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Freezing fog plus speed = death

AT LEAST three bodies were pulled out of this tangled wreckage (seen below) which blocked both lanes of the M4 motorway near Bristol yesterday.

The burnt-out and smashed cars and lorries spread along one-and-a-half miles of motorway. Chief Inspector Lewis Clark said: 'All three crashes were on the eastbound carriageway and they spread into the westbound carriageway, cutting through the central reservation barriers'.

Freezing fog and motorway methods were responsible for the disaster. Eyewitnesses told of motorists overtaking accident vehicles, angrily flashing their lights and speeding into the fog.

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ARMY'S MURDER SQUAD MOVES TO CITIES

FROM OUR BELFAST CORRESPONDENT

THE ARMY'S terrorist unit, the SAS, is to widen its murderous role in the British occupation of northern Ireland. It will now officially move against the big city working-class areas for the first time.

The most reactionary elements of the Tory Party, the civil service, and the army officer caste have been calling for increased repression against the Republican movement.

The new Labour government overlord, Roy Mason, has close connections with the army hierarchy from his days as Defence Minister and has quickly agreed to give the military occupation its head.

Although the army command yesterday denied this was so, the capitalist Press reports left no room for doubt that an intensification of British imperialism's punitive campaign is under way.

The Press Association described the new policy as 'the elite SAS squad being given a province-wide brief'.

'Effectively the decision represents a step up in military activity which has been constantly demanded by the Tory spokesman on northern Ireland Mr Airey Neave,' PA explained.

Aware of the consequences of such a deliberate escalation, the PA report added: 'Yesterday's announcement in a Commons written reply that the SAS are to be allowed to patrol any major trouble spot at the command of army chiefs will in itself almost certainly stir up a Provisional IRA backlash.' This is precisely what the British military occupiers intend to happen.

Deliberately-created communal strife and specially-fomented armed violence has always been British imperialism's

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Shop stewards demand: Why weren't we told?

ATOM LEAK COVER-UP

BRITISH Nuclear Fuels kept quiet for two months about the radio-active leak at the Windscale atom plant.

Meanwhile planning permission for an £600m extension was going through, it was revealed yesterday.

Company boss Peter Mummery admitted he did not inform Cumbria County Council before it met on November 2 to approve the extension plan which is condemned as dangerous

by environmentalists.

The row over the secret leak developed yesterday when shop stewards at Windscale demanded answers from the management over why they were not told of the radioactivity escape.

The scandal has embarrassed Energy Minister Anthony Wedgwood Benn, who told MPs that even he was ignorant of the Windscale incident until December 8 — nearly two months after the leak was discovered by management.

Benn — moving to head

off the growing concern — said he had given instructions that accidents, no matter how small, must be reported to him at once so the public could be told.

But Benn's fellow Cabinet Minister Peter Shore, in charge of Environment, revealed yesterday that he did know about the leak at the beginning of November.

Shore, however, made no effort to inform locals or the general public.

The cover-up accusations were denied by British Nuclear Fuels, who claimed they had told the

BY JOHN SPENCER

Nuclear Installations Inspectorate on October 17 that one of the Windscale storage silos had sprung a leak.

But the company's excuse was challenged by West Cumbria Friends of the Earth organiser, Edward Ackland. He said this showed that the inspectorate — a supposedly independent body — was involved in the conspiracy of silence.

He added: 'It would appear that British Nuclear Fuels have been very quiet for the obvious reason of not influencing the Cumbria planning committee.'

'I think it's part and parcel of the hush-hush way the nuclear power industry runs in Britain. This latest episode brings no credit to BNF at all.'

John Noctor, branch secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said: 'We want some answers on just what

is going on. The first I knew about this was yesterday.'

'We should have been informed before. There was no need for a cover-up. Whenever there is an incident an inquiry is set up with a trade union representative.'

'But there are so many of these going on, even for the most minor incident, that we are only told of anything serious. We should have been told of this.'

● See page 4 and 5 for the nuclear menace.

Miners show the way

Bring down the government

'WE should not wait any longer. This is not a workingman's government, we should get rid of them.'

The miner who told this to News Line after voting 'yes' in Wednesday's ballot was right. The message from the coalfields is decisive — to defend the interests of the working class the Labour government should be brought down. Now other sections of workers must fall in behind the miners' lead if they want to defend their jobs, wages and conditions of life against the government onslaught.

Next Wednesday the Chancellor of the Exchequer Dennis Healey will announce his mini-budget. It will mark a turning point in the life of the right-wing Labour government. After driving up unemployment to 1,500,000 and hitting living standards far harder than the Tories ever dared when they were in power, the Labour government are unloading the entire burden of the capitalist slump directly onto the back of the working class. As Prime Minister Callaghan told Scottish trade union leaders this week — unemployment will go on rising.

Proves

It proves that the Labour government is little more than a committee controlled by the bankers and governments of the United States and West Germany manipulated through the International Monetary Fund.

There is, therefore, no choice facing the working class. They can only exercise their independent strength against Callaghan, Healey and all the ministers elected on workers votes with promises of full employment and

prosperity in their mouths. The same fight must be taken up with the trade union leaders and so-called left-wing members of the government like Energy Minister Anthony Wedgwood Benn. The TUC has refused to expose the harsh terms attached to the IMF loan — the TUC general council have even failed to demand that the government tell them the size of the public spending cuts and the number of jobs at stake.

Wedgwood Benn has sat through all the Cabinet wrangling over the cuts and kept a criminal silence over their terrible effect on the lives of ordinary people. These men are as guilty as Callaghan and Healey and deserve only the hostility of the working class.

The News Line and the Workers Revolutionary Party has been fighting to mobilise the working class to bring down the Labour government since we adopted this policy at our July 1975 special Party conference.

Now this central political demand is being taken up by the most powerful section of the workers' movement — the miners who brought down Heath in 1974 and public sector workers whose livelihoods are directly threatened by the Healey axe.

Today in Scotland tens of thousands more are expected to march against unemployment and public spending

cuts. Behind them come the shipyard workers who now face the prospect of the closure of three-quarters of the industry through a combination of the world slump and the government's cowardly capitulation to the House of Lords sabotage of the Nationalisation Bill.

Action

This mass movement in action against the government decisively disproves the fallacy that the Workers Revolutionary Party policy of bringing down the government was wrong, 'too advanced' or 'sectarian'. The groups who bitterly opposed any mobilisation of the independent strength of the working class have been totally discredited. They are the frightened 'left' reformists of the Tribune camp, the members of middle-class revisionist sects like the International Socialists, the International Marxist Group and the Workers Socialist League and the trained counter-revolutionary leaders of the Stalinist Communist Party. They will all scorn the revolutionary role of the working class in the coming crisis in favour of social democracy and the discredited Labour leadership. In opposition to all these groups the Workers Revolutionary Party says action against the government is inseparable from the building of the

Party as the revolutionary leadership.

A fight to bring Callaghan down is the only way the working class can learn that the task of reversing the capitalist slump can only be achieved by taking the power. The miners have shown that their own political experiences made in the fight against Heath have not been lost. With equal determination and greater political understanding they are now turning to take on and defeat their enemies in the Labour leadership. The step facing the working class after dealing with the Labour government will indeed be to organise the struggle for power.

News Line says that this revolutionary road is unavoidable. This is clear from the nature of the crisis itself — no reforms can revive the collapsing world capitalist system. In 1971 the US government torpedoed the monetary agreement made to facilitate the boom after World War II. The dollar was taken off the gold exchange standard and uncontrollable inflation eventually engulfed the main capitalist centres of production. This period spelt the end of masking over a rapidly falling rate of profit with the creation of fictitious capital and credit. In 1972-1973 the inflationary crisis turned into a crisis of inflation and slump.

All efforts to revive production have failed. Now Chancellor Healey is forced to admit that his hopes of a new

world boom breathing life into British capitalism have been dashed. The change means that all the efforts made by groups of nations and international capitalist bodies like the IMF to deflect or slow down the slump have been transformed into their opposite. The IMF, for example is being directed by its controllers in the United States to intensify the effects of the crisis on the British working class.

The answer to this system of chaos, anarchy and slump is the revolutionary mobilisation of the working class. News Line calls on all its readers to take up this struggle.

● Demand the re-call of an emergency Labour Party conference to prepare a socialist programme for a new General Election.

● Support the miners — take industrial action against the Healey mini-budget, the cuts, closures and redundancies, to bring the Labour government down.

● We call on workers to campaign in every union branch, factory, dock and mine for this basic programme to meet the capitalist slump.

● Nationalisation of the banks, finance houses and insurance companies.

● Freeze all capital transactions and currency deals, open the books of the Treasury and the Bank of England to a workers' inquiry.

● Control all prices through the nationalisation of the food monopolies, without compensation under workers' control.

● Restore all spending cuts and guarantee full employment by launching a socialist plan of expansion based on the nationalisation of the major industrial companies, without compensation under workers' control.

Jobs not cars

A BOROUGH council which plans to buy a new £8,000 mayoral car was yesterday warned that unions were 'not interested in showpieces, only in saving jobs'. The warning was issued after a meeting of the Derby Borough Trades Union Action Committee, which comprises representatives from six unions.

Malcolm Wing said they intended to tell councillors they were not prepared to accept any redundancies, and they wanted a careful examination of wasteful expenditure — such as the purchase of a new mayoral car.

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excuse for maintaining a military toe-hold in Ireland.

The ultra-right-wing 'Daily Mail' was quick to appreciate the significance of the 'controversial' step. It led its front page with the story yesterday.

The move, authorised by Mr Callaghan, is certain to set off even more uproar that the original Ulster posting for the elite undercover men of the Special Air Service.

'The IRA claims that SAS secrecy is a cloak for murder and torture. Even moderate Catholic politicians in Ulster and Dublin have grave misgivings about the SAS's

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Builder dies

A BUILDING worker was crushed to death when a derelict building collapsed on him in Eliza Street, Belfast. He was trapped in the cab of his mechanical digger by tons of rubble which crashed down without warning during excavation work. He was taken to hospital but died later.

fearsome reputation,' the paper said.

'One of them, SDLP leader Gerry Fitt, claimed last night: "I have been given a firm assurance that the SAS will not be used in Belfast or in any other urban area."

'But army minister Robert Brown said in a Commons written reply earlier that the SAS was now to be used "in other similarly troubled areas" as well as Armagh,' the 'Mail' added.

The 'Guardian' took up the same theme. The announcement of the spread of SAS operations is likely to arouse a great deal of disquiet in northern

Silcock strike ends

A MONTH-long strike by managers at Silcock and Collings car delivery depots which has held up supply of Ford Fiestas, Chrysler Alpines, and Triumph TR 7S to dealers is to end on Monday, said their union, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, yesterday. The parties will go to arbitration on a disputed bonus issue, and another issue — that of car hire policy — had been resolved ASTMS said. Cash payment had been agreed for holidays not taken.

Ireland where the regiment is widely regarded as the army's tame assassination squad.

'It has regularly been accused,' the paper said, 'of organising murders of both Catholics and Protestants.'

'Only one death is officially credited to the SAS,' it went on, 'the shooting of Peter Cleary in South Armagh in the spring.'

According to the 'Guardian', Cleary was arrested in a cottage near the border.

Republicans claim he was cold-bloodedly murdered in a field nearby.

Courtaulds workers' co-op plan

SKELMERSDALE — A mass meeting of workers at the closure-threatened Courtaulds plant voted yesterday to seek either a new employer to take over the factory or to set up a 'workers co-operative'.

Bob Morrow, a union representative at the plant, said a delegation would be

visiting the House of Commons on Monday.

The delegation planned to see MPs and trade unionists involved in setting up 'co-operatives' at the former Fisher-Bendix plant on Merseyside and the Triumph motor-cycle plant at Meriden, Coventry.

Morrow added that as the government had offered help to Courtaulds the workers did not see any reason why the government could not offer it to them.

Fares study

BRITISH RAIL has agreed to study two new union-backed ideas for saving passengers'

money. They are: 1 — to choose an area in Britain which has both commuters and ordinary passengers, and cut fares. 2 — to announce a freeze on 1977 fares after the January 2 rises.

STRIKE WAS PROVOKED SAY LEYLAND WORKERS

BRITISH Leyland workers in Birmingham have accused management of provoking a strike at the Sherpa van factory in Common Lane.

The entire workforce is either on strike or is laid off. Trouble started two days ago when the company disciplined a group of press operators for 'not working hard enough'.

All 180 press shop men walked out and were supported a few hours later by 1,000 assembly men.

A witchhunt is underway against 60 electricians sitting-in at Rubery Owen car component works in Darlaston, Staffs.

The company said it would investigate reports that machinery had been 'sabotaged'. The electricians are demanding payment for time they were laid off during a recent three-week engineers' strike.



One little piggy who wouldn't leave market. Workmen struggle with the last animal at the Smithfield show which closed at Earls Court, London yesterday

Defence Committee action plan

SUPPORTERS of the campaign against the deportation of Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball are planning to picket the houses of known Central Intelligence Agency operatives in London tomorrow.

Among the houses they hope to visit is the home of the new CIA chief of station, Dr Edward Procter, who took over earlier this year from Cord Meyer.

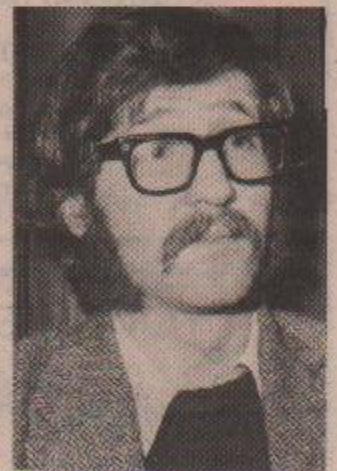
The demonstration starts with a mass picket outside the Home Office at noon. A picket of the US Embassy in Grosvenor Square at 2.00 will later disperse to picket the homes of the CIA men.

Agee is due to appear before the three-man secret tribunal which will review his deportation order on January 11. Two days before the hearing, on January 9, the Defence Committee is planning a national demonstration against the deportation.

Other activities include a film benefit at the Other Cinema on Saturday, December 18 at 4.00, with a showing of a film about notorious CIA operative E. Howard Hunt.



Philip Agee



Mark Hosenball

Union president speaks out on cuts

NATIONAL Union of Students president Charles Clarke opened the union's conference in Blackpool last night with an attack on the Labour government's cuts in education.

He pointed out that Education Secretary Shirley Williams had started her term of office by launching a series of attacks on the student body, 'lining up another 30 colleges for the axe'.

'By her vicious action,' he went on, 'she has betrayed the hopes and expectations of a whole generation of young teachers; and she has placed the Labour government firmly against any future educational expansion, whether at nursery or at 16-19 level.'

'The NUS', he continued, 'is fighting the government. I guarantee that the relevant clauses of the Bill will only become enacted in law against the bitter opposition of hundreds of thousands of students.'

In spite of all the militant words, Clarke is committed to a policy of 'pressure' in



NUS leader Charles Clarke

attempting to change the Labour government's policies.

He warned of the danger of a future Tory government, 'Thatcher's new Shadow Cabinet lurks like a pack of wolves in the wings — ready to destroy the social achievements of 30 years and more.'

Benn's 'mild rebuke' at witch-hunt

THE anti-communist witch-hunt in the Labour party launched by the right wing to halt the demand for socialist policies drew a mild rebuke from Wedgwood Benn yesterday.

The 'left'-talking energy minister told Bristol University students that 'since the earliest days of the movement, Marxism has never been regarded as a disqualification for Labour Party membership.' Benn said the Party was not dominated by Marxists, that Marxism and communism were not synonymous, and there was no 'dominant group growing up within the Labour party which really believes in violent revolution and the suppression of democratic rights'.

But Benn refused to attack the right wing for its McCarthyite tactics and smears. He chose instead to shelter behind a general rebuke for everyone committed to an all-out political struggle.

He said Labour was 'an extremely tolerant and undogmatic party, deriving much strength and popular support from its refusal to impose a rigid test of doctrine upon its members.'

Benn claimed: 'All that we require by way of political allegiance from Party members or paid officials is that they should accept the policy and programme of the Labour Party and thus commit themselves to advancing socialism through parliamentary democracy.'

Benn has just agreed in Cabinet to accept the biggest attack on the working class, through falling living standards and mass unemployment arising out of the public spending cuts.

December Fund at £290

CAN we drive it ahead this weekend? Yesterday's post brought £32.50 making our total now £290.09. But we are still a very long way from our £4,000 target. Let's go all out and change this situation immediately.

And we know it can be changed. As the feeling mounts amongst the miners for a show-down with this government over the retirement age, so many other sections of workers will back them up in this fight.

Wages, jobs, working conditions are all under

attack by the policies of Callaghan and Healey. The News Line was the first to demand that such a government must be brought down and a general election called to be fought on socialist policies.

Let's therefore step up the campaign this weekend for December's fund. Help us raise extra amounts to drive our total right up. Post your donations immediately to:

The News Line December Appeal Fund
21b Old Town, Clapham, SW4
OJT

£50,000 is vital

WE must keep up the pressure to bring in the £50,000 Development Fund. It is vitally needed to implement our party's expansion programme. Yesterday we appealed to News Line readers to consider the future.

The Labour Cabinet is putting the finishing touches to a package of public spending cuts which will dwarf all the attacks on living standards seen so far. The miners' ballot which ended on Thursday is certain to

result in a huge majority for industrial action against this government. We cannot overstate the urgency of our fund and we appeal for the biggest possible effort by every member and reader.

We received yesterday:
BBC workers £30,
Birkenhead £10,
Skelmersdale £10.
TOTAL in today £50.00
TOTAL in to date: £20,195.23.

Post all donations to:
Development Fund
21b Old Town
Clapham SW4 OJT

Fight the deportations. Out with the CIA
MASS LINKED PICKETS
of Home Office, American embassy, and homes of selected CIA agents in London

**TODAY SATURDAY
DECEMBER 11**

Assemble at Home Office, Whitehall, noon.
Reassemble Grosvenor Square 2p.m.
CIA addresses will be given to flying pickets at Grosvenor Square

AGEE AND HOSENBALL MUST STAY

REPEAL THE IMMIGRATION ACT
Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee, 186 Kings Cross Road, London WC1X 9DE 01-278 4575 (days) 01-609 3625 or 01-451 0980 (evenings and weekends)

PIT SPEED-UP 'BRIBES' CLAIM

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN
Industrial correspondent

REPORTS are growing that miners are being offered 'bribes' to break union agreements.

Concern is being expressed that the inducements are back-door methods of re-establishing the hated 'piecework' system in the pits.

Payment for 'fictitious' overtime is among the inducements said to have been offered to miners if they reach unofficial production targets.

Coalface workers have been told they can go home early if they push their coal-cutting machines to the maximum.

Peter Heathfield, North Derbyshire miners' leader, has already protested to the Coal Board. The Board hotly denied Heathfield's allegations.

But David Percival, a miner at Ireland colliery near Chesterfield, spoke out again on the issue yesterday.

'The authorities are turning a blind eye to what's going on', said Percival, one of the 11 Clay Cross Labour councillors disqualified from their posts for fighting Tory rent rises.

'Right-wing sections of our union are also keeping quiet about it because they are in



PERCIVAL... Authorities turning a blind eye

favour of taking the backward step of accepting productivity deals again.

'The union leaders have accepted the wage-cuts imposed by the Labour government. It means miners are hard up for cash.

Overtime

'In my opinion, there is more overtime being worked in the pits now than for a heck of a long time.

'Because of the cost of living,

men are clutching at straws. Which straws will they be forced to clutch at next?

'I know many other miners are worried about these inducements. They are a back-door way of bringing back a form of piecework,' Percival warned.

He and others believe similar attempts have been made in other coalfields.

'Piecework' in the mining industry was scrapped in the middle of the 1960s. A national ballot of miners last year confirmed that a majority of miners are opposed to



HEATHFIELD

productivity deals either on a pit-by-pit or area-by-area basis.

Under the days of 'piecework', the accident risk was higher, exhaustion crippled many miners and far from benefitting the industry, it helped close down hundreds of pits.

Another Derbyshire miner told News Line yesterday:

'We always used to say that you'd have to be up to your necks in water before you'd get paid what's called a "wet" allowance.

'Now the allowance is easier to get because they want us to be more tolerant of bad conditions.'

Retreat hint from Gormley

MINERS president Joe Gormley yesterday forecast a compromise deal in his union's retirement battle yesterday.

'Next week we shall get the result of the ballot and having got that, we shall then meet the Coal Board early in the New Year', he said at South Godstone, Surrey.

'There will be a compromise agreement, so people should not get excited because we are having a ballot of the members — we like to keep in touch with the members and that is the essence of the exercise.

'It will be no problem. There will be negotiated settlements, as simple as that,' he said at a retirement ceremony for three pit ponies.

Gormley's words smack of retreat. The NUM leaders are frightened of anti-government feeling that has built up among the rank-and-file and are reluctant to call industrial action for that reason.

As reported in yesterday's News Line, right-wing NUM officials have held secret talks with cabinet ministers to try to organise a climb down. But any sell-out of the early retirement claim would meet strong opposition from the coalfields.

It was divulged yesterday that the Coal Board plans an 11-per-cent cutback in the 250,000-strong workforce in the mining industry.

The cut of over 22,000 miners would take place during the next five years, according to the Board's plan.

The intention is to reduce annual coal production from the 120 million ton target set in 1975, down to 111 millions in 1981. This is in line with the IMF's slump policies.

PIT UNION CHIEFS ON THE RUN

The headline of yesterday's News Line

An inquiry essential — ecology group

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Peter Shore is expected to announce later this month whether he will allow a public inquiry in the £600m expansion plan at Windscale.

Czech Conroy, spokesman for Friends of the Earth, which has been in the forefront of the campaign against the Windscale plan, told News Line yesterday an inquiry was 'absolutely essential'.

'We are concerned that this new plant will lead to an increase in the amount of radioactivity, including plutonium in the Irish Sea.

'We are also worried that it might result in a proliferation of nuclear weapons. Spent fuel from thermal reactors overseas will be processed at Windscale yielding plutonium that can be used to make nuclear weapons.

This will be shipped back to the country of origin. Callaghan has already announced that the government is not prepared to ban the export of plutonium from Windscale to countries that have not signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

'Indeed when British Nuclear Fuels signed its present contract with Japan, that country had not ratified the Treaty. Though Japan has since done so, other countries like Brazil and Spain might well want to have their fuel processed at Windscale.

'BNFL is under considerable economic pressure to take their orders. It needs foreign countries to contribute towards the capital cost of the new development. Japan had originally agreed to pay half the cost of the reprocessing plant, but this is likely to be reduced.

Hospitals staff lift picket

STAFF at Scotland's state mental hospital at Carstairs, Lanarkshire, where a patient, a nurse and police constable died during an escape last week, have called off a three-day-old ban on three senior staff entering the building.

The decision was taken at a meeting on Thursday night after Scottish Secretary Bruce Millan had announced in the Commons the terms of the inquiry to be held into the incidents.

After the deaths, the hospital's 360 staff demanded the suspension of the three senior officials, including hospital chief Professor Alistair Macrae, pending a public inquiry.

They mounted a picket at the hospital.

Clubhouse scrapped

THE South West Water Authority, which signed an agreement for a £4m loan from the European investment bank on Thursday, has shelved plans for club houses, recreation centres and other facilities at reservoirs. The reason is the worsening economic situation, said the authority.

One of the first victims will be the Wimbleball complex on Exmoor.

Hazards nuclear

THE recent leak of radioactivity from a waste storage silo at the Windscale nuclear plant has focussed attention on the hazards of the nuclear industry.

The leak could not have come at a worse time for British Nuclear Fuels Limited, the state-owned concern which runs the Windscale factory.

Anti-nuclear lobbyists are gathering support for a campaign against BNFL's £600m expansion plan, involving the import of nuclear waste from Japan and other foreign countries.

They have accused the company of trying to hide the truth about the leak, which was discovered in October. News of the leak emerged in a parliamentary answer by Energy Secretary Anthony Wedgwood Benn.

Seepage

The leak came to light during excavation for a new storage silo as part of the expansion plan. Seepage of radioactive water was found 15 feet below ground level close to a 50-foot-deep concrete tank where waste from atomic power plants is stored under water.

The waste consisted mainly of magnesium alloy cladding material from fuel rods used in British nuclear reactors. The cladding is separated from the used fuel containing highly dangerous and long-lived radioactive elements and placed in the silos for a number of years while its radioactivity decays.

Benn told the Commons that there had been no radiation

WORKERS
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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)

All Trades Unions Alliance
**LESSONS OF THE
MINERS' BALLOT**
Tuesday December 14, 7.30p.m.
Broad Highway Hotel
Great North Road
Woodlands
Doncaster
Speaker: CLIFF SLAUGHTER (WRP Central Committee)

YOUNG SOCIALISTS
**XMAS
BAZAARS**
LONDON LEEDS
SATURDAY DECEMBER 18 SATURDAY DECEMBER 18
Doors open 12 noon Doors open 12 noon
East India Hall, East India Dock Rd. E14 Corn Exchange
XMAS DANCE IN LEEDS
EVENING
TODAY
COVENTRY LIVERPOOL
SATURDAY DECEMBER 11 SATURDAY DECEMBER 11
Doors open 12 noon Doors open 12 noon
Bell Green School AUEW Hall
Bell Green, Coventry Mount Pleasant
Liverpool
Bottle draw: Boutique:
Sideways: Bingo: Gifts:
Bargains Galore!

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Atom leak was hushed up

BY JOHN SPENCER

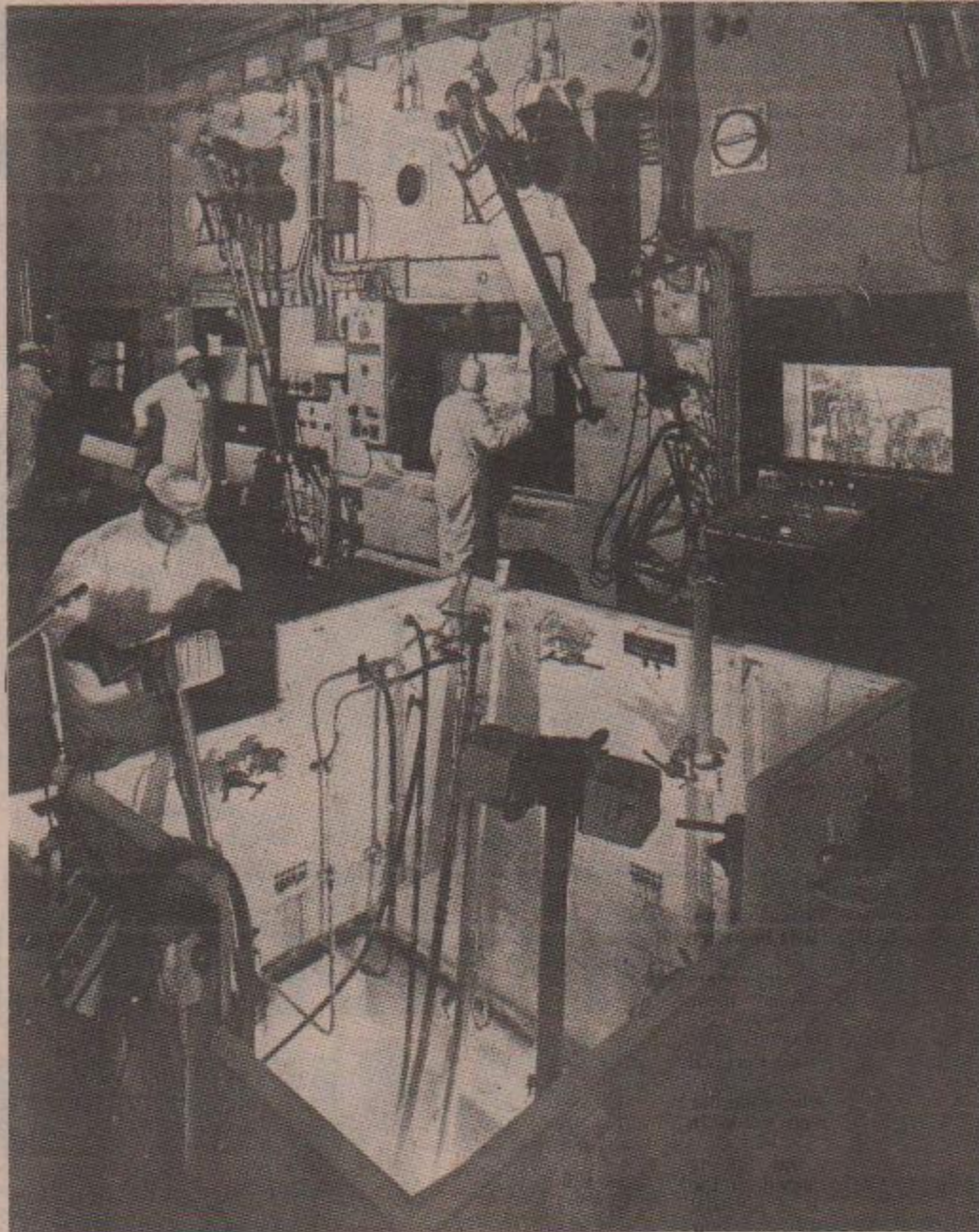
exposure of workers beyond the permitted levels. He added: 'There is no contamination outside the Windscale site and therefore no hazard to members of the public.'

BNFL say they decided not to publicise the leak immediately it was discovered because they had to run extensive checks to find out the extent of the danger.

But the appropriate ministries were informed immediately the leak was found, a spokesman said. He added that if BNFL had publicised the leak, it might have been interpreted as propaganda in favour of the expansion and renovation plan.

The expansion plans involve three main developments — the building of a £350m thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp); a £100m programme to expand facilities for reprocessing waste from Britain's existing Magnox reactors; and a £30m plant to turn radioactive waste into solid glass blocks.

The firm has already negotiated contracts worth hundreds of millions of pounds with other countries, notably



The Magnox fuel reprocessor at Windscale. The casings around the fuel are removed behind the glass windows

Japan, to reprocess their nuclear waste. Critics have said the plan will make Britain a 'nuclear dustbin' for the rest of the world.

BNFL say the contracts are framed so that the nuclear waste can be returned to the country of origin if Windscale cannot find a suitable way of treating it. But this means large quantities of intensely radioactive material will be concentrated on the site for many years.

The biggest long-term problem is the disposal of

radioactive waste, some of which must be isolated from the world for many thousands of years.

The Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, in its detailed report on the effects of nuclear power on the environment, states that it was unable to discover any clearly formulated policy for the disposal of nuclear waste.

The waste will accumulate rapidly as the nuclear power programme expands. Windscale already has over 4,000 cubic metres of contaminated cladding material alone, and

expects to have 13,000 cubic metres by 1985.

There are proposals that this waste could be dumped in deep ocean once its radioactivity has declined. But there is no guarantee this method of disposal will be acceptable to other countries.

In any case, the really dangerous wastes cannot be dumped at sea. The glass blocks which Windscale plans to produce have to be put somewhere — perhaps in specially dug undersea trenches or deep underground in stable geological formations.

But it is clear that at present the nuclear industry is being expanded without any firm and foolproof plan to deal with the huge amounts of radioactive poisons it will generate in the next decades.

WINDSCALE'S general manager Peter Mummery said yesterday it was not thought necessary to inform the general public of the incident as it had no 'practical significance' to anyone outside the plant. He agreed that British Nuclear Fuels had not told Cumbria County Council of the leak, even while it was considering the controversial £600m expansion plan for the plant.

The leak happened two weeks before the county council's planning committee gave the expansion unqualified approval despite strong opposition from environmental groups, who say the nuclear industry is highly dangerous.



An aerial view of the Windscale plant with the Calder Hall plant on the right

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World NewsLine

Moscow puts the arm on Gaddafi

REPORTS from Moscow indicate that the Soviet leaders tried unsuccessfully to persuade Libyan President Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to 'moderate' his line on the Middle East during his visit there this week.

Failed

Soviet Party leader Leonid Brezhnev participated in each of the four days of talks with the Libyan leader, but failed to win him over to the view that a reconvened Geneva conference was the best solution to the Middle East crisis.

Brezhnev was joined by Premier Alexei Kosygin and President Nikolai Podgorny in an unusually high-level

Soviet team which reflected the eagerness of the Russian leaders to convince Colonel Gaddafi of their line.

The two countries signed three co-operation documents: a shipping agreement, a protocol on talks on economic and technical aid, and a cultural co-operation programme for 1977-1978.

But the talks on the Middle East were described as taking place in an atmosphere of 'frankness' — which indicates that agreement was not reached.

The communiqué issued shortly after Colonel Gaddafi left the Soviet Union for Tripoli made no mention of the Geneva conference, nor of the right of the Israeli state to exist, nor of the need for a 'compromise' solution in the area — all of which the

Moscow leaders have been stressing.

Instead, the communiqué said the two sides had agreed that peace in the Middle East could only be achieved if all occupied Arab lands are liberated and the right of the Palestinians to control their own state was assured.

Obstacle

Colonel Gaddafi's stand is clearly an obstacle to imperialist manoeuvres in the Middle East which is seeking to disarm the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, federate Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, and pin down the Palestinians in an inadequate 'homeland' tightly controlled by Syria and Jordan in agreement with Israel.

Gaddafi



Muammar Gaddafi



Leonid Brezhnev

AUSTERITY STRIKE DUE IN FRANCE

PARIS — French trade unions have called a 48-hour strike next week in the nationalised gas and electricity industries in the first big challenge to the government's austerity programme.

The five gas and electricity trade union federations ordered the national strike for next Tuesday and Wednesday after the management refused to honour a 2 per cent cost-of-living increase due next year under a long-standing wage deal.

The management decision was in line with the 'anti-inflation' package introduced by Prime Minister Raymond Barre in September.

'Green Monkey' disease found in Angola

GENEVA — A mystery virus disease which has hit the town of Uige in Angola may be the deadly 'Marburg' or 'Green Monkey Disease', a spokesman for the World Health Organisation said here yesterday.

Angola has asked the Organisation for laboratory equipment so that tests can be carried out, and meanwhile specimens have been sent to

contagious disease laboratories abroad.

The outbreak in Angola has begun near the border with Zaire, where an epidemic of 'Green Monkey' disease was reported cleared last month.

An American technician suffering from the complaint was being treated in a South African hospital last week, after being flown there from Zaire in a US Air Force plane.

MOTORCADES BANNED IN JAMAICA POLL

KINGSTON — Police and military authorities in Jamaica have banned marches and motorcades from the election campaign, and asked candidates not to make 'inflammatory and provocative statements' either from platforms or in the Press.

This unprecedented intervention follows several incidents in which people have been shot and injured in pre-election violence. Shooting has

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

taken place between members of the right-wing opposition Jamaica Labour Party and the governing People's National Party, and singer Bob Marley was ambushed last week while on his way to a PNP concert.

The Jamaica Labour Party has been accused by PNP supporters of launching deliberately provocative large motorcades into PNP areas to start incidents. The

provocations in the election campaign are widely seen as part of the drive by the American Central Intelligence Agency to 'destabilise' Jamaica.

Former CIA agent Philip Agee, who has identified eight CIA personnel operating in Jamaica said this week that the JLP is being funded by the CIA.

About 8,000 guns were brought into Jamaica illegally this year according to police estimates. Leading members of the JLP arrested under state of emergency regulations ('Heavy Manners' in Kingston slang) have been implicated in terrorist plots.

In their statement yesterday, army chief Brigadier Rudolph Green and Police Commissioner Basil Robinson appealed to people to be 'calm and cool'.

They said the ban on marches and motorcades would cover processions and political walks by crowds following candidates on house-to-house campaigning, but would not affect meetings.

They also asked 'members of both political parties and their candidates in particular not to make the job of the security forces more difficult by uttering inflammatory and provocative statements from platforms, in the Press and on television'.

All assemblies on election day (Wednesday) are banned, and people will be told to return to work or home as soon as they have voted.

Although there is widespread support for stopping violence and CIA-backed provocations, there are still fears among left-wing workers about the way the power of the police and armed forces is growing.

Some of the incidents within the past year have suggested the right-wing thugs may have connections in official positions.

What the working class has to watch out for is that once the CIA has used its agents to create siege conditions, it may then launch other agents in the state machine itself to exploit the situation, bidding for power in the name of 'order'.

Plant post

THE Secretary for Northern Ireland, Roy Mason, has appointed Cyril Plant, chairman of the TUC to be chairman of the standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights, a post previously held by Lord Feather, who died in July.

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CARRILLO IN CLANDESTINE CONFERENCE

We'll stand for elections he says

SPANISH Communist Party leader Santiago Carrillo emerged from hiding yesterday and gave his first Press conference in Spain since the 1936-1939 Civil War.

Speaking five days before the Spanish referendum on parliamentary reform, Carrillo said his party would stand candidates in all provinces for parliamentary elections next spring.

'We come out in the open to demonstrate our will to participate in democracy,' said Carrillo, who claimed to have been living illegally in Madrid since February. Carrillo also announced that the Communist Party would boycott Wednesday's referendum as the constitutional reforms proposed were undemocratic.

He demanded the right of the Spanish Communist Party to participate in elections. The party would announce its candidates for the Senate and lower House of Congress in the first two weeks of January, he said.

'If the nonsense is committed of putting us in the

opposition outside parliament,' the Stalinist leader added, 'the Spanish people and international public opinion will know that the responsibility does not rest on the Communist Party.'

He predicted widespread labour unrest, because of the economic situation, but

claimed that a 'national consensus' could be reached if the Communist Party was granted a place in parliament.

Carrillo said he would continue to live in hiding and he left the Press conference after asking the reporters to give him a few minutes' headstart.



CARRILLO

The day the bugs blow the fuse

BRITISH intelligence agents once installed so much electronic spying equipment in their Moscow embassy that they blew the main fuses and started a fire.

A vast quantity of eavesdropping apparatus was set up at the embassy in the 1960s to intercept secret Soviet radio communications, according to Belgian Johannes van Engeland.

He says in his memoirs the aim was to gather information on such operations as Soviet air defences and the structure of the armaments industry.

But someone rashly turned on all the equipment at the same time, fusing the electricity and causing the blaze.

Van Engeland defected to the Soviet Union in 1969 after an assignment to Moscow as secretary-archivist at the Belgian Embassy. In his memoirs, published in serial form by the Soviet weekly 'Nedilya', he says that in fact he worked for Belgian intelligence.

Asked for comment on his allegations, a British embassy spokesman described them as 'a load of rubbish'.

The fire to which Van Engeland was presumably referring caused extensive damage to an annexe of the embassy in October 1964.

British residents here recall that the annexe, which today houses the military attaché's offices, was then used as the embassy's consular section and social club.

For his allegations about British electronic spying, Van Engeland quotes the former Belgian military attaché here, Colonel Georges Colpaert, and an American military attaché, Lieutenant-Colonel Karl Liewer, who also worked in Moscow at the time.

Van Engeland says he was told by Colonel Colpaert that the annexe was one of the main centres used by Britain's government communications department, whose function was to collect intelligence by covert radio monitoring.



Helicopter strike in the Ovambo region of Namibia by the 'reaction force'

MERCENARIES 'LOOK FOR ANOTHER WAR'

South African troops mass on Angola border

AMERICAN mercenaries are flocking to Rhodesia 'looking for another war', according to a report in the International Herald Tribune.

The report says there are about 1,000 foreign volunteers serving in the Rhodesian army and police force.

Some 400 of these are from the USA, with the rest from Germany, Canada, Greece, the Netherlands, Australia, Portugal, France, New Zealand, Britain and Sweden.

Applications

Inquiries and applications are increasing daily, according to chief army recruiting officer, Major Nick Lamprecht. The Major says the mercenaries are coming because of 'an enthusiasm about fighting communism — they don't want to see a repeat of what happened in Vietnam'.

These mercenaries are essential to the racist Smith regime, which does not have enough manpower to fight the

liberation forces — despite having already called up all white, mixed-race and Asian men between the ages of 18 and 38.

One major from Texas told reporters that most of the Americans had arrived in the last eight months.

And a 30-year-old captain from Alabama, who described himself as a 'Disraeli conservative', said 'This country is one of the few friends we have in Africa.'

Independent

Major Lamprecht claims that the Rhodesians do no advertising outside Rhodesia, but he admits that 'independent operators' are at work in several countries.

THE United Nations commissioner for Namibia, Sean Macbride, yesterday accused South Africa of massing troops in readiness for an attack on Angola.

Speaking to reporters in Lusaka the former Irish foreign minister said the Pretoria government had already moved some 50,000 troops into Namibia's border area with Angola, including the Caprivi Strip — a tongue of territory extending east towards Rhodesia.

He added he had information that before the attack, South Africa would set up in the territory a puppet interim government towards the middle of 1977.

'The intention of this is clear,' he said. 'South Africa wants to turn the guerrilla war into a struggle in which the new black government is pitted against SWAPO (the South West Africa People's Organisation).'

In Pretoria, a foreign ministry spokesman said South Africa had 'no intention of invading any country whatsoever'. Troops were positioned on

South West Africa's (i.e. Namibia's) border only at the request of the local authorities, he said.

At the same time, Mr Macbride said Rhodesia was preparing for a prolonged war against nationalist guerrillas with a military build-up in the country and the construction of three new air bases. 'It certainly contradicts Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith's reported intention for a peaceful settlement,' he said. 'It is odd that he should accept majority rule while entrenching his position by building new bases.'

HAS MOSCOW SILENCED SHAH'S ENEMIES?

AN Iranian rebel radio station which regularly broadcast against the Shah's regime and its reactionary policies has suddenly gone off the air.

Suspicion is that the counter-revolutionary diplomacy of the Soviet bureaucracy may be responsible.

Radio Iran Courier, the voice of Iran's outlawed Left-wing Tudeh party, broadcasting programmes in Persian, Azerbaijani and Kurdish, was last heard on November 20, according to the BBC monitoring service. There was no reference in any of that day's programmes to any change of times or frequencies.

That date, November 30 may be significant. It was the same that the Iranian government newspaper 'Rastakhiz' reported the arrival back in Teheran of General Hassan Toufanian, the Shah's War Minister, from an unannounced visit to Moscow.

Toufanian had returned on the Monday, the paper said, after meeting Soviet officials and 'completing relevant work'.

Only days before, Radio Iran Courier had denounced the Iranian government's moves towards a counter-revolutionary military pact in the Gulf, and aggressive air flights over South Yemen. The radio warned the Iranian people that the Shah's

regime was dragging them to war.

The censorship and brutal repression in Iran means that it is impossible for anyone to criticise the Shah inside the country. With many people unable to read, even if they got a clandestine leaflet, a radio station is invaluable; and Radio Iran Courier was able to broadcast from the Soviet Union, where members of the Tudeh party had taken refuge.

Has it now fallen victim to the counter-revolutionary secret diplomacy conducted by the Kremlin, which is also supplying arms to Iranian forces for repression?

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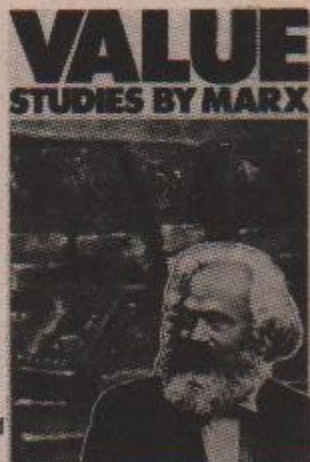
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POLICE / SQUATT SMASH

POLICE manhandled squatters out of a south London house yesterday. Seconds later, official 'wreckers' moved in to smash up the bottom half of the house with sledgehammers and axes.

A 78-year-old woman, Mrs Ruby Thompson, was also moved from the house yesterday. She was reduced to tears on the doorstep.

It all happened when Lambeth council put into operation a plan to rehouse Mrs Thompson from the downstairs flat at 85 St Agnes Place, Kennington, and then to send in council workmen to make the whole house uninhabitable for anyone else.

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Clydeside say NO to cuts

Threatened— 10,000 ship, oil-rig and

power jobs

BY A GLASGOW
CORRESPONDENT

GLASGOW — A large turn-out is expected at today's demonstration against unemployment and public spending cuts.

Leaders of the Scottish TUC have just returned empty handed after two days of talks with Labour cabinet ministers in London.

Callaghan rejected pleas put forward by the STUC leaders who will be at the head of today's march.

James Milne, STUC general secretary, has admitted that Callaghan gave no promises of saving 10,000 jobs in imminent danger in Scottish shipyards, oil rig construction, and power station equipment industries.

Many thousands more jobs are in immediate jeopardy because of public spending cuts already announced.

Next Wednesday's 'mini-Budget' is certain to add further sackings and cuts in services.

The Scottish miners have

called for full support for the demonstration.

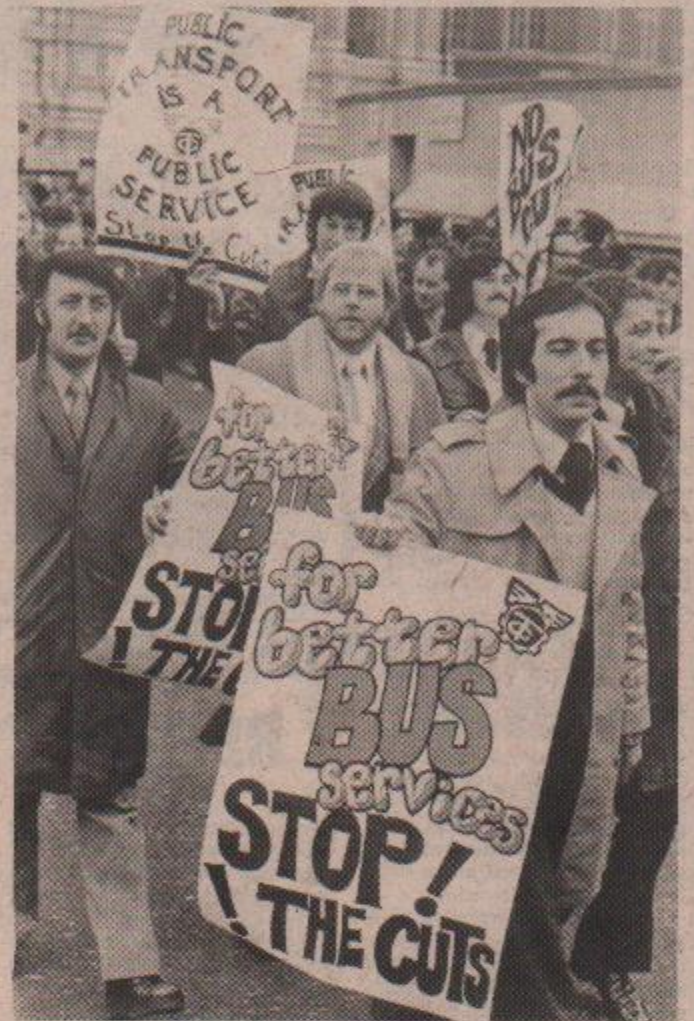
Trade unionists, housewives and youth from many parts of Scotland will be attending. But they will be looking for more than the hollow protests which the STUC reformist and Communist Party officials have in mind.

Confuse

Hugh Darcy, STUC chairman, appears to be attempting to confuse the issue. He has claimed that 'for the first time' the government is considering alternative policies requested by trade union leaders.

But it is clear who is dictating government policies — the International Monetary Fund which is insisting on slump policies.

Sections of workers in Glasgow have already made



London busmen in rally in February

attacks on the pro-government line of the TUC leaders.

Busmen at the Partick garage condemned transport union secretary Jack Jones for refusing to back the fight against the closure of the garage. 'Thank you very much for nothing', said a telegram they sent to Jones.

Today's demonstration must mark the end of protest on Clydeside. Much more is now required. Only by following the clear lead of the miners and by exercising the independent industrial and political strength of the working class to force the Labour government out of office and to make way for a new general election on socialist policies, can mass unemployment and poverty worse than the 1930s be prevented.

The threat of 14 hundred redundancies at Marathon and

the axe poised over Govan shipbuilders are the final proof of the futility of the work-in policy of the Communist Party shop stewards in the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders fight.

The UCS stewards deliberately excluded political demands and prevented the fight back against the closure from becoming the focus of an upsurge in the working class against the Tory government.

Despite the militancy and determination of the workers involved, similar protest policies have resulted in defeat in recent months at the 'Scottish Daily News', the Personna razor blade factory, Weirs Pumps and the Rolls Royce factory at Blantyre.

Despite the hostility of the Scottish workers to the Labour government spearheaded by the miners — miners leader Mick McGahey is sticking to the line that the struggle does not mean a confrontation with the Callaghan administration.

Government

When asked how the miners could win their full claim on January 1 next year without bringing down the government, he said: 'I don't think the question of the Labour government comes into it.'

Councillors in Dundee, were told by Scottish Secretary Bruce Millan that he could hold out 'no hope' on new jobs for the City.

In Dundee a further 620 redundancies in the depressed jute industry were announced last week by Sidlaw Industries to add to the 600 sackings in the city announced by the American owned company National Cash Register.

Cuts in public spending mean large working class areas in the industrial cities becoming derelict.

They include the multi-story Red Road flats in Springburn, Glasgow, where a young girl fell to her death down a lift shaft last week when she leant on faulty lift shaft doors.

PICTURES BY PETER MARLOW

MANHANDLE ERS-COUNCIL HES HOMES

the council wreckers and up, members of St Place Association and access through an window at the rear occupied the vacant upstairs part of house. Mrs Thompson, was all packed up to go, upset. But the squatters not to blame for her mess which squarely lies the police and Labour bureaucrats who run Lambeth council and who been vandalising hundreds of houses in a campaign against less people.

Squatters were continuing occupation of the upstairs flat in the six-storey Victorian home last night. Though some were evicted first, they later

established the occupation was legal and that the police had no right to move them.

A statement from the Association said that the council had nevertheless gone ahead with the smashing up of the bottom flat. 'This go-ahead was given by Mr Yates, the housing director, despite the fact he had been warned by the Lambeth Law Centre that this would be dangerous to the people upstairs,' said the statement.

'Through our action, although the bottom half of the house has been completely wrecked, the top half of the house is completely intact unlike other houses Nos 91 and 4 which were completely gutted including their roofs taken off in the last week.'



Partick busmen leave mass meeting this week: garages are planned to close in their area

VOLVO DELAY

SWEDEN's Volvo group yesterday postponed plans to begin automobile assembly in the United States next spring and said it would cut back passenger car production at Swedish and Dutch plants by about 15 per cent during the first half of next year.

A spokesman gave no new date for the start of its assembly project at Chesapeake, Virginia.

He added that due to slower passenger car sales on foreign markets than anticipated, Volvo had excessive stocks of finished vehicles. Cutbacks equivalent to 15-20 work days during the first half of 1977 would be necessary to reduce stocks to normal levels, he said.

Volvo has requested negotiations with trade unions at its Swedish plants on alternatives for cutting back production. One of these is a four-day week, another is to give production workers training courses during the cutback.

Blackpool Conference

Union demands grants increase

BY SARAH HANNIGAN

STUDENTS are likely to be demanding a 35 per cent increase in the grant next year.

They will be asking for £1,185 a year outside London from the present £875, and in London £1,290 compared to £955 at present.

This is the recommendation from the National Union of Students executive which will be presented to the union's annual conference in Blackpool this weekend.

For home students the figure would be £915, up from £675 now.

The union would also ask the Department of Education and Science to give 'urgent consideration' to the educational opportunities for young people in view of increasing youth unemployment.

It says that a 'ludicrous position exists' where unemployed youth cannot take advantage of full-time further education since they would get disqualified from claiming social security benefit. Full-time students are not eligible.

And it goes on, 'It is a ludicrous waste of public money to continue to force young people on to the dole when they could be improving their education and hence their prospects of employment and a better life.' It urges that immediate consideration is given to allowing these young people to follow courses and maintain their social security benefit.

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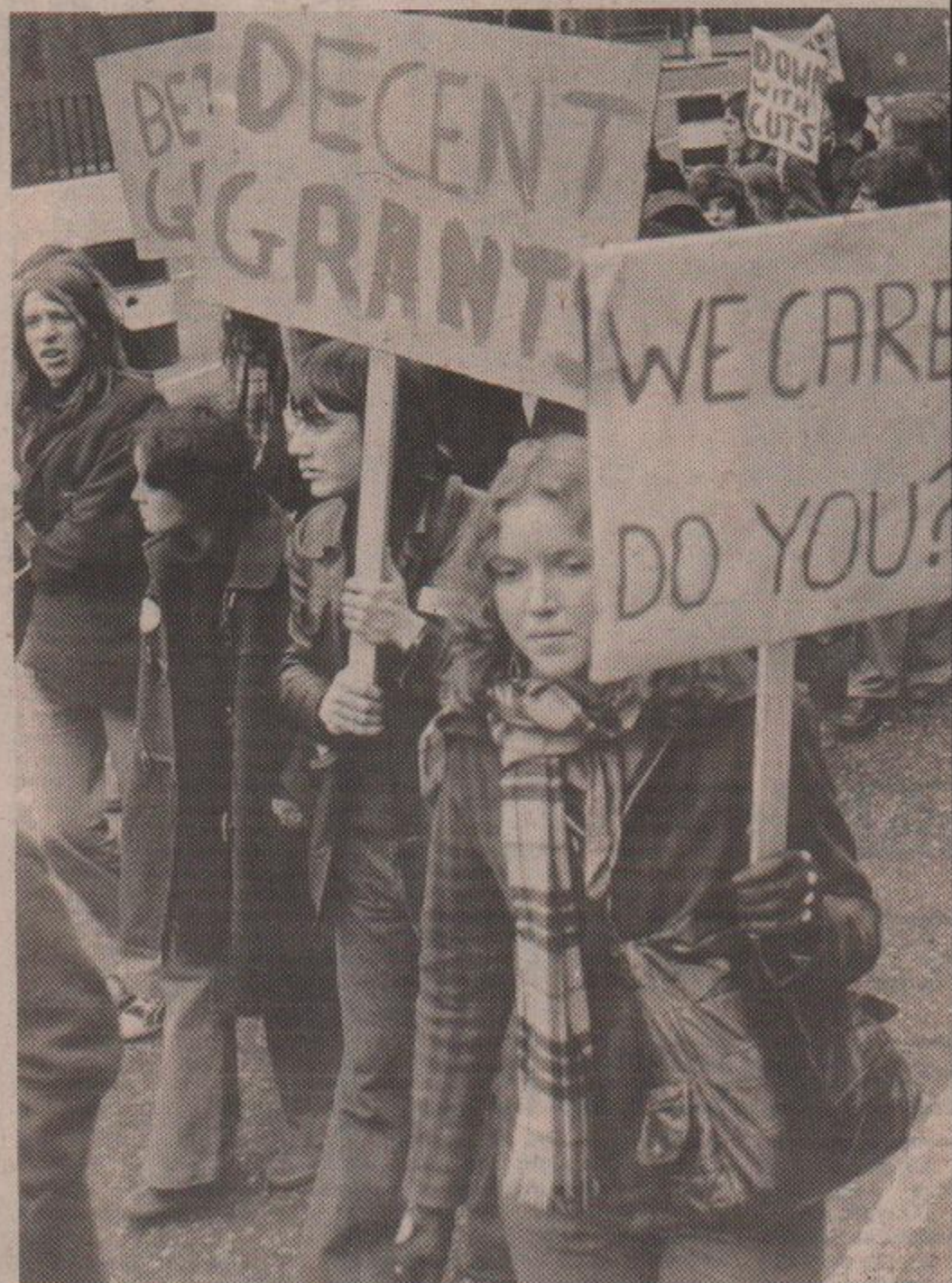
The claim also points out that only 20 per cent of Britain's 750,000 full-time students get a full grant. The NUS wants an end to the discretionary grants, which local authorities can pay at whatever rate they choose.

In today's climate of ever increasing spending cuts many local authorities are considering withholding discretionary awards altogether.

It demands full grants for all students from the age of 16 upwards — a reform estimated to cost £3m.

The union would also demand an end to the means test where parents are expected to pay part of the grant. A recent survey by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys showed that 73 per cent of students received less than the amount they were assessed for from their parents, husbands or wives.

The cost of abolishing the means test has now reached alarming proportions, the claim says, with the latest estimate putting the figure at £105m.



Students demonstrate for better grants

HEAD KURDS SEEK REFUGE

NORRKOEPING, Sweden — About 20 Turkish Kurds have ended a three-day hunger strike outside Swedish immigration service headquarters here after receiving assurances that their applications for political asylum would be processed in the next few weeks.

The strikers were part of a larger group of Kurds who marched 100 miles from Stockholm last weekend through snowstorms to protest at delays of up to 18 months in handling their applications and subsequent appeals.

In meetings with immigration

service director Kjell Oeberg and labour minister Per Ahlmark this week, Kurdish spokesmen claimed they were a minority subjected to educational and job discrimination by Turkish authorities.

An immigration service spokesman said today that the Kurds' applications would be examined on an individual basis.

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THE 'TAX AVOIDERS' SUMMIT

A LABOUR MP is to press the Prime Minister to act over a £400-a-head 'tax avoidance' conference to be held in Geneva next May.

Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, has also sent details to Chancellor Denis Healey about the conference at which, he claims, about one quarter of the delegates will be British 'tax practitioners and lawyers'. Mr Skinner said today, 'It is

outrageous. This is a tax-avoiders' summit.

'Each session seems to contain tips on how to evade tax somehow or other.

'All I hope is that those who go will not be allowed tax relief for their expenses in attending — that would be the supreme

irony.'

Mr Skinner said he had sent the Chancellor a dossier relating to the conference which, he said, was restricted to members of the International Tax Planning Association.

The Association reserved the right to refuse membership to

any applicant without disclosing reasons, and specifically excluded officials of government taxation departments and others responsible for levying taxes anywhere in the world, he claimed.

Revenue

In his letter to the Chancellor, Skinner says: 'In view of your constant references to the need to raise sufficient revenue to meet outgoing expenditure, perhaps you will consider asking for representation by the Treasury at the conference.'

Poorest of the US

BY CHARLES
PARKINS

NEW YORK — Puerto Ricans in the United States are a 'severely disadvantaged minority group' — and that's official.

A recent US government survey reports that whereas 11.6 per cent of the US population now lives below the poverty line, the proportion among Puerto Ricans is almost one in three.

Puerto Rico, in the West Indies, belongs to the United States and its people are American citizens. When 'Uncle Sam' needs them, Puerto Ricans are liable for military service.

Otherwise, they are cheap labour for US business and victims of racism, bad housing and poverty if they emigrate to mainland America.

According to the official handouts, US investment and development projects after the war brought 'prosperity' to the islands.

The government report

poor Report shows the

Puerto Ricans' 'American Dream' shattered



Children in Puerto Rican slum

explains, however, that to attract outside capital to Puerto Rico, there were 'long-term industrial tax exemptions, lower wage rates, government low-interest loans and other types of incentives'. (Our emphasis.)

Agricultural employment in the islands dropped from 230,000 in 1940 to 74,000 in 1970. So, while capital did come in, labour also went out — 750,000 Puerto Ricans went to the United States to seek a living.

Economist Rita Maldonado found that 'Puerto Ricans emigrate to the US mainland

primarily for economic reasons ... specifically ... (1) if the job market in the US is relatively better than that in Puerto Rico, (2) if the average wage in the US is higher relative to that in Puerto Rico'.

The government report also notes: 'The level of welfare payments and unemployment compensation in the United States is not a decisive factor in encouraging Puerto Ricans to emigrate'.

What happens to these Puerto Ricans, coming to America with the 'American Dream', of working, 'getting on', raising a

family and getting them educated?

In March 1975, the median income for all US families was \$12,836 a year. For Puerto Rican families it was only \$7,629.

More than 62 per cent of US adults were high school graduates. Among Puerto Rican adults, the figure is 28.7 per cent.

The 'incidence of poverty and unemployment is more severe' among Puerto Ricans 'than that of virtually any ethnic group in the United States'.

The report also observes that there has been a difference

between the treatment accorded Puerto Rican immigrants and that reserved for Cuban emigrés.

'The ineffectual role of state and local governments places in even sharper focus the role of the Federal government, which possesses the resources to help disadvantaged groups if it so decides.'

(For example, the Federal government's Cuban refugee program helped to resettle more than a quarter of a million Cubans in the US, offering services such as job placement, financial assistance, and vocational training.)

But the reasons for that are obvious. US imperialism depends for its profits on the exploitation of workers like the Puerto Ricans, both in Puerto Rico and in the United States

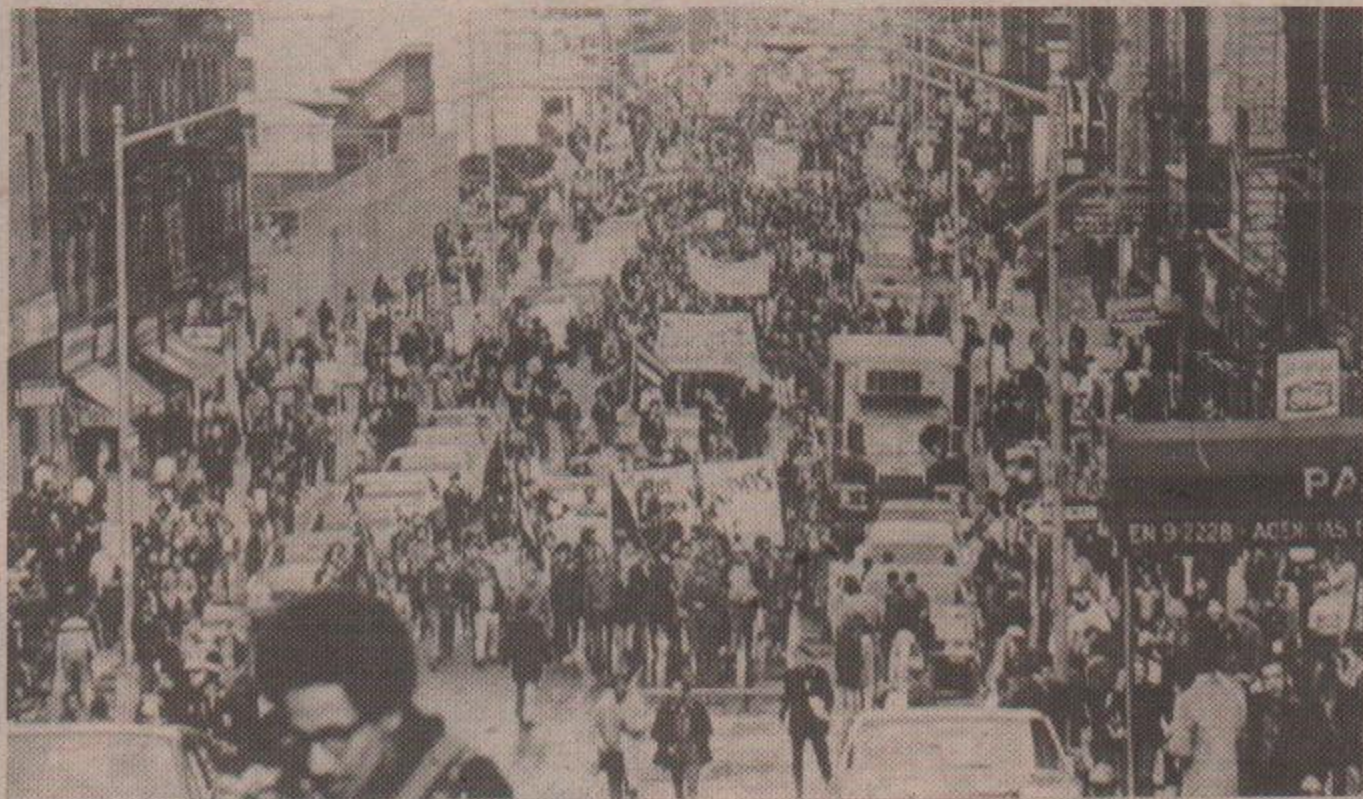
itself. Racism is the ideology of this oppression.

United States governments, whether under Ford or Carter, are there to protect and advance the interests of that system. The Cuban exiles have been given a role in this, as recent events in the Caribbean have reminded us, and so they are better treated.

There is no similar reason to give special help to Puerto Ricans, they are there to be exploited.

The government will commission reports every so often, as it has done about the blacks and other poor people.

But it is not going to change the system that makes them poor. That would take a revolution.



Puerto Ricans on the march

Cut-throat steel

WASHINGTON — The US steel industry has asked President Ford to seek an end to an agreement which limits steel shipments from Japan to the European Common Market.

Industry officials said Japanese steel shipments to the United States had risen sharply this year because of the limited amount being exported to Europe.

They also asked that Ford consider interim action such as higher import duties and import quotas.

ANC cancel New Year dance

THE African National Congress (South Africa) in London has joined with other African organisations in Vorster's racist state in cancelling Christmas celebrations this year.

The Soweto Students' Representative Council, supported by the South African Human Rights Committee and several other organisations, including the internal

leadership of the ANC, called for this step as a mark of respect to those killed, maimed and imprisoned in the apartheid police state in recent months.

The ANC in London has cancelled its usual New Year's Eve dance and is asking its supporters to

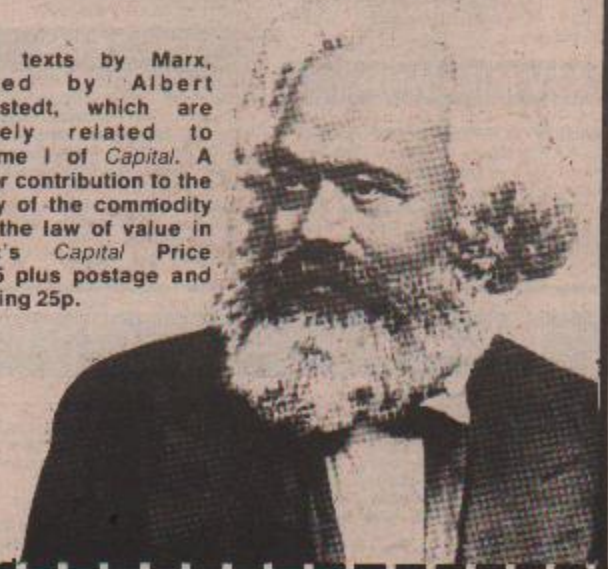
send the normal price of a ticket (£2) or more to its headquarters at 49 Rathbone Street, London W1.

The African National Congress now has heavy commitments due to the increasing numbers of youth and students being forced to flee South Africa. Camps have been established to house hundreds of such political refugees.

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SATURDAY

YOUR WEE

BBC 1

8.50 Ragtime. 9.05 Indoors Outdoors. 9.30 Multi-coloured Swap Shop. 12.15 Grandstand. 12.20 Football Focus. 12.50 Racing from Newbury. 1.10 International Boxing. 1.45 Ski-ing from Val d'Isère. 2.15 Sports Review of 1976. 2.45 Rugby League. 3.50 International Cross Country. 4.25 Ski-ing from Val d'Isère. 4.40 Final Score. 5.05 The Tom and Jerry Show. 5.15 News. 5.30 The Basil Brush Show.

6.00 INTO INFINITY: An Outer-Space Odyssey, starring Brian Blessed and Joanna Dunham

6.50 BRUCE FORSYTH AND THE GENERATION GAME

7.45 THE DUCHESS OF DUKE STREET Charlie Haslemere has problems sorting out his marriage

8.35 THE BEST OF DICK EMERY Special guest appearances by Alfie Bass, Arthur English, Francis Matthews

9.20 STARKY AND HUTCH

10.10 NEWS

10.20 MATCH OF THE DAY Jimmy Hill introduces highlights from the two first division matches

11.20 PARKINSON

2.20-12.22 Weatherman

BBC 2

3.00 Saturday Cinema: Men of Sherwood Forest. Starring Don Taylor. The King's supporters ask Robin for help to fight an attempt to usurp the throne. 4.15 Play Away. 4.45 Dastardly and Muttley. 4.55 The Money Programme. 5.45 Open Door.

6.15 HORIZON: The Long Valley - a study of bereavement

7.15 NETWORK Tonight from BBC Scotland: Current Account on **The King of the Markets** about Nibel Maibey, who organises markets throughout the country

7.45 M*A*S*H Comedy with Alan Alda and Wayne Rogers in **Officers Only**

8.10 MR MAGOO

8.15 NEWS AND SPORT

8.35 FILM INTERNATIONAL: Aguirre, Wrath of God, starring Klaus Kinski, Cecilia Rivera. The Search for the legendary city of El Dorado proves difficult. Directed by West German Werner Herzog

10.10 THE LIVELY ARTS - IN PERFORMANCE: An interview with dancer Martha Graham about her 50 years of dancing, teaching and choreography

11.40 NEWS ON 2

11.45-1.05 MIDNIGHT MOVIE: WAR HUNT starring Robert Redford John Saxon. 1962 drama about the Korean War

GRANADA

9.15 First Act. 9.40 In Focus with Harry Secombe. 10.05 The Lone Ranger Show. 10.30 Passing Parade. 10.00 Saturday Matinee: Kenneth Moore in 'Man in the Moon'. 12.30 World of Sport: 12.35 On the Ball. 1.00 International Sports Special 1 - Freestyle Ski-ing from Stowe, Vermont. 1.10 News from ITN. 1.20 The ITV Seven: Lingfield (1.45, 2.15 and 2.45). Newcastle (2.00, 2.30 and 3.00). 3.10 International Sports Special 2: British Figure Skating Championships from Richmond, Surrey. 3.15 Half-time Soccer Round-up. 4.00 Wrestling from Solihull. 4.50 Results Service. 5.05 News. 5.15 New Faces.

6.15 MEN OF ACTION: John Wayne in 'The Green Berets'.

8.45 CELEBRITY SQUARES

9.30 WITHIN THESE WALLS.

10.30 NEWS

10.45 AQUARIUS:

11.30 THE LATE FILM: Glenn Ford in 'The Secret of Convict Lake'. Escaped convicts take refuge in a settlement entirely populated by women

12.55 THEATRE MACABRE: 'A Terribly Strange Bed'

1.25 Closedown.

LWT

9.00 First Act with Anna Scher. 9.25 In Focus with Harry Secombe. 9.50 Supersonic Saturday Scene. 9.55 Superfriends. 10.55 Space 199. 12.00 Supersonic. 12.30 World of Sport. 12.35 On the Ball. 1.00 International Sports Special: Part 1: Ski-ing Championships from Vermont. 1.10 News. 1.20 The ITV Seven: Racing from Newcastle and Lingfield. 3.10 International sports Special Part 2: Ice Figure Skating Championships from Richmond. 3.50 Half-Time Soccer Round-Up. 4.00 Wrestling. 4.50 Results Service. 5.05 News from ITN. 5.15 Cartoons. 5.30 Battle of the Comics.

6.00 HAPPY DAYS: 'Richie Fights Back'

6.30 JONATHAN ROUTH AND CANDID CAMERA

7.00 NEW FACES

8.00 CELEBRITY SQUARES with Bob Monkhouse

8.45 COLUMBO: 'Any Old Port In A Storm'

10.30 NEWS FROM ITN

10.45 AQUARIUS: 'The Treasures of Eton' Russell Harty tours the art treasures of Eton College, home of many valuable works of art dating back to its foundation in the 15th Century

11.30 HOMICIDE: 'Welcome to Mayfield'

12.03 Close

REGIONS

CHANNEL

12.30 World of Sport. (1.10 News). 5.05 News. Weather. 5.15 New Faces. 6.15 Film: 'The Comancheros'. 8.00 Sale of the Century. 8.30 The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30 Within These Walls. 10.30 News. Weather. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Police Surgeon. 11.55 Weather. Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.15 First Act. 9.40 In Focus With Harry Secombe. 10.10 A Place In Europe. 10.37 Weather. 10.40 Lassie. 11.05 Tarzan's Greatest Adventure. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. 5.15 Woody Woodpecker. 5.30 The Invaders. 6.30 New Faces. 7.30 Celebrity Squares. 8.15 Film: 'You Can't Win 'Em All'. 10.00 Two's Company. 10.30 News. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Dan August. 12.25 Southern News. 12.30 Weather: Sylvia Mary Alison. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

9.00 Farming Outlook. 9.30 First Act. 10.00 In Focus With Harry Secombe. 10.30 Little Rascals. 10.40 Ghost Busters. 11.00 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 11.30 Batman. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. 5.15 The Magician. 6.15 Celebrity Squares. 7.00 New Faces. 8.00 Film: 'Dead Man On the Run'. 9.30 Within These Walls. 10.30 News. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Man In A Suitcase. 12.25 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

9.30 Scene On Saturday. 9.35 Batman. 10.00 Big Blue Marble. 10.30 Thunderbirds. 11.25 Cartoon Time. 11.30 The Munsters. 12.00 The Lone Ranger. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. 5.15 New Faces. 6.15 Men of Action. 7.15 Film: 'Montezuma'. 8.15 Celebrity Squares. 9.00 Within These Walls. 10.00 Two's Company. 10.30 News. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Dan August. 12.25 Evening Prayers. 12.30 Closedown.

ATV MIDLANDS

9.15 First Act. 9.45 In Focus With Harry Secombe. 10.10 Tiswas. 12.30 World Of Sport. 5.05 News. 5.15 Film: 'The Way West'. 7.30 Woody Woodpecker. 7.45 Celebrity Squares. 8.30 New Faces. 9.30 Within These Walls. 10.30 News. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 The Prisoner. 12.30 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

9.15 First Act. 9.45 In Focus With Harry Secombe. 10.10 Documentary. 11.00 Breaktime. 11.30 The Addams Family. 12.00 Supersonic. 12.30 World Of Sport. 5.05 News. 5.15 New Faces. 6.15 Men of Action. 8.45 Celebrity Squares. 9.30 Within These Walls. 10.30 News. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Jason King. 12.30 Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.30 First Act. 10.00 In Focus With Harry Secombe. 10.25 Big Blue Marble. 10.50 Look and See. 10.55 The Flintstones. 11.20 The Gus Honeybun Show. 11.35 Tarzan. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. Weather. 5.15 New Faces. 6.15 Film: 'The Comancheros'. 8.00 Sale of the Century. 8.30 Streets of San Francisco. 9.30 Within These Walls. 10.30 News. Weather. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Police Surgeon. 11.55 Talking Point. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV

9.05 In Focus With Harry Secombe. 9.35 First Act. 10.00 Sesame Street. 11.00 Breaktime. 11.30 Batman. 12.00 Supersonic. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. 5.20 Island Of Adventure. 6.15 New Faces. 7.15 Celebrity Squares. 8.00 The Streets Of San Francisco. 9.00 Within These Walls. 10.00 Two's Company. 10.30 News. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 The Collaborators. 12.25 Weather and Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV, except: 5.20-5.45 Happy Days. 5.45-6.15 Sion A Sian.

HTV WEST: As HTV.

ULSTER

10.35 Hammy Hamster. 11.05 Skippy. 11.30 Sesame Street. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. 5.15 New Faces. 6.15 Film: 'Topkapi'. 8.15 Celebrity Squares. 9.00 Within These Walls. 10.00 Two's Company. 10.30 News. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Police Woman. 12.30 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.30 First Act. 10.00 In Focus With Harry Secombe. 10.30 Opportunity. 10.35 Lassie. 11.05 Fantastic Voyage. 11.30 Tarzan. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. 5.15 Space 1999. 6.15 Celebrity Squares. 7.00 New Faces. 8.00 Film: 'Dead Man on the Run'. 9.30 Within These Walls. 10.30 News. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Baretta. 12.30 Epilogue. 12.35 Closedown.



Conquistadors search for El Dorado, in the West German film 'Aguirre, Wrath of God.'

ANGLIA

9.00 First Act. 9.25 In Focus with Harry Secombe. 9.50 Animal Alphabet. 9.55 Woody Woodpecker Show. 10.20 Fantastic Voyage. 10.45 Breaktime. 11.10 Clapperboard. 11.35 Space 1999. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. Weather. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.15 New Faces. 7.15 Celebrity Squares. 8.00 Within These Walls. 9.00 Police Woman. 10.00 Two's Company. 10.30 News. Weather. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Dan August. 12.25 At the End of the Day.

BORDER

9.30 First Act. 10.00 In Focus With Harry Secombe. 10.25 Cartoon Time. 10.40 Ghost Breakers. 11.00 Breaktime. 11.30 The Yellow House. 12.00 The Addams Family. 12.30 World Of Sport (News at 1.10). 5.05 News. 5.15 Jonathan Routh and Candid Camera. 5.40 Sports Results. 5.45 Lucky Feller. 6.15 Celebrity Squares. 7.00 New Faces. 8.00 Movin' On. 9.00 Within These Walls. 10.00 Two's Company. 10.30 News. Weather. 10.45 Aquarius. 11.30 Police Story. 12.25 Closedown.

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SUNDAY

BBC 1

9.00 Nai Zindaghi Naya Jeevan. 9.30 Playboard. 9.45 Trade Union Studies. 10.10 Peter Donaldson's Illustrated Economics. 10.35 Zarabanda. 11.00 Sunday Worship. 11.45 Dressmaker. 12.10 Your Move. 12.35 Contact. 1.00 Farming. 1.25 Erica on Embroidery. 1.38 An ABC of Music. J for Jazz. 1.50 News Headlines. 1.55 Film Matinee: Ice Cold in Alex. Starring John Mills, Sylvia Sims, Anthony Quayle. Ambulance crew is cut off in the middle of Libya, 1942. 4.00 Bugs Bunny. 4.10 The Waltons. 5.00 Little Lord Fauntleroy. 5.30 Write On!

5.55 NEWS
6.05 ON THE MOVE
6.15 ANNO DOMINI
6.50 DAME ANNA NEAGLE
6.55 SONGS OF PRAISE
7.25 THE BROTHERS 15. The Ordeal.
8.15 PAL NEWMAN SUPERSTAR: WINNING
10.15 NEWS
10.25 READ ALL ABOUT IT
11.05 THE DEVIL'S MUSIC: A History of the Blues: part 5 including film of Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, Howlin' Wolf, BB King and others.
11.30-11.32 Weatherman

BBC 2

4.45 Rugby Special. 5.45 Westminster.
6.15 SONGS OF SEARCHING
6.30 NEWS REVIEW
7.10 LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE
7.25 THE WORLD ABOUT US: The Rice Paddies. An Irish Story — from Japan. A documentary about 11 Irishmen who learn about the Japanese way of life
8.15 FACE THE MUSIC with Joseph Cooper. Game of Musical wits
8.50 THE LIVELY ARTS: The Next Generation. A film about the National Choreographic School 1976.
9.50 LOOK STRANGER A Country Practice. Introduced by Rene Cutforth
10.15 SECOND CITY FIRSTS: Percy and Kenneth. Part of a series of new plays from Birmingham
10.45-12.25 A SENSE OF JUSTICE: THE WRONG MAN starring Henry Fonda, Vera Miles, and Anthony Quale. Hitchcock thriller about a case of mistaken identity

GRANADA

9.30 Link. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.25 Cartoon. 11.30 Castaway. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 1.40 Elephant Boy. 2.05 The Kick-Off Match. 3.10 Cash and Company. 4.05 South Riding. 5.05 The Muppet Show. 5.35 Snacker.
6.05 NEWS
6.15 REPORTS ACTION
6.40 OPINION
6.55 STARS ON SUNDAY
7.25 THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN: 'Wine, Women and War'. Steve Austin investigates a black market in nuclear weapons
8.50 NEWS
9.05 LAURENCE OLIVIER PRESENTS Natalie Wood. Robert Wagner, Maureen Stapleton, in 'The Best Play of the Year ... 1955: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof"'. Set on the plantation of a rich Mississippi cotton grower, a family birthday party turns into a night of shattering revelation
11.00 THE BRITISH AT WAR: 'The True Glory'. The liberation of Western Europe and the horrifying discovery of the Nazi concentration camps
12.40 Closedown

LWT

9.30 Early Musical Instruments: Flutes and Whistles. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Junior Police Five. 11.10 Thunderbirds. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 Cartoon Time. 1.15 The London Weekend Show. 1.45 The Protectors. 2.15 The Big Match. 3.15 The Family Film: 'The Mudlark'. 5.05 Snacker. 5.35 The Muppet Show.
6.05 NEWS FROM ITN
6.15 REPORTS ACTION
6.40 OPINION
6.55 STARS ON SUNDAY
7.25 HAWAII FIVE-O: 'Dealer's Choice — Death'
8.20 TWO'S COMPANY
8.50 NEWS FROM ITN
9.05 LAURENCE OLIVIER PRESENTS: 'The Best Play of the Year ... 1955' starring Natalie Wood and Robert Wagner — 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'
11.00 THE LONDON PROGRAMME. London is now the last city in the world which has two evening newspapers. How long can the Evening Standard and Evening News both survive?
12.00 CLOSE: Jacqueline MacKenzie reads from a selection of poems about survival; followed by Closedown

REGIONS

CHANNEL

2.13 Weather. 2.15 The Big Match. 3.15 Jennie, Lady Randolph Churchill. 4.10 Puffin's Birthday Greetings. 4.20 Celebrity Squares. 5.05 The Muppet Show. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.54 Weather. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.20 Bless This House. 8.50 News. Weather. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 The Baron. 11.55 Epilogue. Weather. Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.30 Link. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.30 Survival. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 1.45 Farm and Country News. 2.15 The Big Match. 3.15 Jennie. 4.10 Gus Honeybun. 4.20 Celebrity Squares. 5.05 The Muppet Show. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.20 Bless This House. 8.50 News. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 The Baron. 11.55 Faith for Life. 12.00 Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.30 Early Musical Instruments. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Farm Progress. 11.27 Weather. 11.30 Batman. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 Sylvester. 1.15 The Champions. 2.15 The Big Match. 3.15 The Muppet Show. 3.45 Film: 'To the Shores of Tripoli'. 5.30 News. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.20 Rising Damp. 8.50 News. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 Within These Walls. 12.00 Weather: Sylvia Mary Alison. Closedown.

HTV

9.30 Link. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.30 The Munsters. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 The Count Of Monte Cristo. 1.40 Cartoon Time. 1.45 Farming Diary. 2.15 The Big Match. 3.15 Film: 'House of Menace'. 4.35 Jennie, Lady Randolph Churchill. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Candid Camera. 7.50 The New Avengers. 8.50 News. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: Best Play of 1955: 'The Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 University Challenge. 11.30 Randall and Hopkirk. 12.25 Weather and Closedown.
HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV except 6.15-6.35 The Boy From Nazareth. 6.35-6.55 Llysen.
HTV WEST: As HTV.

ANGLIA

10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.30 Woodbina — Animal Doctor. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 Cartoon Time. 1.25 Weather. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 Match of the Week. 3.00 Arthur. 3.30 Little House on the Prairie. 4.30 Snacker. 5.00 Cartoon Time. 5.10 Candid Camera. 5.35 Bygones. Weather. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Hawaii Five-O. 8.20 Rising Damp. 8.50 News. Weather. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: Best Play of 1955: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.05 Columbo. 12.00 Bible for Today. Closedown.

ATV MIDLANDS

9.30 Link. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.25 Betty Boop. 11.30 Gardening Today. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 Tarzan. 2.10 Star Soccer. 3.10 Film: 'A New Kind of Love'. 5.05 The Muppet Show. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.50 News. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 Marcus Welby MD. 12.00 University Challenge. 12.30 Father Paschal. 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER

11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.30 Gardening Today. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 The Big Valley. 2.05 Cartoon Time. 2.15 The Big Match. 3.15 Space 1999. 4.10 Let's Play Bridge. 4.40 Choirs of the World. 5.05 The Muppet Show. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Private Lives. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.25 Jonathan Routh and Candid Camera. 8.50 News. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 I Don't Think We've Met. 11.30 Ouch. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

9.30 Inner Space. 10.00 Morning Wprship. 11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.30 Farming Diary. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 The Muppet Show. 1.40 Calendar Sunday. 2.05 Football Special. 3.00 South Riding. 4.00 Film: 'So Long at the Fair'. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.20 Rising Damp. 8.50 News. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: Best Play of 1955: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 University Challenge. 11.30 George Hamilton IV. 12.00 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

9.30 Early Musical Instruments. 10.00 Survival. 10.25 Hammy Hamster. 10.45 Elephant Boy. 11.10 The Little House on the Prairie. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 University Challenge. 1.40 Farming Outlook. 2.10 Hogan's Heroes. 2.40 Scotsport. 3.55 The Glen Michael Calcadore. 4.35 Bless This House. 5.05 The Muppet Show. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 No Easy Answer. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.50 News. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 Russell Harty. 11.55 Lucky Feller. 12.25 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.30 Link. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.25 Where The Jobs Are. 11.30 University Challenge. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 The Muppet Show. 1.40 Farming Outlook. 2.15 The Big Match. 3.15 South Riding. 4.15 Mr And Mrs. 4.40 The Little House on the Prairie. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.20 Bless This House. 8.50 News. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: Best Play of 1955: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 Impact. 11.15 Police Story. 12.10 Epilogue. 12.15 Closedown.

BORDER

10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.30 Gardening Today. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 Untamed World. 1.40 Farming Outlook. 2.15 Football. 3.10 Cartoon Time. 3.20 Film: 'Treasure of the Golden Condor'. 5.00 Border Diary. 5.05 The Muppet Show. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. Weather. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.20 Bless This House. 8.50 News. Weather. 9.05 Laurence Olivier Presents: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 Russell Harty. 12.00 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

11.00 Early Musical Instruments. 11.30 Gardening Today. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.10 University Challenge. 1.40 Farming Outlook. 2.05 The Inventors. 2.40 Scotsport. 3.55 Cartoon Time. 4.05 Towards Christmas. 4.35 Woodbina. 5.05 The Muppet Show. 5.35 Snacker. 6.05 News. 6.15 Reports Action. 6.40 Opinion. 6.55 Stars on Sunday. 7.25 Hawaii Five-O. 8.20 Rising Damp. 8.50 News. Weather. 9.10 Laurence Olivier Presents: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 11.00 Mission Impossible. 11.55 Evening Prayers. 12.00 Closedown.



Natalie Wood

SATURDAY

RADIO

BBC RADIO 1

6.00 As Radio 2. 8.06 Ed Stewart with Junior Choice (S). 10.00 Kid Jensen. 12.00 Paul Gambaccini. 1.31 Linda Ronstadt's Top Twelve (S). 2.30 Alan Freeman (S). 5.31 It's Rock 'n' Roll (S). 6.30 In Concert (S). 7.30-12.33 As Radio 2.

BBC RADIO 2

6.00 News Summary. Weather. 6.02 Tom Edwards (S) including 8.03 Racing Bulletin. 8.06 As Radio 1. 10.02 Sam Costa (S). 12.02 Two's Best (S). 1.02 Punch Line. 1.30-5.55 Sport on 2: Football League Special (1.30, 3.45, 5.00, 5.45). Racing from Newbury (1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 4.50, 5.40). Cricket (2.40) The MCC's Indian Tour. International Tennis (2.10, 3.05). 5.00 Sports Report. 6.03 Wally Whyton. 7.02 Listen To Les. 7.30 Radio 2 Top Tunes (S). 8.15 Kings of the Keyboard (S). 8.45 Saturday Night (S) with BBC Radio Orchestra. 10.02 Europe 76. Finland (S). 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.06 Ray Moore (S) with The Late Show.

including 12.00 Midnight Newsroom. weather, motoring information. 12.31 News Summary.

BBC RADIO 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News. 8.05 Aubade (S) Concert: various composers on records. 9.00 News. 9.05 Record Review (S). 10.15 Stereo Release (S) Paganini, Franck; records. 11.10 Schubert Sonatas (S). 12.02 Robin Ray (S). 12.55 News. 1.00 Heritage. 1.15 Music For Flute, Clarinet And Piano (S) by Prokofiev, Brahms, Shostakovich. 2.15 Man Of Action (S). 3.55 Music Of The Masters (S) by Mozart, Schubert, Bruckner. 5.00 Jazz Record Requests (S). 5.45 Holmboe (S) Concert. 6.35 Critics Forum. 7.25 Le Conventenize E Le Inconvenienze Teatrali (S) Opera in two acts, music by Donizetti. Act 1. 8.20 The Year The Party Had To Stop. 8.45 Le Conventenize E Inconvenienze Teatrali (S). 9.45 Schoenberg. 10.35 Copland and Martinu (S). 11.25-11.30 News.

BBC RADIO 4

6.30 News. 6.32 Farming Today. 6.50 Outlook. 6.55 Today's Listening. Weather. 7.00 News. 7.10 On Your Farm. 7.40 Today's Papers. 7.45 Outlook. 7.50 Today. (8.00 News). 8.50 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.05 From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30 The Week in Westminster. 10.00 News. 10.02 Between the Lines. 10.15 Daily Service. 10.30 Pick of the Week. 11.30 Science Now. 12.00 News. 12.02 Robin Ray. 12.55 Weather and programme news. 1.00 News. 1.15 Any Questions? 2.00 Weekend. 3.00 News. 3.05 Thirty Minute Theatre. 3.35 Music of the Masters (S). 5.00 PM Reports. 5.55 Weather, programme news. 6.00 News. 6.15 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. 7.00 News. 7.02 Desert Island Discs. 7.30 These You Have Loved (S). 8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre. 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 A Word in Edgeways. 11.00 Lighten Our Darkness. 11.15 News. 11.36 Closedown. 11.45-11.48 Inshore Forecast.

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Radio Scotland VHF 92-95MHz; 371m 809kHz

WALES
Radio 4 VHF 92-95MHz; 341m 881kHz

NORTHERN IRELAND
Radio 4 VHF 92-95MHz; 417m 719kHz
Radio Ulster 224m 1340kHz

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SUNDAY

Weather. Motoring Information. 12.31-12.33 News Summary.

BBC RADIO 3

7.55 Weather. 8.00 News. 8.05 Pablo Casals (S) Concert: Boccherini, Schumann (mono). Haydn: records. 9.00 News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice (S) Record requests: Wagner, Bruckner, Berlioz, Tchaikovsky. 10.30 Music Weekly (S) introduced by Michael Oliver. 11.15 The Operas of Wagner (S) The Ring from Bayreuth 1976: Siegfried, music-drama in three acts, introduced by Desmond Shawe-Taylor. Act 1. 12.40 Words. 12.45 Rubbra (S) Concert. 2.00 The Operas Of Wagner (S) 'Siegfried' Acts 2 and 3. 5.00 Talking About Music (S). 5.30 Dvorak's Chamber Music (S) Concert. 6.25 The Reith Lectures 1976: part 5: A Burning Fire. 6.55 Mozart Choral Music (S) Concert. 7.40 Drama Now (S). 9.00 Boulez At the Round House (S) Concert part 1: Sinopoli, Carter. 9.40 The Art of Economics. 10.00 Concert (S) part 2: Schoenberg. 10.40 Sounds Interesting (S) with Derek Jewell. 11.25-11.30 News.

BBC RADIO 4

7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Sunday Programmes. 7.55 Weather. 8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Programme News. 8.55 Weather. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter From America. 9.30 The Archers. 10.30 Morning Service. 11.10 Week's Good Cause. 11.15 Motoring And The Motorist. 11.45 From The Grass Roots. 12.15 You And Yours. 12.55 Weather, programme news. 1.00 The World This Weekend: News. 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30 Afternoon Theatre. 4.00 News. 4.02 Talking About Antiques. 4.30 The Living World. 5.00 In Touch. 5.15 Down Your Way. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 You. The Jury. 7.00 News. 7.02 Transatlantic Quiz. 7.30 Everything for the Kingdom. 8.00 Music To Remember (S) Concert. Haydn, Elgar, Wagner. 9.00 News. 9.03 Festival At Farbridge (S). 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 The Loneliest Men. 11.00 The Light In The World. 11.15 News preceded by Weather. 11.36 Closedown. 11.45-11.48 Inshore Forecast.

Winning Post TOUGH FOR STROMBOLUS

ONLY a 7.15a.m. inspection at Lingfield stands between punters and a second consecutive weekend with greyhounds and Irish racing.

If racing does take place at Lingfield, punters should see an attractive contest for the feature event, the

Ladbroke leaders Handicap Hurdle. (1.45)

Peter Bailey's Strombolus, who was all the rage in the ante-post market for last week's abandoned Mecca Hurdle at Sandown, has a tough task with 12 stone 11b. Josh Gifford's Sporadic, who acts well on heavy ground, is preferred.

Sporadic was travelling really well in his last race at Towcester and would probably

have won but for a blunder two out.

Stuart Matthews is represented by mud-lover Ektoras, and with Ian Gebbie's seven-pound claim, this six-year-old should go really well, but the selection must be Sporadic.

Some really smart juveniles turn out for the Summit Junior Hurdle (2.45), and despite the presence of Staff Ingham's

Levaramos, who has won his two starts at Kempton and Newbury comfortably, take a chance with Ryah Price's Shelahn to make a winning debut over timber.

The Findon three-year-old finished second to stable-companion Gale Bridge in the William Hill November Handicap on the flat at Doncaster and is reported to be well schooled over hurdles.

Frost kills off Newbury

RACING at Newbury was abandoned yesterday following an afternoon inspection. Secretary Frank Osgood reported: 'The stewards found that the overnight frost had not come out of the ground, and with the prospect of further frost tonight, it was decided that racing was not possible.'

With the Newcastle card called off

early in the morning, the only meeting left in England today is at Lingfield, and racing there hinges on a 7.15a.m. inspection.

Twelve meetings have now been lost in the last week.

Captain Christy may miss the Cheltenham Gold Cup. He has heat in a foreleg and plans to run him in

today's Punchestown Chase and either the King George VI Chase at Kempton or the Irish Sweeps Hurdle over Christmas, have already been shelved.

Molly, wife of trainer Pat Taaffe, said today: 'Captain Christy will have to be rested for at least another two to three months.'

Leading

Tommy Stack, currently leading in the jockeys' championship, is coming south for the ride and that looks a significant move.

Fred Rimell's Brown Admiral, who was also engaged in the abandoned Massey Ferguson Gold Cup, gets another chance in the Eridge Handicap Chase (1.15), and should beat Top Priority.

Conteh given month to defend title

LAS VEGAS' Nevada — World light-heavyweight champion John Conteh was expected to be told last night that he has one month to sign for a title defence or forfeit his crown.

World Boxing Council (WBC) sources said the WBC annual convention here will probably tell Conteh to sign for two title defences in the near future.

The WBC has twice passed resolutions demanding that Conteh defend his crown. If he fails to obey a third order, he can expect to be stripped of the title, the sources added.

The council is expected to give Conteh 30 days to sign for the first fight, which must be held within the following 30 days.



John Conteh

Defend

Meanwhile, it is reported here that Muhammad Ali will 'definitely' come out of 'retirement' to defend his world heavyweight title.

Sports publicist Harold Conrad told the convention the news.

But WBC President José Sulaiman said he wanted to hear it from Ali himself or his manager Herbert Muhammad in view of the champion's contradictory statements during the past few weeks.

Conrad said that negotiations were under way with several potential opponents but did not

say who Ali would fight first. 'There will be more than one fight,' he told the WBC convention at the Aladdin Hotel here. He said that both George Foreman and Earnie Shavers may get shots at Ali's title. But he did not say whether the present negotiations involved them.

POLE REACHES MASTERS FINAL

HOUSTON — Wojtek Fibak of Poland overcame Guillermo Vilas of Argentina 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 3-6, 8-6 in a four-hour match to reach the final of the \$140,000 Masters tennis tournament.

Fibak, 23, started quickly, breezing through the first two sets, 6-2, 6-2. The more experienced Vilas, who has played in the Masters tournament for the past three years, forced his way back in the next two sets.

But in the decisive fifth set, Fibak twice broke the Argentinian's serve, the decisive break coming in the 13th game after which Fibak held his own serve to take the match.

Fibak will play the winner of the match between Harold Solomon of the United States and Manuel Orantes of Spain. The final, to be played for a \$40,000 first prize, will be held tomorrow.

Welsh team loses two

WELSH team manager Mike Smith has lost two players from his under-21 squad to meet England at Wolverhampton next Wednesday. Leeds winger Carl Harris is injured and mid-fielder Steve Doyle is wanted by his club, Preston. Duggie Evans (Norwich) and Wayne Hughes (West Bromwich) have been called into the squad.

Derby at full strength

DERBY's caretaker manager Colin Murphy was able to name a full strength squad for the home game against West Ham. Murphy will wait for late checks on striker Kevin Hector and full back Rod Thomas before naming his final line up. Hector has recovered from an ankle injury and Thomas from a hamstring strain.

Alan Curbishley, out for two matches because of injury, and defender Bill Green are included in the West Ham squad, but Alan Devonshire is unfit.

LINGFIELD—ITV 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.

12.45 CATERHAM NOVICES HURDLE £1,000	2m (15 runners)
1 0040P-1 THE DEALER (D) F Winter 6 11 10 James Guest (3)	
4 200-P04 ABERLOUR M Bolton 6 11 0 P Wilson (7)	
5 FP22 ALBURY LAD S Mellor 6 11 0 J Glover	
6 3- APRIL BOUND F Winter 6 11 0 R Kingston (3)	
7 0404-32 ARDLAIR (BF) R Armitage 5 11 0 H J Evans	
8 000 BENTLEY GREEN D Nicholson 5 11 0 J Suthern	
9 P-00 EAGLE'S CRAG B Thompson 5 11 0 R R Evans	
13 0F200- GOLDEN BOB Mrs Pitman 7 11 0 B Smart (5)	
14 P03-3- KING OF THE MEADOW M Francis 6 11 0 P Kellaway	
15 4-02 MAJOR ROLE (BF) B Swift 6 11 0 J Smith (7)	
16 0-0 MERRY CRICKETER A Pitt 6 11 0 G Jones	
17 00 MONUMENTAL MOMENT R Vibert 5 11 0 G Thorne	
19 00-0004 REGAL BIRD R Bower 5 11 0 T Andrews (7)	
20 440240- RETALIATION R York 6 11 0 Mr R York (7)	
21 0 SHANADA I Pattullo 7 11 0 W Smith	

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 The Dealer, 3-1 Major Role, 9-2 Albury Lad, 6-1 Ardlair, 10-1 April Bound, 12-1 Merry Cricketer, 14-1 Others.

1.15 ERIDGE HANDICAP CHASE £1,500	3m (9 runners)
3 3030-01 CUCKOLDER (D) R Turnell 11 12 0 A Turnell	
5 210-004 SONNY SOMERS (C) F Winter 14 11 9 R Kingston (3)	
6 11-0014 PRINCE ROCK (D) P Bailey 8 11 6 R Barry	
7 F30-420 TOP PRIORITY (D) J Gifford 7 11 5 R Champion	
8 113P-30 LE ROBSTAN (C-D) D Kent 8 11 5 P Haynes	
9 1-00402 BROWN ADMIRAL F Rimell 7 11 2 S Moreshead	
11 U12113- EVANDER (D) A Waters 8 10 8 C Read	
12 P224-20 WILLY WHAT (BF) S Mellor 7 10 8 J Glover	
15 P-2PF4-F EBONY ROCK (D) T Jones 7 10 0 R R Evans	

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Cuckolder, 4-1 Brown Admiral, 11-2 Le Robstan, 6-1 Top Priority, 8-1 Prince Rock, 10-1 Sonny Somers, 12-1 Willy What, 14-1 Ebony Rock.

1.45 LADBROKE LEADERS HANDICAP HURDLE £3,000	2½m (15 runners)
1 11-031-0 FIGHTING KATE H Nicholson 6 12 4 R Dickinson	
2 12100-1 STROMBOLUS (C) P Bailey 5 12 1 R Barry	
3 1120-3F SPORADIC (C) J Gifford 5 12 0 R Champion	
4 004-410 DRUM MAJOR (D) D Underwood 5 11 12 B Brophy (7)	
5 121-003- BLAKEDOWN (D) R Gifford 8 11 10 H J Evans	
6 00-0204 LISTERCOMBE D Nicholson 5 11 6 J Suthern	
8 00-2441 DYSCOIE (FR) P Mitchell 4 11 43 ex Mr G McCourt (7)	
10 010-432 APPROACHING (C-D) J Gifford 5 11 2 C Read	
12 2311P- PINSHOW D Kent 5 10 13 P Haynes	
14 040-010 EKTORAS S Matthews 6 10 8 I Gebbie (7)	
16 0F-P000 MARLEYMIX (C-D) M Bolton 4 10 7 R Rowell	
17 000032 HOLEMOOR BOY Miss Morris 7 10 7 E Wright	
18 P-041-02 FERNO (BF) P Taylor 10 10 7 A Carroll (5)	
19 000-000 FIXBY GOLD W Williams 6 10 7 R Atkins	
20 000404 MAGIC NOTE W Williams 4 10 7 P Butler (8)	

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Fighting Kate, 9-2 Strombolus, 5-1 Sporadic, 7-1 Listercombe, 8-1 Drum Major, 10-1 Dyscoie, 14-1 Holemoor Boy and Pinshow, 16-1 Gerno and Blakedown, 20-1 Others.

2.15 EMBASSY PREMIER CHASE (QU'FIER) £1,500	2½m (13 runners)
2 F34-01F MASTER SPY T Forster 7 11 10 G Thorne	

2.45 SUMMIT JUNIOR HURDLE (£1,000.)	(3-Y-0) 2m (23 runners)
1 113 RUSHMERE (D) (BF) J Gifford 11 5 R Champion	
2 40430 AMBREMONT (FR) P Taylor 11 0 A Carroll (5)	
3 102 BIG CLIVE R Smyth 11 0 R Forsyth (7)	
4 01003 BREEZE WAGGON (D) F Rimell 11 0 J Burke	
5 00 BUJOJI R Ledger 11 0 Mrs Nicky Ledger (7)	
6 1 CHELTENHAM (D) P Mitchell 11 0 R G Hughes	
8 034 FLYING TACKLE M Haynes 11 0 D Jeffries (7)	
12 11 LEVARAMOSS (D) S Ingham 11 0 A Gonsalves (7)	
13 312211 PALAESTRINA (D) R Vibert 11 0 G Thorne	
14 034 PASQUABOND F Muggieridge 11 0 T Muggieridge (7)	
15 30 PAST HISTORY R Smyth 11 C Read	
18 411 PRINCE HENHAM (D) N Callaghan 11 0 J J O'Neill	
21 4 QUEEN OF THE SUN A Davison 11 0 G Gracey (7)	
22 SHADY FOX R Bower 11 0 P Russell	
23 SHELAHU H Price 11 0 T Stack	
24 SIRETTE A Davison 11 0 Joe Guest	
25 0F SOMERS POINT D Dale 11 0 R Mangan (5)	
26 1 TAJ GIRL (D) W Stephenson 11 0 T Bridge (5)	
27 THE VERGER R Supple 11 0 R Atkins	
28 TRUE SHOT D Underwood 11 0 P Butler (7)	
29 WEE ANNA W Williams 11 0 R Rowell	
30 0 WINSLOW BOY G Smyth 11 0 J Suthern	
33 YELLOW BOY D Nicholson 11 0 R Suthern	

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Levaramos, 7-2 Rushmere, 5-1 Shelahn, 6-1 Prince Henham, 8-1 Big Clive, 10-1 Palaestrina, 12-1 Cheltenham, 14-1 Taj Girl and Yellow Boy, 20-1 Others.

3.15 ASHDOWN HANDICAP CHASE £850	2½m (10 runners)
2 112242- TINKER BOY (NZ) N Gaselee 10 12 0 M Floyd (5)	
3 2-00F31 ACCORD (D) R Turnell 9 11 9 (4 ex) A Turnell	
4 1F-0444 ABO (NZ) S Mellor 8 11 5 J Glover	
5 2F00F-0 SALVIATI J Gifford 8 10 9 R Champion	
6 01-0031 SYBIL D Nicholson 5 10 8 (4 ex) R Mangan (5)	
8 P1P4-03 HARVEST (C-D) Mrs Oughton 6 10 2 C Read	
9 P4001-P SOUTH SIDE G Harwood 10 10 2 Mr P Wates (7)	
10 332-4U CLARY C Bewicke 7 10 1 V Soane	
11 F04-2-04 GOOD RELATIONS Mrs Oughton 7 10 0	
12 410230- ARCTIC SKY Mrs French 8 10 0 Mrs Shelagh French (7)	

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Accord, 7-2 Salviati, 9-2 Harvest, 6-1 Tinker Boy, 7-1 Good Relations, 8-1 Sybil, 10-1 Abo, 12-1 South Side, 16-1 Others.

HARRINGAY—ON ITV

In Trap Order

2.8 — 475 metres

613341	INGUNN	29.70
132455	BALLET BOX	29.57
166641	OLIE'S AIM	29.72
526514	HEATHER SNATCHER	29.50
364411	NATIVE RUNNER	29.42
145442	GERPAT CHAMPION	29.57

Probable SP: 9-4 Gerpac Champion, 7-2 Ingunn, Olie's Aim, 4-1 Ballet Box, 13-2 Heather Snatcher, 10-1 Native Runner.

2.23 — 600m (open)

144114	PATRICKS DELIGHT	41.53
432246	NEW PATRICIA	42.04
521	HUNDAY BERRY	
555431	VOTE FOR JUDY	
542266	ANGEL EYES	29.26
562134	BALLYBEG SEVEN	29.02

Probable SP: 7-4 Ballybeg Seven, 7-2 Vote For Judy, 4-1 Angel Eyes, 9-2 Hunday Berry, 10-1 Bar.

2.38 — 830 metres

323412	TOWN TALK	
442255	SANTONY STAR	54.79
216436	WELCOME TRY	54.19
113353	STIRLING GOLD	54.09
525432	IMPOSSIBLE	54.21
113344	RIGHT ERA	53.47

Probable SP: 5-2 Welcome Try, 3-1 Right Era, 9-2 Stirling Gold, Impossible, 5-1 Bar.

2.53 — 660m (open)

144212	FLY BY NIGHT	
561553	KNOCKGLASS GRAND	
313261	PRIMARY AIM	
333413	TIME UP SIR	
214241	QUARRYMOUNT MAZE	
34324	DER BOMBER	

Probable SP: 5-2 Der Bomber, 3-1 Fly By Night, 9-2 Time Up Sir, Knockglass Grand, 10-1 Bar.

3.12 — 475 metres

515232	BLAKEMOUNT LIZ	29.71
563455	PATELE	30.18
186221	SILVER PRESSURE	29.81
332315	CHAMPAGNE EAGLE	29.63
452266	SHOW PLENTY	29.81
315231	COOLBLOW LILY	29.78

Probable SP: 3-1 Blakemount Liz, 7-2 Show Plenty, 9-2 Champagne Eagle, 5-1 Patele, 7-1 Bar.

3.31 — 475 metres

433644	MYSTERY CARELESS	29.84
5121	ACOL BOY	30.02
324113	SEAN HEATHER	29.84
544531	DESPATCH	30.18
645	CHAMPAGNE HERON	29.59
643312	BYRNES MACHINE	29.99

Probable SP: 7-2 Acol Boy, 4-1 Mystery Careless, 5-1 Champagne Heron, 11-2 Sean Heather, 6-1 Byrnes Machine, 7-1 Bar.

3.50 — 475 metres

622466	FERRY FARE	29.98
282236	CASTLEBLAKE	30.13
2	REDDAN DANCER	30.21
54	CLEAR SHOUT	30.21
654663	CAUTIOUS LAD	30.34
666	FAST CLOUD	30.71

Probable SP: 5-2 Reddan Dancer, 3-1 Clear Shout, Castlelake, 7-2 Cautious Lad, 6-1 Bar.

4.10 — 475 metres

436321	RAMDALI RANSOM	29.75
855122	CREST PRIDE	29.84
443154	MR BIGMORE	29.73
513164	SAUCY SAMMY	29.48
626244	GALEVIEW LADY	29.76
626216	DROMBARAGH DOLL	29.71

Probable SP: 5-2 Crest Pride, 3-1 Drombaragh Doll, 7-2 Saucy Sammy, 4-1 Mr Bigmore, 5-1 Ramdali Ransom, 6-1 Bar.

SPORTSLINE SOCCER

Jim shows it's not such a load of bull

THREE OUT of three darts straight into the bull — that's the achievement of Jim O'Brien, of Wandsworth, south London, and other players have been trying to match it for the last week at the First National Darts Show.

Jim threw the 'impossible' last Saturday and since then professionals and amateurs alike have been stepping up for their two attempts to equal it. They were still trying on the last day of the show yesterday evening at Olympia but the first prize was looking safe for him.

The first prize is suitably, a bull, or rather its meat, supplied to him whenever he wants it, fresh from his local butcher.

The secret of Jim's success is the relaxed atmosphere of the

Magdalene Social Club in Wandsworth, where he gets his practice for his chosen sport.

One contest at this Show has been more popular than the Throwing the Bull contest. That is the competition to earn the tag of 'Ladykiller' by beating Maureen Flowers in a knockout competition.

Only a handful of men all week have managed it, which is not surprising as Maureen has won a reputation as one of the best players in the world.

She is the undisputed Queen of the Dartboard in this country, but then she has an advantage, being the landlady of the Foaming Quarts pub in Stoke-on-Trent, with plenty of willing opponents to give her practice.

Non-leagues full of confidence

TAXI TEAM TAKE ON PALACE

FRED CALLAGHAN, who combines taxi driving with managing Enfield, is confident his Isthmian League side can hold Crystal Palace in the FA Cup second round today.

Yesterday, Callaghan made a special trip to Crystal Palace to look at the pitch and found it very hard. 'I will be advising the players what sort of boots to wear,' he said.

Enfield are harbouring some regrets about conceding ground advantage after their home draw, but Callaghan said:

'I feel quite confident, although it is going to be hard to break down their defence. We are going there to attack. We have given up home advantage

and a draw would mean us returning to Selhurst Park.

There is no lack of confidence among the nine non-League sides up against the full-time professionals.

Chances

Southern League Minehead fancy their chances at Portsmouth, and player-manager Bob Boyd said: 'Our players are probably more experienced than Portsmouth's.'

Portsmouth, meanwhile have taken the precaution of naming

18-year-old Paul Bennett, their third-choice goalkeeper in their squad. Seniors Grahame Lloyd and Phil Figgins are both doubtful.

There is no shortage of experience in the Wycombe side at home to Reading. They include seven of the team who played against Middlesbrough two years ago when Wycombe lost at Ayresome Park in a third-round replay.

The only doubt is striker Ian Pearson, recovering from a cold. Reading have striker Robin Friday back after illness.

Two sides boosted by the

return of key players are Northwich Victoria — who have captain John King back after suspension for their home game with Peterborough — and Hillingdon. Hillingdon, home to Watford, were given a boost when Peter Gelson reported fit.

But life was made more difficult for Kettering, who face Tooting and Mitcham without Derek Dougan, the man who has inspired their impressive run. Dougan has a leg injury.

A similar personal problem faces Nuneaton player-manager Stan Bennett before their tie at Lincoln. Bennett has been affected by a cold all week and has to decide whether to risk playing himself.

SCOTTISH SCENE

Top games hit by weather

BAD WEATHER has hit the Scottish programme for the second week running and three Premier League matches were early victims.

The top fixtures still on are: Ayr United v Hearts and Partick Thistle v Celtic.

Ayr are confident that their attractive game with Hearts, at Somerset Park, will go on and manager Alec Stuart has named 14 players, including winger Malcolm Robertson, who has been out injured.

Ayr have shown improved form recently. The proof is 2-2 draw with joint leaders, Dundee United, at Tannadice, followed by a 4-1 home victory over Motherwell.

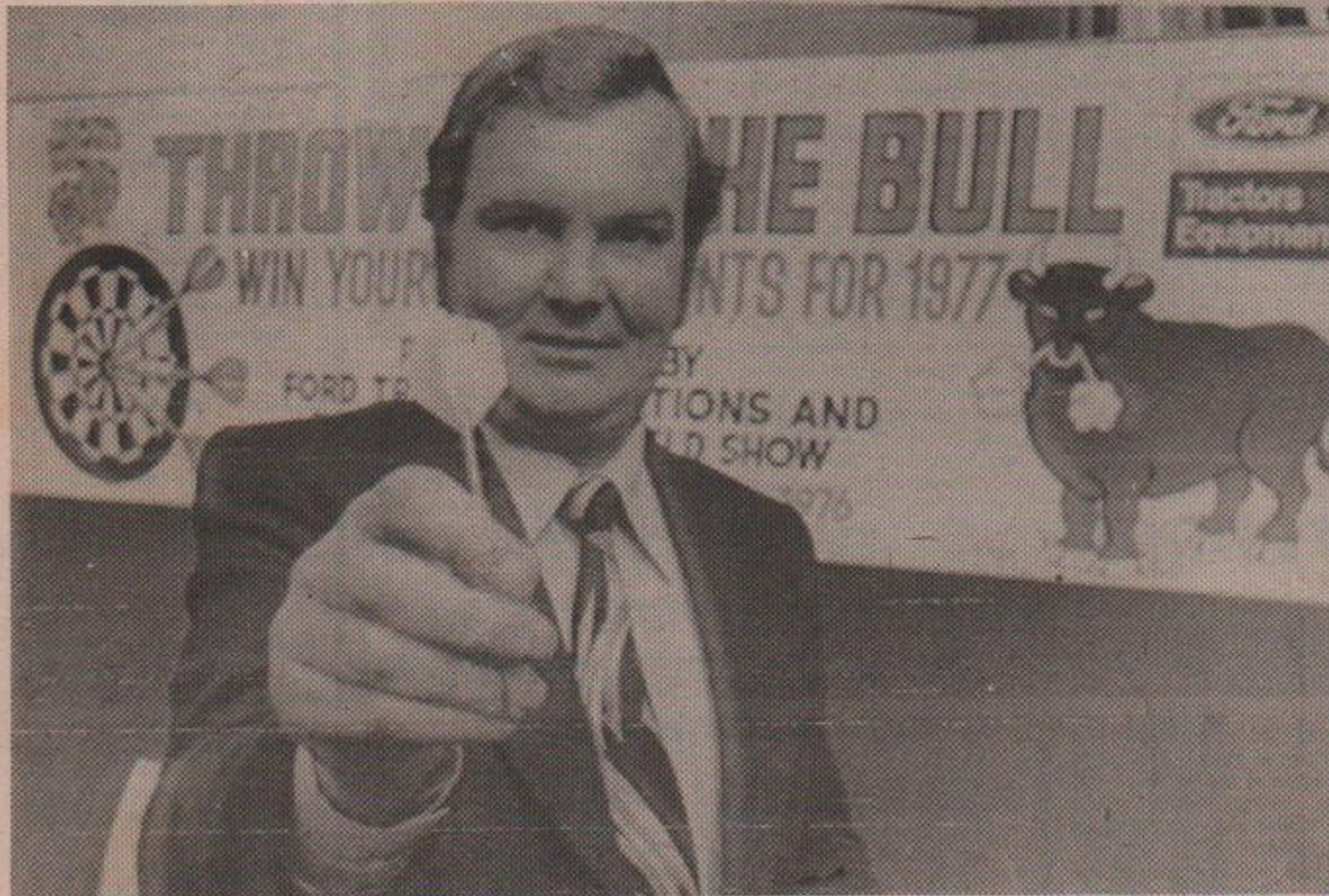
Hearts' squad includes Ralph

Callaghan, who has been out for two months with ankle ligament trouble.

Partick are also optimistic about their Glasgow Derby with Celtic, at Firhill Park. The ground was playable on Friday, but there will be an inspection this morning.

Partick manager, Bertie Auld has named 15 players and is looking forward to opposing his old club again, particularly as the Celtic forwards will almost certainly include two former Thistle players, Ronnie Glavin and Joe Craig.

Full points from their last five games have brought Celtic to within striking distance of joint leaders, Aberdeen and Dundee United. Celtic are now only two points behind this pair with a game in hand.



JIM O'BRIEN . . . Three bulls with three darts

Pakistan can take on the fast men

KARACHI — Australian and West Indian fast bowlers will pose few problems for Pakistan's batsmen during their forthcoming tour, according to Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammad.

RUGBY

RUGBY UNION

John Player Cup (1st rd): Saracens v Maidenhead (2.30); Wakefield v Leicester (2.30); Fylde v Solihull (2.30); Waterloo v London Irish (2.30); Weston-s-Mare v Gordon Lge. Club Matches: Birkenhead Pk v Headingley; Bristol v Orrell; Cardiff v Moseley; Coventry v Llanelli; Richmond v Rosslyn Park; Wasps v London Scottish.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Players No 6 Semi-final: Blackpool B v Leigh (2.15)

SUNDAY

Division One: Barrow v Rochdale (2.30); Oldham v Featherstone (3.30); St Helens v Leeds; Warrington v Salford; Workington v Wakefield (2.30); Division Two: Dewsbury v Keighley (3.30); Halifax v York (3.30); Huyton v Batley (2.30); New Hunslet v Huddersfield (3.30); Swinton v Bramley. Scottish Division One: Morton v Dumbarton.

Mushtaq, who flew here from London after being reinstated as captain, said he was confident his batsmen would face up well to the fast bowling they could expect on the five-month tour.

MANCHESTER City midfielder player Gary Owen passed a fitness test yesterday and resumes against Spurs at White Hart Lane. He replaces Jimmy Conway. Tottenham striker Martin Robinson is in a squad of 13. He made his debut at the end of last season but has yet to play in the first team this term.

VILLA SHAKE-UP FOR LEEDS GAME

ASTON VILLA manager Ron Saunders has dropped £80,000 Scottish signing Gordon Smith in a defensive shake-up for the game at Leeds.

Smith, bought from St Johnstone in August, loses the left-back position for the first time this season.

His replacement seems likely to be John Robson, although teenage full-back Mick Butters is also in a squad of 13.

Saunders has also included 18-year-old reserve centre-half Charlie Young. He takes over from Chris Nicholl, the Northern Ireland international, who broke his nose in training.

Villa are still without winger Ray Graydon and his place will go to either Steve Hunt, who played in

the League Cup win over Millwall, or John Deehan, called up by Don Revie for the England Under-21 squad.

Fifth-placed Villa have to improve their poor away record if they are to make a real impression on the championship. Six points from 16 away from home is not good enough.

Leeds have hauled themselves up the table despite a spate of injuries and team rebuilding at Elland Road by manager Jimmy Armfield.

They will be without Tony Currie, Paul Madeley, Allan Clarke and Carl Harris again today. Because of the under-soil heating at the ground, the match is certain to go ahead despite forecasts of frost in the area.



Gordon Smith of Aston Villa (right)

Macfarlane fired by Sunderland

SUNDERLAND have sacked Ian MacFarlane as assistant manager on the recommendation of new man Jimmy Adamson.

MacFarlane took over as acting manager after Bob Stokoe's resignation and, at one time, looked set to take over permanently.

He seemed happy enough to carry on as coach and assistant manager when Adamson became manager at the end of last week.

Adamson had other plans, however, and the two may have clashed, although Adamson was happy enough to let MacFarlane select the team last week.

MacFarlane gave up a contract with Manchester City as assistant manager to take up a similar appointment with Sunderland.

He played a big part in helping them to win the Second Division last season. Because of Stokoe's illness, he took charge of the team on a 10-game summer tour.

Stokoe resigned through ill health following Sunderland's bad start in Division One. They are second from bottom.

A terse statement by club secretary Ron Linney yesterday said: 'At a board meeting, on the recommendation of manager Jimmy Adamson, it was unanimously agreed to terminate Ian MacFarlane's contract as assistant manager forthwith.'

Keighley's new date

KEIGHLEY have arranged their home Rugby League Second Division fixture against Hull for Sunday, January 23 (3p.m.).

McLintock misses game



CENTRE-half Frank McIntock, who aggravated a groin strain in mid-week, misses QPR's game at Liverpool. Also in doubt is Dave Clement, who has a damaged instep and will have a late Test. Standing by is Don Shanks. Liverpool are unchanged.

MULLERY CHARGED

BY PAUL FELDMAN

ALAN Mullery, manager of Third Division Brighton, was charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the FA yesterday.

The decision follows Mullery's outbursts after the Brighton-Crystal Palace Cup replay at Stamford Bridge on Monday night.

He was reported by referee Ron Challis after incidents on the pitch.

Upset by several controversial decisions, Mullery confronted Challis at the end of the game and also delivered a double 'V' sign to barracking Palace fans.



Gerry Daly

Gerry Daly dropped

TOMMY Docherty yesterday took his most drastic measure so far in his bid to halt the slump in Manchester United's performances and dropped his Irish star midfielder player, Gerry Daly.

Daly was the dynamo of United's run to the Cup Final and third place in the League last season. But he has been unable to find his best form for most of the current campaign, and has been substituted several times.

Docherty manager prefers to bring Lou Macari back into the side at Daly's expense. With Jimmy Greenhoff around as

well, it could prove difficult for Daly, in his day undoubtedly one of football's most skilful midfield players, to win back his place.

United are strengthened by the return of Martin Buchan to the middle of the defence. The team's extraordinary slump dates almost to the day Buchan was injured.

Buchan has missed eleven games, which ties up very closely with the fact that United's last League win was in October.



Lou Macari — back for Manchester United



Alan Mullery

Brighton will support Mullery when he faces a disciplinary commission. The FA are waiting to hear Mullery's observations before setting a date for the hearing.

Club chairman Mike Banber said yesterday: 'We are confident he had no wish to bring the game into disrepute.'

'He asked the referee in a proper manner to explain certain decisions, while the 'V' signs he made were directed only at those Palace fans who had thrown cans and abuse at him.'

Bamber emphasised that Brighton did not condone Mullery's action, although they realised the circumstances were exceptional and he had acted in

the heat of the moment.

Mullery has since written a letter of apology to Palace chairman Ray Bloye.

The ex-Spurs and England captain has been a manager for only a short period and the FA may take this into consideration.

Possible punishment includes banning Mullery from sitting on the touchline during games.

Bannister in exchange deal

BRISTOL Rovers 28-year-old striker Bruce Bannister is considering a move to Plymouth in an exchange deal involving 21-year-old forward Jim Hamilton.

If negotiations are completed next week Rovers will also

receive a cash adjustment.

Bannister's fee was reduced to £15,000 by an independent tribunal last month. Hamilton cost Plymouth £12,000 from Sunderland and is to have talks with Rovers manager Don Megson.

Newcastle miss Cassidy

NEWCASTLE take on new League leaders Ipswich at St James Park today without Irish international Tommy Cassidy who has a thigh strain.

The midfield star failed a fitness test yesterday and either David Craig or Ray Hudson will replace him.

Again

Ipswich are unchanged again and a repeat of the 1-1 draw they got there last year will please Bobby Robson.

Newcastle are unbeaten at home this season and strikers like Micky Burns are in top form. Bob Lee's rebuilding is paying early dividends.



Micky Burns

DIVISION ONE

B'm'ghm v Sunderland
Coventry v Everton
Derby v West Ham
Leeds v A Villa
L'pool v Q.P.R.
Man Utd v Bristol C
Middlesb'ro v Arsenal
N'castle v Ipswich
Norwich v Stoke
Tot't'm v Man City
W.B.A. v Leicester

DIVISION TWO

B'kburn v So'ton
Bl'pool v Herefrd
Bolton v Luton
Bristol R v Carlisle
Cardiff v Hull
Chelsea v Wolves
Millwall v Nottm For
Notts Co v Burnley
Oldham v Charlton
Orient v Fulham
Plym'th v Sheff Utd

FA CUP SECOND ROUND

Port's'th v Minehead
Bury v Shrewsb'y
Col'ster v Brentford
Ches't'd v Walsall
Grimsby v Chester
Enfield v C Palace
Southend v Newport
Hill'don v Watford (3.15)
Mans'f'd v Matlock
Kett'ing v Tooting
L'ither'd v Wimb'don
Lincoln v Nuneat'n
Port V v Barnsley
N'thw'ch v Peterboro'
Roth'am v York
Roth'am v York
Dar'ton v Sheff W
Halifax v Preston
Hitchin v Swindon
Wrexham v Goole
Wyc. Wand v Reading

DIVISION THREE

Oxford v Gillingham

DIVISION FOUR

Bradford v Hart'pool
Swansea v Scunthorpe

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Ayr Utd v Hearts
Dun Utd v Rangers
Hibs v Kilmarnock
M'well v Aberdeen
Partick v Celtic

SCOTTISH DIV ONE

Airdrie v E Fife
Arbroath v Falk'k
Clydebank v Ham'ltn
Montrose v Q of Sth
Raith v Dundee
St Mir v St J's't'ne

SCOTTISH DIV TWO

Alloa v Stirling
Clyde v Cowdenbth
Dunf'mline v O'sPk
E St'r v Albion Rov
Forfar v Berwick
St'hsemr v Brechin
Stranraer v Mead'bk

Weather stops games

THE pools panel look certain to sit for the second successive Saturday as snow and frost took an early toll of League, Cup and Scottish League matches yesterday.

Middlesbrough postponed their First Division game against Arsenal well before midday but the Scottish programme was worst hit.

Over half the 18 fixtures were called off yesterday.

Rugby Union and Rugby League were also badly affected.