ready to exact justice on the spot.

There have been big demonstrations demanding the Legion be taken off the island altogether.

Independence

Last year, two Legion deserters beat a 71-year-old woman to death at her isolated farmhouse. There have been other killings.

Off-duty Legionnaires, local people say, have carried out hundreds of other offences including rapes and armed robberies, since they came to Corsica.

Before 1962, when Algeria obtained independence, the Legion's main base was at Sidi Bel Abbes in Algeria.

Veterans of France's colonial war there shudder as they recall how Legionnaires butchered entire villages in revenge any time one of their number was hit in a guerrilla attack.

Those who have seen the reality of this famed and romanticised professional killer unit say that it has always been known for brutality to civilians; and that its character is just being revealed now in France because the victims are white, instead of distant colonial subjects.

The two Legion deserters who shot and bayoneted the Corsican shepherds had only been in the Legion a month.

But besides the Legion's brutal tradition, its recruitment procedure brings in this kind of material.

The main recruiting office, at Fort St Nicholas, perched above



The Foreign Legion killing Algerians. Now the Legion has been brought 'home' to France; and the Corsicans don't like it.

French premier Raymond Barre has told Corsican deputies that the Foreign Legion's training unit will be transferred to the mainland on October 15. But this will not affect most of the 3,000-strong Legion garrison on the island.

The Legion's training depot, in the centre of Corsica, was the

Marseilles harbour, is open 24 hours a day. Officials admit they do not ask too many questions when someone comes to join.

The Legionnaire who murdered a 71-year-old woman already had a long police record when he left West Germany to sign on for five years with the Legion.

Numbering 40,000 at the end of the Algerian war, the Foreign Legion today has 8,000 men, one-third of them based in Corsica.

target of a bomb attack on Sunday. There have been several attacks, and big demonstrations against the Legion, after the murder of two shepherds, brothers. Two Legion deserters have been charged with the killing.

Forty-six towns in south-eastern France have been approached to ask if they will accept the Legion training unit.

Other Legion units are stationed in southern France, French Guyana, islands in the Indian Ocean and Pacific, and the African territory of Djibouti.

Earlier this year, after two of their men had been shot in Djibouti, a Legion platoon stormed over the border and killed 30 Somalis.

The Legion's officers are French, and many of its NCOs are Germans, including ex-SS men who joined up after World War Two.

There are also Spanish,

Portuguese, Italian and East European recruits.

Although the Legion is supposedly prohibited from taking Frenchmen, an increasing number are recruited.

They join under assumed nationalities, usually as Belgians or Swiss, or citizens of Monaco.

At the funeral the other week of the two murdered Corsican shepherds, large crowds gathered, and a demonstration began, chanting 'The Legion — Out!' and 'Disband the Foreign Legion!' The same call is being made in France.

The French ruling class is unlikely to give up its 'dogs of war'.

Outposts

For one thing, French colonialism still has its outposts to defend in various parts of the world, as well as those so-called 'independent' stooges in ex-French colonies whom it might intervene to protect.

Another point, made by Reuters correspondent Bernard Edinger, is that: 'If ever Paris needs shock troops to carry out duties which for political reasons, the government would not like to entrust to French conscripts, then the chances are the Legion will be ordered into action again'.

Put differently, it means that the Legion could in future be used to inflict the bestialities seen in Algeria against the working class in France.

KENNEDY PUSHED ME OUT SAYS CANADA'S EX-PM

interests on Wall Street, for the international exchange crisis which forced his government to devalue the Canadian dollar just before the 1962 General Election.

'JFK decided I must be KO'd.

He was out to destroy me 100 per cent,' he said.

Diefenbaker, progressive Conservative Party prime minister from 1957 to 1963, saw his party reduced to a minority in the 1962 election and forced from office by the Liberal Party

in another election a year later.

He charged that his Liberal successor, the late Lester Pearson, became 'the ally of the US administration and beneficiary in funds and assistance'.

Under Pearson, the Liberals had a party whose policies were determined and made in Washington and nowhere else, Diefenbaker said.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, OCTOBER

WHO BACKS THE ACCO

The International Committee of the Fourth International rejects with contempt the 'verdict' drawn up by Joseph Hansen and George Novack, leaders of the US Socialist Workers Party, and published in the weekly 'Intercontinental Press' of September 6, 1976.

It is a grotesque and sinister fraud concocted by Hansen and Novack in a last desperate attempt to lie their way out of the massive evidence assembled by the International Committee which proves that they are accomplices of the GPU, the Soviet secret police.

It was Stalin and the GPU who perfected the technique of arriving at verdicts without trials. This technique is now practiced by their students, Hansen and Novack.

They have proclaimed themselves the 'victims' of a 'shameless frame-up'.

What a despicable distortion! For 36 years they have had the opportunity to bring to light all the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Leon Trotsky and his closest comrades and supporters in the Fourth International.

Instead, they have used these years to shield known GPU agents, cover up their crimes and suppress evidence about their criminal activities. They will not answer the specific charges made against them in the International Committee's indictment (January 1, 1976) and they will not accept the establishment of a commission of inquiry to examine the evidence. The only frame-up here is the one being attempted against the International Committee.

'Verdict' and 'jury'

Unable to answer the charges, Hansen and Novack have embarked on another course of action. They have manufactured not only a 'verdict' but a 'jury' as well.

In the 1930's Stalin could always count on an international coterie of petty-bourgeois flunkies who, as strutting 'democratic friends of progress', never hesitated to applaud the shooting of revolutionaries while quoting faithfully from the transcript of the Moscow Trials.

Today, Hansen and Novack recruit from among no less degenerate elements to support their cover-up of the GPU's crimes. Their enemy is always Trotskyism.

After an eight-month world-wide expedition, Hansen and Novack have gathered 168 bodies to affix their signatures to his 'verdict' and, in some case, statements of support. The accomplices describe them as 'strong advocates of free and honest dialogue' and 'veteran battlers'. The signatories fall into five main categories:

1) Those who have been party to the cover-up, who know that the evidence against Hansen and Novack is irrefutable and who know that the charges are proven. This is the group that most of all fears a commission of inquiry to expose the GPU and its accomplices. They are the men who live with lies every day. We include in this group:

Michel Pablo (Raptis), the arch-revisionist renegade, who set out to destroy the Fourth International in the 1950s. He then became an adviser to Ben Bella of Algeria and later Andres Papandreu in Greece. Most recently he hailed Anthony Wedgwood Benn, with whom he privately conferred two days before the Labour government minister voted for spending cuts directed against the working class.

Pablo knew the GPU agent Zborowski and is well acquainted with his murderous role within the Fourth International, but has never written a word about it. Today, Pablo offers to participate in a 'Jury of Honour' to whitewash Hansen, Novack and the GPU.

Ernest Mandel, co-founder of the rump 'United Secretariat' who has worked consistently for more than 20 years to oppose an investigation into the activities of Zborowski and the GPU. He sought to prevent Georges Vereeken, veteran Belgian workers' leader, from presenting evidence of Zborowski's crimes. Mandel's confidence in capitalism is matched only by his singular lack of confidence in the organisation he heads: next year he deserts Brussels to take up a professorial appointment at Cambridge University, one of the most reactionary 'seats of learning' in the world.

Pierre Frank, who was a witness to the crimes of Zborowski but, like Mandel, wants the work of the GPU covered up.

Sam Gordon and Morris Stein, both long-time drop-outs from the SWP and deserters from the class struggle, have come in from the cold to defend Hansen and 36 years of cover-ups. Publicly, they sign for Hansen and Novack. Privately, they know that the charges of the International Committee are all true. They know that James P. Cannon's secretary Sylvia Franklin (Caldwell) — whom Hansen defends as an 'exemplary comrade' — was a GPU agent. Gordon has lied about not knowing Zborowski.



Tim Wohlforth

Albert Glotzer, now an open right winger, split together with Shachtman from the Socialist Workers Party in 1940 and was the target of Trotsky's last great battle. He, too, knows that Hansen is lying about Franklin. But in spite of this, Glotzer has signed the 'verdict'.

In an unguarded moment Glotzer explained why. 'I hate Healy,' he said. The hatred which Glotzer and the other signatories direct against Comrade G. Healy of the Workers Revolutionary Party is not personally motivated. It is the colder and much deeper hatred of the class enemy directed against the struggle for Trotskyism which the International Committee of the Fourth International represents.



Ernest Mandel

2) Those merchants of slander who comprise a veritable International Renegades Incorporated. They would sign anything directed against the International Committee. We include in this group:

Pierre Lambert and Mrs. Hamilton of the French liquidationist OCI group. They did much of Hansen's leg work in Europe to collect signatures for his 'verdict'.

Lambert has no problem teaming up with Pablo in Hansen's defence, although Lambert maintains that Pablo destroyed the Fourth International and that he himself is the first anti-Pabloite.

Lambert goes about 'reconstructing' the Fourth International by preaching the unity of French Stalinism and social democracy.

Tim Wohlforth, who resigned from the Workers League in 1974 shortly after being removed from the position of national secretary by a unanimous vote (his own included) of the Central Committee for having kept secret the CIA family connections of his companion Nancy Fields — who, of course, also has signed the 'verdict'. Wohlforth is now Hansen's most prominent lackey.

Robin Blick and Mark Jenkins, the warped anti-Trotskyists who now call for the restoration of capitalism in East Germany and whose sole political raison d'être is the fomenting of provocations and disruptions within the Workers Revolutionary Party, British section of the International Committee. The venomous group they lead has a membership, including themselves, of 20. Six have signed Hansen's list.

Ms Kate Blakeney, the middle-class hysteric who functioned as Blick's agent provocateur within the WRP, is among them. She worked directly under Blick's supervision to set up an anti-Party outfit which had as its

Robertson as the man most likely to accept bogus documents and was proven correct. He organises anti-Trotskyist demonstrations for Hansen, the most recent being directed against the exposure of the GPU.

John Tully, the lethargic radical who deserted the Australian section of the International Committee on the thoroughly reactionary grounds that he saw no personal profit to be gained in the struggle for socialism; and that Stalinism is a product of Bolshevism. Hansen embraced him at once and approved his candidacy for the Australian senate, a selection rivalled only by the Emperor Caligula's choice of his horse as consul.

3) The friends of the Kremlin and 'progressive mankind', who masquerade as Trotskyists whenever it suits them in order to better crawl on their bellies before the Stalinists.

It is within these sick circles that East meets West, that is, where the agencies of both imperialism and Stalinism are afforded a fertile field for reconnaissance operations against the revolutionary movement. This is the milieu of:

Ken Coates of the Bertrand

sides of the Atlantic. But in return for his signature, Hansen placed him on the official guest list to the recent SWP national conference in Ohio.

Schoenman left the Bertrand Russell 'Peace' Foundation under a cloud and has been there ever since. In a confidential testament written on December 12, 1969, Lord Russell broke with Schoenman denouncing him for 'accumulating funds by dishonest means' and abusing his position for his own 'megalomaniac' ends.

The document was 'leaked' in full to 'Black Dwarf', forerunner of the IMG's 'Red Weekly', on September 5, 1970, by another group of revisionists from the Peace Foundation swamp. They were angry because Schoenman's 'excesses' had cost them the Bertrand Russell meal ticket, not to mention airline tickets all over the world.

One of his more recent exploits was to testify behind closed doors for several hours in front of the Rockefeller Commission set up to whitewash CIA activities. Obviously a man with whom Hansen and Novack feel right at home.

4) This is the largest group of all, encompassing not only Hansen's international entourage of yes-men, opportunists and adventurers, but also middle-class freelancers, renegades and out-and-out anti-communists. There is not to be found among them even the shadow of a serious revolutionary element.

Most of them have not studied the evidence of the International Committee, in a few cases because of language problems but usually because of political indifference. Not one of them has built anything in the working class, content with a life of Philistine squabbles and petty intrigues.

Their ostensible political differences are the subject of interminable 'internal' (to all but the FBI and police agencies of their countries) documents. But these dissolve in front of the line drawn by the International Committee between those who stand for the exposure and smashing of the GPU and the Stalinist bureaucracy upon which it is based, and those who stand with the GPU against Trotskyism and the world socialist revolution.

In gathering their signatures, Hansen and Novack in essence pose the question: 'Everyone against exposing the GPU, hands up!'

In this group belong:

Jack Barnes, George Breitman, Peter Camejo, Farrell Dobbs, Fred Halstead, Frank Lovell, Tom Kerry, Tony Thomas, et al. The entire leadership of the Socialist Workers Party has taken a loyalty oath to Hansen and Novack and have not the slightest interest in Trotskyism or the truth.

They are all case-hardened opportunists who have presided over the massive penetration of



Robin Blackburn (left) with Stalinists Monty Johnstone and Bert Ramelson

aim the break-up of the WRP. The same goes for Jim Peck.

Finally, there are the Archers, John and Mary, who in the embittered twilight of their lives are tickled by the attention paid to them by Hansen. He prints their deathly 'Bulletins' and accepts their signatures as meaning something.

James Robertson, ageing guru of the middle-class haven called 'Spartacist League', has the dubious distinction of being the only individual who publicly demanded that he be allowed to sign the 'verdict'. Politically trained by Shachtman, he was for a time in the SWP but has long since forgiven Hansen for expelling him in 1962. In the 1960s, the FBI fingered

Russell 'Peace' Foundation, who has signed the 'verdict' even though he has publicly admitted that he never read any of the documents and statements on 'Security' and the Fourth International published by the International Committee.

Robin Blackburn, a discredited apologist for Stalinism and self-confessed admirer of the leadership of the British Communist Party. One may include with Blackburn his colleagues Tariq Ali, the much-publicised buffoon, and Pat Jordan of 'Dial-a-Demo' notoriety. All three head a sect which they misnamed the 'International Marxist Group'.

Ralph Schoenman's dubious activities are a legend on both

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IMPLICES OF THE GPU?



Ralph Schoenman (left) and Bertrand Russell

their movement by the FBI. As they live every day with the FBI, whose agents comprise a fair percentage of the SWP's membership, they have no objection to keeping open house for the GPU. Listed as signatories are also Reba Hansen and Evelyn Reed, but this is hardly likely to impress anyone as they are the wives of the accused accomplices.

Luis Vitale of Chile and Nahuel Moreno of Argentina, who epitomise political bankruptcy, having squandered exceptionally favourable opportunities, helped betray the working class in their own countries, left a demoralised and disintegrating rank and file to their fate and are themselves in comfortable exile. Moreno recently proclaimed his 'break' with Hansen. But the question has been posed: 'Hands up!'

Charles Van Gelderen has signed, thus fulfilling a long-standing history of disruption. Towards the end of 1938 he spread a false rumour that one of the leaders of the Trotskyists in Britain, R. Lee, stole money from the South African mineworkers' union before coming to Britain. Van Gelderen succeeded in spreading this slander behind the scenes for several weeks before Lee himself became aware of it. The result was a damaging split.

The same year, 1938, Van Gelderen was in Paris at the time of the founding of the Fourth International where he took a photograph of Jacques



Farrell Dobbs

Mornard, Trotsky's murderer, together with his girlfriend, Sylvia Ageloff. When Trotsky was assassinated two years later in Mexico, Van Gelderen sold this photograph to the 'Daily Express' for £50.

Despite a lifetime of hanging around various groups in Britain, he has contributed nothing politically or organisationally to the building of the movement. He has been activated by the accomplices of the GPU to lie and slander on their behalf.

James and John Percy, Hansen's political imitators in Australia, are finding this a costly business. Their 'Socialist Workers Party' has been penetrated by at least two police agents from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), the 'Down Under' equivalent of the FBI.

One of them, Max Wechsler, national minutes secretary, got away with heaps of documents from the Melbourne office, while the other, Lisa Walters, was hailed by the Percys as a heroine when she 'defected' from ASIO.

The 1,600 FBI agents who passed through Hansen's SWP in 20 years make no impression on his Australian acolytes. They are puppets on a string who faithfully repeat all that Hansen and Novack say — the International Committee is 'paranoid' about security and Sylvia Franklin, the GPU agent, is and remains an 'exemplary comrade'.

Something is rotten in the state of Denmark and it seems to be Gunnar Jensen of the Revolutionaere Socialisters Forbund and Vagn Rasmussen of the Revolutionary Marxist Group in the Left Socialist Party (!). As far as we can ascertain, neither Dane can speak or read a word of English. Asked why they signed, a colleague replied: 'Because New York told them to.'

Peng Shu-tse, one of the longest running political frauds in history who, at the age of 86, is still referred to as the 'Chinese section' of the United Secretariat. All votes cast by the Pabloite Chinese section are always unanimous since Peng and his wife are its only members — an impressive total considering that there are only 800 million Chinese living on the planet.



Alain Krivine

Alain Krivine of the Ligue Communiste Revolutionnaire, whose impending liquidation of his own section into the centrist PSU is being held up as a model of Pablo's 'tactic'. This theatrical revisionist is reunited with Lambert on Hansen's list even though he boycotted the SWP convention because Hansen extended an invitation to the OCI. Krivine's LCR recently denounced the OCI as 'whirling dervishes' of the French left.

Bala Tampoe, trade union secretary and also leader of the Sri Lanka 'Revolutionary Marxist Party', is a man certainly qualified to provide character references for Hansen and Novack. He was the subject of a control commission report by his own collaborators who established that Tampoe accepted money from the CIA-funded Asia Foundation, paid a call on US warlord Robert McNamara, who was then napalming Vietnam, had dinner with then Chancellor and one time Nazi Kurt Kiesinger, and parted with the British High Commissioner in Sri Lanka and the CIA-connected right-wing union functionary Thondeman during the 1967 plantation workers' strike.



Edmund Samarakkody

Edmund Samarakkody of the Sri Lanka 'Revolutionary Workers Party' was on the control commission that investigated Tampoe, whom he now joins on Hansen's list along with Robertson who publicised the secret report. Samarakkody is a real force in Sri Lanka, turning up in the last May Day

demonstration with a mighty band of 35 supporters.

Bob Pennington has impeccable credentials to qualify as a signatory. Utterly devoid of political principles, his pathological hatred of the Workers Revolutionary Party won him the secretaryship of the 'International Marxist Group'.

Brian Grogan and Alan Jones are two IMG members who Hansen could not possibly overlook. The former helped set up the Red Lion Square catastrophe and then suppressed the name of the secret IMG witness whose testimony enabled Mr Justice Scarman to hold that the IMG, not the police, were responsible for the death of Warwick University student, Kevin Gately.

Jones helped Pennington produce a rigged control commission in the Gerry Lawless affair. In August 1973, Lawless gave the capitalist Press a fraudulent IRA communiqué connecting the Republican movement with a spate of bombings. The Tory 'Daily Mail' devoted a two-page spread to Lawless as 'The Man Who Tipped Off Scotland Yard'.

Giannis Felikis of the Organisation of Communists Internationalists is a Greek associate of Hansen. In his native country he is generally regarded as an incorrigible petty-bourgeois protestor. He has also been described as the 'clown of Athens'.

Hugo Blanco is the Peruvian adventurer who has left his calling card with Hansen and Novack. It is simply a case of Blanco and Hansen continuing their game of 'You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours'. This has gone on for many years. In return for receiving limitless free publicity in 'Intercontinental Press', Blanco permits himself to be referred to as Hansen's 'Peruvian' section.



Hugo Blanco

A number of other imposing figures in the world labour movement have rallied to Hansen and Novack. Like Hermann Dworzak in Austria, Fausto Amador in Costa Rica, Mar Gudmundsson in Iceland, Robert Mertzig in Luxembourg, Charles-Andre Udry in Switzerland and, not to be



Bob Pennington

forgotten, Andres, Antonio, Carlos, Daniel, Eva, Juan, Orieta and Ulises in Venezuela. When they speak one is obliged to take notice. These are the boys and girls who open up sections of the United Secretariat in their countries like franchises of a fast-food chain.

Nor can we fail to mention Dermot Whelan of Ireland and Louis Sinclair of Britain, who represent nobody and nothing but themselves.

Michael Kidron is the 'International Socialism' group's signatory. He signs for all of them — Cliff, Harman, Foot — because they are too cowardly to do so. Kidron is an eloquent representative — an academic dilettante who is completely opposed to Leninism and Trotskyism, a snob and playboy who fits perfectly into the milieu somewhere between 'Private Eye' and its proletarian wing, 'Socialist Worker'.

Then there are those Hansen refers to as 'veteran battlers'. Like:

Ted Tripp of Australia, who graduated from the Marx-Engels Institute in Moscow in the 1930s during the Moscow Trials, and had an accidental sojourn in the Trotskyist movement for a brief period upon returning to his country.

He left the movement during the war when he became an open exponent of state capitalism. For many years he has been director of the Victorian Labour College in Melbourne which is partly financed by the right-wing Catholic Democratic Labour Party (DLP). This institute turns out bumper crops of stinking reformists and Stalinist bureaucrats. Tripp still holds membership of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (ASE), a scab association which works openly against the mass metal workers' union.

C.L.R. James, the crude Black Power 'theorist', once described Trotsky as a 'very defective politician'. In 1942, the International Correspondence Secretary of the Fourth International, Jean Van Heijenoort, denounced him for 'conscious falsification' and 'a large dose of hypocrisy'. In

August 1975 the International Committee contacted James by telephone to learn whether he knew anything about Zborowski's penetration of the Fourth International when James was still a member. He answered that he could not remember anyone called 'Etienne' or Zborowski, and then added: 'All that is a long time ago. I have nothing to do with the Trotskyists.'

James has proved that by making a special declaration for the accomplices of the GPU: 'The idea that they have at any time been in contact with or in any way associated with the GPU is utterly false and a dangerous political fabrication.' This affidavit on behalf of Hansen and Novack bears no date, but it has already been contradicted by Hansen himself who now admits that he did have contacts with a top-level GPU agent in New York. As for Novack, he admitted last December that he helped bring Zborowski into the United States in 1941.

Raya Dunayevskaya is an old crony of C.L.R. James with whom she formed a faction in 1950 inside the SWP to oppose the defence of North Korea. Both were soon out of the SWP. She then began to cash in on the fact that she once did some typing in Coyoacan, promoting herself vigorously as Trotsky's 'secretary' while preaching her own eccentric brand of state capitalism. She now serves in her dotage as a sort of den mother for politically disturbed radicals who have adjustment problems.

Arne Swaback, who was expelled from the SWP in 1967, has also found his way back to Hansen, via the thoughts of Chairman Mao. When questioned by the International Committee more than a year ago, Swaback conceded that he knew nothing about Hansen's contact with the GPU. He also said that the exposure of GPU-Stalinist crimes against the Trotskyist movement had nothing to do with politics. Swaback's politics, that is.

Charles Curtiss, who has given an effusive statement on defence of Hansen and Novack to 'Intercontinental Press', served for one year in Coyoacan during the crucial period when the assassination of Trotsky was being carefully prepared.

He met Hansen back in Salt Lake City, recalling that 'Joe and Reba' often invited him to dinner and would put him up for the night. Curtiss says that they 'were and are dedicated and incorruptible socialists'. He's a fine judge of these things, having deserted the Socialist Workers Party at the start of the witch hunt in 1951 to find a niche in the Socialist Party of Norman Thomas.

Murray Weiss and Myra Tanner Weiss, two more drop-outs from the SWP, have now emerged from a long political slumber to give lectures on the virtues of Portuguese Stalinism for the so-called 'Marxist Educational Collective'.

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Harry Turner, Earl Owens, Milton Zaslow, Hugh Fredericks, Charles Andrews and Bruce Landau, all giants of American labour who could fit the total membership of all their talk shops combined into one spacious closet.

Turner is a fair representative of them all: ex-Stalinist, ex-SWP member, ex-Spartacist League member, ex-Class Struggle League member. Turner is now doing a tour of duty in the so-called Trotskyist Organising Committee while he prepares his next deft manoeuvre.

Finally, we come to V. Raymond Dunne who belongs to no organisation, but is included for the purpose of confusing people with a familiar name. The real Vincent R. Dunne, who led the 1934 Minneapolis General Strike, died in 1970 at the age of 81. This counterfeiter is perhaps a family relation, but Trotskyism is not transmitted through the genes.

Hansen and Novack claim that the signatures are those of people 'holding similar views on this question whatever their special political points of view may be'. They add: 'All of them are familiar with the Trotskyist movement; many are acquainted personally with Joseph Hansen and George Novack, and know the record of the Socialist Workers Party, although they may disagree with its position on a number of issues.'

With these being the only necessary conditions to gain a place on the list, we do not understand the omission of one person who satisfies these qualifications: Sylvia Franklin. She certainly is 'familiar' with the Trotskyist movement, having spent years spying on it. Working as the personal secretary to James P. Cannon, she stole more internal documents than most members read in a lifetime. Since she remains, in the words of Hansen, an 'exemplary' comrade, he should only be too eager to have her signature.

5) This last group — which consists of associates, sympathisers and the grandson of Trotsky — must decide whether they will stand for the exposure of Trotsky's murderers or with those who cover up for them.

Those few individuals who belong to this group have signed the 'verdict' for reasons best known to themselves. They could have first consulted the International Committee and studied its evidence but they did not. They are being used or — and we will not exclude this possibility — are deliberately offering to be used by Hansen and Novack. We are referring to:

Marguerite Bonnet and Tamara Deutscher, the first being the executor of Trotsky's literary estate in Europe and the second being the widow of the noted biographer. Neither have any special qualifications to pronounce on the assassination of Trotsky. Mrs Deutscher, were she to examine the evidence published by the International Committee, would learn that Hansen's lies are disproven by the research of her late husband from whose book, 'The Prophet Outcast', we have quoted. By vouching for Hansen, Mesdames Bonnet and Deutscher are implicitly vouching for his 'exemplary' comrade, Sylvia Franklin — the GPU spy.

We advise the two ladies that they should be more cautious about whom they invite into their literary salons.

We offer the same suggestion to Mr Daniel Guerin, a learned historian who has long departed from the field of battle. And to Mr Vsevolod Volkov, the grandson of Trotsky who has never claimed any special political acumen or interests, we say quite directly: 'You have been used by Hansen and Novack and it is about time that you studied the documents for yourself.'

Jean Van Heijenoort, on whom we wish to place special emphasis, was Trotsky's secretary for seven years between 1932 and 1939. He has not signed the 'verdict' but granted an interview in Hansen's behalf to SWP representative George Weissman which was published along with the 'verdict'. What Van Heijenoort told Weissman in the interview dated June 15, 1976 is directly contradicted by what he told the International Committee ten months earlier in the course of a two hour interview which he gave at Brandeis University on September 10, 1975.

Heijenoort contradicts Hansen

The tape of this interview is in the possession of the International Committee and it will be presented as evidence to a commission of inquiry.

Van Heijenoort now tells Weissman that the investigation of the International Committee 'is a hue and cry about nothing'.

But he told the International Committee last year:

'A whole book can be written on the GPU agents who were in the Trotskyite ranks at the top, without talking about local agents like Cannon's secretary in the SWP, but talking just about the people at the top we could fill a whole book. Who they were, where they come from, how they got in, what were their methods once they were in and so forth. So I cannot talk in more detail because the subject is so wide.'

Van Heijenoort has not only contradicted himself. He also has contradicted Hansen whom he now appears to defend.

Hansen says that investigating the activities of Zborowski and the GPU is a 'dry well'. Van Heijenoort told the International Committee that the subject could fill a book. Hansen says that Cannon's secretary was an 'exemplary' comrade. Van Heijenoort mentions in passing that she was an agent. Here we have Pontius contradicting Pilate.

Professorial aloofness

Van Heijenoort cannot hope to sit on the fence and play both sides against the middle, maintaining an air of professorial aloofness. He served for seven years as Trotsky's secretary and his taped interview with the International Committee constitutes essential evidence. What was said was said. His testimony proves Hansen a liar. By giving a statement in support of Hansen he only entraps

himself in contradictions and calls into question his own integrity.

He now bears the crucial responsibility of testifying as to the truth before a commission of inquiry and presenting for publication all the documents in his possession to the Trotskyist movement where they belong.

There is one thing of which all can be assured: the International Committee cannot be deterred from its investigation by the 'reputation' and 'prestige' of anyone. Comrade Trotsky, the Fourth International which he founded, and the historical questions raised in his death, tower above the petty affairs of this or that individual.

The inner political thread which binds all the political reprobates who have signed the 'verdict' is their hatred of Trotskyism and their mortal fear of the world revolution. They have the impudence to write that they oppose the International Committee's investigation because: 'We are concerned about the practice of such disruptive methods in the workers' movement.' Their capacity for self-righteousness is matched only by hypocrisy.

There is no evidence whatever that any one of them ever showed the slightest concern about the disruption of the workers' movement by the GPU and Stalinist apparatus. They apparently do not consider the murders of Leon Sedov, Ignace Reiss, Erwin Wolf, Rudolf Klement and Leon Trotsky 'disruptive'. They do not consider the spying of Sylvia Franklin who was feeding information to Trotsky's killers 'disruptive'.

What they do find 'disruptive' to their cherished middle class existence and their thoroughly corrupt opportunist politics is the struggle of the International Committee to expose the crimes of Stalinism against the Fourth International, an historical task inseparable from the construction of mass revolutionary parties to lead the working class to power and the overthrow of capitalism.

Accomplices of the 'Big Lie'

For these signatories who have willingly made themselves the accomplices of the 'Big Lie', nothing can be more 'disruptive' than Trotskyism and the truth.

The International Committee of the Fourth International gives its answer: the investigation will continue! The campaign for the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry will go forward as never before!

In the coming months the sections of the International Committee will impress upon thousands of workers, youth, students and intellectuals the real facts of the assassination of Trotsky and the historic significance of our investigation.

Hansen and Novack cannot intimidate the International Committee with their shameless 'verdict' and their packed 'jury'. The International Committee cannot be frightened by the GPU nor diverted by revisionist pygmies. If they continue to refuse a commission of inquiry, this will not halt our investigation for a moment.

We will pursue Hansen and Novack relentlessly until all the charges made by the International Committee's indictment have been fully answered.



3,000 workers and youth at the London meeting, on August 15 this year to commemorate the 36th

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anniversary of Trotsky's death. The packed audience voted to support an international commission of inquiry into all the aspects of the GPU murder of Trotsky in Mexico on August 20, 1940

'Jimmy Reid: Reflections of a Clyde-built Man'

by James Reid.

A Condor Book, Souvenir Press (E&A) Ltd
£3.50 166 pages.

MOST PEOPLE remember Jimmy Reid, Christian, nationalist, ex-Communist Party member and (he hopes) future full-time union official, as the leader of the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders work-in of 1971-72.

His book, published today, is not really an autobiography. It is a jumble of occasional speeches with a few memories thrown in. UCS is skimmed over and those looking for a real analysis of his break with the Communist Party will be disappointed.

Reid is not a modest man. He claims to have been academically outstanding, to have rejected a career as a stockbroker to stay with his class, and to have been a brilliant international youth leader who preferred to remain in Britain because he was indispensable here.

He explains that when he was arrested on an apprentices' march, the police did not treat him like any 17-year-old, but 'like Legs Diamond'.

Precocious

His development in politics, literature, philosophy and economics was, in his word, 'precocious'. Accordingly, he does not hesitate to correct Marx on religion and Lenin on internationalism.

Marx's insistence that 'religion is the opium of the people' has to be modified 'in the light of new experience'.

In one astonishing passage Reid recounts how an old lady told him he was 'divinely inspired'.

Reid quietly replied that he was inspired, not by God, but by 'my love of humanity'. This, he added, amounted to the same thing.

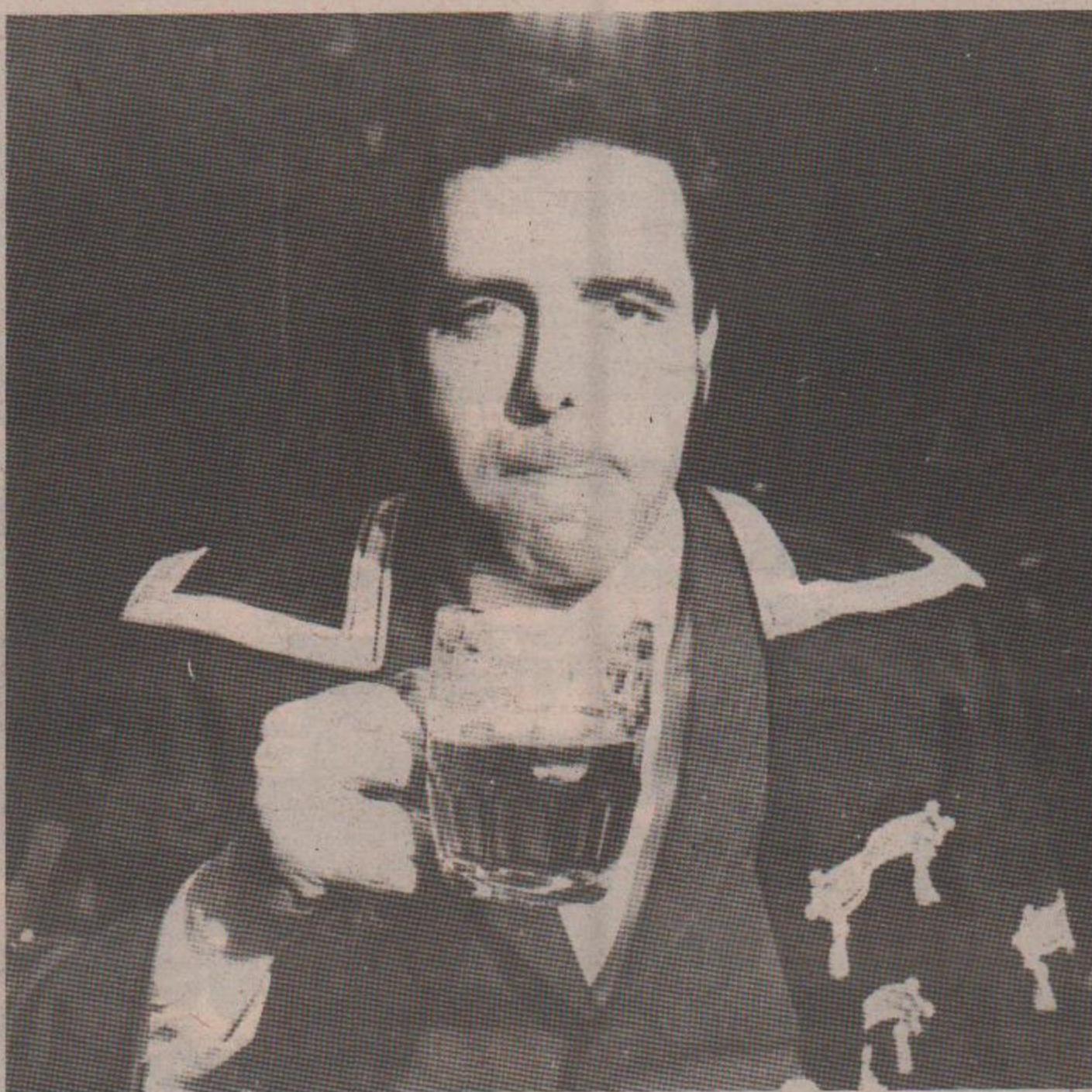
His main argument for the validity of Christianity is that it played a 'liberating role in history' in such struggles as the English peasant revolt of 1381 (hardly, one would have thought, a 'new experience').

Of course, in past historical epochs the struggle against certain forms of class oppression were reflected in conflicts between one religious idea and another.

Now, not only Reid, but Stalinist 'theoreticians' of greater note — such as James Klugman and Maurice Cornforth — rip this out of its historical content to deny that under modern capitalism religion enters into social relations as an instrument of the ruling class.

Lenin's internationalism is despatched in the same philistine and cretinously superficial manner by Reid. 'Inter' means 'between', he explains.

Therefore, 'internationalism' means 'between nationalisms'. Therefore, it is impossible to be



JAMES REID—FROM STALIN TO JESUS

REVIEW BY JACK GALE

an internationalist without also — and first — being a nationalist.

The reactionary nationalism fostered in imperialist nations is thus equated with the nationalism of peoples struggling against imperialism, and used to justify Reid's line-up with the most right-wing elements of Scottish Toryism.

But Reid achieved his notoriety on the Upper Clyde Shipyards. He explains, without the slightest embarrassment, that he gave up his full-time job as Scottish Communist Party secretary because the CP was declining everywhere and couldn't pay him a big enough wage.

Nevertheless, Reid and other Stalinists like James Airlie and Sammy Barr became leaders of one of the most famous industrial disputes since the war when the Upper Clyde workers resisted the attempts of the Tories to impose closures and mass redundancies.

This struggle receives extremely light treatment in Reid's book. He gives it one sentence in his 'autobiographical sketch' at the beginning, and the seven-page chapter 'The UCS Crisis' is written, not by Reid at all, but

by Ruth Wishart. Then there are three speeches given by Reid during the campaign itself.

Nowhere does Reid make an assessment of the fight at UCS. The fact is, as News Line's predecessor 'Workers Press' made clear, the Stalinists betrayed the fight for jobs at UCS.

(For a full analysis see 'The Story of UCS' by Stephen Johns available from New Park Publications. 30p.)

Pledges

In one of the speeches presented in this book, Reid proclaimed that the fight was 'for the four yards and for the total labour force within these yards'.

Redundancies, he said, were 'not negotiable'.

When the UCS fight began, there were 8,500 workers. When it ended there were fewer than 6,000. Separate agreements were signed at the Clydebank shipyard taken over by Marathon, and it included virtual no-strike pledges and no

guarantees about jobs.

Despite enormous support from the working class throughout Britain and abroad, Reid insisted that there should be no campaign to force the Tory government to resign.

He told one mass meeting: 'We are not in business to bring down the government. We are not allowing politics to enter here.'

On June 28, 1971, one hundred thousand workers went on strike and 50,000 marched through Glasgow. On August 18 a quarter of the entire Scottish labour force went on strike and 80,000 marched through Glasgow.

Who did Reid bring to speak to these workers?

Not only the right-wing TUC general secretary Vic Feather and boilermakers' leader Danny McGarvey (both of whom were striving might and main to bring the struggle to an end), not only Anthony Wedgwood Benn, who, as Minister responsible, had refused to nationalise the shipyards during the Labour government of 1964-1970, but also William Wolfe, factory

owner and a leader of the Scottish National Party, plus a gaggle of assorted clerics.

The Stalinists organised a work-in which workers not only produced ships for the liquidator, but handed them over as well.

Isolated

Instead of occupying the yards and calling on other workers to join them, the Stalinists organised work for the Tory government and kept the UCS men basically isolated from other workers who were asked only for money, resolutions and participation in occasional demonstrations.

In these circumstances men drifted from the yards, resistance weakened, splits developed, and the Stalinists were able to move towards a deal.

No wonder 'The Times' congratulated Reid on the 'minimum of disruption' which he had secured!

Reid has now left the Communist Party — on right-wing grounds. In a final chapter, 'Reflections, 1976-77', Reid deals with his resignation. One reason he gives for it was

the refusal of the Communist Party leadership to accept the 'democratic will of the people' as expressed in the Common Market referendum. This 'horrified' him, he writes.

His final decision to quit the party was triggered off, he says, by 'an industrial matter'. He gives no details. And it doesn't matter. Reid is a right-wing, Christian nationalist who rejects Marxism root and branch.

But Reid's position was known to the leadership even while they were building him up as a 'great leader'. He states in his book that he had refused to attend a congress of the Communist Party in Scotland since 1970.

He writes: 'This was not a coincidence but a deliberate act of dissociation and known as such'.

The leaders of the Communist Party kept quiet about all this — even when Reid reneged on them they wrote pleadingly that his objections were all met in the party's programme and practice.

They were — and are. Reid was brought to political maturity within the Stalinist organisation. They bear responsibility for his development, no matter how far to the right he finishes up.

Defection

James Reid, after all, was not just a figure who achieved accidental prominence. He was the full-time national secretary of the Scottish Communist Party.

He was hailed as the greatest industrial leader in British working-class history. He was top of the poll for the National Executive Committee of the Party. He was a parliamentary candidate. Not to mention Rector of Glasgow University!

His defection cannot be shrugged off as a 'regrettable personal error of judgement, which is how the Communist Party leadership presents it.

Nor is it enough for militant Scottish workers merely to reject Reid, either now or later.

It may be that his resignation from the Communist Party, in February this year, helped him gain votes in the contest for Scottish Regional Officer of the AUEW, the result of which is now awaited.

He may entertain ambitions of becoming union President when Hugh Scanlon resigns in two years' time.

But his personal fate is secondary. What workers need to recognise is the root of Reid's backwardness and just how it is necessary for the Communist Party to keep such men backward and to elevate them as 'leaders'.

Reid claims to stand within a Scottish 'radical' tradition. There is such a tradition.

But its hallmark — despite the militancy which it frequently embraced — is a refusal to fight for dialectical materialism.

This was always seen as some sort of 'extra' which an individual might choose or not, as he wished.

The aim of Stalinism is to destroy revolutionary Marxism — both by murdering its leaders, inside and outside the Soviet Union, and by liquidating its theoretical base, dialectical materialism.

Thus Stalinism not only could not break Reid, or any other Scottish radical, from theoretical backwardness, it had a historical mission to foster such backwardness in an effort to keep the entire working class away from the traditions and methods of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

That is the political basis of Reid's personal interpretation of 'The British Road to Socialism'.

'IT'LL BE WAR' SAYS ANGRY DUNN

BY OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Dunn promises that his fight with Joe Bugner next week will be 'nothing less than war' — with only one possible outcome.

Dunn is winding up his preparations for the clash with a week's hard work at Leicester where he has been staying with manager George Biddles.

Predicted

Dunn pounded out another eight rounds slick sparring yesterday and then predicted that next Tuesday's fight with Bugner will be one British title fight the fans will not forget.

'You have to admit there have

been some rather tame, negative title fights over the years, but this one is going to be a bit special' said Dunn.

'It is not so much that Bugner has been shouting off his mouth and needs to be put in his place. It is simply because I am the British, European and Commonwealth champion.

'I am proud of it and, as the champion, nothing but the best possible performance will satisfy me.

'It will be nothing less than a war. There will be no dancing, and pussyfooting. I shall be going forward intent on a crushing win.'

Jim Devanney, his father-in-law and trainer, has been delighted with his progress.

The only problem is that the camp started the week with five sparring partners and now the number is down to two fully fit men, because the others have suffered too much from the champion's punishment.

Held back

'I think it might have been even worse if Richard had not held back with his punches,' said Devanney. 'He is in

tremendous shape there is no question in my mind about the outcome of the fight.

'Richard is a better boxer than Bugner and he can punch harder than Jack Bodell, who beat Bugner for the title back in 1971.

Dunn, a southpaw, is being helped all this week by Tim Wood, the British light heavyweight champion, from Leicester, and the four rounds they went through yesterday were full of action.

• Belfast's Paddy Maguire, the British bantamweight champion, will meet Franco Zurlo of Italy in a final eliminating contest for the European title.



Richard Dunn promises 'nothing short of a war' in his fight with Joe Bugner next week.

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2.00 AINSTY SELLING STAKES £2,000 (2-Y-0) 6f (19 runners)

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13	10	00	RIGHT SHARP	Jh Mulhall 8.8	Jh Reid 31
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19	11	00	THORGANBY LAD	M W Easterby 8.8	W Carson
20	15	004000	FIREBOAT	Hbt Jones 8.5	E Hide
21	2	00	FLEETWAY	Jh Mulhall 8.5	S Salmon
22	11	000	LAVANTER	J W Watts 8.5	Jh Lowe
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30	15	304304	SWEET WALK	T Fairhurst 8.5	Ch Eccleston

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Santana, 7-2 Melgrove Way, 9-2 Rush Bond, 6-1 Sweet Walk, 8-1 Jason, 10-1 Lavanter, 12-1 Penny's Pet, and Boston Flyer, 20-1 others.

2.30 BRAMHAM MOOR MAIDEN STAKES £2,000 (2-Y-0) 5f (13 runners)

1	16	4002	CRIMSON SILK	R Mason 9.0	P Eddery
3	13	34	DON WILSEY	9.0	E Hide
5	12	00	GOLDEN LANE	J Eberington 9.0	J Seagrave
6	4	0000	GROOVYMAN	Jh Vickers 9.0	A Cousins
8	10	0	JON GEORGE	M W Easterby 9.0	
9	9	0	KARIS	T Fairhurst 9.0	Ch Eccleston
11	0	000	LUCKY LARK	M W Easterby 9.0	
12	2	00000-0	MISTER QUILP	T Molony 9.0	M L Thomas
13	6	00030	MY OLD MAN	M W Easterby 9.0	Wh Carson
14	7	00003	NICK VALLEE	E Cousins 9.0	E Eldin
17	13	0	STAR PRINCE	M Jarvis 9.0	B Raymond
18	5	3020	STONEWALL JACK (USA)	Thomson Jones 9.0	G Starkey
21	11	0	MARK S GEM	Jh Mulhall 8.11	M Birch

PROBABLE SP: 3-2 Stonewall Jack, 7-2 Don, 4-1 Star Prince, 6-1 Crimson Silk, 8-1 Nick Vallee, 10-1 Jon George, 12-1 Golden Lane, 20-1 others.

3.00 CHESTERFIELD HANDICAP £3,000 5f (10 runners)

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5	13	3400-02	ANTON LAD (C-D)	J Mulhall 4.6.9	S Salmon
6	4	421200	GERSHWIN (D)	Jh W Watts 3.8.7	Jh Lowe
7	13	002031	DERRINGO (D)	C Brittain 3.8.7 sex1	W Carson
8	16	211042	HOT BIRD (D)	M W Easterby 3.8.5	E Hide
9	2	030211	PANGLIMA (D)	A Goodwill 3.7.13	S Webster 31
10	10	020-200	SISTER SAINT	N Adam 3.7.13	T McKee 31
11	19	022443	CLEAR MELODY (C-D)	S Nesbitt 3.7.13	Ch Eccleston
12	7	113340	EPSOM IMP (D)	M Tate 3.7.11	M L Thomas

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Shackle, 7-2 Derringo, 9-2 Panglima, 11-2 Future Forest, 7-1 Hot Bird, 10-1 Anton Lad, 14-1 Epson Imp, 16-1 Clear Melody, 20-1 others.

3.30 MIDDLEHAM NURSERY HANDICAP £2,000 (2-Y-0) 1m (9 runners)

1	2	00310	MINED ILLUSION (D)	B Hanbury 9.5 (7 ex)	R Muddle 51
2	10	0230	CUPIDS DEW (BF)	B Hills 9.0	L Piggott
3	19	033003	SEAMARK	A Goodwill 8.12	C Moss
4	11	120110	BOW-WOW (D) (BF)	R Hollishead 8.11 (7 ex)	KH Lewis 13
5	16	300103	DOWNHOLME	Jh W Watts 8.3	
6	4	021100	EMINENCE	M H Easterby 8.1	M Birch
7	13	03100	WANLI	T Molony 7.12	M L Thomas
8	15	1400	CAMBRIDGE GOLD	K Payne 7.9	S Eccles 15
9	17	04000	HABBERSUPREME	F Carr 7.3	L C Parkes

PROBABLE SP: 13-4 Cupids Dew, 5-2 Bow-wow, 4-1 Downholme, 6-1 Eminence, 8-1 Mined Illusion, 12-1 Cambridge Gold, 16-1 others.

4.00 ROCKINGHAM CESAREWITCH TRIAL H'CAP £1,700 2m (11 runners)

1	5	2120-41	FLASH IMP (D)	M Tate 7.10.0	D Moss 71
2	2	3-10332	MISTRESS CLARE (D)	T Balding 4.9.4	Jh Matthias
3	11	2142-03	LIGHT LAGER	G P Gordon 4.8.11	E Eldin
4	13	040003	FRENCH PRINCESS (D)	M Ryan 4.8.11	D Dingley 31
7	4	00-013	BURCOM BUOY	M Camacho 3.7.7	K Johnson

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Light Lager, 11-4 Flash Imp, 4-1 Mistress Clare, 11-2 Burcom Buoy, 8-1 French Princess.

4.30 MIDDLETHORPE STAKES £2,500 (3-Y-0) 1m 6f (4 runners)

2	2	0-111	BRIGHT FINISH (USA) (C)	Mh Stoute 9.3	L Piggott
5	16	324.00	EMPEROR OF GHANA	S Nesbitt 8.7	T Ives
6	13	0-00023	PENCHARD	A Goodwill 8.7	P Gunn
7	11	0	PREVENTOR	W Elsey 8.7	E Hide

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 on Bright Finish, 6-1 Preventor, 8-1 Penchar, 12-1 Emperor of Ghana.

LIGHT LAGER TO PLEASE AT YORK

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

THERE won't be much evidence coming out of today's Rockingham Cesarewitch Trial (4.00) at YORK, as only one of the runners is entered for the big race later this month.

Even so, Light Lager, ridden by Eric Eldin, can take advantage of the weather conditions and the race to enhance her big race claims by notching her first win of the season.

Gavin Pritchard-Gordon has trained the lightly-built Creppelle filly with the Cesarewitch in mind. Last year she had an indifferent start to the season, but began to pick up a bit of form towards the end.

She won a maiden over a mile and a half at the Cesarewitch course at Newmarket, and went on to come a good fourth to Shebeen in the Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot.

On her reappearance in April, she again showed indifferent early season form by coming last of six to Echo Summit, at Newmarket, and did not race again until last Thursday when she made significant late headway to finish third to Unsuspected, at the same track.

That performance was enough to see her big race odds shrink from 50-1 to 16-1, and they are likely to come in still further after today's race.

Flash Imp, who won the Cesarewitch in 1973, could prove a threat even with ten stones,



Eric Eldin... rides Light Lager in York's 4.00p.m. race today for Newmarket trainer Gavin Pritchard-Gordon



Noel Murless has confirmed that J.O. Tobin, Britain's top two-year-old, seen here with Lester Piggott up, will challenge Brushing Groom for recognition as Europe's champion juvenile in the one-mile Grand Criterium at Longchamps on Sunday

but Light Lager loves the soft ground and should take full advantage of it today.

Jock Whitney and Michael Stoute, who captured the first leg of the autumn double with Intermission on Saturday, can round off a great week with Bright Finish in the £2,500 Middlethorpe Stakes (4.30).

The Nijinsky colt is unbeaten this season and has picked up races at York, Kempton and Newmarket.

He has yet to face soft ground and so far has never run beyond a mile and a half, but he is

improving all the time and should keep his record intact.

One who definitely won't mind the going is Shackle, who should win the Chesterfield Handicap (3.00). Last time out, at Ayr, Mick Jarvis's four-year-old gave Clintwood six pounds and a thrashing, so the form looks good enough.

Mined Illusion, a clever winner at Leicester last month before being outclassed by Night Before at Goodwood, should give 7lb successfully to Bow-Wow in the Middleham Nursery (3.30).

LINGFIELD MEETING OFF

TODAY'S Lingfield meeting has been abandoned because of waterlogging.

Clerk of the course John Hughes said just four hours after cancelling yesterday's meeting there: 'The rain has continued and the course is now

absolutely saturated.

'Quite frankly if we suddenly got bright sunshine there would be no chance of it drying out in time.'

Ascot's two-day fixture tomorrow and Saturday is in doubt. Clerk of the course Nicky

Beaumont said: 'We have had heavy rain overnight and that tops us up to nearly seven inches in the past month.

'If the rain continues we shall have a stewards' inspection at 10.30 this morning. At the moment the going is heavy.'

SPORTSLINE

WORLD CUP GLINT IN IRISH EYES

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

IF form is anything to go by, the Republic of Ireland would have already qualified for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

Of all the home teams their performances over the last couple of years must rate as the best.

This fine side, moulded together by Johnny Giles, amazed a lot of people last month by coming to Wembley and drawing with England.

A view generally held by thousands of fans pouring out of Wembley was that England were lucky to draw.

Next week's friendly in Turkey is a return of a game the Turks want to forget. The Republic beat them 4-0 in Dublin last year — all four goals falling to the Queens Park Rangers striker Don Givens.

The game will be more a test of character than skill. In Turkey the fans demand success and will be looking for revenge for the Dublin drubbing.

Meanwhile, Ireland's opponents, Bulgaria and France, meet in a qualifying game this weekend in Sofia. Bulgaria, an unknown quantity in the last couple of years, are still hard to beat in front of their own crowd.

Draw

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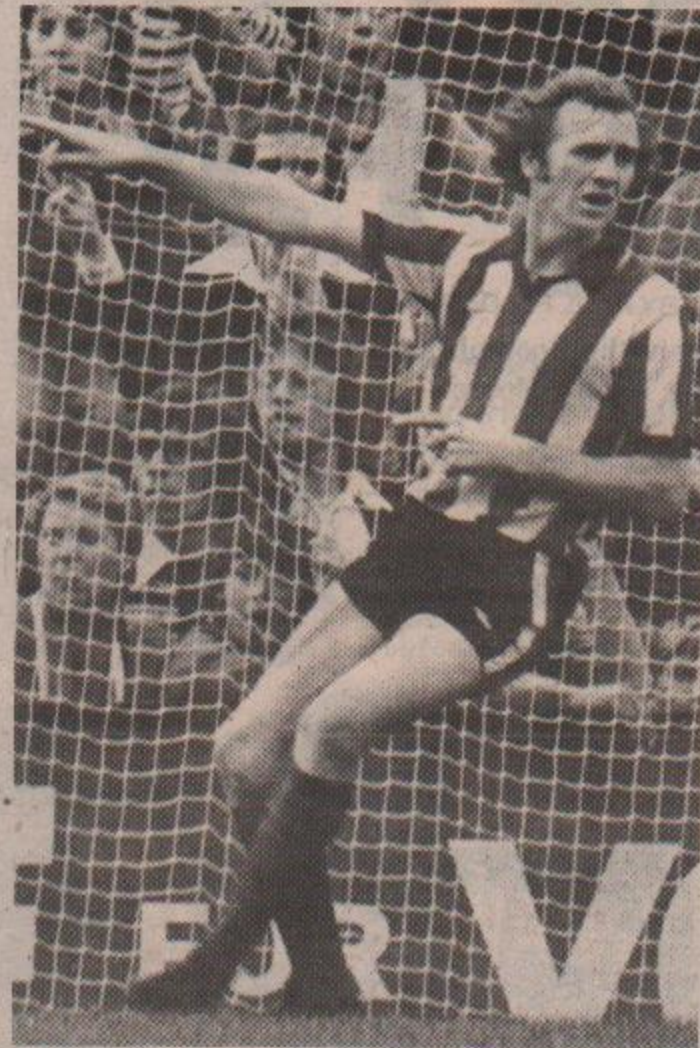
On the other hand, football in France is having a new lease of life, culminating in St Etienne reaching last year's European Cup final against Bayern Munich. A draw seems a likely result here.

The main question to be answered by the Irish in Turkey is how will they manage without Johnny Giles. Giles has finally retired from international football, leaving aside the match at Wembley.

Midfield doesn't seem to be a worry, with the form of Arsenal's Liam Brady and Gerry Daly of Manchester United. The other place may go to Giles' club-mate Mick Martin.

Martin has been in sparkling form for WBA. He plays regularly in midfield for them and loves to come forward and scored twice in Saturday's win against Spurs.

Up front Ireland have fine



Terry Conroy, the Stoke striker, is a key man in Ireland's World Cup build-up. He is only one of several talented forwards

strikers like Steve Heighway. And a place may soon have to be found for Mick Walsh of Blackpool, one of the League's leading goalscorers this season.

Terry Conroy, the injury-prone striker, has been

one of the only bright lights in a bad start for Stoke this season. His undoubted skill and courage could be a big asset.

Best

Ireland's first qualifying game is against France on November 17 in Paris. It is the second time the two countries have met in the World Cup. In 1974, Ireland beat them in Dublin and drew in Paris.

Giles says the Republic's team is the best-ever and they have a great chance of qualifying. It would be ironic if they left England, Scotland and Wales behind.

FIFA DENIES WORLD CUP SWITCH

FIFA has denied that the World Cup will be switched from the Argentine to Brazil by the end of the year.

Reports have circulated that because of the political situation in Argentina plans are going ahead to transfer the 1978 finals to another South American country.

But a FIFA spokesman said yesterday that 'no such opinion' was expressed at the organisation's executive meeting in Prague on Sunday.

FIFA officials will make a 'routine inspection' tour of playing sites in Argentina next month to see how preparations are going ahead. They will meet local organising officials.

Johnston charged

WILLIE Johnston, of West Bromwich, will appear before the Football Association's disciplinary committee in London next Wednesday afternoon, to answer a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

Johnston was sent off two minutes from the end of Albion's League Cup defeat against Brighton, on September 22, for allegedly aiming a kick at referee Derek Lloyd, of Worcestershire.

IPSWICH Town made a profit of £14,000 for the year ended May 31.

Expenditure rose from £105,015 to £294,942 but gates and other receipts, less payment to visiting clubs, went up from £170,647 to £568,773.

The balance sheet reveals that one employee of the club earned between £17,000 and £20,000; two between £12,500 and £15,000 and five between £10,000 and £12,500.

RACING RESULTS

NEWCASTLE

2.30 (1m) WESTWOOD BOY, S. Webster (6-1) 1; Stormy Summer (11-4) 2; Howe Lane (25-1) 3; Cake Popper (evens fav) 4, 8 ran, 7.3. WhGray T. 80p. 13p. 12p. 19p. DF. 57p. NR: hEpisode.
3.00 (6c) WALTER, M. Birch (3-1) 1; Never Did (10-1) 2; Kishbehar (10-1) 3; Solar Saint (14-1) 4; 12 ran, 7.2. MbH Easteroy T. 32p. 30p. 57p. 32p.
3.30 (1m) MONTREAL BOY, E. Johnson (100-30) 1; Deep River (11-8 fav) 2; Hopeful Bloom (14-15) 3; Tilton Boy (11-2) 4; 5 ran, nk. 13. JbCalvert T. 46p. F. 68p. NR: Npghl Nurse.

4.00 (5c) MOFTDA, E. Johnson (6-4) 1; 1. Cuelidh (6-4) 2; Feudal Wyck (11-2) 3; Mpsfield (1-5) 4; 5 ran, 1. 12. 13 Hills T. 22p. 10p. 12p. DF. 25p. NR: Westgate Girl.
4.30 (1m) GRECIAN BOND, E. Johnson (10-1) 1; Shady Desire (12-1) 2; Cunicule (10-1) 3; Tiger Trail (6-4) 4; 5 ran, 7. 6. B. Hills T. 30p. F. 62.21. NR: hSantor.
5.00 (1m) PETRINA, A. Band (7-4) 1; Flying Diplomat (25-1) 2; Blakey Ridge (7-4) 3; Tyro Don (100-16) 4; 5 ran, 6. 25. H. Cecil T. 23p. F. 62.62 (TOTE DOUBLE: 6.25 TOTE TREBLE: 11.5)

RACE PLAN UPSETS BOOKIES

A CONTROVERSIAL new plan to raise an extra £50 million a year for the ailing racing industry has drawn a howl of opposition from the big bookmakers.

The proposal now under discussion at the Jockey Club is to impose a 50 pence per race levy on every betting shop in Britain, and that adds up to a £1 million-a-week bill for the bookies.

The scheme, which is the brainchild of Wiltshire permit trainer Bill Wildman, aims to cash in on the copyright held by the Jockey Club on all runners in all races.

Much of the extra money would be used to give prize money a boost of £20m, or 40 per cent of the total, with the first five past the post winning prizes, and trainers and jockeys receiving ten per cent.

Racecourses would receive a 50 per cent slice of the cake but would have to pay travelling expenses of horses, jockeys and trainers, and the jockeys' riding fees.

Stud

And two per cent would go to the stud which produced the first and second horses in every race, in line with operations in France.

The big bookmaker chains have, not surprisingly, declared the plan a non-starter.

A spokesman for Hills described it as 'completely unacceptable', and said that the company would pass the levy on to clients, thus 'decreasing turnover and driving betting underground'.

Corals said that the amount of money involved was probably greater than the bookies' total profit, while Mecca said that a 'large proportion' of betting shops would have to close if the scheme comes into operation.

PRIZE money of £6,000 is expected to attract more than 1,000 entries for the third British Open Darts championship, in London on January 8-9.

Britain's dozen professionals, headed by Burnley's Jack North, the title holder, should progress to the final rounds and a crack at the £1,000 first prize.



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MackKay wants his goalie back

DERBY Manager Dave MacKay has turned down a request by Southampton to extend the loan of goalkeeper Colin Boulton for another month.

Boulton's initial loan period of a month at the Dell expires at the end of this week.

MacKay told Southampton manager Laurie McMenemy that he needs the player back as cover in Derby's UEFA Cup tie against AEK Athens.

McMenemy, however, is contacting the Football League and hopes that they will allow Boulton to continue playing for

them in the League while, at the same time, being available for Derby in the UEFA Cup ties.

Southampton's only other available goalkeeper is Steve

READING'S transfer-listed midfielder man, Eamon Dunphy, has applied for the vacant managerial jobs at Chesterfield and Hartlepool.

'I would like to become a

Middleton. Ian Turner went into hospital for a cartilage operation last weekend and could be out of the game for two months.

DUNPHY APPLIES

player-manager, said 31-year-old Dunphy. 'I am happy enough at Reading and I think they have a promotion side, but I have been told that I can go and I have to think of my future.'

THE News Line

'We'll go to court' says Stock

FULHAM READY TO FIGHT F.A.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

FULHAM face trouble from the Football Association for taking their side off the field following Bobby Moore's sensational sending-off at Bolton.

Manager Alec Stock led the walk-off and was given two minutes by referee Kevin McNally to reappear for extra time — without Moore — and the game ended in 2-2 draw.

FA officials are now awaiting McNally's report before deciding whether the club, rocked by controversy in the last few days, should be charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

It is an offence to leave the pitch without the referees' permission. But Stock says he will fight any attempt to charge the club in the courts if necessary.

The FA confirmed yesterday that referee McNally had dismissed the Fulham player and ex-England captain for 'persistent misconduct after a caution.'

This offence does not carry an automatic one-match ban. Instead, Moore now has 10 points against his name in the disciplinary totting-up process.

Fulham have been hit by two controversial decisions which have brought the club's happy road-show to a grinding and despairing halt.

Sent off

On Saturday, George Best was sent off for dissent after the referee had given a goal following a quickly-taken, disputed free-kick.

Stock and club officials stand behind both Best and Moore and will contest the use of the red card against their two stars.

The decisions have reinforced demands by managers and players for full-time professional referees.

Moore's case must go down as one of the most amazing of all time. By most people's watches the referee had played 96 minutes when Bolton equalised.

'Nightmare'

With Alan Slough off the field, Moore, acting as captain, asked McNally why the game had gone so much over time. 'I don't take this talk from anyone — get off,' Moore was told. McNally then blew for time — after 97 minutes play.

Stock, who describes the last few days as a 'nightmare for the club,' then pulled the team off. They only returned from the dressing room after the referee warned Fulham the match would be void.

Stock says a linesman told him he had been trying to tell the referee the match was over five



Bobby Moore asked the time and was sent off for the first time in 15 years



Manager Alec Stock led the Fulham team in a walk-off

minutes before the whistle went.

The last time Moore, holder of a record 108 England Caps, was sent off was all of 15 years ago playing for West Ham when he was 18.

Stock says inconsistent and 'amateur' referees are killing the game. 'The referee is the custodian of fair play. When that

goes from the game, who wants to belong to it?' he said after the match.

Inquiry

The Football League must hold an immediate inquiry into

the refereeing system. And changes must include the appointment of full-time officials. That's the least the players deserve.

The second replay between Bolton and Fulham will take place on Monday, October 18, at Birmingham City's ground.

ALI DEFINITE ABOUT QUITTING

MUHAMMAD Ali arrived in Miami yesterday and repeated that he is retiring from boxing.

The champion said: 'I've had enough of road work, of long weeks of training, and I don't

want to fight anymore. I'm tired.

It seems certain that Ali has finally made up his mind to quit. He first said so in Istanbul last week after his controversial

victory over Ken Norton.

Ali, who has been lying low for days, said he was in Miami for the filming of his life story which is to be called 'The Greatest'.



The happy-go-lucky road show starring George Best and Rodney Marsh and led by captain Alan Slough (right) is off-course after two refereeing decisions

COLES AIDS SEARCH FOR IRWIN'S WOOD

NEIL Coles came to the rescue of defending champion Hale Irwin, on the eve of the £75,000 P1 ccadilly World Matchplay Championship at Wentworth, Surrey, yesterday.

The 31-year-old American Irwin cracked the head of his favourite three wood on Monday and although he had it repaired, it was inadequate and Irwin looked for another club.

Coles, who is standing by as a reserve, offered to loan him his three wood and the American obtained two other clubs when rummaging round the professionals' shop at St George's Hill.

'I will decide which one to use when I have tried them out,' said Irwin. Heavy rain has made the west course, known as the Burma Road, play its full 6,900 yards and the three wood is a vital part of Irwin's armoury.

'It's vital for all the long holes, with the course playing so long,' commented the champion.

Irwin, trying to achieve the first hat-trick of wins in the event, starts favourite at three to one.

The American, a double winner on the American tour this season, played his best golf during the early part of the year but in recent months has been spending more time at home.

Irwin, third in the US money-winners' list, with \$252,000 has been made the number one seed, but he has plenty of respect for his 19-year-old Spanish opponent, Severiano Ballesteros.

The Spaniard has been pleasing the crowds ever since he finished joint second in the Open Championship in July. He has won the Dutch Open and finished 10 strokes in front of his nearest rival, Gary Player, in a tournament in Belgium last week.

Erratic

Ballesteros leads the PGA order of merit table, having won nearly £22,000, but the big question is whether he can keep clear of the trees which line the fairways, because he is inclined to be erratic with his long strokes.

Hopes of a first British victory rest on the broad shoulders of Brian Barnes. The 31-year-old Ryder Cup player has an opportunity to improve the image of British golf which has taken a battering in this championship since it started in 1964. Only one home player, Coles, has reached the final and he was beaten by Arnold Palmer, 12 years ago.