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ROBERT MOSS AND THE CIA



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Look at the
man who drafted
the 'Iron
Maiden' speech

TORY LINK WITH CIA

TORY LEADER Mrs Margaret Thatcher was at the centre of a major row over the US Central Intelligence Agency last night.

The row followed the exposure in 'The Guardian' of links between the CIA and Robert Moss, who has drafted some of the leader's key speeches.

'The Guardian' investigation showed publication of Moss's latest book 'The Chilean Experiment' was funded by the CIA.

Ten thousand copies of the book are being distributed free by the Chilean military dictatorship.

Thatcher's Press secretary, Derek Howell furiously tried to backtrack yesterday on his earlier admission that Moss had drafted the notorious 'Iron Maiden' speech.

Last week he told 'The Guardian' that Moss had drafted the bitter attack on the Soviet Union which

Thatcher regards as her most important statement as leader.

But yesterday, Howell did his best to play down Moss's role in the preparation of Thatcher's anti-Soviet outburst.

He told News Line: 'This is not correct. Mr Moss had something to do with some material used in the speech. But Mrs Thatcher writes all her own speeches.'

He said that as an 'expert and specialist' Moss had 'sent in' some factual and briefing material used in the speech.

Moss, who worked as 'The Economist' correspondent in Chile before the 1973 military coup, now

runs the National Association for Freedom. Among his colleagues in the NAFF leadership are Rhodes Boyson and Winston Churchill, recently promoted to junior posts on Thatcher's front bench.

Stephen Eyres, editor of NAFF's fortnightly paper 'Free Nation' refused to comment yesterday on the allegations of CIA funding.

He promised a 'full, public explanation' from Moss on both television and radio, but Moss failed to appear on either. Eyres said it would be 'superfluous and slightly impertinent' for him to comment on 'The Guardian' article. He refused to answer questions about the source

of NAFF funds.

Yesterday morning Moss was closeted for several hours with 'The Economist's' editor Norman Macrae. They are believed to have discussed the Chile-CIA revelations.

'The Guardian' article revealed that Moss's book was commissioned by Forum World Features, set up in London with CIA subsidies to spread pro-US propaganda.

● **LABOUR MP Frank Allaun (Salford West)** last night called for an inquiry into links between the CIA, 'its under-cover subsidiaries' in Britain and 'certain prominent right-wing extremists'. Allaun has tabled a Commons motion.



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Labour's shifts

THE SHIFT to the left in Labour constituencies is in direct proportion to the shift to the right in government policies, it was claimed last night. 'Increasing unemployment and cuts on social expenditure have produced anger, frustration, disillusionment among Labour voters and electoral defeat,' said Mike Gapes in his chairman's address to the National Organisation of Labour Students conference at Lancaster University.

Jobless figures

UNEMPLOYMENT figures for December will be published today, despite industrial action by civil servants which prevented publication of the November figures. When the last figures — for October — were published the total of jobless was 1,377,110, a fall of about 13,000 in the two months October — December.

Agents meet

AN HOUR-long meeting of Labour Party officials last night failed to calm the trouble over the appointment of Andy Bevan as the party's youth officer.

Representatives of the National Union of Labour Organisers, who represent the party agents around the country, have announced they will refuse to co-operate with Bevan.

DRUNKEN POLICE 'BEAT UP' PRISONERS

Allegations by suspended police woman

ALLEGATIONS by a suspended policewoman that Clacton CID men mistreated prisoners after drunken parties have forced police chiefs to re-open an inquiry.

The charges were made by police-woman Diane Webster, after the Director of Public Prosecutions ruled there would be no criminal

proceedings over her original complaint that she was stripped at a CID promotion party and sexually assaulted by senior CID officers.

Three officers, including the former head of Clacton CID, Detective Chief Inspector John

Clamp, 46, were reinstated last Friday after a month long suspension.

Webster, who claims she resigned from the force at the weekend has been suspended pending the inquiry.

She said: 'It is

ridiculous for the police to claim I have been suspended. As far as I am concerned, I have resigned.'

She promised to 'tell all' to Det. Chief Supt Peter Crust, head of Essex CID, who is leading the new investigation into her

serious allegations.

A senior detective warned that Webster could face disciplinary action for bringing the force into disrepute.

Her mother, Evelyn Webster of Colchester, said her daughter has no support or help from

anyone. She said: 'Diane suspected it would be a whitewash.'

Brigadier Thomas Collins, chairman of the Essex police committee, said he would be seeing the Chief Constable about Webster's allegations.

There will be no official statement until there has been a full inquiry.

HOW COMMON MARKET STEEL WORKS

SLUMP PLAN FOR EUROPEAN STEEL ...and Japan too

BRUSSELS — Steel producers in every Common Market country will be told today that they must cut production because of the slump in capitalist industry.

The four-month cut-back, first stage in a plan to parcel out shrinking markets and 'rationalise' the industry, is being ordered by the European Common Market Commission.

BY CHARLES PARKINS

EEC steel commissioner Henri Simonet says it is the only alternative to a cut-throat trade war.

The letters sent out yesterday are worded as a 'formal request' to the steel-makers to limit deliveries.

But Simonet made it clear yesterday that if the voluntary system, due to start on January 1, does not work, the EEC will impose compulsory restrictions.

Simonet said the limits would effect three quarters of the

Common Market's steel output, but he refused to give figures for the reductions.

Behind the plan is the slump in demand, and the realisation that the so-called economic 'recovery' that was predicted has not happened.

Low Investment

In Britain, for instance, low investment in factory and office

buildings, cut-backs in roads, bridges, hospitals etc., also means fewer orders for steel. And the same process is being repeated world-wide.

As a result, the consultative committee of the European Coal and Steel Community met behind closed doors in London in October. Joe Gormley was in the chair.

They discussed the fact that steel orders are running at only 80 per cent of the 1974 level.

A two-point policy was agreed • To cut imports of steel from countries outside the EEC.

• To cut steel output to meet demand.

The official forecast for EEC steel production has already been cut to 34 million tons (compared with 40 million tons in 1974). Some experts say 30 million tons is more likely.

Simonet noted yesterday that the industry in the nine EEC countries is operating on average at only 62 to 70 per cent of capacity, and for the most part making no profit.

He said that the European steel industry in general is no longer profitable and has only got orders in hand for one month.

TOKYO — Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry has announced a cutback in steel production, partly as a result of pressure from Europe and the US to curb soaring exports.

Japan's steel exports in the six months to the end of September totalled an all-time half-year record 18.9 million tonnes. But under strong pressure from the EEC, Japan recently agreed to prolong self restraints by major steel firms on exports to EEC countries.

At home, sales have also turned sluggish reflecting the slump in Japan.

Porn trial jury out

THE JURY in the porn-squad corruption trial will consider its verdict on six former police officers today.

After retiring yesterday afternoon, they returned to court to find Det Inspector David Jones not guilty on one charge of corruption involving £40.

Ending a marathon four-day summing-up of the London 'Porn Squad bribes' trial Mr Justice Mars Jones said: 'If what the prosecution witnesses have said is true, it amounted to this: the six defendants were actually engaged in the collection of tribute from porn merchants and making regular distributions of the loot'.

Car man gets his job back

CAR INDUSTRY strikers won a partial victory at Coventry yesterday when Triumph management reinstated a man they had sacked.

A trim-shop worker was fired on Friday for allegedly clocking-on them leaving the Canley works. After a mass walk-out yesterday, management changed the dismissal notice to a suspension, while the man's appeal went through the disputes procedure.

Several meetings were being held over the threat by the Robery Owen management to close down its Darlestone factory.

The executive of the electricians union were discussing the two week sit-in strike by 60 of their members at Robery Owen over a claim for lay-off pay.

A PLUTONIUM SCARE AT ALDERMASTON

Deadly waste material found smouldering

AN URGENT inquiry is underway at Britain's top secret atomic weapons research establishment at Aldermaston into how waste material contaminated with deadly plutonium started smouldering on Sunday evening.

The incident was revealed last night by the Ministry of Defence. Smouldering waste at the H-bomb research centre in Berkshire triggered scramble alarms on the site and in Reading Fire Brigade's station.

But, the Ministry said, the site fire brigade dealt with the incident within minutes and the warning to the Reading Brigade was cancelled.

The Ministry of Defence described the incident — which happened in a sealed working compartment — as 'minor'.

'Damage was negligible', a spokesman said. 'All the safety arrangements worked correctly and no-one was injured or contaminated as a result of the incident.'

'There was no danger either to the staff of the establishment or to the public.'

Detailed checks have already shown that no radioactivity escaped from the building and a local inquiry has been set up.

The incident is believed to be the first of its kind at Aldermaston involving radiation, although several Aldermaston personnel died or were injured in the 1950s in fires that did not involve radiation.

End school at 14— Boyson

THE TORY leadership was embarrassed yesterday after their education spokesman Rhodes Boyson blurted out that he wanted working-class children to be deprived of education after 14.

Boyson's boss, Norman St John Stevas, said the leave-at-14 idea was not official policy.

The right-wing extremist Boyson was made to admit that his views — voiced in the 'News of the World' — did not represent official thinking.

But Boyson is a rising star and an appointee of Tory leader Margaret Thatcher. He said he was unrepentant and that he still thought teenagers should be turfed out of school at 14.

He did not say what these youth would do. Under Tory policy unemployment would be driven up way over the present 1.5 million mark.

£50,000 Fund: A determined effort December Fund is much too far behind

now

WE ARE launching an appeal for a determined effort to drive our Development Fund up to £25,000. The New Year will open with the prospect of unprecedented class struggle as the workers, led by the miners, act to defend their hard-won wages and conditions against the Labour government.

All the money in this fund will go to provide the best possible facilities for our comrades to lead this struggle. Make a big effort before and during Christmas comrades and give us the money we so urgently need to carry out our vital task.

Over the weekend we received: Meadows £2.30; Luton £3.20; Hemel £4; West End Theatre workers £100; Brixton £11.12; East Leeds £2; Felixtowe £2.

TOTAL in this weekend: £124.62.

TOTAL in to date: £20,261.23.

Post all donations to Development Fund
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OUR AIM is to raise all our target before Christmas! But with a post yesterday of only £63.13 — we will never do it at this rate. Money must pour in every day in order to reach our £4,000 in time.

Let's have an all-out fight now and do it! Prices have risen so much this year that Christmas means one of hardship for many families. The Budget, the rise in petrol prices means worse is yet to come.

Everywhere more and more workers, following the miners, are driven to fight back against this Labour government with its Tory policies.

The huge movement has begun and the News Line must be right to the fore. Make sure it is. Help us therefore raise all our fund now. Don't leave it until after the holidays. Send us an extra gift today.

Post it immediately to:

The News Line December Appeal Fund
21b Old Town, Clapham, SW4 0JT

Polish novelist under attack

WARSAW — A leading Polish novelist has come under official attack here for giving an interview to West German television and expressing an 'anarchistic attitude'.

Author Jerzy Andrzejewski was criticised by Professor Marian Wojciechowski in an interview with the official Communist Party daily 'Trybuna Ludu'.

The professor, an expert on Polish-West German relations,

said Mr Andrzejewski's interview was an example of an improper attitude to the Polish state.

The author, who wrote the best-seller 'Ashes and Diamonds' — filmed in 1958 by Andrzej Wajda — is a founder-member of the Workers' Defence Committee.

SHIPPING

A UNION delegation reported no progress after meeting Industry Minister Eric Varley to press for government action to stop shipyard sackings.

Len Edmonson, engineering union executive member, was asked after the meeting what hopes there were of redundancies being avoided.

'We don't have any hope unless something is done,' he replied.

Ken Baker, shipbuilding national officer of the General and Municipal Workers Union, said: 'Our talks with Mr Varley will resume after Christmas.'

Asked about the government's role, Baker replied: 'I think the government has done a remarkable job.'

'Whatever comes out at the end of the road, the responsibility will fall full and square on the shoulders of their Lordships. They will be largely responsible for many of the problems that have arisen in the industry.'

Both Baker and Edmonson declined to divulge the content of a report on the shipbuilding crisis.

Jointly

It has been drawn up jointly by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions and British Shipbuilders, the body set up to take over the shipbuilding industry after nationalisation, which has been held up by the House of Lords.

J. Graham Day, who was to be chief executive of British Shipbuilders, resigned from the job earlier this month mainly because the world shipping slump threatens to devastate the industry both in Britain and abroad.

Day forecast heavy lay-offs early in 1977. A new order from Poland for 22 ships, a contract won by 'loss making' tenders, will provide only a temporary respite.

Fears are growing among shipyard workers that the government plans to use the delays caused by the Lords as an excuse for laying off thousands of men and closing some yards.

LORDS ARE SCAPEGOAT FOR SACKINGS

Scottish lobby heads for London ...again

SCOTTISH trade union leaders will journey to London yet again on Thursday to plead with the government to prevent a jobs catastrophe on Clydeside.

Officials of the Clyde Committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions are to see Industry Minister Gerald Kaufman.

The main item on the agenda will be the threat to 3,000 jobs at Scott Lithgow's shipyards on the Lower Clyde.

This latest estimate puts the number of jobs announced as being at risk in the course of the last week alone at over 5,000.

The Marathon yard at Clydebank suspended 1,000 men last Friday because of

lack of orders.

They are relying on the government to announce this week that they will finance the building of an oil platform at the yard 'on spec'.

Some 1,200 jobs at Babcock and Wilcox in Renfrew will go in April and all 5,000 workers there are at risk if the government does not agree soon to place an order for a new power station.

A short time ago, Scott Lithgow was regarded as the stable element in the Clydeside shipbuilding scene.

They now say that between 2,000 and 3,000 lay-offs will be necessary if the government does not intervene.

The union chiefs want the government to take over the building of a ship ordered by the Maritime Fruit Company on which work has been

suspended since MFC's financial crisis came to light earlier this year.

The government and the Bank of Scotland have already taken over the building of one ship at the Cartsdyke yard and have not yet been successful in finding a buyer.

Meanwhile the Tories have launched an offensive against any sort of rescue operations on the Clyde.

Tory policy chief Sir Keith Joseph said yesterday that 'rescues' of the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders type are 'investments in failure' which only 'impoverish the nation'.

Joseph was replying to criticism by Clydeside shop stewards of a Tory policy centre pamphlet condemning the UCS operation.

Three more add penny to petrol

THREE giant oil companies, BP, Shell and Mobil announced price rises which will take effect today.

Petrol will go up 1p a gallon and diesel up to 2.5p a gallon. There will be a 2.5p increase per gallon in domestic heating oils and paraffin.

The government strongly hinted that legislation will soon be introduced to control the display of petrol prices on garage forecourts.

Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, John Fraser, told MPs at question time: 'If the voluntary agreement on the display of petrol prices does not become more widely observed, we shall have to take further action.'

Prices in Britain have gone up 86 per cent since the government came to power. Prices Secretary Roy Hattersley told the House of Commons yesterday.

WAGE LEVELS PROOF OF MORE POVERTY

AN INDICATOR of workers' increasing poverty was provided in yesterday's official index of basic wage rates for November.

This showed only a 12.8-per-cent rise over the same month last year, despite the lowest-paid part-time workers being deliberately excluded from the figures. If the millions of poorly-paid women workers were included, the wage index would show an even smaller increase.

But while pay rates grew only 12.8 per cent over the year, the retail price index has risen 15 per cent in the same period. This means that due to the effects of inflation and the Labour government's pay laws, workers have had a 3-per-cent cut in living standards imposed upon them.

The real increase in poverty is much greater, of course. In the first place, the basic wage index is measured before stoppages for tax, insurance, superannuation and other deductions.

With these items taken off, the value of real wages has fallen even further. In addition, the 1.5 million unemployed are left out of the reckoning altogether.

Contrary to all the Tory Press lies, unemployment benefit and supplementary benefits (for those who qualify) taken together still fall below the poverty line by nearly 40 per cent.

This poverty is further increased by the amount that the official 15 per cent inflation rate falls short of the real cost of living increase, nearly 20 per cent in the last year.

Three employers' organisations have joined the General and Municipal Workers' Union in calling for flexibility in future pay policies and a return to genuine collective bargaining.

Agreements between the union and the organisations cover 60,000 rubber workers, 14,000 glass workers and 20,000 paintmakers. Discussions will take place with chemical employers in the hope of producing a similar statement covering another 160,000 people.

A G&MWU spokesman said:

'Our wage structures are negotiated at local level in these industries, but the £6 increase and the new criteria have played havoc with such arrangements.'

'It is crucial for us to have flexibility in the chemical industry, too, because we must meet the technological changes quickly. This can only be achieved with relevant negotiation on productive payment systems.'

Among the companies associated with the union's initiative are Firestone Rubber, Dunlop, United Glass, Rockware, Walpamur, Crown Paints, Michelin, Uniroyal, Redfearn National, Goodlass Wall and Avon Rubber.

Scottish Labourites condemn government

THE LABOUR government has been condemned by its party members in Scotland for attacking jobs and living standards. Motions to the annual conference of Labour's Scottish Council in Perth on March 11 reveal growing anger among workers over the slump.

Only two motions out of 127 on the agenda propose support for the government's policies

All the rest are critical, ranging from mild admonition to downright condemnation of the Labour government.

The Kelvingrove CLP (constituency Labour Party) in Glasgow calls for a rejection of the government's economic policy.

It declares that the cutting of social expenditure in an attempt to increase business profits is contrary to the manifesto on which Labour was elected.

Kelvingrove, like many areas, calls for a campaign against the cuts and asks local councils to refuse to implement them.

A typical resolution from the Provan CLP calls on regional and district Labour Parties, groups and councillors to refuse to implement the local government spending cuts.

It demands that the Scottish Council lead a campaign against the cuts and support action

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

taken by trade unions against government policy.

The Provan party states: 'It appears the Labour government are willing to sacrifice the social and economic reforms won by the movement in the past decades in order to pacify the IMF in a futile effort to stop the pound sinking to new depths.'

The resolution goes on: 'In particular, we reject the view that social expenditure must be cut in an attempt to increase business profits.'

The Scottish conference believes that the Labour Party should reject the government's economic policy, in particular public expenditure cuts.

Resolutions submitted by many unions for the conference also condemn the government's policies.

The agenda was published

shortly after an opinion poll showed that a third of those who voted Labour in Scotland in October 1974 would not do so now.

The poll put Labour in third position in Scotland, running six points behind the Scottish Nationalists and 11 points behind the Tories.

Demand

Other motions to Labour's Scottish conference demand an end to wage restraint, calling instead for 'an industrial policy which will lead to a planned socialist economy'.

East Kilbride says: 'Only a socialist transformation of society can put an end to the chaos and waste of capitalism.'

Other motions demand the 35-hour week, a £50 minimum wage and retirement at 60.

Only the electricians' union demands support for the TUC and Labour government 'fight against inflation'.



A Clydeside shipyard

Unions must back miners —NUM leaders



Sid Vincent

'Don't push us to the brink,' the government was warned yesterday by Lancashire miners' general secretary Sid Vincent.

A member of the NUM executive council, Vincent also said that if action had to be taken to back the NUM demand for early retirement it must be nothing less than strike action.

He stated this in an interview with News Line after a meeting of the Lancashire area NUM delegates in Bolton at the weekend.

Q: What did you think of the ballot result?

We were very pleased with the

result in our area. The problem of early retirement is not a big one here, since, over the last 3 to 4 years we have been getting the average age down.

However, that doesn't make the slightest difference. The members here are interested in getting early retirement for this industry.

At this morning's (Saturday) area meeting, it was felt necessary to get involved in industrial action. I personally would advise the coal board and the government not to push us to the brink, because early retirement belongs to mineworkers.

They have it in Europe, and we should have it here.

We have accepted reluctant wage restraint. It's time the TUC approached the government, and it's time the government said 'O.K.', you can

have retirement at 60 for a start. This would solve unemployment.

And I'm talking about retirement on some money, not on poverty scales.

Q: What action are you considering?

After two overtime bans, we're sick in this area. If any action is taken, it would have to be a strike, that's it, full stop.

Q: How do you see the relationship between the miners and the Labour Government?

This is one of the problems. The government is in a bloody awful condition after two by-elections. Callaghan knows this.

By the way, have you noticed that after every budget, that OPEC comes and knocks the legs from under it?

Q: Are you prepared to force the resignation of the government?

That's a difficult question. You're talking to a man who never voted any other road except Labour, and my father was the same. I think the working class are the Labour Party. I'm very loyal to the Labour government, but I reserve the right to criticise.

I was on the Labour Party executive for two years.

I've talked to Healey at length. Dennis Healey realises that he cannot keep putting the problems of the country on the shoulders of the working class. They'll react. They have reacted at the by-elections. Some workers voted Tory.

Some people talk about socialist policies. This government has had guts and introduced socialist policies.

They have also introduced anti-working class policies.

Q: The miners forced the resignation of the Heath government. What about this one?

I don't think the miners did force the resignation of Heath. I think Heath made a political mistake with the three-day week. He wanted the country to react against the miners — instead they reacted against Heath, and he paid for this.

Split

Now the Tories are split. Heath and Maudling are rocking the boat in the Tories.

Q: At the time of the three-day week, Heath was preparing to use the troops against the miners. What about in the event of a strike now?

In the event of a strike now, they wouldn't need troops. The CEBB have built up a 4 month supply. A strike would need the backing of other Unions.

I'm talking about Jack Jones and the T&G, AUEW. Not a general strike. We'd want them not to do anything detrimental to our action.

Q: What about the attitude of the TUC?

The TUC has sent a letter to the NUM to say that early retirement is an infringement of the Pay Code.

I want the TUC to say they will support early retirement from August 1st, 1977.

Q: What do you think about the budget, which is estimated to lead to between 70,000 and 300,000 more unemployed?

Did the government say that — I don't think they did. I'm as militant as anyone, but I think there were a lot of sighs of relief. While not acceptable, it was a very modified version of what the capitalist press were putting out beforehand.

LETTER



Cronton colliery NUM branch president Tom Ganley (right) with vice president Harry Walker

TO the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity, through the News Line, to rectify certain misleading statements which appear in many of the leading national newspapers.

I refer to what I think is the misinformation of the public on the average wage of a miner. It has often been printed and misquoted that a miner takes home, on average, £70 to £100 per week.

I know of cases in my own branch where the take home pay is £28 to £30 per week.

Let me put the picture in its right perspective. In our industry, if a man working underground suffers from heart trouble, or chest trouble, and has to seek lighter work because of it, he has a drop in his weekly earnings.

There are many instances of this throughout the coal industry. This is one of the reasons we are calling for earlier retirement. A policeman can retire at 55 years of age and still be fit enough to take on another job. I do not begrudge the steelworkers, policemen or others their claim to early retirement.

One must study the difference between a miner and other workers. Conditions in which we work are entirely different. If those who criticise were to be honest they would see the miners, including people who have lost their health through their job and can only manage light

work now, are asking for an extended lease of life in their declining years.

Surely no one begrudges a man the right to prolong his life. I say to those who knock the miners — visit any colliery on a Friday, speak to men who suffer from the various chest diseases, ask them what they think.

This is an answer to the 'knockers'. Apply to visit a mine underground. See for yourself the conditions we have to work in. Ask the crippled men on the surface what his feelings are, what wages he takes home. These are the true facts, not unjustifiable criticism or propaganda.

We, the miners, are not asking for something special. We ask, and are prepared to fight for, FAIR RECOGNITION OF OUR CLAIM and above all, JUSTICE.

So, to the knockers I say don't believe all you read about the £100 miners. If you are really so concerned then find out the true facts for yourself by asking and seeing the men so many of you wrongly condemn.

Yours fraternally,
Tom Ganley
(NUM Branch President,
Cronton Colliery).

Miners warn Bolivia Junta

THE NUM executive is to approach other UK unions to discuss action in defence of Bolivian tin miners.

An NUM delegation gave this warning during a visit to the Bolivian ambassador in London.

The action is to be discussed with the Transport and General Workers Union, the AUEW engineering union and the General and Municipal Workers Union.

It could take the form of sanctions against Bolivian tin and sugar imports.

The NUM delegation, which included general secretary Lawrence Daly, deplored the government of the South American country's decision to expel over 30 miners plus other trade unionists to exile in neighbouring Chile where they are undergoing suffering from lack of nourishment and medical care.

The trade unionists must be repatriated and free and democratic trade unions must be allowed to function, the ambassador was told.

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PRESS STIR UP

BREAD delivery men say they will boycott shops selling loaves at less than 18p from midnight today.

Over 2,500 salesmen who supply shops and supermarkets in London and the south east say cheaper bread could threaten their jobs.

The unofficial action was announced yesterday by Mark Basham spokesman for a group of shop stewards who are organising the ban.

He said Sainsbury's were selling an economy loaf at 17.5p and Tesco had loaves at 16p and 17p.

Basham said: 'Unless these prices go up to 18p on Wednesday morning there will be no more deliveries.'

Basham said that the men were asking for public support because the new discount regulation announced by the Prices Ministry favoured the bulk-buying supermarkets.

Because of this, small shops could stop selling bread.

'That is bound to lead to redundancies. We are fighting for our jobs.'

Action against the government's discount scheme started last week after Prices Secretary Roy Hattersley said shops could negotiate discounts above the established 22.5 per cent limit.

The delivery drivers fear that this will lead to a tie-up between the baking monopolies and the supermarket chains to eliminate the small shops. This will hit their own jobs and commission they get on deliveries.

Ban

Their call to ban lower prices, however, has played into the hands of the Tory Press, who have portrayed the delivery men as modern Luddites depriving the housewife of cheaper food.

This is not the case. The discount scheme has already been ridiculed by the big bakers and supermarkets. They say that there will be no drop in discount levels for the present and that bread prices will go on rising.

THE BREAD BATTLE

Drivers and housewives are target

The elimination of the small shop is not just the result of a plot between the giant chains.

The concentration of productive capacity is a marked feature of capitalism. The crisis simply accelerates this tendency by bankrupting small businesses and forcing mergers on medium-sized firms.

Large-scale production and retailing is not a bad thing in itself. What the working class must oppose is the anarchy of modern monopoly capitalism, which can only survive during the slump by the destruction of industry and services.

Vicious

The delivery drivers and housewives are caught up in this vicious crisis.

But they can only be united on the basis of socialist policies. The row over the bread discount is a good example.

The delivery drivers should expose the Prices Ministry fraud. Show that the food manufacturing companies and retail chains in private hands cannot work in the interests of the working class, and demand nationalisation, without compensation under workers' and housewives' control.

This would lay the basis for a re-organisation of the industry, the strict control of all prices and the preservation of jobs.

Within this socialist perspective, the delivery drivers' fight for jobs and wages need not play into the hands of the Tory Press, which seeks to set sections of the working class against each other.



CONFED CALLS BALFOUR MEETING

SHEFFIELD — The strike and lock-out of over 2,500 Edgar Allen Balfour workers continues this week after talks with management at the weekend broke down.

Management are still adamant that the Capital Tool works, the centre of the dispute, must close in January and they refuse to withdraw redundancy notices.

The blacking of Edgar Allen Tools throughout the group, called by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering

Unions, means that 14 plants have been stopped.

A mass meeting takes place today of all the workers in the group and CSEU secretary Bill Owen has said that union officials have some proposals to put to the meeting.

The unions want the government to provide a temporary employment subsidy to the tool works in order to keep it open.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

APPEAL

for the Lebanese workers and the Palestinian refugees

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Right-wing arming in Scotland

GLASGOW — The Orange Order here is heavily involved with Ulster para-military organisations the supreme commander of the Ulster Defence Association in Scotland claimed at the weekend.

The UDA leader Roddy McDonald — who was recently cleared at a private trial by lodge delegates of discrediting the order by associating it with militarism — said in Edinburgh that about 1,000 lodge members

were in the UDA.

McDonald also said that Scottish Orangemen were involved with other para-military organisations such as the Ulster Volunteer Force, the Orange Volunteers and the Ulster Freedom Fighters.

He went on: The UDA has never at any time been either illegal or unlawful while we admit that a few of our more over-zealous members have from time to time been convicted of arms and

explosives offences.

The UDA exists as a para-military organisation that fully upholds the forces of the crown, but in the event of a British withdrawal from Ulster and a civil war situation arising, the UDA in Scotland would be prepared to fight and assist in any way the Loyalist cause in Ulster.

McDonald said he would not be resigning from the Orange Order, despite a resolution passed at the Lodge AGM dissociating the

order from para-military activities.

If they want me out, they will have to force me out, he said.

Young workers interviewed by the News Line in one area of Glasgow where Orangeism has an influence said that fund raising to buy arms for Loyalist organisations in Ulster is a regular activity.

Those involved visit the homes of known sympathisers and sell trinkets at vastly-inflated prices to get the cash.

There are thought to be about 80,000 Orangemen in Scotland, mainly in the Glasgow area, Lanarkshire and the Lothians.

David Bryce, the Grand Secretary of the Order, who recently threatened to resign if the resolution condemning para-military activities was not overwhelmingly passed, has said that wheels have been set in motion to carry out the resolution.

This could mean a showdown between those who want this ultra-reactionary organisation to maintain a show of respectability and those who are openly preparing for civil war.

Four week fight to defend pay deal

PICKETS were out again yesterday at the gates of the Haskins Shutters factory in Basingstoke, Hants.

More than 100 workers at the plant are now in the fourth week of their fight against the company which has torn up pay agreements.

Fifty-five of the workers locked out and others struck work in support after management posted notices announcing:

- Suspension of the November 1976 wage agreement.

- Cancellation of the company pay scheme.
- Phasing out of canteen facilities.

- An end to all overtime.
- Retirement of all workers over the age of 65.
- Cancellation of various subsidies.

This attack came after shop stewards and officials had won an agreement giving the workers' side consultation on all aspects of the bonus system.

But the workers' union — the

AUEW engineering union claims no consultation ever took place. Members withdrew co-operation from an enabling agreement to the bonus scheme.

The dispute has been made official by Basingstoke district committee of the AUEW. The union's national executive has been asked to endorse the action.

Leaflets have been issued appealing for financial help.

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Rabin

AN EARLY ISRAELI ELECTION

ISRAELI Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced yesterday that he was recommending early general elections.

He met last night with top members of his Labour Alignment in Tel Aviv — including former premier Mrs Golda Meir.

Under Israeli law, Rabin will have to resign in order to dissolve the 120-member Knesset and hold elections, which could be as early as April. But he will almost certainly head a caretaker administration until then.

His move pre-empted the new vote of no confidence scheduled for parliamentary vote today, after being tabled by the right-wing opposition Likud Party.

Rabin precipitated the parliamentary crisis by dismissing the ten-member National Religious Party, which held three cabinet posts, from his ruling coalition.

The NRP had refused to support him against a vote of no confidence moved by the ultra-orthodox Torah Front. The religious group was objecting to the arrival of three new American F-15 aircraft on the Sabbath.

But such an issue could not possibly be the real cause of a constitutional move of this magnitude.

The real issue is the preparations for a Zionist deal with the reactionary Arab bourgeoisie, backed by the United States. This plot against the Palestinian Liberation Organisation aims to isolate the Palestinians in an inadequate mini-state on the West Bank and Gaza, under the domination of Syria and Jordan.

Another problem for which Rabin needs unfettered hands is the economic crisis within Israel itself.

Political commentators in Israel were saying yesterday that Rabin had decided that Israel would have to agree to a West Bank deal in order to retain US support.

Although Rabin's Labour Alignment could be expected to win the election, the necessity to break such a long-standing coalition proves that all is not plain-sailing for the Zionist-imperialist conspirators in the Middle East.

It is a sign of the political crisis within the Zionist state. Rabin can only appeal to the Israeli masses on the grounds that his policy is the only way to avoid another Arab-Israeli war.

But this in turn could mean that a Palestinian state on the West Bank, however constrained, could put forward socialist policies which would have a powerful appeal to the Israeli working class.

The links between the PLO and the Lebanese masses, which nothing could break, means that the national struggle of the Palestinians is now moving forward together with the social revolution throughout the Middle East.

No manoeuvres by Rabin can wall off the Israeli workers from such a development.

SYRIANS TRY TO SILENCE PRESS

BEIRUT — Syrian troops were yesterday occupying the buildings of six Lebanese newspapers, keeping the staff away.

Michel Abu Joudeh, editor of one of the latest newspapers affected, the independent 'an-Nahar', has protested to President Elias Sarkis, and asked him to clarify his government's position.

'If it is necessary to impose censorship, it should be announced and organised', Abu Joudeh said at the weekend.

The Syrian forces — ostensibly part of an Arab League peace force — began this dictatorial move against the press last Wednesday, when they invaded the premises of the newspapers 'al-Moharrer' and 'Beirut', and continued on Friday with the occupation of 'As Safir's' premises.

These three papers, all supporters of the left during the civil war, managed later to produce editions on other presses.

But on Sunday night the

occupation forces moved in on 'an-Nahar', the French-language 'L'Orient-le Jour', and the pro-Communist Party 'al Ndaa'. As the net of occupation spreads it will be more difficult for the left and nationalist movements to get their papers out.

This move shows up both the supposed 'independence' of the Sarkis government and the 'peacekeeping' mandate of the Syrian-dominated Arab League force. The Syrian army is in Lebanon as an army of occupation, and is the real power behind the facade of Lebanese 'sovereignty' presented by Sarkis.

Shore guns beat Zionist blockade

SIDON — Left-wing and Palestinian gunners at the south Lebanese port of Tyre fought a two-hour battle with Israeli gunboats off the coast yesterday morning.

They succeeded in driving off the Israelis, so that a small coaster that was under attack could reach the port with its cargo of trucks and lorries. The vessel had tried two days ago to enter Sidon, only to be turned away by mainly-Syrian 'Arab deterrent force'.

The coaster was then tailed by Israeli patrol boats as it made southwards for Tyre, which is south of the Litani river and still held by Palestinian and Leftist forces.

They tried to intercept it as it attempted to slip into port under cover of darkness.

But as the Israeli boats attacked, the guns on the shore opened up, around 2a.m. and although hit by Israeli shellfire, the coaster managed to limp into harbour.

Reaction to oil price decision

FORD PRAISES YAMANI

WASHINGTON — President Ford yesterday deplored the majority decision of the oil exporting countries to raise prices by a total of 15 per cent next year — but praised Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for refusing to go beyond five per cent.

In the strongest reaction from any major industrial capital, president Ford said the majority oil producers had acted irresponsibly and ignored 'the destructive consequences of their action.'



Ford

Japan was among countries concerned about the damage dearer oil might do to world economic recovery but others — among them France and Italy — were relieved that Saudi Arabia's stand had softened the blow.

Surprise

Major oil companies were taken by complete surprise by the split in OPEC. In London and New York oil experts foresaw the possibility of a price war among the producers.

At European Common Market headquarters in Brussels, EEC commissioner Claude Cheysson said 'the united front of the petroleum exporting countries has split. This is a new element.'



Yamani

—and Iran accuses

TEHERAN — The official Iranian news media yesterday accused Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani of serving imperialism and stabbing his brothers in the back by limiting an increase in the price of his country's oil.

At last week's OPEC

conference in Qatar, 11 countries decided on a 15 per cent increase in two stages beginning on January 1, while Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates settled for five per cent.

The official radio Iran devoted all its 15-minute news bulletin yesterday morning to local and foreign criticism of Sheikh Yamani — but in keeping with

the rest of the media, it refrained from direct criticism of Saudi Arabia.

The government newspaper Rastakhiz said: 'How will the Saudi nation deal with a man who has thus sold its international respect and interests to imperialism?'

The paper said Sheikh Yamani could frame a

congratulatory message from the US government 'to always remind him of proudly serving imperialism and stabbing his brothers in the back...'

The official television in a commentary on Sunday night claimed Sheikh Yamani did not represent the Saudi king or government but 'greedy companies in the area.'

Japan nuclear plea to Carter

TOKYO — A group of Japanese nuclear scientists and legal experts have appealed to president-elect Jimmy Carter to remove immediately all US nuclear weapons from South Korea.

In a similar appeal to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, the group said the US had about 700 nuclear warheads deployed in South Korea with a combined power 1,000 times greater than the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.

The group of 22 scholars, including Dr Yasuo Miyake, chairman of the nuclear committee of the science council of Japan, said the nuclear deployment had violated the Korean armistice agreement which bans the introduction of strategic arms into South Korea.

TOKYO — Nearly one in five Japanese government workers on extended sick leave are suffering from mental illness, according to an official survey.

The survey shows that 18.9 per cent of public service employees absent from work for more than a month were receiving treatment for mental disorders.

SALISBURY — Rhodesian government sources are blaming African guerrillas for the deaths of 26 workers from a tea estate in the Honde valley, near the Mozambique border.

They say the workers' bodies were found by Rhodesian forces on Sunday.

The Smith regime has recently taken to blaming the guerrillas for a number of killings carried out by the Selous Scouts, the Rhodesian army's elite commando unit, which is commanded by former SAS men.

TEHERAN — The Shah's regime in Iran has executed alleged woman guerrilla leader Zahra Aqabani Qolhaki who was arrested after a gun fight with police, an official statement said yesterday.

Fretilin claim 151 dead

SYDNEY — Guerrilla forces in East Timor have killed 151 Indonesian soldiers since October 5, a statement issued here by the campaign for an independent East Timor said yesterday.

It said that in the biggest action, near the village of Samara on December 13 and 14, Fretilin independence movement forces killed 89 Indonesian soldiers and wounded many others.

Eight Fretilin Guerrillas were listed as killed, that statement said quoting figures compiled from a Fretilin broadcast from Timor.



Turkish students on hunger strike

Students hunger strike over misused earthquake funds

TURKISH students in Britain are on hunger strike to protest against the misuse of funds sent as aid for the victims of the last month's earthquake in eastern Anatolia.

They say the aid has been diverted 'so as to increase the wealth of a few profiteers'.

The students deny the claim by Turkish Prime Minister Demirel that tents, blankets and food have all been abundantly distributed to the disaster areas.

They say that at one of the worst-hit towns — Muradiye — where 2,800 people died, aid only reached 2 per cent of the people, and even this was cut off when local leaders complained.

107 tents sent for earthquake victims were seized by the army, while civilians trying to get the tents were beaten with rifle butts.

Troops

Only 52 tents were made available for 6,500 people. 10,000 winter-duty tents flown in by the US Air Force are either occupied by Turkish troops or kept empty under army guard.

The head of a mobile field hospital sent from Germany has been told it is not needed.

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

The students also stress that Muradiye has been known as a dangerous earthquake area for 26 years, yet nothing has ever been done about it.

And the government has refused to implement a law which empowers it to take over privately-owned housing and transport in cases of emergency.

The students point out that the November earthquake measured 6.7 on the Richter Scale and claimed over 10,000 victims. Yet an earthquake in Fernando, USA, measuring 6.6 killed only 64 people, and one in Japan measuring 7.7 was responsible for only 30 deaths.

They say the murderers of the 10,000 are 'the government of the bourgeoisie and big landlords

who are lackeys of the imperialists'.

And they add: 'The ones who are stealing, selling or storing the goods sent to the needy people are the representatives of the landlords and the bourgeoisie.'

The people who were worst hit by the earthquake were mainly Kurds, the students say, and these people are doubly oppressed, by the government's denial of their national rights and also by the big landlords.

Suffering

They conclude that the sufferings of the poor will continue until the yoke of imperialism is thrown off.

The hunger strike continues today and participants have already achieved many visits from supporters, including students from Iran, Greece, Malaya, Taiwan, Greek Cypriots and Kurds.

Cops tried for attempted bank robbery

BELLUNO, Italy — Three young policemen who said they raided a bank as a joke went on trial yesterday accused of attempted bank robbery.

The men, aged between 21 and 25, also told the court they unloaded their service revolvers before the raid to make sure 'nothing went wrong.'

But what did go wrong was that their get-away car was followed by three youths who noted its licence plate number and told the police, who arrested the three men at a roadblock.

The public prosecutor yesterday demanded jail sentences of up to seven years and more for the accused

Clerk killed during police interrogation

Munich, West Germany — A woman clerk in West Germany's secret service jumped from a sixth floor window yesterday while being questioned as a suspected spy, police said.

Frau Heidrun Hafer, 31, was critically injured and taken to hospital. Police said she was arrested on Sunday on suspicion of spying for an unnamed foreign power.

The police announcement said she was being interrogated by federal criminal police and jumped from the window at Bavarian police headquarters during a respite from questioning.

Unemployment soars in EEC

BRUSSELS — Unemployment in the European Common Market is rising, according to the latest EEC Commission survey, published yesterday.

The greatest increases over the past month were reported from Belgium and Denmark. The British figures are not included, but the October figure for Britain was 1,320,923 people out of work.

In the same month, 1,025,250 people were out of work in France.

The West German total is given as 984,699 in November, while the latest figure given for Italy is 1,198,573 unemployed in September.

Comparing this year's figures with those for the same month last year, Belgium's 251,346 jobless total is 16 per cent up on the figure for November 1975; while Northern Ireland's November total of 55,504 unemployed is a 14 per cent increase on the 1975 figure.

University closed

ISTANBUL — Istanbul University was closed indefinitely yesterday after left and right-wing students battled on the campus — only a week after it reopened.

Eight people were taken to hospital after police joined in.

The country's two biggest universities are now closed. Ankara University was shut down a week ago.

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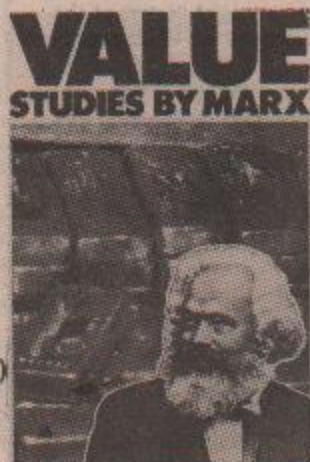
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Robert Moss and the CIA

ROBERT MOSS, who drafted Mrs Margaret Thatcher's notorious 'Iron Maiden' speech, is one of the staunchest defenders of the Chilean fascist regime.

He has connections with a whole number of shadowy organisations on the right wing of the Tory Party. Moss came to Britain from Australia to work on 'The Economist'. He was the paper's correspondent in Chile before

BY JOHN SPENCER

the military coup which overthrew Salvador Allende's Popular Unity regime.

He contributed articles attacking the government to papers like 'El Mercurio', and 'La Segunda', which were receiving heavy subsidies from the US Central Intelligence Agency.

Another paper to which Moss contributed was the magazine

'SEPA' aimed at army officers and Catholic women edited by Raphael Otero Echeverria, who is now the public affairs counsel at the Chilean Embassy in Washington.

In March 1973 — six months before the fascist junta's military coup — 'SEPA' featured an article by Moss under the heading: 'Robert Moss — an English recipe for Chile — Military Control'.

Otero's own past is extremely murky: during the early 1960s

LONDON PRO TRIAL OF SOU

NINE AFRICANS will be sentenced today under South Africa's notorious Terrorism Act. They could receive anything from five years' jail to death. The nine have already been imprisoned for over two years and they were in court for 131 days. They are: Saths Cooper, 25; Dr Aubrey Makoape; Mosinosa Lekota, 28; Jeremiah Jenolovhodwe, 29; Gilbert Sedibe; Muntu Myeza; Strini Moodley, 29; Zithulete Cindi, 26; and Vincent Nkomo.

All were arrested following demonstrations in September 1974 in solidarity with the assumption of power by FRELIMO in Mozambique. By the end of the year over 40 people had been arrested, all of whom were connected with organisations like the South African Students Organisation, the Black People's Convention, the Theatre Council of Natal (TECON), the People's Experimental Theatre (PET) and the Black Allied Workers' Union (BAWU).

Subsequent charges included conspiracy to transform the state by unconstitutional, revolutionary and/or violent means; publication of subversive and anti-white literature and plays; the holding of subversive gatherings; and the discouraging of foreign investment and co-operation with the South African authorities.

Prosecution witnesses included special branch police, informers, an Afrikaans University lecturer and a medical student — Ahmed Bawa — who admitted his statement had been rewritten four times before the police declared it satisfactory.

The nine who will be sentenced today were found guilty on two charges. The judge said: 'The conspirators decided upon and organised the holding of rallies to embarrass the government and to exploit the emotions which the success of the FRELIMO roused in the breasts of the blacks.'

At a Press conference called by Anti-Apartheid yesterday Nkosazana Dlamini, vice president of the South African Student Organisation (SAS) told of how the defendants had been tortured in jail.



Former Liberal Party leader, Jere... and National Union of Students organisation in London. Professor... handed in to the South African...



Robert Moss (left) on a National Association for Freedom platform with Viscount de l'Isle and Winston Churchill MP

he was Santiago correspondent for the Cuban news agency 'Prensa Latina', but ended up stealing all its equipment and records, for which he spent some time in jail. Chilean exiles now say he works for DINA the junta's Gestapo-style secret police.

Moss later boasted of the role played by himself, Otero and other extreme right-wing publicists in bringing down Allende. In his book 'The Collapse of Democracy', he

wrote:

'The survival of a powerful opposition Press and radio network in Chile was crucial to Allende's final defeat; it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that this was the nerve centre of the political opposition to Marxism.'

The US Senate investigation into the CIA has since revealed that this 'nerve centre' owed its survival to vast infusions of CIA funds. The agency spent \$4.3m in the ten years before the coup

on 'producing and disseminating propaganda and supporting mass media'.

Moss has maintained his Chilean links since the coup, and his book 'Chile's Marxist Experiment' is being given away free at the junta's embassies round the world. The Chilean regime paid £55,000 to publishers David and Charles to purchase 10,000 copies of the book.

Apart from writing Mrs Thatcher's speeches, Moss has

considerable journalistic experience. Among agencies for which he worked was Forum World Features which was exposed in 1974 as a CIA-financed propaganda organisation.

Forum World Features 'went underground' after the 1974 exposures and its library was taken over by the Institute for the Study of Conflict, run by the feature agency's former managing director, Iain Hamilton.

Moss has contributed extensively to the Institute's publications.

But 'The Guardian' has now revealed that Forum's book publishing interests were never terminated and that the agency is now running a publishing operation from a defunct south London butcher's business.

Moss is also a contributor to the newspaper 'Free Nation' run by the National Association for Freedom. 'Free Nation' a fortnightly — carries expensive

advertisements for such firms as Taylor Woodrow, Tate and Lyle, Phoenix Assurance and Hambros.

Among its council are seven right-wing Tory MPs, including newly appointed shadow ministers Rhodes Boyson and Winston Churchill (seen above). NAFF operates from an office in Regent Street, in the West End.

NAFF was founded in memory of the Ross McWhirter, who was shot dead last year. The Association does not lack for finance.

Earlier this year the Labour Party's 'Labour Weekly' carried a story stating the NAFF had given a 'blank cheque' to Tameside, Manchester, parents who took the Education Secretary to court over plans for comprehensive schools.

Moss has been an admirer of Mrs Thatcher since before her election to the Tory leadership. A letter from Moss to a friend, published recently in 'Searchlight', the anti-fascist magazine, read in part:

'Well, she's done it, and the period ahead looks immensely challenging. What the party is clearly going to need now is a strong infusion of that particular blend of latter-day Tory populism that you, I think, have come to represent better than anyone else.'

This is something that I would very much like to talk over with you, especially as I am at last beginning to think seriously about trying to get into the House.'

Yesterday Mrs Thatcher's Press Secretary, Derek Howell, described Moss as 'a respected journalist and foreign affairs expert'.

TEST OVER TH AFRICANS

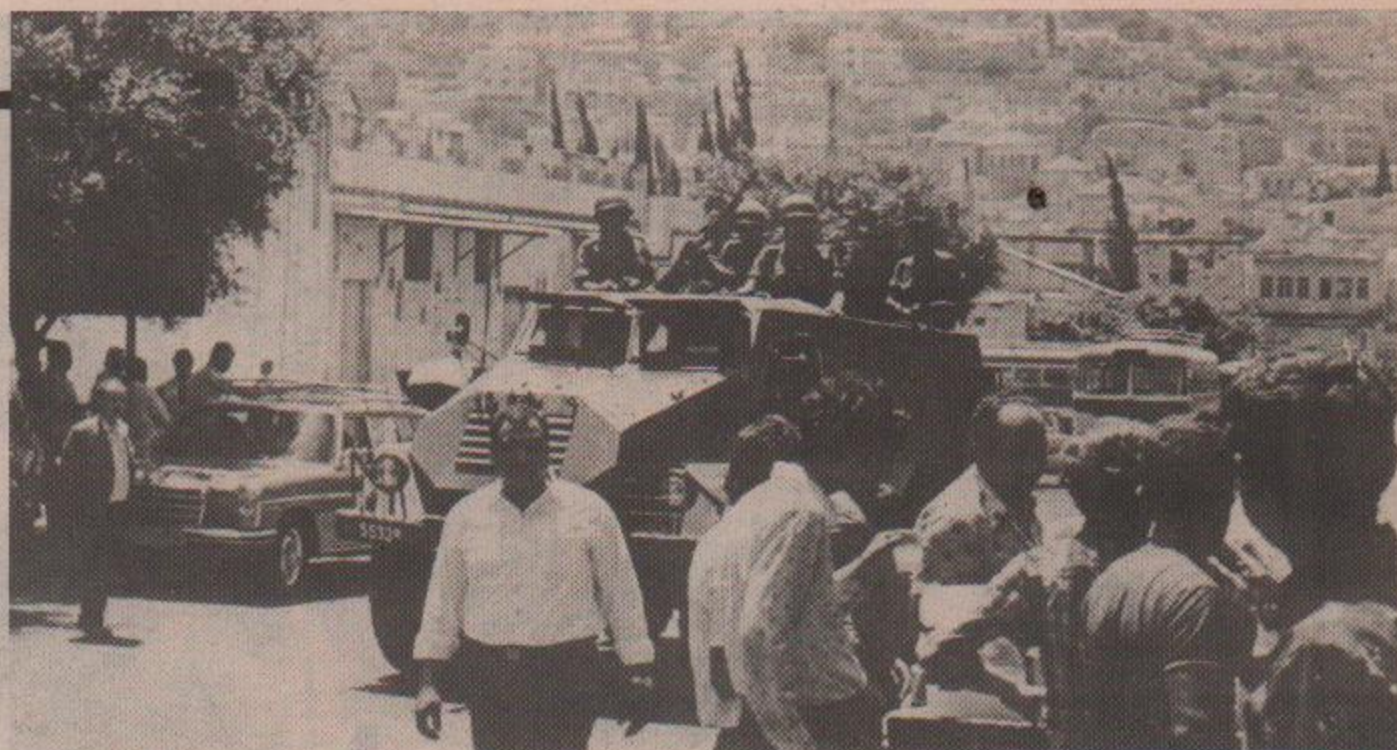


by Thorpe, vice-president of the South African Student Organisation Nkosazana Dlamini president Charles Clark at yesterday's Press conference called by the anti-Apartheid David King also expressed his opposition to the trials. Later, a letter of protest was assessor and a picket was held outside the embassy.



The picket outside South Africa House

Turmoil in the occupied West Bank towns—



Bank towns—

NABLUS, occupied West Bank — The Mayors of the two most politically restive towns in Arab areas occupied by Israel have predicted a winter of turmoil and agitation against Israeli rule.

The two men were commenting in separate statements on the unrest which has affected their towns and, to a lesser degree, other urban areas of the West Bank over the past two weeks.

Mayor Bassam Al-Shaka of Nablus, said to represent the authority of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on the West Bank, and the Mayor of Ramallah, Karim Khalaf, agreed that inhabitants of their towns were willing to embark on a campaign to defy Israeli authority, no matter what the consequences.

'I can assure you that, politically, it will be a long, hot winter and that recent demonstrations here were only a start,' Mayor Khalaf said.

Situation

'If the attitude of the local Israeli military government doesn't change, the situation could become very bad,' Shaka declared.

Ramallah, a largely Christian town, was calm on Sunday as many of its inhabitants took their weekly rest. But in the bustling market town of Nablus, mayor Shaka's voice was drowned out at times in his

office by knots of shouting teenagers, demonstrating in the street below.

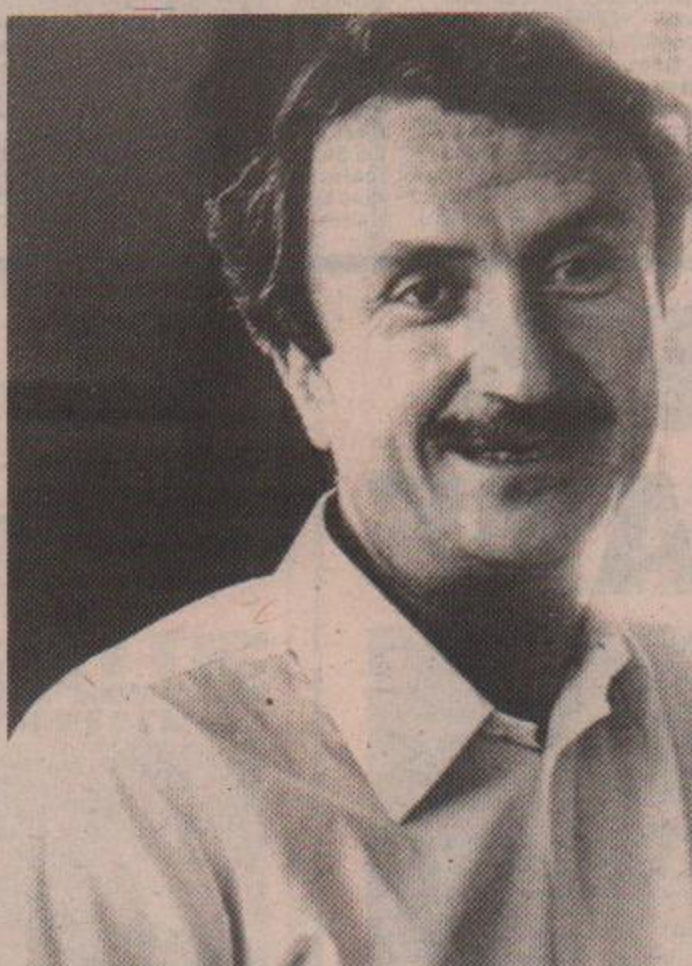
In contrast to the peaceful Arab farming villages which line the road into the West Bank from Kalkilya near Israel's pre-1967 borders, Nablus was tense following the street clashes and strikes of the past weeks.

Meeting

High school students held a noisy meeting on the ground floor of the town hall, vowing they would stay away from classes till Israeli authorities released their comrades detained during the recent turmoil.

Officials at the town hall spoke of 'several hundreds' of arrested students.

Shaka, who is credited with having engineered last week's highly successful business strike throughout the West Bank, was particularly incensed at fines given students by military courts for participating in the sometimes violent



Mayor Bassam al-Shaka of Nablus

demonstrations.

He said some were as much as 7,000 or 8,000 Israeli pounds (about £450), a high figure for the relatively low income of

many of Nablus' inhabitants.

Israeli sources explained that the fines were a strong incentive for parents to keep their children off the streets in times

of unrest.

Shouts of 'Al Shaab Al-Falastini Lam Yamoot' (The Palestinian people will not die) echoed near the town hall when about 100 teenagers, including many girls in school uniforms, took to the streets after the student meeting.

They dispersed rapidly when an armoured personnel carrier, bristling with Israeli troops, rumbled into view.

At the Israeli headquarters in Nablus two young soldiers were

preparing to accompany the riot troops with their own special equipment — a camera with a giant telephoto lense to photograph 'ringleaders' in the demonstrations.

In Ramallah, Mayor Khalaf said 18 pupils were in jail in connection with recent incidents. He said the Israeli presence in the town was overbearing. Inhabitants held street demonstrations since this was the only way they could express their support for the PLO.

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Israeli troops on the streets of Nablus (above and top)

**'It will be a long
hot winter—the
situation could
become very bad'**

Science today



Scientists from many countries and working in many fields are at work in Antarctica. This Polish ship, off South Georgia, is carrying a marine biological expedition (photo from Poland magazine)

Antarctic ice and CO₂

CANBERRA — Australian research scientists are hoping some ancient bubbles will help them discover what the world's atmosphere was like before the age of industrial pollution.

The tiny air bubbles are trapped in Antarctic ice which is tens of thousands of years old.

The ice cores have been brought from the Antarctic by the Australian department of science.

They have been catalogued according to age and are being stored in deep freezers pending analysis by Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) scientists at Melbourne.

Studying

The scientists are also studying carbon deposits in the 'age rings' of trees to determine if carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere have changed significantly over the centuries. They are looking to the

BY A SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT

bubbles and trees to help them establish:

- Where carbon dioxide moves in the atmosphere
- Whether the volume of carbon dioxide is likely to change
- Whether carbon dioxide movements and concentration changes modify climate

The scientists believe the gas helps shape the world's climate by acting like a greenhouse — letting sunlight pass through but trapping heat near the ground.

To assess the great volume of carbon dioxide created in

modern times by burning coal and petroleum, the scientists have been monitoring modern gas levels since 1972.

Special air sampling devices have been installed in one international and three domestic airliners.

Australia was the second country, after Sweden, to establish airborne carbon dioxide measuring programmes.

The Swedish and Australian tests are part of a global monitoring programme involving ground stations at the South Pole, Alaska, Hawaii and Wellington, New Zealand.

A fifth ground station is being built in western Samoa.

The scientists claim that under certain circumstances involving high carbon dioxide concentrations the earth's temperature could increase and lead to melting of the ice caps.

However, the CSIRO research team believes such a prospect is a long way off.

'The average carbon dioxide level in the atmosphere is about 330 parts per million', according to one of the researchers, Dr Graeme Pearman.

'We've found that gas levels are building up at a rate of about one part per million per year, and, as far as we can estimate at present, by the year 2000 the earth's temperature may rise by one half of one degree centigrade as a result.'

Forests

Dr Pearman continued: 'During the northern hemisphere's summer the European and north American forests draw huge amounts of carbon dioxide from the air as they grow.'

'As the trees lose their leaves and photosynthesis ceases, large quantities of the gas are poured back into the air.'

This gas seemed to travel southwards over the equator at an altitude of between eight and 10 kilometres (five to six miles), taking about five months to complete the journey into southern latitudes.

'It would appear that this natural inflow balances itself, but the inputs from industrial sources do not, and we have a gas level which increases from year to year,' he said.

KING ARTHUR SURRENDERS ROUND TABLE

THE MYTH of King Arthur's Round Table was finally shattered today when it was confirmed from scientific tests that the table was built in the 14th century.

For centuries, legend has claimed that King Arthur and his knights sat round the table, which has hung on the wall of Winchester's great hall for hundreds of years.

Tests now show that the table was probably made for King Edward III, early in the 14th century.

Martin Biddle, director of the Winchester research unit, said yesterday: 'The table may not be as old as Arthur but tests indicate it

was made for a great mediaeval king at the height of the age of chivalry.'

The 18-foot diameter oak table was removed from the wall of the great hall last summer. Tree rings used to make it were examined and a radio carbon test carried out. Both gave the same result — early 14th century.

A number of holes, blocked with wine bottle corks, have been found in the table — mainly in the centre and at the top around the portrait of King Arthur.

Tests by Brian Heard, of

the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory, show the holes were made by guns used before the end of the 17th century.

X-rays indicate that pieces of metal, probably bullets, are still lodged in the table.

Mr Biddle said today: 'I don't think we have destroyed a legend because no historian has ever accepted that this could possibly be King Arthur's table. Now we know a great deal more about it, I think its interest has quadrupled.'

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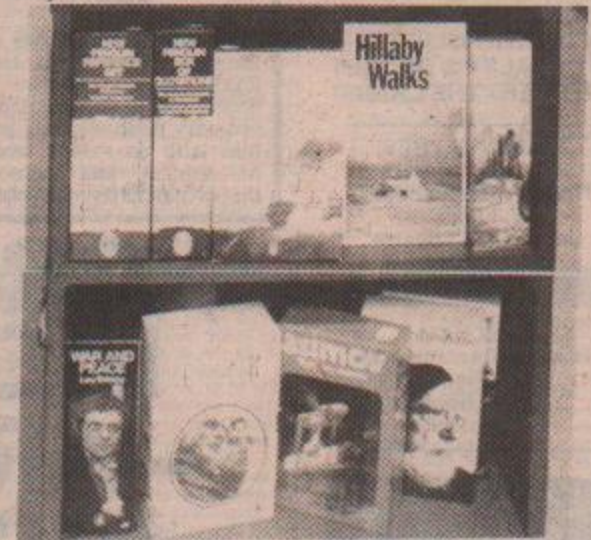
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ALL AT THE
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£2m cuts in Hull schools

OVER £2m cuts in education were announced yesterday by the Humberside education committee.

The committee say that staff will be cut-back by 287 teachers, that teachers will have to move schools, swimming lessons will be virtually abandoned and clothing allowance to low-income families will be given only in cases of desperate emergency.

Slashed

In addition, expenditure on books, paper and equipment will be slashed to 1973 levels and all nursery school building will be cancelled.

Some schools will be amalgamated and very small schools closed.

The Labour controlled education committee says the run-down is part of an 'economy drive' totalling £2.6m to comply with the government public spending cuts.



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Irish political prisoners in British jails—Part four

SEGREGATION AND DISCRIMINATION BY THE PRISON REGIME

WHEN the Prisoner of War's time in solitary has ended he is told that he is being put in one of the main prison wings.

If there are other Irish Prisoners of War in the jail he will not be put into the same wing as them. They must be kept apart as much as possible.

The authorities may try to make stipulations for him going on to the wing; — stipulations they would not make when dealing with other prisoners.

A refusal to accept these stipulations can mean that you may spend extra time in solitary.

Normally the stipulation for you going into the wing is that you wear 'patches'. This is jail jargon for clothing that only failed 'escapees' must wear.

The normal prison uniform has a bright yellow bar sewn down the front and back of the trousers. The grey serge overcoat also has a yellow patch sewn on to the back.

Those who wear such clothing are easily picked out no matter where they are in the jail. It is typical of the authorities that when they cannot keep you in solitary any longer they try and impose upon you as much of it as possible, for anyone who wears 'patches' has his clothing and cell furniture removed from his cell every night. He suffers the red light and is checked every 15 minutes throughout the night. The Prisoner of war will spend extra time in solitary rather than accept these unwarranted stipulations.

Learns

Eventually he reaches one of the main prison wings. He soon learns that as far as he is concerned 'Conditions under the ordinary prison system' provide him with no respite from the harassment and persecution that he has suffered in solitary.

Hugh Feeney is a Republican political prisoner held at the Long Kesh concentration camp built by the British to hold internees. This account of systematic brutality and torture in British jails used against Irish prisoners is compiled from eye-witness accounts.

In solitary the authorities had justified their treatment of him by saying that it was all part of his punishment. They continue to treat him in this way only now they justify it by saying he is a category 'A' prisoner. This justification does not stand up to criticism because other category 'A' prisoners who are non-political are treated much better than he is.

However, one thing that he does have in common with them is that he is held in a security cell.

This cell is seven foot long, six foot broad and eight foot high. The bed frame is cemented into the floor and the door has three bolts instead of one. The red light is turned on at night and those who control the cameras which line the perimeter wall turn them to his cell window at night.

Always he is aware of being watched. During the day when he is not in the cell it is searched. He too is searched often. He is given one half hour's

exercise a day and it is during this period that they will take him away to be searched.

The lost exercise time is seldom given back.

The Irish Prisoner of War's incoming and outgoing mail will be mislaid or stopped. He will not be allowed to attend educational classes or make use of the recreational facilities. When he asks why this is so he will be told that the governor has laid down orders to this effect and that only he can explain why.

Request

To see the governor the Prisoner makes his request at 'slop-out' time in the morning. Around mid-day, usually when he is queueing for his dinner, he is told that the governor wishes to see him about his application. He has to stand outside for at least an hour before he is seen. This is a deliberate policy and it is hoped that by keeping one waiting long enough you will

stop making applications to see the governor and will accept the petty harassment and restrictions without question.

The first thing that you learn about prison governors is that they seldom tell the truth. Mr . . . of . . . jail is well known by Prisoners of War for his lying and his Loyalist sympathies.

They will all deny knowledge of you not being allowed to attend educational classes yet when you ask will you be allowed they refuse to answer.

The prison authorities make no attempt to conceal from the Prisoners of War the discriminatory methods. In fact they do everything blatantly in the hope that they will provoke a reaction from him and thus provide them with the opportunity to put him back into solitary.

All that is denied him — books, papers and letters — other category 'A' prisoners are allowed.

Other prisoners have their visits in a communal visiting

room, sitting around tables with their families. He is taken to a small room which is divided in the middle by a glass and steel partition.

Those who have been allowed to visit him have only been allowed after having been thoroughly investigated by the Special Branch.

They must give three days notice to the prison authorities before the actual visit. This allows the local police to be present in the prison. Once they have received permission they are still not free from harassment.

Visitors arriving at Heathrow Airport from Ireland are held for hours by Special Branch.

Even after they have visited the jails they are again arrested and held by the English police.

There can be no other motivation behind this harassment than the intended discouragement of wives and families from visiting Prisoners of War.

Degrading

As we have said Frank Stagg refused to accept visits because of the degrading treatment meted out to his wife and sister.

Other Irish Prisoners of War find themselves in the same position and in Gartree, Leicestershire, Paul Holmes and five other Prisoners of War have refused to accept visits.

When the Prisoner of War has a visit he is taken from his cell to a room beside the visits where he is searched. His visitors are also searched and their belongings are taken from them. Small children are also searched.

The prisoner and the visitors enter the room by separate doors on opposite sides of the partition. All conversations are recorded.

The assistant governor and screws who sit behind the visitors watching them also watch the prisoner in case he tries to mouth a message.

Reason

The visitors are also watched for the same reason from the prisoners side of the partition.

If the pitch of the voices should drop the visit is immediately stopped.

Phil Sheridan, another victim of the agent provocateur, Kenneth Lennon, watched his wife and children being dragged from a visiting box in Gartree because his mentally handicapped son had tried to sit on his father's knee.

Clearly the closed visits which Irish Prisoners of War have been having over these last three years do not justify the degrading searches which are made on his person after his visit. He is strip-searched and may be subjected to an internal body search.

**CONTINUED
TOMORROW**

NORTHERN IRELAND —AREA OF HIGHEST POVERTY

POVERTY and social deprivation is highest in Northern Ireland according to a recent survey.

The pamphlet, 'Poverty: The Facts in Northern Ireland' is published by the Child Poverty Action Group.

It says that in almost every direction Northern Ireland is a deprived area in comparison with areas in Britain.

On housing, the pamphlet states that a third of all dwellings were built before 1881. The Housing Condition Survey in 1974 showed that 19.6 per cent of the Northern Ireland housing stock was uninhabitable.

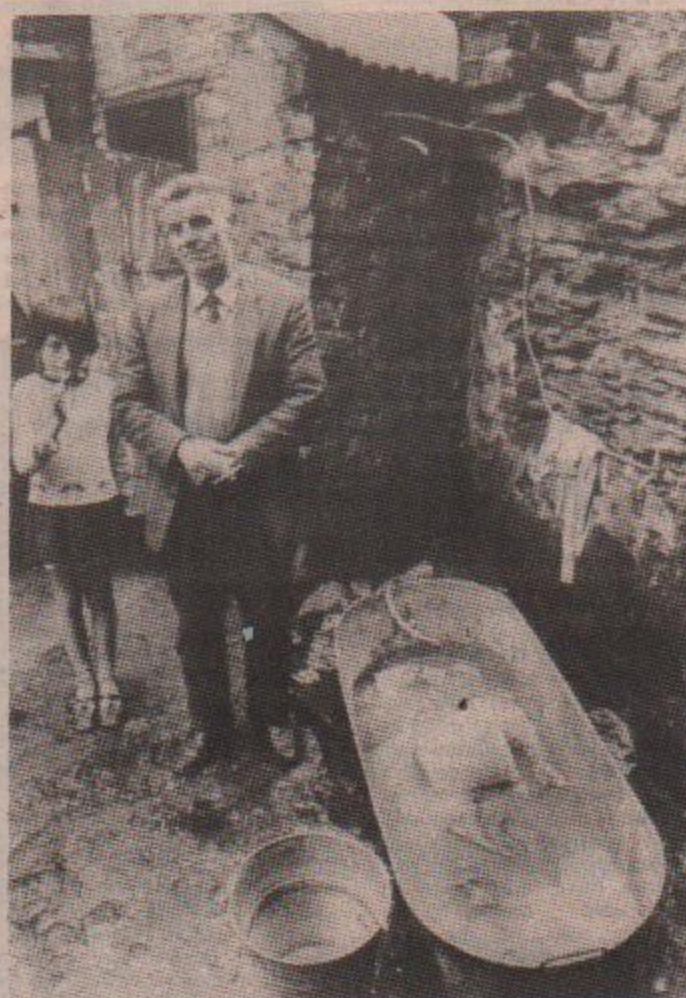
Northern Ireland is also the worst deprived area for minimum living conditions.

Compared with the one in eight households without a fixed bath or shower in England Northern Ireland has one household in three without bath or shower. One house in ten has no internal or external toilet and one in five no hot water.

Unemployment is higher than in Britain. Throughout the 1960s unemployment in Northern Ireland was at least three times the United Kingdom rate.

The pamphlet also shows that wages are very much lower in Northern Ireland. In 1974 24.2 per cent of those at work were earning less than £30.

• 'Poverty: The Facts in Northern Ireland' by Eileen Evason can be obtained from the Child Poverty Action Group, 1 Macklin Street, London WC2. Price 70p.



Poverty in an Ulster slum

TV LineUp

GRANADA

9.30 Untamed World. 9.55 The Beatles. 10.10 Holiday Matinee. 11.45 Baldmoney, Sneezewort, Dodder and Cloudberry. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Take Kerr. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.10 This Is Your Right. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45 News At 5.45.
6.00 GRANADA REPORTS.
6.35 THE BEVERLEY HILLBILLIES: 'Home for Christmas'. The Clametts take their first aeroplane.
7.05 THE TUESDAY FILM: Michael York, Elke Sommer in 'Zeppelin'. The British War Cabinet determined to gain detailed plans of this new terrifying weapon of total war.
9.00 DICKENS OF LONDON: Roy Dotrice in 'Memories'. New York City and the long awaited recital — But Charles is ill.
10.00 NEWS AT TEN.
10.30 FORT AUGUSTUS — A VISIT BY RAY GOSLING.
11.30 MOVIN' ON: 'Goin' Home — Part 2'. Sammy searches desperately for a valuable necklace in a purse donated to a charity.
12.30 closedown.

THAMES

9.30 Felix the Cat. 9.40 Cause for a King. 10.30 Meet Shirley Temple in 'The Little Princess'. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Today's Post. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Batman. 5.45 News.
6.00 TODAY with Eamonn Andrews
6.35 Crossroads
7.00 THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN: 'Vulture of the Andes' A suspected plan to launch guided missiles against America
8.00 THE NEW AVENGERS
9.00 DICKENS OF LONDON: 'Memories'. Last episode of the series, in which Charles presents his work in New York and remembers his childhood
10.00 NEWS AT TEN
10.30 FORT AUGUSTUS: A Visit by Ray Gosling. A look at life in the Benedictine monastery at Fort Augustus, Scotland
11.30 POLICE STORY: 'Explosion'. A madman is about to blow up a bus terminus.
12.25 CHRISTMAS PIE: 'Full House' followed by **Closedown.**

BBC 1

10.20 The Wombles. 10.25 The Great Grape Show. 10.50 Wild, Wild, World. 10.55 Flash Gordon. 11.30 Tarzan Triumphs. 12.45 Midday News. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45 Mary, Mungo and Midge. 2.00 When Comedy Was King. 3.20 Fo A Fe. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Jackanory. 4.40 Animal Magic. 5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.15 Charlie Brown. 5.40 Evening News. 5.55 Nationwide.
6.45 THE SUPERSTARS: Competition amongst the greatest sportsmen to find the sporting *Superstar* of Europe
7.55 HONDO A Western starring John Wayne and Geraldine Page. Angie Lowe is in danger because of an expected Apache uprising, but will not leave her isolated ranch
9.15 MASTERMIND
9.45 MAIN NEWS
10.10 EAST LYNNE An adaptation of the novel by Mrs Henry Wood
11.10 MY CHILDREN, MY CHILDREN: 'A Small Imperfection' What is Spina Bifida? What are its causes and consequences
12.10 Weatherman, Regional News

BBC 2

11.00 Play School. 11.25 Closedown
7.00 NEWS ON 2 HEADLINES
7.05 ZARABANDA Programme 25 of Spanish for beginners
7.30 NEWS ON 2: Weather.
7.35 IN DEEPEST BRITAIN: Winter in Oxfordshire Three naturalists compare the countryside wildlife in winter with a film they made of the same scene in summer
8.15 THE OLD GREY WHISTLE TEST: 'Macon Whoopee'. Bob Harris presents his own report from Macon, Georgia, about the bands active in the southern USA
9.15 FRANKENSTEIN: The True Story. After the early death of his brother, Victor Frankenstein meets Henry Clerval, whose ambition is to conquer the power of death. With James Mason, David McCallum, Michael Sarrazin. Screenplay by Christopher Isherwood and Don Bachardy, directed by Jack Smight
12.05 NEWS HEADLINES: Weather
12.10-12.15 Closedown: Paul Scofield reads Robert Southwell's 'The Burning Babe'

REGIONS

CHANNEL

1.20 News, What's On Where, Weather. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 The Woody Woodpecker. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report at Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon Time. 7.10 Film: 'The Mask of Sheba'. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus — A Visit by Ray Gosling. 11.25 Commentaries et Previsions Meteorologiques followed by Weather and Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.50 A Card For Christmas. 9.55 Skippy. 10.20 The News Seekers. 11.10 It's All About Panto. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.25 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 News Headlines. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 The Woody Woodpecker Show. 5.45 News. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon Time. 7.10 Film: 'The Mask of Sheba'. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.27 Late News and Weather. 11.30 A Card For Christmas. 11.35 Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.55 Baldmoney, Sneezewort, Dodder and Cloudberry. 10.05 Huckleberry Finn. 11.20 It's All About Panto. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 News and Weather. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm.

Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Sinbad Junior. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Day By Day. 7.00 Sergeant Ryker. 8.30 Yuss My Dear. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 Oscar Peterson Presents. 12.00 News Extra. 12.10 Weather, followed by Dana and Closedown.

HTV

9.50 Hammy Hamster. 10.00 Heidi. 11.10 It's All About Pantomime. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Report West Headlines. 1.25 Report Wales Headlines. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Breaktime. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Mr and Mrs. 7.05 Tuesday Western. 8.00 Destry. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. Report West Headlines. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 Phyllis. 12.00 Weather and Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV except 1.20-1.25 Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.20-4.35 Miri Mawr. 4.35-4.45 Wst-bethna? 6.00-6.18 Y Dydd. 10.00-10.30 News at Ten. Report Wales Headlines. 10.30-11.15 Dan Sylw. 11.15-11.45 The Little And Large Teilyshow. 11.45 Weather and Close.

HTV WEST: As HTV except 1.20-1.30 Report West Headlines. 6.18-6.35 Report West. 10.00-10.30 News at Ten followed by report Wales headlines.



Roy Dotrice (as John Dickens) and Simon Bell (as his son Charles) in the thirteenth and final episode of 'Dickens of London' tonight: ITV, 9.00 p.m.

ANGLIA

9.55 Film: 'Miracle in The Rain'. 11.10 It's All About Panto. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.25 Anglia News. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 The Muppet Show. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00 The New Avengers. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 Angling Today. 12.00

Night Gallery. 12.30 Anthology, followed by Closedown.

ATV MIDLANDS

10.05 Rules of the Game. 10.30 Film: 'Zebra In The Kitchen'. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 ATV Today (News at 5.45). 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon Time. 7.15 Film: 'That Riviera Touch'. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 Angling Today. 12.05 Closedown.

ULSTER

10.35 Animated Classics. 11.20 It's All About Panto. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Ulster News Headlines. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.48 Ulster News Headlines. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Breaktime. 5.45 News. 6.00 UTV Reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'A Tale Of Two Cities'. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 Angling Today. 12.00 Tuesday night. 12.05 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

10.00 Christmas Carols. 10.10 Hammy Hamster. 10.20 Kenny Rogers and the First Edition. 11.10 Tarzan. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Harriet. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon Time. 7.15 McCoy. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 Police Surgeon. 11.55 Christmas Carols. 12.05 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

10.20 Starting Point. 10.35 Ed Allen Time. 10.55 Penny and Sonny. 11.00 Christmas Carols. 11.10 It's All About Pantomime. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Batman. 5.45 News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon Time. 7.15 McCoy. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 Police Surgeon. 12.00 Epilogue. 12.05 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

9.45 Hammy Hamster. 9.55 Beachcombers. 10.20 Tarzan. 11.10 Forgotten Frontier. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Out of Town. 5.45 News. 6.00 Border News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Sound Of Scarlet Jade. 7.00 Mystery Movie: 'McCoy In Again. Out Again'. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 George Hamilton IV. 11.57 News. 12.00 Weather. 12.00 Closedown.

BORDER

10.00 Huckleberry Finn. 11.10 It's All About Panto. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.25 Road and Weather Report. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Calmero. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Battle of the Comics. 7.00 Write to Isabel. 7.10 Film: 'Colombo — Troubled Waters'. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 The Streets of San Francisco. 12.30 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

10.10 Bold As Brass. 11.10 It's All About Panto. 11.55 The Woosies. 12.00 Issi Noho. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.30 Making Things Do. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Grampian News Headlines. 1.30 The Cedar Tree. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Sam. 3.20 Looks Familiar. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Arrows. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Breaktime. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Grampian Today. 6.05 Country Focus. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Four For Texas'. 9.00 Dickens of London. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Fort Augustus. 11.30 The Protectors. 12.00 Evening Prayers. 12.05 Closedown.

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BBC RADIO 1

6.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Noel Edmonds. 9.00 Tony Blackburn with the Top 100 Favourite Odes. 12.00 Paul Burnett, including: 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.52 David Hamilton (S). 4.30 It's D.L.T. OK. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.02 John Dunn (S). 11.00 John Peel (S). 12.00-12.05 As Radio 2.

BBC RADIO 2

6.00 News Summary. 6.02 Colin Berry (S) including: 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.02 Terry Wogan (S) including 7.10 and 8.10 Cricket Report. 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02-11.30 Pete Murray's Open House (S) including 9.40 Cricket. 10.30 Waggoners Walk. 11.30

Jimmy Young (S) including 11.40 Cricket. 1.50 Sports Desk. 2.02 David Hamilton (S) with 2.45 and 3.45 Sports Desk. 4.30 Waggoners Walk. 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.47 John Dunn (S) including 5.45 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 Beat the Record. 7.30 Robin Richmond (S). 8.02 Ragtime to Rock n Roll. 9.02 Among Your Souvenirs (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 BBC Radio Orchestra (S). 11.02 Ruth Cubbin with The Late Show. 12.00-12.05 News, weather, motoring information.

BBC RADIO 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Overture (S). Bernstein. Copland. Gershwin. 8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (S). Rossini. Schubert

RADIO

Arts Worldwide. 1.20 Cardiff Midday Prom Part 2: Honegger. 1.55 Schumann's Piano Music (S). 2.40 A Little Light Music (S). 3.25 New Music from Hungary (S) by Soproni. Durko. 4.15 Plainsong (S) for Advent and Christmas. 4.55 Jazz Today (S). 5.25 Vocal Sounds (S). 5.45 Homeward Bound (S). 6.05 News. 6.10 Homeward Bound. 6.30 Lifelines. Work Vortex. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer. Telemann (S). 9.50 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (S). Mozart. Schubert. 10.25 Scottish University Concert (S) Part 1: Copland. Perl. Maxwell Davies. 11.10 In Short. 11.20 Concert (S) Part 2: Stockhausen. Fricker. Dobrowolski. 12.05 Cardiff Midday Prom Part 1: Barnes. Sibelius. 1.00 News. 1.05 The

WALES

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and Training. 7.30 Beethoven (S) piano concertos. 8.30 Battle for the Sums. 8.50 Beethoven (S) Concert Part 2. 9.30 London Village. 10.05 Cries of London (S) by Thomas Weelkes and Orlando Gibbons. 10.25 Music in Our Time (S) Concert. 11.25-11.30 News.

BBC RADIO 4

6.20 News. 6.22 Farming Today. 6.40 Prayer For The Day. 6.45 Today with News at 7.00 and 8.00. 8.45 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call. 10.00 News. 10.05 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. 11.00 News. 11.05 Down Your Way. 11.45 The Will and Wisdom of Margaret

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Radio Ulster 224m 1340kHz (S) Stereophonic

Powell. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 Top of the Form. 12.55 Weather and Programme News. 1.00 The World at One. News. 1.30 The Archers. 1.45 Woman's Hour. 2.45 Listen With Mother. 3.00 News. 3.05 The Aspern Papers (S) by Henry James. 4.00 News. 4.05 Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35 Story Time. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.50 Financial Report. 5.55 Weather and Programme News. 6.00 News. 6.15 My World (S). 6.45 The Archers. 7.00 News. 7.05 The World in Focus. 7.30 As Radio 3. 8.30 As Radio 3. 8.50 As Radio 3. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. News. 10.45 A Book at Bedtime. 11.00 God Rest Ye Merry. 11.15 Today in Parliament. 11.30 News preceded by Weather. 11.51-11.54 Inshore Forecast.

SPORTSLINE

CRICKET

Pakistan lose first match of Australian tour

PERTH — Pakistan lost the first match of their Australian tour, going down by six wickets to Western Australia here yesterday.

Heroes of West Australia's victory were Kim Hughes, with an unbeaten 137, left-hander Rob Long (87) and skipper Rodney Marsh, who steered his side home with an unbeaten 39.

The win gave Western Australia a hat-trick of international wins. Two years ago they beat the MCC by 120 runs and last year defeated the West Indians by 115 runs.

When West Australian batsmen gave a tremendous exhibition of controlled hitting to score 333 runs in 258 minutes.

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Mushtaq Mohammad, who had earlier completed a sparkling unbeaten 132, set the scene for an exciting finish by declaring Pakistan's second innings at 319 for five.

When Salim Altaf dismissed openers Bruce Laird (11) and Rick Charlesworth (13) in three balls, Pakistani hopes were high, but Langer took complete charge.



Mushtaq Mohammad

Seam versus spin is the Test

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI — Tony Greig is looking to new bowling star John Lever to break through India's second innings when the first Test resumes this morning.

Progressed

India, who followed on 259 behind, have progressed stubbornly to 82 for one and feel they can still save the match.

Lever's bowling has taken Greig by surprise. 'I thought of him as a left hander who could slant the ball across the batsmen,' Greig said yesterday. 'But he has really swung the

ball here and that's surprised me. And he can get even better if he works on improving his outswingers.'

Greig has to rely on seam and pace to try and win the series as his spinners do not worry the Indian batsmen.

The man Greig has to dispose of quickly in this Test is the great Sunil Gavaskar, who is only seven short of completing 1,000 Test runs this year.

Viv Richards did the same thing, of course, and it's a measure of Gavaskar's brilliance that he is within sight of becoming only the fourth man in history to reach the magic target.

Greig was full of praise for the Indian opener. 'His judgement

in this match has been superb,' the England captain said.

'I thought Bob Willis bowled a very good line to him in the first innings, but he was letting it go through just a few inches outside the off-stump.'

Despite India's plight, Gavaskar has grown in the confidence and was able to hit Greig for six in Sunday's final over.

If he can settle down again today, India should get the 177 they need to avoid an innings defeat and could set England a tantalising total for the last day.

If England do have to bat again, it will be on a worn pitch against the best spin attack in the world.

WARWICK

12.30 YOUNGSTERS OPPT'Y HURDLE £400
2m (8 runners)
1 013103 BAGDAD GOLD (USA) D Nicholson 411 12 A Webb
2 1F4-010 PRINCE PRINCE ARDENT (D) W Clay 411 12 M Elliott
4 02U0-00 CHARE (D) R Bower 411 7 J Mooney
6 00000 BROWN DERBY P Butler 310 5 P Butler
12 0 GOLDEN MURRY M Tate 310 5 S J O'Neill
14 HENRIETTE RONNER F Yardley 310 5 A Lovell
16 00 MY MANON J Edwards 310 5 T McGee
19 PP00 ROSIA BOY M Tate 310 5

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Bagdad Gold, 2-1 Prince Ardent, 5-2 Chare, 10-1 My Manon, 16-1 others.

1.00 WARWICK HANDICAP CHASE £750
2m 4f (11 runners)
2 3344-20 VILLAGE SLAVE (BF) J Old 811 11 J Francome
3 24P-F03 BACHELOR'S HALL P Cundell 611 11 Mr C Saunders
5 1U2F-03 SIDNEY J Millington 711 2 R Linley
7 212-44-P FOUR BY TWO G Balding 810 13 J Watkinson
9 13001 LIGHT MASTER Earl Jones 610 12 D Cartwright
14 0-40144 BRIGHT FERGUS M Scudamore 710 5 C Candy
13 20P-022 TUDORAMUN (BF) G Kindersley 710 5 H J Evans
14 0P01-PP GERVIC R Armytage 710 5 N Clay
16 F=44P-P FEEL FREE W Clay 1010 2 Joe Guest
18 a=0F0-PF AGROSTIS J Joseph 810 0 R Mann
19 3=FP44-0 OUR ARTHUR S Underhill 1010 0

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Light Master, 3-1 Bachelor's Hall, 9-2 Village Slave, 6-1 Tudoramun, 8-1 Sidney, 10-1 Bright Fergus, 12-1 others.

1.30 UPTON HANDICAP HURDLE £500
2m (17 runners)
2 003212- SPACE PROJECT (FR) R Brown 611 7 R Hyett
3 4412-00 MISS POKER FACE (D) R Turner 611 6 E Waite (7)
5 F0411-1 THE FLAK BOMBER (C-D) M Tate 511 5 C Smith (7)
6 PP400P- PAST MASTER (C-D) W Clay 911 1 N Clay
7 0004-0P ALASKA HIGHWAY (D) F Winter 711 0 J Francome
8 040101- MOURNDYKE L Holt 410 13 W Smith
10 44140-0 ALAMEIN (D) F Winter 510 10 James Guest
11 0-0F210- VELVET KING M Tate 810 7 R Mann
12 0-00204 DESTINY HILL (USA) (D) S Holland 510 6 S Holland
13 420P10- NORON R Morris 410 5 R Dickin
14 02314U- MAGIC LOVE (D) L Holt 410 4 R Atkins
17 2P=0-004 CLOSED CIRCUIT (D) R Head 610 2 M Floyd (5)
18 1-00F30 KING'S HAZARD (D) D Barons 410 0 P Leach (3)
19 10000-0 EMBASSY B Cambridge 510 0 G Jones
21 000-000 PROUD KNIGHT (USA) (D) E Warren 710 0 L Green (7)
22 001=P FIELD HOUSE H Trigg 610 0 Mrs Nicky Lay (7)
23 31-0F00 REDCITY T Forster 610 0 G Thorner

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Miss Pocker Face, 4-1 Alamein, 9-2 Closed Circuit, 5-1 Destiny Hill and King's Hazard, 8-1 The Flak Bomber, 12-1 Space Project, 14-1 others.

2.00 STONELEIGH HANDICAP CHASE £750
3m (6 runners)
1 232242- PENGRAIL F Winter 812 1 J Francome
3 12B-410 GHOST WRITER (D) F Walwyn 912 0 W Smith
4 03P-103 THE PILGRIM F Rime 811 1 J Burke
5 12B2-P3 SHIFTING GOLD (C-D) (BF) K Bailey 711 10 M Dickinson
7 4230-30 RATHVILLY (BF) R Head 811 6 G Thorner
19 0P-P ARCTIC IMP Miss T Pearson 910 0 D Cartwright

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Ghost Writer, 100-30 The Pilgrim, 4-1 Rathvilly, 9-2 Pengrail, 8-1 Shifting Gold, 25-1 Arctic Imp.

2.30 SHIRLEY NOVICES CHASE £810
2m (11 runners)
1 B32F-33 CHALLONER J Webber 811 4 Mr P Webber (7)
2 0F0-0-0 COVE BAY E Cousins 511 4 Mr P Barry (5)
3 0-013-44 DISCOUNT MARKET C Bewicke 511 4 V Soane
6 0-FF0F0 EMPEROR'S GIFT F Rime 611 4 Mr N Twiston-Davies (7)
14 00P-0-00 MY ISAY P Butler 611 4 P Butler (5)
15 420-003 NOBLE BEAUTY T Marshall 511 4 M Floyd (5)
17 030-322 OLD MAN DIMPLEX (BF) F Winter 911 4 J Francome
20 0032-F0 SIMONE MARTINI F Mann 711 4 Mr R Mann (7)
23 P000 THE COOPER KIDS J Bradley 711 4 M Williams
24 00200-0 TIP THE WINK P Taylor 611 4 A Carroll (5)
25 F04-F03 VERONA BAY R Armytage 611 4 H J Evans

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Tip the Wink, 5-2 Discount Market, 7-2 Old Man Dimplex, 6-1 Verona Bay, 8-1 Challoner, 12-1 others.

3.00 HAMPTON FOUR YR OLD H'CAP HURDLE £500
(4-Y-O) 2m (17 runners)
1 023F-00 BRENN (D) (BF) D Nicholson 127 J Southern
3 12014-3 TAROT (D) F Winter 126 J Francome
5 002-004 CHRISTMAS COMET (USA) (D) D Nicholson 120 J King
7 313104 KOBE (D) W Charles 117 Mr M Charles (7)
9 23-0000 BALITREE (D) D Barons 117 P Leach (3)
13 3100- GREAT RAVEN R Akehurst 114 P McGee
17 442 WILLINGS HOPE P Mitchell 1010 R Hughes
19 40013-0 PELHAM WOOD (D) R Armytage 109 H J Evans
28 00-F0 DEEP MEMORIES T Forster 107 G Thorner
29 0000- ASPEN D Gandolfo 107 P Barton
30 300010 AMBER CALL (C-D) J Bradley 107 M Williams
31 P000-00 PALLBEARER A Rumsey 107 I Watkinson
34 00-0333 COMMANDER MAY F Walwyn 107 B McNally (7)
36 0001 HONOURABLE ENOCH (D) B Cambridge 107 G Jones
37 0F00 LOONG KOI G Balding 107 R C Bailey
38 00-00 ARCTIC LION B Morgan 107 R R Evans
39 8000-0 BARNEYS FIRST A Brisbane 107 Mr M Brisbane (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Tarot, 4-1 Christmas Comet, 9-2 Pelham Wood, 5-1 Brenn, 6-1 Kobe, 8-1 Willings Hope, 12-1 others.

Winning Post

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

WE HAVE already seen 51 jump fixtures called off this season because of frost, snow, drought, waterlogging and fog.

But judging by last season's form, it would take an earthquake to prevent Le Robstan winning today's Whitelaw Gold Cup (1.45) at FOLKESTONE.

Le Robstan's trail-blazing tactics brought him four victories between December 5 and January 1 last season, and the aggregate winning distance was 68 lengths.

He hasn't won since in four

efforts in this country, but showed distinct signs of returning to his very best last time out.

That was when he took the 21-horse Hennessy Gold Cup field by the scruff of its neck from the start and quickly killed off many of the fancied contenders.

He was still bowling along in front when a bad mistake at the 16th fence put him out of the reckoning.

Folkestone's relatively easy fences should present no problems and Le Robstan should lower the colours of

Fakenham winner Near and far.

Le Robstan's stable companion Master Ribot will take a lot of beating in Division One of the Hawkins Novices Hurdle (12.45) but the greater experience of David Morley's Scott should be the decisive factor in the race.

The six-year-old ran into fine form with a four-length Nottingham win last time out, and he will appreciate heavy ground.

Wild Pirate, a remote fourth of 12 to Gay Vulcan at Wincanton three weeks ago looks just about the best

proposition in the Aldington Handicap Chase (2.15), but there is not much to choose between any of the field and the race is perhaps best avoided.

WARWICK sees the reappearance of Ghost Writer, one of the victims of Le Robstan's break-neck Hennessy Pace.

Fulke Walwyn's nine-year-old was second favourite for that event on the strength of an easy Ascot success. But he never got into the race and was last of the 18 finishers.

He is obviously capable of much better than that.

FOLKESTONE

12.45 HAWKINGE NOVICE HURDLE DIV 1 £400
2m 4f (14 runners)
1 0F24-01 SCORT D Morley 611 11 B R Davies
4 403-P4P- ADMIRALS BIRD E Beeson 511 4 C Brown
5 FP22 ALBURY LAD S Mellor 611 4 J Glover (5)
6 0F000 BOBBIE ROSE L Bowman 511 4 Mr J Panvert (7)
7 30-0230 CHATTERBOX A Moore 511 4 C Read
8 000-000 CHINOOK (FR) J O Donoghue 911 4 Mr M J Collins (7)
11 20-4001- MANNYBOY J Gifford 511 4 R Champion
12 03 MASTER RIBOT (NZ) (BF) D Kent 511 4 P Haynes
15 0 QUIVERWORT B Collinson 811 4 J N Pearce (5)
16 0-00 AUTUMN SONG N Wakley 411 0 N Wakley
17 P000 BARNIST R Bower 411 0 P Russell
18 0- CADDAM WOOD P Calver 411 0 A Webber
19 00-0 CHINA WILLIAM A Aylett 411 0 J Jenkins
23 P0 PRECIPITOUS A Davison 411 0

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Scott, 9-4 Albury Lad, 7-2 Master Ribot, 11-2 Mannyboy, 8-1 Chatterbox, 16-1 others.

1.15 SELLING SELLING HURDLE £400
2m (15 runners)
1 00-041P BONIDON A Moore 711 1 Mr G Moore (7)
4 430040- CREGG PARK I Pattullo 711 1 C Pattenden (7)
6 30P00-F FOUR NEW PENCE (D) G Ripley 811 12 G Gracey (7)
8 00-PPF0 IRISH WORD R Bower 811 12 P Russell
9 00U4-00 PAULDENAM R Dean 511 12 R Rowell
10 010000- PROBPHOON P Calver 711 12 E J Offord (7)
11 PP02-FF ROSBAY B Wise 711 12 C Bowen (7)
12 0F10-00 SET HILL A Neaves 611 12 N Wakley
14 PF00-00 UNCLE SOL J S Evans 811 12 P Upson (5)
15 420F-10 VAUNTED (D) J Long 611 12 C Read
16 00F420- YOUNG DEDHAM A Moore 911 12 C Read
18 4030 EASY ACTION M Goswell 511 5 M Banham
19 40- FRENCH RAKE E J Long 711 5 J McNaught
20 F-F0402 GEOFFS CHOICE E J Long 611 5 P Haynes
23 4 QUEEN OF THE SUN A Davison 310 0

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Bonidon, 7-2 Vaunted, 5-1 Easy Action, 6-1 Set Hill and Geoff's Choice, 8-1 Cregg Park, 12-1 Young Dedham, 16-1 others.

1.45 WHITELAW GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE £1,000
3m (9 runners)
2 113P-30 LE ROBSTAN (C) (D) D Kent 811 6 P Haynes
3 F30-420 TOP PRIORITY (D) J Gifford 711 6 T R Champion
4 31-2001 NEAR AND FAR D Morley 710 11 B R Davies
5 U1211-3 EVANDER (C-D) A Wales 810 2 C Read
6 131-000 SUPER DO J Hayward 910 5
8 42-U24R FROZEN SAINT (D) Mrs A Oughton 810 2
9 P=2P4-F EBONY ROCK (D) T M Jones 710 0 Y Y
11 1002-P-P PURBECK PYLON N Wakley 910 0 N Wakley

12 03F-003 COURT SHADOW D Greig 710 0
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Top Priority, 5-2 Le Robstan, 9-2 Near and Far, 7-1 Evander, 8-1 Frozen Saint, 10-1 Super Do, 14-1 Others.
2.15 ALDINGTON H'CAP CHASE £750
2m (6 runners)
1 214-003 SEPTEMBER RAIN C Wales 811 7 J McNaughton
2 330014 WILD PIRATE E Beeson E Beeson 911 1 C Brown (5)
3 FF2F-00 AZTEC STAR S Mellor 510 13 J Glover
4 22-103- CHANCE A LOOK (C) S Woodman 1010 12 B R Davies
5 3110-F0 BREDGAR Mrs A Oughton 610 3 C Read
6 140300 COOLERA PRINCE N Wakley 1110 0 N Wakley

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Wild Pirate, 5-2 September a ks Rain, 9-2 Chance A Look, 8-1 Aztec Star and Bredgar, 10-1 Coolera Prince.

2.45 SHADOXHURST OPPORTUNITY HANDICAP HURDLE £500
2m (11 runners)
2 000-0P0 SARPEDON R Smyth 411 7 R Forsyth
3 10P=0 RAGGED ROBIN Mrs A Oughton 511 0 N Holman
4 0-400-04 SPANISH LANTERN M Goswell 511 0 M Banham
5 4F-F002 DOWNING ARMS (D) D Ringer 610 11 S McNeil
6 002023 SELWAY A Moore 710 9 D Jeffries
7 0400-22 MISS WORDEN Wise 610 8 C Bowen
11 013P04- ROI DE FRONTIERE Mrs A Oughton 410 5
12 0023-40 PROSEN J O Donoghue 710 5 P Butler
13 30-1120 RED AMBION A Davison 410 5
16 00303-P MISTER TACK N Wakley 410 0 E Knowles
17 00-0010 DAY TO DAY R Bower 610 5 T Andrews (5)

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Downing Arms, 7-2 Spanish Lantern, 9-2 Miss Worden, 6-1 Roi de Frontiere, 8-1 Sarpedon and Ragged Robin, 10-1 Selway.

3.15 HAWKINGE NOVICES HURDLE DIV 2 £400
2m 4f (17 runners)
4 N200-P04 KABERLOUR N M Bolton 611 4 P Wilson
6 U0P-000 BEIGE PRINCE J Gifford 611 4 R Champion
7 BENFRE BELLE J Gifford 711 4 S Richardson (7)
10 00-4000 FLYING PRINCE J O Donoghue 711 4 P Butler (7)
11 242202 FRENCH REBEL W Musson 611 4 Mr L Fogarty (7)
14 0 SHANADA I Pattullo 711 4
15 000F- VIKING SPIRIT S Mellor 611 4 J Glover
19 000-000 CAMINA M Francis 411 0 C Read
20 0020 CHURCH BELLE E Beeson 411 0 C Brown (5)
21 00-0P0 DAVENTRY J Long 411 0 J Long (7)
23 P000 FOOLSOOME L Bowman 411 0 Mr J Panvert (7)
25 20-002 GENOVESE D Grassell 411 0 P Haynes
27 HALGO D Gale 411 0
29 00 HOT HAND D Morley 411 0 R Davies
31 MILTON MOUNT B Wise 411 0 C Bowen (7)
32 0-03 MOOD MUSIC P Calver 411 0 A Webber
37 00- TWIST N Wakley 411 0 N Wakley

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Genovese, 9-2 Hot Hand, 5-1 French Rebel, 6-1 Viking Spirit and Church Belle, 8-1 Mood Music, 10-1 Benfor Belle, 14-1 Halgo, 16-1 Others.

SPORTSLINE



Sebastian Coe... one of the guinea pigs

GUINEA PIG ATHLETES

Training for champions

SEVEN young athletes are to be used for tests in a training programme designed to produce Olympic champions.

The seven 'human guinea pigs' will run on a treadmill at various work rates while a research student monitors their progress.

The project, which is on the lines of methods pioneered in East Germany, will run for four years and is designed to find the way to achieve the full potential of each athlete.

Dr Harry Thomason, of the Salford laboratory, said: 'What we will be doing is trying to build a complete picture of how each person functions by monitoring their training, their performance and their

projected performance by work that they will do both in our laboratory and in field situation.'

This is the first occasion in which the various groups — athletes of a high level, their coaches and above all a sponsor — have got together to produce such a scheme, Thomason added.

The athletes in the training squad include Sebastian Coe, of Sheffield, who

emerged last season as one of the most promising middle distance runners in the country.

The other six are: Alex Amos, of Gateshead; Philip Boswell, of Sale; Sean Cahill, of Leeds; Janet Lawrence of Stretford; and Jill Williamson of Sale.

Each will visit the laboratory about every six weeks for tests fasting two or three days.

RUGBY UNION

POWELL PICKED FOR ENGLAND TEST

A Welsh-speaking Englishman playing for Llanelli is one of three uncapped players in the England pack for the final trial on New Year's Day.

Roger Powell, the 29-year-old Llanelli lock, only began playing rugby seven years ago and has been with the Welsh club for three years.

He stands six foot four inches, weighs 16 stones and can now speak some Welsh.

That helps because moves at Llanelli's Stradey Park ground are always called in Welsh. 'My club colleagues are genuinely

delighted with my selection for the trials,' Powell said yesterday.

Powell, Leicester prop Robin Cowling and Mike Rafters, the Gloucestershire flanker, are given the chance to earn a first cap against Scotland on January 15.

The selectors have cleared out six of the Probables pack following the 6-0 defeat by the Possibles in the first trial last weekend.

Hesketh forced to retire

A neck injury has forced Chris Hesketh to give up international rugby league football.

The Salford star told the Rugby League yesterday that because of a recurring neck injury he would not be able to play in internationals in future.

Hesketh felt the injury would

prevent him giving of his best.

He has withdrawn from the England team to meet Wales in the European RL Triangular Tournament at Leeds on January 29.

Hesketh has played 24 times for Great Britain at Under-23 level.

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	18	6	4	0	21	6	5	1	2	15	11	27
Liverpool	20	8	1	0	22	5	4	2	5	10	15	27
Man City	19	6	3	1	15	8	2	6	1	10	7	25
Newcastle	18	6	3	0	17	7	2	3	4	13	15	22
Arsenal	18	6	2	1	21	9	3	2	4	13	18	22
Leicester	20	3	5	2	16	6	2	6	2	8	12	21
Birmingham	20	5	2	2	16	9	3	2	6	16	19	20
Middlesbrough	18	6	2	1	7	4	2	3	4	5	12	20
W.B.A.	18	5	3	1	20	7	2	2	5	7	16	19
Coventry	17	5	2	3	18	13	1	3	3	5	9	17
Leeds Utd	17	2	5	2	14	14	3	2	3	10	9	17
Everton	18	4	3	2	15	11	2	2	5	14	21	17
Stoke	17	6	1	1	10	5	0	3	6	2	13	16
Norwich	18	3	2	3	8	10	2	3	5	9	15	15
Derby City	17	3	4	1	15	7	1	3	0	6	46	14
Man Utd	16	1	3	3	11	13	3	3	13	14	14	14
Q.P.R.	17	5	1	2	13	9	0	3	6	8	17	14
Bristol City	17	3	4	1	10	2	1	5	5	11	12	12
Tottenham	18	3	4	3	10	10	1	0	13	28	12	12
West Ham	18	3	2	5	11	14	1	1	6	8	11	11
Sunderland	18	1	2	5	4	9	1	3	6	9	19	9

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	20	7	2	0	21	13	4	3	13	13	28	26
Wolves	19	6	1	3	24	11	3	5	1	21	14	24
Nottingham	19	6	3	1	31	15	3	3	3	10	7	24
Blackpool	19	5	1	3	14	11	4	5	1	18	12	24
Bolton	18	7	0	1	16	7	3	3	4	15	16	23
Sheff Utd	19	4	5	1	14	9	2	3	4	8	14	20
Fulham	19	5	3	2	18	10	1	4	4	11	16	19
Bristol R.	19	5	3	2	18	12	2	5	10	16	19	19
Oldham	17	6	3	0	18	9	1	2	5	5	16	19
Charlton	17	6	1	2	25	14	1	3	4	11	17	18
Milwall	17	5	1	3	16	8	3	1	4	11	14	18
Blackburn	18	5	1	2	12	5	3	1	6	9	19	18
Luton	17	4	2	2	12	10	3	1	5	15	16	17
Hull	17	5	3	0	17	6	0	4	5	4	15	17
Southampton	19	3	5	2	17	15	2	1	6	14	21	16
Notts City	17	3	1	4	7	10	4	1	4	18	20	16
Carlisle	20	4	4	2	16	13	2	0	8	25	16	16
Cardiff	19	3	3	4	12	16	2	5	13	17	15	15
Burnley	18	3	5	2	16	14	1	1	6	6	15	14
Plymouth	19	2	4	4	13	12	1	4	4	10	19	14
Orient	17	1	2	4	7	9	2	4	4	10	15	12
Hereford	16	2	3	4	14	20	1	2	6	12	21	10

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	19	7	1	1	28	9	4	3	3	13	13	26
Shrewsbury	19	8	1	0	20	4	3	2	5	12	12	25
Wrexham	19	6	4	0	15	5	4	1	4	15	12	25
Rotherham	19	5	4	1	17	9	4	3	2	16	12	25
Preston	19	7	2	0	25	7	1	6	3	8	10	24
Sheff Wed	19	6	2	3	17	10	3	3	2	12	13	23
Mansfield	18	6	3	0	23	5	3	1	5	8	11	22
Crystal Pal	18	5	4	1	14	9	1	4	3	4	6	20
Chesterfield	19	5	2	3	16	11	3	2	4	10	13	20
Tranmere	19	5	3	2	11	6	1	5	3	9	12	20
Bury	19	7	0	3	20	11	1	4	4	9	24	20
Swindon	19	5	3	1	21	13	2	6	6	16	17	17
Crewe	18	5	1	2	9	7	3	2	5	7	12	19
Lincoln	17	2	5	1	13	10	4	1	4	12	14	18
Oxford	20	3	5	2	17	15	1	4	3	12	16	17
Gillingham	19	3	4	2	13	11	3	1	6	12	20	17
Grimsby	18	6	2	2	13	6	0	1	7	6	20	15
Reading	19	4	1	3	13	9	2	2	7	11	23	15
Peterboro	20	5	1	4	11	10	0	4	6	9	22	15
Portsmouth	19	2	6	2	8	9	1	2	6	11	18	14
Port Vale	19	3	3	3	13	11	0	5	5	15	14	14
Walsall	19	2	4	3	14	12	2	6	5	14	14	14
Northampton	18	3	1	4	8	10	1	3	6	10	20	12
York	18	3	2	5	9	18	1	1	8	7	20	11

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	19	6	3	0	20	8	4	2	4	16	15	25
Cambridge	19	5	3	1	18	7	3	5	2	12	9	24
Stockport	19	6	2	1	14	6	3	3	4	12	14	23
Coventry	18	9	0	0	29	7	1	2	6	4	11	22
Barnsley	19	7	3	1	23	10	2	1	5	5	8	22
Bournemouth	19	5	5	0	18	5	2	3	4	7	13	22
Southend	18	4	5	0	14	6	1	6	2	6	9	21
Huddersfield	19	7	2	1	17	8	1	3	5	11	21	21
Rochdale	17	3	5	0	9	5	3	3	9	8	20	18
Aldershot	17	5	3	1	12	6	3	1	4	10	12	20
Watford	17	7	2	0	21	8	1	2	6	9	19	20
Walsley	18	6	3	0	17	5	1	3	5	6	16	20
Crewe	18	6	2	0	15	5	2	2	6	7	22	20
Exeter	18	6	2	1	16	7	1	3	5	7	18	19
Darlington	18	6	2	1	13	5	1	3	5	8	19	19
Doncaster	18	6	1	3	18	13	1	3	4	9	16	18
Scunthorpe	18	5	1	2	16	6	2	2	6	9	17	17
Torquay	18	4	2	4	14	12	2	2	4	12	15	16
Halifax	18	4	1	4	13	9	0	6	3	4	12	15
Newport	16	4	2	5	7	1	3	5	4	10	11	11
Southport	18	1	7	2	5	9	0	2	6	5	18	11
Brentford	17	3	2	3	14	11	0	2	7	10	10	10
Hartlepool	18	2	4	2	10	8	0	2	6	6	26	10
Workington	17	1	2	6	5	13	0	2	6	4	20	6

SCOTTISH PREMIER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	13	8	3	0	17	7	4	0	2	12	6	19
Aberdeen	13	6	1	0	14	6	2	2	2	10	6	19
Dundee Utd	14	5	1	0	12	4	4	0	4	16	16	19
Rangers	13	3	2	1	9	4	2	3	2	11	9	15
Motherwell	14	4	2	0	18	9	1	1	6	6	16	13
Hearts	15	2	3	3	12	13	1	4	2	10	12	13
Partick	13	4	2	2	12	13	0	3	2	7	12	12
Hibernian	14	0	4	2	3	6	1	5	2	10	11	11
Ayr	15	2	1	5	10	18	1	2	4	8	18	9
Kilmarnock	14	2	2	3	10	13	0	2	5	8	16	8

SCOTTISH DIV I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Mirren	19	8	2	0	26	6	4	4	1	16	12	30
Clydebank	19	8	0	1	19	5	4	5	1	19	7	29
Dundee	19	7	2	0	23	7	3	4	3	22	21	26
Airdrie	19	5	3	2	22	16	5	1	3	18	7	24
Arbroath	21	7	2	2	16	9	4	0	6	9	18	24
Queen's Stn	20	4	3	3	17	12	2	3	5	16	17	20
Morton	19	5	2	3	18	12	2	4	3	15	18	20
Hamilton	19	4	2	4	16	17	4	2	3	12	14	20
Montrose	19	5	2	3	15	11	3	1	6	10	20	19
Dumbarton	18	24	3	16	15	3	1	5	10	10	13	15
St Johnstone	18	24	3	9	10	1	2	6	7	15	12	12
Raith	20	2	5	3	11	13	1	1	8	5	18	12
East Fife	20	2	4	5	12	24	0	2	7	6	20	10
Falkirk	20	2	0	6	9	21	1	3	8	13	29	9

THE News Line

Aussie trip for cricket hopefuls

FOUR of England's most promising young cricketers are flying to Australia on January 3 for 12 weeks where they will play in grade cricket and be attached to two state sides for special coaching.

They are two 19-year-olds Bill Athey (Yorkshire) and Mike Gatting (Middlesex), who will go to Sydney and two 21-year-olds Graham Stevenson (Yorkshire) and Ian Botham (Somerset) who will go to Melbourne.

During their visit, the four will attend the centenary Test match between Australia and England at Melbourne in March.

The move is sponsored by a brewery who will spend £30,000

over three years to help develop youngsters by sending them overseas for experience.

In the two following winters, they may go to other centres — perhaps the West Indies — but this has not yet been decided. The scheme has the full backing of the Australian Board of Control, who have given it enthusiastic support.

Botham and Stevenson will be attached to Frank Tyson, the former England fast bowler, who is now state coach in Victoria. Athey and Gatting will be under the direction of Fred Bennett, who managed the Australian team which toured England in 1975.

Ball stays for Xmas

ALAN Ball will probably stay at Arsenal over the Christmas period and could even line up with Alan Hudson against Spurs next Monday.

He has delayed a decision on his future until he has spoken with Stoke manager Tony Waddington.

Last night Ball played in the Arsenal reserves at Norwich.

Ball, available for £50,000

has already spoken to Southampton and his former club Blackpool. But the prospect of staying in Division One could tempt him to Stoke.

Waddington has sold two of his best players recently, Hudson to Arsenal and Jimmy Greenhoff to Manchester United.

Ex-England captain Ball could just be the man to help Stoke out of the doldrums. Fans have grown restless with the departures of the stars and were even calling for Waddington's resignation on Saturday.

NO COMMENT FROM THE REF

Mystery surrounded referee Tom Reynolds, taken off a match recently by the Football League, after a meeting in London yesterday.

Reynolds had criticised the new directive telling referees to show a yellow card when cautioning players and a red one when sending a man off.

He got into trouble after

failing to show the appropriate cards in the match between QPR and Middlesbrough at Loftus Road.

But after a meeting with the League's management committee yesterday, Reynolds refused to comment and Alan Hardaker, the League's secretary, also made no comment.

BEST GETS THE OK

FULHAM'S bid to overcome their recent troubles and continue their rise towards the top of the Second Division received a double share of good fortune yesterday.

First the Football League, as expected, gave George Best the go-ahead to continue playing for Fulham until the end of the season.



CAMPBELL

their gates — fall.

The crowd at the last home game was just over 8,000, the smallest of the season, and therefore lower, even than before the much-publicised duo arrived.

With Marsh's return, Campbell can only hope that the improved results are maintained, and are matched by the size of the crowd.

Six Europeans in youth cup

AUSTRIA, France, Hungary, Italy, the USSR and Spain will represent Europe in the finals of the inaugural FIFA World Youth Tournament for the Coca-Cola cup in Tunisia next summer.

FIFA announced the names after a meeting of the tournament committee in London, England and the other home countries did not enter.

Sixteen countries will compete in the competition, which will be

held every two years and is open to players between 16 and 19.

Mexico and Honduras have already qualified and the remaining eight will be composed of three teams from South America, two from Africa and two from Asia — plus host country Tunisia.

The tournament, which runs from June 27 to July 10 represents the first commercial sponsorship ever accepted by the world's ruling football body.

And then new manager Bobby Campbell announced that Rodney Marsh, the other half of the 'Road Show', had recovered from injury in time to play in the Christmas programme.

That means he is available for Boxing Day's big West London derby, when 50,000 are expected to turn out to watch Fulham take on Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Reviewed

The League had told Best at the beginning of the season that he would be allowed to play until the end of the year, when his case would be reviewed.

They were worried by his contractual obligations to the American club Los Angeles Aztecs, and were also assumed to be dubious about him because of his chequered career with Manchester United.

But the League's management committee did not even discuss the matter at their meeting yesterday, and League Secretary Alan Hardaker said that the decision had already been made.

He would not comment on the decision, but he inferred that the League would not deny Best his right to play.

The news delighted Campbell, who said: 'Personally, I could not see any reason for preventing him carrying on. I must admit I have been happily surprised with the application George has shown.'

Skills

'You never lose the skills — that is like riding a bike — but players can lose the desire to play, and George certainly hasn't.'

Marsh, who joined Fulham from the United States at the same time as Best, but did not have the same problem with his registration, has missed the last four games with an ankle injury.

Even so, Fulham's results have taken a turn for the better after a long lean spell which saw their position in the table — and

SPORTS sponsors have been put in such a powerful position these days that they can literally make or break events.

This is precisely the case with the British Hard Court championships, traditionally held at Bournemouth in the spring.

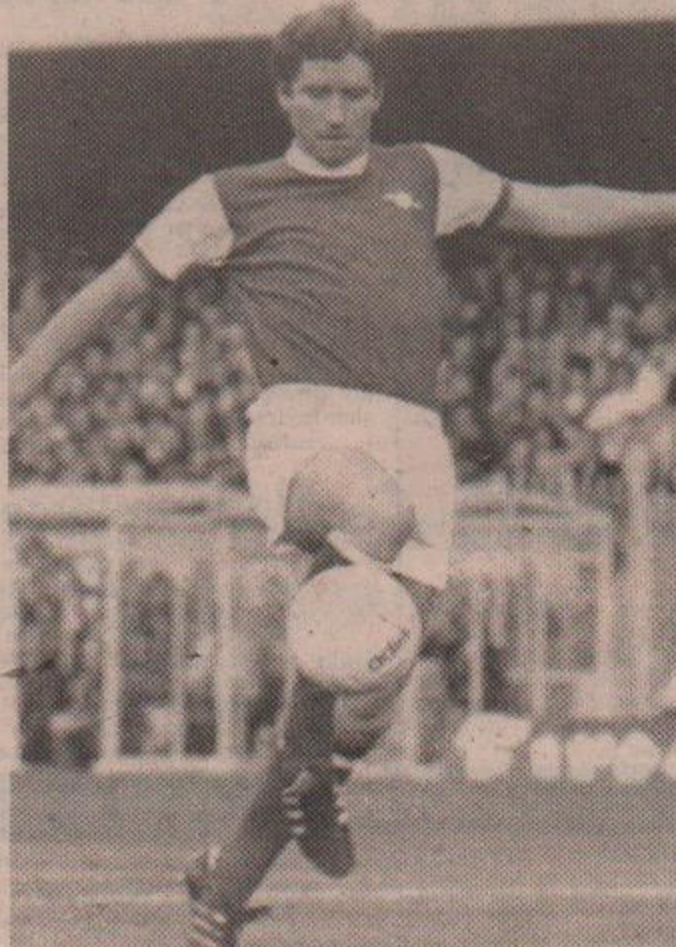
The Lawn Tennis Association announced yesterday that the tournament would end after nearly 50 years unless a new sponsor could be found quickly.

It was an open secret that Coca-Cola, who have sponsored the championships for the past two years, had withdrawn their support because they were disappointed with the entry last May.

But David Lock, chairman of the LTA's commercial committee has left the door open for another sponsor to stage the tournament in September.

Lock said: 'The international authorities have allocated an extra three weeks for European tournaments in September. Hopefully, Bournemouth will be one of them if a sponsor can be found in time.'

Apart from the war years, the British hard court championships have gone on uninterrupted since their inauguration in 1924.



Alan Ball still hasn't made up his mind where he wants to go

Never on a Sunday

THE glorious perfection of divine law has been irrevocably flouted in Inverness says an irate Mr Calvin McKay.

Mr McKay is president of the Lords Day Observance Society and what upset him was a first round Scottish Cup match between Inverness Thistle and Clachnacuddin.

Unprecedentedly the match

was played in the Highlands last Sunday, the first time a competitive football match has ever taken place on the 'day of rest' there.

God made his position clear by sending a great frost but superhuman efforts by the Clach ground staff made the pitch playable.

This 'utter rejection' of the Sabbath Day, said Mr McKay's

society, was 'aimed at securing financial gain at the expense of the rich Christian heritage cherished by many generations of Inverness citizens'.

Matters were made worse by the fact that the first bottle of alcoholic liquor ever legally sold on a Sunday in Scotland passed over the counter of an Inverness hotel bar on the same day.

And Lords Day Observance

Society members who still congratulate themselves on securing a district council ruling last year against a circus performing on a Sunday also had the galling prospect of a section of the citizenry of Inverness attending a local cinema on the Sunday night where the epic on show was entitled 'Don't Get Your Knickers in a Twist'.