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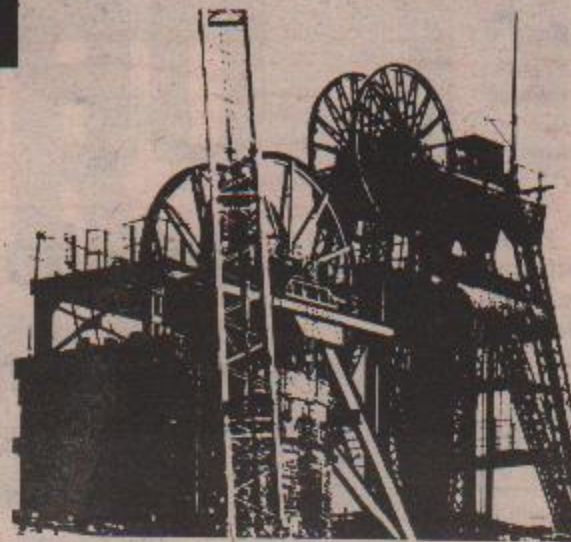
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Cash crisis meeting ...No 7!

THE CABINET last night held its seventh crisis session to decide where the £2,000m axe demanded by the International Monetary Fund would fall.

The leading ministers, who have agreed to the overall size of the cuts, are now wrangling over which sectors of public spending will bear the burden.

The divisions over the detailed application of the IMF package are caused by deep fears over the upsurge of militant opposition the cuts are bound to cause in the trade union movement.

The Parliamentary Labour Party had a foretaste of mass resistance when 100,000 public sector workers marched on parliament on November 17.

Command

Now the 'Tribune' group of MPs, who command about 30 hard-core members in parliament, have been forced to warn that they may not be able to vote with the government over a new series of attacks on living standards.

Individual Cabinet members — especially those in charge of key departments like Peter Shore, Minister for Environment, Shirley Williams, Minister of Education, and David Ennals, Minister for Health and Social Security — are afraid of becoming the scapegoats for the IMF.

Brunt

These three Labour leaders are expected to bear the brunt of planned cuts in unemployment benefits, social security payments, pensions and increases in prescription charges, rents and school meal prices.

While the Cabinet squabbles the IMF team is continuing negotiations at the Treasury.

The IMF's own financiers, mainly the American and West German governments and banks, want results.

Tomorrow the deadline of Britain's last \$5,300m credit runs out and the Treasury will have to pay back an estimated \$1,600m sent out of the loan to defend the crashing pound.

SHELL and Esso are switching work on two oil production rigs from Scotland to Norway. At least 200 Scottish construction jobs will be lost. The rigs are already part-built at Ardyne Point, a west coast construction site.

HOUSING DISASTER

Jobs and building programmes slashed

A CATASTROPHE in the building industry is imminent, trade union leaders and employers warned the Labour government yesterday.

Unemployment among building workers has already reached 220,000 and the industry 'faced even more serious and widespread unemployment in the year ahead,' they told Housing Minister Reg Freeson.

The national consultative council said the industry was getting into such a state that it may soon be unable to support the government's industrial strategy programme.

The council demanded government help for more home building, but employers' president Bob Willan said the meeting with Freeson was 'very disappointing and very frustrating'.

Proposals

They had expected some practical proposals but got nothing.

'It is tragic that a labour-intensive industry should be allowed to fall right through its economic threshold.'

The meeting took place after Housing Ministry figures revealed a 13-per-cent drop in new council house starts in the three months ending in October.

So far this year, the total number of public and private sector housing starts is 10 per cent below 1975.

House Builders' Federation president Charles Mitchell again warned that 'prospects for

private housing output in 1977 are quite frankly abysmal.'

Mitchell has already said that in building and the supply industries associated with it, an extra 500,000 could be put out of work next year if the slump goes on and the government continues public spending cuts.

If private housing starts fell below 100,000 next year (compared to 230,000 in 1972), it would coincide with the drop in public spending on building.

'The inevitable result would be a major reduction in the overall housing programme with very damaging effects on construction employment,' he commented.

Mitchell said the fall in private housing starts from 15,200 in September to only 10,000 in October was 'a disturbing indication of things to come'.

The Federation, whose 4,000 members include most of the major private house-building firms had also learned in the past week of 'planned cuts of more than one third in the amount of mortgage funds allocated by the building societies to builders seeking

buyers for their new homes,' he added.

Even worse were the signs that the flow of receipts into building societies had been reduced to a trickle, Mitchell went on.

Completing the gloom, there was a prospect that 'building societies may have to raise their interest rates yet again in the New Year,' Mitchell continued, as well as cutting total lending by 25 per cent.

Many

As well as the many bankruptcies in the industry, many firms were pulling out of private house-building altogether, he revealed.

Former Labour housing spokesman Frank Allaun MP told the Commons yesterday that the government should reject the IMF terms for new loans.

'The British working people cannot tolerate further cuts in housing, health, education, and social services,' he said, 'further adding to unemployment.'



JOHN MARKS... Link up between CIA and MI6

Britain up to its neck in Angola conspiracy

A FORMER US State Department Intelligence Official said in London yesterday that British MI6 had been involved in covert operations in Angola, syphoning funds to UNITA chief Jonas Savimbi.

John Marks, former Staff Assistant to the State Department's Head of Intelligence and Research — which liaised directly with the CIA — was speaking at a Press conference called by the

Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee.

Ex-CIA man Philip Agee and journalist Mark Hosenball are being deported by the Labour government at the orders of the Central Intelligence Agency.

John Marks described their deportation order as 'a

threat to the journalistic profession and to civil liberties'.

Marks was himself thrown out of Vietnam in 1974 after four days and later saw a file on himself containing a message from the CIA in Washington to the CIA in Saigon warning them of his arrival.

STIFF UPPER LIP!

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CHANCELLOR Denis Healey yesterday presented a stiff upper lip to overseas Pressmen in a speech on the crisis-ridden UK economy.

Healey rushed from a crisis Cabinet meeting over the IMF loan terms to tell the Foreign Correspondents Association that the government and the economy were 'often misunderstood' abroad.

He attacked the right-wing professor, American Milton Friedman, who has predicted that a Chile-coup or a communist government will come out of the economic crisis in Britain.

The country, he said, suffered from statistical masochism.

'We always tend to present our problems in the worst possible light in comparison with others.'

At the start of his speech Healey was obliged to recognise that the world slump had deepened and that the groundless hopes of the government for a new boom had been dashed.

He said there was no doubt that the combination of high unemployment and high inflation in all industrialised countries was highly worrying.

Inevitably ordinary men and women must wonder whether the quality of economic management and direction in the world is quite what it ought to be, he said.

The Chancellor's performance was aimed at slowing down the collapse of

Special show for foreign press

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

confidence in British capitalism abroad.

But he could offer no evidence of any revival in slump or a reduction in inflation.

He claimed the rate of price increases would remain about the same over the next six months, then fall after this.

But according to the latest wholesale price rises the cost of living is rocketing as fast as ever before.

HEALEY did not let the gloom and doom atmosphere spoil his appetite. After arriving 45 minutes late he tucked into a main course of richly-sauced venison, served up with artichoke and croquette potatoes and washed down with a glass or two of claret. That's sacrifice for you.

Healey ended by pointing out that a smaller proportion of national wealth was spent on social security in Britain than in the USA and among the Common Market states.

Healey is the man working out around £2,000m savings which are most likely to be taken out of spending by the government on social security, housing and education.

There are strong rumours of plans to increase rents, put up

school meal charges, increase prescription charges for medicines and lower the incomes of the pensioners and unemployed.

After his lunch at the luxury Savoy Hotel Healey attended a resumed crisis Cabinet which is trying to work out how these attacks on the working class can be made without a fall of the Labour government.



HEALEY... Brave face

CALLAGHAN IN BROADCAST ROW

TORY MPS roared and jeered when the Prime Minister James Callaghan shocked Labour back-benchers in the Commons by criticising last week's Labour Party political broadcast.

Replying to Liberal leader David Steel, who asked whether it was the government's policy to unite the nation or to stir up

'envy, greed and class conflict' in the manner of the broadcast, Callaghan replied:

'I didn't see it, but I read the script and I was not overimpressed by it.'

Max Madden (Lab Sowerby) hoped that Callaghan would tell the millions of people on or below the poverty line who heard his broadcast that the



CALLAGHAN... Tory cheers

Labour election pledge of a fundamental and irreversible shift in power in favour of working people was not compatible with savage and deflationary economic policies.

Callaghan replied that he would tell the country that 'there are no soft options and I do not promise any real easement in standards of living for some time to come.'

I'm innocent — sacked steward

SHOP steward Bob Knight, sacked after an investigation into a 'jobs for sale' racket at Leyland's car body plant at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, said yesterday he was innocent. Leyland dismissed him Monday night after a month-long inquiry.

Driver cleared

NO disciplinary action is to be taken against a British Rail driver who walked away from his train at a snow-covered station in Scotland last Saturday, leaving the passengers stranded for three hours. British Rail said yesterday the driver was not qualified to take the train over a diversionary route.

Zionist give up Geneva call

JERUSALEM — Israel would probably withdraw its draft resolution in the UN General Assembly for reconvening the Geneva Middle East peace conference, Foreign Ministry officials here said yesterday, because several countries have submitted amendments specifying that the Palestine Liberation Organisation should attend.

BALD TUC PLEA ON EEC PRICES

THE TUC will plead with Agriculture Minister John Silkin during a special session of its economic committee today not to devalue the green pound used for Common Market farm produce deals.

The 40-per-cent devaluation demanded by the EEC to bring the green pound in line with real pounds would send food prices soaring dramatically in the months ahead, the TUC warn in a document just published.

This also calls for a seven-point reform of the Common Market's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

Effectively, we are moving away from being an importer of cheap world foodstuffs to importing expensive EEC foodstuffs, due to the CAP system of farm support prices and compulsory levies on imports from outside the EEC area, the document states.

But instead of demanding socialist policies for the nationalisation without

compensation and under workers' control of the international food monopolies, the TUC confuses workers by pretending limited reforms can stop the runaway inflation in the working-class cost of living.

The way to move towards common prices within the EEC must be, not to increase UK prices, it adds, 'but to achieve a relative reduction in EEC institutional prices.'

It also misleads workers with completely illusory demands like seeking EEC approval for long-term agreements allowing in cheap supplies like New Zealand butter, Argentinian and Australian beef and North American hard wheat, which the CAP is bound to reject.

Exchange stops

PARIS — Staff at the Paris stock exchange have voted to stage a 24-hour strike tomorrow to back demands for new negotiations with stockbrokers on job security guarantees and early retirement, trade union sources said yesterday.

JOEY Singleton, the former British light welterweight champion from Liverpool, retired from boxing yesterday following his defeat in London the night before.

Manager Charlie Atkinson announced the decision and then revealed that Singleton had taken painkilling injections in his last six fights.

Singleton has broken his suspect left hand twice in his career and was in obvious pain against Colin Powers.

His defeat was the fifth in a 15-fight career. He set a record by winning a British title in only eight contests and won the Lonsdale belt outright by his 11th fight.

Textured Xmas

A NOVEL Christmas lunch was unveiled at the Café Royal in Regent Street yesterday. The Vegetable Protein Association invited TV personalities including Esther Rantzen, Magnus Pyke and Terry Scott and film star Julia Foster to gorge themselves on a selection of classic dishes containing vegetable protein.

The meal, including 'chicken' and 'Christmas pudding' was prepared by the

Café Royal chef, Roger Banfield. Most of the dishes contained textured vegetable protein. Before the meal the guests ate barbecued soya nuts and afterwards with their coffee they had chocolate covered soya nuts.

In case anyone ran away with the wrong idea, the menu carried the prominent disclaimer: 'The Café Royale does not normally use textured vegetable protein in its cuisine.'



An insult to the working class is insult to me

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

LABOUR MP Tom Swain, an ex-miner, told a grinning Tory in the Commons yesterday 'I'll punch your bloody head in.'

Soon after, Swain, who is a former fairground prizefighter, wiped the smile off the Tory MP's face by grabbing him by the lapels.

Norman Beresford Tebbit, the

Conservative member for Chingford, had apparently provoked the incident by saying across the floor of the Commons that Swain, 66, had been drinking.

MP Swain greets Tory

Tebbit, 45, boosts his MP's salary with lucrative contracts as a 'parliamentary adviser' with a public relations firm and a leading electronics company.

Swain told News Line later: 'I wasn't drunk. What galls me is that the Tories are always muttering things in the House to the denigration of the working class.'

'An insult to the working class is an insult to me and I'll defend the working class by whatever means is at my disposal.'

'I was a miner for 34 years and was on strike for 32 weeks in 1926,' added Swain.

Not long after his exchange with Tebbit, Swain clashed with the Speaker of the House, George Thomas, complaining that he had tried ten times to speak without success.

Other MPs had been called to speak but not him, claimed Swain, who represents North East Derbyshire.

HEALTH inspectors are investigating an outbreak of food poisoning in Southampton. One hundred and seventy people who dined on a seafood cocktail at the Cotswold Hotel, Portsmouth, became ill last Friday.

JONES DENIES BARGAINING SPLIT

CONFLICTING accounts of last week's national executive meeting of the Transport and General Workers' Union came to light yesterday.

Some sources claim that general secretary Jack Jones was defeated by an 18-to-14 vote on a left-wing motion calling for a planned

return to free collective bargaining for the coming 1977-1978 pay negotiations.

This would mean a decisive rejection of the social contract and a challenge to the Labour government.

Such a defeat by the executive, representing 1.8

million workers, would be a serious blow to Jones, who has argued for support of the rump Labour government, whatever its anti-working class policies.

He rejected these reports as being 'totally without foundation'. He said: 'Someone was playing a prank.'

Cousins skates with broken toe

ROBIN Cousins, from Bristol, the man expected to succeed John Curry, the World, European and Olympic Games Ice Skating Champion, overcame intense pain from a broken toe, to secure a substantial lead on the first day of the British Championships at Richmond yesterday.

The 19-year-old Cousins, who has finished runner-up to Curry in the British event for the past three years, kept his injury a closely guarded secret — until he had to skate his compulsory programme.

Then he was in obvious pain as he landed heavily on his jumps and afterwards he said: 'Before tomorrow night's free skating session, I shall have to have a pain-killing injection to get through.'

Broke

Cousins broke the little toe on his right foot — his landing foot nearly two weeks ago. 'I wasn't even training at the time,' he added. 'I stubbed it on a chair in my bedroom and that was that.'

Even with the injury Cousins looked several degrees above his three rivals who are contesting the vacant title and at the end of the first day, he totalled 61.80 points, to gain a 6.80 points lead over 16-year-old Andrew Bestwick of Blackpool. In third place with 51.38 was Nottingham skater Glyn Jones.

'I PREFER IRELAND'

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

FULHAM's new goalkeeper Gerry Peyton was Don Revie's surprise inclusion in the first ever England Under-21 squad yesterday. But a bigger surprise was in store for Revie himself when Peyton told him he was withdrawing because he wants to play for the Republic of Ireland.

Peyton, who cost Fulham £40,000 when they signed him from Burnley only last week, explained that although he was born in Birmingham, his parents are from the Republic of Ireland.



Paul Haigh, Hull's midfield star



Brian Talbot, Ipswich dynamo

Revie told

'It is very nice to know Don Revie rates me good enough for his squad. But if I did play it would rule me out of playing for the Republic of Ireland in the future, and that is what I would really like to do,' said 20-year-old Peyton.

Peyton's decision gives 19-year-old Richard Taylor from Fourth Division Huddersfield his big chance, as he now steps up to first choice for next Wednesday's match against Wales at Wolverhampton. Revie will have to choose a reserve goalkeeper to complete his squad of 17.

Taylor is one of 13 players in the squad to have appeared for the England youth side in recent years and Ken Burton, manager of the under-18 side for the past three years, welcomed the new age category as 'a great step forward'.

'The gap between the Youth International team and the under-23 side was too big', says Burton. 'It meant that players were taken away from the big match atmosphere just when they were getting used to it.'

'The introduction of the under-21 side means they can



Spurs' Glen Hoddle has impressed Revie with his midfield talent

continue getting that experience... continue their football education.'

'Another good point is that players who are a little late in their development, or are kept out of the youth side by an exceptional player, get a chance to win a cap.'

Liverpool's David Fairclough, for example, was in my squad for 1975 but was kept out of the team which won the European Championship by the brilliant form of Manchester City's Peter Barnes. Paul Fletcher, Paul Haigh and Andy King were others who just couldn't break into the team.'

Chelsea's Butch Wilkins, former England youth captain, is the only full International in the squad, while Trevor Francis, of Birmingham, and Brian Talbot, of Ipswich, are the two over-age players allowed in under 21 games.

For Francis, plagued by injuries and bad luck since

bursting onto the league scene and winning youth caps in 1971 and 1972, the match could open the way to a place in the full England squad next year.

Talbot, a member of the squad for last month's World Cup game in Italy, will also welcome a chance to show his ability in the International atmosphere.

Glen Hoddle, the talented young Spurs' midfielder, also gets his first international call.

Dave Swindlehurst of Crystal Palace gets the same opportunity, but he probably owes his place in the squad to the injury of Brighton striker Peter Ward, whom Revie has made no secret about admiring.

The squad is: Taylor (Huddersfield), Haigh (Hull), D Jones (Everton), P Fletcher (Luton), Sims (Leicester), Hoddle (Tottenham), Keegan (Manchester City), Owen (Manchester City), King (Everton), R Wilkins (Chelsea), T Francis (Birmingham), Talbot (Ipswich), Fairclough (Liverpool), Barnes (Manchester City), Deehan (Aston Villa), Swindlehurst (Crystal Palace).

NEW SAFETY CODE FOR JOCKEYS

A NEW safety code for jockeys, including automatic riding bans, is to be introduced by the Jockey Club to cut down the risk of brain damage.

From January 1 periods of suspension will be imposed on any jockey suffering from concussion after a racing fall.

If the injury is slight, the jockey will be banned from riding that day and the next. More severe injuries will lead to a seven-day ban or despatch to hospital.

A hospital visit after concussion will mean a suspension for a minimum of three weeks.

'The extra precautions we are taking will minimise the risk of permanent brain damage which can so easily occur as a result of cumulative

head injuries,' a spokesman said. 'In addition to the automatic suspensions, racecourse medical officers have been given authority to request specialist neurological opinion.'

'If a jockey admitted to hospital remains unconscious for more than three days he must be examined by a consultant neurologist to the Racehorse Owners' Compensation Fund before being declared fit to ride again.'

Jockeys' Association secretary Peter Smith welcomed the news and said: 'The minimising of brain damage risk is obviously of paramount importance, both to every member of the association and indeed to their families.'

AHMEDABAD, India — Graham Barlow's second successive century for MCC yesterday makes him a hot favourite for a Test place against India next week.

His innings gave character and quality to otherwise indifferent batting by MCC against the President's XI.

Though Geoff Miller and Roger Tolchard came together in the final session to add 93 in an unbroken sixth wicket stand, it was a lacklustre performance.

At the close MCC were 289 for five, with Miller 51 and Tolchard 44. There are two days left.

CRICKET authorities say they are powerless to do anything about the poor over rates in Test matches.

England and the West Indies struck a new low in Test overs per hour during the series last summer, with rates of 14.44 and 13.91 respectively.

These were by far the worst average rates in Tests in England over the last year. In the series last year, Australia, with Lillee and Thomson, bowled 16.39.

Another century for Barlow

Barlow's performance — he scored 113 in his only previous tour innings — was the more worthy because the Middlesex player had to open the innings at short notice.

Mike Brearley woke up yesterday morning with a stiff neck and Tony Greig asked Barlow to open in his place, instead of in his usual middle-order position.

He took his chance well.

The Test and County Cricket Board says it is 'very doubtful whether any major improvement will be made until some form of heavy fining sanction is introduced'.

The TCCB voiced concern 12 months ago and suggested a minimum of 17.5, with fines for teams who did not achieve the figure.

But a meeting of the International Cricket Conference in July decided voluntary co-operation would be better at this stage.

joining partner Dennis Amiss to put on 103 in 115 minutes for the first wicket.

Barlow was soon making use of some erratic bowling by Karsan Ghavri and Barun Burman. He hit Gavri for two fours and then swung him over backward square leg for six.

It was the first of two sixes for Barlow, who later struck Eripalli Prasanna into the crowd at midwicket.

Kept pace

Although he kept pace with Barlow, Amiss was always struggling to find his timing and after making 51 he snicked Prasanna to the wicketkeeper.

Barlow then lost two more partners, Derek Randall and Tony Greig, both falling to Ghavri, before he was fourth out with the total 193 shortly after reaching his hundred in 215 minutes.

SCOREBOARD

MCC First Innings	
DL Amiss c Reddy b Prasanna	51
GD	
GD Barlow c Vengsarkar b Prasanna	102
DWRandall lbw Ghari	24
AW Greig c Reddy b Ghavri	5
G Miller not out	51
CM Old b Ghavri	2
RW Tolchard not out	44
Extras	10
Total (five wickets)	289

Fall: 1-103, 2-17, 3-187, 4-193, 5-196.
Bowling: Ghavri 19-3-66-3, Burman 16-0-61-0, Prasanna 29-3-92-2, Minna 14-2-39-0, Sharma 11-2-21-0.

Barlow's departure produced the only blemish in his performance. He clearly did not think Dilip Vengsarkar had caught him cleanly at slip and churlishly declined to acknowledge the crowd's applause.

Chris Old was fifth out at 196, but then Miller and Tolchard patched up the innings in their enterprising partnership.

RACING RESULTS

WETHERBY

12.30 (2m): CUMBRIA LASS, M Barnes (11-8 fav) 1, Space Talk (14-1) 2, Tootal Boy (11-1) 3, Moray Lodge (20-1) 4, 12 ran, 4, 3s, (T Barnes) T: 25p, 12p, 20p, 23p.
1.00 (2m): BEAR PAW, R F Davies (17-2) 1, Four Star (100-30) 2, Bold Warrior (14-1) 3, Sea Urchin (7-4 fav) 4, 8 ran, 4, 12 (G Barlow) T: £2.30, 38p, 18p, 58p.
1.30 (2m): CHECKOV, M Dickinson (5-1) 1, Miss Normandy (85-40) 5, Iselt (8-1) 3, Royal Flower (14-1) 4, 17 ran, 2½, 1, (G

Fairbairn) T: 61p, 15p, 12p, 18p, NR; Caxton Hall.
2.00 (3m): TARTAN TUTOR, M Lowry (2-1) (fav) 1, Bar Rock (85-40) 2, 4 ran, 25 lengths, (R Bethell) T: 21p, F: 60p.
2.30 (2m): BIRDLAND, J J O'Neill (2-1 fav) 1, Never There (11-2) 2, Prince Vision (9-4) 3, Kininvie (7-1) 4, 6 ran, 12, 5, (M H Easterby) T: 21p, 12p, 22p, F: £1.02.
3.00 (2m): FRISKY SCOT, D Munro (9-4 fav) 1, New Henry (9-2) 2, Car Colston (13-2) 3, Royal Maid (12-1) 4, 13 ran, 3, 2½, (Lady Herries) T: 23p, 12p, 14p, 20p.
TOTE DOUBLE: £7.05
TOTE TREBLE: £16.85

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Operation for Giles

JOHNNY GILES. Player-manager of West Brom and Ireland, went into hospital for an operation which will keep him out of football for six weeks.

Giles, who took West Brom back into Division One in his first year as a manager after quitting Leeds, has a torn leg

muscle.

He broke down in training on Monday and a specialist told him he needed an operation on a muscle behind his right knee.

Giles left the field after only 20 minutes of Albion's game against Everton at the Hawthorns ten days ago.

His loss will be a big blow to the club because Giles' experience has enabled Albion to make a steady start in the top flight.

His next big international date is on March 3, when the Republic of Ireland play France in Dublin in a World Cup qualifying match.



QPR DO IT!

With only ten men



Dave Clement

Cologne 4 QPR 1
(4-4 on Aggregate)

QUEENS Park Rangers sneaked through to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup in Cologne last night on away goals after England full-back Dave Clement was sent off in the first half.

QPR were hit by three goals in the first half and Dieter Mueller added the fourth with a header from a corner after 60 minutes to level on aggregate.

But Don Masson's fourth-minute goal was enough to see QPR through on away goals although their goal was under in the second half as they played with ten men.

Phil Parkes played a blinder in the late stages to deny Cologne the goal they needed to put Rangers out of the competition.

take in running copy

Adventurers

Manager Dave Sexton had promised adventurous attacking football even though QPR were defending a handsome three-goal advantage from the first leg at Loftus Road a fortnight ago.

In an action-packed encounter, Rangers saw a fourth-minute lead given them by Don Masson evaporate as the Germans hit back strongly with three goals before halftime.

Masson's goal, no more than QPR deserved at that point,

meant that Cologne had to score five times to win the tie, since away goals count double.

Winger Don Givens started the move down the left. Leach sprinted past two defenders and shot speculatively. The ball broke to Masson on the far post, and he had an easy task to side-foot the ball home.

But the classy West German struck back with a vengeance to come right back into the tie, scoring three times in 15 minutes to shock QPR.

Rangers' early advantage was wiped out in the 23rd minute when young German international striker Dieter Mueller prodded in a shot following a free kick given for obstruction only 12 yards from the QPR's line.

The home side's tails were up and ten minutes later Loehr beat two Rangers' defenders to a right-wing cross from Heinz Flohe and toe-ended the ball into the net from close range.



Parkes

One minute later Cologne were left with only two goals to score to qualify for the quarter-finals when centre back Wolfgang Weber, a member of the West German 1966 World Cup team, headed in an inswinging Flohe corner at the near post.

Then came that sensational sending-off of Clement to

complete QPR's first-half misery.

He was involved in a running battle with Loehr, who was clearly holding Clement's jersey as he tried to go round the Cologne player.

Clement then lost his temper and kicked Loehr's legs away from him right in front of the Spanish referee. And off he went.

G.L.C. TO HELP LONDON LEAGUE

THE Greater London Council is considering setting up a working party to investigate how it can help London's 11 League soccer clubs.

'The local team provides a town or district with an identity, a rallying point and a focus for community pride', says Ellis Hillman, chairman of the GLC's Arts and Recreation Committee.

'If London's clubs are in trouble we want to know about it and consider how we can help. We cannot afford to lose valuable community assets.'

It may be possible for the grounds to be used as a base on which to build sports and social complexes providing a wide range of amenities.

THE Sports Council will provide half the estimated £5 million needed to build a new national indoor athletics and cycling stadium at Sandwell, in the West Midlands.

Facilities will include a 200 metre, four-lane athletics track and a 250-metre cycle track. There will also be a 60 metre sprint track and space for indoor field events.

Sansom in squad

KEN Sanson, who has not missed a senior game for Crystal Palace this season, is included in the England youth squad to play a West Bromwich Albion under-19 team at the Hawthorns on December 14.

The squad is: Turner (Sheffield Wed), Woods (Notts Forest), Clark (Southend), Higgins (Burnley), Kenworthy (Sheffield Utd), Sanson (Crystal Palace), Statham (WBA), Cowans (Aston Villa), Hill (Luton), Lee (Liverpool), Mabbut (Bristol City), Entwistle (Bury), Pullar (Portsmouth), Patching (Wolves), Sealey (Southampton), Williams (Liverpool).

NEW CONTRACT FOR ORMOND

WILLIE Ormond, the Scottish international soccer manager, has accepted a new three-year contract from the Scottish Football Association.

Ormond has survived some stormy moments during the four years since he took over from Tommy Docherty. But he steered Scotland to the World Cup finals of 1974 in West

Everton welcomes Mackenzie

DUNCAN McKenzie, Everton's £200,000 signing from Anderlecht, flew into Liverpool yesterday to a warm welcome from his new manager Billy Bingham.

Delighted

Bingham said he was delighted that three weeks of negotiation had finally been successfully concluded and added:

'Duncan is a player I have always admired from as far back as his Nottingham Forest days. He has skill and that little

bit extra that's needed in the First Division these days.'

McKenzie had five months and 15 matches with Anderlecht after his transfer from Leeds.

McKenzie said: 'I might not be better off financially, in the long term, in fact I might even lose out. But it is not important to make a fortune if you are not doing what you want.'

'I loved every minute in Belgium, where I went for the money. I think I could have made a lot financially but I

prefer to be happy playing football.'

'We sometimes don't appreciate how well off we are. The continentals consider our League the best for enjoyment, entertainment value and sense of achievement and still fear the English sides.'

Learned

'I learned French and a bit of Flemish while over there but nothing from a football point of view. I have always had my greatest success playing alongside a good forward.'

'I learned a lot from Neil Martin in my days at Nottingham Forest and am looking forward to playing with Bob Latchford, the greatest centre forward in English soccer today.'

'If I can't play alongside him then I feel I won't be able to play alongside anyone.'

McKenzie is expected to be in the Everton team at Coventry next Saturday.

MUHAMMAD Ali wants to quit while he's at the top. 'I want to quit now while I'm champion like Gene Tunney and Rocky Marciano did. I'm just too big and too great to stay around now and end up on my back,' he said.

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