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MP had refuge planned

JANE Stonehouse told the Old Bailey yesterday how she went to the island of Mauritius on behalf of her runaway father, John Stonehouse, the former Labour minister.

She saw the island's Foreign Minister, Sir Harold Walter, who had offered the MP a home after he was told he could not stay in Australia.

She told Sir Harold that her father was grateful for the kind offer extended to him, but he wished to get the charges out of the way first.

One message addressed to the government stated: 'I hereby apply for a passport. Name: Stonehouse, John Thompson.'

Four photographs of her father were included.

A second message addressed personally to Sir Harold had said: 'Dear Harold I have asked Jane to come to Mauritius to see you and any others you may advise in order to assist the passport application.'

Earlier Mr Justice Eveleigh refused to allow Stonehouse permission to leave Brixton Prison tonight to attend the crucial vote in the House of Commons on the guillotining of six government Bills.

Shaking his head, the judge said, 'I cannot do that.'

● Psychiatrist R. D. Laing testifies for Stonehouse, Page 5.

Keep calm

PARIS — Industry Minister Raymond Barre said the dwindling French franc was suffering from a crisis of confidence.

This was due more to psychological than basic factors. 'The main thing in such a situation is to keep calm,' he said.

The pound closed yesterday at \$1.7745, 15 points lower than last Friday's closing price.

THE DAY OF SURRENDER



THE FISHING schooner, 'Norma and Gladys', arrived in London from Newfoundland yesterday with an SOS message. The SOS stands for 'Save Our Seas' signalling the danger of overfishing in the world's oceans. The vessel is a floating exhibition. It will leave its berth near the Tower Bridge today and sail for Bristol and then Waterford, Eire.

TUC LEADERS last night sent a letter to the government outlining their objections to the public spending cuts.

But at the same time they let it be known they have NO INTENTION of taking up any fight against them.

The formal letter recording their dissent is to cover their surrender.

Many trade union leaders are under strong pressure from their membership to resist any further increase in the jobless total. The unemployment figures out today are expected to show just this.

The refusal to fight the cuts despite disagreeing with them was spelled by Len Murray, TUC general secretary, last night after another two-hour Economic Committee discussion.

'There is no question at this stage or any stage of the TUC failing to recognise the importance of maintaining the social contract or recognise the need for the continuance in office of the Labour government.'

Conclusion

The committee reviewed the discussion with the Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey. The conclusion will be conveyed by letter. What happens after depends partly on the government timetable and partly on the government's reaction.

The letter to Healey is a six-page document proving that cuts in social services to make room for industrial expansion makes no sense in an economy already running at half capacity.

Nor can the TUC accept the 'foreign confidence' bogey and 'a fear of a run on the pound' as being responsible criteria for a Labour government's policy decisions.

The Cabinet held one three and a half hour meeting yesterday morning and was meeting again late last night.

At today's weekly meeting of

BY ROYSTON
BULL

the Parliamentary Labour Party Chancellor Healey will give a report on where the axe will fall.

The cabinet had to go into another emergency session last night as opposition to the cuts in public spending mounted.

Back-bench MPs from the 'Tribune' group were 'hardening' their attitude, according to their chairman, Arthur Latham.

A growing number were 'preparing to withdraw their support from the government'.

The MPs were influenced by the TUC's formal rejection of the cuts to the social services and by the growing revolt in many Labour dominated local authorities.

'There were more people tonight expressing the view that they would be unable to support the government than there were last week or the week before', Latham added.

A posse of six ex-government ministers lobbied Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey at the Treasury last night, telling him of the total opposition to the cuts by the Labour Party's home policy sub-committee.



Pay fraud exposed

A NEW pay fraud was launched yesterday by the Labour government claiming that wages are now rising faster than prices.

The trick is to ignore the 1.3 million unemployed who, contrary to bourgeois Press lies, have to battle each week at the Social Security office for cash to live on.

By ignoring the fact that one working-class family in 20 now has no wages coming in at all, the latest Employment Ministry figures 'prove' that 'average earnings' last month were 19 per cent up on a year ago while prices in June were only 15.4 per cent up.

Even these statistics give a misleading impression of the real prospects for those lucky enough to be still in work.

The retail price index is currently showing lower rates

What we think

of increase reflecting the effects of last year's world slump.

But much faster rates of inflation are now returning to basics like raw materials and fuel. Wholesale prices are rising sharply and this will be reflected in retail prices soon.

On the other hand, wage rates have yet to show the effects of the government-imposed 4½ per cent limit which begins in August.

There is no chance that the annual increase in the cost of living will drop to anything near this level.

Which means that working-class families' living

standards, both for workers in jobs as well as those out of work, will continue to fall in the coming 12 months.

The Labour government will try to use the false impression created by the lying 'wages rise faster than prices' headlines to marshal support for their public spending cuts this week.

But the real trend in working-class living standards will be shown by a different set of statistics entirely, — the unemployment figures that come out today.

If the jobless total fails to fall considerably despite the seasonal summer work available, it will confirm the reality of the slump.

If unemployment increases, it will be a grave warning to the working class over their standard of life.

Varley calls for 're-think' on Shotton closure

BY DEREK SADLER

INDUSTRY Secretary Eric Varley, told the Commons yesterday that the government had asked the British Steel Corporation to think again about the closure of the Shotton steel plant.

Varley said the government was ready to authorise the expenditure of £250 million for the proposed new hot-strip mill at Port Talbot.

Vague

In a deliberately vague statement he said that a thorough re-examination of the future of both plants was needed in the light of inflation and market prospects.

This brought shouts of derision and laughter from the Tory benches.

Varley's statement is obviously a sop to Labour MPs who are under pressure to make some protest about the threatened loss of 6,000 jobs at Shotton in North Wales.



Shotton Workers demonstrate against the steelworks closure.

The door is left wide open for the closure of the plant.

Varley said the review of investment at Port Talbot 'would not pre-judge in any way the future of steel making at Shotton'.

Tory shadow industry secretary, Michael Heseltine, said the government had not produced a single fact to question the original decision by the previous Conservative government.

The chairman of British Steel, Sir Monty Finniston, said last night he was 'bitterly disappointed' that the government had asked BSC to think again about closing Shotton steelworks.



Eric Varley

Anti-hanging protestors fined

TWO MEMBERS of the campaign against the restoration of the death penalty in Ireland were fined in a West London court yesterday.

They were fined for giving out

leaflets in Portobello Road, Notting Hill, last Saturday.

They both belong to the committee which is campaigning against the government's death penalty on

Marie and Noel Murray.

The committee has organised a further picket of the Irish Embassy in Belgravia this Saturday to demand that the death sentences be commuted.

'Low-key' start to Dublin conference

DUBLIN — Police gave a 'very low key approach' to the start of the world conference organised here by the Official Sinn Féin.

The gathering opened with an audience of about 50 delegates though

numbers are expected to build up during the week.

Last time such a gathering was held in Ireland two years ago, 15 would-be delegates were sent back en route. This time there was just one confirmed report of a similar incident.

A German representing the Cairo-based Afro-Asian

Solidarity Committee was refused entry on Sunday at Dublin Airport.

Irish Justice Minister Patrick Cooney signed an order prohibiting Jordan Breuscher from coming to Ireland. He was sent back to his Frankfurt home under Ireland's Act of 1935.

For their own security

reasons, Official Sinn Féin would reveal nothing about the foreign delegates. Publicity officer Sean Kenny said:

'We are having 17 different countries represented here, but until we have a chance of speaking to them all, we are not saying exactly who they are'.

the port with the British Transport Docks Board.

Lord Chief Justice Widgery dismissed the bid by Felixstowe Dock and Railway Company — now owned by Sir Keith Wickenden's European Ferries — to stop the state takeover.

The company was asking the board to withdraw support for the private member's Bill implementing the new ownership.

European Ferries agreed to pay the costs of the six-day hearing.

Immediately after Lord Widgery's judgement solicitors for the company said arrangements had been made for an appeal to be heard by the Court of Appeal on July 26.

Lord Widgery said that European Ferries had acquired the port early this year after 88 per cent of the dock company shareholders had agreed last November to a takeover by the Docks Board.

European Ferries now claimed that because

parliament intended to make a material change in the agreement entered into between the board and the company pending legislation they were entitled to cancel the agreement.

They also claimed that the takeover would be a breach of article 86 of the Treaty of Rome which was concerned with preserving fair competition.

● In Felixstowe yesterday dockers staged a one-day protest strike against the takeover.

Local trade unionists have been misled by a barrage of pro-private enterprise propaganda in the capitalist Press.

Further confusion has also been created by the Labour government's reformist 'nationalisation' of the docks.

Every extension of the board's activities has resulted in large scale redundancies — a fact which deeply disturbs the Felixstowe men.

Retail sales up only 1.5%

RETAIL sales showed a meagre increase of one and a half per cent last month according to figures published by the Department of Industry.

This followed a drop of more than 25 per cent in May.

Sales in June were 1.3 per cent

higher than a year ago, but when the inflation rate is taken into account real sales have dropped by nearly 1 per cent in that time.

The announcement will be welcomed in Whitehall as evidence that the Labour government's policy of cutting living standards is starting to bite.

Cost of dodging

TELEVISION licence dodgers may be costing the country £7.5m a year, Home Office Minister, Brynmor John, estimated in a Commons written reply yesterday.

He told Ivan Lawrence, Tory MP for Burton that the latest available information suggested that some 850,000 households were now using television sets without licences.

'KEEP DOCKS PRIVATE' BID FAILS

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

A LEGAL bid to keep the Suffolk port of Felixstowe in private ownership failed in the High Court yesterday.

A Bill is now in the committee stage of the House of Lords to place

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Amin thriller held up

PUBLICATION of a controversial thriller in which President Amin is assassinated was delayed yesterday because of fears that it might endanger the life of Britons living in Uganda. In the book — 'The Killing of Idi Amin' by Fleet Street journalist Leslie Watkins — the president is gassed while on a plane trip.

A spokesman for publishers Everest Books said: 'The situation in Uganda is explosive and with 500 Britons still in the country at the hands of someone who is known to be most irrational, we did not want to do anything that might incite President Amin. We now plan to publish the book in October when the present situation hopefully will be resolved.'

LONDON TRANSPORT is to install 'action replay' video television on underground stations in South London. It will be placed in a central control room to monitor TV eyes watching platforms at seven stations — Clapham Common, Clapham North, Stockwell, Balham, Tooting Broadway, and South Wimbledon on the Northern Line and Brixton on the Victoria Line.

A London Transport Spokesman said: 'We already have TV cameras watching platforms at four stations. Staff are much reassured by their presence. They enable a quicker alert to be given when trouble breaks out. Now the Videotape will help police to spot and catch the muggers.'

No Games photos

NO OLYMPIC Games photographs will appear in the London 'Evening Standard' because of an industrial dispute. The process department, staffed by members of SLADE, the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, and Engravers, have 'blacked' incoming Games pictures in a work to rule. The men are demanding an increase in pay for the service they give. But this is being denied by the Beaverbrook management.

SIXTH FORMERS next year will have to pay a £2 fee if they want to apply for a university place via the universities' clearing house system. The universities' Central Council on admissions, which handles the vast majority of applications from sixth-formers, has decided to introduce the fee to cut the cost to the universities who finance the system.

UCCA says the fee will first be payable by candidates applying in the autumn of 1977 for entry to university in October 1978. The fee will remain at £2 until 1980, when it will be reviewed.

New gold price low.

THE PRICE of gold was fixed at \$114.15 an ounce yesterday, its lowest since December 31, 1973. It has fallen more than \$7 an ounce in the last two trading days. Last Friday the price plunged a dramatic \$4 in the wake of the International Monetary Fund's gold auction.

FIRST pictures received from America's Viking Mars probe, which lands on the surface of the planet will be shown on BBC television this afternoon. Presenter James Burke will talk live by Satellite on BBC-1 with two senior scientists involved with the project and discuss the photographs.

The two scientists are Dr Gerry Soffen, chief scientist of the Viking Mars project, and professor Carl Sagan, in charge of the team controlling Viking's cameras.

Tyndale teachers to face tribunal

LABOUR STEPS UP SCHOOL WITCH-HUNT

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

HARVEY HINDS, chairman of the Inner London Education Authority's Schools Sub-Committee, said yesterday that he would not resign over the William Tyndale Junior School Report.

He issued a statement after the controlling Labour Group had passed a vote of confidence in him.

The Labour Group also voted by 28 votes to 2 to discipline William Tyndale headmaster Terry Ellis, by 27 votes to 3 to discipline teacher Brian Haddow, and by 26 votes to 4 to discipline the rest of the staff who supported them.

Public school for Callaghan's grand daughter

THE PRIME minister's daughter is to transfer her ten-year-old daughter from a state school to a £295-a-term private school. St Paul's Girls' School, in Hammersmith, London, confirmed yesterday that Tamsin Jay, daughter of Mrs Pamela Jay, Callaghan's daughter, is to start at the school in September.

At present she attends Montpelier Middle School, Ealing.

Mrs Jay is the wife of Peter Jay, economics editor of 'The Times'. Both are Oxford graduates: Jay was educated at Winchester College, a leading public school. Callaghan was educated at an elementary school and Portsmouth Northern Secondary School.

They also decided to amalgamate the School with the adjacent William Tyndale Junior School.

Their decisions go before ILEA's education sub-committee for ratification tomorrow morning, after which the witch-hunted teachers will be called before a disciplinary tribunal.

Reports

Hind's statement said nothing about reports that he told the Labour Group he had been

'leaned on' for not telling the public inquiry that he had not received a report on the school that he had asked for.

But he did say a report had been delayed 15 months by 'difficulties in administration'.

Trust

It has also been understood that the Labour Group has decided not to re-employ the accused teachers at William Tyndale even if they are cleared by the disciplinary tribunal, but Hinds said nothing about that either.

Instead he claimed that he 'placed his trust in teachers but the Tyndale staff had failed to respond' to his trust.

Headmaster Terry Ellis yesterday accused the Labour Group of 'taking decisions behind closed doors'. 'We will fight this one hard', he added.

Brian Haddow, the teacher subjected to the worst vilification, said: 'Our fate has been decided by a kangaroo court. They have set themselves up as judge, jury and hangman.'

SIX MEN involved in demonstrations last month against proposed food price increases in Poland were sentenced to between four and 10 years jail yesterday. They were convicted of taking part in 'group violence and damage to public property' in Radom, south of Warsaw.

The judge said some of the accused were 'social parasites'. The youngest defendant, aged 18, was sentenced to five years. All six were identified in court as being among crowds of demonstrators who broke into over 40 shops and set fire to Communist Party headquarters. ● See story page six



BRIAN HADDOW — It's a kangaroo court.

£4,000 July fund still only at £1,075.33

OUR FUND is slipping behind at a time when we should be pressing ahead. The second half of July is rapidly passing and we still have not reached the halfway mark yet. Don't let it go another day longer, readers — go all out now and make sure we raise it.

The crisis in the Labour government over the introduction of these huge cuts in social services, reflects the feeling building up within the working class. No-one can accept the end of the health service, impoverishment of those who need assistance, without a major battle.

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Doctors launch pay sanctions

JUNIOR hospital doctors swung into action with their 40-hour-only week campaign yesterday.

Casualty

departments in several west midlands hospitals are expected to be closed for some periods later in the week.

Paul Gillett, west midlands junior staff committee secretary,

said the ban would continue until the Secretary of State agreed to the doctors demand to be paid supplements all year round.

Around the country doctors have been voting to support the campaign.

Three major Birmingham hospitals have imposed a ban on overtime.

At Sutton Coldfield, junior staff are to go on strike for a day after giving 24 hours notice.

In London Juniors at St Bartholomew's have decided on action and

others are expected to follow later in the week.

Peterborough District Hospital, Northants, has voted to join the dispute.

Doctors in the Oxford region met last night.

Juniors in the north west met on Wednesday to consider action.

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APPEAL COURT FREES CARIB CLUB TWO

BY OUR OWN
REPORTER

TWO MEN, jailed for three years after a 'near riot' at the Carib Continental Club, Cricklewood, London, in which 14 policemen were injured, were freed by the Appeal Court yesterday.

Dennis Bovell, 23, of Sparkford House, Battersea Church Road, Battersea, and Raymond Dockery, 20, of Maybank Road, Sudbury, Middlesex, had their convictions quashed.

Lord Justice Shaw, sitting with Mr Justice Cusack and Mr Justice Slyn, said the majority guilty verdicts on Bovell for causing an affray and on Dockery for causing an affray and malicious wounding were unsafe and unsatisfactory.

Danger

The case against the two rested mainly on police identification.

But Judge Abdela, presiding at the Old Bailey trial which ended on March 2, had failed to warn the jury of the 'lurking danger' in identification evidence, said Lord Justice Shaw.

And he had not properly directed the jury about the burden of proof on the prosecution.

The near-riot on October 12,

1974 started when two police officers went into the club to arrest a man. As they tried to take him out pandemonium broke out, said the appeal judge.

'Everybody got excited. Hysteria and aggressiveness travelled like wild fire,' he said. Bottles were thrown.

Alleged

The prosecution alleged that Bovell used a loud speaker to incite his fellow West Indians to prevent the arrest. A record, 'Beat down the Babylon,' was played. (Babylon is slang for the police.)

But the defence claimed the identification was unreliable because there were between 200 and 400 people crammed into a 50 ft by 20 ft room. The crowd was then swelled by over 100 police officers.

Lord Justice Shaw said the police had enormous difficulties. 'With the best will in the world and with the most honest intentions they would find identification beset by difficulties.'

The jury should have been warned that the identifications were 'as precarious as they were honest, and as dangerous as those who made them thought them to be reliable.'

The Appeal Court's decision means that none of the 12 men who originally stood trial at the Old Bailey in connection with the affray now stands convicted.

Nine were acquitted last October. One was cleared at the retrial in which Bovell and Dockery were convicted.

The two trials lasted 108 days in all.



Dennis Bovell and Raymond Dockery

Greek agent 'more Mitty than Bond'

A CYPRIOT cripple who tried to persuade a police officer to steal secret information for him from Special Branch files was described at the Old Bailey as more of a Walter Mitty than a James Bond.

Demetri Demetriou, 35, of no fixed address and currently serving a two-year jail sentence for fraud, pleaded guilty yesterday to inciting inspector David Woodland to commit an offence under section two of the Official Secrets Act, 1911.

It was alleged by John Mathew, prosecuting, that Demetriou pretended to be working for Greek Intelligence, seeking information on Turkish activities in Britain and elsewhere, and he arranged a meeting between Insp. Woodland and a captain at the Greek Embassy known as 'The Admiral'.

Information on firms supplying arms to the Turks would, according to Demetriou, be worth £100 a time and information on British Cabinet ministers involved in Greek affairs would be worth considerably more.

But, said Mathew, the Inspector had warned his superiors and was carrying a tape recorder when meetings took place and Demetriou was arrested.

Insp. Woodland agreed today with the Recorder of London, James Miskin, that Demetriou gave the impression he was trying to get in on the agent or spy act in a pretty incompetent way.

Demetriou's counsel, Jonathan Goldberg, said that Demetriou pretended and dreamed of things he knew nothing about and there was no substance to his allegation of working for Greek Intelligence.

Demetriou was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, to start at the end of the two-year sentence now in force.

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Negligence charges against pit personnel

BARNSELEY — The prosecution of three colliery officials at Houghton Main was not to conduct any formal witchhunt or vendetta, the magistrates' court was told here yesterday.

Nor was it the intention to point the finger of blame for the cause of the explosion and deaths at the South Yorkshire pit last year.

Brian Walsh prosecuting said: 'These prosecutions arise because it appears that during the course of investigations leading up to that inquiry, and from the evidence given at that

PIT manager, Harry Widdowson, 57, of Mount Vernon Road, Barnsley, under-manager Brian Douglas Bradley, 45, of Ancona Rise, Darfield, and Colin Wright, 55, deputy, of

Byron Street, Great Houghton, plead not guilty to a total of nine counts alleging negligence. Widdowson faces two charges, Bradley three and Wright four.

inquiry, that certain breaches occurred of the acts and regulations that were designed to secure as far as possible the safety of men working underground.'

Walsh told the magistrates: 'You may well come to the conclusion that there were many breaches of regulations during the nine or ten days under review and that they were committed by a variety of people.'

But the basis of these prosecutions is to select what

appeared to be the more significant breaches and to highlight those rather than prosecute every single breach.'

He said the explosion happened in the mine's Meltonfield seam 1,000 feet below ground. Five men were killed and six others hurt. Cause of the blast was the ignition of combustible gas which had accumulated in a place that had not been ventilated for nine days, said Walsh. The cause of the ignition was sparking from an

auxiliary fan that had been out of action for nine days since two workmen saw it sparking.

The men reported what they saw, but although the fan was switched off, it was never repaired.

Walsh said a report following a public inquiry into the disaster made a number of observations and recommendations. He said the area where the fan was required constant ventilation.

It was not constantly ventilated and fire damp must have accumulated during that time.

It was Widdowson's duty as manager to see that ventilation and equipment was maintained and a proper check would have discovered that fault.

The same regulations applied to Bradley as under-manager, while Wright, the deputy, did not carry out inspections in the manner prescribed by the regulations.

Stonehouse breakdown symptoms plausible -doctor

A PSYCHIATRIST told an Old Bailey jury yesterday that he thought breakdown symptoms described by MP John Stonehouse, were 'plausible'.

Dr Ronald Laing, an authority on divided personalities, said he had taken special interest over the last 25 years in the detection of patients who were trying to 'pull the wool over the eyes' of psychiatrists. He had written a scientific paper on the subject.

It was a syndrome often found in prisoners on remand or prisoners awaiting trial. They appeared to fake psychotic breakdowns or distorted their past in order to make it appear that they were crazy when they were not.



Stonehouse

'In the case of Mr. Stonehouse his account was plausible,' said Dr Laing.

He had come to this conclusion after studying accounts given by Stonehouse of his life over the past 10 years, together with reports made on him by other doctors.

'It would seem to me that over a period of time which is not easy to set, Mr Stonehouse's personality became very disturbed. He began to feel an increasing sense of unreality, and futility and irrational emotions, he felt he was being persecuted.'

Anxiety

'He experienced feelings of anxiety amounting to terror and feelings of guilt although he claimed to be innocent.'

He felt there was no way he could escape from these pressures except by the adoption of an alternative personality.

Dr Laing said Stonehouse's story was unusual in that the two personalities were locked together by an umbilical cord.

'If that story is to be believed it is what would fall into a psychiatric category of a partial psychotic breakdown.'

In answer to Mr Justice Eveleigh Dr Laing said he was aware that the references by Stonehouse to feelings of guilt when he was innocent related to events prior to July 1974 and the offences for which he was now being tried related to a subsequent period.

Near-disaster on Glasgow tube

AN INVESTIGATION is to be carried out into a collision between two underground trains beneath the Clyde in Glasgow yesterday in which seven people were hurt.

The crash happened when a relief train was in collision with a two-coach train with 23 passengers aboard which had broken down in the tunnel.

All the injured — four passengers, the conductor of the broken-down train and the driver and conductor of the relief train — were allowed home after hospital treatment for minor injuries.

The toll could have been much worse, for yesterday was a public holiday in Glasgow and reduced subway services were carrying fewer passengers than on a normal Monday.

'All of a sudden there was a

tremendous bang and we were thrown about,' said Leslie Poole 46, of Dumbarton who was travelling with his daughter Hazel, 15.

'We got a fright, but there was no panicking.'

The passengers walked along the line to safety.

Mohammed Ashraf, 52, a driver of Maryhill Road, Glasgow, was in the cab of the

Four hurt as trains collide

relief train with an inspector at the controls.

He said after being treated in hospital: 'We were travelling very slowly because we knew the train was in the tunnel. Then I saw it coming back down the slope.'

'I shouted to the inspector. He tried to stop, but he could not.'

A spokesman for the greater Glasgow passenger transport

executive said the train had broken down with a defective motor. The relief train had been given the go-ahead to proceed against the signals at 'extreme caution' and was travelling at little over walking pace.

'There have been conflicting reports as to the movement of each train when the two trains collided and this is something we are investigating right now.'

Injured youth sues police

AN OFF-DUTY policeman's excess of enthusiasm when he spotted two youths on a battered old motor scooter landed the pillion passenger in hospital with a serious eye injury, a QC said in the high court yesterday.

PC William Quayle swung a punch at the rider, missed and struck the passenger in the eye, causing permanent damage to his vision, said Mr Michael Lewis, QC.

The passenger, Stephen Jackman, 19, of Chertsey Court, Mortlake, London, sued PC

Quayle, of Richmond police station, and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, alleging assault and claiming damages.

Assault was denied.

Mr Jackman told the judge that, after being struck in the eye, he heard PC Quayle shout: 'God help you, you bastards. If I get you I shall kill both of you.'

He had not been in trouble with the police before or since. No proceedings were taken against him over the incident.

The case continues today.

Rank turns down Ogilvy resignation

THE RANK Organisation, the multi-million pound entertainments to Xerox copying machines group, has rejected Angus Ogilvy's offer to resign from its board of directors.

Ogilvy, husband of Princess Alexandra, announced his intention to step down from all his City directorships after criticism of him in the Department of Trade report on Lorrho.



Ogilvy

His resignation has already been accepted by the Midland Bank and by insurance group Guardian Royal Exchange.

The directors said they were influenced in their decision by their experience of Mr Ogilvy 'as a valuable director over eight years.'

● The Rank Organization yesterday reported a £4.7m increase in profits. The total pre-tax profit rose from just over £28m in 1975 to almost £32.8m.

Bad day for French franc

PARIS, July 19, The French franc came under renewed heavy pressure on the foreign exchange market here today and fell sharply against the dollar and major European currencies.

The French currency, heavily supported by the Bank of France last week, fell rapidly to 4.9350-9450 against the dollar in nervous early trading after a first quote of 4.9000-9100, dealers said.

The dollar closed on Friday at 4.8800-8850 francs after the central bank sold up to \$500m during the week in an attempt to

relieve the speculative pressure. Currency operators apparently turned their attention on the franc because of doubts about France's economic performance heightened by the serious effects of the European drought.

Dealers said today that a statement by Bank of America vice-president David Palmer that the New York Federal Reserve Bank may refuse any Bank of France request for a swap facility to support the franc had helped to depress the French currency.

With no Bank of France intervention reported yet, the West German mark was being quoted at 191.70 francs per 100 marks against sterling at 8.76 (8.68).

NALGO to act over cuts

GOVERNMENT expenditure cuts will cause havoc in essential services, Jack Bradburn chairman of NALGO's local government committee told the union's Warwickshire branch yesterday.

'Any branch faced with

redundancy threats can expect to receive sympathetic consideration of a request for appropriate industrial action,' he said.

'We will not stand idly by and see the dismantling of the services we have

developed over the years.'

He said there were encouraging signs that local authorities were beginning to rebel. Bradburn urged the government to get away from the 'clutches of the gnomes' and maintain local authority services.

£1.62 subsidy on every commons meal

EVERY meal served in the members' dining room of the House of Commons lost £1.62, the Commons services committee reported yesterday.

Latest trading figures from the refreshment department show a net operating loss of £151,719 — more than double the loss for the previous year.

The department's bank overdraft, which finances the losses, stood at £523,000 in February and is still rising.

These figures emerge after a grant of more than £83,000 from the House of Commons' own funds to the department.

The report says that none of the meals or service departments in the House made a profit last year and all of them, including the Press refreshment department, are subsidised.

LORD PLOWDEN has agreed to be chairman of the proposed Police Complaints Board. He is so happy to take on the job that he has said he won't need a salary.

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SEND MEDICAL AID Plea by doctors in P.L.O. camp

THE Palentinian Medical Staff at the Tel al-Zaatar refugee camp in the Lebanon, which has repulsed over 60 murderous right-wing attacks, have issued the following appeal:

'The medical staff of the Tel al-Zaatar hospital, who have been working during 16 months of siege under continuous shelling, call on the world's conscience to come immediately to their aid, either by

reaching the camp with medical supplies or by transporting the wounded from the hospital to be treated.

'We call on the International Red Cross, as well as on the Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies all over the world to assume their humanitarian duty in saving hundreds of wounded, most of whom are women, old people and children, and all of whom are without water or sufficient medicines.

'Some of the wounded are slowly dying for lack of medicines and bandages.'

In a radio communication from the camp, Dr Abdel Aziz Al Labadi affirmed that 'under the siege imposed during the last three months, we ran out of most medicines and medical supplies'.

He added that about 1,000 wounded were suffering under terrible conditions, and that 500 people had died so far as a result of wounds, most of them children, old people and women. Dr Labadi said that during the past 25 days more than 43,000 rockets and shells had fallen on the camp.

Arab League not helping us-P.L.O.

AS SYRIAN reinforcements arrived in the Sofar mountain area east of Beirut yesterday, a Palestinian spokesman described the Arab League as 'a dead horse'. 'It's not going to help anybody,' he was reported as saying.

The spokesman dismissed the possibility that Arab League envoys due in Lebanon this week would be able to mediate between the warring sides.

Meanwhile right-wing Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh, whose forces are being more and more openly assisted by the Syrians, had the effrontery to appeal to Arab leaders meeting in Jeddah to help check what he claimed was 'Libyan intervention' in the war.

In a message to Egyptian, Sudanese and Saudi Arabian heads of state, Franjeh said Libyan Premier Abdel-Salam Jalloud, sent to Lebanon on a mediation mission, had declared his commitment to the leftist-Palestinian alliance.

The Maronite President, due to step down on September 23, said Libya was backing the alliance with money, arms and men.

Franjeh made no mention of the major role played in arming the right-wing militias by Israel.

In the first year of the fighting, the right wing was buying arms in both western and eastern Europe, with the assistance of Israeli agents.

Since June, however, the Israelis have been shipping arms — including Soviet-made weaponry — themselves, sometimes via Cyprus, and sometimes direct.

The intermediary in these deals is said to be former Lebanon president Camille Chamoun.

Yesterday the Palestinians at Tel al-Zaatar said they had fought off four right-wing attacks in 24 hours.

In a recent interview with the Palestinian news agency, Wafa, PLO political section head Abu Lutf said the Arab League was supposed to act 'effectively and quickly' as a starting point in the solution of the Lebanese crisis, but this had not happened.

He said the total withdrawal of Syrian troops from Sidon and Sofar was 'an essential condition' of any political dialogue with the Syrian regime.

Abu Lutf added that the Palestinian presence in Lebanon was 28 years old, and was consolidated by the Cairo agreement.

The resolutions of the Rabat and Algiers summit meetings had stipulated the reinforcement of the Palestinian presence in neighbouring states, particularly Lebanon.

The Rabat resolutions stipulated that Arab states should help the PLO in shouldering its international responsibilities.

'Just as one of the principles of the Palestinian Revolution is not to attack any Arab regime in any way,' said Abu Lutf, 'it is also one of its principles, and even its right, to defend itself and its people by all means. This happened in Jordan, and it is now taking place in Lebanon.'

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Argentine cash man here

PROTESTERS picketed the Foreign Office yesterday against the visit of Argentinian Economy Minister, Jose Martinez de Hoz.

Martinez de Hoz is in Britain to drum up support among bankers and

business men to prop up the regime of terror that exists in Argentina under the rule of General Videla.

On average 15 people a day are killed by Argentinian death squads, run by the police and the

army. Trade unions have been suspended and strikes forbidden.

British companies with large interests in Argentina include Lloyds Bank, ICI, EMI, Dunlop, Brooke Bond and Plessey.

FOOD RIOTERS FACE 5 YEARS' JAIL

WARSAW — Verdicts are expected today on seven Polish workers, tried in connection with last month's strikes and demonstrations against food price increases.

The seven workers, from the Ursus tractor plant near Warsaw, were charged under articles of the penal code dealing with work stoppages and damage to state property.

During the strike workers from the Ursus plant derailed a railway engine.

Action

Mass actions by workers forced the Polish government to back down hastily from proposed increases.

The official announcement said this was 'after consultation

with the working class!

Since then, there has been a substantial 35 per cent increase in meat prices but far less than was originally proposed.

The accused workers face possible jail sentences of five years or more.

There are reports that the bureaucracy might want to 'make an example' of them; although the prosecutor is said to have admitted they were 'genuine representatives of the working class' and not 'hostile elements'.

One of the men, Miroslaw Chmielewski, is said to have told the court that he had been beaten by the police after arrest.

The seven Ursus workers were identified from photographs taken during their demonstration by police, from the ground and from

helicopters, according to one report.

Unofficial sources say a further 19 workers from the same factory are due to be tried later this month.

The trial of six workers arrested at Radom, 60 miles south of Warsaw, began on Saturday.

Sacked

They are accused of 'group violence and damage to public property' during the price riots at Radom, when youth and workers looted stores and set fire to the Party headquarters.

There have also been reports that both at Radom and the Ursus plant a number of workers have been sacked for their part in the strikes.

OIL

How the North Sea operation began

THE 1974 Labour manifesto pledged 'full public ownership' of North Sea oil. But the government has abandoned everything to the big oil companies.

The Labour leadership's main aim now is to use oil development to raise hope of a boom based on North Sea expansion.

This cover-up operation for the crisis involves much wildly exaggerated talk on the public benefits of oil exploitation.

When, for example, the first North Sea oil was brought ashore by tanker from the Argyle field on June 18, 1975, Energy Minister Anthony Wedgwood Benn called for a 'national day of celebration.'

Speeches

Harold Wilson when he was Prime Minister was even more ecstatic. He regularly attempted to divert attention from rocketing prices and mass unemployment with speeches like this one made on November 14 last year:

'Britain's economic strength, her balance of payments, will undoubtedly be fortified, revolutionised, when the flow of North Sea oil into the refineries which started in Aberdeen last week, becomes a torrent.'

The aim of this propaganda is to undermine the fight by workers against the slump, mass unemployment, wage cuts and rising prices by raising hopes of better times to come.

The facts, however, expose this myth.

● Estimates of total reserves beneath the North Sea vary from 12,000 million barrels to 20,000m barrels. But even the higher figure is only 2.5 per cent of total world reserves.

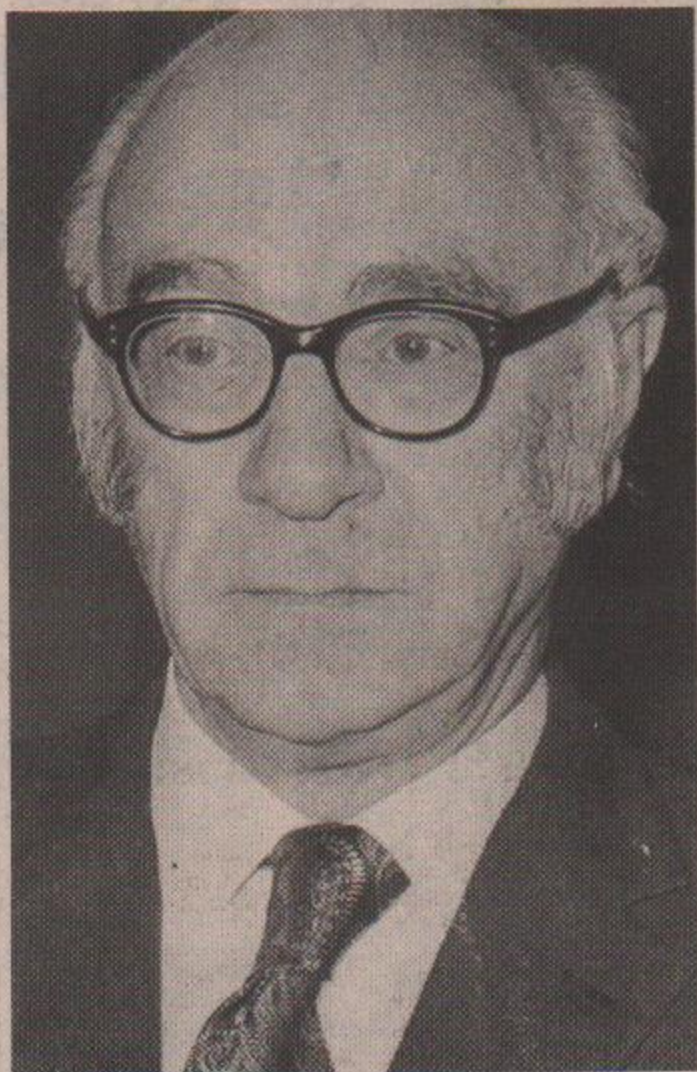
The actual amount of oil discovered so far is only 9,000m barrels. The expert journal 'Petroleum Times' reported in March:

'North Sea oil reserve estimates have been reduced at an alarming rate... The 46 prime structures have been investigated and the major oilfields found... so either the government take less revenue... if not production will be substantially less than even they are planning on.'

● The North Sea oil boom was projected on the basis of rapidly expanding world demand and high prices. The capitalist slump has played havoc with these expectations.

Production fell as a result of the October 1973 oil crisis caused by decades of monopoly

Part two of a special investigation by Stephen Johns



Lord Kearton, head of the Oil Corporation

exploitation in the Middle East. The five-fold price increases accelerated world inflation and companies reduced output to avoid financial disaster.

This rebounded on the oil industry which experienced its first fall in output for over 25 years. The oil slump has continued. Production of major suppliers like Libya is down between 30 and 50 per cent and the world average drop in production is 20 per cent.

Attempts at reflation by the United States and Germany have resulted in rapidly rising inflation well before output and employment could significantly rise.

The prediction by Ashland Oil, the biggest 'independent' in the US still remains good. They warned in March this year:

'There is a tremendous oversupply of crude oil in the world at the present time which we estimate will continue into the 1980s.'

Slump conditions will hit the North Sea badly. Production costs are extremely high in the region — five times greater than Middle East costs.

Companies under financial pressure because of the world-wide fall in demand are axing their expansion plans in the North Sea. The banks too are playing an active role in the run-down.

Many North Sea oil projects are financed by bank loans. Even huge companies like British Petroleum find themselves unable to meet the cost of developing undersea oil fields without relying heavily on the largest banks.

Caught

(To develop the Forties field BP raise \$800m through Lazard Brothers, National Westminster and the giant US bank Morgan Guaranty Trust. It was the largest financial package in history.)

But the banks too are caught in the crisis. The slump has landed them with a mountain of bad debt. Now they are refusing to finance all but the most profitable North Sea oilfields.

As the pro-company magazine

'Petroleum Economist' observed as early as September 1975: 'There is a continuing lack of major financing for laying on stream new discoveries other than those already irrevocably committed, before the international bankers began to have serious doubts about future lending against cash flows.'

With the astronomical sums now required for field development the majors (monopolies) are finding it difficult to borrow against their general corporate credit.

When the first finds on the North Sea were announced the companies predicted 20 to 25 years of production before the oil was exhausted. The slump will mean that oil exploitation could halt within a decade.

The drop in output is accompanied by fears over prices. At the present world price of around \$12 a barrel the most expensive North Sea Oil is profitable.

But as the slump develops there is a possibility that the OPEC nations, or the majors, will start reducing prices in an effort to sell more oil and halt

the decline in sales.

Already there has been one small crack in the ranks of OPEC. In February Iran announced a unilateral 9.5 cent per barrel price cut.

If the oil price fell to \$9 the return on at least six of the 17 oilfields in the North Sea would fall below the 25 per cent necessary for full commercial viability.

Impact

The immediate impact of the oil slump has been felt in the North sea supply industry. In the early 1970s the government deliberately built the illusion that oil exploration and development would revitalise the capitalist economy in Scotland.

Propaganda was pitched deliberately at the Scottish labour movement to create a split and stop militant struggles over jobs and wages.

An extract from an expensive brochure produced by stockbrokers Cazenove and Co shows that big business was well

aware of the important role this propaganda could play in the class struggle.

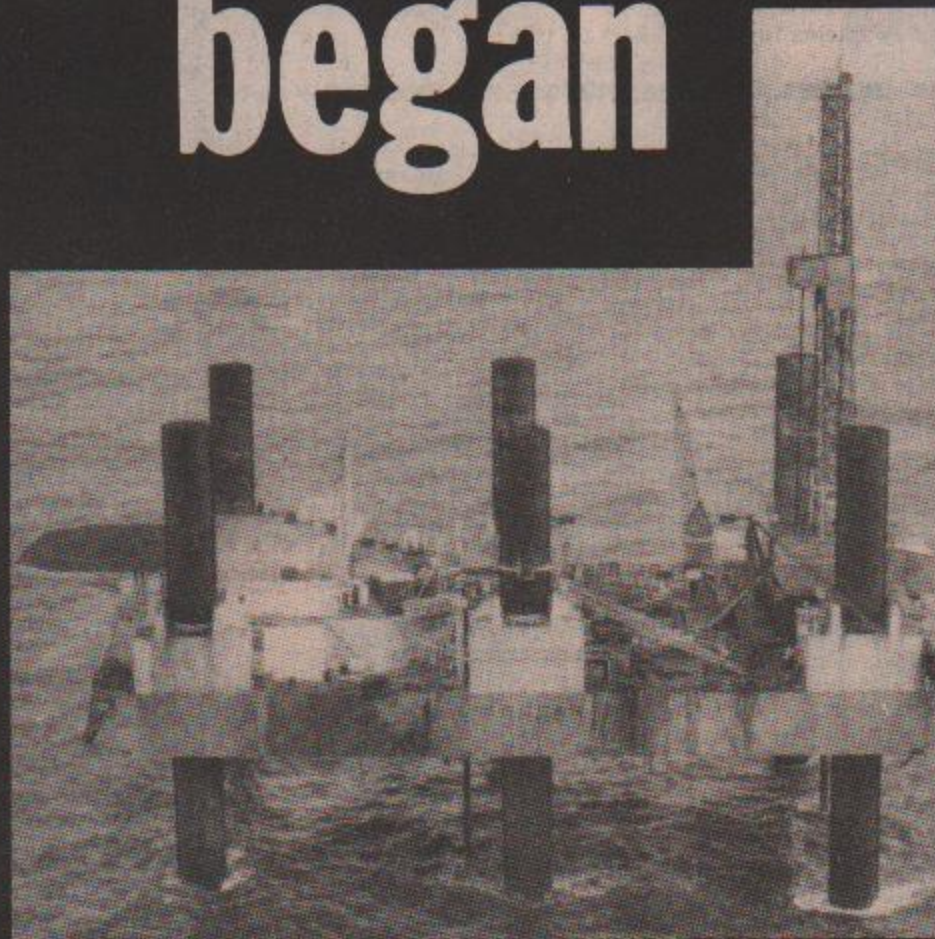
'Perhaps the greatest importance of the North Sea search,' wrote Cazenove, 'lies in the fact that it has given back to Scotland the hope of growth and expansion. This is psychologically important for self-confidence, for labour relations and for attracting industry into the area.'

Labour and trade union leaders in Scotland were drummed into line behind this anti-working-class campaign. But in terms of jobs the North Sea oil has turned out to be a drop in the ocean of Scottish unemployment.

According to one study 19,000 workers were employed at the peak of North Sea oil expansion — 8,700 in manufacturing equipment, 800 in oil production and 3,500 in rig construction. This compares with the jobless total in Scotland of 139,000.

The area that most needed work — Clydeside — got a tiny

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THE BIG FIVE

Company	Gross acres UK sector
SHELL (Anglo-Dutch)	4,815
GULF (US)	3,631
Standard Oil of New Jersey (ESSO, US)	3,631
BP (British)	3,016
Standard Oil of Indiana (AMOCO, US)	2,592

MAIN NORTH SEA FIELDS

	Recoverable reserves (million barrels)
Statfjord (Norwegian-UK sector)	3,500
Ekofisk (Norwegian sector)	3,000
Brent (UK sector)	2,500
Forties	2,000
Ninian	1,200
Hutton	1,000
Magnus	1,000
Dunlin	800
Piper	800
Thistle	800
Beryl	750
Cormorant	750

* In production. Also in production are Argyll field — 120m barrels, and the Auk field — 100m barrels.

(Source 'Petroleum Times', February 26, 1976.)

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1,700 extra jobs from the 'boom'. In fact the oil development did little else but show up the chronic, historic backwardness of British capitalism and its inability to compete with US, Norwegian, Dutch and German rivals who netted almost all the North Sea contracts.

The Labour government encouraged the setting up of eight oil production platform yards throughout the country with a total labour force of 13,000.

Now only three of these have enough work to last out the year and they are all involved in either cutting back jobs or total closure. Two of the most expensive projects — one on Clydeside — have never received a single order.

Boom

Last month Lloyd's Review of Offshore Oil firmly concluded the international rig and platform building boom is over. But the government cannot claim it was not forewarned of the crisis. As early as September 1972 Cazenove revealed that 'most orders for North Sea rigs and barges have been placed and in the short term, demand will probably slacken off.'

'All these items are extremely expensive and even if the level of offshore activity warranted it, it is doubtful that much more money could be made available to finance future extensive building.'

There is absolutely no prospect of a recovery. Labour government pleadings for more orders have been firmly turned down by the monopolies.

With 21 production platform yards in North West Europe and Scotland, the short-lived industry is already around 400 per cent over capacity, and the Japanese yards are undercutting their Western competitors by a margin of 25 per cent per platform.

Short of massive financial aid which would bankrupt the state finances and collapse the pound, the North Sea oil supply industry will be substantially wiped out between now and 1978.

The North Sea, as an outpost of the world-wide interests of the

monopolies, displays the basic contradiction of capitalism very clearly — the inability of the capitalist mode of production to develop the productive forces.

Indeed having started investment in North Sea Oil as the spin-off from the Middle East oil crisis they themselves created, the giant companies will end up destroying productive capacity through closures, cancellations of projects and by driving the smaller consortia into bankruptcy.

Despite the slump substantial profits will be made. Depending on the future oil price and the volume of sales, the companies will make a killing from the North Sea of between \$4,000m and \$18,000m.

The policies of the Tory and Labour governments have assured the companies of this windfall surplus which will be made at the expense of any planned or rational development of offshore oil resources.

The Tories are the natural protectors of oil interests, which maintain a powerful faction within this ruling class party.

Invariably an oilman holds a Cabinet position. The last was Sir John Davies, Industry Secretary under the Heath administration and vice-chairman and managing director of Shell Mex-BP from 1961 to 1965.

Labour Party leaders often find it popular to maintain a pretence of mild hostility to big business. In both the 1974 election campaigns they made great play of their determination to control North Sea development.

Their manifesto pledged a new Labour government to 'ensure not only that the North Sea and Celtic Sea oil and gas reserves are in full public ownership, but that the operation of getting them and distributing them is under full government control with major public participation.'

But public ownership of North Sea oil reserves means very little. Under the Continental Shelf Act, 1964, all minerals under the North Sea were taken into state ownership.

This has about as much significance as declaring that the air above the British Isles has been nationalised.

Socialism requires the

ownership by the working class of the means of production necessary to extract North Sea oil and distribute it to industry. On this score the manifesto dropped the word ownership, and substituted the far vaguer policy of 'control'.

Interests

The left-sounding manifesto commitment had been carefully worded in this way to avoid any challenge to the oil monopolies. Subsequent Labour government policy was tailor-made to suit the interests of the big companies.

It fell into three parts: the arrangements over licensing on the North Sea, the petroleum

revenue; tax aimed at providing the state with a 'take' of offshore oil profits and the much publicised plans for 'nationalisation'.

LICENSING — The North Sea has rapidly fallen to the control of the big corporations.

About two-thirds of the 100,000 square miles earmarked for exploration and production has been licensed out in the course of four licensing rounds — one under the Tories in September 1964, two under Labour in the summer of 1965 and in June 1969 and the fourth under the Heath government in mid-1971 (a

fifth round is to be announced shortly.)

Only about 8 per cent of this territory is under state control through the Gas Council and National Coal Board holdings now vested with the British National Oil Corporation.

British Petroleum, nominally 51 per cent state owned but in practice a purely monopoly capitalist concern, controls a further 4 per cent territorial stake.

Private

British-owned private companies control 20 per cent of the 100 square mile oil 'blocks' leaving 68 per cent in foreign — mainly American — hands.

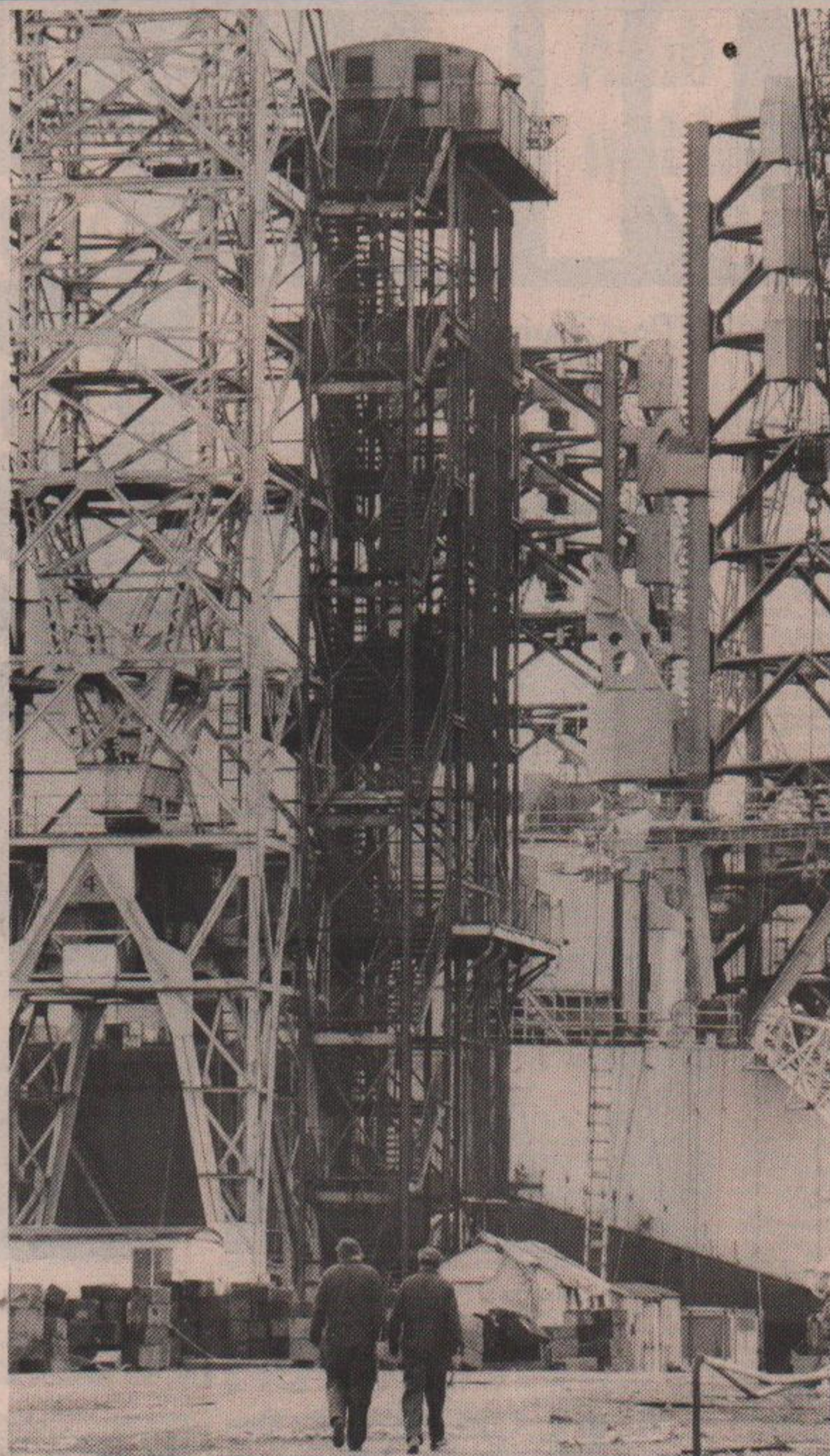
The top five in terms of acreage are Shell, Gulf Oil, Standard Oil of New Jersey, BP and Standard Oil of Indiana (Amoco).

Save for 15 blocks sold by auction in the fourth round licences are granted by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Companies seeking production rights must show they have the facilities for disposing of the oil in the UK and prove that they will make a 'contribution' to the UK economy.

But these criteria offer no problems to the multinationals which all own subsidiary companies in Britain.

For a rent of £45 per square kilometre a company or



Clydebank — the promised 'oil boom' proved a mirage



The North Sea is



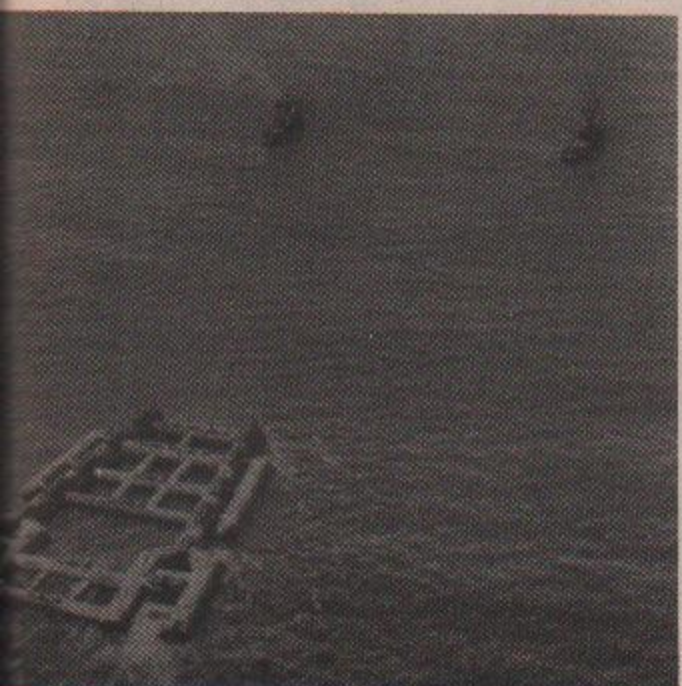
A North Sea oil



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consortium can produce for six years. After this they must surrender half their stake, and the rent on the remaining half is raised by £30 per square kilometre per year, rising to a maximum of £350.

Profits

This gives a maximum rent of £350,000 — a tiny sum compared with the total revenue and profits expected from North Sea oil.

The extreme generosity of these terms is recognised throughout the world. The Labour government were made well aware of this fact by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee when they investigated the industry.

This is an extract from the committee's questioning of the Labour government's link-man with the City bankers, Harold Lever MP.

Q. ... are you telling us that in allowing one of these 267 blocks, the Department allocated for £2,000 knowing that every block might be one firm which some would be prepared to pay £20m or £6m or whatever a block might fetch?

A. Yes, we allowed the application to go ahead.

Q. Notwithstanding the fact that you were under no contractual obligations to do so?

A. I think that is correct.

Q. Did anyone in the Department say before putting pen to paper 'for all we know the block I am signing away today



Wilson and Benn



Harold Lever

may be worth £20m to public, and I am giving it away for nothing?

A. Specifically I think not.

Even the Tory 'Economist' was moved to comment on the licensing policies of successive Labour and Tory governments. In a special supplement on North Sea oil published in July last year it noted:

'The terms on which the original licences were issued in 1964 have remained almost the same throughout the latest round of licences.

Lenient

'It was incredible that the same lenient terms which applied before any discoveries were made and when the

potential of the North Sea was largely unknown, should have persisted in the face of 10 years of mounting evidence that there was plenty of oil and gas around.

Both Labour and Tory governments have been equally guilty on this score though the Labour government likes the electorate to believe that it is only the Tories who have been giving away a potentially valuable national asset.'

PETROLEUM REVENUE TAX (PRT)

In the White Paper on North Sea oil published in July 1974 the Labour government said it would legislate to make sure a



Sir John Davis

large slice of monopoly profits was channelled into the public sector.

Assets

The price of oil had leaped five-fold because of the monopoly domination in the Middle East and the big companies stood to make super-profits on their North Sea oil holdings — the White Paper described this situation as 'intolerable'.

In the winter of 1974-75 the Paymaster-General held what he described as 'unique' consultations with the oil giants over a proposed 'tax' on profits.

In March 1975 the 'Petroleum

Times' was able to announce:

'The battle of the UK rate of petroleum revenue tax is now over, and the oil companies operating in the North Sea can chalk up another victory over a European government, their success in this sector contrasts strangely with their failure to cope with the governments of the OPEC nations.'

The 'Economist' added its voice in the same month: 'Despite all last year's unnecessary threats of penal taxation it is now clear that the government's oil tax policy is aimed at ensuring rather than undermining the commercial [i.e. capitalist] exploitation of

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North Sea oil.

There was good reason for relief in big business circles. In February 1975 a PRT rate of 45 per cent was announced.

This was on top of the 12.5 per cent royalty on sales collected by the government. But there were sweeping concessions in the legislation.

Companies are allowed to recover 175 per cent of the total capital invested in a field before any PRT is levied. The first 7.3m barrels of oil each year are exempt from the tax up to a total of 73m barrels from any one field.

Freed

Companies whose pre-tax profit is less than 30 per cent of historic capital costs will also be exempt and companies who run into financial difficulties even without paying the PRT will be freed from the royalty payment.

Edinburgh stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie, who are closely linked with North Sea oil development, have confidently predicted that companies producing on the smaller fields will entirely avoid paying any PRT, while its effect on the bigger fields will not interfere with large profits.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

The final government fiasco was the British National Oil Corporation led by Courtaulds boss Lord Kearton and staffed by 10 other executives including the former print union leader Lord Briginshaw.

The BNOC is supposed to fulfil the manifesto pledge of 'full government control' over oil production and distribution.

When the issue was first debated Harold Lever reassured the Tories that the government's plans would leave the companies 'financially neither better nor worse off.'

What Lever's strange phrase meant became clear in March this year when Energy Secretary Anthony Wedgwood Benn unveiled the BNOC.

The BNOC is not taking over a single acre owned by the companies. They are merely asking for a 'say' in all decision making.

The BNOC for example has 'increased' the public share of the Thistle, Bunlin and Statfjord fields.

Price

Conoco and Gulf have co-operated with this move but only because their existing assets — and possible liabilities — will remain exactly the same. In other words the entire policy is a front to give the impression of 'public control' without a pennyworth of equipment or oil rights changing hands.

The verdict of 'Petroleum Times' was quite accurate. In March they urged Shell and Standard Oil of New Jersey, the two companies most hostile to nationalisation, to 'carry on counting their barrels from Auk [Field] for a while; they need hardly worry if this sorry package represents the

government's ambitions.

'On the evidence so far,' added the magazine, 'majority participation' in the UK is to be only slightly more than an exercise in political propaganda, and the international oil companies have long since learned to live with those.'

Even the BNOC's alleged role as public watchdog is a complete farce since the government body had agreed not to publish any details of the companies' multi-million operations for reasons of 'commercial security'.

The overall role of the Labour government's efforts on the North Sea was amply summed up from a company point of view by 'Petroleum Times'.

In the same March issue the magazine commented:

'Oil companies are notoriously sensitive to any suggestion that there is a competitive aspect in their relationship with government so it would perhaps be as well to spell out the measure of their achievements in the UK.'

A socialist government was elected on a manifesto which included as a major policy the intention to secure a greater national stake in the benefits of North Sea oil production.

This policy was to be followed along two main lines: a major interest in the production operations and an excess profits tax.

Conference

'Predictably the oil companies began their intensive defence immediately — and few are so well organised in matters of propaganda and lobbying.'

In the UK the companies were aided by muddled thinking in the Department of Energy which seemed unable to decide on the right line of approach.

More complications were introduced by the Treasury department which appeared more interested in administrative convenience than in oil.

Discussions between the various ministries and between the companies and the Department of Energy were, of course, maintained in secret so that public debate could only be fed by inspired guesswork and deliberate leak.

'This was a situation that the oil companies could exploit much more effectively than the government — they did.'

Although the computers have yet to digest the new programmes, it is already clear that the manifesto policies have been diluted almost to a point where no flavour is left.

But it is not confusion or muddled thinking that caused the Labour government's abject collaboration with monopoly interests.

This is their natural role. The politics of Wilson, Benn, Callaghan, Lever and Healey, are based on a bitter opposition to, and fear of, revolutionary action by the working class against monopoly capitalism.

Drive

The oil giants can only be overthrown by the working class in the advanced imperialist countries acting together with the masses of the OPEC nations. Even complete nationalisation on a limited national scale is impossible.

The compensation terms



Drilling for oil in the North Sea

would cripple the finances of states like Britain. Even if such huge sums could be raised 'national' control of oil production is a myth so long as the monopolies own the vast international refining capacity and distribution networks.

The action by the Middle East governments who have taken majority shares in oil operations has not for example broken the hold of the monopolies.

The Arabs still must sell their oil to Exxon, Shell, Gulf, Mobil, Chevron, BP and Texaco, or suffer economic collapse. The monopolies still control world price, output and development.

In private monopoly hands the oil industry cannot be expanded and the new technology cannot be put to work for the benefit of the working people of the world.

The oil industry not only displays how monopoly

capitalism created the conditions of slump which destroy the productive forces; it also reveals how it is necessary to plan production on a world basis.

Cripple

The multinationals are forced to extend their operation world wide — but their drive for super profits only leads to monopoly price fixing, inflation, the exploitation of entire nations and the development of world war as the imperialist governments use violence to protect the assets of giants.

North Sea oil is only a small part of this international anarchy created by monopoly capitalism — and the Labour leadership are only some of the political servants of the oil

giants.

The British working class who will suffer from capitalist exploitation of the North Sea are therefore the natural allies in struggle of the Arab, African and Latin American countries.

Only they can achieve the revolutionary socialist programme that will end the slump, and start the world planning of resources and labour.

The programme must include

- Renunciation, without compensation, by the United States, Britain and all Western European countries of the oil monopolies' assets in the OPEC nations.

- Complete nationalisation, without compensation and under workers' control of all oil production, refining and distribution, including offshore oil.

These goals necessitate the smashing, not only of the oil companies' power, but the capitalist states which protect their interests. In their place the working class would construct their own state for the purpose of building socialism.

The workers' states could immediately convene a conference of oil producing and consuming nations, to work out a world plan for production, the pooling of all technical knowledge, joint projects to exploit existing energy sources and the development of new sources, and the fixing of world prices which reflect the real costs of production and not monopoly pricing.

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TV LineUp

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9.45 Bertrand Russell. 10.00 Summer School. 10.25 Cricket in the Middle. 10.50 Meet Betty Boop. 11.00 The Saint. 11.50 Larry the Lamb. 12.00 Paperplay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 Lunchtime Today. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 The Big Valley. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Harriet. 5.50 News from ITN.
6.00 TODAY
6.40 CROSSROADS
7.05 HUSBAND OF THE YEAR '76
7.35 TUESDAY FILM PREMIERE: 'Where Have All the People Gone?'
9.00 HUNTERS WALK
10.00 NEWS AT TEN
10.30 COMMAND PERFORMANCE: 'The Tribe That Hides from Man'. Unexplored Amazon jungle provides a savage but beautiful backdrop for this award-winning film.
11.45 SPECIAL BRANCH

GRANADA

10.00 Angling Today. 10.25 Cricket in the Middle. 10.50 Sesame Street. 11.50 Chess Masterpieces. 12.00 Paperplay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 Take Kerr. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 Boney. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.15 This is Your Right. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.50 News.
6.00 GRANADA REPORTS
6.35 A HOUSE FOR THE FUTURE
7.05 HUSBAND OF THE YEAR '76
7.35 THE TUESDAY FILM: 'Man at the Crossroads'. Vera Miles. Brad Wilkes, aerospace engineer, has been fired.
9.00 HUNTERS WALK: 'Interference'. Len Summers runs a youth club in his spare time. When one of the lads is stopped by the police, his father complains.
10.00 NEWS AT TEN
10.30 COMMAND PERFORMANCE:
11.45 POLICE SURGEON
12.15 THANK YOU AND GOODNIGHT

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 Open University. 11.00-11.25 Play School.
6.55 INDUSTRIAL FILM SUCCESSES. Award-winning films on scientific and technological subjects. 'Drive Carefully Darling' — a warning to the experienced driver. 'Children and Cars' — children's solutions to finding enough space in the world for cars.
7.20 NEWS ON 2
7.30 REMBRANDT: 'The Withdrawal'. Threatened with bankruptcy by the age of 50, Rembrandt produced his greatest work in this period of withdrawal.
8.00 CHRONICLE: 'Ideals and Realities'. The World of Islam Festival 1976.
9.00 TUESDAY CINEMA: 'A Separate Peace'. Film version of John Knowles' cult classic novel set in an exclusive American school during the war.
10.40 JOHNNY MATHIS
11.15 NEWSNIGHT
11.35 MUSIC AT NIGHT

BBC 1

7.05-7.55 Open University. 12.30 Olympic Grandstand. 1.30 Andy Pandy. 1.45 News. 2.00 Olympic Grandstand. 3.35 First pictures from surface of Mars (ten minutes). 4.25 Play School. 4.50 Animal Magic. 5.15 Lippy Lion. 5.40 Barbapapa. 5.45 Evening News.
6.00 YOUR REGION TONIGHT
6.15 OLYMPIC REPORT
7.20 THE UNDERSEA WORLD OF JACQUES COUSTEAU: 'A Sound of Dolphins'. Dramatic underwater pictures of dolphins, their sonar techniques, and fishing together with men.
8.10 SUTHERLAND'S LAW. 'Small Print'. A fire can smoulder for hours before it becomes a fire, so to speak.
9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS
9.25 THE GOOD LIFE. The trouble with self-sufficiency is that it relies heavily on manpower, especially at harvest time, and Tom and Barbara receive unexpected help.
9.55 OLYMPIC GRANDSTAND
1.30 closedown.

REGIONS

HTV: 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 Learning Something Practical. 12.00 Baidmoney. Sneezewort, Dodder and Cloudberry. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 Report West Headlines. 1.25 Report Wales Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.30 Danger Man. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Chukleheads. 5.25 Crossroads. 5.50 News. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 The Protectors. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 The Red Badge of Courage. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance. 11.45 Music at Harewood. 12.15 Weather.

HTV CYMRU-WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.25-4.50 Ffyn Fan Na. 6.01-6.18 Y Dydd. 6.35-7.05 Sentimental Journey. 10.30-11.20 v Gwyrthwynebw. 11.20-11.50 World in Action. 11.50 Weather and close.

HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 Report West Headlines. 6.01-6.35 Report West.

SOUTHERN: 10.30 Hammy Hamster. 10.40 Untamed World. 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 Learning Something Practical. 12.00 Paperplay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 First Steps in First Aid. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 News, weather. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.30 Jason King. 4.25 Follow That Dog. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Sinbad Junior. 5.25 Crossroads. 5.50 News. 6.00 Day of Day. 6.35 Police Surgeon. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 Film: Men of the Dragon. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.35 Command Performance. 11.45 News Extra. 11.55 Men Behind Glorious Goodwood. 12.00 Farm Progress. 12.25 Weather forecast.

CHANNEL: 1.20 Lunchtime News. What's On Where and Weather. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 The Saint. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Harriet. 5.50 News. 6.00 Report at Six. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Focus on Wildlife. 7.35 Film: 'Do Not Fold, Spindle or Mutilate'. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. Weather. 10.30 Command Performance. 11.45 Visages de France. 12.00 Weather.

WESTWARD: 10.35 Breaktime. 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 Learning Something Practical. 12.00 Paper Play. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.24 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 News Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Harriet. 5.50 National News. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Miss Westward '76. 7.35 Film: 'Do Not Fold, Spindle or Mutilate'. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance. 11.45 Late News and Weather. 11.48 Faith for Life.

YORKSHIRE: 10.00 Summer School. Angling Today. 10.25 Cricket in the Middle. 10.50 Interval. 11.00 Hammy Hamster. 11.10 Untamed World. 11.35 Skippy. 12.00 Paperplay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 Calendar News. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 Jason King. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Fantastic Voyage. 5.50 News. 6.00 Calendar. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 Killer Bees. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance: The Tribe That Hides from Man. 11.45 Night Gallery. 12.15 Close.

TYNE-TEES: 11.00 Starting Point. 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 Learning Something Practical. 12.00 Paper Play. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Doris Day Show. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 News and Lookaround. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.30 Department S. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Elephant Boy. 5.50 News. 6.00 Today at Six. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 Killer Bees. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance: The Tribe That Hides from Man. 11.45 House for the Future. 12.10 Epilogue.



The Vilas-Boas brothers, Claudio (left) and Orlando, who work deep in the Amazonian jungles attempting to protect little known Indian tribes from the effects of 'civilisation'. They are noted for their work among the Kreen-Akrore tribe, but are continually battling with the Brazilian dictatorship to carry out their work: See 'The tribe that hides from man' tonight on Independent channels at 10.30.

GRAMPIAN: 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 Learning Something Practical. 12.00 Paperplay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 First Steps in First Aid. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 News Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Tuesday at Two. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.40 The World of Jason King. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Harriet. 5.50 News. 6.00 Grampian news and weather. 6.10 The Flintstones. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 Film: 'Killer Bees'. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance: The Tribe That Hides from Man. 11.30 The Big Break. 12.00 Evening Prayers. 12.05 Close.

ANGLIA: 10.30 Betty Boop Cartoons. 10.40 Tell Me Why. 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 Learning Something Practical. 12.00 Paper Play. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 News Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 Boney. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Harriet. 5.50 News. 6.00 Anglia. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 Film: 'She Waits'. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance. 11.45 Angling Today. 12.15 Anthology.

SCOTTISH: 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 That's The Stuff. 12.00 Paper Play. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.25 Road and Weather Report. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.30 Department S. 4.25 Follow That Dog. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Kin. 5.25 Crossroads. 5.50 National News. 6.00 Watch This Space. 6.30 Cartoon. 6.35 Weir's Way. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 Film: 'Hawkins: Murder in MovieLand'. 8.50 Love American Style. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance. 11.45 Late Call. 11.50 The Big Break. 12.20 Close.

ULSTER: 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 That's The Stuff. 12.00 Paperplay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 News Headlines. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 The Baron. 4.25 Ulster News Headlines. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Harriet. 5.50 News. 6.00 Summer Reports. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 Film: 'Thirty Years of Fun'. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance. 11.45 Angling Today.

BORDER: 11.05 Play with a Purpose. 11.30 Learning Something Practical. 12.00 Paperplay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 The Baron. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Spiderman. 5.50 News. 6.00 Border News and Lookaround. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Husband of the Year '76. 7.35 Film: 'Killer Bees'. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.35 Command Performance: The Tribe That Hides from Man. 11.45 News and weather. 11.48 Close.

ATV MIDLANDS: 10.00 Angling Today. 10.25 Cricket in the Middle. 10.50 Hammy Hamster. 11.15 The Tomfoolery Show. 11.35 Inner Space. 12.00 Paperplay. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 A Place in Europe. 1.00 First Report. 1.20 News. 1.30 Marked Personal. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.30 Whicker's World. 3.25 Strange Report. 4.25 Swiss Family Robinson. 4.50 Maggie. 5.20 Spiderman. 5.50 News. 6.00 ATV Today. Film: 'Crowhaven Farm'. 9.00 Hunter's Walk. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Command Performance. 11.45 Angling Today. 12.15 Close.

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MEETINGS

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6.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Noel Edmonds. 9.00 Tony Blackburn. 11.00 Paul Burnett. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Simon Bates. 2.02 David Hamilton (S) also on (VHF). 4.30 It's DLT OK! 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.02 Sam Costa (S). 11.00 John Peel (S). 12.00-2.31 As Radio 2.

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6.00 News, weather. 6.02 Colin Berry (S). 6.15 Pause for Thought. 6.55 Olympic Sports Desk. 7.02 Brian Matthew (S). 9.02-11.30 Pete Murray's Open House. 10.30 Waggoners Walk. 11.30 Jimmy Young. 1.50 Olympic Sports Desk. 1.55 Good Listening. 2.02 David Hamilton. 4.30 Waggoners Walk. 4.45 Olympic Sports Desk. 4.50

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6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Overture: Wagner, Dvorak. 8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert: Lactar, Vivaldi, C.P.E. Bach. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer: Smetana. 9.40 The Camden Trio. 10.30 In Short. 10.45

English Music. 12.05 Academy of the BBC Concert: Mozart, Ibert, Dvorak, Beethoven. (1.00 News). 1.05 The Arts Worldwide. 1.50 Portraits in Music by Baroque and Renaissance composers. 3.00 Music in Our Time. 4.00 Violin Sonatas. 4.50 French Wind Music. 5.15 Jazz Today. 5.45 Homeward Bound. (6.05 News). 6.30 Lifelines: Work and Training. 7.30 Proms 76. 8.25 Thoughts in a Landscape. 8.45 Proms 76 part 2: Dvorak. 9.35 Drama Now: Vampirella. 10.35 Schoenberg. Eisler, Webern. 11.25 News.

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8.20 News. 8.22 Farming Today. 8.40 Prayer for the Day. 6.45 Today. 7.00 News and more of

Today. 8.00 News and more of Today. 8.45 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. 10.00 News. 10.05 From our own Correspondent. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. 11.00 News. 11.05 Down your Way. 11.45 James Cameron. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 Dad's Army. 1.00 The World at One. News. 1.30 The Archers. 1.45 Woman's Hour. 2.45 Listen with Mother. 3.00 News. 3.05 Les Minutables. 4.00 News. 4.05 Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35 Story Time. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.55 Programme news, weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 The Men from the Ministry. 6.45 The Archers. 7.00 News. 7.05 The World in Focus. 7.30 Proms 76. 8.25 Thoughts in a Landscape. 8.45 Proms 76. 9.35 Kaleidoscope. 9.58 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.45 A Book at Bedtime. 11.00 The Financial World Tonight. 11.15 Today in Parliament. 11.30 News preceded by Weather. 11.51-11.54 Inshore Forecast.



The draft resolution on perspectives distributed among WRP members and supporters and readers of News Line is now open for discussion before the Second Annual Conference of the party on August 28, 29 and 30.

GARY TAYLOR, 19, factory labourer from Hemel Hempstead thinks the policies being carried out by the Labour government are being dictated to them by big business.

They want to force this crisis on to the backs of the workers.

The Labour government in consultation with the CBI and the international bankers have forced up unemployment, forced up prices and are taking away basic democratic rights that workers had gained during the boom period.

I didn't believe at first that the Labour leaders would go this far. I always thought they would be pro-worker.

But their actions absolutely show that this Labour government is not fighting for workers but fighting against workers.

The trade union bureaucracy is openly collaborating with the Labour government and the bosses, and they are helping the capitalists to force this crisis onto the workers.

The methods the trade union

leadership used during the boom period to gain various concessions for workers cannot be used in the period that we are living in at the moment.

During the boom there were plenty of crumbs on the plate for big business to give away to workers.

But now, because of the crisis of capitalism, the rights that workers fought for are being taken away and there has to be a complete change in the method for improving workers' conditions.

Nothing short of the socialist revolution and the producing of goods and food for need and not for profit can allow our society to develop any more.

Example

I would like to single out Joe Gormley as an example. Most recently he stopped Arthur Scargill of Yorkshire from speaking at the National Union of Mineworkers annual conference when he was trying to force a debate on the £100 a week.

Over the last couple of years, since Labour came to office, he

has had frequent talks with Wilson and has continually sacrificed his members' interests.

The lefts are no better. Scanlon and McGahey, although shouting a lot, have no policies for their members. They do not put up the fight which is necessary in this period to mobilise the working class to bring down this right-wing Labour government.

In not fighting to bring down this Labour government they are covering up all the dealings between Prime Minister Callaghan, CBI chief Adamson and the international bankers.

I think the perspectives for the second annual conference of the Workers Revolutionary Party contain all the main political issues that face the working class. It will be a great weapon to take out to workers and youth to build the Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists.

I think that all young people should read this document and take it out to all their friends and really fight to build the revolutionary leadership that is necessary.

Labour's treachery changed my mind.

RORY BAWN, a railwayman from Bexley in Kent, supported the Labour government when it was elected in 1974.

The Labour government was elected to carry out socialist policies, and I thought they would,' he said.

But instead we've had staggering food prices, cuts in public services, and now the 6-per-cent wage law.

Instead of socialist policies, this government is carrying out Tory policies, and it must be brought down.

Preparations

Everything they've given in the past, they're taking away again now. The way they treat old age pensioners, who can't possibly manage on their money, is the worst thing.

The government is making preparations to smash the working class — they're carrying out plans for military-police dictatorship.

Most of the people I work with hate the government. They don't support what they're doing, but they see no alternative.

That's why we've got to keep fighting to get rid of this government and build our party.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

CRAWLEY

Tuesday July 27, 7.30 p.m. AUEW Hall, Robinson Rd
Speakers: JACK GALE (News Line Editorial Board)
JULIAN LEACH (YS National Cttee)

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Monday August 2, 7.30 p.m. College of Further Education

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Casino profits up

CORAL Leisure Group, the bookies to bingo and casinos group, hit a winning profits streak in the first half of its current financial year.

With profits of the casino division showing a 'significant improvement,' Coral's scored a pre-tax total of £4,012,000 for the six



months to the end of June compared with the £3,590,000 recorded for the opening half last year.

Turnover went up by £10m to £77m.

The directors are making no forecasts for the full year at this stage, but say they expect the improved trend in the casinos division will continue as a result of the increased tourist activity.

Timber divi up

A £1m-plus profits improvement was reported yesterday by timber merchants Montague L. Meyer.

Figures for the 12 months to the end of March show that on turnover £30m higher at £165m, the group made a pre-tax profit of £8,182,000 compared with £7,019,000 in the previous year.

The results were much in line with City expectations. Market men had been going for a total of between £7.5m and £8m before tax, so on stock markets the shares were unchanged on

the news at 70p a time.

Dividends for the year are increased from 1.9087p to 3.75p. Treasury permission has been given for the increase in the light of February's rights issue.

GLASGOW — West of Scotland Young Conservatives have launched a campaign to win positions in the trade union movement here.

They are bidding for seats on the Glasgow Trades Council, which they say has been dominated by the left too long.

FILM REVIEW

Insight obscured by 'experiment'

Film Review
by Tom James

ANYONE hoping for a sharp insight into the divided world of the schizophrenic or into the struggles of resistance fighters during the German occupation of Paris will find 'Resistance' impregnable.

The content of Ken McMullen's 90-minute film on view this week at the ICA is almost wholly obscured in his quest for 'experimental' forms.

It need not have been so. McMullen is obviously gifted. Once a painter, he brings to film a freshness, a vitality that commands attention. His use of asynchronous sound (in collaboration with Brian Eno) is often brilliant, never less than inventive. Yet still the nagging question remains, what end does it serve?

McMullen used actual transcripts of group-therapy sessions that took place in France in 1947 as a basis for his improvisations. Twenty hours of improvisation under the direction of a real-life psychiatrist, historic footage of the French resistance, of Leon Trotsky in exile, of the Russian Revolution, of conflict, constitute the raw material which McMullen uses to explore his personal preoccupation with 'The resistance of the medium film to reality'.

And it is precisely in the pursuit of this



abstract, cerebral, and ultimately meaningless experiment, that the film disintegrates, rendered lifeless in what amounts to a ritual disemboweling. Thus cheated, one longs to read the original medical records for compensation.

'Resistance' is a clear expression of the crisis in art. It is no accident that Ken McMullen is described as an 'independent' film-maker, one of a band of young men and women outside the

mainstream of an economically and ideologically bankrupt industry, and by definition at odds with it. But the use of the word independent implies choice where none exists. 'Casualized' is nearer the truth.

The word independent also implies a degree of freedom from the prevailing aesthetic. But this freedom, this 'independence', is equally spurious. The content remains unchanged. It is merely obscured, mystified. What seems to be an alternative mode of development, 'experimental' cinema, turns out in practice to be a blind alley leading away from the source of all development.

'To impart idea content to a production is not so easy as it may seem', noted Plekhanov. 'A man's stock of ideas is determined and enriched by his relations with the world. And he whose relations with that world are such that he considers his ego the 'only reality', inevitably becomes an out-and-out pauper in the matter of ideas.'

'Not only is he bereft of ideas, but — and this is the chief point — he is not in a position to conceive any. Just as people, when they have no bread, eat dockweed, so when they have no clear ideas they content themselves with vague hints at ideas, similar 'isms' characteristic of a period of decadence... realism decays because of its inherent vacuity and idealistic reaction triumphs.'

Christopher Rodriguez, the producer of 'Resistance', makes his position plain. A justification for elevating form above content is that 'in the end we are living in chaos and the ways in which we try to make sense of this world are illusions all'. To which one can, reply, in a word, rubbish!

McMullen makes no such pronouncement, but like all bourgeois 'experimentalists', he is very much at risk.

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Meetings to commemorate

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ALEX MITCHELL (Editor News Line)
PETER FROME (YS National Cttee)

NORTH-EAST

Sunday September 5, 7p.m.
Gulbenkian Theatre
Barras Bridge
Newcastle

Speakers: G HEALY (Central Cttee)
C SLAUGHTER (Central Cttee)
SIMON PIRANI (YS National Secretary)

YORKSHIRE

Sunday September 12, 7p.m.
Memorial Hall
City Hall
Sheffield

Speakers: G HEALY (Central Cttee)
M BANDA (General Secretary)
PAT PRIEST (YS National Cttee)

SCOTLAND

Sunday September 19, 7p.m.
McLellan Galleries
Sauchihall St Glasgow

Speakers: G HEALY (Central Cttee)
CORIN REDGRAVE (Central Cttee)
MARY MATHIESON (YS National Cttee)

LONDON

Sunday August 15, 6.00 pm
Hammersmith Palais
nr Hammersmith Tube

Speakers: G HEALY (Central Cttee)
M BANDA (General Secretary)
Vanessa Redgrave
Simon Pirani (YS National Secretary)

At all meetings there will be a showing of the new version of the film
Trotsky—A Documentary of his Life and Work

Bottom drops out of rigs

NEW YORK — The bottom has fallen out of the oil-drilling business, according to a report in the American magazine 'Business Week'.

The magazine reported that 'as recently as 18 months ago the international industry of building and operating offshore drilling rigs was riding a high wave of business activity.'

'More than 150 rigs were under construction in shipyards from Texas to Singapore.'

Then profits were fat and the thirst for oil seemed to be a promise that the drilling rig business could grow and grow.

'Suddenly this global glut of a thing of the past, thanks to a drop in oil company profits, the rise in drilling costs and the scarcity of hot new drilling areas,' 'Business Week' said.

In recent months orders have fallen dramatically, price slashing has started and lay-offs have been carried out at most yards, with even bigger cuts to come.

The statistics on the glut of oil rigs are staggering. Of the 305 rigs available world-wide on June 1 this year, only 255 were at work. At the end of 1974, only five rigs were not in use.

This is only part of the story. Forty of these rigs are expected to complete their contracts and go into mothballs in the next six months.

On top of this the 60 new rigs due to be completed in the latter half of the year will further add to the crisis.

Forty of these have been built on a purely speculative basis with no firm orders and the remaining 20 are already facing work order cancellations.

Companies which had gone all-out to gear up for the boom which followed the Arab oil embargo are now faced with closure.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation's yard in Beaumont, Texas, is down to building a single rig and has cut its workforce from 3,300 to 1,500.

In Singapore four yards set up during the oil embargo have not received a single order this year and mass sackings are on the way.

A similar fate is believed to be in store for the Marathon yards in Brownsville, Texas, and at Clydebank, Scotland, which is working on its last order for delivery to Abu Dhabi National Drilling Co. late this year.

With maintenance costs at \$12,000 a day, builders are desperate to unload their rigs at any cost.

In Japan, a price-slashing war has led to rigs being contracted out at below their actual cost.

Some owners are even trying to convert them into floating piers.

It is not known what stake the banks have in the rigs, but it is certain that the slump in this industry will push the banking system one step closer to the edge of the precipice.

Sports line

Notts swept out by Illy

COUNTY champions Leicestershire had Nottinghamshire on the rack at Trent Bridge yesterday. They swept them out for 73 — capturing their remaining six wickets for the addition of 26 runs — and were moving towards a two-day victory.

Following on 251 behind, Nottinghamshire lost three wickets for 80, with Clive unbeaten on 40.

Ray Illingworth and Jack Birkenshaw did the early damage, the former England Captain capturing four for five in 13.2 overs.

John Hampshire held Yorkshire together with a splendid 62 against Somerset at Taunton.

Facing Somerset's 259,

Yorkshire soon lost Geoff Boycott, leg before to Oxford Blue Daving Gurr after adding only seven to his Saturday score of 42.

Ian Botham sent back Bairstow and Old in quick succession and when Hampshire was caught off Breakwell, Yorkshire were 185 for six in the 70th over.

Then tail-ender Graham Stevenson pulled the innings round with a career-best score of 73, enabling Yorkshire to take a first innings lead of 31 runs.

Fixtures
TODAY'S CRICKET

TOUR MATCH
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v West Indies
11.00-5.30 or 6.00
County Championship (11.00-5.30 or 6.00)
Bristol: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
Taunton: Somerset v Yorkshire

TREPAN FAILS
NEW
DOPE
TEST

TREPAN, who won his last two races in record-breaking times, has failed another dope test.

The Jockey Club announced yesterday that samples taken from the French-trained colt after his latest victory over Wollow in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown had proved positive.

Trepan is already the subject of a Jockey Club inquiry after failing a similar test following his spectacular defeat of Anne's Pretender in the Prince of Wales Stakes.

He broke the 1¼ miles course record on both occasions. The jockey club statement did not reveal details on the nature of the substance found in the sample of the latest dope test.

Samples taken from Trepan after he had smashed Brigadier Gerard's track record at Ascot by more than three seconds contained traces of the illegal drug caffeine.

At the time trainer Francois Boutin said: 'I administer a diuretic to all my horses three days before they race or travel. In this case because of an error by one of my stable staff, the substance was given to Trepan 24 hours before his race.'

Rifle gold
for West
Germans

L'ACADIE, Quebec — West German marksmen were the provisional winners of the gold and silver medals in the Olympic 'rifle, prone position' competition yesterday.

But the bronze medal was wide open with Canadian, Swiss and Italian shooters tied for third place.

The preliminary scores give Karlheinz Smieszek from Salzgitter, West Germany, the top score of 597 points out of a possible 600, with his team-mate Ulrich Lind in second place with 595.

Earlier it seemed that Danish rifleman Henning Clausen would win the bronze medal with a 593, but he was overtaken by Hans Adlhoj of Canada, Anton Mueller of Switzerland and Walter Frescura of Italy, each with 594 points.

RACING

FEW QUALMS ABOUT
WIGEON'S HANDICAP

BILL ELSEY'S consistent three-year-old Wigeon runs in a handicap for the first time this afternoon.

After three wins from five starts this year she looks well-treated with only 7 st 8 lb in Ayr's Balmore Stakes Handicap (3.30).

She ran very gamely over a mile at Edinburgh a month ago to beat the useful Gold Flight, so there should be no qualms about her getting the seven furlong trip.

Both Crusty Shah and Gold Cheb will find it hard to concede more than a stone, and it may be left to the heavily — penalized

Lorenzo Monaco to chase Wigeon home.

Shawn Salmon, who partners Wigeon, can start the afternoon with a win in the opening seller, the Bute Handicap (2.30).

He rides the only course and distance winner in the race, Africa Star, who broke a long losing sequence by beating Peggy Jet four lengths at Doncaster.

A 5 lb penalty for that should not prevent further success today.

Edward Hide is having another excellent season, and he should separate the Salmon successes by winning the Soutar Johnnie Handicap (3.00).

He rides Premier Bond, whose only previous victory this season was over the track and trip in the second week of May,



Eddie Hide

and who also ran well on his last appearance at Ayr a month ago, when he was runner-up to King's Royale.

John Dunlop is a trainer who successfully raids the north, and he bids for another quick prize

today with his dual winner Du Maurier.

Ron Hutchinson can make it a hat trick by taking the three-year-old to victory over Noble Game.

Folkestone provides the only racing in the south today, with the added attraction of a free beer for those that purchase a race card at the turnstiles before 1 o'clock.

When the serious business of picking winners begins, young David Dineley can continue his good form with a double success on Prince Lambourn (2.15) and Ginger (3.35).

In between, Joe Mercer's niece Carolyn may land the Friends of Folkestone Amateur Riders Handicap (2.45) on the Harry Wragg-trained five-year-old Destino.

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DRAW ADVANTAGE: 7f & over low.

2.30 BUTE SELLING HANDICAP £700
1m 3f (8 runners)

2 (3) 001314 DON PHILIP A Davison 4.97
5 (4) 2-00030 MOONSTRIKE P Haslam 4.87
9 (7) 223421 AFRICA STAR (C-D) A Balding 4.91 (5 ex) S Salmon
10 (8) 00-00-00 NUTBROWN MAID G Wallace 5.713 Richard Hutchinson
11 (1) 0 MANY COLOURS J Cousins 10.711 W Carson
12 (5) 00-0000 ALINE MARGARET T Craig 4.79 K Leason
13 (6) 3-0 SPRING CRUISE J Barclay 7.77 S Eccles (5)
14 (2) 0-00300 SOLAR CRESCENT D Doyle 4.77 S Webster (5)
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Don Philips, 9-4 Africa Star, 4-1 Moonstrike, 6-1 Aline Margaret, 8-1 Spring Cruise, 14-1 others.

3.00 SOUTAR JOHNNIE HANDICAP £1,500
1m (5 runners)

2 (5) 0-00010 CONFESSOR (D) J W Watts 3.97 J Lowe
3 (2) 030-0004 GARDEN PARTY T Craig 4.95 K Leason
4 (4) 0210320 PREMIER BOND (C-D) R Supple 3.93 E Hide
7 (1) 00-1 GROUND WORK (USA) (D) W Hern 3.90 J Mercer
8 (3) 0-00101 INDIANIRA (USA) M W Easterby 4.813 J Seagrave
PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Ground Work, 7-2 Premier Bond, 4-1 Indianira, 5-1 Confessor, 7-1 Garden Party.

3.30 BALMORE STAKES HANDICAP £2,100
(3-Y-O) 7f (7 runners)

2 (6) 40-4000 CRUSTY SHAH N Angus 8.11 P Tulk
3 (4) 3-10242 GOLD CHEB (D) M W Easterby 8.10 E Hide
6 (3) 40311 LORENZO MONACO (D) H Williams 8.0 (10 ex) W Carson
9 (7) 000240 LONG DROP T Fairhurst 7.9 S Webster (5)
11 (2) 2-21311 WIGEON (D) W Eisey 7.8 S Salmon
12 (5) 04-0000 SATASHA T Craig 7.6 K Leason

13 (1) 00-0021 PINKTANK (D) E Cousins 7.5 L Charnock (5)
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Lorenzo Monaco, 5-2 Wigeon, 5-1 Crusty Shah, 6-1 Gold Cheb, 8-1 Pink Tank, 9-1 Long Drop, 16-1 Satasha.

4.00 KIRKOSWALD STAKES £1,500
1m 7f (3 runners)

2 (3) 000022 NOBLE GAME (USA) Denys Smith 4.98 W Carson
8 (2) 2211 DU MAURIER J Dunlop 3.87 Ron Hutchinson
10 (1) 0241 CHRISTCHURCH (FR) W Hern 3.84 J Mercer
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Du Maurier, 5-4 Christchurch, 4-1 Noble Game.

4.30 STRATHCLYDE STAKES £5,000
(2-Y-O) 6f (8 runners)

1 (4) 222321 FORTY WINKS (C) D Thom 9.6 G Cadwaladr
2 (2) 0110 FEUDAL WYTH E Carr 9.3 J Seagrave
3 (7) 211 LA VILLE DE RIRE (D) J W Watts 9.3 J Lowe
7 (8) 210 ROYAL HAND M Jarvis 9.0 B Raymond
9 (5) P12 STAB (BF) P Waiwyn 8.11 P Eddery
10 (1) DISC JOCKEY N Angus 8.8 P Tulk
12 (6) FIFE AND DRUM W Hern 8.8 J Mercer
14 (3) 03300 STAR ATTENTION P Farrell 8.5
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Stab, 5-2 La Ville De Rire, 4-1 Fife and Drum, 5-1 Royal Hand, 10-1 Forty Winks, 16-1 others.

5.00 ALLOWAY STAKES £1,000
(2-Y-O) 5f (7 runners)

2 (1) 001 MARGREIG (D) P Waiwyn 9.4 P Eddery
7 (3) 222 CHAIN OF REASONING (USA) W Hern 8.11 J Mercer
13 (7) 0000 GLAZEPTA A Jarvis 8.11 G Sexton
17 (5) 40 KING GLAZEPTA A Jarvis 8.11 S Jarvis (7)
19 (6) GODILA W Gray 8.8 E Apter
22 (2) 0 PETITE CASE R Mason 8.8 Tives
23 (4) SIGNARY J M Watts 8.6 J Lowe
PROBABLE SP: evens Chain of Reasoning, 2-1 Margreig, 8-1 Signary, 10-1 King Glazepta, 16-1 Godila, 20-1 others.

FOLKESTONE

DRAW ADVANTAGE: 5 & 6f low.

1.45 SANDWICH MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES £500
(2-Y-O) 5f (10 runners)

2 (6) 0 BABY ELLI (USA) M Masson 8.11 R P Elliott
5 (3) 00 DREAM DAYS C Bewicks 8.11 J Reid (3)
9 (5) 00 FURLEY J Winter 8.11 M Kettle
12 (2) 0 KINGSCLIFFE J Dunlop 8.11 D Gillespie (3)
14 (7) 0 MISS VARIETY N Vigors 8.11 P Cook
16 (10) 0 PHAEDRA'S TALE C Dingwall 8.11
17 (1) PHYLLIS (FR) R Boss 8.11 J Lynch
18 (8) 0 ROYAL FLIP H Price 8.11 M Gernon
19 (4) 4 RUSHLEY BAY H Westbrook 8.11 M L Thomas
23 (9) 000 SOLDIER QUEEN D Whelan 8.11 B Rouse
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Dream Days 3-1 Kingscliffe 9-2 Rushley Bay 6-1 Miss Variety 8-1 Furley 12-1 others.

2.15 DEAL THREE YRS OLD SELLING STAKES £400
(3-Y-O) 6f (9 runners)

1 (7) 000 GLIMMER J Dunlop 9.0 D Gillespie (3)
2 (2) 000000 LIVE SPARK M Goswell 9.0 B Rouse
4 (4) 3-00444 PRINCE LAMBOURN P Cole 9.0 D Dineley (5)
7 (1) 0-00 SANDWICH BAY A Neaves 9.0 W Wharton (7)
10 (9) 0-00000 DIAMOND GIFT J Bradley 8.11 R Fox
11 (8) 0-00040 FLORA TWICE C Benshead 8.11 G Ramshaw
12 (6) 0000-00 HALLING R Blakeney 8.11 R P Elliott
14 (5) 030440 LIQUIDITY T Gosling 8.11 P Cook
15 (3) 424-0 NOSTALGIA H Price 8.11 M Gernon
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Nostalgia, 4-1 Prince Lambourn, 9-2 Liquidity, 6-1 Glimmer, 8-1 Live Spark, 10-1 Flora Twice, 12-1 Diamond Gift and Halling, 14-1 Sandwich Bay.

FRIENDS OF FOLKESTONE AMATEUR RIDERS
HANDICAP STAKES £1,000
1m 2f (10 runners)

1 (10) 001004 TINTORETTO (USA) (D) (BF) G Harwood 5.12.0 Mr A Wates
3 (4) 2110-02 DESTINO (D) H Wragg 5.10.10 Carolyn Mercer
4 (1) 01-3000 TUDOR JEWEL (C) B Wise 8.10.6 Anne Alcock (4)
6 (2) 412-00 WORD OF HONOUR (C-D) Juniper 4.9.13 Zara Pratt (4)
8 (7) 21-0042 SOMERSEL G Barding 5.9.11 Mr G McCourt (4)
10 (6) 00100-0 MERCHANT PRINCE (D) H O'Neill 4.9.7 Dana Bissill
11 (5) 20002-0 DARK GREY T Gates 5.9.7 Susan Barr (4)
12 (9) 0400-00 HAMISH G P Gordon 5.9.7 Mr K Fujisawa (4)
14 (3) 000-0 RIBOMINE A Neaves 4.9.7 Mr D Evans (4)
16 (8) 00400 ROSE OF FRANCE D Jermy 8.9.7 Mr D Coates (4)
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Destino, 7-2 Tintoretto, 4-1 Somersel, 11-2 Word of Honour, 10-1 Tudor Jewel, 12-1 Dark Grey, 14-1 Merchant Prince, 16-1 others.

3.15 BROADSTAIRS HANDICAP STAKES £1,000
1m 4f (7 runners)

1 (1) 0-21431 CHARLES MARTEL (C-D) H Wragg 4.9.10 (8 ex) G Gosney (7)
2 (5) 032104 UNSUSPECTED (D) (BF) R Jarvis 4.9.7 M L Thomas
3 (3) 403400 INVERGAYLE (D) Thomson Jones 4.9.1
5 (6) 201-000 MELODY RYDE (D) T Gosling 4.8.12 P Cook
11 (4) 0000-33 COLLABORATOR A Pitt 4.8.2 J Jenkinson (5)
16 (2) 00-3000 SEADORA (C) D Dale 4.7.7 D McKay
17 (7) 0-04033 SEADORA J Bradley 5.7.7 R Fox
PROBABLE SP: 6-0 Charles Martel, 11-4 Unsuspected, 7-2 Collaborator, 8-1 Seadora, 12-1 others.

3.45 RAMSGATE HANDICAP STAKES £750
(3-Y-O) 6f (9 runners)

2 (5) 30-0044 GINGER P Cole 8.12 D Dineley (5)
4 (2) 030013 STARYLLIS GIRL R Smyth 8.5 T Cain
6 (8) 100-302 GINGERMEDE G Barding 8.3 D Gibson (3)
7 (2) 00-3003 KING OCAR M Masson 8.3 R P Elliott
8 (4) 04213 ALLEZ BRITAIN B Swift 8.2
10 (1) 00000 SWIFT MARINA W Horden 7.13 D Cullen
15 (5) 000040 TOPI H Smyth 7.8 R Still
16 (9) 01-4000 WENDOVER LAD (C) A Pitt 7.7 J Blanks (7)
17 (3) 0-03323 AFRICAN BEAT C Dingwall 7.7 D McKay
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Allez Britain, 3-1 Gingermed, 4-1 African Beat, 6-1 Staryllis Girl, 8-1 King Ocar, 12-1 Ginger, 14-1 others.

4.15 PERIOSTEUM STAKES £700
1m 2f (7 runners)

3 (6) 0300-00 OCTOPUS M Haynes 5.9.0 G Ramshaw
5 (1) 00-0 SCALDED CAT B Wise 5.9.0
6 (4) 4-4040-0 DAWN AFFAIR B Wise 6.8.11
7 (5) 0-22212 FLY HIGH H Price 3.8.9 M Gernon
11 (7) 0-40242 FIRE PLAN J Winter 3.8.2 M L Thomas
13 (3) 000-0 TOWER MOSS A Neaves 3.8.2 R P Elliott
16 (2) 0000 ROYAL BLAST H O'Neill 3.7.13 R Fox
PROBABLE SP: evens Fly High, 5-4 Fire Plan, 8-1 Dawn Affair, 14-1 Octopus 20-1 others.

If fitness could win medals...

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

JUDO fighters Brian Jacks, Dave Starbrook and Keith Remfry are expected to leave Montreal in two weeks with medals in their pockets.

But even if they come away with just memories, it will not be for lack of fitness.

'I have never been fitter nor worked as hard as for these games,' said Jacks, a 29-year-old student from Orpington, Kent.

He will rush back straight after the games to take his final examinations in physical education.

North Londoner Starbrook echoed Jack's comments.

'We have been working so hard I have not had time for anything else. I am sleeping up to 11 hours a day,' he said.

For the five-man British judo team in Montreal, the day starts with a three-mile run around a golf course before breakfast.

After a rest, they practise judo for two hours.

In the evening comes condition training, of which the key part is a series of sprints while carrying weights.

Three days before the

start of the judo competition next Monday, the hard training will give way to a programme of daily massage to relax their muscles before they start the hectic hurly-burly of throwing, strangling and pinning.

Team manager Ray Ross claims that this gruelling daily routine makes his squad the fittest athletes in Montreal.

That might be an exaggeration, but the programme must be the best possible preparation for a sport where to put everything into short sharp bursts of savagery, recover quickly and do it again is fundamental to success.

Ross, himself a top light-heavyweight in the 1960s, hopes that the fruits of the hard work will be an improvement of the British fighters' performances in Munich in 1972, when they

won three medals.

Two of that squad are back again this time.

Dave Starbrook is looking to go one better on his light-heavyweight silver medal in Munich.

Brian Jacks — in his third and, he says, last Olympics — intends to add to the bronze he picked up in the middleweight class last time.

Heavyweight Keith Remfry, a double bronze medal winner at the World Championships, is the other experienced man in the team, and must be strongly fancied to join Starbrook and Jacks among the medals.

The most of the other two members of the team can expect to gain this time is experience.

But both Ross and Jacks think that if they get the breaks, both Vass Morrison (welterweight) and Constantine Alexander

(lightweight) could get medals.

Morrison rounds off the daily training with ultra-sonic treatment on a chipped bone in his little finger, which he injured in training before leaving for Montreal.

He doesn't expect it to be fully better by Monday, but won't let that deter him.

'I can't grip properly at the moment and it is the hand I pull with for my favourite shoulder throw.'

But I'll have a go even if I have only got four good fingers on that hand,' he said.

Next week the team will find out whether the rigorous training has been enough to beat their main rivals from the Soviet Union, Japan and Poland.

They have done all they can and now they need the luck.



Vass Morrison is injured, but will fight when the judo team makes its bid for medals next week.

Surprise hockey draw for Spain

PAKISTAN, the 1968 Gold Medallists and one of the favourites, were held to a 2-2 draw yesterday by European champions Spain in their second match of the hockey tournament.

Spain went ahead 2-1 eight minutes from time, but Pakistan rallied well and avoided defeat when Munawar converted a long

corner three minutes later.

At the time Pakistan were playing a man short. Their left half Iftikhar was under temporary suspension for a foul on a Spanish player.

Spain were delighted with their draw, it being only the second time in 11 attempts that they have managed to score more than once against Pakistan.

Rowing four last in heats

BRITAIN'S two crews failed to make any impression against the leading European nations on the opening day of the inaugural Olympic women's rowing regatta on Notre Dame Island.

Both the coxed four and the coxless pair finished last in their heats and will row in tomorrow's repechages.

The coxed four of Pauline Bird, Diana Bishop, Clare Grove, Gillian Webb and cox

Pauline Wright were pipped out of third place by the American four and finished over 10 seconds behind winners East Germany, the world champions.

London physical education teachers Linda Clark and Beryl Mitchell struggled in their tough coxless pairs heat, which contained four of last year's world championship finalists, and trailed the field home 11 seconds behind surprise winners West Germany.

CLAMPDOWN!

Bouncers warning

HOW TO KEEP short-pitched bowling in check is one of the main questions on the agenda of the International Cricket Conference opening at Lord's today.

All ICC member countries agreed last year that the law was adequate as it stood, provided its spirit was kept to.

But uniformity in application is necessary and the West Indies propose a conference of umpires in their country next year.

Slow over rates in Test cricket will also be discussed over the next two days. MCC have proposed that 17.5 overs an hour should be the minimum.

Players who do not achieve it would be fined, along with their governing body.

But the target may be too optimistic. The best during the last four seasons in England has been only 17.47 by India in 1974.

This summer the rates by both England and the West Indies have been about 14 per hour.

SOCCER

Refs tougher with tackling from behind

FOOTBALL League referees will clamp down on tackling from behind next season.

This was one of the main points to emerge from a conference of almost 400 League referees and linesmen at the weekend.

'We feel there was a slackening on this point last season, and that it is very important from the point of view of skilful players and the spectator's enjoyment of the game,' said Dick Hall, secretary of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen.

'There will be renewed

vigilance in this department next season. A firm approach towards offenders will be shown. Referees are resolved that all possible will be done next season to ensure entertaining, flowing football.'

'Maximum protection will be given to the football skills of individuals and teams.'

Press views striker rapped

ENGLAND under-23 international striker Trevor Francis has been fined £100 by Birmingham for 'Making unauthorised statements to the Press.'

Over the weekend Francis was quoted as saying that he was not prepared to put up with another relegation battle by City

Bell fit

COLIN BELL, after missing half the programme last season with a knee injury, is expected to be back to full fitness to boost Manchester City's efforts in Europe this season.

'Physically, Colin is great now and I am confident he will be right for the start of the season,' said manager Tony Book when City reported back for training yesterday.

Davis transfer goes ahead

DERBY expect to transfer striker Roger Davies to Belgian champions F C Bruges within the next 48 hours for a fee of £135,000.

Secretary Stuart Webb said Davies had some small personal matters to iron out and could only do so when the Belgian team and management returned from a short tour of France.

US PROVOKE NEW RACE BAN

THE MASS African boycott of the Olympics over apartheid could spread after news yesterday that the United States is sending a gymnastics team to compete in South Africa one day before the Games close.

In what can only be a calculated provocation by US officials, the team will compete in two internationals against white South African teams.

The International Olympic Committee evaded the outrage over New Zealand's rugby tour of South Africa by denying it had responsibility for the game. That excuse will not wear this time.

America's decision cante organisation by African and Arab countries.

Yesterday, the number of countries withdrawing from the Games rose.

Mali joined the walk-out and Jamaica and Trinidad will probably join Guyana in leaving.

Countries still considering a boycott include Egypt, Gabon, Madagascar, Malawi and Gambia.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

He said: 'It is not only a problem of rugby... what is the good of an Olympic medal if there is no dignity for your race?'

'The boycott is not only for the Olympic Games. It will go on also for other international sport, particularly the Commonwealth Games (Canada, 1978) until the world realises that it cannot have sport and still support South Africa.'

No action

The total could reach 30, one quarter of those invited, involving over 7,000 athletes.

But there is still no sign that the Soviet Union or Cuba intend to protest against ties with the racist regime of South Africa.

The IOC meeting yesterday decided to take no immediate action against the nations which have boycotted.

Jean Claude Ganga, secretary-general of the The Supreme Council for Sport in Africa, made it clear the boycott would be applied to other world sports.

Majority

The majority of Olympic committees, he said, were not independent of their governments and it was time the IOC adapted to 'the conditions of the times'.

Calls for the expulsion of South Africa and Rhodesia from the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) will be made today in Montreal.

'Bugged' sword bars Soviet fencer

BORIS ONISHENKO, the Soviet silver medalist in the modern pentathlon, was disqualified yesterday in the fencing section because of what Olympic officials described as a 'fault' on his epee.

The elimination of the 38-year-old Soviet veteran, for ten years a member of his country's team, virtually destroyed the USSR's chances of repeating their Munich gold medal team victory.

Onishenko was fighting Britain's Jim Fox when he was barred.

'The weapon had definitely been tampered with', said Carl Schwede, chief of discipline in charge of fencing.

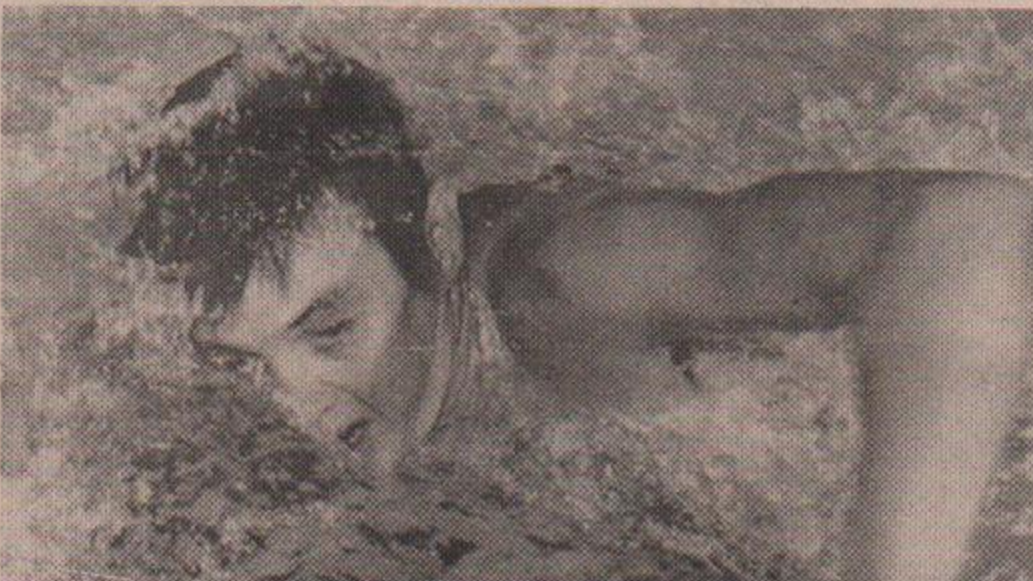
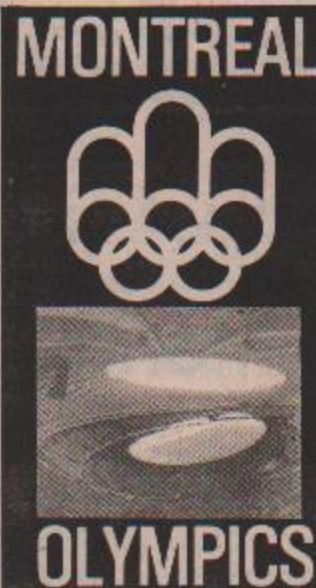
'Someone had wired it in such a way that it would score a

winning hit without even making contact,' he added.

'The Jury of appeal listened carefully to Onishenko's explanation that the epee was not his own, but decided that his explanation was not good enough.'

Onishenko and Fox were fighting in the second round when the Russian lunged. Fox stepped back and looked astonished as Onishenko's epee registered a hit on the electronic recorder, even though he had not been touched.

Fox, 34, immediately lodged a protest and officials began an investigation.



Australia's Steve Holland swam eight seconds faster than world record holder heats for the 1,500m final

Swim thrills in the longest final

THE MEN'S 1,500m final tonight promises to be one of the most exciting, as well as the longest events in the Olympic swimming programme.

On paper it should be a fight to the finish between the world record holder Brian Goodell, of the United States, and the Australian Steve 'Superfish' Holland.

But yesterday's heats showed that there could be a turn-up, with two other Americans qualifying in times faster than either Goodell or Holland.

Paul Hartloff was fastest in 15 minutes 20.74, with Bobby Hackett, at 16 the youngest member of the US swimming team second in 15:25.49.

Another young prospect, Holland's 15-year-old team mate Max Metzker, was the fifth fastest qualifier, showing that he could pose a real threat to the more experienced men.

The standard of international swimming has improved so much in the last four years that the great Mark Spitz would not have qualified for last night's

200 metres freestyle final.

Seven of the qualifiers in yesterday's heats beat Spitz's Olympic record time set in Munich in 1972, and the eight best men equalled it.

The new custodian of the Olympic record is American world record holder Bruce Furniss, who clocked 1 minute 50.93 seconds — 1.85 seconds better than Spitz's old Olympic mark, but six-tenths outside his own world record, set at Long

Beach, California, last month.

Scotsman Gordon Downie, a 20-year-old student at the university of Michigan, was sixth fastest altogether in a new British and Commonwealth record time of 1:52.47. This clipped over a second from the old mark set by Brian Brinkley in last year's world championships.

The British record was smashed twice in 15 minutes in the same heats.

RACING

PONTEFRAC

2.45 (5f): GERAGHTY RACING, T. Ives (8-1) 1; Knockmealdown (6-1) 2; Keanandros (6-4 on fav) 3; General Patterns (11-4) 4. 4 ran. 2, sn. hd. (J. Etherington). T. £1.12. F. £4.16.
3.15 (6f): GREEK MYTH, G. Oldroyd (9-2) 1; Darwen Lad (11-4) 2; Divine Sunshine (16-1) 3; Hopful Cid (9-4 fav) 4. 9 ran. 1 1/2. 3. (J. Fitzgerald). T. 67p. 25p. 17p. 22p. DF: 67p. NR. Tudor Banquet.
3.45 (1m 2f): AMBOISE, A. Bond (15-8 fav) 1; Funny Valentine (100-30) 2. 5f Joles (7-2) 3. The Ryles (4-1) 4. 6 ran. 1/2. 6. (H. Cecil). T. 46p. 17p. 14p. F. 11.37.
4.15 (1m 4f): DEVILS DYKE, A. Bond (5-2 on fav) 1; Petit Eclair (2-1) 2; only 2 ran. 4. (H. Cecil). T. 15p.
4.45 (1m): RED FOX, I. Johnson (4-1) 1. Kenco (11-4) 2; Strathoykel (15-8 fav) 3.

Sindab (7-2) 4. 5 ran. 3. 2. (P. Makin). T. 56p. F. 4.78.
5.15 (1m 2f): JIN JANG I. Johnson (7-1) 1; Mister Rushton (6-4 fav) 2; Go Go Runner (5-1) 3; Maverick (13-1) 4. 8 ran. 8. 6. (R. Boss). T. 76p. 17p. 12p. 18p. DF: 57p.

TOTE DOUBLE: £9.45
TOTE TREBLE: £14.55

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2.30 (1m): LOVE STORY, A. Barclay (6-4 fav) 1; Henry Stuart (9-4) 2; Amber Valley (16-1) 3; Princess Modesty (10-1) 4. 12 ran. 1. 1 1/2. (Sam Hall). T. 25p. 14p. 18p. 30p.
3.00 (1m 3f): ROCKORAMA, E. Hide (2-1 fav) 1; Hydrographic (5-2) 2; Breeze Wagon (9-4) 3; Selham (6-1) 4. 5 ran. 1. 2 1/2. (M. Stoute). T. 34p. F. 58p.
3.30 (1m 7f): GREY BARON, G. Lewis

(5-2) 1; Ribellaro (9-1) 2; Hard Attack (2-1 fav) 3; Rising Falcon (11-2) 4. 9 ran. nk. 1 1/2. (B. Hobbs). T. 33p. 16p. 15p. 16p. DF: £1.65.
4.00 (5f): HABBERSHAW, E. Hide (11-4) 1; Holdforth Boy (5-2) 2; Paak Princess (2-1 fav) 3; Elaine Mary (7-1) 4. 9 ran. 5. 1/2. (M. W. Easterby). T. 27p. 15p. 32p. 17p. DF: £2.25.
4.30 (6f): MESSENGER BOY, C. Christie (7-2) 1; Indianira (5-4 on fav) 2; Fair Dandy (7-1) 3; Gan on Geordie (5-2) 4. 4 ran. sn. hd. 7. (N. Angus). T. 31p. F. 66p. NR. Merry.
5.00 (6f): BEDLAM HILL, J. Lowe (7-2) dd nt 1; Jona (N. Crowther 7-4) dd nt 1.
Repique (8-1) 3; Johnjo (11-8 fav) 4. 8 ran. dd nt 1. (J. W. Watts, J. Hindrey). T. 27p. and 15p. 20p. 16p. 21p. DF: 64p.
TOTE DOUBLE: £7.55.
TOTE TREBLE: £3.10.

CRICKET

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Trent Bridge: Leicestershire 324 for eight. (N. E. Briers 87 B. F. Davison 50) Nottinghamshire 73 (R. Illingworth four for five) and 169 (J. Birkenshaw four for 44). Leicestershire (18 points) beat Nottinghamshire (three points) by an innings and 82 runs.
Taunton: Somerset 259 (D. J. S. Taylor 62 I. T. Botham 52. C. M. Old four for 61) and 85 for six Yorkshire 290 (G. B. S. Stevenson 73, J. H. Hampshire 62, Botham five for 74).
Bristol: Gloucestershire 240 (A. J. Hignell 88, M. J. Procter 61) Hampshire 222 for nine (P. J. Sainsbury 53 not out).
TOUR MATCH
Edgbaston: West Indies 356 (L. G. Rowe 121, I. V. A. Richards 71, C. H. Lloyd 67. R. G. D. Willis six for 55) Warwickshire 152 for eight.

UNDERDOG Canada upset Cuba by 84 to 79 in preliminary Olympic basketball competition putting itself in position for a Bronze medal victory in next week's finals.

Cuba, the Munich bronze winner and the conquerer of Australia by 111 to 89, was never a match for host Canada, and midway in the second half was down by as many as 21 points.

BOXING

Setback for US boxing team

THE UNITED States bid to break East European domination of Olympic boxing received its first setback when their light-flyweight Louis Curtis dropped a unanimous points decision to Henryk Srednicki of Poland.

The present American boxing team is rated the strongest for many years and there were promising wins on Monday for Bantamweight Charles Mooney and Light light-welterweight 'sugar' Ray Leonard.

They seemed certain to improve on their record at the 1972 Olympics in Munich when they reached only one final.

But the hope of a light-flyweight medal was dashed by the muscular Srednicki, who earned the maximum 68 points from all five judges after a thoroughly convincing win over the 24-year-old Curtis.

Curtis' credentials were impressive enough — only seven defeats in 96 bouts — but the power and speed of the Pole's punching was something he could not cope with.

A left hook in the third dumped Curtis on the canvas, but long before that the fight had slipped away from him.