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Secret deal hatched by TUC leaders and Rubery Owen bosses

STRIKERS at the Rubery Owen car components plant will be told at a mass meeting to go back to work.

After five hours of talks at TUC headquarters last night general secretary Len Murray announced: 'I am confident there will be a resumption of work on January 4.'

But Murray refused to reveal the details of the deal agreed between the employers and union leaders representing the 62 electricians on strike.

Asked whether the unions had made any concessions on

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

the company's demand for a strike-free year, Murray replied: 'You will have to wait and see.'

Murray backed up the employers' threat to close the factory by claiming there was a 'real danger' of 3,000 redundancies there and many more in the motor car industry.

The employers arrived in a silver-grey Rolls-Royce for the talks (below).

They included Rubery Owen managing director John Owen, ex-British Leyland industrial relations director

Barry Mackie and Sandy Landale of the West Midlands Engineering Employers' Association.

Hugh Scanlon, engineers' president, was also present, along with transport union national organiser Moss Evans and electricians' union president Tom Breakell.

A total of 62 electricians at the Darlaston plant have been on strike since December 8 demanding lay-off money following a recent three-week stoppage in which they were not involved. The strikers claim the company broke an agreement by locking them out without pay.

TRADE DEBT ROCKS U.S.

LATEST FIGURES on United States trade — released yesterday — show a record-breaking loss.

The US Commerce Department reported a monthly deficit of \$906.2m for November.

This was well above October's deficit of \$695.9m and eclipsed the previous worst month of August 1974 which was \$888m in the red.

The precarious state of the US economy is illustrated by comparing 1976 with 1975. In the first months of this year the United States has accumulated a trade deficit of \$5,000m. In the same period last year, the US had an overseas trade surplus of 10,000 dollars.

Disastrous

One cause of the latest disastrous figure was a large rise in crude oil imports as the oil companies increased their stockpiles in anticipation of price rises by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

There was also a sharp fall in United States export sales, particularly in agricultural products. US exports fell from \$973,000m in October to \$962,000m in November.

In the same period, imports increased from \$1,042,000m to \$1,053,000m.

BY JACK GALE

This underlines the complete failure of President Ford's attempt to reduce unemployment by reflation.

Unemployment did not go down. In fact, it went up from 7.9 per cent in October to 8.1 per cent in November. This was exactly the same level of unemployment as in December 1975.

All Ford's efforts achieved was an increase in the money supply which simply led to more imports, particularly of cars, clothing — and oil.

Now the dollar is bound to be weakened with the likelihood of a devaluation crisis.

And this means that any chance of incoming President Carter keeping his election promises of reflation, increased production and more jobs is completely destroyed.

Instead, pressure will be increased for trade restriction to try to protect the US economy at the expense of the rest of the world.



Rubery Owen employers left their Rolls-Royce car to enter talks at the TUC yesterday

Black ice under snow

Double danger on the roads

THREE more days of this, according to the weathermen who are forecasting snow right through until the weekend for many parts of Britain.

This Maidstone driver was caught by the first fall in his area of the winter.

One of the worst-hit regions was the west country and snowploughs were out on Exmoor battling against 18-inch drifts. East Devon, Dartmoor and Bodmin Moor were also thickly carpeted.

Speed restrictions of 40 mph were in force on the M5 Motorway north of Bristol as snow turned to slush.

The motorway south of Bristol was also badly hit, with snow still falling yesterday.

The AA warned 'black ice is the main problem... watch out'.

Black ice was also a problem in parts of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Cheshire with Northumberland and Durham affected in the north east.

But yesterday's holiday sport mainly escaped the snow. Only Wetherby of the four race meetings was called off and all the scheduled football matches took place.

● TODAY'S fixtures — back page



Anti-abortionists rally 25 for TV cameras



A SMALL group of right-wingers turned out yesterday with song-sheets, candles, bibles and banners proclaiming 'Let the innocent live' and 'Abortion kills'.

The 25-strong group stood outside the main gate of Westminster Abbey, waiting for

the TV cameras. When they arrived candles were lit up, the children were pushed to the front and carols were sung.

The main lesson came from Genesis chapter 1 verse 1: 'God made heaven and earth...'. The passage from St Matthew called 'the slaughter of the innocents' was also read out.

FUNERAL FEAR KILLS OLD FOLK

They scrimp to avoid 'pauper's' grave

MANY OLD people in Scotland are so afraid of burial in a 'pauper's grave' that they accelerate their own deaths by saving to pay for a decent funeral.

George Foulkes, director of Age Concern, Scotland, yesterday called on David Ennals, Minister of Health and Social Security, to increase the government's 'death grant' from £30 to a more realistic £150-£200.

Foulkes blamed the problem on expensive funeral fees in Scotland's remote areas and a cultural heritage which made many elderly people reject the charity of a local authority funeral.

In 1948, he said, the government grant was £20. It was now £30 which was totally inadequate.

In Edinburgh, he said, the cost of a hearse, two cars and other undertaker's fees amounted to

£120. The fee for burial in a cemetery owned by a private company varied from £50 to £90. Cremation cost £18 to £25, and doctor's fees £11.

In rural areas, funerals were even more expensive because of

the higher cost of transport.

In the Inverness area, for example, the distance to the nearest crematorium in Aberdeen was 100 miles.

Foulkes said: 'Old people neglect many necessities such as food and heating to make

provision for their funeral, and of course by doing so they can accelerate their own death.'

'They have this fear of a pauper's funeral, a very very real fear among people in their 70s and 80s.'

Final jabs in polio scare

THE LAST of special anti-polio clinics at Hillingdon hospital, west London, administered 200 doses of vaccine on sugar lumps yesterday making 1,300 there in four days.

Vaccination started after a 16-year-old boy from the Evelyn mixed comprehensive school in West Drayton was taken to hospital, suffering from mild paralysis of the muscles.

Health authorities decided to give anti-polio vaccine to the school's pupils and all visitors there from December 1. About 4,000 vaccine doses have been given.

About 100 of the pupils are still to be vaccinated. They will get their sugar lumps from the school today.

A spokesman for the North

West Thames health authority said these final 100 vaccinations would mean that as far as was known, all identifiable contacts had been traced and vaccinated.

The 16-year-old boy was 'in good shape' yesterday.

The health spokesman said: 'There has been an improvement in the paralysis of his arm.'

Results of test to determine whether or not the boy has polio are expected by tomorrow or Friday.

The boy went into hospital on December 20. The possibility of polio was known on December 22, and vaccinations began on December 22.

DR WHO UPSETS MRS W

MARY WHITEHOUSE, the right-wing religious campaigner, has attacked the popular children's programme 'Dr Who' as 'sadistic'.

She is complaining that in the third episode of the 'Deadly Assassins' series, a character held the head of the doctor underwater until he 'drowned'.

BBC director general Sir Charles Curran made a concession to Whitehouse by saying he was 'not particularly satisfied' with the episode.

He said some of the 'Dr Who' sequences were 'a little too realistic' for a science fiction series.

This is Whitehouse's second

intervention this week. She also attacked a special Christmas Sunday show by the comedian Stanley Baxter, who was delighted with Whitehouse's criticism. He said it was 'the final accolade'.

'She has never complained about me before and I was beginning to worry. Now I know my future career is assured.'

One of Baxter's funniest sketches was his appearance as a middle-aged woman making an appeal for the 'morally afflicted'.

Whitehouse — who admitted she did not see the programme — attacked the 'bad language' she said Baxter used.

'Unskilled youth' scapegoats of crisis

BIG BUSINESS in London condemned unemployed school-leavers yesterday, claiming there were not enough skilled workers amongst them.

A London Chamber of Commerce report says that schools and colleges are not training youth to a high enough level.

The thousands of youth on the dole with 'O' and 'A' Level passes expose this bosses' claim as a farce. In mid-October the number of school leavers unable to find work since leaving school was 77,957. Over twice the May figures of 35,070.

The London Chamber of Commerce claim that this fictitious shortage of skilled workers is driving industry out of London. There can be no doubt that the number of factories in London is falling. London is no different than the rest of Britain in this respect.

The record number of bankruptcies show that it is not a shortage of skilled workers that causes industries to collapse, but the world economic crisis driving many firms to the wall.



South London dole queue

MILK PRICE WILL SOAR

SUBSIDIES BEING PHASED OUT FAST

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

The increases are the result of Dennis Healey's mini-Budget decisions to cut subsidies.

In 1976 prices of some dairy products rose by over 50 per cent. Butter went up by 68 per cent, cheese by 45 per cent.

The last milk price rises meant hundreds of thousands of families had to cut back on their

usual orders. The Milk Board noted a drop in consumption of millions of gallons.

The managing director of the Milk Board, Mr James Morton, said this week: 'We are facing the most difficult year since the war. Price increases will be the biggest ever seen in such a short spell.'

DAIRY food prices are going to soar in the New Year. Withdrawal of government subsidies means increases on all dairy products.

Butter and cheese went up 4p per lb. from yesterday. The price of a pint of milk will go up 1p.

But these increases will be followed by further increases of up to 6p per lb. on butter and cheese.

Air jobs cut

BRITISH Midland Airways is to issue redundancy notices to some of its 975 staff next Friday.

The airline, based at the East Midlands Airport at Castle Donington, is suffering from the world slump in the air industry.

It has not disclosed how many staff will have to go, but says redundancies will be kept to 'an absolute minimum.'

Call off Chile match—MP

A football match against Chile, which is ruled by a brutal military dictatorship, should be called off, a Scottish MP has demanded.

The game between Scotland and Chile is due to be played next June in Chile as part of an expensive three-country tour of Latin America organised by the Scottish FA.

Jim Sillars, the dissident Labour MP for South Ayrshire who is now chairman of the

breakaway SLP (Scottish Labour Party) says he will approach Scotland's minister of sport Frank McElhone to intervene.

'We all want to see Scotland do well in the World Cup,' Sillars said at Christmas. 'But it is our duty to uphold international standards of decency.'

'Refusal to consort with those who debase these standards transcends the pursuit of any football trophy.'

Sillars declared: 'Chile is a country ruled by a fascist regime which has submitted, and is still submitting, men and women to brutal torture.'

'Their crimes against humanity are well-known and are not disputed. To send a Scottish team to Chile knowing these facts would be a disgrace to Scotland,' he concluded.

CALL FOR COAL INQUIRY IN VALE OF BELVOIR

OPPONENTS of coal exploitation in the Vale of Belvoir demanded a major public inquiry into the scheme yesterday.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) said a planning commission should be constituted on the lines of the large-scale inquiry held into the Third London Airport.

The National Coal Board propose extensive mining operations in the Vale, which comprises prime agricultural land in Leicestershire.

CPRE director Christopher Hall said the beautiful Leicestershire Vale was claimed to be the biggest find of recoverable coal in Western Europe in modern times and whether the coal was exploited or not was a decision of commensurate size and complexity.

'If it is to be exploited then the hows and wheres of this are of similar enormity and correspondingly intricate ramifications,' Hall said in a letter to Environment Secretary Peter Shore.

The 30,000-member CPRE says the Belvoir decision is closely bound up with national

energy policy. The government assumed there would be an energy gap in the 1980s but not all parts of the energy industry accepted this.

Uncertainties like this would have to be probed in public, said the letter.

Government tries to break rail strike

COLOMBO — The Sri Lanka government has cancelled all police and army leave in an effort towards breaking the island's week-old rail strike.

All services personnel now on leave were asked to report back for duty, the Defence Ministry said yesterday.

Train services throughout Sri Lanka have been halted since December 23 by a strike to back pay demands.

On Monday, police had to escort a goods train carrying 'essential supplies' back to the yard, after strikers had blocked the lines and taken up a section of track.

Official spokesmen said yesterday that the government had discussed the strike situation, and made arrangements to move adequate supplies of fuel and food to all parts of the country.

Eastern Region railmen return

EASTERN REGION locomotives ended a 48-hour stoppage at midnight last night.

The strike was sparked by British Railways Board management who again failed to honour an agreement with the train drivers' union ASLEF.

Only 45 of 600 ASLEF members reported for work during the industrial action concentrated at the Kings Cross depot.

One driver told News Line yesterday: 'Our depot has an agreement signed in 1970 that work rosters must be made known 14 days before Bank Holidays.'

'This agreement had already been violated on several occasions this year. For the August bank holiday, the rosters went up seven days' late. This Christmas, they went up four days late.'

'We took industrial action to defend the agreement. We must have the right to know sufficiently in advance what time we have free on Bank Holidays,' he added.

British Rail want to cut the number of drivers and 'second men' based at Kings Cross by 28.

The Kings Cross branch of ASLEF has tabled a resolution for the union's annual conference next May, saying a further round of wage restraint must not be accepted.

The resolution says that in next winter's wage negotiations, ASLEF must claim a percentage pay rise to compensate for the fall in value of earnings over the past two years.

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These last few days are therefore decisive for our fund. We must raise this last £1,036.48 by Friday. Rush your donation to:

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21b Old Town,
Clapham SW4 0JT

STOP THE MOON

Protest over visit by religious leader

A PROTEST petition is being sent to Home Secretary Merlyn Rees against the forthcoming visit to Britain of Sun Myung Moon, head of the Unification Church.

The protest is being organised by FAIR — Family Action, Information and Rescue — a group originally formed by parents of children involved in the Moon sect.

The parents had planned a demonstration yesterday against horse trials on land owned by the sect at Stanton Fitzwarren, near Swindon, but the trials were cancelled because of snow.

Spokesman

A spokesman for FAIR's south-west branch said:

'We object to the doctrine of the church and the way they isolate people from their families. Our petition is to demand that the sect leader, Sun Myung Moon, should be denied entry to this country by the Home Secretary.'

Moon, who comes from South Korea, is a virulent anti-communist whose name is closely linked with the Korean intelligence service, the KCIA.

His religious and business empire is worth over \$75m and he believes himself to be 'ordained or handpicked by God'.

BY JOHN SPENCER

Communism, he says 'is an evil force in the sight of God' and a showdown is needed in Korea between 'the forces of God and the forces of Satan'.

Moon's aides have been exposed in the United States as part of a vast bribery and corruption network run by the KCIA to buy over Congressmen and create 'a favourable legislative climate' for South Korea in Washington.

The network was revealed by Korean-born Suzi Thompson, aide to the former House of Representatives Speaker Carl Albert. An enthusiastic follower of the Moon sect, she has been promised immunity from prosecution in return for her testimony.

Moon's chief aide Pak No Hi — former South Korean military attaché in Washington — is said to have

planned the corruption operation in consultation with South Korean dictator Park Chung-hee.

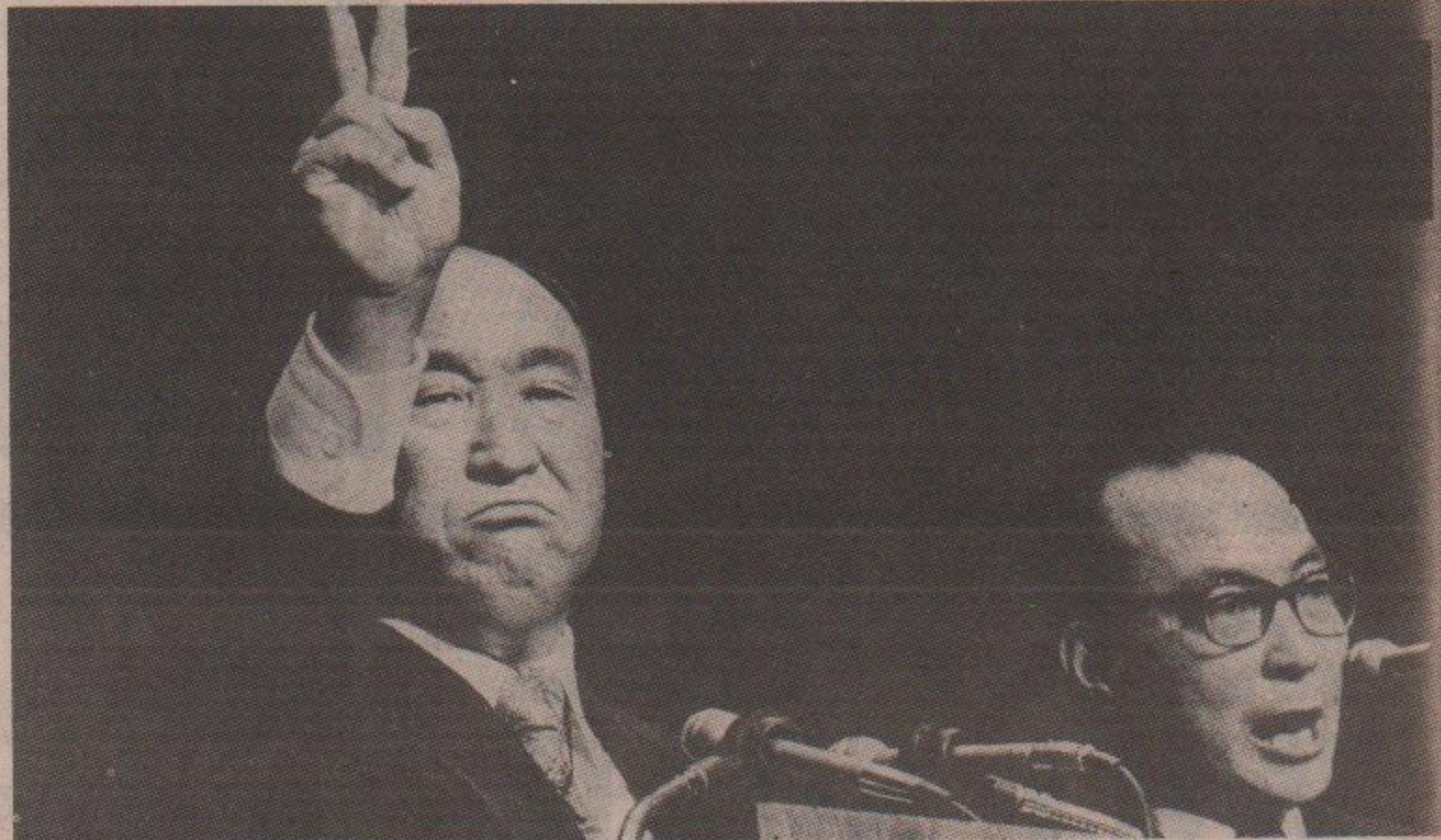
Moon himself moved to the United States in 1972, acquiring a plush mansion in Westchester County, north of New York, paid for out of sect funds.

Businesses

The Korean Messiah owns businesses in Japan and America as well as an airgun factory and ginseng tea plantations in his homeland.

Much of his money was made through his tool business which has lucrative defence contracts. His followers include leading Japanese rightist shipbuilder Ryoichi Sasagawa and top Christian Democrats in West Germany.

Moon's followers in Britain have recently begun a major recruitment drive aimed primarily at young people.



Sun Myung Moon (left)

TV LICENCE BIG BROTHER

THE Post Office is using computers to trace TV licence defaulters, it was revealed at the weekend.

Retailers are obliged by law to supply the Post Office with names and addresses of people who purchase television sets.

Incorporated in a central computer, these details can readily be checked against computerised lists of licence-holders.

The practice was condemned at the weekend by Gerry Fisher, president of the 20,000-strong British Computer Society.

Fisher, whose organisation is the computer experts' professional body, also referred to the use of computers by the army in the North of Ireland.

He said this development would have to 'watched carefully'. The spread of computerised data banks was highlighted recently on BBC 2's Horizon programme 'Half Way to 1984'.

Danger

The chairman of the British Computer Society's privacy committee, Joe Kenny, told the programme there was a real danger data banks would be linked to produce a major dossier on every citizen.

He said: 'As a simple basis, take your car driving licence. This has your name, your address and a code number. This code indicates your date of birth and your sex, of itself quite innocent.'

'If we now relate the information about your driving licence to information about your educational background, your insurance characteristics, be they National Insurance, insurance broker, insurance

Your details fed into a giant computer

company, credit banking, information of this type, we get a major dossier about you that can tell us a great deal.'

The build-up of these dossiers is standard practice in the north of Ireland, where, according to 'The Times', half the families in the province are on the army's computerised files and card indexes.

Using techniques of intelligence-gathering developed in Malaya, Aden and Cyprus, soldiers can radio the army's central computer and check anyone's identity within seconds.

'Times' reporter Robert Fisk told the programme:

'They can tell you, for instance, not only who lives in what houses, but what their nicknames are, who their friends are, where they go on holiday, what the colour of their furniture is, what pictures they have on their front hall walls; an incredible amount of information which is not available sometimes even to the police in Northern Ireland.'

Fisk also revealed on the programme that serious 'leaks' of information from the central

computer had enabled the right-wing para-military groups to compile lengthy 'death lists' of Republican sympathisers.

The programme also highlighted instances of political surveillance by the police in Britain, quoting an estimate from 'The Observer' that files are maintained on over 2 million people.

Time-bomb

The programme quoted Assistant Chief Constable Hugh Hallett, secretary-general of the International Police Association, who described the use of computerised files as 'a political time-bomb for whoever gets hold of it'.

Hallett explained: 'You see, if you're on the computer and you don't happen to have the same politics as I do, when I come to power I can rapidly identify you and I can therefore eradicate you very quickly and that's the sort of situation in which we're speaking.'

Hallett added: 'I think that's from a policeman's point of view fantastic, but for me as a citizen frightening.'

Tyre 'bargains' cause car deaths

MOTORISTS attempting to save money by buying cheap sub-standard tyres, may end up paying with their lives, the AA magazine 'Drive' warned today.

The last six fatal accidents caused by tyre failure investigated by AA chief engineer Marcus Jacobson, showed that each motorist had saved £8 — but at the cost of one life.

'Drive' said its team of investigators had bought — mostly over the counter — secondhand tyres found to be dangerous, re-cuts which are illegal, and imperfect foreign tyres downgraded for agricultural use.

These are often subject to a 15mph top speed limit, but unscrupulous operators would not hesitate to buff off the manufacturers' warning mark and sell the tyres as perfect, 'Drive' claimed.

It had found small-time dealers as well as private motorists buying poor quality remoulds and second-hand tyres. One dealer claimed: 'It is amazing what a lick of tyre paint can do. Some people

actually judge the condition of a car by its tyres. If they look all right, they assume the car is, too.'

The National Tyre Distributors Association commented: 'We know this sort of thing is going on. We suggest that motorists should have a free check offered by our members every three months.'

A spokesman for the Rubber Manufacturers Association said: 'There will always be unscrupulous dealers who will market sub-standard tyres. Motorists should not look upon tyres as a distress purchase — they should be prepared to spend money because their life is at stake.' 'Drive' said the

authorities should:

- Give trading standards officers the power to make spot checks on distributors.
- Licence all tyre traders including scrap merchants, and
- Have the right to withdraw licences, without which no one would be able to trade.

● An inquiry into the training of motor-cyclists was urged yesterday by opposition transport spokesman Norman Fowler following an 'appalling' surge in accidents — especially among young riders.

'An inquiry should consider how best a national training scheme should be implemented.'

Drought plans hit by cash cut

GOVERNMENT spending cuts are endangering water schemes to avoid a future drought, it was revealed yesterday.

The South West Water Authority say they are asking the government to give the go-ahead for 'vital projects' axed in the last Healey budget.

The cuts include a standstill

on the letting of all contracts for six months, which would affect more than £8m worth of the authority's schemes — many related to the drought last summer.

In addition the Authority warn that more than 140 jobs could go.

TV PREVIEW

BY BRIAN MOORE

Cinema verité of clowning

TONIGHT'S documentary on BBC 2 10.25p.m. 'Pleasure at Her Majesty's' brings together most of the 1960s generation of comedians who came out of Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Director Roger Graef has done a *cinema verité* of clowning which was presented at Her Majesty's Theatre earlier in the spring in a charity benefit for Amnesty International.

He follows the comedians through their improvised rehearsals to the show proper, the cameras moving about backstage and among the audience.

One of the most striking things is how uneasy and self-conscious the performers are in each others' company and how compulsive their need to gag is.

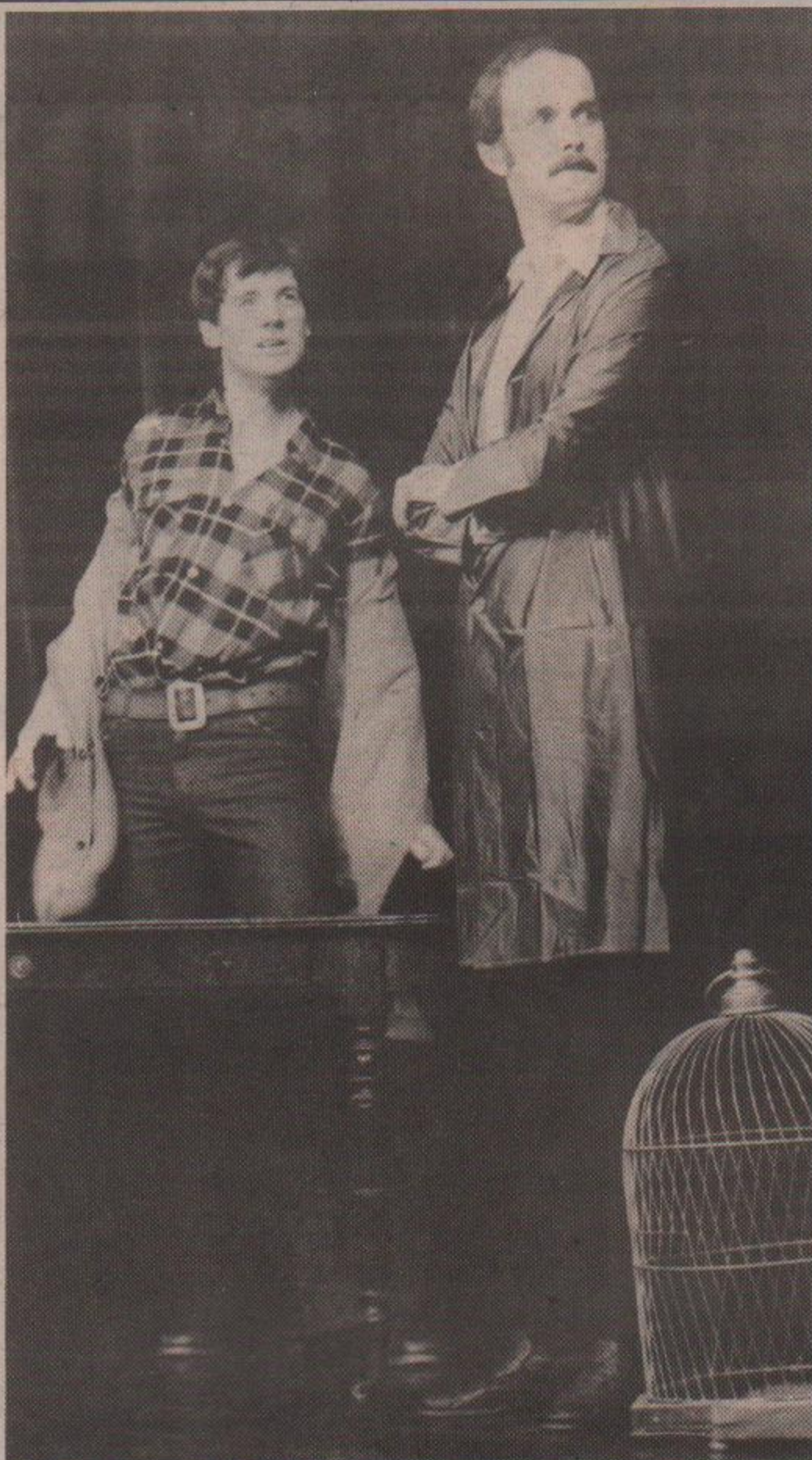
The material is not new. Most of it has been seen before either in their various TV shows, like 'Monty Python', 'That Was the Week That Was', or on stage like 'Beyond the Fringe'.

Some of the Monty Python sketches lose their pace on stage, but John Cleese's dead parrot sketch is one of the funniest things seen for a long time. His mad manic behaviour, shouting at the top of his voice, never far from complete hysteria, is outstanding.

Alan Bennett's pedantic, upper-class academic, giving a lecture on Lawrence of Arabia, is also a highlight of the show. His earnestness and timing gives his satire a barbed edge, which the others' jokey university humour lacks. There's a cliquishness about it, something brewed in a common room.

There are no great insights about the performers in the film. It is a fly-on-the-wall technique which is content merely to record.

But it is an enjoyable enough record with some good laughs to lift a post-Christmas jaded palate.



John Cleese's dead parrot sketch

Give more workers Christmas week—MP

A HOLIDAY week lasting from every Christmas Eve to New Year should be extended to as many workers as possible, says Gwilym Roberts, Labour MP for Cannock.

MPs get this break so why

should not industrial workers get it as well, said Roberts who is to ask Employment Secretary Albert Booth to start talks on the question between the TUC and employers' organisations.

He also wants Booth to ensure that all workers get a minimum of four weeks' holiday a year.

Many workers, such as workers in the hotel industry, still receive as little as two weeks' holiday a year.

'Although the government cannot determine holidays, they could help, in talks, to set a pattern which would be helpful to local negotiations', said Roberts.

Statements by Tories and in yesterday's northern editions of the 'Daily Mirror' attack those workers who have already won the right to a Christmas-New Year holiday break.

But these attacks are another way of blaming the working class for the capitalist crisis.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The Young Socialists issue an urgent call to the labour and trade union movement — give to those who have been battered by the artillery, driven out of their homes and herded into ghettos in Lebanon by the Syrian-backed rightists.

Time is precious — it means lives. Arrange

collection of medicine and warm clothing. Woollen blankets, warm children's wear, winter underwear and clothing are now desperately needed. The extremely cold winter that has now set in means that thousands face death from exposure. Act at once. Ask your local trade union branches and Constituency Labour Parties for contributions.

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'CHINA FACED CIVIL WAR'—Hua

BY JACK GALE

Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-Feng has said that if Mao Tse-Tung's widow, Chiang Ching, and her supporters had seized power last October, a major civil war would have erupted.

The text of Hua's first major speech since succeeding Mao was released yesterday, though it was delivered to a National Agricultural Conference last Saturday.

The new leader has called for People's Congresses to be convened during 1977 in all 29 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions of China to 'strengthen revolutionary committees'.

Hua said that only those who had 'the genuine support of the masses' should be elected to the committees — clearly excluding the supporters of Chiang Ching and the other three politbureau members who have been under arrest since October 7.

Shake-up

Hua's speech amounted to a call for a massive shake-up of party and local administration in order to intensify the struggle against Mao's widow and her 'Gang of Four'.

It indicates that the Chiang Ching group could still have sufficient support to worry the leadership.

Hua insisted the struggle against the 'Gang of Four' was China's main task for 1977. If their schemes had succeeded, he said, China would have plunged into civil war and there would have been foreign aggression.

He described the conflict as

the biggest crisis to face China since the revolutionary victory of 1949.

'We must build up a revolutionary momentum and wage a people's war to expose and criticise the Gang of Four thoroughly and intensively in the political, ideological and organisational sphere,' he said.

The attack had to be against not just the Four but also 'the handful of their unrepentant

sworn followers'.

Hua recited a list of crimes which he attributed to the Chang Ching group, including interfering with the national economy.

Those who had been influenced by the 'Gang of Four', but had not taken an active part in their conspiracy, should be 'educated' and helped to 'distinguish between the correct and incorrect line'.



A young Chiang Ching with Mao Tse Tung, Yenan, 1938

LEBANON

Rightists still fear PLO

RIGHT-wing leaders in Lebanon yesterday protested that the Palestinians were not surrendering their heavy weapons.

These weapons are being moved to the south where they are covered by the Cairo Agreement — that is, the Palestinians can keep them for the struggle against the Israelis who occupy their homeland.

The left wing Lebanese National Movement has already agreed with the

Syrian-dominated Arab force in Lebanon to draw up a list of its own heavy weapons by tomorrow.

But former President Suleiman Franjeh, a leader of the rightists, stated 'We shall surrender our weapons when Palestinian heavy weapons finally leave Lebanon.'

Speaking to the right-wing newspaper 'Al Bayraq', Franjeh claimed that large quantities of weapons and 'Arab

armies' were being landed at the port of Tyre.

He said this transfer to the south was totally unacceptable and added 'We completely refuse even to discuss weapons remaining in the hands of the Palestinians in Lebanon'.

The right-wing Falangist daily 'Al Amal' called on the 'Arab peacekeeping force' — that is, the Syrians — to enter the southern area and disarm the Palestinian Liberation Organisation there.

The right-wing National

Liberal newspaper 'Al Ahrar' claimed that 'hundreds of Palestinians' have tried to recapture the southern town of Marjayoun.

● Lebanese Prime Minister Dr Selim Al Hoss arrived in Cairo yesterday for an official visit. He is to hold talks with President Sadat on 'arrangements for restoring peace' in Lebanon.

He will also discuss the Egyptian proposal to reconvene the Geneva conference on the Middle East.

Indian pro-CP weekly closes

NEW DELHI — The English-language weekly 'Mainstream', one of the few remaining magazines to offer any criticism of the Indira Gandhi government, is to cease publication.

Sources on the 14-year-old magazine said it was closing rather than submit to censorship.

Announcing the closure in a signed editorial yesterday, 'Mainstream's' editor Nikhil Chakravarty, a member of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI), said the weekly's sense of purpose was endangered by 'the constraints of circumstance'.

'Mainstream' sources said the reason for closure was the censorship order imposed on the magazine this month.

This followed criticism in recent issues of some of the repressive actions taken under India's State of Internal Emergency, introduced by Mrs Gandhi last year. In general the CPI Stalinists have fully supported her government in these measures.

On Thursday Mrs Gandhi accused the PCI of being opposed to her and said criticism of her son Sanjay Gandhi, who has emerged as a powerful figure, was directed against her.

She voiced strong exception to charges by the pro-Moscow Stalinists that reactionaries were taking over her ruling Congress Party and to their criticism of her son's five-point 'reform' programme.

The CPI has planned a nation-wide protest on January 1 against increases in the prices of essential commodities.

Soviet flying ace killed

MOSCOW — Soviet wartime flying ace Leonid Beda, 56, has been killed in a car accident, the Defence Ministry daily 'Red Star' said yesterday.

Lieutenant General Beda, air force chief of the Byelorussian military district, was twice made a hero of the Soviet Union for his exploits during World War II.

Jordan may join Egypt-Syria Unified

Command

BY INTERPRESS REPORTER

CAIRO — Diplomatic circles in Cairo believe Jordan may soon join the Egyptian-Syrian Unified Political Command, whose formation was announced last week, according to the Iraqi Agency (INA).

These circles expect King Hussein to visit Cairo next month to discuss this question with President Sadat.

Moves for a federal union between Syria and Jordan have been underway for some time, and King Hussein is expected in Damascus in the near future for talks with President Assad on how this federal plan can be fitted in with the new relationship between Egypt and Syria.

A former Jordanian Prime Minister, Abdul Muneim Rifai, was recently in Cairo. He held talks last Saturday with Egypt's

foreign minister Ismail Fahmy, and the following day with Vice-President Husni Mubarak.

INA said Rifai's mission in Cairo was aimed at paving the way for King Hussein's visit.

The purpose of Rifai's visit was not announced by the Cairo press, but INA quotes the diplomatic circles as saying it was probably linked to Jordanian moves to strengthen relations with Egypt and then officially join the new Unified Political Command.

GAZA — Arab women here yesterday threw stones at passing Israeli vehicles, during a demonstration over the treatment of relatives held by the Israelis.

The Cairo daily 'Al Ahrar' today quoted Rifai as saying links of co-operation between Egypt, Syria and Jordan must 'rapidly be completed in the face of the requirements of the forthcoming phase'.

The Unified Political Command, which is designed to prepare the way for eventual unification between Egypt and Syria, was established during President Assad's recent visit to Cairo.

About 300 Palestinian Arab political prisoners held in Ashkelon jail have been on hunger strike for the past 19 days, demanding improved conditions.



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WINNIE MANDELA LET OUT OF JAIL

WINNIE Mandela, wife of jailed African leader Nelson Mandela, was released from detention yesterday, according to Security Forces in Pretoria.

Also freed was prize-winning photographer Peter Magubane who had been held for four months without trial.

Mrs Mandela was detained without trial in August after helping to found the Black Parents' Association (BPA) in Soweto following the police murders there last June.

Immediately on her release, Mrs Mandela was served with a banning and house arrest order signed by Justice Minister James Kruger.

This confines her to her Soweto home from 5.30p.m. to 6.00a.m. every day. As a 'banned person', she is prevented from attending gatherings of more than four people.

Peter Magubane was detained under the Internal Security Act on August 26 without any reason being given.

But his pictures of black demonstrations in Soweto had been widely published both in South Africa and abroad.

Mr Magubane, who works for the Johannesburg 'Rand Daily Mail' has spent more time in detention without conviction than any other South African — more than 600 days. He has just spent his third Christmas in jail.

His pictures have won awards all over the world since the late 1950s. In 1974, he was the first black to hold a one-man exhibition in South Africa.

Freed at the same time as Winnie Mandela and Peter Magubane were two black women also detained under the



Children show the 'Black Power' sign yesterday as a wholesaler's lorry burns in the street at Phake section in Kaituma. Picture: PETER MAGUBANE

Peter Magubane's photograph of youth cheering as a lorry burns

Internal Security Act — Mrs Oshadi Phataki and Mrs Joyce Seroke.

A further 81 security prisoners were freed last week in what Justice Minister Kruger claimed was a 'Christmas gesture'.

But eighteen people are still being held under the Internal Security Act, which provides for indefinite detention without trial.

Cape Town— 26 killed

CAPE TOWN — Heavy police reinforcements were being rushed from Pretoria to Cape Town yesterday, as armed riot police patrolled the black townships where at least 26 people have been killed over the Christmas period.

At least two of the deaths were caused by police gunfire in Langa township during the night. A crowd of about 500 people had stoned police vehicles there.

In Nyanga and Guguletu, deaths and violence were attributed to clashes between local people and migrant workers, due to the latter refusing to honour the mourning period called for those killed by the police during the summer.

Thousands of people fled or were driven from the homes on Monday, as the migrants, reportedly not without encouragement and aid from police, went on the rampage. They were armed with axes and other weapons — something that could only mean police complicity.

Similar tactics of setting black-against-black were used by the police in Soweto earlier this year. They were less successful later when the township youth became more experienced and organised, and were able to prevent the split.

STRIKING BUS DRIVERS FINED

TWENTY African bus drivers were fined the equivalent of £36 by a Salisbury court yesterday for going on strike.

Another 700 drivers, conductors and maintenance men face similar charges.

Their strike paralysed the Rhodesian capital over Christmas, as the workers demanded a bonus equal to a month's pay.

All were arrested under the Smith regime's Emergency Powers Regulations which

cover strikes affecting essential or public services.

Despite being held in Chikurubi prison and interrogated by industrial relations officers, only a handful of the strikers agreed to return to work.

When the fines were imposed yesterday — with the option of 40 days in jail if they are not paid by the end of January — angry relatives demonstrated outside the court and had to be driven away by police.

Jewish leaders for Cairo talks?

CAIRO — Reports that a meeting is being set up between Egyptian President Sadat and a group of Western Jewish leaders were dismissed here yesterday as 'unfounded'.

Veteran American Zionist leader Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said in Tel Aviv on Monday that talks were taking place to fix a date for the meeting, and that he was in close touch with Egypt's ambassador in Washington on the subject.

Goldmann also said that he was keeping Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin fully informed on developments.

The proposed Jewish delegation would not include Israelis however, and would probably be mostly American Jews.

One visitor who is expected in Cairo next month is Yugoslavia's President Tito. He is coming on January 20, after a five-day visit to Libya.

On December 17, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported that Tito had received Nahum Goldmann in Belgrade, and discussed with him the Middle East situation. Earlier Goldmann had been in talks with Romania's president Ceausescu.

The newspaper quoted official sources in Damascus as saying the decision was reached after a high-level committee to examine the position of Syria's 8,000 Jews.

It said that the government accepted the committee's recommendation that Syrian Jews should have all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other Syrian citizens.

DAMASCUS — Syrian official sources have confirmed a report that the Syrian government had decided to lift all restrictions on Syrian Jews and restore to them the right to travel.

The Kuwait newspaper 'Al-Qabas' said yesterday that the Syrian government had decided to lift all restrictions on the Syrian Jews and restore to them the right to travel, own property and enter government service.

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SALES SEARCH FOR THE ELUSIVE 'SPECIAL OFFER'

BARGAIN-HUNTING fever roared back with all its traditional force yesterday as the sales began.

There were overnight queues formed outside many of the big West End stores in London despite the bitter cold and snow.

In other cities, and suburban London areas, there was the same frantic rush for a chance windfall.

But as with every sales season, whether at the year end or in midsummer, genuine bargains were few and far between.

Despite all the legislation attempts to protect gullible shoppers and stop the rackets, there were far more goods on 'special offer' which had been made just for the occasion than there were genuine reductions.

At the stores which do offer a good deal in a sale however, there was all the old excitement of the rapid search, the anxious questions — 'Have you got this in green?' — and then the thrill of decision: 'I'll buy it'.

For poorer families, finding a real bargain at the sales can mean a significant leg-up in the battle for survival — getting a new fridge, a cooker, or something that has always been wanted but could never quite be afforded.

It can be a subject for quiet satisfaction and happy anecdotes for years to come.

This Christmas more so than ever. 'Money is worth nothing these days,' said one lady in south London. 'I bought my daughter this cooker in a sale two years ago for under £100. Look at it now. Over £300.'

Inflation has produced some contradictory reactions. On the one hand, working-class families are grimly realistic and slightly apprehensive that buying things they want is going to become a much tougher prospect in the future.

But on the other hand, they are far more relaxed about spending what little money they have got. After all, what's the point of hanging on to it if it is rapidly becoming worthless?

The psychology is developing that you are far better off translating what cash you have got as speedily as possible into hard goods. The goods, at least, will keep most of their value, and could even be sold again. Money will just waste away.

But for the most part, the sales rush simply takes advantage of people's poverty and gullibility and supplies vast quantities of cheap goods at slightly cheaper-than-usual prices.

The 'half-price offers' still abound despite the consumer protection laws. Mountains of goods are suddenly discovered to be 'slightly defective' or 'slightly shop-soiled' and declared to be a 'special offer', although priced little differently from before.

But even though it is the oldest trick in the salesman's book, the offers of 'genuine reductions' and 'bargains galore' still pack them in. The annual sales did a roaring trade again.



THE OPEN INVITATION TO SHOP

A TORY MP has opposed the call for new anti-shoplifting legislation by Oxford Street traders (see yesterday's News Line). The present law was adequate, said Kenneth Lewis, MP for Rutland and Stamford.

He said it was not acceptable that parliament should be asked to deal with a problem which the

stores should solve themselves. 'Many of the big stores, although not calling themselves supermarkets, have gone over to supermarket techniques where the goods that are to be bought are not under the direct control of the shop assistants.'

'This means that shoplifting becomes too easy and the lack of control creates an almost open invitation.

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IT'S the early bird that catches the worm — and in the case of these bargain-hunters pneumonia as well, we wouldn't be surprised.

The determined young shoppers from Canada (on the right) have been camping outside Debenhams store in London's Oxford Street since Monday night in sub-zero temperatures.

They want to get their cold hands on a cassette player and a washing machine.

Passers-by weren't impressed by their determination. 'They want their brains tested,' they commented.

The rest of the crowds who teemed along Oxford Street and Regent Street yesterday were content to window-shop outside the big stores.



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TASK FORCE TRAINS TO EVICT ELDERLY

SPECIAL REP

NEW YORK — The early morning hours of November 9, 1960. In Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy is pacing nervously.

The impressive lead piled up by the Democratic presidential candidate from returns in the east are becoming dangerously thin as the Republican farm vote pours in.

Illinois is now the do or die state, but Nixon is way ahead throughout the rural and southern portions of the state.

But then the newscasters realise something. The votes from Cook County — dominated by the Chicago stronghold of one Richard Daley — have not been reported.

Not until virtually all the votes outside Chicago have been counted and the exact margin of Nixon's plurality determined, does Richard Daley permit the tabulation of the Cook County ballots.

The results are staggering. Nixon's lead vanished as Kennedy sweeps not only the wards of Cook County, but its



Some of the troops during a rehearsal entry before eviction

SAN FRANCISCO — A group of sheriff's deputies are undergoing special training in preparation for a tactical assault on the International Hotel on the fringe of Chinatown.

The aim is to evict tenants who occupied it when the building became empty almost 10 years ago.

The 80 squatters are all elderly people, some of them in their 70s.

The owners, Four Seas Development Corporation, want

to tear it down and build a parking lot.

On December 18, Judge Ira Brown refused to put off the eviction any further.

He also threatened to issue a second contempt of court citation against Sheriff Richard Hongisto for refusing to carry out the evictions.

Hongisto is wavering because he believes a police assault on the building 'could lead to bloodshed and possible deaths'.

Meanwhile the training of the eviction squad is underway at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard

where the 'San Francisco Examiner' reported:

'They wore black riot helmets with plastic face guards.

All toted holstered service revolvers on their belts, and long riot batons.

'A tear-gas gun was slung over one deputy's shoulder. A number had canvas bags containing gas masks. Many were equipped with Mace, the subduing chemical. Some carried walkie-talkies.'

In view of the cameras, the supervising officer told his men to make sure their equipment

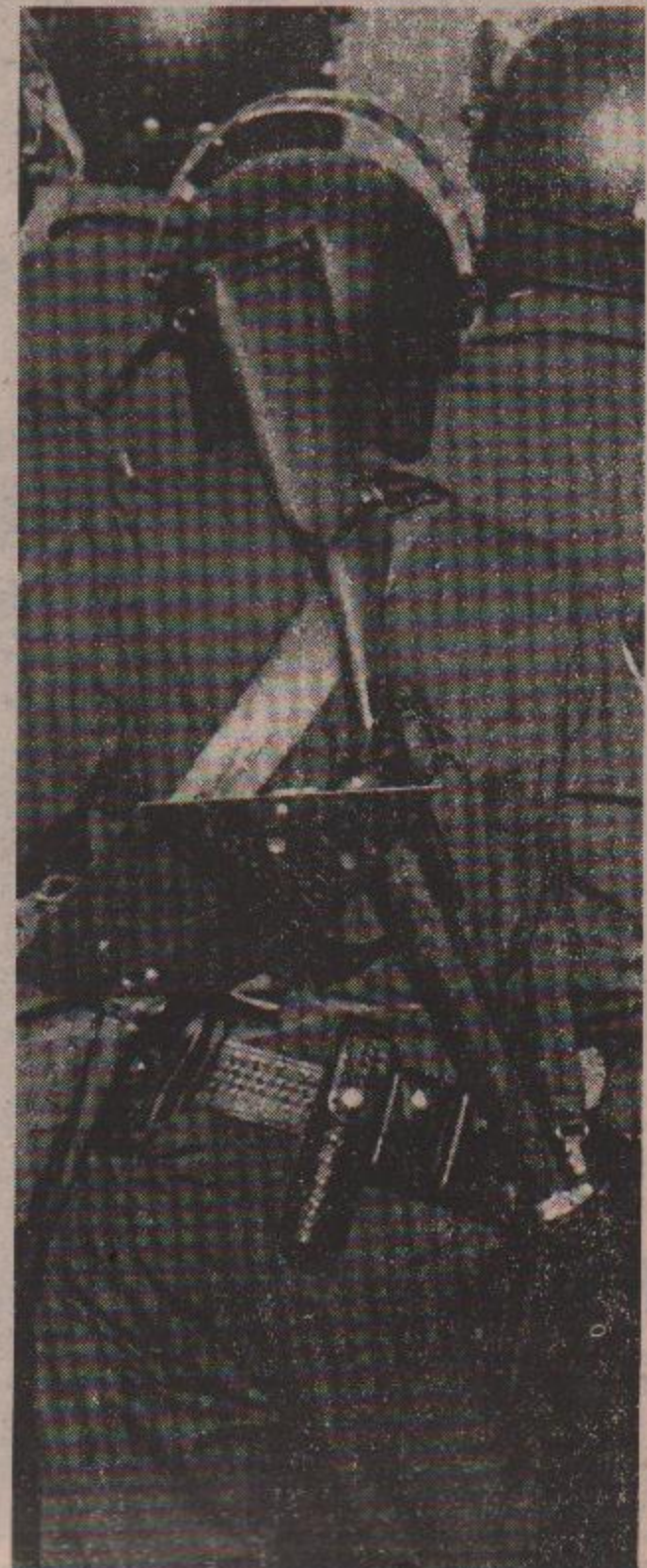
was not loaded. He then sent some to invade a mock-International Hotel, while others acted as tenants.

The besiegers are divided into two squads: a 'gentle' squad to explain the law to tenants; a 'resistance' squad to enforce it.

All of this just to rob 80 pensioners of their right to inexpensive housing. At the same time the city's Press is full of reports of a 'tide of crime and violence against senior citizens'. It is clear just who the biggest criminals are.



Deputies unload their weapons



One of the fully-equipped eviction squad

New look at Northern Lights

BRITISH scientists may soon have the key to unravel some of the mysteries of the Northern Lights — the Aurora Borealis.

It could be in a stream of data collected from a new research rocket, Skylark 12, launched recently in Arctic Norway.

The rocket reached a height of 450 miles, passing through an auroral arc.

Dr Duncan Bryant, the scientist in charge of the mission, said: 'Aurora is still a mystery process, which has been studied since history began. This new information could help us unravel some of that mystery.'

'The rocket is giving us information we never had before, and we are very excited by the initial results,' he added, but stressed it would be wrong to lay too much emphasis on a single rocket journey.

The rocket carried experiments for Southampton and Sussex Universities, the Science Research Council's Appleton Laboratory at Slough and the Mullard Space Science Laboratory at University College, London.

Computers are now processing the information gained during the rocket's 15-minute journey. Dr Bryant explained that until Skylark 12

was developed, studies of the phenomena had largely been confined to low-altitude rockets — reaching 150 miles up.

Now with the new high-altitude rockets scientists would be able to observe Aurora from above and below. 'We can now encompass most of the Auroral features,' he said.

Auroral arcs could, he added, be as much as 1,000 kilometres long and around 100 kilometres in height. The processes occurring in the arcs — visible as a shimmering veil of light — were thought to be similar to phenomena seen on the sun and on other stars.

'They are a gas of ionised

particles,' said Dr Bryant. Research so far had indicated the Northern Lights were the result of a gigantic electrical field.

A second Skylark 12 was launched in the middle of December and the information from it will shortly be processed.

Both rockets were designed and built by the electronic and space systems division of the British Aircraft Corporation.

Skylark is one of the world's most successful research rockets, and over 50 have been successfully launched in the last 20 years. Skylark 12 is the first three-stage version.

REPORT ON MAYOR RICHARD DALY OF CHICAGO

The last of



Kennedy with the Daley tribe in the early 1960s

the Big City Bosses

cemeteries as well. Illinois and the election went to Kennedy.

It was a miracle, but distinctly man-made — by Richard Daley. That election established his reputation as the last of the Big City Bosses.

When Mayor Daley died on December 20, one of the first on to the television screens with a tearjerking tribute was President-elect Jimmy Carter.

Friend

'He was a great and good friend to me, and a great Democratic leader,' said Carter.

His words were well-placed. After all, it was the support of Daley and Governor George Wallace that gave him the final boost for the Democratic nomination.

President Ford interrupted his skiing vacation in Colorado to send a tribute to the 'towering figure in the American scene'. He phoned Daley's son Michael personally to offer his sympathy.

New York Mayor Abraham Beame and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley voiced their shock and said he would be missed.

Senator Edward Kennedy said Daley would be remembered 'as one of America's greatest mayors, a leader who understood the needs and aspirations of his city, who made Chicago liveable'.

No one asked the parents and relatives of Fred Hampton and

Mark Clark what they thought of the passing of Daley. Hampton and Clark, leaders of the Illinois Black Panther Party, were murdered in their beds in December 1969 by Daley's police.

No one asked the workers in the South Chicago steel mills or the youth in the South Side and West Side ghettos, where the Chicago police built up their reputation as the most corrupt, brutal, and murderous in the country.

Daley came to power in 1953 when he finished off a climb up the ladder of ward politics by gaining the post of chairman of the Cook County Democratic Committee.

Two years later he pushed out the old mayor, Martin Kennelly, an ineffectual front man for the Democratic machine and took the top job for himself.

He backed up his political power with gangland thuggery. In the early years his aldermanic rivals would rise in the council chamber to speak against him, only to find that the power to their microphones had been cut.

Other opponents had rougher treatment; they were beaten up, stripped of their posts, or leant on in a variety of ways.

Recent court actions have revealed that Daley ran a 'Red Squad' within the Police Department which included 'hundreds of police spies'. Their job was to target on community organisation leaders, reporters, social workers and anyone else

considered a trouble to the boss. Most of the secret reports landed on Daley's desk for attention.

Daley's political career was based on an alliance of the big financial and corporate interests with the labour officials and the old Democratic-city government patronage machine.

His grip began to weaken with the break-up of the boom and the explosive developments among black Americans and the youth.

First came the civil rights marches. In 1966 Martin Luther King led open housing marches aimed at breaking up residential segregation in Chicago. The marches were brutally attacked both by right-wing gangs and by the police.

Rebellion

In April 1968, King's assassination sparked a rebellion on the West Side. Daley issued his notorious order to police, to 'shoot to kill, shoot to maim'.

In July 1968, the Democratic convention came to town, a tribute to Daley's standing as the 'kingmaker' of the party.

Students protesting against the Vietnam war policies of the Democrats were savagely attacked by hundreds of heavily-armed police. Blood ran in Civic Centre Plaza. The convention site became an armed fortress. Tear gas covered the city.

When Senator Abraham

Ribicoff took the floor to issue a protest against the 'Gestapo' tactics outside the convention hall, Daley, from his seat on the floor, had his microphone cut off with a single gesture.

The sound was off while television cameras recorded him shaking his fist at Ribicoff. A lip reader later confirmed that the 'great Democratic leader' had been shouting anti-Semitic remarks.

December 1969 marked a turning point in the Daley regime. The murder of Hampton and Clark in their beds was covered over with a police story about a shoot-out. Investigation revealed that more than 100 rounds had been fired into the Panther house, with at most one coming out in return.

The tremendous hatred which these assassinations produced in the West and South side ghettos was the beginning of the end for the Daley machine.

Edward Hanrahan, Daley's hand-picked state attorney who whitewashed the police murders, was indicted for obstructing justice and then defeated for re-election.

The new Republican state attorney, as well as the Republican US attorney appointed by Nixon, made themselves some political hay by prosecuting a few of the more blatant of the machine's thousands of crooks.

Amid the tributes the 'New York Post' noted that 'Boss Daley nominated rogues to the

legislature and protected thieves in the City Council'.

Among the most celebrated crooks in the Daley administration was Federal Judge Otto Kerner, a former Governor of Illinois State.

Kerner's career was made by Daley every inch of the way. He ended up in jail after being convicted of bribery. It was only the tip of the iceberg in a wholesale corruption scandal.

Daley was, of course, a devout Roman Catholic. Born in County Wexford, he grew up in Bridgeport, which the

sociologists call 'a white ethnic area' of Chicago.

At the end Daley was a fast-fading symbol of the putrid political collaboration between the labour bureaucracy and the Democratic Party.

It is said that when they struck up the final hymn at his funeral service — 'Oh, God, our help in ages past' — Carter, Teddy Kennedy and other members of the new administration sang particularly strenuously.

But Boss Daley is dead, and so is the era of town hall control that he personified.



Mouthing-off... anti-Semitic remarks

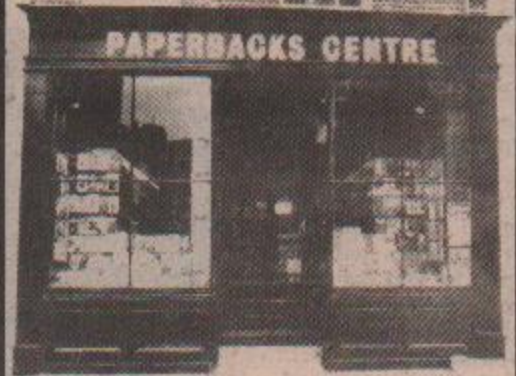


Chicago burns... Daley's repressive policies led to a revolt in the ghettos



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The SAS insignia

THE shooting of Peter Cleary, the 25-year-old South Armagh man, is one of the most notorious SAS killings.

Cleary got three SAS bullets through the chest on the night of Thursday, April 15. He was taken out of a farm house, beaten, then dragged away to a nearby field to meet his death.

Friends, including his girlfriend, said it was murder in cold blood. The official army press office version was that he was shot while trying to escape.

Two priests, Denis Faul and Raymond Murray, who collected statements from witnesses comment: 'How does an escaping man get shot three times in the chest by his guard? It is clear that Peter Cleary was in a state of great fear: he never resisted arrest or attempted to escape at the house. It is hardly likely that he would attempt to escape in the field — he had also been badly beaten. Further — how does a prisoner get shot three times in a struggle? (emphasis in original).

The witnesses gathered that night at the lonely farm house at Forkhill, Co Armagh, told the two priests how Cleary met his bloody end.

Lurking

Patricia Fagan, a mother of three, and the sister of Cleary's fiancé Shirley Hulme described how the killer squad was discovered lurking in the dark just after 10p.m.

'Paul stood up on the ditch and shone a flashlamp. There were two soldiers lying on the ground on the other side of the hedge. They jumped up and one of them fired a shot just over our heads. He told us to stand or he would shoot.'

All the eye witnesses deny the army claim that the SAS was in uniform and wearing berets of the Parachute regiment.

Says Mrs Fagan: 'The one who fired the shot was the officer in charge. He was tall, well over six foot, well built, though his face wasn't very fat, clean cut, clean shaven. All the soldiers' faces were blackened, very blackened.'

The special equipment and dark non-army clothing marked the armed intruders as the SAS. Mrs Fagan continued: 'The soldier

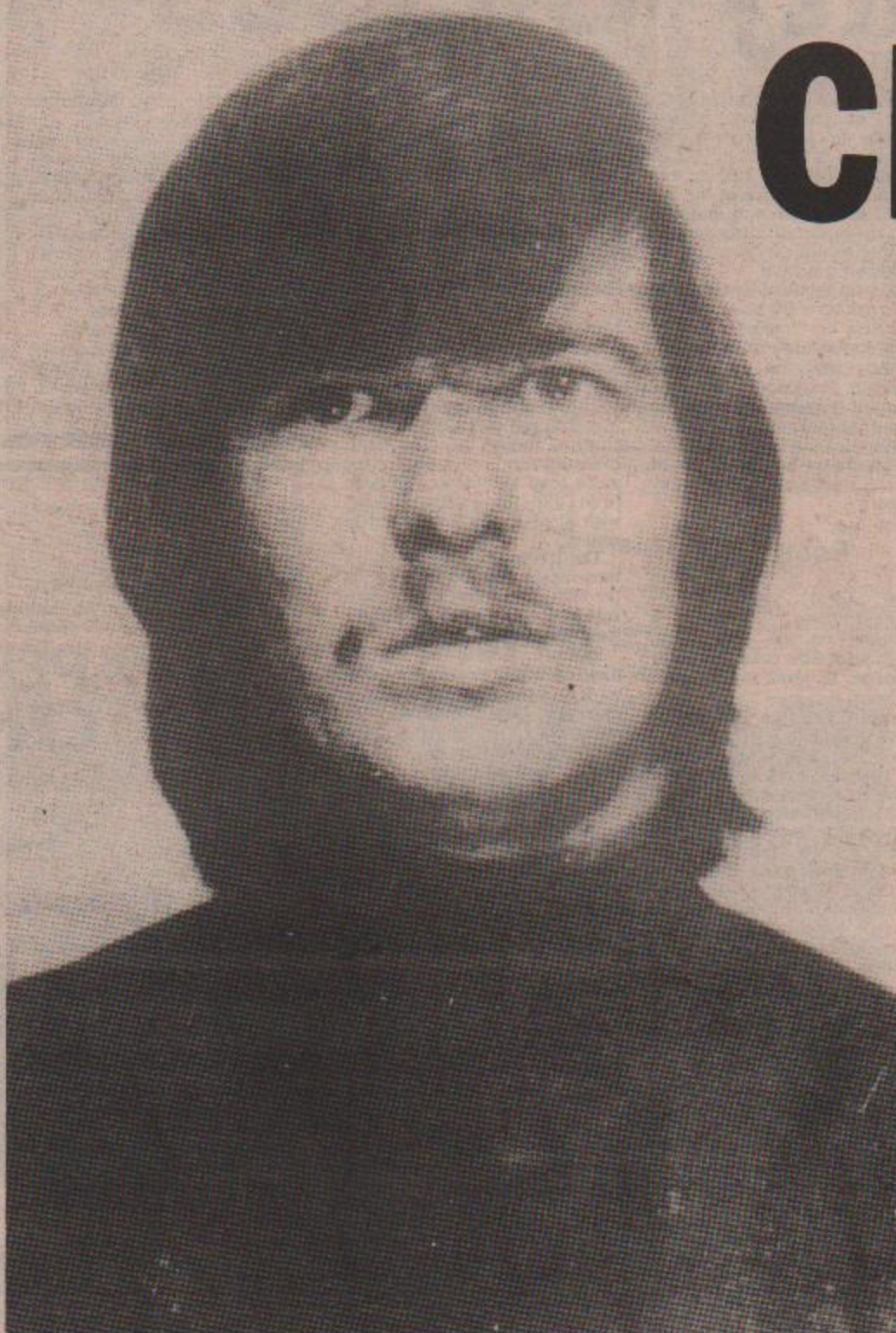
SAS MURDER SQUAD GIVEN A FREE HAND—2

THE SHOOTING OF PETER CLEARY

Although there are increasing signs of British imperialism wanting to get out of the blind alley of occupation in northern Ireland, it continues the savage repression of the most determined elements in the Republican movement.

Shortly before Christmas, the newly-appointed British overlord in the north, Roy Mason, a long-time friend of the military hierarchy from his days as Labour's Defence Minister, agreed to give the army its head.

This allows the SAS murder battalion, specially trained in counter-revolutionary covert activities, to operate uncontrolled throughout the north and over the border, including the big city working class areas.



PETER CLEARY... Horrific killing described by friends and relatives

George was standing at the door half lying with a gun in his hand — a small thing with what looked like a silencer or something on top of it. He seemed very afraid — the same fear was in his eyes as Peter [Cleary] when they were dragging him away.

'That's why I said to

myself — 'He is afraid.' But the other fella wasn't — he didn't seem to blink once — there was no movement in his eyes, even when he was jeering about the wedding — I don't know what it was but I never saw anything like it before.'

This officer did all the talking — all violent abuse which included threatening

children with guns. The scene described in the farmhouse was reminiscent of a Gestapo raid.

Mrs Fagan's husband, Raymond said in his statement: 'Then the wee lassie was standing beside me. She was roaring and crying. He, the officer, ran over with the gun to her head — "If you don't shut up", he

said, "I'll blow your f... head off." She stopped crying.

The men, women and children were herded against the farmhouse wall and violently searched. Another plain clothes soldier emerged out of the shadows and identified Cleary who was taken out of the line-up.

Another man, Damian Hulme, brother of Cleary's fiancé, takes up the story: 'I was following Raymond [Fagan]. Peter [Cleary] was lying on the sand — a soldier was over him with a gun — one was kicking him at the far side...

They searched the men — they went over Peter twice — the second time they went back they asked him his name. One came over and put the gun to the head of the child. He told her if she did not stop crying he would blow her head off.'

Beaten

Cleary was taken away into the house and badly beaten. The room was wrecked when the witnesses went in after the SAS left.

Outside other men were being violently abused before the hysterical children.

Says Damian Hulme: 'One pushed me down to the ground. He said he was arresting me and asked — "Can you pray?" I said I could. He put a gun to my head and said — "You better start praying or you will get the same..."'

He started asking questions about who he was, and put his right foot across the back of my neck, and pressed my head as far into the ground as he could. Every time I answered he kept putting his foot heavier in my neck.

Hulme gives a terrifying

description of the way Cleary was taken out to the field after his beating — 'Peter was dragged past me by two of them — moving very slowly. They pulled past me. His two arms were up. They were pulling him by the arms with his head down. I had a clear view as the light was on. They took him over the wall or through the gate.'

The SAS men indulged in mental as well as physical sadism.

Shirley Hulme tells of how one soldier singled her out.

'Which of you is Shirley?' Neither of us answered. Pat nor I. He said to me "You are, aren't you?" He said — "It won't be long to the wedding now..." I looked back at him. He said "I have news for you, you are not going to have one..."'

She saw them take Cleary out. Then they all heard the three shots followed by the drone of two army helicopters.

Shirley Hulme finishes her statement: 'I saw his body in the morgue in Daisy Hill in the coffin. I never touched a dead person before, not a coffin, not even my father and mother. I went over to him. His hair was wrong, it was brushed back from his face; he always wore it side-fringed. I fainted.'

'I went to Beleeks and he was in the room. I told Mrs Cleary about his hair being wrong and we fixed it then. I noticed the top of his head as if it was all pushed in. His left eye was cut; his eye-lid, as if it was split open. His eyelashes and inside his eyes — there was all hard blood. On the left side he had a bruise above his eye. His mouth was all inside split and more hardened blood around it. He had his wedding suit on him. All you could see was his face.'

TV LineUp

GRANADA

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Born Free. 11.45 Cartoon Time. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mr Trimble. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Take Kerr. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Holiday Matinee. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.10 The Pied Piper. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45 News At 5.45.

6.00 GRANADA NEWS HEADLINES

6.05 DENNIS THE MENACE: 'Dennis and Christmas'. How to prevent Dennis from finding his presents before Christmas Day

6.30 UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 FRANKIE HOWARD'S TITTERTIME

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST on behalf of the Liberal Party

9.10 THE DAME OF SARK her reaction to the occupation of the island

10.10 NEWS AT TEN

10.40 DECADE OF CHANGE: 'World of Soccer 1966 to 1976.'

11.40 THE PRISONER: 'Hammer into Anvil.'

12.40 Closedown.

THAMES

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Cartoon Time. 11.05 A Fast Drive in the Country. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Today's Post. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 The Sundowners. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Cartoon Time. 5.45 News at 5.45.

6.00 TODAY

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE.

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 FRANKIE HOWARD'S TITTERTIME.

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST on behalf of the Liberal Party

9.10 THE DAME OF SARK

10.10 NEWS AT TEN

10.40 DECADE OF CHANGE World Soccer 1966 to 1976.

11.40 THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO: 'The Hard Breed' the elder brother of a rodeo family is killed and all the evidence points to the younger brother

12.35 CLOSE Joyce Frances Carpenter reads one of her own poems followed by closedown

BBC 1

9.55 The Wombles. 10.00 Scooby Doo. 10.45 Children of Destiny. 11.10 Bugs Bunny. 11.15 Flash Gordon. 11.30 Tarzan and the Slave Girl. 12.45 Midday News. 1.00 75 Below. 1.45 Fingerbobs. 2.00 Three Bites of the Apple. 3.35 Happy Faces. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Wacky Races. 4.30 Jackanory. 4.45 Goober and the Ghost Chasers. 5.10 The Phoenix and the Carpet. 5.35 Paddington. 5.40 Evening News. 5.55 Laurel and Hardy.

6.15 TOMORROW'S WORLD NEW YEAR SPECIAL A visit to the fairgrounds of Europe

6.45 SOLOMON AND SHEBA starring Yul Brynner and Gina Lollobrigida. Sheba pits her feminine charms against military might

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST on behalf of the Liberal Party

9.10 MAIN NEWS

9.35 BIG BEN AND BRASHER Brendan Foster and Christopher Brasher take a look at what the Olympics really means to athletes

10.25 PLEASURE AT HER MAJESTY'S

12.05-14.07 Weatherman.

BBC 2

10.30 Nai Zindagi Nayi Jeevan. 11.00 Play School. 11.25 Closedown.

7.15 NEWS ON 2, Weather

7.25 THE KINGSTON SAILING OLYMPIAD

The quiet Canadian town of Kingston is the scene for the fight for the Olympic gold in yachting

8.25 THE GOLDEN SEA SWALLOW OF KNOKKE 1976 Norman Wisdom prize-winning entry in 1976 Light Entertainment Television Festival in Knokke, Belgium.

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST on behalf of the Liberal Party

9.10 THE GLITTERING PRIZES: 'An Academic Life'.

10.25 POEMS AND PINTS

10.55 LATE NEWS ON 2

11.05 THE CONSPIRACY OF FIESCO IN GENOA An adaptation of a play by Schiller about the attempt by the republican movement to overthrow the dictator of Genoa in the year 1547

1.05-1.10 Closedown

REGIONS

ATV MIDLANDS

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 ATV Sports Replay. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mr Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 ATV Newdesk. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 On Seven Hills They Build A City. 2.25 Jennie - Lady Randolph Churchill. 3.30 The Magician. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 The Flintstones. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 ATV Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard's Titter Time. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame Of Sark. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.40 Decade of Change. 11.40 Musical Triangles: The Flute. 12.10 Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.40 Out Of School. 11.00 Sports 5. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones Christmas Special. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mr Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 'Khartoum'. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 The Tiny Tree. 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 Frankie Howard's Titter Time. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.40 Decade of Change. 11.40 Westward News. 11.45 Police Surgeon. 12.10 Faith For Life. 12.15 Closedown.

CHANNEL

1.20 Lunchtime News, What's On Where. Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Film: 'Khartoum'. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 The Tiny Tree. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.10 Channel News and Weather. 6.10 The Beachcombers. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard's Titter Time. 9.00 Valley Of Waitomo. 9.10 The Dame of Sark. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.40 Decade of Change. 11.40 Police Surgeon. 12.10 Epilogue, followed by News and Weather in French. Weather and Closedown.

HTV

9.30 Out Of School. 11.00 Sports 5. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones Christmas Special. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Report West. 1.25 Report Wales. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Ivanhoe. 3.50 The Muppet Show. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Chuckleheads. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 Mr And Mrs. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard's Titter Time. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame Of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.40 Decade of Change. 11.40 Police Woman. 12.40 Weather and Closedown.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV General except: 1.20-1.25 Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.20-4.35 Muri Mawr. 4.35-4.45 Un Tro 6.00-6.15 Y Dydd. 10.00-10.30 News At Ten followed by Report Wales Headlines.

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

ANGLIA

9.30 Out Of School. 11.00 Sport. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. Weather. 1.25 Anglia News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Marcus Welby M.D. 3.20 Farouk - Last Of The Pharaohs. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Run, Joe, Run. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.10 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard's Titter Time. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame Of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.30 Decade Of Change. 11.40 Night Gallery. 12.10 The Big Question followed by Closedown.



David McCallum (centre) as Stanley Thrumm with Sylvia Koscina as Carla in 'Three bites of the apple' on BBC 1 at 2.00

SCOTTISH

9.30 Out Of School. 11.00 Sports 5. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones Christmas Special. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mr Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Calendar News. Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Film: 'Ivanhoe'. 3.30 The Muppet Show. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Harriet. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.30 Decade of Change. 11.40 Police Woman. 12.00 Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Sports 5. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Southern News. Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Jigsaw. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Simbad Junior. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Day By Day. 6.30 Police Surgeon. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard's Titter Time. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame Of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.30 Decade of Change. 11.40 Southern News Extra. 11.50 Chopper One. 12.20 Weather Forecast, followed by a Better Way Closedown.

ULSTER

9.30 Out Of Schools. 11.00 Sport 5. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones Christmas Special. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mr Trimble. 12.30 Mr

And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Ulster News Headlines. Lunchtime. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 On Seven Hills They Built A City. 2.25 Cartoon Time. 2.45 Film: 'Climb An Angry Mountain'. 4.18 Ulster News Headlines. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Woody Woodpecker Show. 5.45 News. 6.00 UTV Reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.30 Decade Of Change. 11.40 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

9.30 Out Of School. 11.00 Hammy Hamster. 11.10 Tarzan. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mr Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Calendar News. Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Film: 'Ivanhoe'. 3.30 The Muppet Show. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Harriet. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.30 Decade of Change. 11.40 Police Woman. 12.00 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.25 Starting Point. 9.30 Out Of School. 10.40 Too Long A Winter. 11.00 Sports 5. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Phyllis. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Ivanhoe. 3.50 Here Comes The Future. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 The Brady Bunch. 5.45 News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This Is Your

Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.40 Decade of Change. 11.40 Honey. 12.35 Epilogue. 12.40 Closedown.

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9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Sports Five. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones Christmas Special. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Gramplan News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Ivanhoe. 3.50 Aesop's Fables. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 The Flintstones. 5.35 Police Newsroom. 5.45 News. 6.00 Gramplan Today and Weather Forecast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.45 Scotsport - Review of the Year. 11.45 Scottish National Orchestra Chorus. 12.40 Evening Prayers. 12.45 Closedown.

BORDER

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Sports 5. 11.05 Kiddywinkles. 11.30 Bygones Christmas Special. 11.55 The Woonies. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Mister Trimble. 12.30 Mr And Mrs. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Border News. Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 The Red Shoes. 4.20 The Sooty Show. 4.45 Pop Quest. 5.15 Hogan's Heroes. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Border News And Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This Is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Frankie Howard. 9.00 Liberal Party Broadcast. 9.10 The Dame Of Sark. 10.10 News At Ten. 10.40 The World of Change. 11.40 The Canterville Ghost. 12.35 Border News Summary And Weather. 12.38 Closedown.



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6.00 News Summary. Weather. 6.02 Colin Berry (S) including 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.02 Terry Wogan (S) including 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02-11.30 Pete Murray's Open House (S) including 10.30 Waggoners' Walk. 11.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.50 Sports Desk. 2.02 David

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Winning Post

NAPOLEON BRANDY should take advantage of the anticipated good going at **FONTWELL** today to notch his first win of the season in the 'Nickel Coin' Challenge Cup (2.15).

David Morley's nine-year-old has been disappointing so far this season, especially in his last three races, which he started as favourite.

In his last outing, at Southwell just before Christmas, he appeared to hold every chance, until hitting the 14th so hard that he dropped back and finished third, behind Yellow Stone and Caesarean.

Recoup

Despite his lack of success, however, Napoleon Brandy has not run badly, and as the going and distance of today's race should bring out the best in him, he can recoup all the losses at the expense of Tudoramus.

Tiepolino, like Napoleon Brandy, has let down strong support this season, and he too should come good today when he lines up for the Salmon Spray Hurdle (1.45).

The opposition should give the French-based horse much less than he had to do to come sixth in the Black and White Whisky Hurdle at Ascot last month.

Warming conditions for Napoleon Brandy

Conditions at **STRATFORD** are sure to be testing, but **Bighorn** should not be bothered too much by the ground and can land his fourth successive prize by winning the J H Rowe Challenge Trophy Handicap Chase (1.30).

He has to shoulder a hefty penalty for his latest victory at Leicester, but his stamina should tell — especially as the softer the going the better Bighorn likes it.

Blabbermouth looks leniently weighted in the Vivian Street Handicap Chase (2.00). Wexford has the better form, but the difference in the weights looks too much and Blabbermouth can notch his second win this season.

Finally, **Gently Does It** should return to winning form in the Bran Tub Four-Year-Old Handicap Hurdle (2.30), in which the opposition includes nothing better than he has beaten in the past.

STRATFORD: 12.30
Velvet King, 1.00 Paction, 1.30 Bighorn, 2.00 Blabbermouth, 2.30 Gently Does It, 3.00 Cantlie.
FONTWELL PARK: 12.45
Silent Retort, 1.15

Master Monday wins at 25-1

ENGLAND's international star Grand Canyon, the 5-2 favourite, faded into eighth place behind 25-1 Master Monday in yesterday's Irish Sweeps Hurdle at Leopardstown.

Ron Barry set a hot pace on the Colonial Cup winner until turning into the straight where the top weight of 12 stone began to tell. Alverton, the other English raider was unplaced.

Master Monday, ridden for the first time by John Harty, challenged Straight Row for the lead approaching the final flight and strode away on the flat to score by 2½ lengths for trainer-breeder Liam Quirke.

Brantridge Farmer, 1.45
Tiepolino, 2.15 Napoleon Brandy, 2.45 Doo'cot Park, 3.15 Willings Hope.
Nap: Napoleon Brandy
Double: Napoleon Brandy and Bighorn

Francome wins — £200 short

CHAMPION jockey John Francome, partner in Pendil's spectacular winning return to racing at Kempton yesterday, after a 22-month lay-off, was in no mood to celebrate because £200 was stolen from his belongings on Boxing Day.

Francome said 'I put the money in my trouser pocket in the weighing room before riding Flash Imp in the William Hill Christmas Hurdle, but when I got back it was gone.'

Brushing aside enthusiastic congratulations after dismounting from Pendil, Francome added: 'Even this doesn't make up for the missing £200.'

CRICKET

MCC head for a win

GAUHATI, India — Fast bowler Bob Willis, aided by some timid batting, put MCC in a position to win a three-day match in India for the first time for more than ten years.

After the second day of the match against East Zone here, MCC were 130 ahead with eight second innings wickets standing and the victory over a zonal side which eluded Tony Lewis's team four years ago looked a distinct possibility.

It was back in 1963-1964 that MCC, under Mike Smith, last won a three-day game in India.

Slow pitches which are a feature of the sub-continent lie behind the long series of drawn games. The one here is slower than most, but by generating considerable pace against batsmen with little experience of playing quick bowling, Willis was able to lay East Zone's first innings in ruins in his first five overs.

At a personal cost of 11 runs he dismissed Sambaran Banerjee, Tilak Raj and Palas Nandy and he eventually emerged with figures of five for 29 in 13-2 overs. East Zone were all out for 147, a deficit of 66 which was increased to 130 as MCC made 64 for two in their second innings.

Willis broke through in his opening over when Banerjee, who had probably never encountered so fast a bouncer, edged his attempted hook to the wicketkeeper. Raj and Nandy were also beaten by pace. Nandy's middle stump being split in two as the ball smashed into it.

There was a 48-minute lapse before MCC broke through again when Mike Selvey tipped over Ramesh Saxena's off stump but after that wickets fell steadily and East Zone were all out in barely three hours.

Only Raju Mukherjee, who made 62 in 147 minutes, showed any resolution against the fast bowling, but even he needed some outrageous luck to survive during the early part of his innings.

SCORECARD

MCC First Innings 213 for six declared (B W Randall 55, R W Tolchard 53)

EAST ZONE First Innings

S Banerjee	c Tolchard b Willis.....1
P Nandy b Willis.....12	
T Raj b Willis.....1	
R Mukherjee	c Tolchard b Willis.....62
R Saxena b Selvey.....10	
A Roy c Brearley b Cope.....8	
B Bharali b Cope.....16	
B Burman not out.....7	
A Bhattacharjee b Willis.....6	
D Doshi c Randall b Cope.....10	
M Kakati run out.....5	
Extras.....19	

Total (all out) 147

FALL: 1-3, 2-7, 3-44, 4-95, 5-105, 6-113, 7-119, 8-128, 9-141.
BOWLING: Old 9-0-39-0, Willis 13, 2-3-29-5, Selvey 6-4-21-1, Cope 12-3-39-3.

MCC Second Innings
D W Randall lbw b Burman.....6
G D Barlow not out.....43
J M Brearley
c Banerjee b Burman.....9
R A Woolmer not out.....3
Extras.....3

Total (two wickets) 64

FALL: 1-11, 2-49
BOWLING: Burman 12-3-26-2, Kakati 7-1-25-0, Doshi 6-1-10-0, Bhattacharjee 0-5-0-0

Barun Burman, billed as India's fastest bowler but still some way short of Willis's pace, had two early successes when MCC started their second innings but Graham Barlow saw that he did no further damage with a purposeful innings of 43 not out.

Centuries relieve Pakistan pressure

ADELAIDE — Centuries by Gloucestershire's Zaheer Abbas and Asif Iqbal, the Kent captain, steered Pakistan away from the danger of imminent defeat in the first Test against Australia yesterday.

And at the end of the day Asif found a stubborn partner in young left arm spinner Iqbal Qasim who, playing his first Test, helped to defy the Australian attack through the final hour.

At the close, when their record last wicket stand was worth 58, Asif was on 124, and Pakistan, at 439 for nine, were 255 ahead.

Earlier Zaheer had reached 101 before falling to fast bowler Dennis Lillee, who finished a marathon stint with five for 157 in 44 overs.

The Pakistani revival leaves the match poised for an exciting finish today, the final day, with Australia needing to dislodge Asif or his partner quickly if they are to have time to win. The match swung towards Australia in the afternoon when Zaheer, Javed Miandad (54) and Imran Khan were dismissed. But Asif, showing tremendous courage and purpose, gradually eased the pendulum into a neutral position.

Asif was missed by Walker



Iqbal at 74, and twice by Marsh at 100 and 107. But after 237 minutes he remains at the crease. It was his fifth Test century.

He was 73 when last man Iqbal Qasim came in. Asif played some magnificent drives and glances and cleverly shielded the young bowler from the attack.

Earlier Zaheer had played with great authority in scoring his third Test century but his first against Australia.

When he eventually fell he had batted for 224 minutes, hit 13 fours and a six which came in a savage assault on O'Keefe and brought 20 runs from one over.

FONTWELL

12.45 FELPHAM SELLING HURDLE £400

2	FP	BEAU FLEECE	B Wise 4 119	G Enright (7)
3	00	CHARTER BELLE	A Pitt 4 119	Joe Guest
4	0	GOLDEN ENSIGN	D Dale 4 119	
5	0-PF00P	KINGS TALISMAN	N L-Judson 4 119	
6	0000-PP	MISTER TACK	N Wakley 4 119	E Knowles (7)
10	P000	COME VALENTINE	C Youngman 3 107	J Jenkins
11	2	CORNET JOYCE	R Sturdy 3 107	
12	2	DAWN CRYER	B Wise 3 107	C Brown (5)
13	00	DOUBLE MELODY	A Neaves 3 107	
15	40	LIFE'S AMBITION	W Marshall 3 107	A Coogan (7)
17	40	QUEEN OF THE SUN	A Davison 3 107	G Gracey (7)
19	0	SILENT RETORT	Miss A Sinclair 3 107	R Rowell

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Life's Ambition, 11-4 Cornet Joyce, 7-2 Queen of the Sun, 6-1 Silent Retort, 10-1 Come Valentine, 12-1 Golden Ensign, 16-1 others.

1.15 LITTLEHAMPTON H'CAP CHASE £800

1	P03F-12	BRANTRIDGE FARMER (C-D)	F Walwyn 11 26	W Smith
2	14-003F	SEPTEMBER RAIN (C-D)	C Wates 11 13	J McNaught
3	20103-1	CHANCE A LOOK (C-D)	S Woodman 10 10 13 (5 ex)	B R Davies
5	0-00010	BRANDY FARE	B Shaw 6 10 11	Mr A J Wilson
7	02343	STRAIGHT FAIR (C-D)	H Willis 7 10 0	C Brown (5)
8	4000P	COOLERA PRINCE	N Wakley 11 10 0	M Wakley
9	01-40PF	GUARDA	H O'Neill 10 10 0	Mr G McConrt (7)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Brantridge Farmer, 3-1 Chance A Look, 9-2 September Rain, 6-1 Straight Fair, 8-1 Brandy Fare, 14-1 Coolera Prince, 25-1 Guarda.

1.45 SALMON SPRAY HURDLE £2,000

1	1130-24	HAVANUS (FR)	D Morley 11 10	B R Davies
2	110-213	SWEET JOE (USA)	Thomson Jones 11 10	I Watkinson
3	2203-30	TIEPOLINO (FR) (BF)	J Gifford 11 10	R Champion
6	2121-01	LONE EAGLE	P Winter 11 6	J Francombe
10	0030-00	HILL FLY (USA)	P Muggelridge 10 12	T Muggelridge (7)
12	00-0010	PRIORITY LAD	J O'Donoghue 10 12	C Read

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Sweet Joe, 5-2 Havanus, 100-30 Tiepolino, 5-1 Lone Eagle, 25-1 Hill Fly and Priority Lad.

STRATFORD

12.30 DARK STRANGERS NOVICES CHASE £600

4	14-BFP2	ALL SPIRIT	Earl Jones 7 11 0	M Murphy
5	133-F2U	ASK FOR ROGER	A Jarvis 5 11 0	
7	2-2400P	BECK 'N' CALL	M Scudamore 6 11 0	
8	00000	BEHRULA	D Kent 5 11 0	P Haynes
9	B-23F0P	BILLS BROTHER	P Allingham 7 11 0	
11	P-00004	CHARLOTTE PANCAKE	M Scudamore 5 11 0	
12	00	ESCALOP	L Garfield 8 11 0	
15	P-P	FAIR DOUBLE	Mrs J French 8 11 0	Mrs Shelagh French (7)
17	PPF-PFP	FOREST OF WYCHWOOD	Mrs D Barnett 7 11 0	Mr C Barnett (7)
21	010	INGLEWOOD	W Fisher 8 11 0	R Mangnan (5)
22	01311-F	IN VISION (BF)	A Dickinson 5 11 0	M Dickinson
23	4-00	ISLAND PRINCE	T Forster 6 11 0	G Turner
25	00P-303	KINGS OR BETTER	F Rimell 5 11 0	
34	00-0000	TIEPIN	S James 5 11 0	
37	F04-F03	VERONA BAY	R Armytage 6 11 0	HJ Evans
40	00-0022	DAMSIDA (BF)	P Calver 4 10 2	A Webber

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 In Vision, 9-2 Ask for Roger, 5-1 Kings or Better, 6-1 Damsida, 7-1 Inglewood, 8-1 All Spirit, 10-1 Verona Bay, 12-1 Island Prince, 14-1 Others.

1.00 AULD LANG SYNE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE £400

1	40-0001	MAYGO (D)	A Sutton 11 5	
3	3F0F02	BRIGHT COMET	A Jarvis 10 12	M Murphy
4	00	BURBLING BROOK	J Old 10 12	C Caney
5	00044	CARQUEST	J Gilbert 10 14	SG Davies (7)
7	0343-0	DELLWOOD PRINCE	W Holden 10 12	
9	F000-F0	KARELLA (FR)	J Tierney 10 12	
10	P	KING PRIAM	A Jones 10 12	P Steel (2)
12	000-003	PACTION	G Burr 10 12	F Collins (3)
13	P	RED SABBATH	P Felgate 10 12	R F Davies
14	P	SURPRISED JIM	J Tierney 10 12	
15	0-0	SWIFTLY	W Blenkinsop 10 12	S Charlton (5)
17	000	WITCHES BROOM	J Hardy 10 12	N Tanker

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Bright Comet, 11-4 Maygo, 4-1 Paction, 6-1 Dellwood Prince, 8-1 Carquest, 14-1 Karella, 16-1 Others.

1.30 J H ROWE CHALLENGE TROPHY H'CAP CHASE £1,000

1	33-3111	BIGHORN	C Miller 12 11 9 (6 ex)	D Cartwright
4	2044-00	NONSUCH HILL	J Bloom 11 10 8	A Webber

2.15 'NICKEL COIN' CHALLENGE CUP H'CAP CHASE £1,500

1	0P2F-41	MONFIRE (CHI)	J Gifford 9 12 6	Mr G Sloan
2	21-4243	NAPOLEON BRANDY (BF)	D Morley 9 11 9	B R Davies
3	10UPPU	INVCARRA (C-D)	C Fryer 9 11 3	V Some
5	U1F4-12	BEAU BY	B Thompson 11 10 9	H J Evans
6	00P-314	LADEVEN (C-D)	D Ewart 7 10 9	Mr D Ewart (5)
11	P-P0433	INDIAN PYRITE	B Shaw 10 10 7	Mr A J Wilson
12	20P-422	TUDORAMUN	G Kindersley 7 10 7	J King
13	F4-UP02	PADDYS DELIGHT	T M Jones 6 10 5	C Read
14	22P0-0U	HIGHLAND BRAE	N Gaselee 9 10 0	M Floyd (5)

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Monfire, 4-1 Beau By, 5-1 Tudoramus, 11-2 Napoleon Brandy, 6-1 Ladeven, 8-1 Indian Pyrite, Paddy's Delight, 20-1 others.

2.45 TORTINGTON NOVICES CHASE £700

2	22P-FP1	DOO'COT PARK	D Morley 5 11 7	B R Davies
4	343-433	BLACKSBOT	D Gissell 7 11 0	I Watkinson
6	1200-P-P	DURHAM TOWN	K Ivory 7 11 0	D Sanderland
9	PP-04F0	GAMLINGAY	R Blamney 3 11 0	J McNaught
10	0000-0	KELLSBORO	P Upton 9 11 0	M Floyd (5)
12	000-0	MASTERSHIP	H Willis 6 11 0	
13	041P0-4	MY DRAKE	A Neaves 6 11 0	
14	420-003	NOBLE BEAUTY	T Marshall 5 11 0	C Brown (5)
15	0	TRINITY MAN	J Gifford 5 11 0	R Champion

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 on Doo'cot Park, 5-1 Kellsboro, 8-1 Durham Town, 10-1 Noble Beauty, 12-1 Blacksboto, 20-1 others.

3.15 BRIGHTON NOVICES H'CAP HURDLE £800

4	1203	THE GUVNOR (BF)	W Marshall 4 11 5	A Coogan (7)
6	442	WILLINGS HOPE	P Mitchell 4 11 1	R G Hughes
9	04-3	SCARLET LEADER	H Price 4 10 13	
10	0-02302	CHATTERBOX	A Moore 5 10 13	Mr G Moore (7)
11	340-400	SABROSO (USA)	D Morley 4 10 13	B R Davies
14	004F-00	KARAMIST	C Benstead 4 10 11	
16	403	SEA TYCOON	A Pitt 5 10 8	
20	00P2P-4	LACRIMALLY	G Harwood 4 10 4	C Read
21	4F4	REPROBATE	H Willis 4 10 2	C Brown (5)
22	2003-P0	FRIENDLY QUEEN	R Atkins 4 10 2	R Atkins

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Willings Hope, 100-30 Scarlet Leader, 4-1 The Guvnor, 11-2 Chatterbox, 8-1 Sabroso, 10-1 Lacrimally, 14-1 others.

2.00 VIVIAN STREET H'CAP CHASE AMATEUR RIDERS £700

2	2031-22	WEXFORD	Mrs E Kennard 9 12 3	Mr C Gray (7)
5	23003-1	SOHO SOL (D)	J Bloom 11 11 8	
7	42002-0	NOBLE HERO	M Marsh 9 10 13	
11	0/00010	WILD CHORUS (D)	M Wilesmith 6 10 7	
12	P03124	LA GINGOLD (D)	E Courage 5 10 7	Mr J Butcher (7)
15	410230	ARCTIC SKY	Mrs J French 8 10 7	Mrs Shelagh French (7)
17	304-012	BLABBERMOUTH (D)	J George 7 10 7	Mr R Woolley (5)

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Wexford, 5-2 Blabbermouth, 6-1 La Gingold, 14-1 others.

2.30 BRAN TUB FOUR YRS OLD H'CAP HURDLE £700

5	113340	GAY SIGNAL (D)	D Nugent 11 5	S Jobor
7	104-002	JACKSMATE (D)	D Nicholson 11 0	J Sutherland
10	0132-20	PEARLY (D)	M Tate 10 12	C Smith (7)
15	001	JAMES THREE	D Underwood 10 4	B Brophy (7)
18	00010	BEYCHEVELLE	D Gandolfo 10 2	P Barton
20	B2-0100	MARCHANT (USA)	D Barons 10 0	P Leach (2)
25	02-0210	TIDAL WAVE	D H Jones 10 0	D Cartwright
30	00-00	BILLY FROSTY	P Felgate 10 0	R F Davies
31	000	ESSQUAIRA	Mrs E Kennard 10 0	Mr C Gray (7)
32	0P0-P	STARLIGHT CASTLE	S Brookshaw 10 0	Mr P Barry (7)

PROBABLE SP: Beyecheville, 4-1 Marchant, 9-2 James Three, 5-1 Pearly, 8-1 Jacksmate, 10-1 Tidal Wave, 12-1 Gay Signal, 16-1 Others.

3.00 LUCKY DIP OPP'TY HURDLE £600

4	004-410	DRUM MAJOR (D)	D Underwood 5 11 10	B Brophy
10	21	BRAVE KID (FR)	D Kent 5 11 10	F Molyneux
11	0-20000	BUCKSHOT	C Miller 11 11 0	A Griffiths (7)
15	000-000	PROUD KNIGHT (USA)	(D) E Warren 7 11 0	L Green (7)
19	44-3042	ZELLAMAN (C) (BF)	F Walwyn 7 11 0	K Mooney

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Zellaman, 2-1 Brave Kid, 100-30 Drum Major, 12-1 Proud Knight, 20-1 Buckshot.

SPORTSLINE

RAMPANT LIONS



John Seasman scores Millwall's third against Fulham yesterday, as Bobby Moore looks on helplessly

FULHAM 2 MILLWALL 3

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

MILLWALL gave their promotion bid a powerful boost, and Fulham's a big dent, at Craven Cottage yesterday, and their victory was easier than the scoreline suggests.

Goals from Jon Moore, Terry Brisley and John Seasman were Millwall's reward for attacking football from start to finish.

The layer of snow on the pitch left little room for skill. But even so both teams provided plenty of excitement.

Fulham beaten twice in two days

Fulham obviously missed George Best, out with an ankle injury and Rodney Marsh. Their attacks quickly ran out of ideas, and Fulham players were reduced to wild shots at goal.

Only Les Barrett on the right wing caused the Millwall defence any anxiety. But there was never anyone in the middle to receive his crosses.

But only some brave work by Richard Teale, standing in for the injured Gerry Peyton in the Fulham goal, stopped Millwall from doubling their final tally.

Millwall's first goal gave Teale no chance at all. Jon Moore hitting a short free kick by Seasman first time from 30 yards into the net after 40 minutes.

John Mitchell equalised for Fulham following a goalmouth scramble just after half-time. But Fulham were behind again within two minutes.

Disputed

Brisley's goal was hotly disputed as he appeared to handle the ball before scoring, but there was no argument with Seasman's decider after 65 minutes.

He took a header from Barry Fairbrother on his chest and in one movement turned to shoot past Teale.

Ernie Howe, who had earlier headed against his own post, took advantage of slack Millwall defensive work to scramble a consolation second goal for Fulham in the last minute.

But all that did was flatter Fulham and their manager Bobby Campbell had no doubts about who was the better team.

'Their second goal was hand ball,' he claimed. 'But I have no complaints. Millwall played very well and they are a very good team.'

Hull lose unbeaten home record

HULL 0 OLDHAM 1

HULL lost their unbeaten home record by going under to a second minute goal by David Irving of Oldham. They were further handicapped by losing Captain Billy Bremner with an injury on the hour.

Oldham went into the lead with almost their first attack. Valentine made ground on the left and pushed a pass across to Halom, who turned the ball back for Irving to drive into the corner.

Lyall had a shot blocked at the other end but Oldham almost increased their lead when a header from Halom from a free kick by Whittle hit the post.

Oldham adapted to the slippery conditions far better than Hull.

Robins shot against the post, the ball came back to him and this time he hammered it home, but the effort was not given because of a foul on Wealdens.

Oldham almost went further ahead when Wood and Bell moved up and saw their shots bounce clear from defenders.

Shrewsbury go top

CHESTER 1 SHREWSBURY 2

SHREWSBURY went to the top of Division Three with this victory at Chester and were ahead after just a minute with a goal by Graham Turner.

After Turner had headed home against his old club, Shrewsbury's player-manager Alan Durban added a second in

the ninth minute.

Though Chester pulled one back a minute later, Crossley nipping in to take a mis-hit King back pass, they made little headway in the search for an equaliser.

Strikers Edwards and Howarth were firmly pinned down by Shrewsbury's defence and the two points went Shrewsbury's way.

later he was on the mark again with another penalty.

Barbarians tried to come back and the Tiers Tigers withstood some tremendous pressure.

LEICESTER: Try — Dodge; Goals — Hare. One conversion, two penalties.

BARBARIANS: Tries — Burcher and Squires.

Blackpool still in hunt

BURNLEY 0 BLACKPOOL 0

MIKE Summerbee, signed on a free transfer on Christmas Eve, watched his new club Blackpool gain the point they needed

against his former colleagues, Burnley, to keep them in the Second Division promotion hunt.

Blackpool's goal-less draw extended their unbeaten run to 14 matches and eased them into fourth place, having a slightly inferior scoring record to Bolton.

For Burnley it was also a welcome point against relegation but the result emphasised their lack of goal-punch and they have now gone seven matches without victory.

Burnley had the better of the opening exchanges on a slippery surface. They had a good chance after four minutes when a centre from Smith was met by Ingham whose header went straight to goalkeeper Wood.

When Blackpool attacked Spence got in a header which Stevenson saved comfortably, and in the 19th minute Spence fired over the top from 18 yards after a good move.

As bad feeling crept into the game there were some wild challenges from players of both teams and in the 25th minute Blackpool's Paul Hart was booked for a dangerous challenge on Flynn.

Both teams still struggled in the slippery conditions and goal chances were rare. A fine piece of skill by Morley ended when he was obstructed on the edge of the Blackpool penalty area and from Flynn's free kick Wood made a good save to prevent the ball reaching Noble.

SOCCER SNAPS

KEVIN KEEGAN, the Liverpool and England star, finished fourth in a European footballer-of-the-year poll conducted by a French magazine. Top place went to Franz Beckenbauer, captain of Bayern Munich and West Germany. He won the award in 1972 and was second in 1974 and 1975.

YORK CITY made a profit of £13,888 on the year ended June 30 1976, but club secretary George Teasdale pointed out that this was due to 'exceptional added income from transfer fees, fund raising and the FA and Football League pool which raised £33,000.

GORDON McQUEEN and Paul Reaney, who have calf injuries, are doubtful for Leeds' match at Sunderland today. Tony Currie, who has been out for a month with a hamstring injury, is still not fit.

INJURIES to Alan Sunderland, Ken Hibbitt and Steve Daley provide Wolves manager Sammy Chung with a treble problem in finalising team plans for tonight's home game against Cardiff.

Sunderland has a black eye and is the least worry but there are real doubts about Hibbitt, strained calf muscle, and Daley, bruised toe.

RACING RESULTS

KEMPTON

12.15 (2m): SHELAINU, J King (11-10 fav) 1; True Shot (8-1) 2; Grey Mountain (7-1) 3; Kandy Belle (33-1) 4. 19 ran. 8, 6, (Ryan Price) T: 21p. 12p. 15p. NR: Cuckmere Island, Friendly Builder, Prince of Pleasure.

12.45 (2m 4f): PENDIL, J Francombe (10-1) 1; Spanish Tan (11-8) 2; Game Spirit (6-5 on fav) 3. 3 ran. 6, bad (F Winter) T: 5p. F: £1.22.

1.15 (2m 4f): MODESTY FORBIDS, M Stanley (8-1) 1; Linsky (13-2) 2; Spare Slipper (10-1) 3; Texton (5-1 fav) 4. T: 63p. 27p. 35p. 36p. NR: Magic Love.

1.45 (2m): EARLY SPRING, S C Knight (6-4 fav) 1; Isle of Man (13-8) 2; Tingle Creek (7-2) 3; Socket (14-1) 4. 4 ran. 5, 10, (R Turner) T: 22p. F: 57p.

2.20 (3m): LISTERCOMBE, A Webb (7-1) 1; Outpoint (13-8 fav) 2; Uncle Leslie (9-2) 3; Jim Colner (25-1) 4. 9 ran. 3, 2, (D Nicholson) T: 74p. 16p. 13p. 16p. DF: 70p.

2.50 (3m): NEVER ROCK, W Smith (5-1 fav) 1; Breakwater (11-2) 2; Cartwright (13-2) 3; Fin (7-1) 4. 12 ran. nk. 3, (F Walwyn) T: 36p. 16p. 23p. 20p.

3.20 (2m): AUROWAY, J King (11-4 fav) 1; Galsbad II (13-2) 2; The Rightstan (12-1) 3; Needcombe (10-1) 4. 21 ran. 3, 2, (W

Stephenson) T: 44p. 20p. 26p. 60p. NR: Loonshiang, Rullahman.

TOTE DOUBLE: £29.20

TOTE TREBLE: £14.20

WOLVERHAMPTON

12.30 (2m): ROYAL GAYE, J Burke (7-2) 1; Jolly Pigeon (3-1 fav) 2; Jack Anthony (5-1) 3; Hi Foxy (10-1) 4. 16 ran. 6, 6, (T F Rimell) T: 54p. 21p. 17p. 16p. NR: Again the Same, Great Mystery, Jolly Late.

1.00 (2m 4f): HOLLY PARK, P Duggins (5-1) 1; Hopeful Hill (12-1) 2; Definitely (16-1) 3; 8 ran. 1, bad (S Crooks) T: 72p. 29p. 22p. 28p. DF: £1.27.

1.30 (2m 4f): PELHAM WOOD, J Glover (10-1) 1; Only a Monkey (2-1 fav) 2; Destiny Hill (11-2) 3; Honey Blue (9-2) 4. 11 ran. sh hd. 15, (R Armytage) T: £1.17. 21p. 18p. 16p. NR: Straitjacket, Liebestied, Just Jolly withdrawn.

2.00 (2m): ZIP FASTENER, S Morshead (11-4) 1; Malford Grove (7-1) 2; Tree Tangle (2-1 on fav) 3; 5 ran. 15, 20p (T F Rimell) T: 46p. 22p. 17p. DF: £1.12. NR: Yachtsman, Dawlish withdrawn.

2.30 (3m): YELLOW STONE, P J Kelly (7-4 fav) 1; Sparrow (8-12) 2; Chatter Mark (16-1) 3; Silberta (16-1) 4. 8 ran. 25, 20, (C Vergeter) T: 23p. 13p. 18p. 19p. DF: 44p.

NR: Mr Tipp, Gold Escort, Ostrich Duck, Caesarean.

3.00 (2m): HOME TURN, J Southern (8-1) 1; Valley of Rocks (11-2) 2; River Trip (11-2) 3; Loving Words (33-1) 4. 16 ran. 36, sh hd. (D Nicholson) T: 54p. 22p. 33p. 28p.

NR: Creeping Lad.

TOTE DOUBLE: £17.15

TOTE TREBLE: £40.85

TAUNTON

12.45 (3m 1f): GYPSY BARON Mr R Fowlston (11-4) 1; Mister Know All (13-8 on fav) 2; Even William (10-1) 3; (Mrs D Oughton) 34p. 14p. 13p. 57p.

1.15 (2m): ROTAMAR BOY S G Davies (7-1) 1; Militaire (14-1) 2; The Magi (2-1 fav) 3; (J Bosley) £2.39. 55p. 21p. 18p.

1.45 (3m 1f): FIRE TENDER Chris Jones (10-1) 1; Pav Aureole (20-1) 2; Verdi (12-1) 3; (L Kennard) £1.06. 29p. 36p. 29p.

2.15 (2m): LAURIOUS S Jobar (5-1) 1; Never Worry (10-1) 2; Plumbers Beisw (9-1) 3; (S Mellor) 58p. 18p. 21p. 25p.

2.45 (2m 3f): SIXER P Warner (9-1) 1; Brown Jack (6-1) 2; Good Relations (10-1) 3; (G Clay) 60p. 23p. 28p. 37p.

3.15 (2m): COMEDIANS S May (14-1) 1; Hit Parade (9-1) 2; Gayhart (7-4 fav) 3; (J Cobden) £1.50. 39p. 27p. 19p.

SOCCER

DIVISION TWO

Burnley 0 Blackpool 0
Fulham 10 Millwall 13
Mitchell Moore, J.
Howe Brisley
Seasman

DIVISION THREE

Chester 11 Shrewsbury 2
Crossley Turner
Durban

RESULTS

Grimsby 111 Sheffield Wed 101
Waters Wyde
Mansfield 02 Port Vale 01
Randall Beamish
Moss

DIVISION FOUR

Doncaster 0 Southend 123
Goodwin
Poleycarpou
Maverick
Huddersfield 01 Sc'horpe 010
Hague

7.30 unless stated

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v West Brom
Aston Villa v Derby
Everton v Middlesbrough
Ipswich v Norwich
Leicester v Newcastle
Man City v Liverpool
QPR v Tottenham
Stoke v Man United
Sunderland v Leeds
West Ham v Coventry

DIVISION TWO

Cardiff v Blackburn
Charlton v Orient
Hereford v Plymouth
Luton v Chelsea
Nottingham v Notts Co
Southampton v Bristol R
Wolves v Cardiff

DIVISION THREE

Brighton v Gillingham (7.45)
Crystal Palace v Portsmouth
Oxford v Reading
Preston v Wrexham
York v Lincoln

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Cambridge
Barnley v Halifax
Brentford v Watford
Newport County v Exeter
Southport v Crewe
Stockport v Rochdale
Swansea v Colchester
Torquay v Bournemouth

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Meadowbank v Berwick

Mariner still out at Ipswich

IPSWICH are almost certain to be without centre half Allan Hunter and centre forward Paul Mariner for today's home match against Norwich. Manager Bobby Robson rates both players as 'very doubtful'.

Mariner is still troubled by a bruised right thigh and Hunter has a broken little toe on his left foot. Hunter's toe injury, received against Derby on December 18, was diagnosed on Christmas Eve.

Both players missed Monday's 1-1 draw at Coventry. Dale Roberts deputised at centre half and Keith Bertschin led the attack. Ipswich are likely to be unchanged.

Norwich City defender Duncan Forbes could make his First Division comeback in tonight's derby. Forbes, who last sampled Division One action in September, is in a 13-strong squad and 'definitely comes into the reckoning' said John Bond, Norwich manager.

Midfield man Colin Suggett, who missed Monday's home game with QPR, is again ruled out by a hamstring injury.

Dangerous pitch

A frozen surface caused the postponement of last night's Division Three match between Bury and Northampton. Referee Derek Lloyd of Worcester decided the pitch was too dangerous.



GEORGE BEST

Campbell lets fly at refs with plea



BOBBY CAMPBELL

PROTECT MY PLAYERS

BY PAUL FELDMAN

FULHAM manager Bobby Campbell yesterday hit out at the lack of protection given to skilful players by referees.

He is particularly incensed at the treatment handed out to George Best, who missed yesterday's home defeat against Millwall with an ankle injury.

Campbell, Fulham manager for just over a week, says that referees are stamping down on dissent on the field, but allowing crude tackles to go unpunished.

Earlier this season, Tommy Docherty, the Manchester United manager, also attacked referees for not protecting his skilful players.

Outlining the injuries to his first-team squad, Campbell said:

'George Best has ankle trouble. He can't remember when he damaged it because he took so many kicks against Chelsea on Monday and he is doubtful for Saturday.'

Then he let fly: 'Something has to be done to protect skilful players. I sometimes wished we had had somebody who could kick but we don't play like that.'

Campbell defended Best, who faces a three-match suspension following his latest booking against Chelsea.

'The only offence that George Best ever commits is to show

dissent. That's why he has all these bookings.'

'But he only does it because he's not protected. Best doesn't have to kick because he can play.'

Fulham had two more players booked yesterday — Bobby Moore and John Lacey — making it six of the first team squad shown the yellow card in two days.

'Neither of the players was booked for kicking,' Campbell said. 'The guy fell over Bobby Moore when he was booked.'

Moss breaks his duck

ERNIE MOSS scored his first goal for Mansfield since his £20,000 transfer from Peterborough and it helped them to a 2-1 win over Port Vale who suffered their sixth away defeat.

A 60th minute goal by defender Neil Hague, only his second of the season, gave

Huddersfield victory over Scunthorpe in Division Four and kept them well in the promotion hunt.

For the second day running the crowds flocked in their thousands to enjoy the holiday games. The afternoon's attendance neared 88,000 for eight games and took the aggregate for two days to close on a million. On Boxing Day, 905,812 watched a full programme, the best Boxing Day aggregate for five years.

Bristol's Prince out

BRISTOL Rovers' captain Frank Prince has been ruled out of today's game at Southampton because of a hamstring injury. Graham Day, Peter Aitken and Andrew Evans have been included in the squad but the team will not be selected until this morning.

MAINE ROAD IS READY FOR CHAMPS

LIVERPOOL face the hardest task of their holiday programme when they meet the First Division's most efficient defence at Maine Road this afternoon.

Manchester City could become joint leaders if they beat the champions, and they owe their lofty position to their lack of compromise at the back.

Only 15 goals have gone past Joe Corrigan this season, a record which no other goalkeeper or defence can boast.

And the centre-half duo of Mike Doyle and Dave Watson is the best in the business.

If that is not daunting enough for Liverpool, there is also the fact that they are bidding to become only the second side to beat Manchester City at their Maine Road home this season.

But Liverpool manager Bob Paisley will no doubt remind his players that City's team has not changed that much since Liverpool went there and beat them 3-0 last season.

They went on to win 1-0 at Anfield, thus winning maximum points from City on their way to the Championship.

Today, Liverpool go to Manchester as leaders once again, thanks to their

But considering Stoke's perilous position in the table, it can offer Liverpool manager very limited encouragement before today's match, convincing 4-0 victory over Stoke on Boxing Day.

That put a stop to their recent run of bad results.

Whichever way it goes, it will have a bearing on the top of the table, and so City manager Tony

Book is understandably worried about his squad's injuries.

Striker Brian Kidd reported that 'the injury is still sore' after treatment for the groin strain he received in City's Boxing Day win at Leeds.

And Paul Power is still recovering from a muscle strain. Both, however, expect to be fit to face Liverpool.

Greenhoff can bounce back

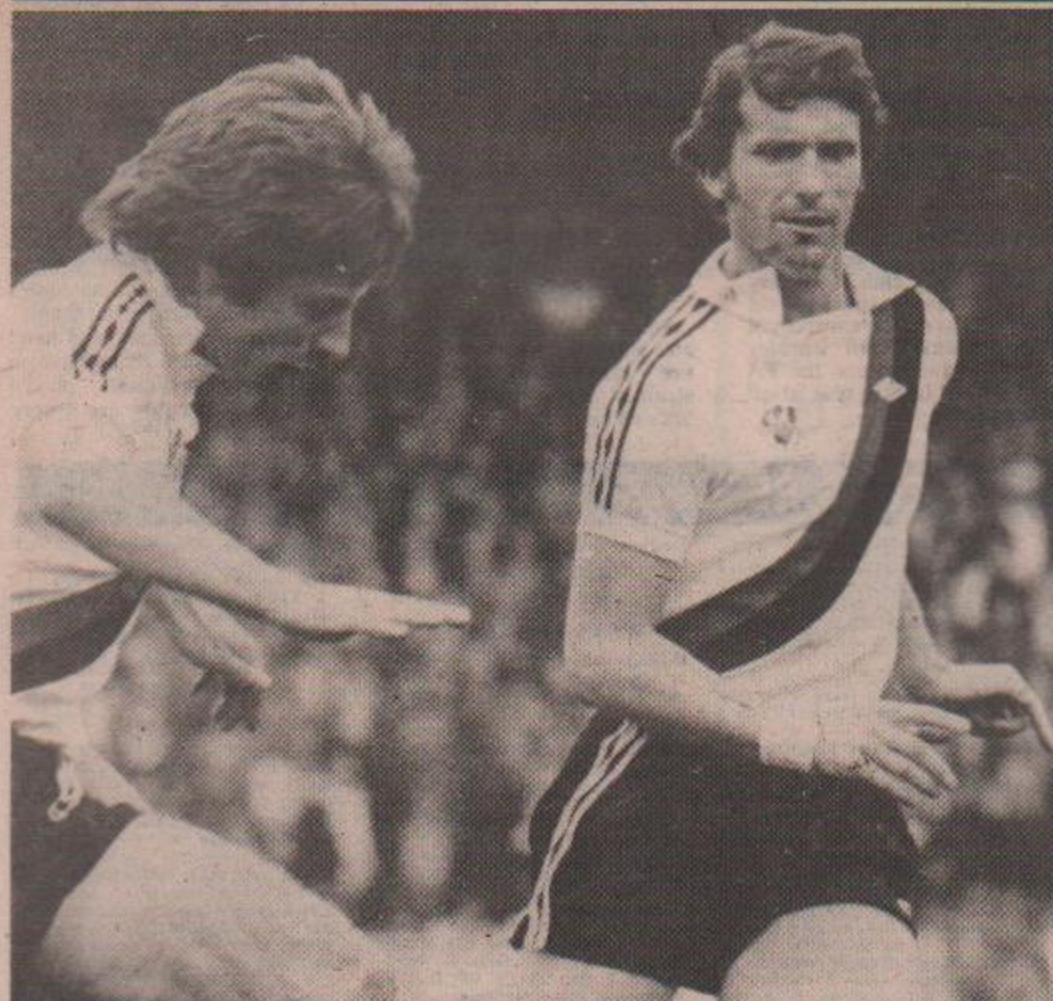
DESPITE being carried off at the end of Monday's match against Everton, Manchester United defender Brian Greenhoff hopes to be fit against Stoke today.

At first it was feared Greenhoff had a broken leg and manager Tommy Docherty said: 'Fortunately Brian was wearing shin pads and this must have saved him. We have not ruled him out for the Stoke game and we are hoping another 24 hours will see him fit.'

IRVING Nattrass, Newcastle United's England under-23 right-back, has broken his left wrist.

He sustained the injury in training but intends to play on with a specially made cast covering the wrist.

Nattrass played with the injury against Sunderland on Monday after referee Pat Partridge gave the go-ahead and he said yesterday: 'I can see no problems. My wrist stood up to the stress and strain and all officials seemed content with the precautions taken.'



Manchester City's Willie Donachie (left) and Mike Doyle