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INSIDE TOMORROW

TONY KELLY, ex-secretary of the Newham North-East Labour Party, seen entering last night's meeting of the general council.

The meeting was called on the orders of Transport House because of claims that some delegates to the original annual general meeting in February were not properly accredited.

Kelly told News Line before the meeting that he was confident the meeting would mean no change in the campaign to oust right-wing Cabinet minister Reg Prentice as Newham's MP.

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Big big YES for action

Miners confident of giant ballot



Miners throughout Britain began balloting yesterday on whether to give their union executive the go-ahead for action on the question of retirement at 60. News Line reporters were out in the coalfields to hear the strong reactions from the men. ● See interviews page 2

TUC silent on jobs threat

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

CUTS SPLIT WIDENS

THE TUC leaders are keeping themselves deliberately ignorant on how the Labour government will slash living standards in next week's mini-budget.

Although the subject of talks with the government was on the agenda at yesterday's economic committee, not one of the 15 prominent trade union bosses at the meeting challenged the coming axe.

Afterwards they apologised for themselves, saying: 'We don't know what the cuts are yet. Nobody does.'

Len Murray — TUC secretary, said: 'At this stage, we've said all there is to say already, to the Prime Minister and the Labour Party liaison committee. It is not profitable to speculate further.'

But no speculation is required. James Callaghan, the PM, and Denis Healey, Chancellor, have clearly stated the cuts will be 'painful'; there will be 'no soft options'; deflation will be 'savage'.

And the broad amount of the cuts is also clear. The International Monetary Fund have ordered the government to limit its borrowing to £8,000m next year or get no loans.

On latest Treasury estimates, this means cuts in public spending of £2,000m at least, or nearly 20 per cent off expenditure.

With cuts of this enormity, the working class is facing a siege economy whichever way the cuts fall, whether on social services and housing, higher purchase tax (VAT), or production shut-downs.

In any direction, they must inevitably cause a massive increase in unemployment and a drastic further fall in living standards.

The TUC leaders know this well enough to take a stand now against capitalism's crisis.

But Murray, Jack Jones, Hugh Scanlon, and the rest want to avoid a fight. They are backpedalling from a confrontation with the government and the capitalist state as fast as they can.

So the TUC, whose official position since the first big cuts imposed in the summer has been 'no more cuts', will wait till after next week's announcement to hold an emergency meeting of its economic committee, or decide its response at next Wednesday's general council meeting.

The right wing is already working on a new line to get off the 'no cuts' hook. This will pretend that 'Britain is lucky to get any loans at all and letting the IMF solve our problems is the least painful way out'.

But this will mean tearing up the entire economic analysis repeatedly put forward by the TUC as an alternative to right wing Labour strategy.

The unions catering for local government and social services workers will be almost bound to oppose this line because of the enormous weight of hostility among their members to further cuts and unemployment.

A split in the TUC is on the cards.

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THE price of potatoes will remain sky high this winter and next year, the marketing board predicted yesterday. And all meat prices will rise up to 10 per cent in the New Year, Dewhurst and the biggest retail butchers forecast.

The drought and the Common Market barrier to cheap imports from outside the EEC are exacerbating the normal inflationary pressures. Potatoes will remain at up to 15p a pound compared to 3p only 18 months ago. Best sirloin will go to £3 per lb if the EEC does not ease its imports ban, Dewhurst said.

A new threat to living standards emerged yesterday when Agriculture Minister John Silkin was unable to promise the TUC that the 'green pound' used for Common Market farm produce trade would not be devalued as the big EEC powers are demanding.

The full 40 per cent devaluation to bring green

SPUDS WILL STAY SKY HIGH

pounds in line with sterling could increase many food prices by up to 12p in the pound.

Silkin told the Farmers



Club in London that as soon as he thought green pound devaluation was necessary 'I would not hesitate to recommend it.'

SACK JUDGE CALL

TWO Scottish MPs, one a lawyer, called yesterday for the resignation of Lord Robertson from the bench for his criticism of the granting of a free pardon to Patrick Meehan.

They were speaking after Scottish Secretary Bruce Millan said he had studied Lord Robertson's comments and rejected his criticisms.

Mrs Winifred Ewing (SNP Moray and Nairn), who is a lawyer, said that in the long history of Scotland there had rarely been a judge removed. 'But I suggest that this is a case where Lord Robertson's removal from the

bench should be seriously considered.'

Dennis Canavan (Lab Stirlingshire W) backed up her call. He spoke of an 'interfering busybody of a judge'. He said: 'The judge should apologise to the Secretary of State or resign.'

In his summing up in Edinburgh recently at the trial of Ian Waddell Lord Robertson said that the decision of the Scottish Secretary to recommend a Royal Pardon for Patrick Meehan in the Rachel Ross murder case ran counter to the whole basis of justice and law in Scotland. Waddell was found not guilty of murdering Mrs Ross.

Devolution whip

THE THATCHER shadow cabinet will impose a three-line whip on all Tories to vote against Labour's Devolution Bill for Scotland and Wales, forcing shadow Conservative Scottish Secretary Alick Buchanan-Smith, Hector Monro and Malcolm Rifkind to resign from the Tory front-bench.

'Sun' didn't rise

EARLY editions of the 'Sun' were not published yesterday because of unofficial industrial action by members of SLADE, the process workers' union.

THE RETIREMENT BALLOT

It looks like a big big, YES

MINERS all over Britain began balloting yesterday for industrial action on their early retirement demand.

The message from every coalfield was unmistakable — full support for strike action against the Coal Board and the government.

The miners said they wanted no compromise on their claim for retirement at 60 on full pay from the New Year and retirement at 55 years by 1980.

Scores of pit men balloting as they came off shift told News Line they were not afraid of taking on the Labour government in the same way they took on the Tories in 1972 and 1974.

Many welcomed the idea of a show-down with an administration they say has betrayed the working class.

Demand

IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE — the area that put up the retirement demand at the last miners' conference — Babbington pit

branch secretary David Prendergast said he expected an 85-per-cent vote for action.

Since I became branch secretary 18 months ago, I have attended 12 funerals of men who worked at this pit and whose health suffered because of it.

The miners have always supported Labour governments. But they are now giving us all this rubbish about the IMF. Miners should say "up-yours", as we did with Heath.

At the same pit, Rhondda-valley born Alan Curtis, 33, said: 'I am willing to strike. Getting the retirement age reduced is worth fighting for.'

'We will do some damage,

won't we? I think the government will fall in the end. I have never forgiven this government for taking us into the Common Market.'

Retiring

Gerard Doyle said: 'The retiring age should be 55. I have only been in the mines for five months. Before, I couldn't see what miners had to complain about. I can now.'

Jim Moults said: 'We will have to fight. We have to win this claim — we have already waited



ALAN CURTIS... Government will fall in the end



GERARD DOYLE... Can see what miners complain about

Miners ready to take on the government

too long. The government should come down the pit and work.'

Cyril Harbon, 61, who has worked underground for 47 years, said:

'I'm crippled with arthritis. It's a combination of the damp, the wear and tear and accidents. If it was a Tory government in office, we would have been on strike already.'

'We should not wait any longer. This is not a working man's government, we should get shot of them.'

MINERS at Cardowan colliery, Glasgow, Scotland, spoke to News Line on the eve of their ballot which starts today.

James McCafferty, NUM branch secretary, said: 'I think you'll see the most massive "Yes" vote ever in the Scottish area.'

Support

'The feeling here is 100 per cent in support for early retirement. The Labour government would be foolish not to give in to this demand.'

Once a decision is taken, the miners won't go back on it. 'As regards damaging the economy, that's the responsibility of the government. We're only asking to be brought into line with miners in other industrial nations.'

'It's up to the Labour government whether it stays in office or falls.'

'If you look at its economic policies, it's questionable if you can call it a Labour government at all.'

Reversed

'They have tried to carry-out part of their manifesto, but economic policy is the most important part of it and here Healey and Callaghan have reversed the manifesto policy.'

Ian Kelly said: This demand should have been met years ago. The life expectancy of a miner is 65 and we're due to retire at 65.

'What sort of retirement is that?'

'We're prepared to fight this government. The miners have backed down too often for

Labour. Everybody sees now the Labour government is not what it says it is.'

'How can any Labour leader claim he is for the working class when he stays in a £50,000 house? We've got to put them out.'

'We want a government that is fair to the working man, a socialist government.'

Andy Whitelaw said: 'The police and prison warders get retirement at 60 — why can't we?'

'You should put some members of the Labour cabinet down the pit and see how they like it.'

John Dodds said: 'I think we should retire at 55 not 65.'

Ian Stirrat said: 'We support the demand 100 per cent because older miners fought for better wages for us — we should fight now for early retirement for them.'

An older worker, Peter Montgomery, said: 'We must

have the same conditions as miners in the Common Market countries.'

Above average polling was reported in South Wales.

'The men are overwhelmingly in favour of the national executive,' said Emyln Williams NUM South Wales area president.

'The reaction seems to be very positive, and we anticipate a very high vote', he said.

Majority

The majority of the 31,000 South Wales miners are already known to feel strongly about securing early retirement — with industrial action if necessary. The only question is not whether they will vote in favour, but by how big a majority.

Voting is expected to be much closer in North Wales, where the 2,000 men are known to be split over industrial action.

Where are the boasters now?

WHAT WE THINK

THE TUC leaders are being ignored by the government in the discussions over spending cuts. They are not asked for their opinions, they are not given the chance to object, they are not even told what is going on.

At the time of the social contract, the trade union bureaucrats boasted about how they had become 'an essential consultant for any government'. They promised: 'No government in Britain can henceforth govern without taking into account the wishes of the TUC. Our members' interests are assured.'

Where are the boasters now? They are skulking in Congress House not even daring to find out exactly what hammerblows are about to be inflicted on workers.

When it was time to cut their members' wages in the social contract heyday, they did not miss a chance to appear in front of the television cameras.

Now that it is time to save their members' jobs, they are nowhere to be seen.

Their excuse that the TUC has not yet been told the details of the cuts is paper-thin. Everyone knows that a further £2,000m off public spending will put at least another 100,000 out of a job.

With 1.5 million already on the dole, the TUC leaders now want to do a Ramsay MacDonald and desert a sinking ship. A split in the trade unions between the industrial giants and the public service workers looks like being engineered.

But these treacherous plans will come to grief on one unshakable factor, the determination of the working class to fight the slump.

The 100,000 public service workers who demonstrated through London on November 17 and the miners who are calling for strike action on their early retirement demand are a warning to the Labour government — and the TUC.

What was done to the Heath regime by the working class can be done again to the reformist traitors who have taken the Tories' place.

'Workers can't foot the bill any more'

STANLEY Horsefield, NUM branch secretary at Parkside Colliery, near Warrington, is confident his members will return an overwhelming vote rejecting the Coal Board's offer on early retirement.

'We are fully behind the ballot,' he told News Line. 'Nobody can argue that early retirement isn't necessary in this industry.'

'We are a special case. The majority of my members are already paying more than £7 for various pension schemes, and many of them don't live long enough to draw it.'

'The only problem is that all sections of the industry, including the office staff and others, are included in the ballot. That's what changed the situation on the last ballot we held on pay.'

'If it was just the mine workers, there would be no problem. With the others included, the National Executive will not get the same power to take action.'

'But they will undoubtedly get a big vote today. I hope they use the power it gives them to explore every possibility with the government.'

'The government will have to

find the money. It was the miners brought the Labour government in. We don't want to put it out.'

'But the working class has been footing the bill too much lately, and we can't go on footing it any more.'

'You take the average face worker. On a flat week he has about £18 a week deducted from his pay packet as it is, and that's not counting deductions on overtime payments.'

Question

'The government must be made to reconsider the question of early retirement. After today they will have to talk to the union again. If they still don't come up with anything, the lads will have to make up their minds what they are going to do. Then we'll see.'

Teenage girls harassed by army

YOUNG teenage girls are being picked up off the streets of Belfast by the army and taken to special centres for interrogation. The incidents have taken place in staunchly Republican Andersonstown areas and have angered local people.

Andersonstown and Lower Falls Sinn Féin advice centre issued the following protest:

On Tuesday Dec 7 at 8.00p.m. a 13 year old girl was arrested in lower Andersonstown by the British army for refusing to open her coat, she was then brought to Fort Monagh and was held there for four hours. During this time her parents were refused admission to see their daughter.

That same night two teenage girls were stopped in the same area. This time an attempt was made by British army soldiers to search the girls. The girls refused to be searched by male soldiers. They were then arrested and brought to Fort Monagh and were not released until 6.00am.

Such arrests have now become the way of life in the Andersonstown area. In this past 11 days over 201 people have been arrested by the British army and taken to various forts and holding centres. This number does not include the vast number of people stopped in the street, searched and verbally abused by the British army.

In the Falls area, a similar situation has developed, since the arrival of the 2nd battalion of Paras in the middle and lower Falls areas, the degree of harassment against the residents of these areas has been dramatically increased. Adults, youths, and children alike have been subjected to a continual screening process. In some cases the same individuals being stopped two or three times within their own areas for 'screening' purposes. Raids on homes have substantially increased keeping pace with the degree of personal harassment.

The actions of the British army appears to be in keeping with the traditional role of the British army in Ireland, and is consistent with the 'Mason Policy' which has been taking effect since the arrival of the new British viceroy.

LUNGS PARALYSED BY HEAT IN TYNESIDE BLAZE

Inquest told

THE Tyneside ship blaze that claimed the lives of eight shipyard workers, was caused through too much oxygen in the below decks, an inquest heard yesterday.

It meant that when an electric welding torch was lit, it started a killer blaze so fierce that aluminium melted and paint on the outside hull of the ship peeled off.

Aluminium melts at about 660 degrees centigrade. 'The act of breathing air at this temperature would mean that it would paralyse the lungs,' Gordon Harding, a factories inspectorate expert in fires and explosions told the Newcastle court.

The inquest into the death of eight workers who were fitting out the guided-missile destroyer HMS Glasgow at Swan Hunter's Walker shipyard at Newcastle in September was in its first day.

All eight men who died were asphyxiated and had extensive burns which contributed to their deaths.

Mr George Bainbridge, 50, an

electrician, was working in the hull when fire broke out.

Earlier he had lit a cigarette which immediately 'burned straight through to the filter.'

This meant nothing to him at the time, but when an electric welder working on a door frame struck an arc there was 'a little

puff'. Electric cables and ropes fastening them caught fire and he saw flames and black smoke spreading. 'It was very rapid he said.

Mr Bainbridge said there was only one way out for the 11 men working there. Another temporary access was welded

up four days earlier. He escaped by climbing a ladder through a hatchway.

Mr. Angus McKenna, shipwright, said that there was no provision for fire extinguishers or fire fighting equipment on the fourth deck.

The last man to get out to safety was electrician John Sloan. From the time of the fire starting to his escape was only a

'matter of seconds'.

'When I turned round there was just thick black smoke billowing out. I just couldn't see a thing.'

All the witnesses confirmed the rapidness of the fire and the unusual white colour of the flame.

Experts agreed that the reason for the fire burning so rapidly was that the atmosphere had been enriched with oxygen, but no evidence has been given as to how the excess oxygen got to the lower fourth deck.

Died

The eight who died were: Robert Devine, 18, an apprentice carpenter, of Wuppertal Court, Jarrow; Thomas Robson, 57, a tank cleaner, of Albion Buildings, Byker, Newcastle; Philip Simmonds, 21, an electrician, of Stoneleigh Avenue, Longbenton, Newcastle; Alan Taylor, 21, a welder, of Gordon Square, Wallsend; Derek Gill, 17, a plumber's mate, of Walker House, Newcastle; Thomas Franklin, 52, an electrician, of North View, Wallsend; Arthur McGlade, 22, a plumber's labourer, of Park Crescent, North Shields; and Peter Douley, 21, an electrician, of Totnes Drive, Parkside Grange, Cramlington, Northumberland.

● A crane driver was killed yesterday in an accident on the Thistle A oilfield production platform, the biggest platform in the North Sea.

Another four men were injured in the accident on the platform which is still under construction 100 miles north east of Shetland.

● Twyford machine setter William Gerfen was awarded a total of £14,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday for injuries suffered in two accidents at work. His employers were Blewis and Shaw (PVC) Ltd. of Headley Road, Reading.



THE Scottish TUC leaders warned prime minister James Callaghan yesterday that the proposed cuts in public spending would be

'devastating' for Scotland.

'The social effects in our region, already with the highest deprivation in Western Europe, do not bear thinking about,' they

declared in a 15-page document delivered to No. 10 Downing Street.

But despite these alarms, the reformist bureaucrats still

underestimate the depth of the crisis and made no demands for the only possible solution to the slump, a planned socialist economy.

We've gone over the first £20,000

OUR £50,000 Development Fund has at last gone over the £20,000 mark! Thanks to a handsome donation of £1,000 from one of our Party's supporters, Y.M., £141 from supporter B.D. and generous amounts from Rolls Royce workers, branches and other supporters, the Fund was given a great boost yesterday.

This great response shows the support that exists for our plans to expand the News Line and all our Party's work into every working class community throughout the country.

Now is the time to press ahead still further. Everywhere the working class, youth, professional

workers and housewives are looking for alternative leadership to this right-wing Labour government and its allies in the trade union leadership.

So let's give the Fund another big push today and move on to complete it.

Yesterday we received: M.M. £1.12, West Hull £25, Enfield £15, Birkenhead £20, Doncaster £3, Rolls Royce workers £12, Y.M. £1,000, Outer London £100, B.D. £141.63. Total in yesterday: £1317.75. Total to date: £20,083.73.

Post all donations to:
Development Fund
51b Old Town
Clapham SW4 0JT

Press ahead with our December Fund

YESTERDAY'S post brought £56.12 making our total now £200.89. Let's keep it up. We are well into the second week of December and still behind in raising our £4,000 target. Press ahead faster than ever. Help us with a mammoth effort to raise all of our total before Xmas.

As the miners begin their ballot over reducing the retirement age, we see a demonstrative challenge to this Labour government. Behind the miners stand the rest of the working class. Wages, jobs, working conditions are issues over which every section of the

trade union movement will do battle.

Nothing can halt this great movement. The News Line must keep out in front to provide it with a firm political lead. Use our paper to build a revolutionary leadership throughout the working class.

But don't rest back. It must be into action from now on to collect in all our December fund. Raise all you can. Rush every donation immediately to:

The News Line
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New Notting Hill Carnival planned

THE controversial Notting Hill Carnival, used provocatively by the police this year as an 'anti-riot' exercise, will go on again next year, organisers said, today.

Selwyn Baptiste, chairman of the carnival committee, told a London Press conference today: 'It will happen. We are determined that it will succeed, and that we can plan to remove the conflicts which threatened to destroy Carnival 76.'

'As plans are still to be made and agreed, it would be foolish to say more.'

Mr Baptiste said that 250,000 people either watched or took part in this year's carnival, and it drew black people from the whole of London.

It ceased to be just a folk festival of a minority, and though West Indians were at its heart, it had become multi-racial and involved the whole community.

This year's carnival was attacked by police. A total of 546 were injured.

But Mr Baptiste added: 'We deplore violence, and please do not be deceived by last August when, after 11 years, the first disturbance happened to spoil the carnival.'

TV licences up next year

But they'll buy fewer programmes

BY BRIAN MOORE

TELEVISION licences are to go up next year, if the BBC gets its way. In the annual report published yesterday chairman Sir Michael Swann blamed inflation. He said it menaces any development of the BBC's services and 'will force further reductions in the output of programmes.'

Fewer people can afford to buy colour television sets and therefore revenue from licences is not increasing. Borrowing was seen as the only alternative to 'swingeing cuts in programme output, which quite apart from their consequences for the audience, would directly affect the employment of writers, artists and staff.'

Loans from the £20m available to it under the terms of the charter were made as well as cuts in spending amounting to £10m. Even so these measures would not carry the BBC beyond the end of March 1977, the chairman warned.

'We have therefore been preparing to state our case to the government for an increase in 1977'.

In line with the £10m cut, programme budgets have been tightened. Television time has been reduced and money had to 'go much further'.

A greater proportion of repeat showings was necessary.

In radio output, 45 hours a week airtime were cut from early 1975.

The early morning 'Today' programme, one of the most popular BBC radio features, may be carved up under new plans for Radio Four.

Mr Ian McIntyre, the new Radio Four controller, is believed to have spelled out his ideas at a private meeting at the BBC on Tuesday.



Sir Charles Curran (left), director general of the BBC and Professor Sir Michael Swann at yesterday's Press conference

Cuts hit TV, teachers and hospital meals

BLOCK ON NEW TEACHERS IN HULL

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

HUMBERSIDE education committee has begun the cuts by imposing a moratorium on all teaching posts from last week.

Although no official announcement has been made, National Union of Teachers executive member Warwick Wigen told a Hull NUT meeting that headmasters wishing to replace staff who are leaving at Christmas have had their new appointments blocked.

The ban on recruiting has been imposed because the

education committee anticipates spending £600,000 more on salaries than was provided for in its budget.

This is only the first of the cuts. The next education

committee meeting, on December 23, which is to be lobbied by the NUT, will finalise plans for next year's cuts.

Even before Labour Minister Peter Shore announced the cuts in next year's rate support grant, and before the conditions for the International Monetary Fund terms are announced, the committee were planning cuts of £2m for 1977-1978 and a further £1.5m for 1978-1979.

At its meeting this week the Hull branch of the National Union of Teachers voted to seek national backing for imposing a ban on doing any work carried out by teachers who are not replaced after Christmas.

The same meeting also criticised the leadership of the Humberside division of the NUT who were prepared to negotiate with the authority over the £2m cuts and who were prepared to accept a deal which would push the burden of the cuts onto non-teaching staff such as caretakers, canteen workers.

The meeting voted to set up a joint action committee alongside other public service unions to fight all cuts.

The previous meeting voted to support industrial action by any public service workers against the cuts.

Third course is dropped from Mersey dinner

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

HOSPITAL workers may refuse to carry out orders to cut out evening meal sweet courses in Liverpool next week.

Area health administrator George Smith says economies are being introduced in the hospital meals service from next Monday.

A district management team had decided that, subject to the needs of patients, a continental breakfast would be provided as standard fare.

In the evening, a two-course meal would be served consisting of soup and the main course. The sweet would be cut out unless patients expressed a desire for soup and sweet without the main course.

But Colin Barnett, the National Union of Public Employees' north west divisional officer, said:

'This parsimonious attitude will not be allowed to continue by NUPE as our members will continue to serve an appropriate breakfast and also make certain that a sweet is served after the evening meal.'

'The attention of the Liverpool MPs and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security will immediately be drawn to this unreasonable attitude of the Liverpool AHA.'

The decision will also affect patients in psychiatric and subnormality hospitals who, it seems, will now receive worse food than if they were placed in prison.

Rail shutdown at Christmas

NO TRAINS will run in Christmas eve will be cancelled, and Sealink ships and Seaspeed Hovercraft will not operate on Christmas Day, and on December 26. There will only be a scattering of services between London and the Channel ports to connect with ships and hovercraft, British Rail announced yesterday.

In Scotland, there will be only limited services on both days on Glasgow suburban lines.

But to cater for thousands of additional holiday travellers, British Rail is to run more than 500 trains during the Christmas and New Year period.

British Rail estimate that the virtual shut-down on December 25 and 26 will save about £750,000 in operating costs.

Many cheap tickets, like economy and weekend returns, are being suspended between December 21 and 30. Overnight trains on

Modified

From December 31, until Monday, January 3, services will be modified to meet holiday travel needs. In Scotland, there will be no inter-city services on New Year's Day.

Normal services resume throughout England and Wales on January 5 and in Scotland the following day.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

XMAS BAZAARS

LONDON

SATURDAY
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SATURDAY
DECEMBER 18

Doors open 12 noon
Corn Exchange
Leeds

LIVERPOOL

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 11

Doors open 12 noon
AUEW Hall
Mount Pleasant
Liverpool

COVENTRY

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 11

Doors open 12 noon
Bell Green School
Bell Green, Coventry

Bottle draw: Boutique:
Sideshows: Bingo: Gifts:
Bargains Galore!

Workers Revolutionary Party

EAST MIDLANDS Public Meetings

NOTTINGHAM

Sunday December 12,
7.30p.m.
International Community
Centre
Mansfield Road

Speaker — Roy Battersby
(WRP Central Committee)
Chairman — Frank Jowett
(Plessey shop steward, in a
personal capacity)

DERBY

Wednesday December 15,
7.30p.m.
Co-op Club
11, Charnwood Street
Speaker — Gerry Healy
(WRP Central Committee)
Chairman — John Boyle
(NUR member, in a
personal capacity)

LEICESTER

Sunday December 19, 6p.m.
Highfields Community
Centre
Melbourne Road
Highfields
Speaker — Roy Battersby
(WRP Central Committee)
Chairman — Paul
Henderson (ASTMS
member, in a personal
capacity)

HULL ATUA PUBLIC MEETING Fight the Cuts

Sunday, December 19,
7.30p.m.
King William Hotel
Lowgate

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
ROY GARMSTON (Docks
Shop Steward)
BEATTIE WARE (GMWU Shop
Steward, School Canteens)
DICK POOLEY (National
Organiser, PROPE)
(all in a personal capacity).

INDUSTRIAL NEWS

LAY-OFF ROWS HIT LEYLAND...

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

ELECTRICIANS downed tools at the Rubery Owen plant yesterday demanding lay-off pay.

The car components factory at Darlaston Staffs. was getting back to full production after a three-week shutdown due to a pay strike by 120 maintenance engineers.

The sixty electricians among the 2,300 Rubery Owen workers called back after that strike ended on Monday suddenly demanded payment for lost time.

But they stayed in the factory while the management began urgent talks with shop stewards to try to head off another major confrontation.

A company spokesman said the electricians claimed they went into the factory at various times during the shutdown and although there was work available, they were not allowed to do it.

Plans

Leyland yesterday recalled 1,000 workers to resume Mini production at Longbridge, Birmingham, and made plans for the return of nearly 5,000 others whose jobs were hit by the engineers' strike.

Range Rover and MGB assembly lines are still silent at Solihull and Abingdon for want

of components.

Unless the electricians who maintain and repair machines can be persuaded to go back, the Rubery Owen factory will again grind to a halt causing more problems for Leyland and Chrysler.

The main multi-national car monopolies operating in Britain are using their West European factories to penetrate the British market, figures issued by the motor manufacturers showed yesterday.

In the first 11 months of this year, sales of British-built cars rose by 12,655. But sales of imported cars rose by 69,817.

However, of these, all but 4,800 were models built in Europe by companies with their own big British operations — Ford, Chrysler and Vauxhall.

The total UK market so far this year is 7 per cent up on last year, with the 1976 total standing at 1,224,583.

Increase

Foreign manufacturers took 37.5 per cent of the market, compared with 34 per cent in the same period last year.

Most of the increase was taken by Common Market

manufacturers, with penetration up by more than 3 per cent.

Japanese companies increased their share only slightly from 9.1 per cent to 9.5 per cent.

While British-Leyland was market leader last month Ford's Escort and Cortina models headed the top ten table.

Leyland's Mini, Marina and Allegro models took the next three spots, followed by the Vauxhall Chevette, Ford Capri, German-built Ford Granada, Vauxhall's Belgian-built Cavalier and the revamped Chrysler Avenger.

... AND FORD

A GROUP of key workers at Ford's, Dagenham plant, have banned overtime over a row about lay-off pay.

About 200 men in the quality-control section of the assembly plant say they are entitled to unemployment payments like the rest of the assembly work force for days laid-off two weeks ago.

The assembly plant was shut down because of a

strike in the Dagenham body plant. But Ford's contacted the local employment exchange and informed them that the quality-control workers were on the same wage codes as the strikers.

Exchange officials ruled that the quality section had a direct interest in the outcome of the strike.

This angered the

section's workers who are demanding Ford management correct the anomaly over the wage coding and immediately make up for the money they lost in benefits.

Shop stewards at the plant have supported the quality-control by blacking any attempts by management to use foremen or blacklegs in the quality-control section.

Hardliners in bid for Orange Control

GLASGOW — Self confessed leader of the Ulster Defence Association in Scotland, Roddy McDonald, may run for election to a top post in the Orange Order here — a week after standing 'trial' for discrediting the Order by associating it with gun-running.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland holds its annual general meeting this weekend with at least four top posts vacant because of resignations which followed McDonald's 'acquittal'.

The Orange Order in Scotland claims about 80,000 members — mainly in the Glasgow area, Lanarkshire and the Lothians.

McDonald's supporters are hardliners known by their use of the slogan 'No Surrender'.

They are said to be urging him to run for the executive.

The men who have resigned are being portrayed as 'moderates'. In the context of Orangeism, this simply means that they favour a policy which will prevent the Order being openly connected with paramilitary groups.

Scottish UDA boss McDonald was heard on a BBC 'Current Account' programme recently to say that he was involved in gun-running to Ulster 'Loyalists'.

BY A GLASGOW CORRESPONDENT

But last Saturday's private hearing in Glasgow accepted his explanation that part of what came over on the programme had been dubbed in on top of his interview.

This was strenuously denied by programme editor Matt Spicer and a flustered James Bryce, general secretary of the Grand Lodge, told Pressmen that despite the seriousness of the allegations, he could not say if any protest would be made to the BBC.

Bryce was subsequently among those who resigned from his position in the order.

The Orange Order was formed as an instrument of reaction in the period of world-wide revolutionary

struggles which followed the American Revolution of 1776 and the French Revolution of 1789.

It became established in Scotland during the migrations of Irishmen which took place during the industrial revolution and held its first Orange walk in Glasgow in 1821.

On joining, all members have to make a declaration affirming their allegiance to the Crown, the constitution and the protestant ascendancy.

Some journalists here are attempting to portray the Order as rooted in a perhaps regrettable but understandable fear of workers in the 19th

century that the incoming Irish would take their jobs and deprive them of their livelihood.

The line is that the anti-McDonald wing of the movement today represents a 'moderate' tendency who want the Order to have an 'outgoing' image.

In reality there is nothing moderate about the Orange Order. It is a totally reactionary organisation which spawned the crypto-fascist 'Billy Boy' movement in the 1930s.

The strengthening of the 'no surrender' wing is an indication and a warning of how far the Order has already travelled along this road today.

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GAIRY
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ST GEORGE'S, Grenada — Prime Minister Eric Gairy and his Grenada United Labour Party (GULP) have been returned to power again. But their majority in the island's parliament is down from 13 to three. Previously they had 14 out of 15 seats.

The opposition three party People's Alliance gained five seats from the GULP, and they have warned that Gairy will not have such an easy time ruling now.

First

A large part of the opposition vote is thought to have come from the 18-21 age group, voting for the first time.

Torrential rain on Tuesday afternoon may have reduced the numbers voting, as people were having to queue at almost all the polling booths. At any rate, the turnout was estimated at 60 per cent, less than expected. The opposition might have done better otherwise.

A GROUP of African graduates, prisoners in Rhodesia's Wha Wha camp, get together when they can to discuss ideas for the future. They refer to themselves good-humouredly as the 'Afternoon Club'.

Unfortunately, the prisoners are not allowed chairs or tables, so they make do when they can with four upturned night-soil buckets. 'The trouble is, it isn't always easy to get them, as there's only 16 buckets for the whole camp'.

Wha Wha's intellectual life was referred to by former Rhodesian prime minister, Garfield Todd when he spoke yesterday in London to launch Amnesty International's 'Prisoner of Conscience' year.



Angela Seixas, in exile

Todd, arrested in 1972, and under restriction until June this year, said he had found that 'the whites who put me away for four years were now waiting to hear what I saw for the future'.

He said that after speaking in Gwelo to a white audience, he had been told that there were people there who would accept majority rule, and wanted to know what they could do for the future of Zimbabwe. He had told them that ten miles away 600 fine men were being held in Wha Wha camp.

Emergency

Dydimus Mutasa, detained without trial in 1970 under Rhodesian Emergency Powers Regulations, and currently with the Zimbabwe African National Union delegation in Geneva, also spoke, and referred to those who had been held in Zambia as well as Rhodesia.

Mutasa said there was no doubt that it was the efforts of the young guerillas fighting in the bush that had made the Geneva conference a possibility.

Puerto Rican-born Martin Sostre, still on parole in the United States, after doing nine years of a 30-year sentence, described how he had been beaten and tortured while undergoing solitary confinement.

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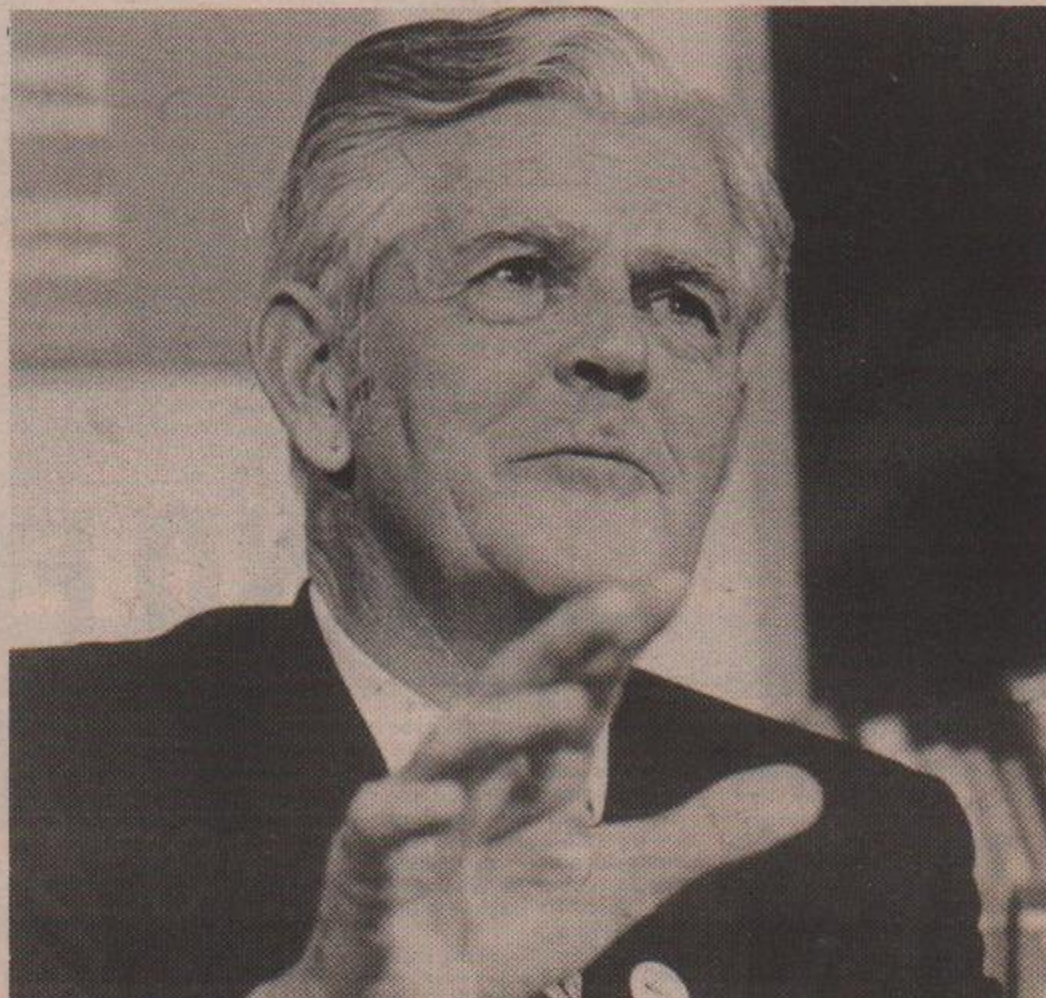
Sostre, a left-wing bookshop owner who was framed on drug charges, explained that this was how things were done in the United States. 'They make you appear a common criminal'.

He described the United States as being 'just as racist as South Africa', and said 'the barriers are not called Apartheid, they're not in the books, but they're real'. Calling attention specially to Puerto Rican nationalists held in US jails, he said that having 'stolen most of the world's resources', the United States was 'a tough nut to crack'.

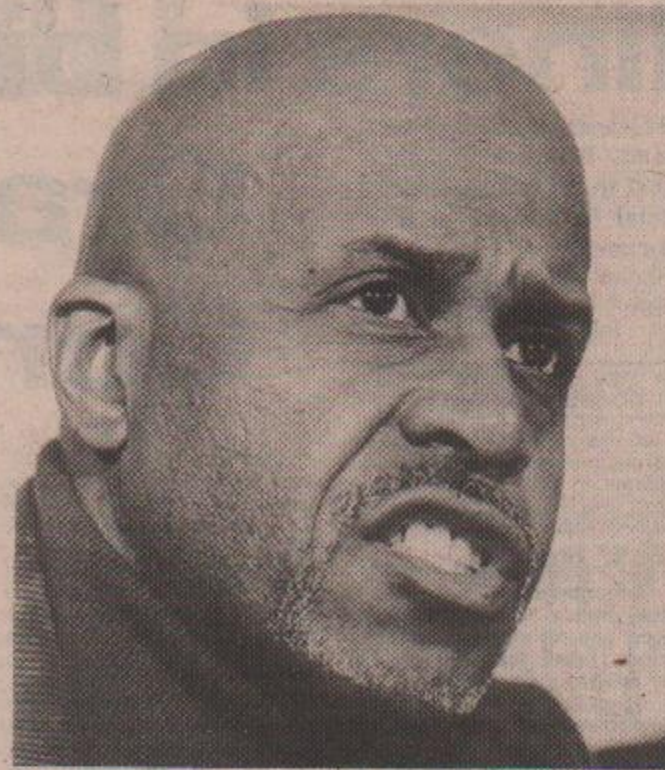
Moscow talks in third day

MOSCOW — Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi yesterday had his third day of talks with Soviet leaders Brezhnev, Kosygin and Podgorny. The presence of all three Soviet top men and the duration of the talks is seen as an indication that tough negotiations are taking place.

The Soviet Union is pushing its policy of a recall of the

POLITICAL PRISONERS
SPEAK OUT

Garfield Todd, former Rhodesian Prime Minister



Martin Sostre, on parole

Nevertheless, he said the United States 'can be brought to heel'. Despite their wealth, their intimidatory power, they were a minority.

On behalf of the prisoners in Latin America, former Brazilian political prisoner Angela Seixas, now living in exile (and married to Philip

Agee) spoke, quoting a letter smuggled out from a prison in north-east Brazil, on how prisoners who had already been held for years were brought back for more torture.

27-year old Vadim Delaunay, sentenced in 1967 in the Soviet Union for 'violating public order' (he had taken part in a peaceful demonstration in Pushkin Square) and after that suspended sentence, again sentenced in 1968 for opposing the invasion of Czechoslovakia, referred to the concentration camps in the USSR, and long periods of solitary confinement at freezing temperatures.

Camps

He made special emphasis of Vladimir Bukovsky, who had spent 10 years in the camps and was not entitled to send letters out or to have visitors.

On the Chilean government's offer to exchange imprisoned Chilean CP member Luis Corvalan for Bukovsky, Delaunay said that whatever one thought of the Chilean regime, the offer ought to have been considered. He said he had the impression the Soviet authorities would prefer to let Corvalan stay in prison.

Danish jobless rising

COPENHAGEN — Unemployment in Denmark is expected to increase by 15,000 next year, to 145,000, according to a forecast published yesterday by the government's State Economic Secretariat.

The Secretariat's half-yearly report also expresses hope that the country's present trade

deficit of 10-11 billion crowns can be reduced to 8.5 billion (£850 million) next year, and to six billion in 1978.

The report says this estimate is based on the government's being able to keep annual pay increases down to 6 per cent, and on cuts in public spending as well as increased indirect taxation.

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Japan's Miki to resign?

TOKYO — Japanese premier Takeo Miki, who has indicated he would take responsibility for his party's loss of a working majority after Sunday's elections, is expected to confirm within the next two days that he is resigning.

Although some Tokyo newspapers have said that a younger man should lead the Liberal Democrats, Miki's most likely successor at present remains former Finance Minister Takeo Fukuda, who is 71. He has the support of important business circles, and two thirds of the Liberal Democrat MPs were already backing him against Miki before the elections.

Others have been named in the running, among them Finance Minister Mawayoshi Ohira and Foreign Minister



Takeo Miki
Kosaka.

Miki is expected to announce proposed reforms aimed at 'cleaning up' the party's corrupt image before announcing his resignation.

Prices on the Tokyo stock market yesterday recorded their second highest rise in the year, interpreted by many observers as a sign of approval at Fukuda becoming premier.

GOLD CITY QUAKE

JOHANNESBURG — The gold mining city of Welkom was shaken by a strong earth tremor yesterday. Lasting two minutes, the tremor brought down blocks of flats, cracked downtown bank buildings, and trapped miners underground.

The cause of the tremor, which registered 4.8 on the Richter scale, is thought to have been the collapse of underground mine workings.

Severe surface damage was caused at one major gold mine, and three miners were reported trapped at another. Rock falls occurred at several mines in the area.

MOVES TOWARDS A PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT -IN-EXILE

BY JIM MUIR
Inter Press Service

BEIRUT — President Tito of Yugoslavia believes that 90 states are prepared to recognise a Palestinian government-in-exile, according to informed Palestinian sources quoted in a leftist Beirut daily.

'As Safir', which is close to the Palestinian guerrilla movement, said today that president Tito expressed this conviction to Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat, who returned to Beirut late yesterday after visiting Yugoslavia, Rumania and Syria.

Sources

The same sources said that Tito, who had issued an urgent invitation to Arafat and sent a special plane to Damascus to fetch him, was keen to gauge the PLO's reaction to the idea of establishing a provisional

government with a view to setting up a 'West Bank-Gaza Strip state'.

The Yugoslav leader also informed Arafat that the Dutch foreign minister, recently in Belgrade, has told officials there that the European states were prepared to recognise the PLO and had no objection to the establishment of a government-in-exile.

The establishment of such a government-in-exile has been the subject of sporadic speculation for at least two years, and has been advocated by some of the Palestinians' strongest backers. But the PLO has always maintained that the idea was premature.

The Arab states, however, are now preparing a political offensive for peace in the Middle East — which immediately throws the focus on the question of who will take over any territory relinquished by Israel as part of a Middle East settlement.

This has led to a fresh upsurge of speculation about the Palestinian provisional government. So far, Palestinian leaders have avoided committing themselves on the issue, but there are some signs that it is being taken seriously.

If it is to go ahead, the groundwork for such a move is likely to be made at the Sunday meeting of the PLO central council in Damascus and finalised at a congress of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's unofficial parliament.

Publicly

Palestinian leaders are saying both publicly and privately that they do not believe a Middle East settlement is near at hand, despite intensive Arab diplomatic activity. But there are fears in PLO circles that Syria, which is now very closely linked to Jordan, may try to ease a settlement by sponsoring its own Palestinian provisional government without letting the independent PLO control it.

The possibility thus remains that the PLO may indeed set up such a government as a pre-emptive measure to forestall Jordanian designs on the West Bank, an interpretation seemingly backed by the recent opposition expressed in the Jordanian media to the formation of a Palestinian government-in-exile.

● A meeting of the leadership of the Palestinian revolution last night headed by Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO executive committee, immediately after his return from visits to Yugoslavia and Rumania, has decided to convene a meeting of the PLO central council next Sunday, December 12, in Damascus.

The meeting also discussed the shooting incidents which took place two days ago in Nahr Al-Bared camp north of Tripoli, and studied measures to circumscribe their effects. It was decided to form an investigatory committee headed by Tawfiq Al-Safadi, secretary of the higher political committee for Palestinian affairs in Lebanon, and including Abu Taan, commander of the Palestinian armed struggle command, as well as representatives of all commando groups.

The committee has been authorized to arrest and interrogate all suspects, and is to begin its work immediately. It will submit a report on the investigation to the leadership of the Palestinian resistance. Also during the meeting, the leadership issued instructions, to the responsible officials in Nahr Al-Bared camp calling on them to remain alert in the face of any actions which might jeopardize the safety and security of the Palestinian camps in Lebanon.

Socialist conference supports PLO

WHILE the capitalist newspapers filled column after column with the reactionary proceedings at the recent conference of the Second, so-called 'socialist', International at Geneva last month, a much more important gathering was completely ignored.

On the initiative of the Arab Socialist Union of the Libyan Arab Republic, delegates from socialist parties from 18

Mediterranean countries met in Barcelona, Spain, from November 26 to 28.

One of the major items discussed was the struggle of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation and the conference resolved:

'There can be no peace in the Mediterranean until the national legitimate rights of the Arab Palestinian people are recognised. The Conference

supports the armed struggle of the Arab Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO).'

Jointly organised by the Partido Socialista Popular and the Federation of Socialist Parties of Spain, the Malta Labour Party and the Arab Socialist Union of Libya, the conference demanded that all foreign military presence in the Mediterranean be terminated.

SOUTH KOREA PANIC OVER DEFECTING DIPLOMAT

SEOUL — The South Korean government has demanded the return of senior diplomat Kim Sang-Keun — now cooperating with US investigators looking into the activities of the South Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA).

A government official in Seoul, who refused to be named, said that South Korea had repeatedly asked for Kim's return, and that if the US authorities refused to comply, the assumption would be that he was being forcibly detained.

Kim Sang-Keun, First Secretary at the South Korean embassy in Washington, disappeared from the embassy on November 25. He is reported to have asked for political asylum. The defection has caused a panic in South Korean

diplomatic circles.

It also has several prominent people in the United States worried. Kim kept records of all financial transactions and sums paid out via the embassy. It has been alleged that a million dollars was paid in gifts and bribes to win friends in the US Congress.

The KCIA, whose station chiefs were South Korean diplomats attached to the United Nations in New York, has also run a terror campaign to intimidate potential opponents among the Koreans resident in the United States.

Reporting Kim's defection last month, the 'New York Times' quoted an 'informed source' in

the Justice Department as saying:

'This guy will blow the lid off this case and many people on Capitol Hill are going to be worried about this.'

The defecting diplomat is also said to have highly damaging information about Korean-born businessman Tongsun Park, known for his lavish Washington parties for important guests and recently in London; and about Pak Bo Hi, a former military attaché who is first lieutenant to the wealthy Reverend Sung Myung Moon, of the Unification Church. Moon's world-wide right-wing religious outfit is seen as a front for the south Korean government.

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What the Committee is doing

MARK HOSENBALL, the London-based American journalist being deported by the Labour government on the instructions of the CIA, will appeal to a panel appointed by the Home Secretary on January 4.

Philip Agee, the former CIA agent who is now its No 1 enemy, appeals against his deportation order before a similar panel on January 11.

Between now and then, the Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee will be very active. Yesterday it held a 'teach-in' at the London School of Economics on immigration, deportation and the CIA.

On Saturday a picket will be held at the Home Office at noon. Pickets will then assemble outside the London homes of several CIA members and others will hand in a letter at the US embassy to the new chief of the CIA's London station, Dr Edward Procter. (Procter took part in the court action against John Mark's book.)

A benefit film performance will be held on Saturday night at The Other Cinema in Tottenham Street in support of Agee and Hosenball. And there will be a demonstration in London on Sunday, January 9.



Philip Agee, the ex-CIA man threatened with deportation from Britain, lobbying the Home Office with members of the Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee yesterday



Tony Bogus (speaking) from Jamaica, and John Mark, ex-US State Department official, were at a seminar on the Agee-Hosenball case held at the London School of Economics yesterday

Pamphlet details the CIA's activities in Jamaica

THE SECOND 'CIA Briefing' published by the Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee concentrates on the growing crisis in Jamaica, where the Central Intelligence Agency is actively engaged in subverting the Peoples National Party government of Michael Manley.

Entitled 'Jamaica Destabilised - British Guiana repeated' the pamphlet contains a selection of articles and documents detailing the CIA's methods in Jamaica and naming the men chiefly responsible.

In addition, there are a series of newspaper cuttings detailing

the CIA's intervention in British Guiana, where the Agency succeeded in overthrowing left-wing premier Cheddi Jagan and installing the pro-American Forbes Burnham.

Philip Agee, the ex-CIA agent now facing deportation by the Labour government, visited Jamaica in September to outline the role of the CIA on the island. His intervention undoubtedly offended the bauxite mining interests which are backing the right-wing opposition to Manley.

Agee's findings are set out in

an article reprinted in the pamphlet from the US magazine 'CounterSpy'. The article, written by Agee's colleague Ellen Ray, names the key CIA operatives on the island who are working together with the right-wing leadership of the Jamaica Labour Party.

'Jamaica Destabilised' is a powerful indictment not only of the CIA, but also of the Labour government, which is doing the CIA's dirty work by trying to deport and silence Agee and Mark Hosenball.

● The pamphlet priced at 25p is available from the Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee, 186 Kings Cross Road, London SW1X 9DE.

WHITE COLLAR BACKING FOR DEFENCE CAMPAIGN

WHITE-COLLAR workers in Edinburgh have demanded that Home Secretary Merlyn Rees lifts his deportation order on American journalists Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball.

In a resolution passed by a substantial majority, the members of the Edinburgh General branch of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs told Rees to deport the CIA from Britain instead.

Their resolution will go before the Edinburgh District Trades Council in ten days' time.

At the same meeting the ASTMS men passed a resolution for next year's annual

conference of the union which demands that ASTMS fight for the immediate withdrawal of the British troops from Ireland.

The resolution states that while not condoning terrorism, the conference must support the right of the Irish people to fight British imperialism with whatever methods they feel they must use.

The Edinburgh General branch also voted a donation of £5 to the Young Socialist appeal on behalf of the struggle of the Lebanese working class (see page 5 advert).

A collection at the meeting raised a further £5 for this appeal.

GO OFF AGA

Says ex-C

A CALL for the left wing to go on the offensive against the Central Intelligence Agency was made yesterday by the former CIA agent Philip Agee.

He was speaking at an all-day teach-in organised by the Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee at the London School of Economics.

Agee, facing deportation by the Labour government, is due to appear before a three-man secret tribunal on January 11. He said: 'If there were a real case against me — they would certainly "make it" — they could put me in prison to stop my activities.'

He asserted that he had done nothing to jeopardise British security in his exposures of CIA agents. He demanded to know

ASSESSMENT BY OUR IN FOREIGN STAFF

THE Israeli proposal to reconvene the Geneva 'peace' conference on the Middle East — dormant for 3 years — is the latest form taken by the imperialist conspiracy against the Palestinians and Arab masses.

However, what dominates the Middle East is not the manoeuvres of the imperialists, their Zionist puppets or the Arab ruling class, but the world capitalist crisis.

This crisis is having a disastrous effect on the economy of Israel itself, where inflation is running at over 25 per cent.

In addition, the Zionist state is facing a major problem of falling immigration, which has dropped from 55,800 in 1972 (including 33,000 from the Soviet Union) to 15,000 this year, with only 5,800 coming from the Soviet Union.

In November this year, more than half the Jews who gained permission to leave Russia on the grounds that they were going to Israel, changed their minds when they got to Vienna and sought homes elsewhere.

This is reducing the manpower available for both industry and the armed forces, and is placing extra strain on the already shaky ruling coalition.

So Israeli demands, however arrogantly expressed, stem from increasing weakness, not growing strength.

Neither can the reactionary Assad regime in Syria claim to be carrying all before it. Despite the temporary military reverses inflicted on the Palestinian Liberation Organisation by 27,000 well-equipped Syrian troops, Assad was forced to abandon his original intention of physically liquidating the PLO and its leadership on behalf of the United States and its Arab bourgeois agents.

The offensive against the PLO and the Palestinian masses has now had to be switched from the military to the diplomatic arena.

According to News Week magazine, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has offered to negotiate a non-belligerency pact with Israel in advance of any Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories.

And in an interview with Time magazine, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said he was willing to set up a Palestinian state in land evacuated by Israel in any agreement. (This, as Arafat pointed out, was a decision of the 1974 Palestine National Council.)

Wealthiest

But the real power behind the drive to a deal with Israel is the ultra-reactionary Saudi Arabian regime, the wealthiest of all the Arab States.

It was King Khalid of Saudi Arabia who summoned the leaders of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Kuwait and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation to Riyadh in October to hammer out a settlement of the Lebanese war.

The Saudis and their friends are now looking to incoming US President Jimmy Carter to assist in arranging a peace settlement with Israel which would deprive the Palestinians of their rights.

This is one of the reasons Saudi Arabia is seeking to hold back a rise in oil prices at this month's conference of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

But the success of the Saudi strategy at Riyadh was not merely due to her role as spiritual leader of Islam (nor even her more material function as chief banker to the Arab world).

At the subsequent Cairo meeting on October 26 the only Arab League country to vote against the Riyadh agreement was Iraq (the Libyan delegation arrived too late to vote).

NEW STAGE IN THE MID-EAST REVOLUTION



Palestinian youth in training for the fight

Saudi Arabian attempts to mediate in Lebanon had failed before. What was different in October was that the struggle had reached deadlock.

Despite his overwhelming military superiority, Assad was by no means assured that he could win an outright military victory against the PLO and the lefts.

For their part, the PLO was severely hit militarily, starved of essential supplies, abandoned by most of its one-time friends in the Arab League, and stabbed in the back by the Soviet Union which maintained military and economic assistance to the Syrian invaders.

Both sides were willing to accept Riyadh — the PLO to safeguard its survival, Syria because a further gamble in Lebanon might prove disastrous.

Unity

The latest plans for an Arab-Israeli settlement do not indicate, however, that the so-called 'Arab realists' can carry all before them.

The most powerful factor to emerge from the Lebanese war was the unbreakable unity between the Palestinians and the Lebanese working masses.

This means that from now on, the Palestinian revolution is inseparable from the social revolution in the Middle East.

This is the rock on which the counter-revolutionary plans of imperialism for both the Palestinians and the Arab masses must founder.

The Syrians are now trying to restore the capitalist state in Lebanon based on the Christian-Falangist forces there. But in the conditions of

world economic crisis this could only produce an unbearable contradiction — a playground for the rich on the one hand combined with feudal oppression and poverty on the other.

Similarly, the plan to push the Palestinians into a fragmented 'homeland' on the West Bank and the Gaza strip — dominated by the Arab bourgeoisie — is also unworkable.

In his interview with News Week, President Sadat said: 'I don't think there is any alternative except Geneva.'

Sadat then called for an end to the 'state of belligerency' which has existed since the formation of the state of Israel 28 years ago, on the basis of the withdrawal of Israel from all Arab land occupied after the 1967 war.

But this would still leave the Palestinians deprived of their original homelands. Such a 'settlement', even if negotiated, could never last if the Palestinians were permitted to set up their own independent state on the West Bank and Gaza.

The key therefore lies in excluding the Palestinians from the peace talks, or at least reducing them to a completely subordinate role.

But Arafat, though now saying he will accept such a resettlement, is insisting precisely on an 'independent' Palestinian state.

Hence the Zionists' desire, first, to keep the PLO out of any talks, if they can, and — above all — to ensure that any land they might evacuate is firmly under the control of 'friendly' Arab bourgeois rulers, particularly Jordan.

By Wednesday the Israelis were saying they might



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withdraw their Geneva call because of the insistence by some United Nations delegations that the PLO should attend. And Premier Yitzhak Rabin was saying on Monday that the Palestinian question must be settled within the context of an agreement with Jordan.

While the Israelis claim that their proposals for reconvening Geneva — which first met late in 1973 after the 'October War' — are 'without preconditions' they in fact only request the presence of the original participants. These were Israel, Egypt, Syria and Jordan — not the PLO.

But counter-demands have already been submitted to the United Nations saying that the PLO should be represented in the talks.

'Moderate'

Sadat is now trying to get round this by proposing a collective Arab negotiating body. This would include the PLO, but be overweighed by 'moderate' Arabs.

The central question remains, however, who would control any territory evacuated by the Israelis?

The reactionary King Hussein of Jordan is insisting on Jordanian 'influence' in the West Bank region, and Egypt's Sadat claimed recently that any West Bank state could be federated to Jordan.

While the PLO leaders have no choice but to go along with the present manoeuvres of the Arab rulers, they are unlikely ever to agree to such a situation. That is why the Syrians and their allies are so anxious to remove the Arafat leadership from its position at the head of the PLO.

The demand for the independence of the Palestinians in their own lands, the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon, socialist policies to solve the problems of the exploited masses in Lebanon and throughout the Arab world, unity with the Jewish workers and exploited minorities against Israeli, Middle East and world capitalism — this is the way forward for all workers and oppressed peoples in the Middle East, Arab and Israeli alike.

ON THE ENSIVE NST CIA

A agent Philip Agee

by the United States had sent people as CIA operatives to London. He pointed out that in the and Uruguay the CIA length had only been six or ten people in each station.

There are many things which need to be watched in Britain. Think of what has been going on in the Labour Party. There is something to do with the hunt against left-wing Party members.

He cited organisations like the Institute for the Study of Conflict which he said had been giving support from CIA and organisations in the United States.

Richard Fletcher, a Marxist who has worked on exposure of CIA links in the unions, named Dennis Hey and Anthony Crosland having been groomed by the CIA. He said Healey had been associated with Sol Levitas, one of the 'New Leader' magazine in New York, which is a co-ordinating organ for the Central Intelligence

Agency's work inside social democracy.

Crosland had worked in Paris for the Congress for Cultural Freedom as part of a small group advising Congress director Michael Josephson on which organisations should be backed by the CF.

'The Congress for Cultural Freedom was completely backed by the CIA. I am not saying either of these two people knew the CIA connections, but it does seem a bit naive of them that they did not ask where the money was coming from. It does not say much for the judgement of these people who are now in charge of Foreign Affairs and Finance in this country.'

Other speakers at the meeting included John Marks, co-author of 'The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence', Tony Bogus, who detailed CIA operations in Jamaica, Tony Bunyan, who spoke on the British intelligence services, and Martin Sostre, a Puerto Rican activist who was framed and imprisoned in the US.

POLLUTION

River of death in Canada's Minemata

Reprinted from 'Bulletin',
twice-weekly organ of the
Workers' League in the
United States —
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In Japan, two ageing chemical company executives are standing trial for manslaughter, charged with the poisoning of as many as 10,000 residents of the fishing villages on Minemata Bay.

Halfway around the world, the deadly 'Minemata Disease' is taking its toll among Canadian Indians.

Methyl mercury poisoning is slow, irreversible, and excruciatingly painful. The heavy metal attacks the central nervous system and reduces brain cells to sponge, producing shaking and spasms, crippling distortions and paralysis, blindness and death. It appears to have a concentrated effect on unborn children, so that even mothers without a single symptom have given birth to retarded, blind and crippled babies.

Victims

All this is documented in the medical records and the lives of the victims of Minemata.

Yet the Canadian government has allowed mercury pollution to continue almost unchecked, providing little warning and less compensation to the Ojibwas of the Grassy Narrows and White Dog reserves along the English-Wabigoon River.

Since 1962 the Dryden Chemical Company and the Dryden Pulp and Paper Mill have been dumping mercury into the river system adjoining the reserves.

For eight years, they dumped 10 to 20 pounds of the metal a day into the river, known throughout North America as a commercial fishing ground and a sporting paradise for wealthy fishermen.

Unsafe

In 1970 the Trudeau government ordered a cutback on the chemical dumping and issued a warning that the fish taken from the waters of the Wabigoon River were unsafe.

Commercial fishing on the river was banned, sending unemployment among the Ojibwas sky-rocketing from 5 per cent to 95 per cent.

Vacation lodge owners in the area resisted government attempts to ban sport fishing as well, and signs warning tourists to 'fish for fun, not food' disappeared mysteriously soon after they were posted.

The Indians themselves,



The English-Wabigoon river in Ontario, Canada, will take years to run clean

whose diet and livelihood depended for generations on the fish of the river, were never warned of the murderous effects of the mercury. A letter warning them not to eat the fish was followed by another letter saying it was safe.

In November 1972 a provincial government task force and officials of the Ontario Health Department visited the reserves.

Their report stated, 'The (mercury) levels in the fish are among the highest recorded in North America and comparable with those found in Japan.'

It recommended medical exams for everyone who had eaten fish from the polluted river and government help in providing supplies of uncontaminated fish and new jobs.

The report was not made public until 1975.

Token Health Department tests for traces of mercury were taken among the Indians during these years.

They were scheduled for the spring months — when blood levels would be lowest because fish consumption had been low.

Government officials threw away the results showing the ten highest levels of mercury in the area, according to a Canadian journalist.

Even more disastrously, the Ontario and Canadian governments allowed the

Dryden executives to take full charge of their own pollution monitoring.

The 1970 order to cut down dumping of mercury was ignored. In 1974 Dryden reported a total discharge of four pounds for the entire year.

A federal environmental expert later reported that the discharge was at least 30 pounds that year.

Today Dryden claims to have

converted their plants so that mercury is not used at all. They are still the only monitors of the waste poured into the river.

They are allowed to monitor for themselves the process of cleaning ten years' accumulation of mercury out of the factory drains.

Even if no mercury is released, and the drains are completely clean, scientists say it will take 70 to 100 years for the rivers to run clean again.

MISSING POLICE RIFLES FOUND

POLICE have found 14 of 15 rifles stolen from a rifle range under London's Blackfriars Bridge.

The rifles were found only yards from the range, but one rifle, two pistols and ammunition are still missing.

Also still missing is some black powder which police say is highly inflammable and could cause a serious explosion in a confined space.

The powder, which is used to

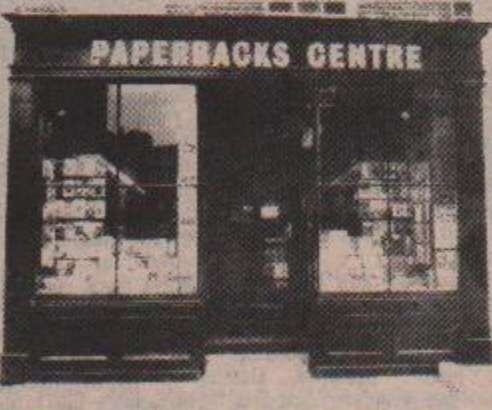
prime replicas of ancient weapons, was in tins coloured red with the name Curtis and Havey printed on them.

Police divers are planning a search of the riverbed today in an effort to find the missing items which include seven thousand rounds of .22 ammunition and two .22 calibre pistols.

Detectives say they have ruled out the possibility that the thefts were the work of terrorists.

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POISON

GOBBLEDIGOOK

HOUSEWIVES will be paying up to 50p a pint for water in a frozen turkey this Christmas, according to a report out today.

It warns that if shoppers are unlucky enough to buy a bird with more than average water, they will pay poultry prices for the water. With frozen turkey at 44p a pound, this could work out at over 50p a pint.

These are the findings of a 'Which?' magazine survey of Christmas food.

But it finds that because of rising chicken and beef prices, turkey is cheaper, pound-for-pound of meat, over its traditional rivals.

Even the extra water in frozen poultry does not push turkey and chicken off the perch as providers of 'among the most economical sources of protein from meat'.

The amount of extra water varies considerably from one bird to another. Some of the frozen turkeys it examined contained hardly any water, but one of the large ones lost 1¾ pints of liquid in thawing.

On average, the Consumers' Association magazine found extra water amounted to about 10 per cent of the total weight of frozen chickens and about 8 per cent of frozen turkeys and ducks.

Frozen birds hold large amounts of water which you pay for



Turkey stays on value perch but you may be paying for water

Fresh poultry contains little or no extra water, but usually costs more than frozen and 'Which?' says:

'As a general rule, a frozen chicken or turkey has to cost at least 4p a pound less than a fresh one to work out genuinely cheaper.'

When it comes to choosing poultry, duck is more expensive than chicken or turkey and has

less meat. Turkey costs more than chicken per pound, but has more meat.

'Which?' found that in October, to end up with one pound of lean meat, you had to spend 82p on turkey, 90p on chicken and £1.43 on duck.

A caution for cooks who rely on the giblets for a tasty gravy — not all frozen birds come complete with giblets and there

may be nothing on the label to tell you this.

And often the giblets put inside may well have come from a communal pile of bits, and you may end up with two livers.

Cooks should pay attention to thawing out frozen poultry, for it sometimes contains significant numbers of salmonella bacteria.

Make sure your bird is completely thawed out and then cook it thoroughly.

Christmas puddings can cost as little as 28p a pound to buy or as much as £1.30, and tastes vary as much as the price, says 'Which?'

Better

Some are better than others — not even Mrs Beeton's recipe stood out from the crowd — but none of them are good for calorie counters.

'Comparing a lump of frozen poultry with a piece of fresh meat is like comparing plonk with vintage wine', commented the National Federation of Meat Traders.

'Flavour is negligible, and it does not have the nutritional value in terms of vitamins, thiamin and amino acids contained in meat.'



St Mark's, part of the crumbling city of Venice.

Save Venice.. and end up with malaria

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

VENICE — A delegation of Venice city councillors flew to Rome this week, for an urgent meeting with Public Works Minister Antonio Gullotti.

They are trying to stave off what they see as certain disaster. And they are in a race against time.

In an effort to control the ruinous 'acqua alte' (high waters) which are relentlessly destroying the city's buildings, the government is sponsoring an international competition for 'fixed water-intake regulating structures'.

It wants schemes for dams or similar structures to be constructed across the three entrances to Venice's lagoon.

But experts have warned that if the dams are constructed, Venice could face far worse consequences than flood waters. Cut off from the sea, the lagoon would become a polluted, disease-ridden pond of stagnant water.

A scientific study published last year said that one consequence could be the return of malaria to the area, as a

result of changing the proportion of fresh and salt-water in the lagoon.

Dr Roberto Frassetto, one of the world's acknowledged experts on tidal flows and related subjects, says the government's present proposals threaten the survival of Venice.

Permanent

The plan to build permanent structures, with the possible later addition of movable dams to block the inflow of water during exceptionally high tides, 'could severely compromise the survival of the historic centre of Venice', he said.

His own proposal, and that of virtually all other experts who have studied the problem, is to build a system of mobile structures which would be used to block the lagoon entrances only when an exceptionally high tide threatens the city.

According to Dr Frassetto, they would be used to block the lagoon entrances only when an exceptionally high tide threatens the city.

According to Dr Frassetto, they would close off the lagoon for only 263 hours each year, leaving shipping traffic which uses the thriving port at Marghera totally unaffected for the rest of the year.

EUROPE'S CRAZY AIR FARES SYSTEM

AIRLINES are overcharging passengers, the Airline Users' Committee said in its annual report yesterday.

They find that there is little competition between European scheduled airlines and that passengers using them are paying more than efficient airlines would need to make a good profit.

The committee describes the typical European fare structure as irrational and so complex that passengers cannot know what fare they should be paying.

In its study of European fares, the committee found that they vary widely and irrationally between different geological areas over similar distances.

For example, it costs £21.70 more to fly from London to Naples (1,002 miles) than to Faro, Portugal (1,057 miles).

Discounts

It also found that single routes often have a multiplicity of fares. For example, on the London-Malaga route, there are more than 30 different rates, including six categories of discounts.

The committee, set up three years ago to help the Civil Aviation Authority safeguard the interests of air travellers, stated in its annual report that it dealt with 331 complaints in the year 1975-1976 compared with 442 in 1974-1975.

Recalling that last year the CAA had decided to ask airlines for regular quarterly analyses of

complaints, the committee stated:

'We regret that so far, airlines have shown little enthusiasm.'

It added that the authority was pursuing the matter with the airlines.

The largest number of complaints — 22 per cent of the total — was about flight arrangements of which

two-thirds were made against travel organisers and concerned charter flights, mainly advanced booking charters to North America.

Tariffs, reservations, tickets, cancellation or delay, and baggage problems were other causes of complaint.

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'How the GPU Murdered Trotsky' is a unique historical document brilliantly presented in three colours in magazine format.

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

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

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

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The Institute of reaction

THE INSTITUTE for the Study of Conflict was set up as a registered charity in 1970 by a right-wing Australian journalist called Brian Crozier.

Its prospectus states that 'The driving motivation behind ISC is the defence of free industrial societies against totalitarian encroachments'.

This includes 'subversion,

particularly in industry and all systematic attempts to undermine society, in the universities, parliament, government and other fields.'

Until 1975 the Institute carried on a twilight existence building up contacts in the military and business establishments and with right-wingers in South Africa, the United States, Rhodesia and elsewhere. Its cover was 'blown' in 1975 when 'Time Out' and 'The Guardian' published extracts from ISC files.

These showed that its contacts included the Rhodesian secret service and the South African secret police, BOSS. They also showed that the Institute was a direct descendant, both in terms of personnel and finance, of a now defunct London news agency called Forum World Features.

Forum was closely linked with the US Central Intelligence Agency. The Institute's supporters in the US are also particularly revealing. It's sister

organisation in the US, founded in March 1975, is chaired by former US under-Secretary of State George Ball and committee members include Robert Komer of the Rand Corporation, who was in charge of the pacification programme in Vietnam.

Another member of the committee, Kermit Roosevelt, was in charge of the 1953 coup in Iran which overthrew Mossadeq and established the dictatorship of the Shah.

The Institute's contacts extend high

up in the army, police and civil service. Janke's correspondence includes a letter on Cabinet Office notepaper from John Evershed, enclosing a Cabinet Office paper on Brazil. The letter says: 'I would be grateful if you would treat the fact that it originated in the Cabinet Office in confidence.'

A prolific writer for the Institute is Robert Moss who works for the Tory 'Economist'. Moss is one of the staunchest defenders of the Chilean junta in Britain.

Police links with right wing exposed

BY JOHN SPENCER

LINKS BETWEEN the police top brass and extreme right-wing groups are revealed in the latest issue of the anti-fascist magazine 'Searchlight', which provides documentary evidence to back its allegations.

The magazine has published correspondence between John Alderson, former commandant of Bramshill Police College and the Institute for the Study of Conflict, which is linked with far-right groups in Britain and overseas.

Alderson, now the Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, displays 'great interest' in the work being done by the Institute and boasts that police students at Bramshill are taught such subjects as 'Resistance to government', 'Military intervention in politics' and 'Terrorism'.

His letter to the Institute's research officer Peter Janke includes an invitation to visit the college, which Janke duly took up.

Janke's report to the Institute staff after his visit to the police college sheds a revealing light on the thinking of the men responsible for police training.

Dated July 26, 1972, it shows that even under the Heath government the police chiefs considered they had to go beyond Home Office policy in linking up with the far right.

Devoted

Janke tells how the assistant director of studies at Bramshill, Ian Watt, was planning a pilot study on terrorism for students at Bramshill. 'This would consist of only five periods devoted to two talks, discussion and the showing of the film "Battle of Algiers" documents how the French paratroops crushed the revolt of the FLN in the Casbah of Algiers by systematic mass torture, murder and intimidation. According to Janke:

'This would be the first time that policemen in this country were introduced to the idea that political terrorism grew out of the early phases of subversion, and that it was the responsibility of the police to detect these phases and to prevent the escalation into subversion.'

He goes on: 'I picked up this topic over lunch with the commandant, John Alderson, and he again raised it at tea-time.'

Indeed, he pursued the theme of subversion with vigour and interest, even though no mention

From: J.C. Alderson, Commandant

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22nd June, 1972

Mr. Stood is out of the country at present and I write in reply to your letter addressed to him on 12th June 1972.

As you may know we take a great interest in the work being done by your Institute and have many of your titles available for our students.

Our recommended reading for students here includes Paget; Thompson; Kiteon; Arendt; Crozier; Luttwak; Ross.

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and so on. We are at present strengthening our Library holdings in all these subjects.

I hope the above information will be of use to you but if you would like to supplement it by a personal visit to the College, I would be happy to welcome you here.

John Alderson
Commandant

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DOCUMENT 1

Alderson's letter from Bramshill Police College to Peter Janke of the Institute for the Study of Conflict

was made by myself of our study group. If the pilot project were included in the syllabus, as he expected, Mr Alderson would be interested in arranging for someone from the Institute to lecture on the course.

I pointed out that we had a

specially devised newspaper cuttings library and that it might prove beneficial to have a couple of police students work on this material as part of their course. He thought it a good idea.

The report goes on to deal with



John Alderson, now Cornwall and Devon's Chief Constable

Alderson's impatience with the Home Office attitude towards police links with the right wing, Janke says:

'Mr Alderson was clearly aware that the whole topic of police concern with subversion was a delicate one and that the Home Office felt particularly strongly about this. Mr Maudling, when in office, had suggested that it would not be a good idea to invite Brigadier [Frank] Kitson [the army counter-insurgency guru] to lecture at Bramshill.'

Autonomy

Despite the extreme wariness of the Home Office, Mr Alderson felt that the police college and even the police itself had a certain autonomy derived from daily decision-taking and that small steps along new paths could be made without prior consultation.

He was anxious that the public should be made aware that law and order depended on the attitude of the population itself and not that of the police, and that although, in his opinion, the public's confidence in the police was probably greater in this country than in other European countries, it might be beneficial to advertise the police in a low-level campaign.

Bud

The denigration of the police came from small subversive groups and it was important, he thought, to nip them in the bud.

Janke concluded: 'The commandant assured me that he would like to keep in contact more frequently with the Institute and would bear very much in mind our capacity to be of service to Bramshill.'

He mentioned that for some time it had been his intention to invite Sir Robert Thompson [another prominent counter-insurgency expert] to lecture there and that he would be very grateful if the Institute could approach him informally, so as to persuade him to come.

CABINET OFFICE
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24th August 1973

John Evershed

I enclose a copy of a paper I have produced recently on Brazil, in which you expressed an interest.

This version has been prepared for distribution to certain industrial confidants of the DTI, and as such is not an official document; you are at liberty to make use of the contents, but please not to cite the source.

I would also be grateful if you would treat the fact that it originated at the Cabinet Office in confidence.

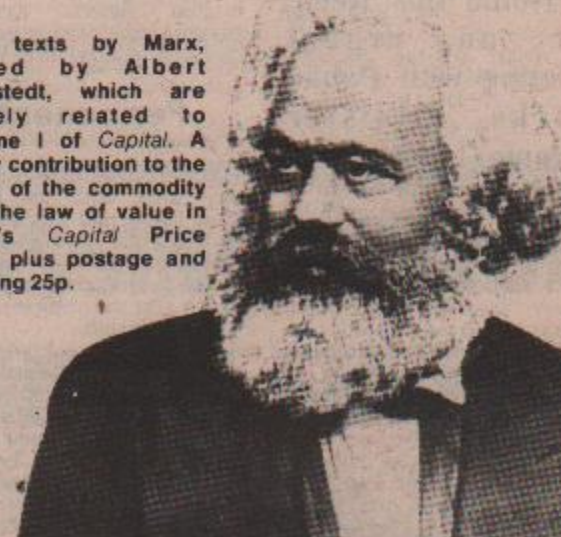
Yours sincerely,
John Evershed
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John Evershed's letter from the Cabinet Office to Peter Janke at the Institute

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BBC 1

12.35 On The Move. 12.45 Midday News. Weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45 Barnaby. 2.00 Closedown. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Astronaut. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Blue Peter. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.15 The Oddball Couple. 5.40 Evening News. Weather.

5.55 NATIONWIDE

6.45 TOMORROW'S WORLD

7.10 TOP OF THE POPS Introduced by David Hamilton

7.40 SYKES. Starring Eric Sykes, Hattie Jacques, Deryck Guyler

8.10 KOJAK with Telly Savalas

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS: Weather

9.25 THE BIG TIME: 6: 'Tony Peers — Comedian'. Esther Rantzen gives a Butlin's comedian the chance to appear in BBC tv's 'Seaside Special'

10.15 OMNIBUS: 'Two Lives in Music'. Humphrey Burton introduces a programme on two musicians who have devoted their lives to their art — Elizabeth Lutyens, composer, and Barry Tuckwell, French horn player

11.05 TONIGHT

11.45-11.47 Weatherman

BBC 2

11.00 Play School. 11.25 Closedown.

6.35 OPEN UNIVERSITY

7.00 NEWS ON 2 HEADLINES: Weather

7.05 YOUR MOVE

7.30 NEWSDAY

8.10 TOP CROWN: BBC2 Masters' Trophy. Tony Poole (Shropshire) and Roy Armson (Lancashire) compete in Blackpool in the quarter final of this Crown Green Bowling championship

8.35 THE BOOK PROGRAMME Robert Robinson with this week's choice of new books

9.00 THE HOLLYWOOD MUSICAL: 'Funny Face' 1956 musical directed by Stanley Donen. Audrey Hepburn stars as the bizarre protégé of fashion photographer Fred Astaire

10.40 LATE NEWS ON 2: Weather

10.50 EDWARD GIBBON: The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. A look at Gibbon's classic work on the history of Rome in the light of the most recent archaeological discoveries. With Clive Swift as Edward Gibbon, and contributions from Barry Cunliffe, M.K. Finlay, Robert Ireland and John Julius Norwich

12.10 Closedown

THAMES

9.30 Death Drums Along The River. 10.45 Marcus Welby M.D. 11.35 Kimba. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Today's Post. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Little House On The Prairie. 5.15 Bless This House. 5.45 News At 5.45.

6.00 TODAY

6.35 CROSSROADS: There's curiosity about a phone call from Moscow

7.00 THURSDAY ADVENTURE FILM: 'Istanbul Express'. An art dealer on a secret government mission, to be completed in Istanbul, boards the Trans-Europe Express on a journey of intrigue and danger

9.00 THE SQUIRRELS: 'The Cruise.'

9.30 THIS WEEK

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 POLICE STORY: 'Line of Fire'.

11.30 PHYLLIS: 'Audrey Leaves Jonathan'.

12.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY: Presented by Bill Grundy

12.15 LONDON SCENE

12.25 CLOSE Jacqueline MacKenzie reads from a selection of poems about survival followed by closedown.

GRANADA

9.30 Wait Till Your Father Comes Home. 9.50 Island of the Spirits. 10.35 Holiday Matinee. 11.45 Baldmoney. Sneezewort, Dodder And Cloudberry. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Take Kerr. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Born Free. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Little House On The Prairie. 5.10 This is your Right. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45 News At 5.45.

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS

6.30 CARTOON

6.40 THE ADVENTURER: 'The Solid Gold Hears'.

7.15 THE THURSDAY FILM: 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' starring Pat Boone, and Arlene Dahl

9.00 THE SQUIRRELS: 'The Cruise'. International Rentals are opening new offices in Europe. The lure of foreign ports sets the office buzzing

9.30 THIS WEEK

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 ANN-MARGARET OLSSON

11.30 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY. Presented by Bill Grundy.

11.45 POLICE SURGEON: 'At the Stroke of Death.'

12.20 Closedown

REGIONS

CHANNEL

1.20 Channel Lunchtime News. What's On Where and Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Count of Monte Cristo. 4.50 Lost In Space. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Channel News And Weather. 6.10 Woodbinda. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Curtain Raiser. 7.10 Film Run Wild, Run Free. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Survival. 11.00 The Pathfinders. 11.55 News And Weather in French followed by Weather. Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.50 Film: The Secret of My Success. 11.30 Scotch Corner. 11.55 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.25 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Count of Monte Cristo. 4.50 Lost In Space. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Curtain Raiser. 7.10 Film Run Wild, Run Free. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Westward Report. 11.00 News and Weather. 11.03 The Pathfinders. 11.55 Faith For Life. 12.00 Closedown.

SOUTHERN

10.00 Baldmoney, Sneezewort, Dodder and Cloudberry. 10.10 Sally's Irish Rogue. 11.30 Scotch Corner. 11.55 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10

Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Southern News And Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Betty Boop. 4.25 The Wild Wild West. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Day By Day. 6.30 University Challenge. 7.00 Film The Horse Soldiers. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Shannon's Mob. 11.30 Southern News. 11.40 Phyllis. 12.05 Weather. Sylvia Mary Allison. Closedown.

HTV

10.10 Hammy Hamster. 10.30 Danger Man. 11.25 Scotch Corner. 11.50 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Report West Headlines. 1.25 Report Wales Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Woody Woodpecker. 4.45 Return To The Planet of the Apes. 5.15 Breaktime 5. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Report West. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 Happy Days. 7.00 Film Sea of Sand. 9.00 This Week. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.35 Music in Camera. 11.05 McMillan and Wife. Two Dollars on Trouble to Win. 12.30 Weather and Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES As HTV General 12.01.25 Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.20-4.35 Mini Mawr. 4.35-4.45 Seren Wb. 6.00-6.15 Y Dydd. 6.30-7.00 Sports Arena. 10.35 Our American Dream. 11.20 The Saint. 12.20 Weather and Close.

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

ANGLIA

9.35 Film: A Guy Named Joe. 11.30 Scotch Corner. 11.55 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.25 Anglia News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Romper Room. 4.45 Anita in Jumbleland. 5.15 Black Arrow. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: Untamed. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 George Hamilton IV. 11.00 Of Men and Women. 12.00 Skiing With Gina. 12.30 The Living Word followed by Close.

ATV MIDLANDS

10.10 Foreign Flavour. 10.35 Film: Apartment for Peggy. 11.50 Cartoon. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Batman. 4.45 Space 1999. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 ATV Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Buggs Bunny. 7.15 Film McCoy: Bless the Big Fish. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Baretta: He'll Never See Daylight. 11.30 Gardening Today. 12.00 Barry Alcott. 12.05 Closedown.

ULSTER

10.35 Animated Classics. 11.30 Scotch Corner. 11.55 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Ulster News and Lunchtime. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.48 Ulster News. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Woodbinda. 4.45 Castaway. 5.15 Here's Lucy. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 UTV Reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emergency. 8.00 Dan August. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 CountryScene. 11.15 What's It All About. 11.45 Closedown.



Tonight's Hollywood musical is 'Funny Face' with Fred Astaire doing the light fantastic here with Kay Thompson. Star of the film — her first — was Audrey Hepburn. See it on BBC 2

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10.00 Tree Top Tales. 10.15 Anita in Jumbleland. 10.40 Tarzan. 11.30 Scotch Corner. 11.55 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Hickory House. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Island of Adventure. 5.15 Spiderman. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Border News And Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film Robbery. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00

News At Ten. 10.30 The Baron. 11.30 Gardening Today. 12.00 Border News And Weather. 12.03 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.30 Starting Point. 10.35 Ed Allen Time. 10.55 Poinny and Poinny. 11.00 Here Comes the Future. 11.30 Scotch Corner. 11.55 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 North East News And Lookaround. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Born Free. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Film: The Borrowers. 5.45

News at 5.45. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: Northside 777. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 The Protectors. 11.00 Access. 11.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. 12.00 Epilogue. 12.05 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 The Company Men. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Film: The Borrowers. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film Robbery. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Police Story. 11.25 Phyllis. 11.55 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

11.30 The Entertainer. 11.55 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.25 Road And Weather Report. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 Tarzan. 5.15 Calimero. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Gannock Way. 7.00 Film Robbery. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 The Persuaders. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Moneywise. 12.05 Closedown.

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11.30 Scotch Corner. 11.55 The Woodies. 12.00 Animal Kwackers. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Parents Day. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Grampian News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 South Riding. 3.20 Heart To Heart. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Little House On The Prairie. 5.15 Wildlife Cinema. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Grampian Today And Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film The Green Berets. 9.00 The Squirrels. 9.30 This Week. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Sportscall. 11.10 Streets of San Francisco. 12.10 Evening Prayers. 12.15 Closedown.

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Winning Post

IT COULD BE TWO

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

GREYSTOKE trainer Gordon Richards makes a seven-horse raid on the second day's prizes at AYR today, and he should return with a double as he did last year.

Twelve months ago, Richards won the 2½ miles Hornston Handicap Chase (1.15) with the six-year-old Canadias, who went on to win all but one of his next six outings.

This time the stable has entered two runners, Lucius and Westby Lad. Lucius must be in with the best chance, having had the benefit of two outings this season and proved his form by winning one of them.

Westby Lad has scored over the track and trip, but today's is his first outing this season and jockey David Goulding will almost certainly find that his mount needs the race.

It would be quite a coup for Richards to take first and second, and that is quite possible. But Lucius, ridden by last year's winning jockey Jonjo O'Neill, must be first choice.

The other event won by a Gordon Richards horse last year was the Marchburn Novices' Chase, but instead of challenging for it this time, he makes a dual bid on the Skeldon Handicap Hurdle (1.45).

IN ONE FOR RICHARDS

Dual winner Fair People is good enough to prevent a Richards one-two in this one. Tamdhu, Richards' runner in the Opener, The Old Toll

TODAY's racing at Taunton was abandoned yesterday because of the waterlogged state of the course. It was eighth casualty in five racing days.

Opportunity Handicap Hurdle (2.45), has had three runs without success this season. So it may prove better to expect Sounds Good to win this one. Sounds Good pleased his

followers when winning at the Scottish Grand National meeting at Ayr last spring. He will be a lot sharper now than for his first outing of the season at Kelso last month, when he finished out of the frame behind Le Gaulois.

Top'n'Tal yet another fancied runner from the powerful Gordon Richards stable, is sure to put up a good display in the Glaisnock Novices' Hurdle (2.15).

But he doesn't look good enough to beat Service Charge, who ran well nearly all the way last time out, only to be beaten by Prince Pepe as he tired in the closing stages.



Better

This should bring a second winning ride for O'Neill, as he partners Asset, who should get the better of his stablemate, course and distance winner Kirwaugh.

Asset was one of the smartest novices around in the 1974-1975 season, when he was unbeaten in his three outings. He didn't race again until at Kelso two months ago, and, naturally, he needed the race after being off the course so long.

He showed up better in his subsequent outing at Kempton, where he finished second to Paemako Prince. That was over two miles, a shorter distance than Asset likes. So today's longer trip should see him coming back into winning form.

Snow and water could mean a blank racing day

RACING could face a blank day tomorrow. The meetings at Newbury and Newcastle are in jeopardy and stewards will inspect both course today.

Newbury clerk of the course, Charles Toller, has called an inspection at 11 a.m. He said: 'There is water on parts of the course and at this stage racing on Friday must be considered doubtful.'

Snow is the problem at Newcastle, where stewards will inspect at 3 p.m. Clerk of the Course, Freddy Newton,

said: 'We had six inches of snow at the week-end and although most of it has gone, it is still up to two inches deep on the back straight and this is only thawing slowly. Prospects of racing depend on the weather in the next 24 hours.'

Both tracks have meetings on Saturday. At Newbury, the highlight is the £10,000 Massey Ferguson Gold Cup at Newbury, and the Cheltenham Trial Hurdle.

The two-day meeting was switched to Newbury several weeks ago.

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12.45 OLD TOLL OPP'TY HANDICAP HURDLE £650

2m (9 runners)		
1 22131-0	SOUNDS GOOD (C-D)	Denys Smith 4.12.7 N Balmer
5 0-00320-	GRAND ATTRACTION (D)	G Wallace 7.11.1 M O'Shea
6 0-00300-	SPRING FLING (D)	W A Stephenson 4.10.13 R Collins
7 000F00-	CUNNING TRICK	D Jeremy 4.10.6 I Garner
10 113000	GALADAN (D)	J Barclay 10.10.4 A Webb
11 30-2442	JOHN MCNAB	J Love 4.10.3
12 03U03-0	BON BINI	J Barclay 6.10.0
13 400-040	HOT TODDY (D) (BF)	R Allan 5.10.0 J Beaton
14 024	TAMDHU	G Richards 3.10.0 C Timlott

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Sounds Good, 100-30 Tamdhu, 9-2 Hot Toddy, 6-1 John McNab, 8-1 Spring Fling, 10-1 Galadan, 12-1 Grand Attraction, 20-1 others.

1.15 HOLMSTON HANDICAP CHASE £1,000

2m 4f (6 runners)		
2 2U40-14	SEBASTIAN V (C-D)	C Bell 8.10.13 (Bex) R Lamb
3 11F10F-	WESTBY LAD (C-D)	G Richards 7.10.12 D Goulding
4 1122-13	LUCIUS (C-D)	G Richards 7.10.12 J O'Neill
5 32F44F	BLACK MAC	B Lusk (IRE) 8.10.11 M Morris
7 1-230F3	CHOSEN SLAVE	A Kemp 9.10.4 V Percival
10 2-0U120	CLEVER PRINCE	W A Stephenson 5.10.0 T Stack

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Black Mac, 3-1 Lucius, 4-1 Sebastian V, 11-2 Westby Lad, 7-1 Clever Prince, 10-1 Chosen Slave.

1.45 SKELDON HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000

2m 4f (9 runners)		
2 111-00	ASSET (C)	G Richards 5.11.10 J O'Neill
3 01F10F-	STAY-BELL (C)	Mrs S Cheshire 7.11.7 R Barry
4 1-31041	CALDBECK (C) (D)	D McDonald 6.11.6
6 230-021	MIDAO (D)	M H Easterby 4.10.12 (4 ex) P Proderick
10 01220F	KIRWAUGH (C-D)	G Richards 8.10.1 C Timlott (7)
11 F4111	TEL BRIG	G Renison 4.10.0 Mr P Craggs (5)
12 142-411	FAIR PEOPLE (D)	H Blackshaw 4.10.0 (4 ex) M Blackshaw
13 04310F-	PRINCE OF SHOON (C)	A Barclay 6.10.0 P Mangan
14 012-00F	MICHELLE (D)	G Wallace 4.10.0 M O'Shea (5)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Midao, 11-4 Caldbeck, 4-1 Fair People, 6-1 Asset, 8-1 Stay Bell, 10-1 Kirwaugh, 16-1 others.

2.15 GLAISNOCK NOVICES HURDLE £500

(3-Y-O) 2m (18 runners)		
2 1	PRINCE PEPE	K Oliver 11.3 C Tinkler
3 2442	APPLE PRINCESS	W Wilkinson 10.12 D Atkins
4 0	BLONDEL	D Jeremy 10.12 I Garner (7)
6 05	CAMBERLAD (USA)	G Wallace 10.12 M O'Shea (5)

10 BF	COOL TRADER	M Kellert 10.12	
11 0	ELIE MARINE	H Blackshaw 10.12	M Blackshaw
12 00	FLIGHT LASS	R Skelton 10.12	
14 000000	HAMILTON LAD	W Young 10.12	P Mangan
17 0F20	KING'S NEWS	G Rainbairn 10.12	Mr J Walton
19 002032	OFF THE TRACK	S Leadbetter 10.12	M Barnes
20 000302	PEWTER SPEAR	D McCain 10.12	C Hawkins (5)
21 00	RAMPSBECK	W Atkinson 10.12	R Barry
22 3	RUDDY SAM	M H Easterby 10.12	P Broderick
24 0	SERVICE CHARGE	Denys Smith 10.12	N Balmer (7)
26	STRAIGHT PHASE	M Naughton 10.12	
27	THE MUCKSHIFTER	C Bell 10.12	R Lamb
28 D30	THE SCHEMER	R Hagh 10.12	Mr A Young (7)
29 0	TOP-N-TALE	G Richards 10.12	J O'Neill

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Prince Pepe, 2-1 Ruddy Sam, 8-1 Off the Track, 10-1 Pewter Spear, 12-1 Apple Princess and Service Charge, 20-1 others.

2.45 MARCHBURN NOVICES CHASE £750

3m (8 runners)		
2 42-3102	NEWFOUNDLAND	Mrs Hamilton 6.11.12 D Turnbull (7)
3 2302-31	TOMMY JOE	A Dickinson 6.11.12 M Dickinson
4 023	ARCTIC CHALLENGE	G Fairbairn 6.11.7 Mr P Craggs (5)
9 220-234	LE BROC (BF)	K Oliver 6.11.7 C Tinkler
12 P0-PFF	SAMAGE	G Fairbairn 6.11.7 R Lamb
13 3430-02	WHISUNCELLI	M Naughton 6.11.7 M Barnes
14 0022-40	KENTMERE	W A Stephenson 5.11.3 T Stack
15 40-0040	SILENT COMFORT	D McCain 5.11.5 C Hawkins (5)

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Tommy Joe, 5-2 Newfoundland, 3-1 Whisuncelli, 8-1 Le Broc, 10-1 Arctic Challenge, 12-1 Kentmere, 96-1 others.

3.15 BRAEHEAD MAIDEN HURDLE £500

3m (10 runners)		
1 00-U030	TAKEN ON	S Leadbetter 5.11.7 M Barnes
2 0	CLEO'S ASP	G Richards 4.11.2 J O'Neill
3 P0-0P0	EVROS RIVER	D Jeremy 4.11.2 G Faulkner (7)
4 4330-40	FRANK THE YANK (USA)	Mrs S Cheshire 4.11.2 N Tinkler
7 B00-04	CATTLE KING	Denys Smith 5.11.0 A Dickman
8 U0P-	DESERT BREEZE	J Barclay 6.11.0
9 00-03-04	IN CHANCERY (BF)	A Dickinson 5.11.0 M Dickinson
11 00-	GLEEN	C Bell 4.10.9 R Lamb
12 000-P00	GREY GRANITE	Mrs S Cheshire 4.10.9 Mr R Drew (7)
13 B00340	JOHNNY HOOKER	G Renison 4.10.9 Mr P Craggs (5)

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on In Chancery, 4-1 Cleo's Asp, 6-1 Frank the Yank, 8-1 Cattle King, 10-1 Gleen, 12-1 Johnny Hooker, 20-1 others.

SPORTSLINE SOCCER

TITLE

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

ONE OF the oddities of the meteoric rise of Ipswich to the top of the League is that there are still only a handful of rival managers and players who think the club will be there at the end of the season.

The doubts do not stem from any obvious weakness in their play — too many have fallen foul of Ipswich recently to shout the odds on that — but express the respect in the game for the quality that Liverpool have made their trademark over the last 12 years — consistency.

Ipswich have won the League championship only once, in 1961-1962, with the added distinction of winning the title in the club's first ever season in the First Division.

And Robson



BOBBY ROBSON... The Ramsey touch

Tame

The title success was the culmination of a sequence that makes their latest run of 21 points from 11 games look tame in comparison.

The man at the centre of the rise of Ipswich Town then was Alf Ramsey, who took the club up to the Second Division in his first full season as manager in the late 1950s.

Four years later they were in the top flight, facing their more experienced opponents with the new tactics that Ramsey

developed at Portman Road before doing so again with the England World Cup squad.

In the same year that Ipswich won their first championship, Liverpool were winning the Second Division. They had been knocking on the door of the First Division for five years, and, like Ipswich, showed they were by no means 'out of touch' in the First Division by coming eighth in 1962-1963.

The next season they won their sixth League



IAN CALLAGHAN... The great 'survivor' in Liverpool sides

RACING RESULTS

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12.45 (2m)	TANGLES BROTHER, D	Goulding (33-1) 1. Bueche Girod (7-4 on fav) 2. Pal Dan (9-2) 3. Caloctin Creek (7-1) 4. 8 ran. 15. 2. (T Craig) T. £4.88. £4.64; 11p. 15p. DF. £3.75.
1.15 (2m)	EVEN MELODY, C	Hawkins (9-2) 1. Skymas (11-10 on fav) 2. Wylam Boy (5-1) 3. Artic Explorer (33-1) 4. 5 ran. 4. 2½. (N Crump) T. 60p. F. £1.21.
1.45 (2m)	KALAHARI DESERT, M	Morris (13-2) 1. Mark Henry (11-4) 2. Tanora (5-2 fav) 3. Annas Prince (3-1) 4. 6 ran. nk. 1½. (B Lusk) T. 37p. 25p. 16p. F. £3.35.
2.15 (3m)	SIR GARNET, J	J O'Neill (2-1) 1. Royster (7-4 fav) 2. Fine Fellow (20-1) 3. Gone Out (16-1) 4. 8 ran. 1. 4. (G Richards) T. 30p. 13p. 11p. 28p. DF. 28p.
2.45 (2m)	JACK'S FLUTTER, R	Lamb (5-1) 1. Walton Lad (6-4 on fav) 2. Dumyasha (9-2) 3. Butch Cassidy (10-1) 4. 5 ran. 2½. 5. (W Crawford) T. 57p. F. £1.21.
3.15 (2m)	FRENCH HOLLOW, M	Dickinson (5-2 on fav) 1. Moonstrike (9-1) 2. Spanish Nun (16-1) 3. Misty Miss (12-1) 4. 10 ran. 8. 3. (A Dickinson) T. 15p. 11p. 18p. 16p. DF. 24p.

TOTE DOUBLE: £26.55
TOTE TREBLE: £7.70

LEICESTER

1.00 (2m)	KYBO, R	Champion (5-4 on fav) 1. Fury Boy (9-2) 2. Staccato (12-1) 3. Royal Gain (50-1) 4. 22 ran. 4. 8. (J Gilford) T. 20p. 11p. 16p. 31p.
1.30 (2m)	SECURITY COUNCIL, A	Webber (6-1) 1. Foxy Fanny (25-1) 2. Lloyd Ardua (12-1) 3. Lerazma (11-2) 4. 16 ran. 3. 5. (J Webber) T. 69p. 22p. £1.17. 25p. NR. Millner
2.00 (3m)	BIGHORN, D	Cartwright (4-1) 1. Beau By (6-1) 2. Battle Hymn (9-4 fav) 3. Lovejoy (5-1) 4. 6 ran. 1½. 5. (C Vernon Miller) T. 34p. 30p. 29p. £3.18.
2.30 (3m)	FETTIMIST, B	Smart (6-1) 1. When Lad (20-1) 2. Court Shadow (20-1) 3. Tom Bombadil (9-4 fav) 4. 15 ran. 8. 1½. (J Pirmann) T. 68p. 24p. 75p. £1.99.
3.00 (2m)	PIZZA, G	Thorner (6-5) 1. The Clerk (5-4 on fav) 2. Ballinlonig (28-1) 3. 3 ran. 10. 15. (C Vernon Miller) T. 33p. F. 21p.
3.30 (3m)	PETER SCOT, J	Francombe (15-8 fav) 1. Flying Orchid (15-2) 2. Salvati (20-1) 3. Clever One (33-1) 4. 14 ran. 8. 10. (D Gandolfo) T. 29p. 14p. 27p. 50p.

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TOTE TREBLE: £26.00

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championship and began the most consistent success story of any club in the modern game.

In the last 12 years they have never finished outside the top five and last season they set a new all-time record by coming top of the League for the eighth time.

Ian Callaghan is the only member of the present team to have been in the side throughout that period, and his contribution typifies the all-round teamwork approach of the champions.

While other clubs have tried, with varying degrees of success, to imitate the Liverpool style, Bobby Robson's arrival at Ipswich spelt a resurgence in that club's fortunes — with a

new style.

He took over the reins after when Ipswich's chequered record was the complete opposite of Liverpool's consistency.

Success

Just two years after their title success, with Ramsey having departed to Lancaster Gate, Ipswich came bottom, and it was five years before they returned to the top class again.

Robson arrived when they were struggling to stay there, and the record for the last four seasons speaks for itself.

Ipswich haven't been out of the top six in that time, and now are in their best form since Ramsey's heyday back in 1962.

But the sceptics are never satisfied. They feel Liverpool's consistency over the last decade justifies the bookmakers making them even favourites to retain their title.

The way Ipswich destroyed Birmingham at St Andrews on Wednesday proved their mettle. Birmingham were virtually outclassed — and that's rare.

Another point at Newcastle on Saturday and Ipswich would be the ones to catch. And that's why the bookies brought them to 2-1 for the title yesterday.

Cologne trip takes its toll at QPR

DAVE THOMAS, one of the stars of QPR's battle against Cologne in the UEFA Cup, is out of Saturday's game against champions Liverpool at Anfield.

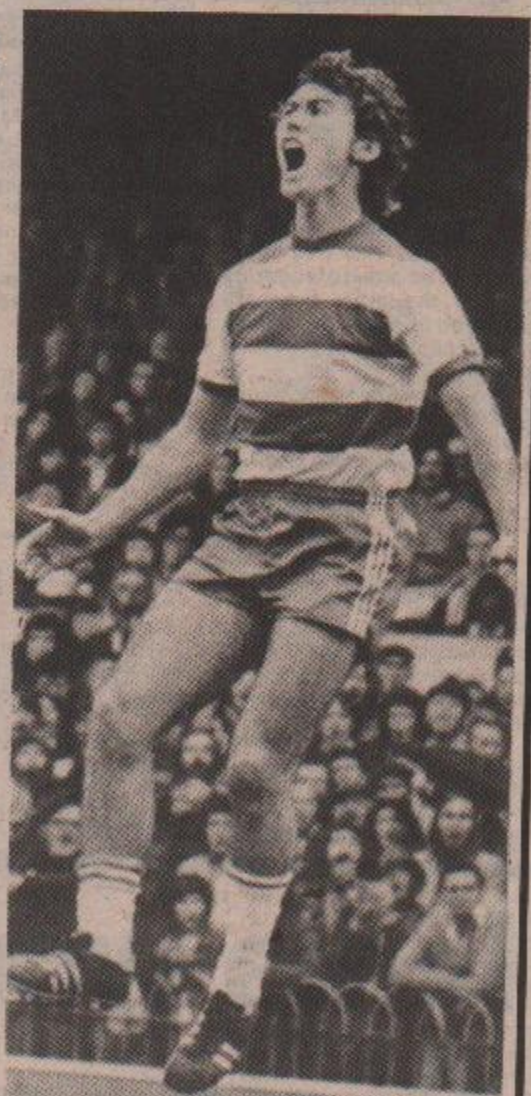
He pulled a muscle on one of his innumerable forays into the Cologne defence which helped take the pressure off QPR's beleaguered defence.

Thomas revels in European competition, finding the room to launch his weaving runs down the left flank. More than once he created chances for Stan Bowles. But the finishing, on this occasion was poor.

Dave Sexton rates QPR's performance as one of their best under his management, even though they were perhaps fortunate to scrape through into the quarter-finals on Don Masson's away goal.

Cologne played superb attacking football in their bid to pull back the 3-0 deficit from Loftus Road. And with Dave Clement off the field after a clash with Lohr, they nearly did it.

Anfield will be a different proposition again. QPR haven't won away in the League all season. Their position is not too healthy, however, and they'll have to start grabbing some points away before too long.



DAVE THOMAS... Injured against Cologne

Coach quits

KEITH GOULDING, the Huddersfield Rugby League club coach, yesterday quit his job after being told there is no money for new players.

Waggoners Walk clash

THE FOOTBALL Association have brought Monday's third round FA Cup draw forward from 12.30 to 10.30 — and upset the BBC's plan to broadcast the draw live. The new time clashes with "Waggoners Walk" and a lot of people would get upset if we cut into that," said a spokesman. The draw will now be recorded and broadcast on Radio 2 at 10.50.

Blackburn goalie called

PAUL BRADSHAW, Blackburn Rovers' 20-year-old goalkeeper has been called into the England Under-21 squad to play Wales on December 15 as replacement for Fulham's Gerry Peyton. Peyton dropped out of the squad because he wants to keep open his chance of playing for the Republic of Ireland.

Bradshaw, from Altrincham, is a former England youth player and has been an ever-present in the Blackburn team since making his debut last March.

Juventus

JUVENTUS joined QPR in the last eight of the UEFA Cup last night when they held the Soviet Ukraine side, Schachtel Donetsk, to a one-goal victory in the USSR. Juventus won the first leg 3-0.

Hankin still in training

RAY HANKIN, the Leeds United striker, has seen a specialist about his injured right knee, but Jimmy Armfield, Leeds manager, said: "Hankin will continue with his training and continue to play." Tony Currie, Paul Madeley and Allan Clarke are still injured and doubtful for Saturday's home game against Aston Villa.



SUE BARKER... Feeling the strain

Tired Sue Winning Through

A TIRED Sue Barker won her way into the quarter-finals of the £31,000 Toyota women's tennis classic yesterday in Melbourne.

Miss Barker beat South Africa's Brigitte Cuypers 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, in the second round, but is neither enthusiastic nor optimistic about the tournament.

"I'm starting to feel tired lately. I may have played too many tournaments and I haven't got the enthusiasm I had a few months ago, consequently I'm not playing my best, but I'm going to push myself this week," Miss Barker said.

Solomon is a Samson

LITTLE American Harold Solomon virtually ensured his place in the semi-finals of the \$130,000 Commercial Union Masters tennis tournament yesterday and made it almost as certain that Grand Prix winner Paul Ramirez of Mexico would not get there.

Solomon, 24, handily defeated Ramirez 6-2, 6-2 for his second victory to take command of his group in which the other players are Guillermo Vilas of Argentina and American Brian Gottfried.

Group

In the other group, Wajtek Fibak of Poland and Manuel Orantes of Spain got into the semi-finals, each by scoring their second victory.

Fibak beat American Eddie Dibbs 6-2, 6-4 and Orantes handed Roscoe Tanner of the United States his second defeat 7-6, 6-3. The Pole and the Spaniard are now sure of places in the semi-finals against the first two from the other group.

Ramirez, a favourite here after winning the Grand Prix standings this season, was dejected after his second loss. "It was a disappointing match. I didn't play well at all," he commented.

But Solomon is a difficult opponent on the slow synthetic court here and he dominated Ramirez with his greater speed, mobility and more positive play on the sort of surface on which he excels.

"The last two matches are close to the best I've played all year. This is like a second home to me," Solomon said.

CHAMP DAVE CELEBRATES IN STYLE

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DAVE GREEN, the new European light welterweight champion, celebrated in style last night with his legion of supporters in a converted cinema in Chatteris.

Thousands of them saw his victory over Frenchman Jean Baptiste Piedvache to take the vacant title. And they gave Green a hero's welcome in this small Cambridgeshire town.

After 12 fights in 12 months, including two championships, Green will now take a well-deserved rest.

"He will be out of the ring until he comes to me and asks me to get him another fight," his manager, Andy Smith, said yesterday.

This will probably be about March and may involve Green in another step towards the world light welterweight title or a preliminary step into the welterweight division.

Green has to work hard to make the 10 stone limit for his present division and was, in fact, pushed at the weigh-in on Tuesday.

Sell-out

And if John Stracey comes out of semi-retirement in the New Year a fight between the two would be an automatic sell-out.

At the same time, Green will be reluctant to leave the light welterweights. His win over Piedvache must put him among the top half dozen in the world and his European title is a big financial asset.

Both Green's cause, and that of Alan Minter, the British middleweight champion, who stopped Ray Seales of America on the same bill, will be argued this week at the World Boxing Council convention in Las Vegas.

Ray Clarke, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control

FRANK WISSENBAUGH of West Germany has been nominated by the European Boxing Union as the official contender for the European super welterweight title, held by Britain's light middleweight champion, Maurice Hope. The period for negotiations for this contest will expire on February 2, after which it will go to purse offers.

RUGBY

Captain out of first trial

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secure approach.

Hignell's short career at the top has established him as a remarkably versatile player. He won four caps at full back last season, but has switched between scrum half and full back for Cambridge University this term.

In the Probables team the only survivors of the 30-9 defeat by France in the final international last March are Mike Slemen, on the wing, prop Fran Cotton, locks Bill Beaumont and Bob Wilkinson and No. 8 Garry Adey.

TONY NEARY, England's captain last season, has been omitted from the first trial at Twickenham on Saturday week as part of a shake-up which involves Alistair Hignell and Andy Ripley playing out of their normal international positions.

Hignell, who played in four internationals last winter as full back, is chosen at scrum half for the Probables flank after 24 caps at No. 8.

So England's recent troubles which have sent them tumbling to the foot of the championship four times in the last five seasons is squarely blamed on the mistakes in midfield and round the scrum.

Centres Andy Maxwell, who played in all five internationals last season, and David Cooke, four appearances, are also banished in the selectors' determination to find a more

Mushtaq gets his job back

MUSHTAQ Mohammad was yesterday reinstated as captain of Pakistan and will lead the tour of Australia and the West Indies.

Apart from Mushtaq, those who refused to tour under Intikhab were Sadiq Mohammad, Asif Iqbal, Majid Khan, Imran Khan and Wasim Bari.

Asif was named vice-captain

today, instead of Zabeer Abbas.

There is only one change in the composition of the original selection by the cricket board: it recalled former test paceman Asif Masood and dropped Aamer Hamid, a little-known medium-pace bowler.

The Northampton captain replaces Intikhab Alam who was appointed after Mushtaq had led demands on behalf of his

players for increased payments during the forthcoming tours.

Last week the dispute reached government level when the sports minister sacked the Test selectors, appointed new ones and left the selection of a captain largely in his own hands.

Australia's selectors announced their team for the first two Tests against Pakistan

today. They are expected to stick to known players despite the brittle batting line-up following the retirements of former captain Ian Chappell and veteran opener Ian Redpath.

But the selectors will need to keep an eye out for possible new faces in preparation for next year's tour of England in defence of the ashes.

Injury puts Leonard out

KEITH Leonard, the Aston Villa striker who has been out of football for 15 months because of a knee injury, has now been told he must give up the professional game.

The 26-year-old centre forward has been advised by a specialist that, following a cartilage operation, his injured knee will never allow him to play professional football again.

Ron Saunders, the Aston Villa manager, said: 'We have feared for Keith's future for some time, but now we have the specialist's report that he must finish. Villa will do everything they can to help him settle.'

Leonard was spotted playing for Highgate United in 1972 and made his debut for Villa in March 1974.

RIOCH 'YES' TO EVERTON

BRUCE Rioch is joining Everton after all. Derby's Scottish international midfielder star last night agreed to the move north for a £180,000 fee.

On Sunday he turned down a move, saying he preferred to stay in the Midlands. But Rioch, who was shocked at Derby's willingness to sell him, had further talks with Everton yesterday.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

Contract cancelled

YORK have cancelled the contract of Eric McMordie, their former Middlesbrough and Northern Ireland international by mutual consent with the player. McMordie, who played 231 games for Middlesbrough before joining York at the

beginning of last season, is expected to join Hartlepool. ATHLETICO BILBAO went through to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup yesterday at the expense of A.C. Milan, despite losing the match 3-1. Their 4-1 win in Spain was enough to defy Milan.



Tony Greig's off-spinners looked harmless yesterday

Billy Bingham, the Everton manager, persuaded the 29-year-old Rioch to join, making it nearly £400,000 in transfer deals by the club this week.

Only on Tuesday the club captured the talented Duncan McKenzie from Anderlecht for over £200,000, and Everton once again, are trying to buy success and take some glory away from neighbours Liverpool.

Rioch was set to join Everton last weekend and did not play for Derby at Manchester City. He asked for 48 hours to think it over and then said he did not want to uproot to Merseyside.

But Everton would not give up and contacted the unsettled player again yesterday morning.

'They felt they had something

OUT TO BUY SUCCESS

THE sum of £380,000 spent on Duncan McKenzie and Bruce Rioch this week has brought Everton's transfer bill to nearly £1.25m in less than three years.

Everton have always been willing to buy their way out of trouble. The latest staggering total is the price they are prepared to pay to bring back the success that has evaded them.

The spending spree began in February 1974, when the club handed over cash and players worth £350,000 for Birmingham striker Bob Latchford. He still wears the

tag of Britain's most expensive footballer.

Six months later, Everton paid a British record cash deal fee of £300,000 to bring Martin Dobson from Burnley.

The next big buy was peanuts by comparison. It came in March of last year, when David Smallman, who had shot to prominence for Wales in the 1974 Home Internationals, was signed from Wrexham for £70,000.

And then the most recent payout before this week's deals was the £30,000 signing of promising Andy King from Luton earlier this year.



Bob Latchford

to say which could persuade Bruce to change his mind. Derby Secretary Stuart Webb said. He agreed to go and give them a hearing and we have been told all the snags have now been cleared up.

He refused to say whether Derby, fifth from bottom in Division One, intend to spend the money on a new striker in the next few days and defended the

sale of Rioch with the comment: 'A £200,000 sale cannot be bad for a man of 29'.

Rioch, who joined Derby in February, 1974 from Aston Villa, has scored nine goals in 23 appearances this season, having played a number of games as striker.

He fell out with former manager Dave MacKay over the switching of position and is

certain to play in midfield with Everton at Coventry on Saturday.

Derby have reeled from inter-club wrangles over the past few months and Rioch's transfer will not change that. Acting manager Colin Murphy doesn't have long to get the side into shape to stave off the threat of relegation hanging over the 1975 champions.

AHMEDABAD, India — Parthasarathy Sharma turned a day of high promise into one of disappointment for MCC as he became the first batsman to score a hundred against Tony Greig's side.

Sharma, a tenacious right-hander whose batting is free of any flourishes, rescued the president's XI after they lost three wickets in barely an hour for 27 runs.

Five

In just over five hours he scored 111 and the president's XI finished the second day of the three-day match on 213 for five in reply to MCC's first innings total of 289 for five declared.

Admittedly, Sharma was aided and abetted by MCC who dropped him four times but only one of the chances was straight forward and the overall impression was that his big score was a just reward for some determined batting.

India won't fear Greigs spin

SCOREBOARD

MCC First Innings 289 for five declared (G Barlow 102, G Miller 51 not out)

President's XI First Innings
PS Chauhan c Tolchard b Selvey .. 6
DB Vengsarkar c Greig b Lever .. 0
P Sharma c Tolchard b Selvey .. 111
Y Singh c Tolchard b Lever .. 2
BP Patel c Old b Underwood .. 23
AV Mankad not out .. 51

N Ghavr not out .. 0
Extras .. 20

Total (five wickets) .. 213

FALLS: 1-4, 2-23, 3-27, 4-90, 5-213.
BOWLING: Old 14-2-32-0, Lever 17-5-39-2, Selvey 12-5-21-2, Underwood 21-9-36-1, Greig 10-1-35-0, Miller 9-1-30-0.

From an MCC point of view, Sharma's innings exposed a worrying lack of penetration in their slow bowling attack. Derek Underwood bowled tidily enough to take one for 36 in 21 overs, but the off spin of Greig and Geoff Miller looked very ordinary on a pitch that was not entirely unresponsive.

Greig is hoping to bowl off

spin in the test series but on yesterday's performance he is unlikely to pose many problems for the Indian batsmen. He bowled 10 overs for 35 runs and never looked in the slightest bit menacing.

Miller too, displayed a disappointing lack of control and it may well be that Yorkshire off-spinner Geoff Cope, who has

returned home for his father's funeral, will be rushed into next week's first test despite limited match practice.

Lever had Dilip Vengsarkar caught at slip in his second over and when Selvey came on in place of Chris Old his fifth ball removed Chetan Chauhan who nudged a catch to the wicketkeeper.

The total became 27 for three when Lever had Yajuvendra Singh caught behind and the president's XI innings was in danger of falling apart.

But Sharma and Brijesh Patel repaired the damage with a fourth wicket stand of 63 in 104 minutes and then Ashok Mankad gave Sharma able support in fifth wicket partnership worth 123 runs.

Soon after play finished, Sharma who made 111 heard he had been included in India's 14 for the first Test, starting in Delhi on December 14.