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COMMONS STORM OVER TORY-CIA CLAIMS

THE Tory front bench was accused in parliament yesterday of being infiltrated by the US Central Intelligence Agency.

Labour MP Dennis Skinner accused the CIA of influencing the Tory front bench through the right-wing National Association for Freedom.

Skinner referred to 'revelations in the Press that not only have the National Association for Freedom got on the Tory front bench but that the CIA are helping to run the NAFF.'

Skinner named Robert Moss, the association's director, as one of Mrs Thatcher's speech-writers.

He was backed by prime minister James Callaghan who called for a probe into the Association's links with prominent Tory spokesmen.

Callaghan said: 'I have commented before on the infiltration of the Tory front bench and now we are getting some practical examples of it.'

Winston Churchill, a leading member of the Association who was recently appointed to Thatcher's front bench, leapt to his feet to interrupt Callaghan.

Churchill demanded: 'Before the prime minister indulges further in his McCarthyite-type attack, he should be made aware of the fact that writs are today being issued in respect of those unfounded allegations made on the BBC and in 'The Guardian'. Callaghan replied blandly with an obvious reference to Tory leader Mrs Thatcher. He said: 'The Christmas spirit has arrived a little early. I was hoping, when I dangled the bait, to catch a rather good-sized fish. Unfortunately, I only attracted a tiddler.'

Moss said on ITV's 'World at One' yesterday that he did not accept that the CIA had funded publication of his book 'Chile's Marxist Experiment', now being distributed free by the Chilean military junta. If he had ever suspected CIA funding he would never have agreed to the book's publication, he said.

WE'RE THE BAD GUYS NOW

AN OFFICIAL protest strike against the government's public spending cuts has been called by the 420,000-strong electricians' and plumbers' union.

Previously one of the strongest supporters of Labour's right wing, the EEP TU leader, Frank Chapple, said: 'It looks as if we will have to stop being the good guys'. The union is complaining bitterly about Post Office spending cuts which will mean the sack for about 12,000 of its members in the telecommunications industry.

Instead it is demanding a reduction in telephone installation charges and phone call costs in order to increase demand.

Chapple said after yesterday's union executive meeting: 'We have been trying to co-operate in almost every aspect and certainly we have been strong supporters of the government. We have been trying to be helpful to management.

BY OUR OWN STAFF

'What has happened?' he went on. 'We have 12,000 in the telecommunications industry. We cannot even get justice for 40 people at Rotherham who wanted to stay at work. (see page 21), but were not allowed to.'

'We are not having it,' Chapple concluded. 'It is as simple as that. The executive are unanimous. There has to be some recognition.'

He warned that maintenance electricians might strike at other factories. 'Rotherham is only the tip of the iceberg,' he said.

The one-day strike has been called for next month and will affect factories owned by STC, Plessey, GEC, and PPT TMC in Southgate, East Kilbride, Sunderland, South Shields, Liverpool, Nottingham, Coventry, Aycliffe, Middlesbrough, and Hartlepool.

Other unions representing the 11,000 workers involved will be asked to join in, particularly the TUC transport workers led by Jack Jones.

The EEP TU national officer Ray Sanderson said: 'Our union is determined to stop at nothing to change the Post Office attitude to cuts in equipment ordering.'

'We have a sensible policy for the short term: cuts in phone call costs and cuts in installation charges. These are the real cuts that have to be made.'

Local demonstrations and meetings in the towns affected, plus a lobby of parliament, are also planned.

Sixth

For good measure, the EEP TU, Britain's sixth largest union, has also warned the government that if the miners win early retirement 'special treatment', then it will also be claimed for 50,000 manual workers in the electricity supply industry, including power station workers.

IN the Commons last night, Chancellor Healey defended the cuts, claiming government unity with the unions was 'bruised but unbroken'.

Dealing with a challenge over increased unemployment the cuts will cause to the construction industry, hit far worse than telecommunications, Healey threatened to cut social security spending instead, meaning pensions and benefits to the poor and handicapped.

'MPs who regret the cuts in construction must ask themselves whether they would have preferred to find savings in this area,' he said menacingly.

THE Northern Ireland public debt for rent, rates, electricity, and gas arrears, was now approximately £20m. Ulster Secretary Roy Mason said in a Commons written reply.

SAFE AND SOUND

GEOFFREY PLATT, the scientist who caught Green Monkey disease at the Defence Ministry germ warfare research centre in Porton Down, was freed from quarantine yesterday and allowed home with his family. (right)

He went into isolation on November 10 after puncturing his protective glove with a hypodermic needle containing Green Monkey disease virus. At a Press conference yesterday Platt refused to comment on why the virus was being studied at Porton.

Platt's illness triggered a major effort to stop the spread of the deadly disease. The Coppetts Wood isolation hospital in North London was cleared of its 60 patients to ensure total isolation for Platt.

Twenty-two nurses and four doctors were isolated with him in the hospital for over a month. Nineteen other workers from Porton Down were put into quarantine in case they had caught the disease from Platt and 25 other contacts, including his wife and two children, also went into isolation.

Platt was treated with serum from patients who had recovered from the disease in Africa. The serum was flown to London in a diplomatic pouch.



Geoffrey Platt sticks his head out of the isolation unit he stayed in for 40 days. With him is his wife Aileen and sons Richard, 13, and Graham, 10.

RECALL MID- EAST PEACE SUMMIT

SAY SYRIA AND EGYPT

EGYPT and Syria yesterday called on the Soviet Union and the United States to reconvene the Geneva Conference on the Middle East by the end of March.

They said the Palestinian Liberation Organisation should take part as an independent party on an equal footing with all others — a demand which Israel has so far rejected.

But both Syria and Egypt are in favour of pressuring the Palestinians to settle for an inadequate mini-state on the West Bank and the Gaza strip, which would be dominated by Syria and Jordan.

The Israelis are likely to accept a Palestinian presence at any talks on condition that they were pushed into such a deal, which has the backing of the United States.

The Syrian-nominated President of Lebanon — Elias Sarkis — also said yesterday that Lebanon would be willing to take part in the Geneva talks, although the Lebanese were not present at the last discussions in Geneva in 1973.

The joint Egyptian-Syrian communiqué also announced that a Unified Political Command was being formed to unite the two countries.

Committees to study unification were being formed to cover constitutional affairs, defence and national security, foreign affairs, finance and economy, education, culture and other matters, the communiqué said.

'Bullied' girl out of coma

□ SCHOOLGIRL Dawn Lowe, 13, who took a drugs overdose because she said she was being bullied at school, has come out of a coma at King's College Hospital, London, after three days. 'This is the best Christmas present my wife and I could have. We are all up in the air — 10,000 feet up,' said her father.

LET'S RAISE FIRST HALF BY CHRISTMAS

THIS is a vital Fund. Our Party's resources must be developed so that our work can be expanded to give leadership in all the struggles that are certainly on their way in the New Year.

Millions are ready to follow the lead of the miners and settle accounts with the treacherous Labour government and its allies in the leadership of the trade unions. But that means that we have to be ready to lead this fight in every single part of the country. So let's drive ahead with our Development Fund and build the facilities to carry out this crucial work.

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TOTAL in to date: £22,290.53

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'GHOST' JOBS FIGURES HARD TO BELIEVE

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

UNEMPLOYMENT is estimated to have remained at 5.8 per cent in the December jobless figures published yesterday.

The total of 1,371,000 out of work was arrived after getting incomplete returns from about half the country.

The full figures are unavailable because of industrial action by Department of Employment workers, members of the Civil and Public Services Association.

The Ministry itself admits that its final jobless estimate 'is subject to a wide margin of error'.

The figures published in fact

claim a slight drop in the total unemployment in Great Britain and Northern Ireland of 6,000.

This is hard to believe. The past month's news has been filled with nothing but stories of factory closures, falling orders and declining economic activity.

Admit

The figures actually admit an increase in the hard-core unemployment of 26,000 but they then estimate a drop of 32,000 in the number of school-leavers still looking for a job.

The ministry figures also

report an increase in the 'seasonally adjusted' jobless total, up 24,000 or 0.1 per cent to 1,330,000. This means that unemployment was expected to have 'fallen' by more than the claimed 6,000.

But regardless of all the juggling, the jobless total remains the worst at Christmas since world War II.

The record unemployment is a continuing indictment of the Labour government's relentless pursuit of slump policies in obedience to the instructions of the international bankers.

The latest figures follow the row in the Commons over the

Expenditure Committee economics expert's prediction that Chancellor Healey's anti-working class mini-budget will put an extra 150,000 on the dole next year, and another 250,000 the year after.

The Treasury has been unofficially pretending that the

new cut in public spending and living standards would actually provide 10,000 extra jobs next year.

But when challenged in the Commons, Treasury Secretary Joel Barnett refused to state the official estimate of increased unemployment that will be caused.

Mock army trained for 'Hitler' raid

MAPUTO — Mozambique says mercenaries are being trained by a neighbouring white racist regime in order to launch a mock attack on South Africa to be used as a pretext for military action against Mozambique.

The Ministry of Information here compares the ploy with Hitler's provocation on the eve of his invasion of Poland.

The communiqué did not make clear whether it was a reference to Rhodesia or South Africa, though there have been Rhodesian military raids into Mozambique.

• GABORONE — the Botswana government yesterday declared its entire 400-mile border with Rhodesia to be a 'protected area'.

Main 'porn' verdict still to come

THE JURY in the 'porn bribes' trial at the Old Bailey were spending their second night at a secret London hotel last night. Earlier they had returned not guilty verdicts on seven corruption charges involving four of the six Scotland Yard 'porn squad' detectives accused of corruption and plotting to accept bribes from pornography traders.

A verdict is still awaited on the main conspiracy count, involving all six detectives accused of accepting bribes from pornography traders.

Before the jury returned to court last night, Justice Mars-Jones said he had received a note from them saying: 'It is obvious we are not going to reach unanimous verdicts on several of the counts. Can you please advise?'

He re-called the jury after reading the note and sent them to their hotel with the advice: 'Take the night off and think about other things.'

Cleared on three counts of corruption involving £575 was Clive Alan Miles, 42, a detective inspector, of Homefield Road, Radlett, Hertfordshire, who was

suspended in June 1975.

George Edward Fenwick, 47, a retired detective inspector of Arundel Avenue, East Ewell, Surrey, and Michael Leonard Chamberlain, 34, a retired detective constable, of Victoria Gardens, Biggin Hill, Kent, were each cleared on one charge of corruption involving £200 and £100 respectively.

The jury have yet to reach any verdicts in respect of two other officers, Charles Edward O'Hanlon, 39, a detective inspector, of Milner Drive, Cobham, Surrey, who was suspended in May 1974, and Peter John Fisher, 39, a detective sergeant, of Greenwood Road, Thames Ditton.

Rubery Owen closure threat

WORKERS at Rubery Owen were warned by management yesterday that they will lose their jobs next year unless they agree to end strikes.

The management ultimatum gave the 3,000 car component workers until January 4 — the day they return from their Christmas break.

Sixty-two electricians at the factory, in Darlaston, Staffs,

have been staging a sit-in strike for the last two weeks demanding payment for the period they were laid off during an engineers' strike.

• Employment Secretary Albert Booth told the Commons yesterday that talks between ministers and leaders of the EPTU 'indicate that we can expect an early return to the negotiating table'.

'Labour students control held

THE 'Tribune' group retained control over the National Organisation of Labour Students yesterday after beating off a challenge from the revisionist 'Militant' group.

Delegates at the NOLS conference in Lancaster University voted by a majority of 16 to accept a credentials report which barred representatives from Swansea, York and Liverpool Universities

on the grounds they did not fulfill affiliation requirements.

The credentials report was drawn up by retiring Youth Officer Barrie Clarke after consultation with Transport House.

The National Executive of the Labour Party had recommended that the three branches should be represented at the conference, but the NOLS executive was not bound to accept the recommendation.

Homeless families in occupation protest



DAYS ARE PASSING FOR OUR DECEMBER FUND!

ONLY £55.10 arrived in yesterday's post for our December Fund. We are now very anxious as our total stands at £749.60 and we have £4,000 to raise. Unless we get this by Christmas, it will be very hard to raise it afterwards. Please, dear readers, make the fight now. Don't leave it too late.

We certainly need it this month. The whole of the newspaper industry faces about 20 per cent increases in the prices of newsprint, beginning January 1.

We do not want to increase our price, so as costs go up, we must have a huge effort to improve our circulation. Our monthly fund is a vital source of income. Make sure it all comes in this month — without fail. Help by posting your donation and add a little more if you can:

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HOMELESS families and squatters yesterday occupied a south London housing office in protest against the run down in housing and the vandalism of old buildings by the council.

After some four hours the council with the aid of the police evicted the squatters from the offices in the Lambeth area.

Brent Geese 3000 mile flight

Avalanche New Year of dairy prices

AN AVALANCHE of price rises of dairy products will come in the new year, it was announced yesterday.

Milk will be at least 2p a pint dearer within the next few months.

Sir William Young, chairman of the Scottish Milk Marketing Board, said in Glasgow that the 1p a pint rise on January 1 would be followed by a further increase in the summer.

Calculations by the Scottish Milk Marketing Board suggested that the government would authorise a further price increase in June or July next year.

A minimum retail price by that time of 11½p a pint appears inevitable, said Young. 'And that will not be the end of it.'

The retail price of milk had risen by 58 per cent since the summer of 1975 — from 6p to 9½p a pint.

Removal of the butter subsidy next week would result in an increase of about 4p a pound in shop prices, but it would be delayed a little while subsidised stocks ran down.

The cheese subsidy would be reduced next week, and would disappear in the first half of next year.

Young said: 'Our view is that the market is still sufficiently buoyant to be able to withstand further price increases, if these prove necessary, without sales falling to an unacceptably low level.'

2,500 staff walk out

TWO giant motor factories were hit yesterday by a walkout of white-collar staff.

About 2,500 people from Vauxhall factories at Luton and Dunstable walked out in support of their demand to be paid a week earlier each month.

They reckon they have been badly hit by government pay curbs and an earlier pay date would help them.

Production at the Luton car plant and Dunstable truck assembly works was at a standstill for an hour.

Further disruption is threatened because of an overtime ban imposed by their union, the Technical and Supervisory Section of the Engineering union.

Branch official Malcolm Payne said: 'We have been badly hit by the government's pay curb. We know it is not Vauxhall's fault, but it would not cost them too much to pay us a week earlier each month.'

Vauxhall say the staff employees had had increases totalling 16 per cent since May 1975.

MINERS' EXECUTIVE DIVIDED ON CLAIM

'Only strike action any use'—Scargill

ONLY limited scope for compromise exists in the miners battle for early retirement, the government and Coal Board were warned yesterday.

The warning came from Nottinghamshire miners' leader Len Clarke.

He was speaking after the National Union of Mineworkers executive council decided to re-open

talks on the early retirement claim on January 5.

'The scope for compromise is limited,' said Clarke. 'If there is a compromise it must come pretty near our claim.'

Right-wingers like Clarke are under intense pressure from the NUM membership to win the full claim which is for retirement at 60 from the New Year and retirement at 55 by 1980 for all miners.

But divisions came into the open yesterday on how

negotiations should be conducted.

At the executive meeting, miners president Joe Gormley and the rest of the right-wing block wanted the NUM negotiators to be given a free hand over the claim.

But Yorkshire miners president Arthur Scargill said after the executive meeting: 'The only compromise possible is that the Coal Board meet our full claim which is retirement at

60 in the New Year and at 55 by 1980.'

Scargill wanted to tie the negotiating team down to specific demands on the Coal Board before talks began.

But this position was supported by only three other executive members — Owen Briscoe, the Yorkshire secretary, Peter Tait also from Yorkshire and Jack Collins from the Kent coalfield.

Scargill's proposal was opposed by the right-wing plus a number of 'lefts'.

Scargill said later: 'If the

response of the Coal Board is not satisfactory we have to take industrial action.'

'For it is my firm opinion that only strike action will be of any use.'

He continued: 'The 78 per cent ballot in favour of industrial action if necessary shows that the members are overwhelmingly behind the full claim.'

'The sooner we get rid of the social contract the better.'

'The social contract is another name for wage freeze policy,' he added.



Janie Jones leaves court

JANIE JONES LEAVES COURT

SMILING Janie Jones is driven back to her cell at Holloway where she is serving a seven year sentence for vice charges.

The singer was at Bow

Street magistrates court to explain why she had not paid £16,000 legal costs for her 1974 trial.

The court heard that some of the money may come from the sale of her

Kensington House now cleared of squatters.

Jones also wants to get £10,000 returned to her from the London police who seized it after her arrest.

PRENTICE RESIGNS

REG Prentice the right-wing Labour MP spoke of his resignation last night to loud Tory cheers.

He attacked the government's attempt to appease trade union opposition to the spending cuts.

He said he agreed with last week's measures by Chancellor Denis Healey but declared they were not severe enough on the working class.

Prentice said the government had 'rushed ahead' with increased pensions, subsidies on food and housing.

The former Overseas Minister now hopes to be a focal point for undercover right-wing activity in the Labour Party.

In his letter of resignation to Prime Minister James Callaghan he called for a right-wing alignment outside the Labour Party.

'I intend to argue my case



Reg Prentice

within the Labour Party for the foreseeable future but in due course I hope to see some realignment of British politics.

'There are very many moderate left-of-centre people

who believe in democratic values, a mixed economy and social reform but not in doctrinaire socialism,' said Prentice.

The right-wing leader has planned a split with the Labour and trade union movement for some time — at least since the working class began to exercise its independent strength against the Heath Tory government.

Ideally Prentice would have liked to have made the split as damaging as possible.

But the militancy of the mass movement — reflected in the determined campaign to prevent him standing as Labour candidate in Newham North East — has smoked out the right-wing coalitionist.

Prentice will be replaced by his deputy Frank Judd who will not occupy Prentice's cabinet seat.

Universities suffering savage cuts

THE leader of Britain's university dons warned today that while £450 million is being spent on improving Polaris missiles, the universities are suffering savagely from economy cuts.

Prof David King, president of the 29,000-strong Association of University Teachers, said at the union winter conference at Canterbury today that he welcomed the Prime Minister's call for an open debate on education.

But it must be made clear 'that education cannot be presented as the scapegoat for our present economic ills.'

Prof King, of Liverpool University, claimed that the universities have been, and still are, being dealt with harshly and the cuts are detrimental to the future of the nation. Morale, he warned, had sunk.

'Although higher and further education constitute only 25 per cent of total education spending, they will suffer about 60 per cent of the total planned education cuts in 1978-1979' he claimed.

'By way of contrast, we learn, for example, that the government is still able to spend £250 million — or nearly four fifths of the total annual grant to universities — on a programme to 'improve' the nuclear warhead for the Polaris missiles, an improvement described by experts as minimal and in any case based on an obsolete independent nuclear deterrent policy.'

Prof King told the conference: 'If education expenditure is not restored to a reasonable level, our present high standards of scholarship, training, learning and research, will be undermined and the means for the economic revival of this nation will be lost.'

News Lines ...

Heir's £12,500

□ THE Woolworth's fortune heir was not drunk, violent and boorish on a cruise a court heard yesterday. The judge awarded Anthony Hubbard £2,500 against yachtsman Howard Johnston who refused to sail with Hubbard because of his alleged bad behaviour.

Not liable

□ SEVENTEEN directors and associates of hammered stockbrokers Mitton Butler Priest were not liable for the company's debts, a judge ruled yesterday.

Vicar's appeal

□ THE 'Robin Hood' vicar Stephen Care who held up banks for charity had his seven-year sentence cut to five at the Appeal Court yesterday.

Savundra dies

□ Dr Emil Savundra, called 'Caesar' in the insurance world until his business collapsed amidst £2m debts, died at his Windsor home yesterday.

Sunday post

□ THE THREAT of a bread famine in London and the south east was averted yesterday when roundsmen agreed to supply normal deliveries to supermarkets. But shop stewards of the United Road Transport Union said supplies would be cut off from any supermarket which tried to undercut the standard price of 18p a loaf.

Radio strike

□ BBC local radio journalists were due to strike for 24 hours at midnight yesterday after talks with the National Union of Journalists failed to reach agreement. The strike is in support of Radio Sheffield reporters who oppose the use of a local greengrocer and teacher to cover football matches.

Xmas lights out

□ CHRISTMAS power-cuts were threatened throughout the Irish Republic by a dispute involving electricity workers over a manning dispute row.

BIG NAME BEHIND 'STERN' COLLAPSE

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

'We will press this until whole truth emerges' —MP

A PROPERTY speculation scandal bigger than the Poulson affair is being concealed in dealings connected with the collapse of the William Stern empire.

Labour MP Dennis Skinner told the Commons late Monday night: 'Had the bankruptcy proceedings taken place (on the Stern group), a lot of names would have been revealed.'

'All the dirty washing would have been hung out to dry,' he said.

The Stern group was in the news again yesterday in reports of increased losses by the property-linked merchant bank Keyser Ullmann.

The bank has had to get new help of more than £10m from the major clearing banks.

Earlier the same banks were required to back a Bank of England 'lifeboat' support system for financial groups in trouble. Keyser Ullmann got £65m aid on that occasion.

Another £6m has been written off against bad property debts by Keyser Ullmann in the last six months.

This brings the total of such provisions to between £75m and £100m since 1974, the year the Stern empire collapsed.

Included in these figures are loans and accrued interest believed to amount to about £20m which have been personally guaranteed by Mr William Stern, the 'Financial Times' reported yesterday.

Bankruptcy

'Mr Derek Wilde, the Keyser Ullmann chairman, the paper went on, 'confirmed yesterday that the bank is now considering taking bankruptcy proceedings against Mr Stern.'

Dennis Skinner, speaking in a debate on the Crown Agents, said that the 'scandalous idea' that the company chief William Stern should be allowed to continue dealing after the collapse of his empire had been put forward by the official liquidator Kenneth Cork.

Skinner charged further that the Crown Agents, whose money had been invested with the Stern group, were among creditors at a meeting which accepted the Cork proposition.

'Was it because they feared that the bankruptcy proposals, like in the Poulson case, would reveal a lot of important names?' Skinner asked.

He suggested that perhaps Cork had been asked to find a way of getting Stern off the hook so that names could not be revealed, in the hope that the property business might start to pick up again.

'A very thorough job' would have to be done by the Fay Committee which is holding an official inquiry into why the Crown Agents were forced to seek government help.

The government minister answering on behalf of the Crown Agents, Frank Judd, claimed that the Fay Committee had been 'given every encouragement to leave no stone unturned.'

Judd said that the Crown



William Stern

Agents had voted against the proposed arrangement with Stern at the creditors' meeting referred to by Skinner.

When Skinner intervened to ask why there were no bankruptcy proceedings against Stern, who was still buying and selling various properties, Judd evaded replying.

'It would not be helpful to go too deeply into this until the report of the Fay Committee was published,' he replied.

The Crown Agents had been instructed to cease their property speculation and withdraw from their secondary banking activities 'as rapidly as

is conducive with proper care of public money,' he added.

But Skinner persisted. He intervened again to ask if the Crown Agents would be taking steps to ensure that William Stern would be made bankrupt.

Judd replied: 'This is not necessary because that action has already been taken.'

In the course of his remarks, Skinner said he had received countless letters from people anxious about their investments in firms with which Stern had been concerned.

He also recalled that when he had raised this 'sinister scenario' in the House before, he

had been invited to speak on the BBC's 'World at One' programme with Kenneth Cork.

The invitation was then withdrawn, however, after Cork had threatened to take legal action.

Truth

'I am prepared to say everything I've said here outside this place,' Skinner told the Commons.

And then he warned Judd: 'There are some of us who will press this matter until the whole truth emerges. I don't care how big the names are involved.'



SKINNER

Cash smuggling stepped up

HUGE AMOUNTS of money are being smuggled out of the country on a systematic basis.

The customs and Excise annual report said the devaluation of the pound had increased the level of currency smuggling.

The report, published yesterday stated that the pound's falling value and the high premiums that exporters of capital are legally obliged to

pay have resulted 'in an increase of organised attempts to remove large sums of money abroad, and also in individual attempts to smuggle money out of the UK for investment, property purchase and deposit in foreign bank accounts'.

The only attempt to control the smuggling is a selective examination of baggage leaving the country.

The report continues: 'A large number of detections has been made amounting to £2½m, £1m of which was seized and the

balance restored for retention within the UK.'

Customs and Excise do not say so, but the implication is that the £2½m figure hardly scratches the surface of the real amounts involved.

On a lower scale, smuggling of spirits, tobacco and other goods is also increasing because of rises in excise duty.

Detections are far more common in such cases, compared with currency smuggling.

Says the report: 'In one case,

over 900 bottles of brandy (duty and tax involved £3,117) were found concealed in a consignment of machinery on a vehicle.'

'Following a seizure of over 250,000 cigars inquiries revealed that about 15 million had previously been smuggled in car transporters and trucks.'

It adds: 'Due to political uncertainties in a number of countries abroad there has been a tendency for foreign nationals to import large amounts of jewellery and other valuable for safe keeping in the United Kingdom. A number of substantial cases have come to light where attempts have been made to evade the duty payable on these articles.'

Customs men also seized more than 114,000 books, magazines and horror comics, 4,000 films and 57,000 articles contrary to laws stopping import of indecent, obscene or harmful publications.

Drugs — including cannabis, opium, cocaine and heroin — were seized. The report says their estimated street value was £5.25m.

Most betting shops in City of London

THE CITY of London has over ten times more betting shops per head of the population than any other part of the country, show figures issued yesterday.

Home Office annual statistics say 37 betting licences are in force in the financial 'square mile'. According to the report, this is equivalent to 68.5 licences per 10,000 of population.

Outside the thinly-populated City of London, the highest number of betting shops per head is Liverpool (320 licences, or 5.83 per 10,000 people). Next is Merthyr Tydfil (35 licences, or 5.78).

The total number of betting licences in force in Britain on June 1 this year was 13,863 — a fall of 508

from a year previously.

But the betting monopolies continue to maintain a high concentration of shops in depressed areas.

Examples are: Co Durham (4.21 licences per 10,000 population); St Helens (4.67); Doncaster (4.28); Gateshead (4.16); Sunderland (4.19); Newport, South Wales (5.32); Rhymney Valley (5.57).

The figures for Greater London are 2,362 licences (3.32) and for Greater Manchester 836 licences (3.09).

In Scotland, the highest ratios are in Edinburgh city (3.64); Motherwell (3.51); West Lothian (3.40); Glasgow City (3.33); Midlothian (3.22); Aberdeen city (3.19); Stewartry (3.13); Hamilton (3.09); and Clydebank (3.01).

Councillors complain about TRUMID man

LABOUR councillors in Stockport are reported to have laid an official complaint against a leading member of Trumid, the Tory-style organisation which intervenes in trade union affairs.

The complaint concerns Brendan Murphy, public relations officer for Stockport district council.

Murphy was recently elected to the Trumid national council. According to the 'Manchester Evening News', Mursphy says Trumid was behind the successful election campaigns of 'moderates' who have taken up full-time posts in the AUEW engineering union in the north west.

Murphy says Labour group

chairman Bernard Bradbury and his brother, Councillor Arthur Bradbury, have lodged their complaint with Stockport council's chief executive.

A member of NALGO, the local government union, Murphy says: 'My spare-time interests are none of their business as they do not affect my work.'

Leap in poverty disease

TUBERCULOSIS — the once common killer disease associated with poverty — is on the increase again.

The latest figures show that in 1975 TB in the lung and other parts of the body, excluding the central nervous system, rose slightly. TB in the bones, joints and other sites outside the lung and central nervous system, reached their highest level for 13 years. The figures from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys are given in notifications of infectious disease for 1975.

No explanation is offered, but TB thrived in the 19th and first half of the 20th century in slum areas where housing was bad among the working-class people whose low wages prevented them from buying proper food.

The extent to which the disease has been contained, however, is shown by there being 42,000 notifications of TB in the lung in 1950, and just over 8,200 in 1975. The rise over 1974 figures was exactly 100 cases.

Figures also show a steep rise in 1975 in cases of typhoid which were up more than 50 per cent to 205 cases. But the increase was wholly due to infections contracted abroad. Notifications of food poisoning last year and deaths from such infections reached their highest level for 15 years, with 8,863 cases notified, involving 47 deaths.



Bad housing and diets are creating new health danger from old diseases

SWEAT-SHOP EXPLOITERS

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

SWEAT-SHOP employers who are breaking the law are being let off by the government says a report out today.

It finds that the hotel, catering and hairdressing trades are notorious for exploiting their workers. Nearly one in three establishments are paying less than the legal minimum — a 100-per-cent increase since 1971.

The report by the 'low Pay Unit' condemns government for letting many sweating employers get away with it.

The current prosecution policy is merely to warn first offenders and bend over backwards to let off firms who break the law twice.

Statutory

Wage inspectors are responsible for ensuring that 3.3 million workers affected by Wages Council settlements received a statutory minimum wage.

The report complains that under 1 per cent of employers found to be underpaying will this year be prosecuted.

Of 54 second offenders discovered in the first phase of the blitz, only three were being taken to court. The overall prosecution rate, including first

offenders, is under 1 per cent.

This makes mockery of the government's promise to 'come down hard on law breaking employers'.

The report calls for urgent measures if the Wages Council system is not to become ineffective. It wants the number of inspectors increased from 126 to about 300.

Recognising the constraints on public expenditure, it suggests that the fines received through a more vigorous prosecution policy should be used to finance extra inspectors.

It also calls for the prosecution of all second offenders and a proportion of the worst first offenders.

'An employer has nothing to lose by paying below the statutory minimum. If he is caught — and the chances are against this — he has to pay the arrears.

'If he does not receive a visit from an inspector, he can pocket the difference between the legal minimum and the wage he actually pays,' says the report.

During 1976 underpayment went above £10m for the first time. A third of the 450,000 employers covered by Wages Councils pay below the legal minimum.

Arrears

The place with the worst record of underpayment was Dundee, where wage inspectors found arrears of £83.2 per worker, next was Cheltenham, where average arrears were £73.7.

The smallest average amount — £26.7 — owing to workers was found in Burton-on-Trent. Overall, the average underpayment was £47.3.

FAVoured BY THE LAW



Many employers are not being prosecuted

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HARD WINTER ON CLYDESIDE

BY OUR OWN
CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 10,000 redundancies are expected in Scotland in the New Year.

The worst hit area is Clydeside, the engineering and shipbuilding community stretching down the Clyde River from Glasgow.

Families like the McKean from Paisley know they are facing a hard winter.

Jim McKean is a labourer at Babcock and Wilcox where mass redundancies were announced this autumn.

Scarcely had the workers got over this shock when management declared another 1,200 sackings to take place next April. The company added that if the government does not place a new power station order soon, production will be totally wound up with the loss of 5,000 jobs.

It will mean poverty for 5,000 families on the Clyde, including Jim, his wife Marian and their four children.

Says Jim: "This is not like any previous period on Clydeside. You can't see any future now. Thousands



Marion McKean



Jim McKean

of families are affected.

I could easily be amongst those paid off in April and I don't like the prospect at all.

I'd get a few hundred pounds and be all right on the dole for a few months, but then... There's

just nothing now. Nowhere to go. We've known what it's like to be poor and we couldn't manage as we do now if we weren't both working.

But we have always managed and now we have things like a colour TV, although that means we have to do without other things.

Now it looks as though it's getting out of control. You have to worry about the cost of everything. The rents gone up £8 a month in two years.

The Budget was garbage. This whole government is garbage.

I'd like to see Benn as Prime Minister. He's got all he needs. So he's not out for himself like the rest of them.

I think he's only gone along with the cuts because he has no choice. No Labour seats will be safe in Scotland because of the policies of this government.

I've thought of voting nationalist, but then you look at who's in favour of a Scottish Assembly — Heath and Home.

How can any worker support them? ♪

Ridiculous

Marion says:

"I get £26 for four nights' work, it's really ridiculous.

But we need it and I have to keep working despite the hours.

I don't know what will happen if Jim is laid off. It's the same situation everywhere — there's nowhere to go.

In this area the mills began to close, then Robertson's jam factory.

If Babcocks goes it will have a big impact. A few years ago it was a great concern.

Things are getting difficult already with food prices going up and up. With the subsidies off butter will be 50p a half-pound.

And the rents are going up again — maybe £1 a week since the budget. It's risen 40 per cent in two years already.

The government's just taking everything from the working man. Cigarettes and beer are a worker's luxuries — that's why Healey is hitting them again.

The thing you notice most in the hospital is the meals.

They're not enough any longer. Friends and relations have to bring in sandwiches and biscuits to keep the patients going.

And they're not replacing staff either. If two of us were ill, I don't know what would happen. The whole place would come to a standstill. ♪



Marathon Shipyard, Clydeside

Oil rig jobs end on Christmas Eve

ABOUT 430 workers at a Scottish construction site where a giant oil production platform is nearing completion are to be laid off on Christmas Eve, it was confirmed yesterday.

A spokesman for Highland Fabricators — the consortium set up by Brown and Root of Houston, Texas, and George Wimpey — said the lay-offs involved more than a fifth of the work force.

Work on the platform, due to be floated out in April, was beginning to 'tail off'.

Just over half of the men laid off would be 'travelling

workers who had come to the site at Nigg, Ross and Cromarty, knowing that their jobs would be temporary, he said. Most of the others would be locals.

But, the consortium was 'very confident' that it would win one of the orders expected to be placed in the middle of next year for the North Sea, so avoiding further lay-offs.

Work on the present order — Highland Three, a 22,000-ton platform for Chevron's Ninian Field — began in June last year and it is now 85 per cent complete.

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STATE OF EMERGENCY IN T



ASSAD

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A STATE of emergency could be proclaimed in Lebanon today.

The cabinet of Premier Selim al-Hoss, formed just a week ago, is holding its first meeting and is expected to announce military press censorship, suspension of the right to hold public and political meetings without prior authorisation, and the creation of military tribunals.

The mask is being torn aside

MERCENARY RECRUITMENT CONDONED

THE Labour government has been accused of complicity in the recruitment of mercenaries to fight for Ian Smith's racist regime in Rhodesia.

About 1,500 mercenaries have recently joined Smith's forces — many of them recruited in Britain, Australia and the United States.

Yesterday the Tanzanian government-owned newspaper,

'Daily News' said these mercenaries could not be enrolled without the knowledge of their governments.

An editorial statement said this recruitment exposed the 'hypocrisy' of the governments which permitted it — including the British.

'How can they talk of a transfer of power to African majority rule in Zimbabwe and at the same time allow mercenaries to be recruited in their own countries to fight for the maintenance of a minority regime there?' the editorial said.

Portugal government hand back Ritz

THE PORTUGUESE government has decided to hand back the Hotel Ritz, one of the most luxurious in Lisbon, to its former owners.

State-appointed directors have been in charge of the Ritz since July, 1975.

But a communiqué issued after a cabinet meeting yesterday said the hotel's favourable financial outlook meant there was no longer any justification for state intervention.

Noting that the government had already decided that the tourist industry should not be nationalised, the communiqué said the management of the hotel would revert to its former owners, the Sodim Property Development Company.

Mario Soares' 'socialist' government also announced that 're-organisation' of the state-owned Press would begin next month.

This would include the return of some publications to private ownership.

The government said it would reduce staff, overhaul newspaper finances, centralise distribution, reduce the number of presses and limit the number of pages.

Most Portuguese national newspapers were nationalised in March last year, when the banks which owned them came under state ownership.



Ian Smith

● The British delegate abstained on Monday when the United Nations General Assembly adopted a motion calling for wider sanctions against the Smith regime, and condemning the continued purchase of Rhodesian chrome and nickel by the United States in defiance of existing sanctions orders.

The resolution, approved by 124 votes to none, with 7 abstentions, also supported the legitimacy of the Zimbabwe liberation struggle.

The abstentions came from Britain, the United States, Israel, West Germany, France, Malawi and Belgium.

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EMERGENCY THREAT TO THE LEBANON

in Lebanon as al-Hoss' so-called 'cabinet of technocrats' turns out to be a tool of the Syrian Assad regime.

And the 30,000 Syrian troops, operating under the colours of an Arab 'peace-keeping' force are now behaving openly as an army of occupation.

In the last week, the Syrian forces have clamped down on the Lebanese press, closing down seven newspapers and placing soldiers in occupation of their printing plants.

The moves followed discussions between the Syrian government and its nominee, Lebanese President Elias

Sarkis.

Their real purpose is to silence all opposition within Lebanon, while the Arab leaders of Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt manoeuvre for an American-backed deal with Israel at the expense of the Palestinians.

The law under which a state of emergency can be proclaimed dates back to 1953. Among other things, it gives the Lebanese Army the right to imprison people without trial.

But the Syrians and their reactionary Lebanese puppets are now claiming that, since the Lebanese Army has

disintegrated, these powers pass to the 'Arab Peace-keeping force' — that is, to the Syrian army.

Meanwhile, in Cairo the semi-official 'Al-Ahram' newspaper reported the Egypt and Syria had agreed to begin studies on unification.

It said President Sadat of Egypt and President Assad of Syria had agreed at the end of four days of talks to set up a political bureau to work out, within a fixed period, ways of uniting the two countries.

Egyptian vice-president Hosni Mubarak told reporters to expect a 'bombshell' result from

the meeting which could have world-wide repercussions.

This could include an agreement to hold a Geneva conference on the Middle East not later than next March.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismaeli Fahmi, said Sadat and Assad were 'fusing their political and military strategy'.

Assad was flying back to Damascus yesterday and the results of the talks were expected to be released in simultaneous broadcasts in Egypt and Syria.

The Syrian army shelled Palestinian commando positions in the southern outskirts of Beirut yesterday. It claimed it was acting to stop fighting between pro-Syrian Saika forces and members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

But later reports said the Syrians went on to attack other Palestinians from the PLO and that shelling went on for 5 hours.



No more aid for New York

NEW YORK — The city of New York cannot expect any more Federal aid in its attempts to stave off bankruptcy, US Treasury Secretary William Simon has told the Senate Banking Committee.

Simon, who had talks with the Labour government in Britain before the IMF loan team arrived, is charged with overseeing the US government's £2.3 billion loan programme to New York. As a pre-requisite for assistance, the city must make more massive spending cuts, sacking 75,000 workers, freezing pay, and closing hospitals, Simon says.

The city's Metropolitan Transit Authority is currently arguing over how many bus and underground workers to sack. Among those already

announced to go are 181 ticket collectors who were laid-off police and housing police re-hired by the transport authority this summer.

In the last two years, the workforce was reduced by over 8 per cent, 885 trains a day were cut, and fares were raised 43 per cent.

Lay-offs and cuts announced last week are intended to save £30 million. But the Emergency Financial Control Board wants massive sackings to save £42 million.

Servile union bureaucrats are telling the workers whose jobs and services are being destroyed that the sacrifices are necessary to 'save the city'.

As New York suffers 'the death of a thousand cuts', their argument sounds like the old surgeon who claimed he had cured the complaint, only the patient died.

'Morning Star' whitewashed Ethiopia regime

THE British Communist Party's 'Morning Star' has been condemned by opponents of the military junta in Ethiopia for whitewashing the regime.

In the latest issue of its information bulletin — published in Britain, France and Italy — the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Party cites three consecutive articles written by 'Morning Star' journalist John Gritten.

Gritten visited Ethiopia in September as the invited guest of the Junta (known as the Derg).

He then denied the existence of a law banning strikes in Ethiopia, and claimed that he

had met workers who had been on strike.

In fact, the July 5 Penal Code Amendment makes strikes illegal and punishable by imprisonment or death. The EPRP's bulletin says that strikes have taken place — but in defiance of this law.

The bulletin states that one of the junta's favourite ploys has been 'to invite selected journalists for celebrations and guide them around on pre-arranged tours.'

'Not many are deluded by this,' it adds, 'but unfortunately there are exceptions and one such exception is John Gritten, a correspondent of the "Morning Star", official organ of the Communist Party of Great Britain.'

Gritten had written that 'paternalistic as it may seem to

us', the Junta was anxious to assure 'the continuity of the revolution'.

The EPRP says 'We could have dismissed this type of analysis as curiously paternalistic if the statement had not come from a communist paper'.

On the 'Morning Star' journalist, it says: 'Gritten, a communist, we presume, steps into the field of the racist colonialists.'

Linking Gritten with a Radio Moscow broadcaster who issued a pro-Junta statement, the EPRP asks: 'Why should he or others push down our throats regimes that they themselves wouldn't have liked in their own countries?'

Regular broadcasts and news reports are now being made from Eastern Europe in support of the Ethiopian junta. The Hungarian weekly 'Magyarorszag', for instance, wrote that the junta was 'popular' and 'has a social base'.

And 'Pravda', organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has openly defended the junta and claimed that those who fought it were backed by the CIA.

KINSHASHA — Zaire's President Mobutu announced an austerity budget yesterday which included extensive cuts in public expenditure, the Zaire news agency reported.

It said the measures were designed to stabilise the country's economy which had been hit by falling copper prices.

They included a freeze on salaries of government employees and a cut back in trips abroad by officials.

JAPAN REJECTS EEC SCHEME

TOKYO — Talks which opened here yesterday between Japanese and Common Market officials have so far reached no agreement on proposed shipbuilding cuts.

Pointing out that Japan's share of shipbuilding orders from OECD countries this year was expected to reach 70-80 per cent, EEC representative Josephus Loeff called on the Japanese shipbuilding firms to agree on equal market shares with Western European shipbuilders.

The policy of market-sharing and production quotas is one the EEC has been pushing for some time, and it was put forward recently at the OECD meeting in Paris. It is due to be taken up there again.

Reduce

Yesterday the Japanese officials contented themselves with querying the EEC figures, saying that several tanker order cancellations must be taken into account.

The Japanese Transport Ministry has instructed major shipyards to reduce output to around 6.5 million tons by 1978, and maintain the cutback until the end of 1980.

This represents only about a third of Japan's present capacity of 19 million tons.

But EEC interests are still not satisfied.

They are pursuing the policy that capacity must be cut back to follow reduced demand, and that the markets must be apportioned — that is, the slump shared out. They want Japanese production reduced to about 4 million tons — one third of anticipated world demand by 1980.

According to Japanese government sources, the Japanese side is objecting that the EEC proposals are contrary to the principles of free trade.

Hello, good evening —and welcome

WASHINGTON DC — Richard Milhouse Nixon is alive and planning at least a partial comeback, according to a report in the 'Washington Post'.

'I think you're going to see a lot of President Nixon on the scene in 1977', the 'Post's' Lou Cannon was told by someone who knows the man, 'without knowing exactly what he is going to do, I get the impression that he thinks a lot of people are willing to look at the good things about him as well as the bad'.

Cannon discloses a series of telephone calls which the fallen Republican star has been making to his old party colleagues still in the game.

One was to vice-Presidential Candidate Robert Dole, who was staying at the Watergate Hotel complex just after the election.

'He wanted me to know I had a couple of friends in San Clemente and that he thought I'd done a good job in the campaign', Senator Dole said.

Nixon's friends say he is in good spirits, and looking forward to the publication of his book, which he hopes to



Nixon

complete next month. It is due out next Autumn, and is being serialised first in the New York Times.

But before that, the American viewing public will be able to have the dubious pleasure of seeing Nixon in a series of four 90-minute pre-recorded interviews with David Frost.

'He sets great store by these interviews', says a friend of Nixon. (He is also receiving \$600,000 for them).

But would you buy a used President off this man?

Well remembered!

CHICAGO — President-elect Jimmy Carter has paid glowing tribute to Chicago city boss and Democratic Party 'king-maker' Richard Daley, who died on Monday.

Daley, who in his time had also backed Adlai Stevenson and John F Kennedy (the latter a close confidant), threw his weight behind Carter at a crucial point in the latter's road to the White House.

He helped assure him of the Democratic Party nomination.

Later, he campaigned for Carter's election, though with less success. (The state of Illinois voted Republican — largely in an anti-Daley swing.)

Describing Daley as a 'great and good friend', Carter said he had led Chicago with the best interests of the people at heart, he had their trust, and administered their affairs in an exemplary manner.

PRESS MEN PROTEST AT RIGHTIST VIOLENCE

ATHENS — Two right-wing newspapers will not be out here today, because of last Thursday's fascist attack on reporters covering the Mallios funeral.

The Athens Association of Journalists called out members of the 'Eleftheros Cosmos' and the 'Estia' because of editorials which they say incited violence against fellow newsmen.

Former security police chief Evangelos Mallios, who tortured political prisoners during the colonels' regime, was shot dead last Tuesday.

His funeral, attended by ex-junta ministers and members of fascist and Royalist organisations, was turned into a rightist demonstration. Five reporters were beaten up and badly injured while covering the event.

Former junta Propaganda Minister George Georgalas has been charged with inciting violence in a speech he made at the ceremony.

The journalists' union says editorials in the right-wing papers also incited the violence.

'S CHRISTMAS FROM THE IMF



'None of the children has a warm coat.'
(Husband unemployed, seven children)



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If chess is your game, Harrods have a set with pieces fashioned out of glass phials containing different perfumes. Your cheque, mate, has to be in balance to the tune of £1,500 for this ancient pastime.

'It is a constant worry making sure that there's enough cash left over on Monday morning for school dinners and bus fares. The school uniform is a constant nightmare.'

'My main anxiety is the long term effects of poverty on our children. They should be enjoying experiences and opportunities at their present ages which will never come again. But try as we may, we just don't have enough money for this... there's always a bill waiting to be paid.'

(Husband unemployed — four children)

A mere £475 will get you a set of meerschaum pipes in a white woolly case and you can light them with your newly-acquired solid gold art lighter

made by Mr Jakajuma — 'the only one of its kind in the world' — at a cost of £3,824.

'We used to go out about twice a month until my husband became unemployed, but then once the electricity was cut off last winter, we began to go out in the evenings to places where we could keep warm, though we went to bed early on very many occasions to keep warm because of the cold.'

(Husband unemployed for two years; wife and two small children. Now working. Wage with supplementary benefits £42.80)

Jade is popular this year, going from £90 to £1,000. Likewise perfume. And in particular jewelry. Everything in this year's catalogue has been sold, including a ring for £29,000, which is going to sparkle in someone's stocking.

As the sign reads in Harrods ground floor 'Enter another World' — a world where there's no shortage, a world of privilege, luxury and extravagance.

A world where there's time on their hands and the time on their wrists can cost £7,500.

Irish political prisoners in British jails—Part five

The struggle to get 'home'

BECAUSE they are classified as category 'A' prisoners, prisoners of war are never allowed to remain long in the one jail.

There are exceptions to this rule, but they are exceptions. You are never told when you are being moved and these 'shanghais' or 'ghostings' as they are called are deeply resented by all prisoners.

Moves are usually made late at night or in the early morning.

You are rudely awakened and told to get dressed. Handcuffed, you are led through the sleeping prison wing, past all the cell doors each with its little card pinned to the door telling you the number, then the name of the prisoner, his sentence and his religion: red ones for Catholics, and blue ones for Jews, Church of England, atheists, and all the other-ists have white ones. It's like one great big filing system with the subject, or the object as he's called in prison terms, lying sleeping behind the door.

Convoy

The police escort of motor cars and cyclists are already assembled at the main gate and once again you are put in the category 'A' van. You move off in convoy into the darkness and you can't help but hope that this time you might be moved to an Irish Jail: 'HOME'.

The chances are slim but that does not stop you hoping. Every sign-post that you pass you take

a quick glance at. London may mean Heathrow Airport and 'HOME'.

Manchester may mean its airport and 'HOME' to Long Kesh.

'Shanghais'

Unfortunately these 'shanghais' mean for the Irish prisoner another Maximum Security Jail where he is immediately put into solitary.

They always introduce you to the punishment block first and when you eventually reach the main wing the harassment begins again with the same sickening regularity.

Other prisoners who befriend you are singled out by the authorities for harassment.

They too are denied access to educational and recreational facilities and when they inquire as to why this is so, they are told, 'it is because of the company you are keeping'.

If, as happens, the prisoner refuses to be intimidated and continues his friendship with the

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.



Albany jail

prisoner of war, he is moved to another jail.

Prison Officers also incite attacks on prisoners of war and

unfortunately in some incidents attacks have been made.

The above is an account by a prisoner (Republican) who

spent two years in England.

When Republicans are sentenced to solitary and loss of remission the sentence is passed

by the governor and board of visitors.

One of the functions of this board is to protect the rights and interests of prisoners.

This in itself contradicts the entire prison rule book which denies rights to any prisoners.

Prisoners have only privileges which can be taken from them at any time.

When you appear before the board you are allowed to plead guilty or not guilty and to give your account of the incident you are charged with.

You are then returned to your cell.

You are not allowed to hear the evidence given against you by the screws nor are you allowed to question them on it. Legal representation is denied to you, yet this board can sentence you to a year in solitary.

Such is the treatment of Irish prisoners of war under 'normal prison conditions'.

In Albany such a board took two years remission from the prisoners of war and ordered that they be held in solitary for one hundred and thirty days.

There are other Republicans held in far worse conditions than these 'normal' ones, and they are to be found in Special Maximum Security Segregation Units and in Sensory Deprivation Units.

**CONTINUED
TOMORROW**

THE 'BOSS' IS DEAD

CHICAGO — When Jimmy Carter heard he'd won the Democratic party nomination for President, one of the first people he phoned was Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago.

Daley, who died on Monday night, aged 74, was not just mayor of America's second largest city for 21 years. He was the Boss.

Having risen from 'precinct captain' in the city's Democratic Party machine to head both the city administration and the Cook County party machine, he was for a time a most powerful figure.

BY CHARLES PARKINS

Anyone arriving in Chicago from 1955 on would see the name of Richard Daley in big letters on the municipal signs.

If he moved into a Daley district, the Democrat 'precinct captain' would call round to greet him, help see he got his electricity turned on, and so on... and remind him who to vote for.

In case he forgot the name, every city council notice would begin 'Mayor Richard J. Daley today announces...'.

There were also 35,000 city jobs that Daley had a say in — and he was known for his memory for names.

And there were city services.

And real estate deals, and contracts, all those city centre skyscrapers and commuter motorways to be built.

Daley's patronage was just as important for hopefuls after the bigger jobs — his machine promised to deliver a lot of votes for the candidate he favoured. In 1960, for instance, he delivered the populous state of Illinois for John F. Kennedy.

So successful was the Daley machine then that more votes were cast for Kennedy in Chicago than there were registered voters. Opponents suggested the Mayor's powers now extended to raising the dead, and there were threats of lawsuits over the election, but nothing came of this.

A big enthusiast for 'Law and Order', he described the Chicago police fairly accurately as 'the best that money can buy'. Daley achieved international fame with his handling of the 1968 Democratic Party Convention. Television viewers across the world were able to watch Daley's club-swinging cops smashing the heads of Vietnam war protesters outside the convention hall.

Shoot

In the same year he had ordered the police to shoot to kill during black ghetto disturbances.

On another occasion, he organised a staged 'riot' so as to bring in the National Guard against black youth.

Described as a devout Catholic and strong moralist, Daley was criticised by some newspapers when it was found that millions of dollars worth of city business had gone to a firm run by his sons. 'If a father cannot do that, what is the world coming to', said Daley, always a strong family man.

In 1974, some of Daley's closest associates were jailed on fraud and bribery charges. The Daley machine was starting to wane. This year, the man who as Federal prosecutor had put Daley's friends away, Republican Jim Thompson, beat Daley's hand-picked candidate for the Governorship of Illinois.

More important, Illinois was



DALEY... the Boss

one of the few industrial states that was not won to Jimmy Carter. The Daley machine was unable to deliver enough votes in Chicago to swing it. In fact, far from being an asset to Carter's campaign, the support of the party machine was apparently a burden.

That seems to confirm that

down at a deeper level than the Democrat-Republican game, something important is stirring. Like Carter's victory generally, his defeat in Illinois also reflected the movement taking place in the working class, towards its own politics.

The days of the Daleys are over.



Mayor Daley showed his ruthlessness during the Chicago riots by black people protesting against appalling living conditions

A VEIL OF SECRECY SURROUNDS LETHAL PLASTIC BULLETS

SCIENTISTS have warned that the plastic bullet now in use will mean death or serious injury to hundreds in Northern Ireland.

The bullet, 1.5 inches in diameter and over four inches long, is considered more deadly than the rubber bullet which it replaces.

The Ministry of Defence refuses to reveal details of the bullet. Jonathan Rosenhead, lecturer at the LSE, in a report in 'New Scientist', writes about this secrecy.

He says, 'This is a prime case of abuse of official secrecy, not to protect the State from external attack or internal subversion, but to defend it from effective democratic pressures from an informed public.'

A wide range of 'riot' control weapons are in use throughout the world. The 'Stun-Bag', designed in the US is one of these.

The 'Stun-Bag' is a soft canvas pouch filled with metal buckshot which spreads out into a three-inch-diameter pancake when in flight.

'Stun-bag'

United States tests on the 'Stun-Bag' concluded that impacts of below 15 ft lb of energy is safe or of low hazard; between 30 and 90 ft lb is dangerous on impact; and impacts above 90 ft lb are in the 'severe damage region'.

Damage caused included massive skull fractures, rupture and destruction of the kidney, fracture and fragmentation of the liver, and haemorrhages, necrosis and rupture of the heart.

A hit was almost certain to cause 'undesirable effects' at ranges up to 120 feet and with very high probability up to 150 feet.

The same tests were carried out on the British rubber bullets and the results were reasonably consistent. Energy levels greater than 120 ft lb resulted in either death or 'significant damage'.

The energy of a rubber bullet when it leaves the gun is about 293 ft lb. This will fall to about 153 ft lb at 75 feet, and 86 ft lb at 150 feet. (A heaved quarter brick at a range of 16 feet has an estimated 36 ft lb.)

So for most, if not all, of its range the rubber bullet is in the 'severe damage region'.



Youth badly injured by a rubber bullet which hit him in the face

Jonathan Rosenhead points out, 'there is ample evidence that they are used at much shorter ranges', and says, 'Mrs Emily Groves, who lost both eyes, was shot from 24 feet.'

'More than half of the injured treated by surgeons at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, had been shot from less than 15 yards, and a third from less than 5 yards.'

'One patient gave a vivid description of a soldier pressing a gun against her, followed by a bang and a smell of fireworks.'

The Ministry of Defence has not released any details of the plastic bullet which is a little lighter but harder than the rubber bullet. It is also fired at a greater speed. At a given range the plastic bullet must clearly have greater energy than the rubber bullet.

Also, the plastic bullet is designed to be shot directly at demonstrators, whereas the rubber bullet was supposed to ricochet off the ground.

The labour government has claimed that intensive tests were carried out under medical supervision before the rubber bullet was brought into service in 1970.

Jonathan Rosenhead says, 'One can only conclude that the safety testing of these devices is less thorough than has been claimed — and that the government doesn't really care very much how safe they ARE, only how safe the public THINKS they are.'

Replacement

It seems that the replacement of the rubber bullet by the plastic bullet is because of its greater accuracy so it can be aimed at 'ringleaders'.

To conclude his article in the 'New Scientist', Jonathan Rosenhead quotes from M J Wargovich (et al. Evaluation of the Physiological Effects of a Rubber Bullet ...). Wargovich says, 'It is preferred that onlookers not get the impression that the police are using excessive force or that the weapon has an especially injurious effect on the target individuals. Here again, a flow of blood and similar dramatic effects are to be avoided.'



MASON

SAS are preparing arrests

FURTHER information on security measures in Northern Ireland have been revealed to the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Roy Mason, last Friday.

He told the Commons, 'The flexible deployment of the SAS (Special Air Services) is now available to areas where their special skills and experience can be used to best advantage.'

'We have made a point of not disclosing the actual numbers of SAS involved and I do not intend to depart from this.'

But I can assure the House that the numbers will be adequate for the tasks.

'They will of course be kept

under review and, increases will be considered if the security situation so requires.'

He told the Commons that the security forces have detailed files on the 'terrorists' and know 'what they do', 'where they go', 'how they get their money', and 'their friends and associates'.

'They are matching these life histories and personal profiles against the full range of criminal offences'. They are 'preparing to arrest them on the best and most apposite charges'.

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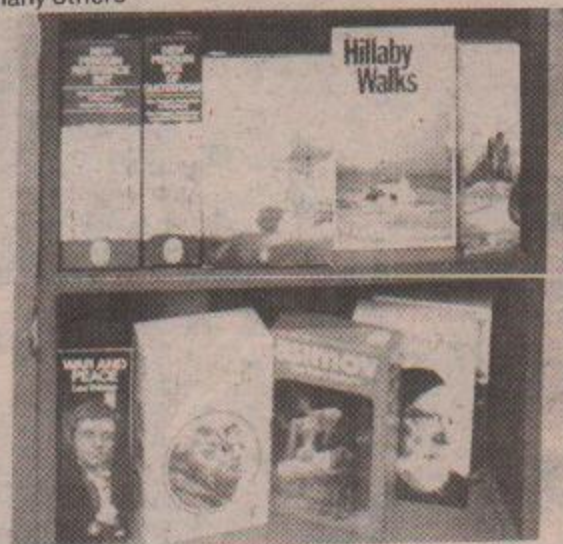
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French paper confiscated at Czech border

Film coverage exposes Communist Party rift

BY CHARLES PARKINS

PARIS — The showing of Costa-Gavras' film 'L'Aveu' on French television, and the subsequent panel discussion has produced a gaping cleavage between the Czech and French Communist Parties.

'L'Aveu' (The Confession) depicts the ordeal, at the hands of the Stalinist secret police, of Artur London, a veteran Communist Party member, International Brigade volunteer and Resistance fighter, purged from the Czech government in 1951.

Accused in the 1952 Prague Trials of being at one and the same time a Trotskyist, Titoist, American spy and Zionist, London made a long and detailed confession of his guilt.

The film shows the physical and psychological means used by his persecutors to obtain such a confession.

Death

Eleven of the fourteen defendants, including former Communist Party Secretary General Rudolf Slansky, were sentenced to death. London was

sentenced to life imprisonment, but released in 1956. The film is based on his book (published in Britain as 'On Trial').

It was recently featured on BBC television in the 'Sense of Justice' series.

On December 14, it was screened on French television. A panel discussion afterwards, in the popular 'Dossiers de l'Ecran' series, featured former

Czech broadcasting director Jiri Pelikan, and Jean Kanapa, Foreign Affairs spokesman of the French Communist Party.

Back in 1970, when 'L'Aveu' appeared in French cinemas, the Stalinist newspaper 'l'Humanité' attacked it slanderously as mere anti-communism.

But last week, Kanapa described the film as moving

and authentic, and said that London's book had 'rendered service to those who fought for socialism'.

The film was also given a more considered and favourable treatment in 'l'Humanité'. An editorial by René Andrieu observed that 'the trial of Artur London was not the only one of its kind in the history of socialist countries', and went on to say:

'The facts... must be faced even if bitter, and such injustices should be denounced with the necessary strength to prevent forever their repetition'.

The bureaucracy in Prague evidently disagrees.

The Stalinist daily 'Rudy Pravo' condemned the showing of the film, and listeners to Radio Prague's home service were told last Wednesday evening that French television was in breach of the Helsinki agreement by it.

The radio correspondent Rudolf Prevratil, from Paris, informed the Czech public that the discussion on French TV had been 'a platform for anti-communists Jiri Pelikan and Professor Laurent Schwartz'.

Attacking both the screening of the film and the discussion as having 'nothing in common with the dissemination of objective information', the Czech

broadcaster said: 'This was clearly demonstrated by the content of the television discussion. It was visibly conducted in such a way as to sound a note of warning to the average Frenchman against the threat of communism.'

'Any means is evidently welcome to deter the French electorate from voting for the Left in the forthcoming municipal and parliamentary elections'.

Before he had finished, correspondent Prevratil had the French programme also allegedly pursuing 'yet another evident aim: to divert the attention of the people from their domestic problems, from growing unemployment and unabated inflation.'

An overseas broadcast in English the following day went further, accusing the French television of serving the 'Rightist and reactionary strategy' and creating 'a gross provocation against the socialist countries'. It went on to refer to 'discussion in which a number of Czechoslovak emigrés who had betrayed their country and were serving different Western organisations took part'.

Exploit

That the bourgeois media in the West will try to exploit attacks on the bureaucracy for their own ends is of course true. But if the Prague commentators wanted to dismiss the Costa-Gavras film as 'anti-communist' and the discussion as 'rightist propaganda', that is clearly a serious charge to level at the French Communist Party for taking part.

Although the French Stalinists' turn is at least partly due to their rightward moves and profession of liberalism, the Stalinists in Eastern Europe are on tricky ground attacking them, since this development is only following the 'peaceful coexistence' line to which Prague also subscribes.

In any case, the Prague commentator would have had

the awkward task of explaining how the French Communist Party were willing accomplices in a programme which, according to him, was aimed at them too.

That logical difficulty was avoided, because listeners to the Czech home service did not know what correspondent Prevratil knew — that the French Communist Party had taken part in the television discussion.

However, there was one more problem.

Discussion

'L'Humanité' is normally on sale in Prague, and there are enough Czechs who can read French. And on December 16, the French CP's paper had a whole page devoted to 'L'Aveu' and discussion on issues it raised.

But that was dealt with. On December 16, as the train from Paris pulled into Prague station, a number of men were waiting impatiently on the platform.

So eager were they, it seems, to see the latest intellectual offerings of the French Communist Party, that they leapt on board the guard's van, and hurriedly grabbed the bundles of 'l'Humanité', disappearing with them. And anyone else in Prague who wanted a copy was unable to obtain it that day.

The bureaucracy says that events like the 1952 Prague Trials are entirely a matter of the past. If so, why be so rattled by discussion of them?

The Prague radio commentator on December 16 derided the French television programme for trying 'to suggest that its distorted vision of the past had some relevance for the present'.

That was the overseas radio broadcast, for listeners in Africa and Asia, mind you.

The listeners on the home service might, if they had heard such a remark, voted the commentator best radio comedian of the year. Some of them might have seen the events on Prague railway station that morning.



Yves Montand as Artur London in 'L'Aveu'



Shot from the Costa-Gavras film 'L'Aveu'

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WESTWARD

10.00 A Card for Christmas. 10.05 Survival Special. 11.00 Sports 5. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 The Loneliness of the Long Distance Sailor. 11.55 The Wombles. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Pipkins. 12.25 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News at One. 1.25 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 The Canterbury Ghost. 3.20 About Britain. 3.50 Emmerdale Farm. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Man about the House. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Wednesday At Eight. 9.00 Dan August. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wednesday Special: St. Nicolas. 11.25 Late News. Weather. 11.30 A Card for Christmas. 11.35 Closedown.

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Farm. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Sinbad Junior. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Day by Day. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Wednesday At Eight. 9.00 Police Woman. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.30 Chopper One. 12.00 Southern News Extra. 12.10 Weather Forecast, followed by Dana and Closedown.

ANGLIA

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HTV

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ULSTER

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SCOTTISH

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RUSHMERE can prove he is still one of the smartest young hurdlers around when he reverts to the minimum trip for the £3,000 Finale Junior Hurdle (1.45) at CHEPSTOW today.

Having won his first two hurdles races, Rushmere blotted his copybook earlier this month by failing to stay the two and a half miles and being beaten into third place at Haydock. Before that defeat, he had shown a wealth of talent when thrashing the highly-rated Rathconrath at Ascot. He jumps hurdles like an old hand, and is sure to be one of the favourites for the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival in March.

CHEPSTOW

12.45 ANGLER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE £500 2m 4f (15 runners)

1	3400-00	DRY ICE (D)	D Wintle 8 11 13	Mr A Wathen (7)
5	04000-3	BUD (FR)	W Clay 9 11 8	N Clay
7	0134F0	GOLDEN FIGHTER	K Pipe 6 11 8	P Hayman (7)
8	U00010	TUMBLE ROCK	A Stevens 5 11 7	J King
9	32P4-P	LUDICROUS SEXTUS	A Stevens 9 11 5	C Faulkner (7)
10	3-242	EQUITY	D Jermy 7 11 4	Mr M Caswell (7)
11	000-000	BLASTA BLAZE	O O'Neill 11 11 3	Mr G McCourt (7)
12	0-00003	BLAMELESS STALL	G Williams 11 11 3	Mr J Worthington (7)
14	0000-00	BETTYS PRIDE	M Oliver 6 11 0	C Jones (5)
15	4-P0021	SKIPPIN (D)	H Willis 12 11 0 (3 ex)	S May
17	03F040	SEPHIREEN	Keenor 7 10 11	C Brown (5)
18	P-22-000	DOUBLE CROWN	F Coate 9 10 9	G Jones
22	0420P0	POTTERON	B Cambridge 7 10 0	Mr M Lay (7)
23	0P000-0	ELAINES MY QUEEN	T Healey 4 10 0	C Jones (5)
24	0000-0-0	DESERT GOLD	L Kennard 5 10 0	C Jones (5)

PROBABLE SP: 100-30 Skipkin, 5-1 Equity, 6-1 Double Crown, 13-2 Tumble Rock, 8-1 Blasta Blaze and Blameless Stall, 9-1 Bud, 10-1 Dry Ice, 12-1 Potteron, 16-1 Bettys Pride, 20-1 Others.

1.15 GAINSBOROUGH NOVICES CHASE £750 (2-Y-O) 2m (8 runners)

1	10F10F	QUEEN ALEXANDRIA (USA)	W Williams 11 8	B Butler (7)
2	000-030	COMMANDANT	G Baiding 10 12	R Linley
3	P0-0P0P	EVRONS RIVER	D Jermy 10 12	S May
4	0-000	FABOURITE FELLA	F Smith 10 12	Dr D Chesney (3)
7	323	OWEN MONEY	M Oliver 10 12	P Blacker
8	0-00204	PETER JACK	S Mellor 10 12	S Jobar
9	04100F	ROMPING TO WORK	J Edwards 10 12	R R Evans
10	0-P0	STELLATA	S Mellor 10 12	R Hyett

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Rumping to Work, 3-1 Peter Jack, 9-2 Owen Money, 5-1 Commandant, 8-1 Queen Alexandria, 10-1 Stellata, 16-1 Others.

1.45 FINALE JUNIOR HURDLE £3,000 (3-Y-O) 2m (18 runners)

1	0021	GAMBLING PRINCE	J P Jones 11 3	H J Evans
2	113	RUSHMERE (D) (BF)	J Gifford 11 3	R Champion
3	21	SUPREME VISTA (D)	B Richmond 11 3	D Rickells
7	1	BROMSDON (D)	V Cross 11 0	J King
8	00	CAN RUN	D Gandolfo 11 0	P Barton
9	12110	DAVES EQUAL (D)	T Fairhurst 11 0	C Fairhurst
10	002021	DECENT FELLOW	G Baiding 11 0	R Linley
11	002021	DURHAM LAD (D)	D Gandolfo 11 0	P Barton
13	P	LEAHAD II	D Underwood 11 0	R Atkins
14	11	LEVAMOSS (D)	Singham 11 0	R Barry
15	00000	LOUOLY C DAVIES	11 0	R Hyett
16	2022	O CONNA	B Cambridge 11 0	G Jones
17	312211	PALAESTRINA (D)	R Vibert 11 0	D Cartwright
20	411	PRINCE HENHAM (D)	N Callaghan 11 0	R Dickin
21	0	RAGUSA BAY	H Nicholson 11 0	R Atkins
24	0	SPANISH TRICK	R Tunnell 11 0	A Tunnell
27	33	WEE ANNA	W Williams 11 0	P Butler
28	33	YELLOW BOY	D Nicholson 11 0	J Southern

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Levamos, 7-2 Rushmere, 5-1 Vronson, 7-1 Supreme Vista, 8-1 Gambling Prince, 9-1 Prince Henham, 10-1 Yellow Boy and Palaestrina, 12-1 Daves Equal, 14-1 Spanish Trick, 20-1 Others.

2.15 TERRY WOGAN HANDICAP CHASE £1,000 3m 6f (11 runners)

1	U-03P31	FOREST KING (D)	K Hogg 7 12 0	R Hyett
2	133-102	DAWN BREAKER (C)	C Davies 6 11 4	R Barry
4	1-00141	PRINCE ROCK (C-D)	P Bailey 8 11 2 (4 ex)	P Blacker
7	42-2121	HAPPY RANGER (C)	J Thorne 9 10 2	M Stanley (3)
8	11002-2	FLYING ORCHID (C)	J Gifford 7 10 1	Mr B Venn (7)
12	UF-442F	KILLERBY	J Jewell 8 10 0	D Cartwright
13	43-412P	KLIPSINGER	C Miller 7 10 0	P Hobbs (3)
15	222403	REDDER'S BOY	A Hobbs 12 10 0	D Hobbs (3)
17	P2-33012	WEATHER PERMITTING (C)	M Pipe 11 10 0	S May
18	321-0F	MAC VIDI	Miss P Neal 11 10 0	P Duggins (5)
19	430334	NAVAL POWER	M Scudamore 6 10 0	P Duggins (5)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Dawn Breaker, 3-1 Forest King, 5-1 Prince Rock, 13-2 Flying Orchid, 8-1 Killerby, 9-1 Weather Permitting, 10-1 Happy Ranger, 12-1 Redder's Boy, 20-1 Others.

2.45 NEWSBOY HANDICAP CHASE £1,000 2m 4f (7 runners)

2	03P-103	THE PILGRIM (D)	F Rime 8 11 6	J Burke
5	42-P431	ROMAN PASTURES (D)	C Davies 7 11 2	R Hyett
7	10-2-212	COLONEL MUSTARD (D)	T Forster 8 11 1	R Barry
9	2-00F31	ACCORD	R Tunnell 9 11 0 (5 ex)	A Tunnell
11	3344-20	VILLAGE SLAVE (BF)	J Old 8 10 8	R Champion
12	24P-F03	BACHELOR'S HALL	P Cundell 6 10 8	P Hobbs (3)
15	1F440-P	EASY RUNNER	M Scudamore 9 10 0	P Hobbs (3)

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Colonel Mustard, 10-30 Accord, 4-1 Bachelor's Hall, 9-2 Roman Pastures, 6-1 The Pilgrim, 1-32 Village Slave, 16-1 Easy Runner.

3.15 CARLTON NOVICE HURDLE £850 (4-Y-O) 2m (25 runners)

1	201	ESCAPOLOGIST (D)	I Wardle 11 10	D Cartwright
2	0001	BEYCHEVELLE	D Gandolfo 11 5	P Barton
3	001	JAMES THREE	D Underwood 11 5	R Atkins
4	01	ST CADWALADR (D)	F Wintle 11 5	James Guest (3)
7	00	BITTER TOP	Mrs M Easton 11 0	C Brown (5)
8	00	BLACK PATCHES	A Darville 11 0	Mrs Jenny Owen (7)
9	0	BORDER MERCHANT	M Scudamore 11 0	John Williams
10	0	BOXWOOD	R Tunnell 11 0	A Tunnell
16	00	ERNEST	B Cambridge 11 0	G Jones
18	00	FLYING DICE	R Armytage 11 0	H J Evans
20	0	GREGLUSH	J Edwards 11 0	R R Evans
21	FOPO	GREY PRESTO	D Jermy 11 0	S May
22	40	HARRY HAWKE	B Palling 11 0	V Soane
23	40	KANDILOVE	M Oliver 11 0	Mr M Caswell (7)
29	3	MAYUMBE (FR)	M Pipe 11 0	R Atkins
31	0	MISS ROSETTA	J Bradley 11 0	M Williams
32	0020	NATIONAL EXPRESS	N Aylliffe 11 0	Mr M Aylliffe (7)
33	0	PALISSY	J Bradley 11 0	M Williams
34	P	QUIET WATER	R Tunnell 11 0	E Waite
36	00	SAFFRON PRINCESS	L Kennard 11 0	Mr R Hoare (7)
37	0	STALBRIDGE HEATH	A Stoddart 11 0	Mr G McCourt (7)
38	0	VULFORY'S STAR	M McCourt 11 0	Mr G McCourt (7)
44	000	WELL COPPED	M McCourt 11 0	Mr G McCourt (7)

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Escapologist, 4-1 St Cadwaladr, 11-2 James Three, 6-1 Beychevelle, 9-1 Boxwood, 12-1 Mayumbe, 14-1 National Express, 16-1 Others.

He can prove his worth for that event by taking today's valuable prize for trainer Josh Gifford and jockey Bob Champion, for the second year running. The combination won it last year with Tiepolino.

Killerby, one of this country's leading point-to-pointers last spring, looks poised to make a big name for himself in the jumping world and should regain winning ways in the Terry Wogan Handicap Chase (2.15).

He has been rather unlucky on his recent ventures. Last time out, for example, he was on the verge of victory before falling at Wincanton's final fence.

Killerby, who hails from the small but highly successful David Jewell stable in Taunton, looks particularly well in at the weights. He should have most of his rivals struggling from about half way if jockey Barry Venn again employs front-running tactics.

The chief danger should come

from fellow West Country challenger Happy Ranger, who always runs well at the Chepstow track.

But Happy Ranger's long-range target is the Grand National and he may just need this race.

Best bet at CATTERICK should be the Arthur Stephenson-trained Drumador in the Danby Handicap Chase (1.15).

Drumador was going strongly when falling at the 13th behind Tartan Tutor at Wetherby last time, after being the object of a heavy gamble. The ten-year-old can recoup losses here.

Hill End showed a lot of improvement when finishing less than five lengths behind smart Julian Swift at Uttoxeter last time and should be good enough to win the Ellerton Maiden Chase (2.15). Another Stephenson challenger, Royal Sermon, may present the biggest danger.

At TOWCESTER Jenny Pitman's Fettimist looks well weighted to win the Menlo Park Novices Handicap Chase (1.00).

The six-year-old carries an 8lb penalty for impressive victory in the mud at Leicester. But with Brian Smart's 5lb claim, he

carries 11st 3lb and should account for La Gingold.

John Francome can land a double for Fred Winter with impressive Ascot scorer Valiant Charger in the first part of Division One of the Northampton Novices Hurdle (11.30) and Jackadandy who lines up in part one of Division Two (12.00).

• Racing at Catterick and Towcester both depend on the outcome of inspections this morning. The clerks of both courses were hopeful that heavy patches would dry quickly, and that so long as there was no more rain, racing would go ahead on soft going.

TOWCESTER

11.30 NORTHAMPTON NOVICES' HURDLE DIV I PART 1 £600 2m (11 runners)

1	3B4-211	VALIANT CHARGER (D)	F Winter 5 12 4	J Francome
4	00-F0P1	STAR OF THE ARCTIC (D)	D Morley 5 11 11	B R Davies
7	000	BENTLEY GREEN	D Nicholson 5 11 4	R Mangan (5)
8	033-400	BLIGHTY (BF)	D Gandolfo 5 11 4	R Mann
11	22320-4	EDNISON	M Tate 5 11 4	A Webber
15	00	MONUMENTAL MOMENT	R Vibert 5 11 4	A Webber
17	0P0-00	NORMANS LAD	J Spearing 5 11 4	G Thorne
21	0	ISOTIP	R Head 4 11 0	M Gibson
27	0000-03	PORTO RICO	J Gibson 4 11 0	G Thorne
28	20	RAILWAY CITY	T Forster 4 11 0	P Leach (3)
33	TELENDOS	D Barons 4 11 0		

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Valiant Charger, 5-2 Star of the Arctic, 5-1 Donnison, 8-1 Blighty, 10-1 Bentley Green, Railway City, 14-1 Others.

12.00 NORTHAMPTON NOVICES' HURDLE DIV 2 PART I £600 2m (12 runners)

2	2431	JACKADANDY (D)	F Winter 5 11 11	J Francome
4	130	SEA EMPEROR	G Kindersley 5 11 11	C Candy
5	432-P01	TRIO J	D Gandolfo 5 11 11	B R Davies
10	00-0	BROKEN SIESTA	R Armytage 5 11 4	G Enright (5)
13	33233-0	CRITICISM	R Armytage 5 11 4	A Webber
18	03	SERPENT PRINCE	J Gifford 5 11 4	G Enright (5)
21	00	ANGELS IMP	J Webber 4 11 0	A Webber
23	0000-	ASPEN	D Gandolfo 4 11 0	G Thorne
27	00-F0	DEEP MEMORIES	T Forster 4 11 0	R Mangan (5)
30	00	FRUIT PICKER	D Nicholson 4 11 0	J Glover
31	00	GEORGETOWN (NZ)	S Mellor 4 11 0	R Mann
34	00304-0	HYGIEA	M Tate 4 11 0	

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Serpent Prince, 4-1 Jackadandy, 5-1 Sea Emperor, 7-1 Trio 3, 10-1 Criticism, Hygiea, 12-1 Fruit Picker, 16-1 Others.

12.30 NORTHAMPTON NOVICES HURDLE DIV I PART 2 £600 2m (11 runners)

5	0-03341	LACSON (D)	R Hawker 4 11 7	Mr A Walter (7)
9	0	CAPTAIN KENNETH	Mrs P Sly 5 11 4	I Watkinson
12	3-0	FORTIFY	T Forster 5 11 4	G Thorne
13	U00-	LIZARDON	I Dudgeon 4 11 4	R Floyd (3)
16	2U04-0-4	NICKY'S MAC	W Stevenson 5 11 4	R Mangan (5)
20	0	EASY MOVE (FR)	N Gaselee 4 11 0	M Floyd (5)
25	233	PETERS TREASURE	D Gandolfo 4 11 0	C Candy
26	0	PHYSICIST	J Gifford 4 11 0	G Enright (5)
29	000-P	RYHALL GRANGE	D Morley 4 11 0	B R Davies
30	000-P	SAMMIES GIRL	N Renshaw 4 11 0	J Glover
35	30	VICTA STEEL (BF)	S Mellor 4 11 0	

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Lacson, 3-1 Physicist, 9-2 Fortify, 5-1 Nicky's Mack, 6-1 Ryhall Grange, 8-1 Victa Steel, 14-1 Others.

1.00 MENLO PARK NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE £1,000 2m (12 runners)

1	0332-21	FETTIMIT	Mrs J Pitman 6 11 8 (8 ex)	B Smart (5)
2	03-4333	GARDENVALE (BF)	P Cundell 7 11 7	Mr J Butchard (7)
5	0-P0312	LA GINGOLD	E Courage 5 11 0	A Webber
6	00220-0	WALLEYES	J Webber 6 11 0	D Evans
7	42-4300	LORD OF THE RINGS	D Pearman 7 11 0	I Watkinson
8	0-0423	BOURDON	Earl Jones 9 11 0	C Candy
9	040-P30	EVEN WILLIAM	G Kindersley 5 10 15	P Leach (3)
10	302P-40	PATENT	D Barons 6 10 12	J Fox
12	334-P04	CLIFTON HOUSE	G Baiding 5 10 9	K Smith
14	0-04-040	MR SHUT EYE (BF)	Mrs A Finch 9 10 7	W Gray
15	0-04344	RED EARL	J Berry 7 10 4	H J Evans
17	OP-0330	RAINBOWS EDGE	B Thompson 6 10 4	

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Fettimist, 7-2 La Gingold, 9-2 Bourdon, 5-1 Gardenvale, 8-1 Lord of the Rings, 10-1 Clifton House, 12-1 Patent, 16-1 Others.

1.30 SHARON HANDICAP HURDLE £1,000 2m (16 runners)

3	0040-F0	QUICKAPENNY (D)	E Courage 6 11 10	J Barlow
4	311P-0	STREAKLAND (D)	D Barons 5 11 7	P Leach (3)
6	001324	GOLDEN DUCKLING (CAN) (C-D)	P Cundell 5 11 3	A Webber
7	3-00000	LINTAM (C-D)	D Barons 5 11 3	B R Davies
8	0004-0P	ALASKA HIGHWAY (D)	F Winter 7 11 0	R Kingston (3)
9	0040P-1	THE DEALER (D)	F Winter 6 11 0	J Francome
10	040101	MOURNDYKE	L Holt 4 10 13	W Smith
12	0132-2	PEARLY (D)	M Tate 4 10 12	C Smith (7)

14.00 SKYBOUND (D) K Bailey 6 10 9 (8 ex)

14	1P0-F21	SKYBOUND (D)	K Bailey 6 10 9 (8 ex)	R O Donovan (7)
15	010-	GATHERING STORM	J Gifford 5 10 8	G Enright (5)
16	010-031	MR LINNET (C-D)	F Walwyn 4 10 8	Mr S Shilton (7)
17	P-041-02	FERN0 (D) (BF)	P Taylor 10 10 7	A Carroll (5)
19	0040-01	HAY BRIDGE (C-D)	H O'Neill 5 10 6	A Webb (7)
22	02314U	MAGIC LOVE (D)	L Holt 4 10 4	
24	04000P	THE SONGWRITER	J Gibson 7 10 0	M Gibson
25	401-343	WILLIAM THE RED	M Chapman 6 10 0	

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 The Dealer, 9-2 Pearly, 5-1 Golden Duckling and Mr Linnet, 8-1 Skreakland and Mourndyke, 10-1 Hay Bridge, 14-1 Skybound and Gathering Storm, 16-1 Ferno, 20-1 Others.

2.00 NORTHAMPTON NOVICES HURDLE DIV 2 Part 2 £600 2m (11 runners)

3	000-01	RILKE (D)	D Morley 5 11 11	B R Davies
7	001	MAJOR CRISIS (D)	M Tate 4 11 7	C Smith (7)
9	3023-01	ZABAGLIONE	F Walwyn 4 11 7	W Smith
11	0	CHARLIE CROFT	T Forster 5 11 4	G Thorne
12	0	CINCIND	N Callaghan 5 11 4	A Carroll (5)
16	000	MATSUKAZE	A Sutton 5 11 4	C Candy
19	022-04	SPRING FASHION	D Gandolfo 5 11 4	Joe Guest
20	0000-0	YOFI	J Joseph 5 11 4	
22	00-00	ARCTIC LION	B Morgan 4 11 0	J Marshall (5)
29	0	FREEZING HILL	T Forster 4 11 0	J Glover
36	0	TARQUETTA	S Mellor 4 11 0	

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Zabaglione, 7-2 Rilke, 9-2 Major Crisis, 6-1 Spring Fashion, 12-1 Cincind, 14-1 Charlie Croft, 16-1 Others.

2.30 JOHN CLARE HANDICAP CHASE £1,000 2m (6 runners)

2.30	2m	(6 runners)		
1	84-3202	ROYAL RELIEF	E Courage 12 12 7	Mr J Butchard (1)
3	2-44414	PERAMBULATE	D Barons 7 1 11	B R Davies (1)
4	2032-30	NUMBER ENGAGED (C-D)	W Walwyn 8 1 4	W Smith (1)
6	4U-3903	GAY GOD	D Peerman 8 1 10	D Evers (1)
8	4-40144	BRIGHT FUSCUS	M Scudamore 7 1 00	H Owen (1)
9	3-40233P	MASTER CLIVE	B Allen 8 1 00	
PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Royal Relief, 5-2 Number Engaged, 4-1 Perambulate, 7-1 Gay God, 10-1 Bright Fucus, 20-1 Master Clive.				

CATTERICK

12.45	KIPLIN OPP'TY SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £400	2m (11 runners)
3	00-20214	EARLY MORNING (D) F Wiles 6 11 7 (5 ex) S Wiles
4	320000-	CHILDWALL (D) H Wharton 8 11 4 A Powell (5)
5	0-10100-	CAGEY BOY (D) J Skelton 10 10 13 I Moulton
7	2-2-000	PERFECT MATCH J Calvert 10 10 12 N Blamer
9	0003-00	PALACE W A Stephenson 4 10 10 G Reid (5)
13	0-200	ETRUSCAN MAID S Norton 5 10 7 R A Harrison
17	0-00000	LORD STREET (D) S Nesbitt 8 10 5 D Nesbitt (5)
19	00-0-003	COPPER SEA E Collingwood 7 10 5 A Flint (5)
21	000-PP0	JILL OWENS N Pycroft 5 10 5 G Kersey
22	000-	MOSS LANE D Airon 5 10 5 N Murphy (5)
23	00-00-00	COIN CASE M Naughton 6 10 5

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Early Morning, 11-4 Perfect Match, 9-2 Copper Sea, 7-1 Etruscan Maid, 10-1 Childwall, 12-1 Cagey Boy and Palace, 20-1 others.

1.15	DANBY HANDICAP CHASE £1,400	3m (10 runners)
4	1-0003	SPARKLE AGAIN (C-D) C Lamb 10 12 1 R Lamb
3	122-131	LUCIUS G Richards 7 12 1 (2 ex) D Goulding
4	10-0432	GUIDING STAR (C-D) A Dickinson 7 11 10 M Dickinson
5	40F0-11	SET POINT Lady Hennes 8 11 10 (4 ex) D Munro
6	0P3-00F	DRUMADOR (BF) W A Stephenson 10 11 9 T Stack
14	02F-303	FINE FELLOW M Naughton 7 11 0 M Barnes
15	F-330-04	MERRYBENT Denys Smith 7 10 12 D Atkins
20	000-	WILY TALKER J Bundell 6 10 3 N Tinkler
21	42-00-0F	ANOTHER RAINBOW (C) A Corner 8 10 1 G Faulkner (3)
23	000-R03	KRONGE (C-D) A Watson 8 10 0 P Mangan

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Set Point, 3-1 Lucius, 9-2 Drumador, 6-1 Guiding Star, 8-1 Sparkle Again, 10-1 Fine Fellow, 12-1 Kronge, 20-1 others.

1.45	STREETLAM NOVICES HURDLE DIV I £500	2m (20 runners)
1	2F-0-00	BRISAS PUNCH J Fitzgerald 5 11 12 D Dutton (7)
3	00P0-P0	FRUGAL S Smith 5 11 12 K McCauley
4	000-	KIKU W Forster 5 11 12 J P Bourke (5)
5	0-	NAGA CHIEF R Cross 5 11 12 S Charlton (5)
6	0	PAT HAND A Dickinson 5 11 12 M Dickinson
7	0-00243	SNOWDRIFT C Lamb 5 11 12 R Lamb
9	00	TOWN GIRL W Wharton 5 11 12
11	0000-P2	BEECHWOOD LAD M H Easterby 4 11 7 P Broderick
13	00-04	CATCOTIN CREEK G Richards 4 11 7 D Goulding
14	00P0	COMPATABLE A Kemp 4 11 7 V Percival
15	0	COYMOUNT R Carter 4 11 7 D Briscoe
17	0000	GALA Ld Bolton 4 11 7 Mr H Orde-Powlett (7)
18	344-00	GRAND HOPE D McCain 4 11 7
20	0	LARELLA G Wallace 4 11 7
22	0000	MOUNTAIN LAD E Owen Jun 4 11 7 H Owen (7)
23	2000-00	MOUNT BLESSED A Potts 4 11 7 D Atkins
24	P4-0	PIRATE JACK T Tate 4 11 7 Mr T Tate (7)
25	0	SILVER WISKE E Collingwood 4 11 7 A Flint (7)
27	0-0	SOLDIERS FIELD F Wiles 4 11 7 S Wiles (5)
31	00	USED NOTES S Leadbetter 4 11 7 Mr J Mackie (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Beechwood Lad, 4-1 Catcotin Creek, 9-2 Pat Hand, 6-1 Snowdrift, 6-1 Grand Hope, 10-1 Town Girl, 12-1 Brisas Punch, 20-1 others.

2.15	ELLERTON MAIDEN CHASE £600	2m (17 runners)
1	0230	ARCTIC CHALLENGE G Fairclough 5 11 11 Mr P Craggs (5)
2	000P0-P	CORON MUIRE G Richards 5 11 11 Mr R Page (7)
3	0P	CULMELIGH MOSS A Kemp 5 11 11 V Percival
5	04-08F3	HILL END S Palmer 5 11 11 M Lowry (5)
7	0	KINGS OAK 5 11 11 G Graham (5)
8	0	LADY MELVENIA R Stubbs 5 11 11 A Meany
9	0	NEWLANDS NODDY G Robinson 8 11 11 J Armstrong (3)
10	0F0P0-0	OSCAR LAD S Smith 10 11 11 K McCauley
11	00-3F3	RATHOWEN Lady Hennes 5 11 11 D Munro
12	U3P-00F	RIGHT GOSSIP J Dodds 7 11 11 Mr H O'Neill (7)
14	00p-00	ROYAL LUSTRE J A Turner 5 11 11 T Stack
15	0-033	ROYAL SERMON W A Stephenson 7 11 11 R Crank
17	0-0040-0	SING MY HEART A Scott 7 11 11 I Semple (7)
18	FP-220F	SWANKY GUIDE Mrs G Walford 8 11 11 Mr T Walford (7)
20	0-000000-	VAL KING M Naughton 5 11 11 M Barnes
22	00-0000	DEVIS T Fairhurst 4 11 0 A Flint (7)
23	0UF	KEVIN'S SLIPPER W Wharton 4 11 0 J Nolan

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Royal Sermon, 7-2 Arctic Challenge, 9-2 Rathowen, 8-1 Hill End, 10-1 Swanky Guide, 12-1 Kings Oak, 20-1 Others.

2.45		BROMPTON AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HURDLE	
		£600 3m (14 runners)	
1	0-0-10	FORTRIA J Edwards 5 12 7	
2	421	GOOLAGONG Ld Bolton 6 12 7	Mr H Orde-Powlett (7)
3	0-000-00	ANHYFFROUS (USA) E Collingwood 5 12 0	Mr C Platts
4	00-20-03	ARCTIC RUNNER A Corner 7 12 0	Miss Sally Williams (7)
7	B00-042	CATTLE KING Denys Smith 5 12 0	Mr H Barclay
8	0	GAME LADIE G Richards 6 12 0	Mr R Page (7)
10	F003-30	GOING MY WAY J Fitzgerald 6 12 0	Mr C Cundall
12	00F03-0	HUMPERDINK T Pilkington 7 12 0	Mr A Wilson
15	40-0040	LONG BOWMAN K Morgan 6 12 0	Mr P Craggs (5)
16	22-0000	MARSHALLING W A Stephenson 5 12 0	Mr Greenall
17	P	MAY SLAVE J Blundell 8 12 0	Mr J Barton (7)
20	000-0	OYSTER EYE K Oliver 5 12 0	Mr J Mackie (7)
21	041-24-0	REGAL RAMBLER Mrs A Roberts 6 12 0	
22	00-000-P	VIGOROUS DEAL W Smith 7 12 0	Miss Yvonne Smith
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Goolagong, 11-4 Cattle King, 9-2 Game Laddie, 7-1 Fortria, 8-1 Arctic Runner, 10-1 Oyster Eye, 12-1 Marshalling, 20-1 Others.			

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3.15	STREETLAM NOVICES HURDLE DIV II £500	2m (23 runners)
2	0-4223P	BISHOPS PANDER W Crawford 5 11 12 R Lamb
3	0-300-0	CASK AND GLASS W A Stephenson 5 11 12 T Stack
6	0	MORGAN S TALKER J Bundell 5 11 12 Mr J Barton (7)
8	02330-2	RIGOROUS Mrs J Simpson 5 11 12 A Meany
9	04	ROYAL FLOWER T Barron 5 11 12 N Tinkler
10	333303	SPANISH NUN G Wallace 5 11 12
11	0-U0300	TAKEN ON S Leadbetter 5 11 12 M Barnes
13	00-0	WHAT-A-WOPPA E Owen Jun 5 11 12 Mr W Houlbrook (7)
14	00-0	BILLY FROSTY P Felgate 4 11 7 R F Davies
15	0	BROTHER BRONCHO A Dickinson 4 11 7 I Moulton (7)
16	0	EASTERN FLIGHT D McCain 4 11 7 C Hawkins (5)
19	0	HATSUNODE K Oliver 4 11 7 C Tinkler
20	0	HIGH DRAMA Denys Smith 4 11 7 N Blamer (7)
21	343	ISEULT F Dever 4 11 7 F Leavy
23	0	PATTERN MAKER G Richards 4 11 7 D Goulding
26	0F0F-P	SALUBI A Watson 4 11 7 P Mangan
27	0	SAM LAD A Dickinson 4 11 7 D Atkins
28	20-0	SCARLET GOD S Norton 4 11 7 G Graham (5)
29	0	TEMPTING TIMES A Dickinson 4 11 7 M Dickinson
30	003	TOOTAL BOY F Wiles 4 11 7 S Wiles (5)
31	0F	WELSH MINER D Garratt 4 11 7 J Cullinane (7)
32	203-0	WELSH TREATY R Carter 4 11 7 D Briscoe
33	00000-0	WILLOW BECK W Haign 4 11 7 P A Charlton (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Rigorous, 4-1 High Drama, 9-2 Pattern Maker, 6-1 Iseult, 7-1 Bishops Pander, 8-1 Tempting Times, 10-1 Hatsunode, 12-1 Spanish Nun, 20-1 Others.

RESULTS

12.45 (2m 4f)	FOLKESTONE
1	ALBURY LAD, J Glover (11-8 fav); Chatterbox (5-1); Caddam Wood (20-1); Chinook (25-1); 4. 14 ran. dist. 5. (S Meller) 7. 17p. 10. 12p. 17p. 56p. Master Ribot (5-1), 2nd.
1.15 (2m)	FOUR NEW PENCE, G Gracey (14-1); Set Hill (8-1); 2. Geoff's Choice (9-4 fav); 3. Rosbay (20-1); 4. 14 ran. 3. 8 (G Ripley) 7. 11p. 15p. 44p. 29p. 13p. NR. Vaunted.
1.45 (3m)	TOP PRIORITY, R Champion (5-2); 1. Le Robstan (2-1 fav); 2. Court Shadow (12-1); 3. Ebony Rock (9-1); 4. 9 ran. 5. (ad. J Gifford) 7. 30p. 13p. 14p.

SPORTSLINE



Lotus chief Colin Chapman in his new Mark III unveiled yesterday. With him are drivers Mario Andretti (right) and Gunnar Nilsson

STOKE GIVE UP THE BALL CHASE

STOKE have dropped out of the chase for Arsenal captain Alan Ball because they think the price is too high.

Arsenal want about £60,000 for the 31-year-old ex-England captain. Both Blackpool, his former club, and Southampton have made bids for Ball.

Tony Waddington, the Stoke manager, said yesterday: 'We have been discussing the fee with Terry Neill and we made

what we considered a realistic bid, but it has not been accepted by Arsenal.

'I think Alan would do a great job for any club he joined, but he

is not young any longer and we thought Arsenal's valuation unrealistic.'

Waddington has sold schemer Alan Hudson to Arsenal for £200,000 and Jimmy Greenhoff to Manchester United for £180,000.

Ball could yet play in Arsenal's first team on Monday against Spurs at White Hart Lane. New signing Hudson is still unfit with a stomach strain and Neill may bring Ball back for the game.

THOMAS BACK BUT McLINTOCK DOUBTFUL

ENGLAND winger Dave Thomas is ready to return for Queens Park Rangers at Norwich next Monday. Thomas, out for four games with a thigh injury, is now back in full training.

Manager Dave Sexton said yesterday that he would

definitely be playing over the Christmas holiday.

But there was not such good news for defender Frank McLintock. Sexton said: 'His groin strain is still troubling him and it is too early to say whether he will be fit for next week.'



Frank McLintock

FULLBACK Mike Pejic has signed a new two-year contract with Stoke City.

FIXTURES

Division Four: Bradford City v Hartlepool; Newport v Workington.
Scottish League Division One: Falkirk v East Fife.
Division Two: Meadowbank v Brechin.
Scottish Cup — First Round: Inverness Caley v Stenhousemuir; Cowdenbeath v Clydebank.

SLEEK LOTUS READY FOR NEW YEAR DEBUT

THE LONG-awaited new Lotus Formula One car was unveiled in London yesterday after 15 months of building and testing.

Known as the John Player Special Mark III, the latest model, orthodox in shape, is ready to make its debut in the still uncertain Argentine Grand Prix on January 9.

The new Lotus, still powered by the Ford Cosworth V-8 engine was built in a secret factory in Norfolk.

Lotus design chief Tony Rudd said yesterday that the car had been built from scratch with the aid of a wind tunnel.

Lotus went to the trouble of using a wind tunnel to try and eliminate lift and drag, the major problems confronting all constructors.

American Mario Andretti, who with Sweden's Gunnar Nilsson remain the team drivers for next season, said:

'All our testing was carried out in relation to the existing model. We were able to make comparisons in exactly similar conditions.'

He added: 'There is still a lot of potential we can squeeze from the car and I hope we do it quickly because you cannot afford to drag your feet in Formula One competition.'

Lotus have a new team manager, Andrew Ferguson, the former secretary of the Formula One Constructors' Association and two new sponsors.

The team has gained 26 Grand Prix wins in ten successive championship seasons, the last in October when Andretti took the Japanese race.

But real success has eluded Lotus since 1973 when they won the manufacturers' championship, following up the winning of the world drivers' title by Emerson Fittipaldi the year before.

Meanwhile, in Paris the two warring factions who threatened to upset next season's Grand Prix have accepted financial terms imposed by the sport's ruling body.

Race organisers and car builders have both agreed to the £300,000 minimum race fee proposed last week by the International Sporting Commission.

INDIA FALL TO

UNDERWOOD

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI — Derek Underwood bowled India to the verge of defeat yesterday and only bad weather can stop England winning their first Test for two years.

Poor batting by India on the fourth day has left them still 43 runs short of avoiding an innings defeat with only three wickets remaining.

Once Sunil Gavaskar went for 71 few other batsmen offered real resistance to Underwood's superb slow left-arm bowling.

Mid-Winter in New Delhi brought suitable weather conditions with it and mist lopped one hour and 40 minutes off the start of the day's play and then bad light brought the close forward by 20 minutes.

So India's only hope of avoiding defeat is more bad weather this morning, a situation Tony Greig has often been in in recent series.

Under Greig's captaincy, England's record is played eight, won none and lost three. And until Dennis Amiss stepped in on the first day here it looked the same old story.

Much depended on Gavaskar's performance yesterday and in the five overs before lunch he and Sharma survived, carrying India from 82 for one to 93.

Gavaskar scored all eleven runs and in moving from 40 to 51 became the first Indian to score

SCORECARD

ENGLAND first innings 381 (D L Amiss 179, A P E Knott 75, J K Lever 53, (B S Bedi four for 92)

INDIA first innings 122 (Lever seven for 46)

INDIA second innings (Sunday close 82 for one — A D Gaekwad b Willis 11)

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Gavaskar c Woolmer b Underwood 71
P Sharma c Fletcher b Underwood 29
G Viswanath c Knott b Greig 18
B P Patel c and b Underwood 14
A Amarnath c sub b Underwood 24
S M H Kirmani c Lever b Greig 10
K Ghavri not out 23
S Venkataraghavan not out 3
Extras 13

Total (seven wickets) 216

Fall: 1-20, 2-110, 3-133, 4-153, 5-163, 6-182, 7-190

To Bat: B S Bedi, B Chidrasekhar

Bowling: Lever 10-4-21-0, Willis 6-2-14-1, Old 4-2-6-0, Underwood 43-5-14-78-4, Greig 40-11-84-2

1,000 Test runs in a calendar year.

It is only in recent years with the increased amount of Test cricket that batsmen have started to achieve this figure but this does not detract from Gavaskar's fine effort.

He scored his runs in 20 innings against New Zealand, West Indies and England and joined Australia's Bobby Simpson, Dennis Amiss and West Indian Vivian Richards as the only players to achieve the feat.

Gavaskar was draped in garlands by happy spectators but it turned out the last cause for celebration by local fans.

Underwood and Greig combined in an all-spin attack after lunch.

The ball turned slowly and when Underwood made one lift to Gavaskar, close fielders appealed unsuccessfully for a catch at the wicket.

The same thing happened in Underwood's next over and Gavaskar seemed fortunate to survive.

Unperturbed, Gavaskar responded by driving Underwood straight down the ground for four.

After resisting three and a quarter hours for 29, Sharma eventually succumbed.

He went forward to



Tony Greig ready for first win

Underwood and the ball flew high to first slip where Keith Fletcher knocked it up before taking the catch.

Although Gavaskar gave a general impression of soundness, every now and then he encouraged the bowlers with a false stroke.

He lofted Greig just out of Bob Willis's grasping reach at short mid-wicket and then ignored a ball from Underwood that nearly hit the off-stump.

After almost holding out to mid-on when he mis-timed a drive off Greig, Gundappa Viswanath showed a surer touch against Underwood with two shots through the cordon of five close fielders.

Gavaskar survived a third appeal for a catch at the wicket off Underwood but two balls later there was no disputing his fate.

He played Underwood off the full face of the bat and Bob Woolmer at short leg flung out his right hand to gather the catch.

Gavaskar stayed 261 minutes for his 71 and hit seven fours and a six.

The demoralising effect of Gavaskar's departure was reflected in the growing uncertainty of the batting. Patel had made only three when he gave a hard chance off Greig to Woolmer at short leg, while Viswanath did nothing to suggest he was embarking on a big innings.

And so it turned out. Ten minutes before tea Viswanath, attempting to cut Greig, got an under edge and was snapped up by Alan Knott. India were 153 for four.

Brijesh Patel hit a half-volley back into Underwood's hands. Syed Kirmani pulled a long hop from Greig to mid-wicket and Mohinder Amarnath skied a half-hearted drive to mid-on.

Underwood finished with four for 78 and with Greig had destroyed India's second innings.

Given fair weather, they should wrap up the first Test today and put themselves on the winning side for a change.



Derek Underwood started India's collapse by taking the wicket of Sunil Gavaskar

RUGBY UNION

THREE MONTH BAN ON BROWN

GORDON Brown, Scottish international lock and British Lion, was banned for three months yesterday and another player received a 16-month suspension.

In a tough crack-down, the Scottish Rugby Union dished out the punishment to Brown and effectively put him out of internationals for the season.

Even harsher treatment was meted out to Alan Hardie, sent off with Brown. He is banned from playing again until April 30, 1978.

The decisions follow the dismissal of the two players in which Brown, having received a blow on the head in a ruck, then emerged to hurl Hardie to the ground and direct a kick at him.

Brown's injury was so severe that he had several stitches inserted in a wound on his brow and was off work for more than a week.

Brown, 28, has played 31 times for Scotland, but his ban up until

March 5 puts him out of Scotland's first three matches. He is technically available for the game against Wales, at Murrayfield on March 19, but it is doubtful that he will be considered.

ISLINGTON, London, shopfitter Dennis Hill, struck by lightning on the way to Folkestone races yesterday, celebrated his narrow escape by backing the first winner — Albury Lad in the first race.

Mr Hill exclaimed: 'I'm the luckiest man alive. I was walking from the train to get to the course when a flash of lightning struck my umbrella.'

'I threw it up into the air and bumped into a man walking next to me.'

Attending a reception in Glasgow last night, he said: 'I'm sick about it. I know I will miss three international games and possibly four. I'm also resigned to not going on the Lion's tour next year.'

The shock wave passed through him and stopped his wrist watch. My umbrella had a leather handle, and that saved my life.'

'I thought that after such an escape, I would back every winner on the card at the races and I've made a good start with Albury Lad.'

The heavy storm broke over Folkestone area at 11 a.m. and a crack of thunder shook the grandstand, but the sun came out for the first race at 12.45.

Quinnell ready to lead Welsh

DEREK Quinnell is clearly earmarked to take over the number eight mantle, prematurely cast aside by Mervyn Davies, in the Welsh team for the coming international season.

Quinnell, of Llanelli, who was tried in the position against Argentina in October, fills the spot in the Probables team in the trial at Cardiff on January 1.

He will be challenged for the position by Newport's Jeff Squire, who is named for the Possibles. J J Williams has been picked on the wing for the Probables, although he is not expected to be back in training again until early in the New Year after a hand strain sustained while playing for Llanelli against Cardiff last month.

Roy Bergiers, who played against Argentina, has been included in the Possibles side, with Steve Fenwick resuming in the centre, in what looks likely to be the team which will ultimately start the defence of the championship.

Terry Cobner, who led his country for the first time against Argentina, retains the senior captaincy, while the Possibles team, containing eight of the Welsh B team against France, is led by Aberavon's John Bevan.

ENGLAND. Italy and West Germany will again be allowed to enter four clubs each in next season's UEFA Cup competition. Switzerland and Spain may nominate three teams each and Scotland two.