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500 local government workers marched against spending cuts in Stockport yesterday

BY A POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour government has capitulated to Tory obstruction of shipyard nationalisation and is preparing a jobs massacre.

A measly £65m emergency aid to try to get new orders was announced yesterday as a propaganda move to cover the closure threatening half Britain's shipyards.

Industry Minister Gerald Kaufman admitted 'there would not be enough money to save all the jobs in the industry. We would need many hundreds of millions of pounds for that.'

But the right-wing social democrats have already promised their creditors among the world bankers and the International Monetary Fund that they will restrict public spending to a minimum.

Kaufman also confessed that the £65m was merely 'an interim measure to try to secure orders in the short term, particularly in the first part of this year to save some yards which would go under.'

The government revealed that about 50 per cent of the yards would run out of work this year without further orders, and few had work beyond 1978.

Kaufman said that without 'swift action', much of the merchant shipbuilding industry 'could close within two years'. But there is no 'swift action' forthcoming. The £65m to secure new orders is a joke. There are no orders to be got for ten times that money.

Shipbuilding industries all over the world, Kaufman admitted, were 'accepting the inevitability of contraction. And Britain could not be insulated from this world trend.'

Unless something turned up, 'there would be heavy unemployment on the Clyde, the Tyne, the Wear and Tees, and the Mersey, and in Belfast', he added.

As another sop to an angry working class in shipyard towns, a trifling £12m extra cash is proposed for 'a major advance factory programme', meaning building factories on spec for which there is no work.

At the same time, the Cabinet considered dropping the plan to nationalise the ship-repair yards from the blocked nationalisation Bill.

So shattered are the right wing's strategies that no hope now remains of fulfilling the promises made to workers in Labour's election manifesto of reviving shipbuilding through nationalisation.

Kaufman announced that a redundancy scheme was being prepared for the industry 'to alleviate the human problems caused by contraction'.

In other words, mass unemployment is on its way and the shipyard towns are being driven back to the 1930s.

TOWNS REVOLT ON CUTS

PUBLIC services in two towns were paralysed yesterday as workers went on strike against public spending cuts by Tory councils.

At STOCKPORT, 5,000 local government workers walked out in response to a call from the public employees' union for action against the cuts in public spending.

In the evening 500 joined a march to the town hall.

They crowded into the public gallery overlooking the Tory council's policy and finance committee finalising the particularly savage cuts.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, NUPE national officer, attacked the Labour government's record on public spending.

'This is a Labour government carrying out Tory policies. They have had not only one bite at the cherry — they are hacking away at the roots of the tree.'

'As an alternative to adding to the 1.5 million on the dole, we want public spending increased.'

But asked if he was in favour

OWN CORRESPONDENT

of removing the Callaghan government he replied: 'No. We think the time has come for the government to change course. We live in hope.'

In the morning pickets closed all four refuse depots in the area. AUEW fitters refused to cross into work.

Only a handful of the 100-odd schools opened, with 45,000 pupils staying at home.

'We are very pleased with the response', said NUPE area secretary Geoff Smales.

Teachers turned up as if to go into work, but stayed out in sympathy with caretakers and maintenance staff who are being particularly badly hit by the cuts.

At Reddish comprehensive school, Alan Leech, NUT area secretary, told News Line:

'As well as this we have our own action against over-sized classes continuing.'

'The council propose to cut primary school staff by 28, which is totally unacceptable to us.'

'We are proposing a phased reduction in class sizes and we have tried to arrange a meeting with the council. But they just won't negotiate,' he said.

At Medway, Kent, about 500 banner-waving protesters joined a strike march against staff redundancies on the Council.

The one-day walk-out followed the release of plans by the ruling Tory group to axe 28 senior officials — including three department directors.

Manual workers refused to cross picket lines.

SPECIAL BRANCH RAID NCCL

SPECIAL Branch police continued their harassment of Agee-Hosenball campaigners yesterday morning with a raid on the National Council for Civil Liberties in Kings Cross, London.

The NCCL office is used as a headquarters by the Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee.

The officers, who had no warrant, demanded samples from the office typewriters. These were handed over after police had threatened to come back with a warrant and 'turn the place over'.

NCCL secretary Patricia Hewitt was interviewed by police but declined to comment on the raid. The police visit is believed to be connected with the Official Secrets Act case against three Agee-Hosenball supporters, Crispin Aubrey, Duncan Campbell and John Berry.

Since his release on bail from Brixton prison on Wednesday night, Campbell has been tailed round London by plain-clothes police.

Journalists waiting outside the jail for the release of Campbell and Aubrey were kept under observation for over four hours by a smartly dressed man in a white raincoat.

When finally challenged, the man claimed he was 'working for IBM' and walked rapidly away. A second individual who took his place for over an hour also disappeared when challenged by reporters.

Lawyers for Campbell and Aubrey were called back into the High Court yesterday so that Mr Justice Bristow could impose a new bail condition effectively barring the two men from speaking to the Press.

FESTIVAL OF TROTSKYISM

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Brothers tell of beatings

THREE brothers told yesterday how they were beaten in the cells by police who told them they needed shooting by police.

David O'Connor (21) was arrested two years ago in Alton with his twin brother Joseph and elder brother Michael for being drunk and disorderly.

Yesterday he told the High Court what happened to them when they were locked in their cells at 2a.m.

'We started ringing the bells and banging on the doors of our cells, demanding to see a solicitor and that our parents be told where we were, but we were ignored,' he said.

'At about 3a.m. Sgt. Hewitson and P.C. Dannou came into my cell. I was then sitting on the bed. I stood up and asked if my parents could be informed.

'The Sgt. asked me how old I was and, when I said 19, he told me I was a big boy and didn't need my mummy and daddy.

'I demanded my rights and wanted to see a solicitor. He struck me in the face and pushed me back on the bed.

'He sat nearly on top of me, holding me down with one hand and hitting me with his other hand.

'He hit me six or seven times and called me a bog Irish bastard several times,' O'Connor said.

'I shouted "Help, I'm being assaulted" — in fact I screamed it out — and my brother Michael shouted "Get his number."

'PC Dannou did not take part in the assault and afterwards, when I got up and showed him my bleeding lip, he looked very shocked.

'I said "Jesus Christ, you can't do this to me. I know my rights." I just couldn't believe it, I was shocked and just broke down and started crying.'

O'Connor said the sergeant had blood on his hands and shirt. He left the cell saying: 'Those three big bog Irish bastards need shooting.'

The police are contesting O'Connor's story.

A young police constable, also on duty at Alton police station that night, will be giving evidence for Mr O'Connor. PC Jeremy Maynard, 25, of Alton, has since been transferred to duty at Aldershot.

He faces disciplinary proceedings following his making an official complaint about Sgt. Hewitson's behaviour, said O'Connor's counsel, Colin Ross-Munro, QC.

● Former councillor Yvonne Jones claimed yesterday she was 'brutalised and humiliated' by police.

Jones, a 43-year-old mother of three, told a jury at Kingston Crown Court, Surrey, police officers who tried to take her fingerprints were 'totally brutal' and she claimed one senior officer threatened to break her fingers, if she did not give her prints.

Jones, a qualified barrister, was taken to Kingston police station last September after she allegedly rammed a car.

Serious crime says Banks

JOHN BANKS, the arms dealer who recruited men to fight in Angola, admitted at the Old Bailey today that he would have been guilty of a serious crime if he had solicited a Sinn Fein representative to buy from him guns supposedly for the IRA.

Banks, the main Crown witness in a trial in which four men face charges under The Prevention of Terrorism Act, told the jury: 'If I had done that I would be guilty; but I didn't.'

Banks, giving evidence for the third day, was being cross-examined by Rock Tansey, counsel for one of the accused, John Higgins, a

prominent Sinn Fein representative for Britain and chairman of the organisations' Luton branch.

Higgins and others were arrested after special branch officers broke up a rendezvous with Banks in Hanover Square, London, last May 17.

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ANGRY Leyland car workers blockaded the Longbridge, Birmingham, plant yesterday in a backlash against lay-offs.

After 800 men were laid off for the second time this week, hundreds staged a sit-in and others carrying placards demanding 40 hours work every week

joined strike pickets on the factory gates.

This latest lay-off came after 56 workers who test Minis were 'put into dispute' for refusing to work normally in support of a claim for 3½ days' pay lost during a previous dispute.

At 11 Leyland factories, including Longbridge, more than 4,000 toolmakers are continuing their strike which is

By CHRIS CORRIGAN

demanding recognition for their unofficial negotiating committee.

At Triumph in Coventry, 350 paint shop men voted yesterday to continue their three-week stoppage against a time-and-motion exercise.

A strike by 400 truck drivers halted car production at the Ford car plant in Dagenham, Essex, yesterday.

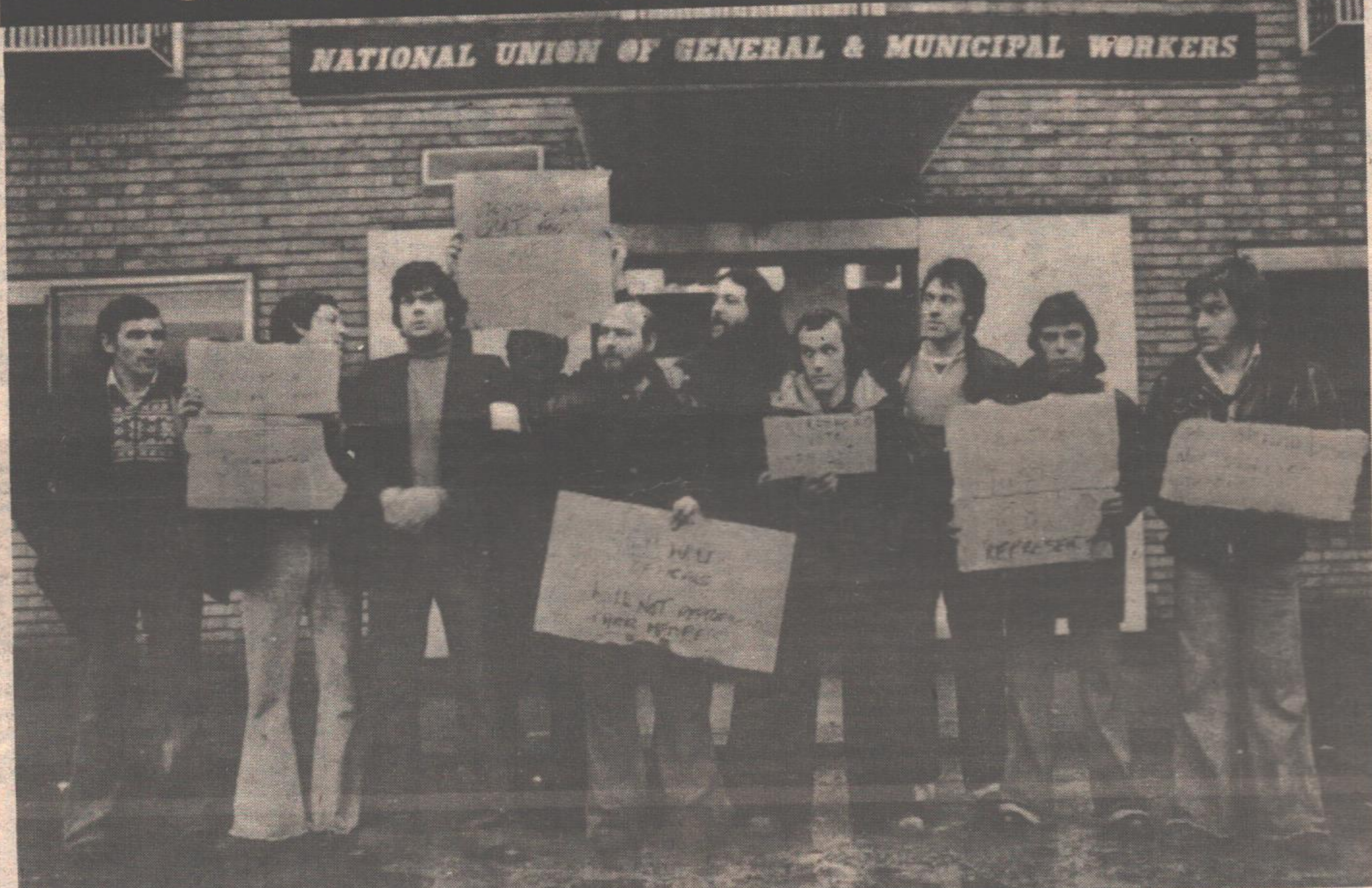
Intensive picketing at all gates made the strike fully effective.

Ford management have retaliated by laying off nearly 8,000 workers.

The strike was sparked off when a man was sent home without pay for refusing to do three hours' overtime.

The drivers had been operating an overtime ban in opposition to contractors being brought in at weekends to do their work.

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BRITAIN'S shoppers are sometimes paying up to £1 a week more than they need to for the family's fresh fruit and vegetables because of Common Market regulations, it was claimed today.

The main reason is the import duties imposed on goods coming in from non-EEC countries to

protect community growers. But traders say this protection is too often imposed.

This concern for the shopper was voiced today by the National Federation of Fruit and Potato Trades, which represents wholesalers and importers.

£50,000 Development Fund

Give us political striking power

ACTION by workers that paralysed public services in two towns yesterday shows that the working class is crying out for leadership to build the mass movement to bring the rump Labour government down and fight for socialist policies in a general election.

Only the Workers Revolutionary Party can give this leadership. This is the reason we are stepping up the campaign for our essential £50,000 development fund.

By raising this money the Workers Revolutionary Party

will get the political striking power it needs to mobilise the whole working class in battle.

Yesterday we received: West Middlesex £10, West End theatre workers £4.70, Tulsa Hill £5, Wakefield £1, Catford £20, Edinburgh £32, West End £50.

Total in since yesterday: £122.70.

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February Fund still a long way to go

At last a huge effort is being made to reach our £4,000 target. Yesterday's post brought £458.73 making our total £1,559.93. But we are still a long way yet! We need an even greater effort to complete our total over these next four days.

It means a pitched battle to the last but we know you are more than determined to make it. Everywhere workers are joining the fight of the toolroom men against the Social Contract.

Our paper was the first to demand that this Labour government with its anti-working class policies, must be forced to resign. Now this call is echoed throughout the whole of the trade union movement.

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'Gloom' catalogue from Boffins

THE latest survey published by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) makes its strongest yet demand for all-out trade war against Germany and Japan.

Financial boffins urge a renewed attack on workers' living standards at the same time. 'It remains crucial for the government to get the lowest pay norm it can,' says the report out today.

Level

But it admits: 'The environment is not wholly encouraging. The high and rising level of unemployment makes it difficult for the government to argue convincingly that it is keeping its side of the social contract.'

However, the NIESR demands that 'the government must insist on a firm agreement being reached before any tax reductions are made.' It wants the limits for a new round of pay restraint imposed before the March 29 budget.

The demand for trade war is blatant. Firstly, it insists that the deliberate devaluation of sterling should continue — making imports dear and exports cheap, thus cutting workers' living standards at home while trying to export unemployment abroad.

Then it urges 'pressure should now be brought to bear on the surplus countries — notably Japan and Germany — to either reflate domestic demand (thus raising their imports) or to voluntarily restrict their exports

'Failing that the permissibility of discrimination against the exports of persistent surplus countries should be examined.'

Rose

The NIESR gloom catalogue lists 'further unemployment' likely in many West European countries. Yesterday it rose to 6 million.

● Vosper Thornycroft's Southampton and Portsmouth shipyards are threatened with at least 500 redundancies. Management says the sackings will be imposed unless a substantial warship order comes in the next few weeks.

DEFIANT

THE journalists arrested last week on Official Secrets charges celebrated their release on bail yesterday by joining a protest vigil outside the Home Office.

Mrs Regina Fischer, mother of the US chess champion, has been on hunger strike in Whitehall since February 18, demanding the lifting of the deportation orders against Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball.

The three accused in the Official Secrets case are all supporters of the Agee-Hosenball Defence Committee. The third man, ex-soldier John Berry, is still on remand at Brixton jail.

Our picture shows, (l to r): Duncan Campbell, Regina Fischer, Sue Aubrey and Crispin Aubrey holding his daughter Kate, aged three.



'Secrets' Pressmen join Home Office vigil

Labour meeting bust-up protest

BY NEWS LINE REPORTER

A SUPPORTER of the right-wing Social Democratic Alliance was behind the High Court injunction which led to a Labour Party meeting being broken up by court officials, it was revealed yesterday.

The court officials burst into Wednesday night's annual general meeting of Newham North East Labour Party, the constituency party which has decided to discard right-wing Labour MP Reg Prentice at the next General Election.

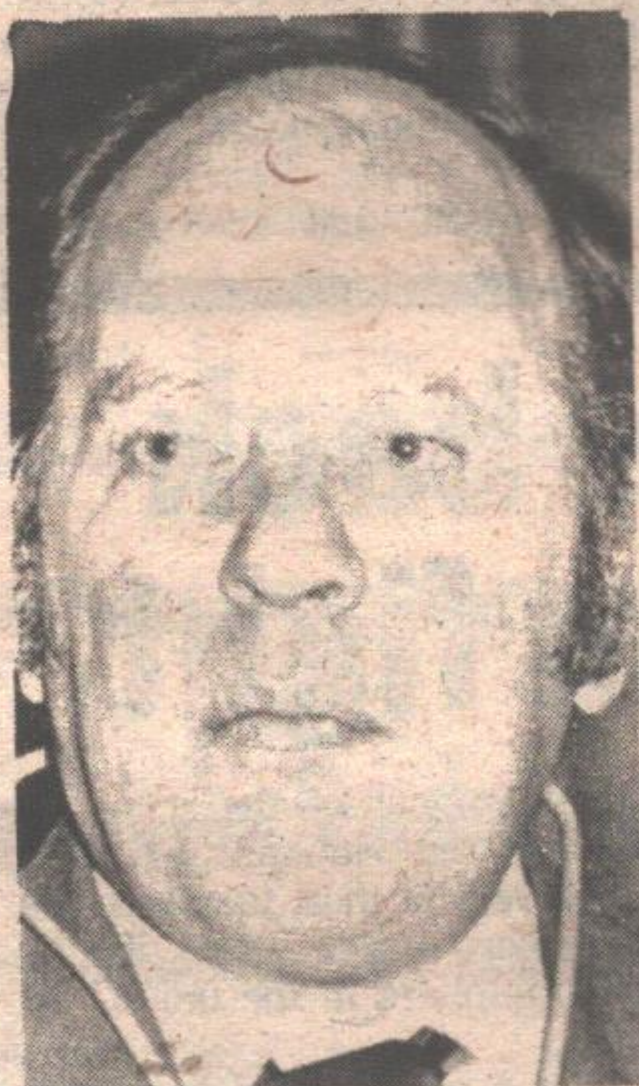
Backers

Julian Lewis, 25, an Oxford post-graduate, and three other right-wing backers of Prentice were named yesterday as being the instigators of the High Court action.

Lewis arrived in the constituency four months ago. He says he supports the Social Democratic Alliance.

The Newham party was holding an executive committee meeting last night following 90 minutes of talks yesterday with Labour Party general secretary Ron Hayward and national agent Reg Underhill.

Paddington Labour MP Arthur Latham has called on the Lord Chancellor to order an immediate inquiry into the 'hooligan' behaviour of the court officials.



Prentice

'More particularly, the inquiry must consider the uncouth behaviour of the court officials who burst into the Newham North East meeting without warning, with no prior notice, and in a totally uncivilised manner, terrifying particularly some of the women in the audience,' said Latham.

'This is quite contemptuous of democratic rights of individuals.

'This goes far beyond the 'dirty tricks' brigade. It concerns the whole question of the powers of the courts and this hooligan behaviour by the court officials is beyond belief.'

OPPOSITION to the Franco regime in Spain did not include a ban on union-sponsored holidays there, a representative of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs told the High Court yesterday.

Peter Bowsher, representing the union and its leader Clive Jenkins in a libel action against the weekly paper 'Socialist Worker', said the issue of holidays in Spain came up at the ASTMS annual conference in 1973.

After a long debate the

delegates had decided by 298 votes to 237 to continue providing Spanish holidays.

Bowsher was explaining why ASTMS ran the holidays.

The union is suing 'Socialist Worker' editor Paul Foot, the 'Socialist Worker' printers and publishers and SW Litho printers for an article attacking the holiday scheme that ASTMS claim was 'vicious and scurrilous'.

Pilloried

The article in 'Socialist Worker' on February 15, 1975, pilloried Jenkins and the cheap holiday scheme.

Mr Peter Bowsher, for Mr Jenkins and the union, told Mr

Justice Melford Stevenson and a jury that the article stated: 'The new ASTMS/Pickfords brochure carries a wide variety of scintillating cheap holidays in Spain.'

'Best of all, but understandably slightly more costly, is the package which includes a visit to the cells normally occupied by the Carabanchel Ten and a ring-side seat at the garrotting of six socialist militants.'

'Your courier on this once-in-a-lifetime trip is none other than the genial ASTMS general secretary.'

'We understand even more exciting treats are in store for next year.'

'ASTMS and the electricians' union are negotiating jointly

lay on package trips to Chile where the beaches are empty because the jails are full.'

There also appeared, above a facsimile of Jenkins' signature, the words: 'Dear Colleagues. You know me, I'm in the insurance business. I give talks to employers' organisations for large fees. Well, I'm in the travel business as well. I would love to take you to Spain, a country ruled by my fellow TUC general council member Franco Chapple. What about it? Fly me, I'm Clive.'

Bowsher said Jenkins and the union's treasurer, Lionel Jacobs, were 'horrified' by the article.

'They considered that the article was a gross libel implying that Jenkins, with the approval of his union, condoned and approved of the practices then being carried on by General Franco.'

Bowsher asked what Jenkins' reaction had been when he saw the item in 'Socialist Worker'.

'I was outraged by it,' replied Jenkins. 'The concept of my assisting anyone seeing medieval torture made me angry.'

'I had also been a sponsor of the committee to free the Carabanchel Ten.'

'I am not a revolutionary dogmatist,' he added.

Mr Foot suggested: 'By that you mean you change your mind from year to year on central issues of principle?'

Weinstock accused

GEC managing director, Sir Arnold Weinstock, was accused in the Commons yesterday of pocketing thousands of pounds in breach of dividend controls.

Labour left winger, Dennis Skinner (Bolsover) called on the Chancellor to explain why it was that Sir Arnold was able to 'pocket substantial sums of money for himself, scores of thousands of pounds,' included in the £178m that GEC had been granted by the recent share issue.

It was 'in no sense a breach of dividend control', the Chancellor said.

● Barclays, the second of the big banks to report results for 1976, disclosed a near £56 million jump in profits but disappointed stock markets.

The pre-tax total was up from £142,019,000 to a new peak of £197,890,000 for the year.

This is comfortably over the previous record of £184,687,000 in 1973.

Some estimates had been suggesting profits could be up to as much as £240m while others were looking for a figure of nearer £205m.

Barclays' profits would have been greater but they have

taken exchange gains totalling some £39,700,000 direct to reserves, unlike Lloyds who included these in their record profits for 1976 announced last week.

● ICI, Britain's biggest industry, yesterday announced record pre-tax profits of £540m last year, a rise of £219m over 1975.

This included £58m gained from the fall in the value of the pound.

Page 4 — bosses demand more.

Dossier on Albany

A DOSSIER containing details of the maltreatment of Irish prisoners at Albany prison last September was published in London yesterday.

The details were released by Amnesty International, the Howard League for Penal Reform and the National Council for Civil Liberties. The three organisations have already submitted their dossier to Home Secretary Merlyn Rees.

The dossier contains detailed statements from relatives and friends of the prisoners about an incident at the top-security jail on September 16.

Six Irish prisoners — Eddie Byrne, Sean Campbell, Father Patrick Fell, John McClusky, Cornelius McFadden and Liam McLarnon — protested against the solitary confinement of another Irish prisoner.

The statements describe how the six were severely beaten by prison officers. The most seriously injured prisoner, Sean Campbell, suffered a fractured leg and had other injuries.

The six prisoners were placed in solitary with their cells stripped of even the most basic amenities. The Home Office has tried to cover up the attack on the six prisoners by saying they had tried to struggle with the guards.

The three organisations state in the dossier that they each regarded the allegations as 'sufficiently serious' for them to express concern to the Home Office.

Bosses on the scrounge

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

THE BANKRUPT capitalist class, who have the nerve to jeer 'scroungers' at workers made unemployed by capitalism's failure, are on the scrounge again themselves.

The CBI (Confederation of British Industry) has just submitted the bosses' claim for a £2,000m handout from the Chancellor in his next budget.

'We recognise that our proposals will mean quite a substantial increase for people earning higher incomes,' the big businessmen brazenly admit, 'but the CBI believes the overwhelming need this year is to help managers and other middle and higher-income earners.'

This is no doubt due to the higher membership fees at the exclusive St James' clubs and smart West End gambling joints, the higher cost of yachting off the South of France and of entrance to the Royal Enclosure at Ascot, and the increased charges to put their progeny through Eton and Oxford to carry on the family traditions.

And who is to pay for this £2,000m handout to the rich? Why the working class, of course, the CBI is quick to propose.

The money could come from 'limiting' increases in social security benefits, the bosses suggest. 'This might save £150m to £200m'.

It also might blight more lives of old age pensioners, the sick and the handicapped, and the out-of-work wage earner with a big family. But no mention of that.

'Whatever other offsetting action is needed should come in the form of further cuts in public spending,' the CBI goes on.

This means closing down more hospitals, health centres, children's nurseries, and schools in working class areas, and severely reducing all local government services yet again.

And yet the capitalist class spokesman then has the cheek to say that its proposals 'would improve living standards.'

No prizes for guessing whose living standards. Certainly not those of the working class millions who fought and sacrificed to make the welfare state services generally available and are now losing them.

That the CBI wants to reverse all the reformist gains of post-war Labour governments is obvious. What is less obvious but



emerging fast are the extremes of treachery to which the present leading group of right-wing social democrats is prepared to go to appease the capitalist class.

Big business's last proposal is to save additional revenue by

selling off more bits of the nationalised industries, 'in a similar way to the sale of £500m BP shares already announced,' the social democrats are already dancing to the bosses' tune.

The CBI and the Labour

leadership are already half-way to creating a looted derelict off-shore island, victim of the capitalist slump, where rich privileges continue while the working class is forced to accept permanent mass unemployment.

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Teachers leaders back down on racialism fight

THE executive of the National Union of Teachers is backing down from a fight against the spread of racialism among teachers and pupils in schools.

At the union's annual conference in Eastbourne at Easter the platform will urge delegates to vote against a resolution opposing the racialists and the National Front.

Branches

The resolution has been put forward by a number of branches linked with the 'Rank and File' group. This group is under the political leadership of the revisionist Socialist Workers Party (formerly IS).

Their resolution calls for a 12-point policy of keeping

racialists off school premises and refusing to cooperate with any members of the National Front or similar organisations.

Campaign

The resolution asks the union to campaign actively for support of anti-racist activities such as demonstrations and pickets. It says members of racist organisations should be barred from union membership.

However, the 'Rank and File' resolution also puts forward a call for black teachers to form caucuses within the union — a demand which can only help divide union members on grounds of colour.

But the executive's spokesman, John Bowdler, said yesterday he was opposed to keeping National Front

members out of the union. 'I believe the National Front is abhorrent to most teachers and that there are very few, if any, NF members in the union,' he said.

'But I would not debar them from membership, no more than any other group of people. I would hope the union's policies are such, and were seen to be so, that they would not wish to join.'

Amend

He said the executive would be seeking to amend the resolution so that it recognised and expressed alarm at the growth of racist activities and would ask the executive to consider ways in which the union could be involved in opposition to racial discrimination and expressions of intolerance.

ATOMIC WORKERS WANT BOARD SEATS

UNIONS in the atomic energy authority said today they had asked the government to allow workers on the board, in line with the Bullock Report proposals.

Senior shop stewards are to meet in London at the end of May to decide whether to press ahead with the call. Most unions want board seats, and others, because of their national policy want workers to decide, said a spokesman for the transport union, one of those involved.

The unions in the authority's National Joint Industrial Council say the management must no longer make decisions unilaterally. It must open up more information to workers and set up new joint machinery at each level — individual reactors, divisional board and top board.

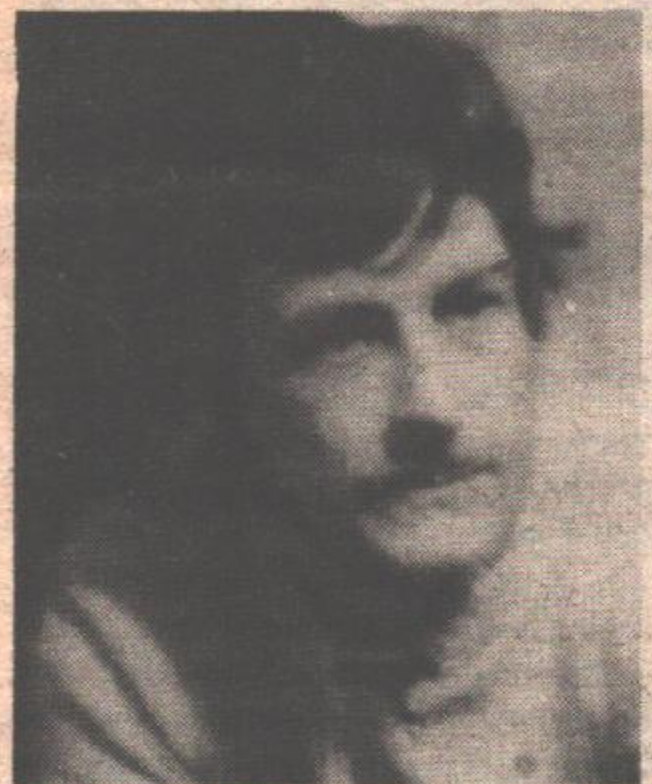
WIDNES SAYS NO TO UNEMPLOYMENT

BY OUR OWN REPORTER
WIDNES — Widnes and Runcorn Trades Council will lead a march of workers, unemployed housewives, pensioners and youth through the town centre this Saturday in protest against the Labour government's policies of high unemployment.

The march will prepare the ground for a local conference on unemployment which will plan further action.

Local workers are bitter about a series of factory closures which has driven unemployment in Widnes from below a thousand to 2,500 in 18 months.

A statement by the Trades Council says: 'The latest



Graham Daley

figures for the North West show nearly 200,000 jobless and a mere 11,000 vacancies; no chance at all for 19 out of 20 job hunters.'

'Threatened Widnes closures would drive these figures up to 1930s proportions and way beyond,' the statement adds: 'Job prospects in the area are almost nil.'

Local factories, shops, docks



Northwest Plessey workers march through Liverpool against telecoms cuts which threaten massive redundancies

and colleges have been approached for support for the march and more than 15,000 leaflets have been distributed by an organisation committee of five trade unionists who aid the Trades Council executive in the running of the march.

Certainly

Organising committee member Eddie Jones is an unemployed T&GWU branch secretary. 'Our local MP, Gordon Oakes, is supposed to be Labour. Well, as far as I'm concerned I don't know what he is, but he certainly isn't a socialist,' he said.

'The march is to awaken people to what they should already know. We have a big fight on our hands,' he added.

Trades Council secretary Hugh Sandison, a local teacher, told the News Line: 'We called the demonstration for now because we feel an urgent need to respond to the imminent closures at Wheelons (part of the giant Bowaters group) and United Biscuits, although most of the latter jobs have already been lost.'

'An immediate demonstration calling for support from

workers in the whole of Widnes and Runcorn is necessary to draw lessons from the experiences in the fight against the closures,' he said.

'This march will be the beginning of the struggle on the trades council to take up the lead in uniting the workers in the area to fight the cuts which are being made to our living standards.'

At local factory Wheelons, part of the giant Bowaters group, nearly 300 jobs are to be lost by March 2. Most of the 120

jobs at the United Biscuits factory have already gone.

Workers at Albright and Wilson, Blue Circle Cement and Burns Car Components feel they may be next in line. Burns already have part of their workforce on a 2 or 3 day week.

At least four other factories have closed in the town in the last twelve months: Kervit Ceramics, Bibby and Barron, Thorium and Todds Drums. Vine Chemicals have also suffered redundancies.

Workers at many local

News Line spoke to a local housewife, Mrs Batterton of Lacey Street, Widnes, who said she would join the march.

'My main concern is for the younger generation,' she said. 'I laughed when I saw the television the other night. I heard them say unemployment had dropped — but everyone knows it will shoot up again, much higher than before, when the young ones leave school.'

'My brother and sister have lost their jobs with the closure at a local biscuit factory. My husband, who worked in the

town was moved to Garston when they closed down the railway depot and made men redundant.'

'I don't call this government a Labour government. It has betrayed us,' she said. 'As for the local MP Gordon Oakes, the only time we seem to see him is when he wants our votes.'

'Everything is going up except wages. I've just had a rates bill for £43. And that is for a house which does not even have a bathroom,' she said.

'I can see this town is heading for a depression like the 1930s.'



MIKE SINNOTT (above) is a shop steward at the Wheelons (Bowaters) factory in Ditton Widnes which is to close by March 2. Mike, branch secretary of the plant's UCATT branch, said the firm laid off 73

workers in a 90 day period earlier this year, and that the remaining 175 workers would lose their jobs in the next few weeks.

News Line took the photograph during a short break in discussions with the management earlier this week. 'I am boiling inside — they have offered us only £33 severance pay,' he said. 'We are demanding three months' wages.'

'As a member of the Trades Council's committee to organise Saturday's march, I urge all local workers to try to come along and join us in the fight.'

factories have said they will attend the march. Graham Daley, a shop steward at Albright and Wilson's chemical works in Widnes, said: 'We have recently voted to support the fight against the closure of the firm's plant in Kirkby. We must fight together against unemployment.'

'The Heath government failed to beat us with its unemployment policies. They were brought down by the miners in 1974,' he said. 'We have got to make sure the Labour government does not succeed with the same policies.'

'I support the call to make the Labour government resign,' he said. 'They have completely sold us out.'

'The TUC recently put out a document telling us 80 per cent of the wealth of this country is controlled by a tiny minority of the population. On the back page of the same document they were appealing for more sacrifice and another year of wage restraint.'

The Assistant Secretary of the Trades Council is Mrs Diane Stanley. 'The demonstration is only the start of the fight in the area against the policies of the Labour government,' she said.

'In Runcorn, hundreds of hospital jobs promised by the building of the £2m Halton Hospital never materialised because cutbacks by the Labour government mean we have no in-patients, no maternity unit, no casualty unit and so on.'

John Ryan, of the Halton Community Health Council, spoke to the trades council at the end of last year and outlined the

totally inadequate provision for health in the area,' she added. 'We have the highest national level of aerial pollution, one of the highest levels of industrial injuries and cot deaths and no facilities to cope.'

'Mr Ryan said the Labour government should be kicked out if they were not prepared to carry out the job they were voted in to do, and I fully support that view.'

'Chancellor Healey tells us unemployment will continue to rise although we have tightened our belts and not yet broken our half of the social contract,' she said.

Tension

'But we can't tighten our belts any further. The tension is building up in the north west and there could be an explosion,' she said. 'The Trades Council now has to make sure that once the battle begins there will be no more sellouts.'

'The people around here are sick of let-downs by the TUC and the government. It's up to all of us now to show we want change, and that we're willing to fight for it, and won't worry about treading on anyone's toes.'

'We call on everyone to support our fight and join our demonstration. Don't let Widnes and Runcorn become new Skelmersdales.'

• Figures released this week show there are 2,352 out of work in Runcorn — and there are only 124 vacancies!

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FASCIST TERROR NETWORK UNCOVERED

MADRID — Spain's extreme fascist terror group, the Apostolic Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA), threatened yesterday that it would assassinate Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez, and said there would be bloodshed in parliamentary elections before the end of June.

The fascist group also warned, in a telephone call to two newspapers, that it would publish certain documents 'compromising' the government, if recently detained Italian and Spanish fascists were jailed or deported.

Last month the AAA claimed responsibility for the murder of four left-wing lawyers and a Communist Party worker in Madrid.

Police said at the time that they suspected a link between the AAA in Spain and the similarly-initialled Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance in Argentina.

A further aspect of the killing was the revelation by a newspaper that the gun used in killing the five was a 'Marietta' machine gun, made in the United States, and normally used by certain Western intelligence services, including the CIA.

Yesterday police said an insurance salesman from Argentina, Jorge Cesarsky, 49, had been charged with the murder of a student, shot during a demonstration here on January 23.

Cesarsky was also charged with illegal possession of firearms. The police said Cesarsky, who has lived in Spain for ten years, had links with Spanish right-wing groups, including the notorious 'Guerrillas of Christ the King'.

This group has carried out frequent attacks on left-wing demonstrations and on strikers.

The leader of the Guerrillas of

Communist summit next week

MADRID — The Spanish Communist Party, renewing its efforts to win legality, says it will go ahead with a 'Euro-Communist' summit here next Monday and Tuesday.

The leaders of the French and Italian parties have been invited to attend, according to party sources.

The government has put off the issue of recognising the Communist Party by passing it on to the country's Supreme Court.

Earlier this week, anticipating that they would be legalised before the elections, the Communist Party had already released a full list of candidates — the first party to do so. It was headed by veteran Stalinist Dolores Ibarruri.



SANTIAGO CARRILLO

Christ the King, 58-year-old chemist Mariano Sanchez Covisa, was among eleven people arrested a few days ago in a raid on a flat he rented.

Paramilitary Civil Guards found sub-machine guns, bullet-proof vests, remote control detonators and equipment for forging passports and documents.

Among the others arrested were eight Italians, and a French woman. Two of the Italians were identified as leading members of Italian neo-fascist groups.

Syria attacks oil producers

BEIRUT — The Syrian regime has come out with a strong attack on oil price increases, blaming them for burdens placed on the poorer countries' economies.

Damascus Radio, in a strongly-worded commentary said they had placed a burden on the so-called 'confrontation states' bordering Israel, and had negative effects on Arab defence potential since the October 1973 war.

The increases in oil prices since 1973 were also attacked in an editorial in the newspaper 'al Ba'ath', which said oil revenues had risen to 'an insane extent'.

Similar views have been expressed recently in Jordan and Egypt, although both countries asked for further financial aid from the oil producers.

In Kuwait, however, Minister

of State Abdul Aziz Hussein said that the oil states would not have been able to fulfil their commitments to other Arab countries had they not raised the price of their crude oil.

He told the Kuwaiti daily 'al Qabas' that oil was the main, or virtually sole source of income for the Arab Gulf states. He recalled that Kuwait has established a fund to finance development in Arab and other friendly states, and said its work was only possible through oil price increases.

Expressing the hope that 'the Arab confrontation states are aware of the facts', the Kuwaiti minister regretted that 'we have recently heard words of the kind that make one laugh and weep'.

Meanwhile there was no sign yesterday of the split in OPEC having healed. In an interview with Abu Dhabi newspaper 'al Ittihad', Saudi oil minister Sheikh Yamani said OPEC had no right to fix oil prices. It was up to Saudi Arabia to decide the price of its own oil, he asserted.

Portugal textile workers strike

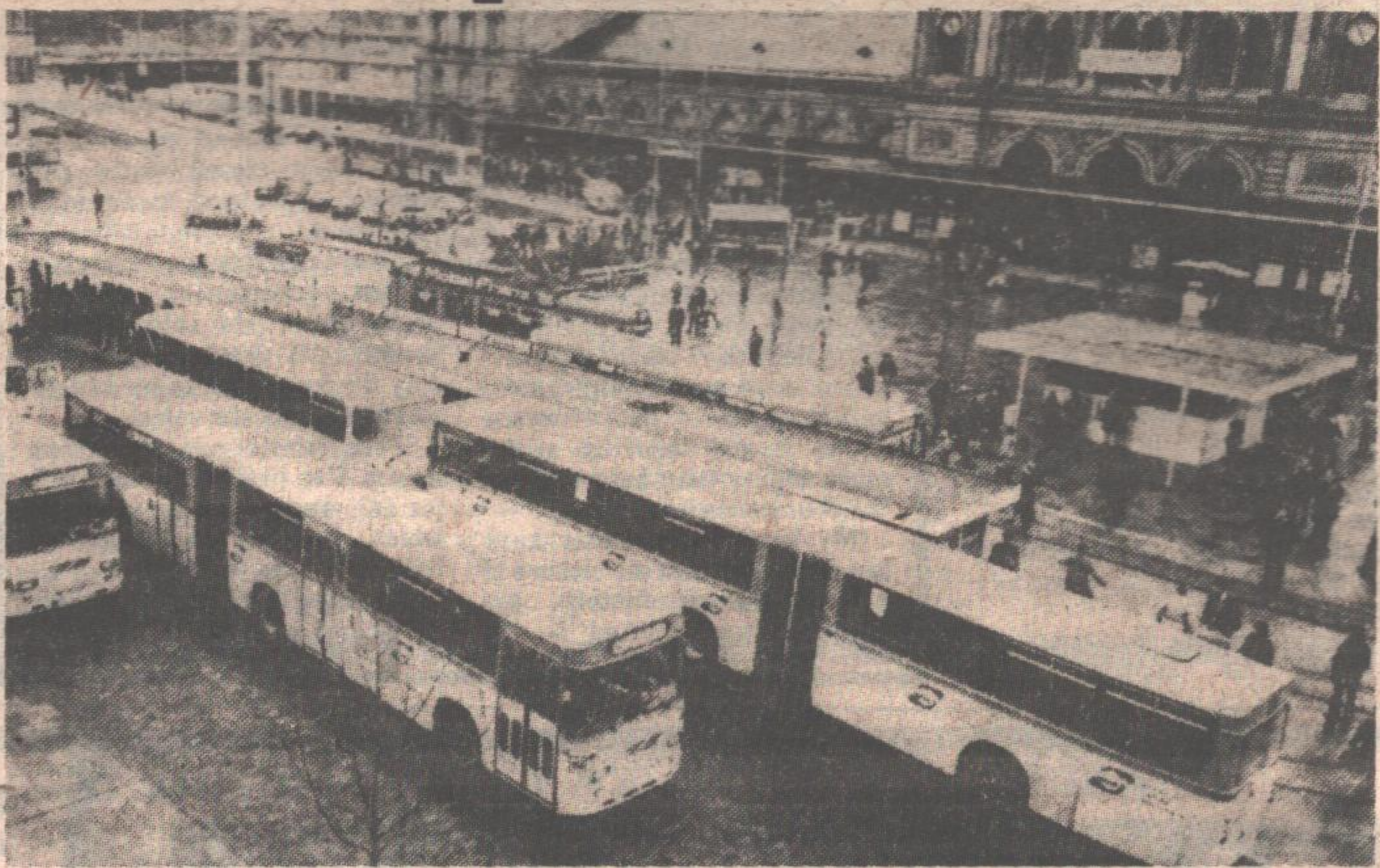
LISBON — Portugal's 300,000 textile workers went on strike yesterday. Union leaders said employers' representatives had failed to turn up for national pay talks on Wednesday.

The textile workers have been staging sporadic strikes to back

their pay claims. Management has taken the line that it will not negotiate under pressure. The Ministry of Labour is acting as arbitrator.

Textiles account for more than a quarter of Portuguese exports.

European strike wave



Strike bound buses in Cologne

COLOGNE — About 4,000 public service workers took 'warning' strike action yesterday for a brief period, a few hours before pay talks with the government were due to resume.

Dustmen, street cleaners and workers at the city transport's workshops stopped work for a short time, while busmen halted services for 90 minutes.

In the past few days, similar action has been taken by busmen and tram drivers in Frankfurt, Munich, Wiesbaden, Stuttgart, Saarbrücken, Kassel, Mainz (left) and other places.

ROME — Public transport in cities throughout Italy was halted yesterday as drivers and conductors staged a seven-hour national strike.

They are demanding implementation of a national labour contract signed last summer. Unions complain that clauses of the contract covering manning levels have not been respected.

The unions have called for further strikes next month.

BRUSSELS — Belgium's railwaymen went on strike last night for the first time in 17 years as a month-long campaign by organised labour got under way against the government's new austerity programme.

International rail services with neighbouring countries and cross-channel ferries to Britain were hit by the 24-hour stoppage.

Other one-day strikes are scheduled by urban transport workers next Friday and by the Belgian Press on March 11.

A series of 24-hour strikes in the private sector begins today in two of Belgium's nine provinces. Other provinces will follow in turn during the next four weeks.

South African detainee dies

DURBAN — Another African detained under South Africa's security laws has died, police announced here yesterday.

The announcement came one day after justice minister James Kruger had refused demands for a judicial inquiry into the death of 18 blacks in police detention during the past year.

The latest detainee to die was identified as Samuel Malinga, 45, who was arrested in Soweto township, Johannesburg, on January 31.

Police said Malinga had complained of heart trouble after being brought to nearby Pietermaritzburg for questioning. He died in hospital on Tuesday.

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For details of the medical aid and clothing appeal, write to:

National Secretary
Young Socialists
21b Old Town
London SW4 0JT

Near miss

FRANKFURT — Three West German Air Force Phantom fighters and an Australian jumbo jet carrying 260 people nearly collided over southern Germany on Wednesday night, the Federal Office for Air Safety, said here yesterday.

The spokesman said the pilot of the Boeing 747 belonging to the Australian Qantas airline reported the 'near-miss' to the Munich air safety centre and said the Phantoms had been on a collision course with him.

The Qantas jet — bound from Frankfurt to Australia via Bahrain and Singapore — had to interrupt its climb when it was at a height of about 24,000 feet in order to evade the fighter planes.

FINANCE CHIEF WARNS CARTER

WASHINGTON — America's banking overseer, Arthur Burns, has attacked President Carter's budget proposals as inflationary, at the same time criticising moves towards an incomes policy.

Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, has also warned major New York banks over the amount of loans they have out to poor countries.

Shares in the major banks have already been hit by news of Burns' warnings.

BY CHARLES PARKINS

The increase partly represents a gesture by Carter towards his election promises of restoring cuts in health spending, and stimulating the economy by more public works.

'I don't want to criticise anyone', commented Burns, 'but I am bound to say that the increase in the Federal budget

is stirring up fears, and new expectations of inflation which may turn out to be a self-fulfilling prophecy'.

Speaking before a Congressional committee, he also implicitly criticised Carter's request that unions and companies inform the government in advance of plans for major increases in pay and prices.

Although he was not opposed to such pre-notification, Burns said, he believed it was

ill-advised to suggest it at the moment, because business was already worried that the Carter administration might impose mandatory wage and price controls.

Hearings

In hearings on Wednesday, Burns refused to confirm or deny a claim by Senator Hubert Humphrey that two of the major New York banks were now on his board's 'worry list', but said, 'We have some banks we monitor more closely than others'.

Asked about loans to poor countries which might default on repayment, Burns said he had recently expressed his concern 'in strident terms' to the banks on this.



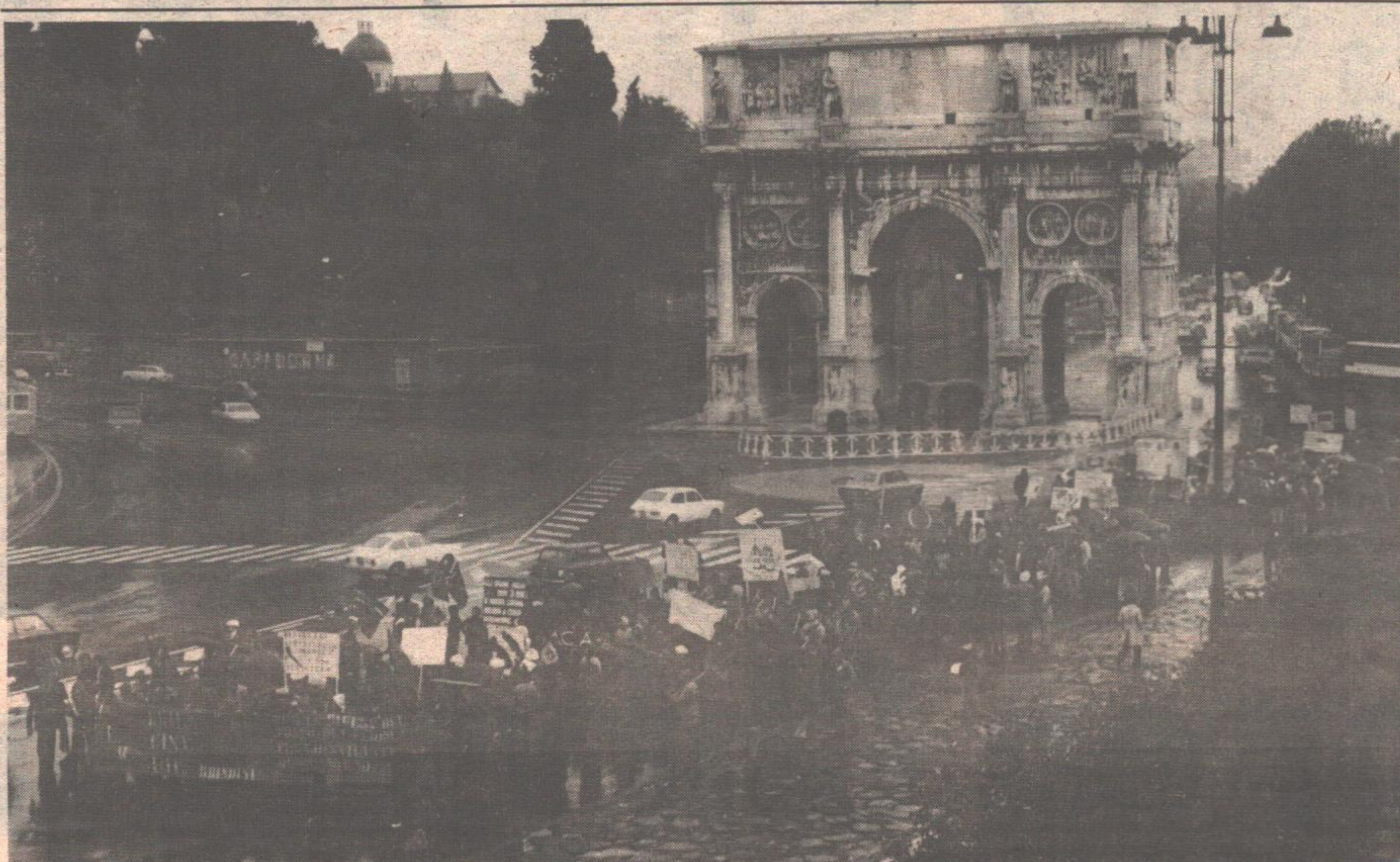
Burns



Carter

Revisions

Revisions proposed by Carter in the 1978 Federal budget submitted by his predecessor Ford last month would increase the budget deficit by about \$11,000 million.



Workers from the Saca factory demonstrate in Rome against sackings and unemployment

Italian workers support European marches

BRINDISI, Italy — Workers occupying an aircraft factory in southern Italy to fight sackings have sent a message of support for the Young Socialists European Jobs for Youth marches.

The 1,000 workers at the SACA aircraft construction factory at Brindisi, on Italy's south-eastern tip, have been occupying for two and a half

months in a bitter struggle against lay-offs.

The Red Flag has been hoisted over the factory and over the main gate. A large sign on the gate reads 'Fabbrica Occupada'.

Inside the factory, production has resumed, under the control of the elected works committee. Security on the gates is maintained by regular shifts of workers.

The factory was occupied after a long dispute, and the use of other forms of action, including occupation of the local government buildings and of the airport. The SACA workers also sent a contingent up to march in Rome (see picture).

In their message, the Brindisi aircraft workers say:

'Comrades, with great interest we have received the plans for

the European march organised by the International Youth Committee of the Fourth International and the Young Socialists concerning the question of jobs.

'To your initiative for the march we give our modest moral and political support, not being able to extend it economically since, while we occupy the factory, we have not been paid for nine months.

'For the thousands of jobless school-leavers that the state is unable to reinstate in society, it is the duty of us, proletarians, to fight in order to find for them a right place in this society which of course offers nothing, since it makes all workers live in conditions of agony because of inflation.'

The SACA workers conclude by calling for a united working class 'with one main slogan: "Struggle against American and European imperialism in order to smash the ruling class".'

UN gets hump

JERUSALEM — After alarming intelligence about Israeli forces advancing on Egypt, and on alternate days, phantom Egyptian armies assaulting Israeli-held areas, the UN forces in the Sinai desert have finally rounded up the transgressors. Twenty stray camels were wandering among the electronic detecting devices of the American-manned 'early warning system'.

France—no comment on nuclear tests

TAHITI — France carried out an underground nuclear test on the Mururoa Atoll 700 miles south east of here, five days ago, the newspaper 'La Depeche de Tahiti' reported Wednesday.

Earlier this month, officials said France carried out

underground nuclear tests all the year round and did not need to comment on individual explosions. They said that since France switched to underground testing it had been carrying out tests every month, often several times a month.

Evidence rejected in Bahrain appeal

BAHRAIN — The Bahrain higher appeals court yesterday refused to admit new evidence in the case of five men accused of murdering prominent publisher Abdulla Al-Madani last year.

The court will pass sentence on March 5.

A lower court has already sentenced two of the men to death and a third to life imprisonment. It acquitted the two others. The prosecution called the killing a political murder by the left and said it posed a threat to Bahrain's security.

Madani, 38, owner-editor of a weekly news magazine and leader of a conservative Moslem group in the Bahrain National Assembly, was found stabbed to death by a lonely country road last November.

The prosecution claimed the five accused were members of the banned Popular Front for the Liberation of the Arabian Gulf (PFLOAG), an organisation related to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman.

The defence asked for mercy, claiming the crime was unplanned and committed under the influence of drink.

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Coventry stewards Dermot O'Gorman, Eddie McCluskey and Woofie Goldstein with their personnel boss Jack Hayfield in Iran

Convenor on Chrysler potour to Shah's torture

A SENIOR Coventry-based Communist Party member who made a free trip to Iran has outraged opponents of Iran's fascist regime.

Eddie McCluskey, Stalinist convenor at the Chrysler engine plant in Coventry, has described in glowing terms what he saw there.

Anti-fascist Iranian students in Britain angrily claim that McCluskey's visit has been used to whitewash the Shah's vicious oppression of workers by his SAVAK secret police. Their anger exploded following statements he made at a meeting of Coventry Trades Council eight days ago.

'Constructive'

The visit took place in December. Lavish hospitality was laid on by the hosts — the multi-national Chrysler Corporation which runs the Iran National car assembly plant in Iran in close co-operation with the Shah's dictatorship. McCluskey's fellow guests from the Coventry plant were AUEW senior steward Dermot O'Gorman, EEP TU electricians' convenor Woofie Goldstein, and personnel boss Jack Hayfield. Since their return, the Chrysler

Corporation has produced thousands of copies of a bulletin quoting at length their favourable comments about Iran National. The management bulletin includes a large photograph of the four visitors — full of smiles in a Tehran bazaar.

Of course, no photographs are included of mass poverty in Iran, nor examples of torture and mass executions which the dictatorship — brought to power by a CIA-organised military coup 23 years ago — uses to maintain itself in power.

The bulletin states: 'The stewards felt there was a deep and constructive relationship between management and the employee syndicate'. This statement conveniently ignores that the 'trade unions' there are fully corporatist organisations run by the state. Genuine unions are outlawed.

McCluskey, a former Transport and General Workers' Union national executive member, also gave an interview to an extreme right-wing Iranian newspaper. Together with other members of the delegation, he also gave a similar story to the Tory 'Coventry Evening Telegraph'. The theme was the same. The Chrysler UK company depends heavily on the Iranian order of about 132,000 kits a year for use in the Pakyan car assembled in Iran. A bright future faces Chrysler workers, McCluskey told the Tory Press — 'up to 20 years work

ahead of us'.

This is the old Stalinist trick of distorting history to foster illusions of a rosy future for capitalism. He ignores the fact that only a year ago, 8,000 Chrysler UK workers lost their jobs when they were sold out by union leaders and the Labour government who did a phoney 'rescue deal' with Chrysler international chief John J. Riccardo.

The 'bright future' McCluskey foresees for car workers depends on the ability of the motor monopolies to defeat the strength of the international working class.

His 'bright future' for Chrysler is also exposed by the disclosure this week that Chrysler UK's £43m losses in the past year are to be paid almost entirely by the government from funds wrung from the working class.

Fraud

The Stalinist fraud of the 'peaceful road' to socialism and 'peaceful co-existence' with capitalism is the counter-revolutionary role of holding back the independent mobilisation of the working class against their capitalist oppressors.

McCluskey's newspaper interviews praising working conditions at the Paykan car plant led Coventry Trades Council to invite a speaker from the 'Campaign for the

Restoration of Trade Union Rights in Iran'. An Iranian speaker from the campaign travelled from London to speak to the trades council last week. The campaign is sponsored by a number of 'left' Labour MPs and trade union leaders.

'That a member of a so-called Communist Party would allow himself to be interviewed by the media of the Shah's brutal regime is in itself giving credibility to that regime', the speaker told the trades council. 'How could Mr McCluskey find out about the ordinary workers?' the speaker continued.

'He only spoke to the traitors of the Iran working class, the hired accomplices of the Shah's oppression. 'Could you visualise an ordinary Iranian worker speaking English? Could you visualise an ordinary Iranian worker speaking his mind to a foreign delegation in fascist Iran?'

'It isn't just political prisoners that are oppressed. The whole of Iran is in the Shah's prison. Does Mr McCluskey know the wages and prices in Iran and that for 5 million workers basic human rights do not exist? Does he know that rents in Tehran are double those in London and that most workers cannot find meat or potatoes?'

'Mr McCluskey, you are a responsible trade unionist — so before you go giving interviews to Iranian fascist newspapers first find out who you are talking to. Also

find out the facts and conditions of harm that can result from an ill-conceived article', added the speaker.

The speaker called for action:

● For the trades council to condemn McCluskey's visit

Verb

● For McCluskey to state that his visit was a statement followed by a visit to the Communist Party

● For the trades council to question of Iran at every opportunity and to demand the record straight.

The secretary of the Coventry Communist Party, Eddie McCluskey's defence, could have been given the speech beforehand. He made only a brief comment on police, poverty and troops. He went on to say he stood in relation to the Iran National factuality statement', he added.

Another trades council Chrysler worker who belongs to the Revolutionary Party, asked months after the Iran visit first mentioned the police troops. Why had McCluskey

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written report of the visit to Chrysler workers in Coventry and why did he go to the management and the capitalist Press?

The WRP delegate said it was not 'ignorance' on the part of McLuskey, but Stalinist policy. But these points were met with only silence from the Stalinists.

Communist Party support for nationalist policies like import controls, for example, show how Stalinism seeks to separate and isolate workers from different countries in order that they can be betrayed.

At the Coventry trades council meeting, the revisionist groups and the Labour 'lefts' showed the basest form of opportunism by rushing to the aid of the Stalinists.

A resolution was moved condemning McLuskey's statement. But in order to stop a straight vote on this, a separate resolution letting the Stalinists off the hook was moved as an amendment, with the blessing of the chairman. Both the revisionist Socialist Workers Party (formerly 'International Socialists') and Labour 'lefts' voted for this 'amendment', therefore covering up for Stalinism.

Demands must be placed on the CP leadership, which gets very heated about attacks on human rights in the Soviet Union, to declare where it stands in relation to those who cover up the suppression of rights in Iran.

MP OVER THE MOON

BY OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT

FAMILIES are being torn apart by an extreme right-wing cult which brainwashes youngsters and wrecks their lives, a Labour MP has warned.

Paul Rose, member for Blackley, Manchester, has condemned the charitable status given to the Sun Myung Moon foundation, a cult led by a millionaire South Korean anti-communist.

Rose told the Commons that fraud was prospering while the Charity Commissioner plays 'Pontius Pilot'.

Rose said he had amassed a file on the cult that would make its leader 'tremble in his paranoid shoes' were the contents made available to a public inquiry.

Referring to the Charity Commissioner, Rose said 'he is blissfully content to ignore the heart-rending letters of parents and families torn apart by their activities and the psychological techniques which they employ to brainwash disturbed youngsters into becoming itinerant candle vendors.'

Widespread

He said widespread intimidation, backed by the infinite resources of a \$50m empire, prevented the Press from doing more than 'scratch at the slimy surface of what must be one of the most evil phenomena of our times'.

Rose said the Home Office was still considering evidence he had presented about the cult in the Commons 16 months ago.

'The Director of Public Prosecutions has not yet acted and the Charity Commissioner is playing Pontius Pilot while lives are wrecked and fraud prospers.'

He said the Charity Commissioner had taken no cognisance of the cult's involvement in 'fraud, corruption, bribery of congressmen and intelligence gatherings, in spite of the current revelations in the USA'.

Rose said he had a list of 82 organisations that were



Moon and his wife

fronts for Moon, many operating in this country. They used the same premises and personnel as the Charities Unified Family Enterprises and Cartographer Crafts Ltd. Other organisations included 'One World Crusade' and 'The Federation for World Peace and Unification'.

Rose said many of the youngsters involved were sent to Korea or Japan. And he claimed countless parents would come forward but were 'blackmailed into silence' by fear of losing contact permanently with their children.

He said British citizens were sent on 40-day training courses to the US, lured by a £10 fare and no knowledge of what they were in for.

Parents, relatives, clergymen and shocked

journalists were able to testify to what a former member described as 'a nightmare called Moon'. Moon's tax-exempt status in America was estimated at £15m per year in last Sunday's 'Observer', Rose said.

'Here his followers contribute to his baronial residence, and two yachts, limousines and bodyguards, through the benevolence of the Charity Commissioner who has eyes but cannot see.'

Rose said: 'He used to indulge in a blood-letting ceremony of intercourse with his female initiates, he was expelled from Korea for corrupting public morals, he has built a vast commercial and political empire based on quite barbaric methods and intimidation of opponents.'

Yet he was not even

Angry commons outburst against religious sect

deemed to be undesirable by the Home Office.

This was at a time when they were deporting an American journalist who had done much to expose Moon.

Rose said he had documents which would enable him to speak for a month — rather than 20 minutes. Unfortunately neither the Charity Commissioner nor the people concerned in government departments had yet grasped the matter.

The Home Office under-Secretary, Dr Shirley Summerskill, told Rose there was no ministerial responsibility for charitable status. Decisions on the registration of charities were solely for the Charity Commissioners.

Short of legislation, there was no way in which the

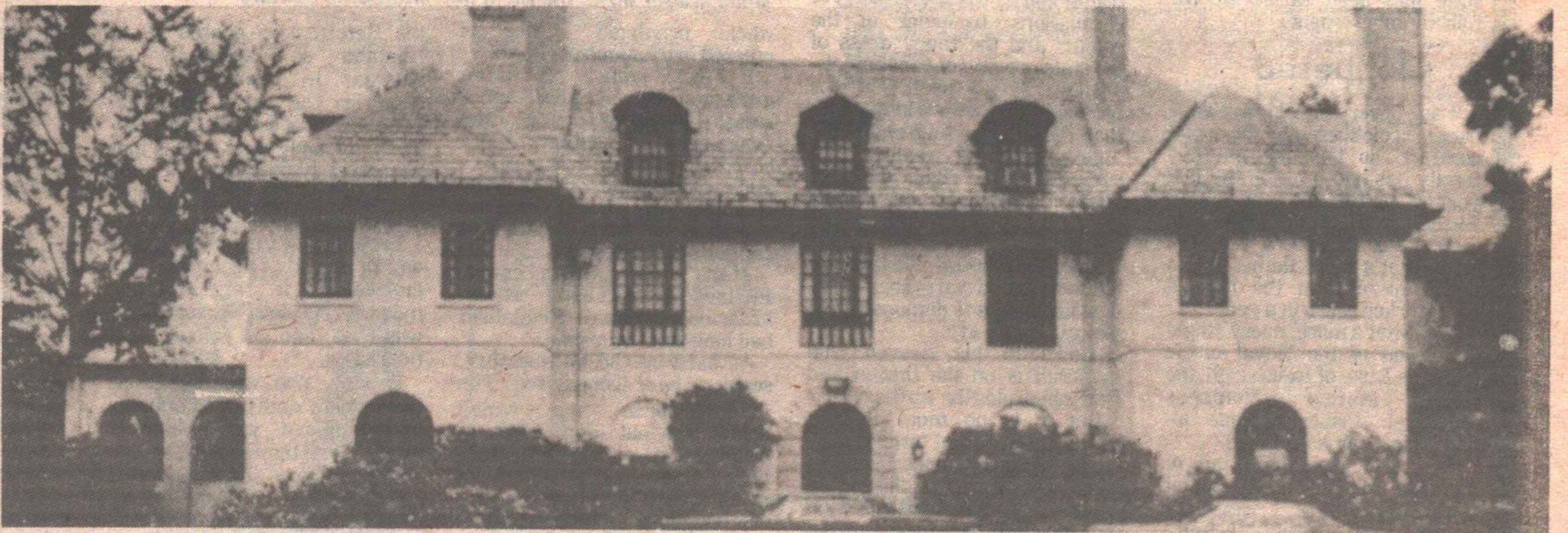
Home Secretary could intervene. But she added that registration did not imply a valued judgement about the desirability of an organisation.

Denial

'I absolutely refute that we use brain-washing or split up families,' said Michael Marshall at the Bayswater headquarters of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

And Marshall — a Cambridge graduate who is chairman of the Federation for World Peace and Unification, an offshoot of the Unification Church — challenged Rose to produce his evidence 'rather than just make threats.'

He said: 'We have done nothing that is any way illegal or to be ashamed of.'



A church estate owned by the Moon sect, in Westchester, USA

The monarch

NOTHING focuses workers' minds on the Royal family so much as when times are hard. And now they are hard and getting harder.

Each year the Royals parade themselves through the so-called 'season' where all the parasites in the land congregate behind the tight security of Royal enclosures at Ascot, at Cowes Regatta, at Badminton Horse Trials.

On come the grey toppers, the morning coats, the grotesque hats, the horsey debts, the gangling public schoolboys: braying mouths knock back champagne and strawberries.

These are the occasions where the big landowners, the financiers, the industrialists, the bishops, the top civil servants, the Tories and their lackeys in the Labour Party congregate.

This is the ruling class.

The monarch gives them the seal of approval.

The latest stunt is the Jubilee Celebrations. Currently the tattered flag of Commonwealth is being hawked from one South Sea Island to the next, where Orders of some Garter or the other are dispensed like awards at Cruft's dog show.

But who is celebrating?

Certainly the impoverished and exploited islanders of Samoa and Fiji have nothing to celebrate, unless it's disease and undernourishment.

Eke out

Certainly the workers of Britain, who are having to eke out every penny to exist, aren't celebrating.

Wages held down by a social contract buy less and less.

The price of basic foodstuffs goes up and up. Eggs, butter, cheese, fish, meat, once the normal diet, are driven by inflation and price-hiking into the luxury bracket.

Rent, mortgage rates, electricity bills, gas bills, pile up.

Fare increases eat into the wage packet.

Hospitals, schools and welfare services are being eroded thanks to the cuts made by the Labour government on instruction from the bankers of the International Monetary Fund.

The only smiles are on the lips of the Royals, who are celebrating in the sun on board the Royal yacht 'Britannia'.

With £50,000 worth of provisions in the ship's larder no wonder they are smiling.

But there is an even bigger reason for the contentment.

The Queen learned only a week before her departure that her annual rake-off from the state had been raised by the Labour government.

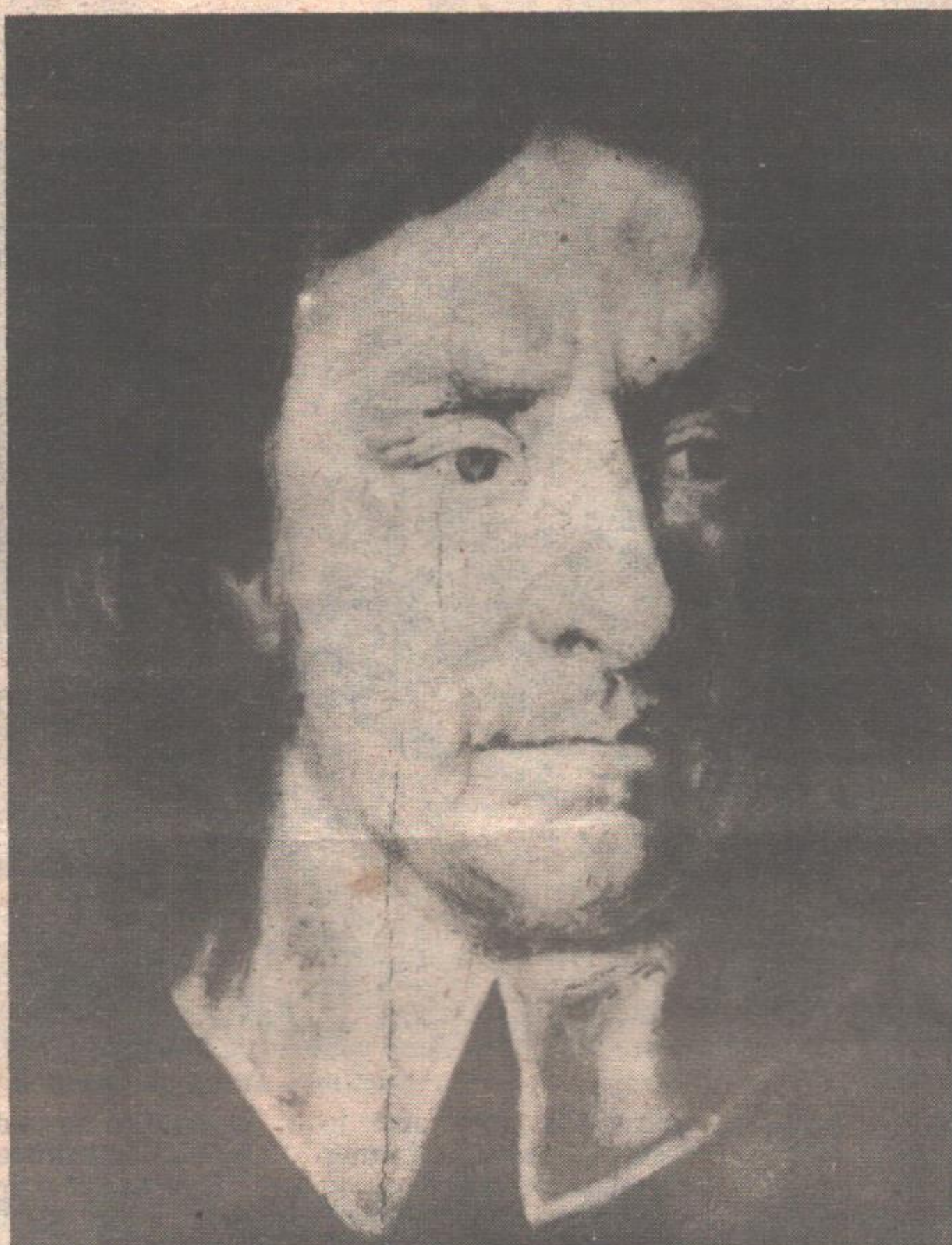
Clobbered

While every workers' wage packet is clobbered by the social contract, so that the average family has had a cut in the last year of a full £10 a week — Elizabeth II was given an increase of £265,000 a year tax free. That's more than £5,000 a week, more than the highest paid worker earns in a year.

And what's more, every single hanger-on of the Royal circle from the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, Princess Anne all had their incomes doubled.

Who else gets that kind of increase under the social contract?

This astronomic Family



Oliver Cromwell

Income Supplement makes the Royal family the biggest scroungers in the welfare state.

The increase brought the cost of their personal allowances to £1,665,000 a year.

£400 a week the richer, Prince Philip had the nerve to protest that too much attention was being paid to the poor and the unfortunate.

These extravaganzas of Jubilees, and Ascots and Regattas are not simply opportunities for the Royals to indulge their philistine pleasures. They are much more.

Parade

They are essentially a parade of ruling-class authority, as traditional as the stage shows of coronations, troopings of the colour, and the fancy dress of the state opening of parliament.

They try to spell out the message to the working class that they, the ruling class, the appropriators of wealth, have some historic right to their position. They have always been there and will continue to be there.

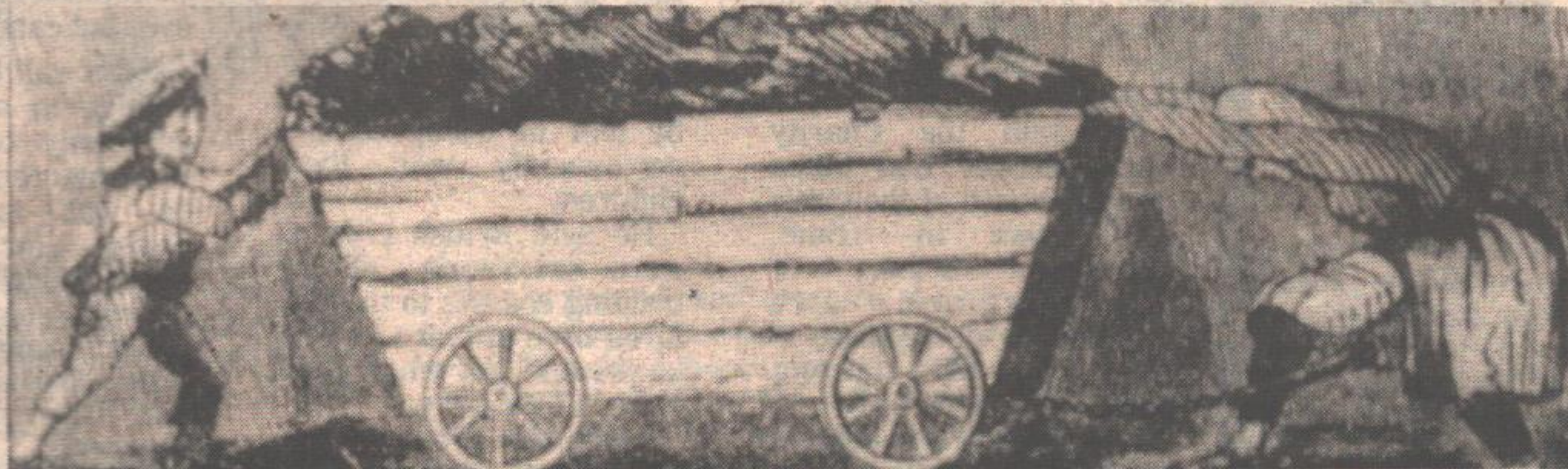
The fancy dress pulled out of the mothballed wardrobes of the past are meant to demonstrate a historic continuity.

'God's in his heaven, the monarch is on the throne and Britannia rules the waves.'

But it is no more than a conjuring trick that turns reality on its head, a smokescreen to conceal the truth that this ruling class exists only because each day they rob the worker of the

wealth he or she produces and gives wages in return. These wages are only a portion of the wealth produced and the surplus is pocketed by the employer, when the product is sold.

There is no mystery here. Yet on that swindling transaction the



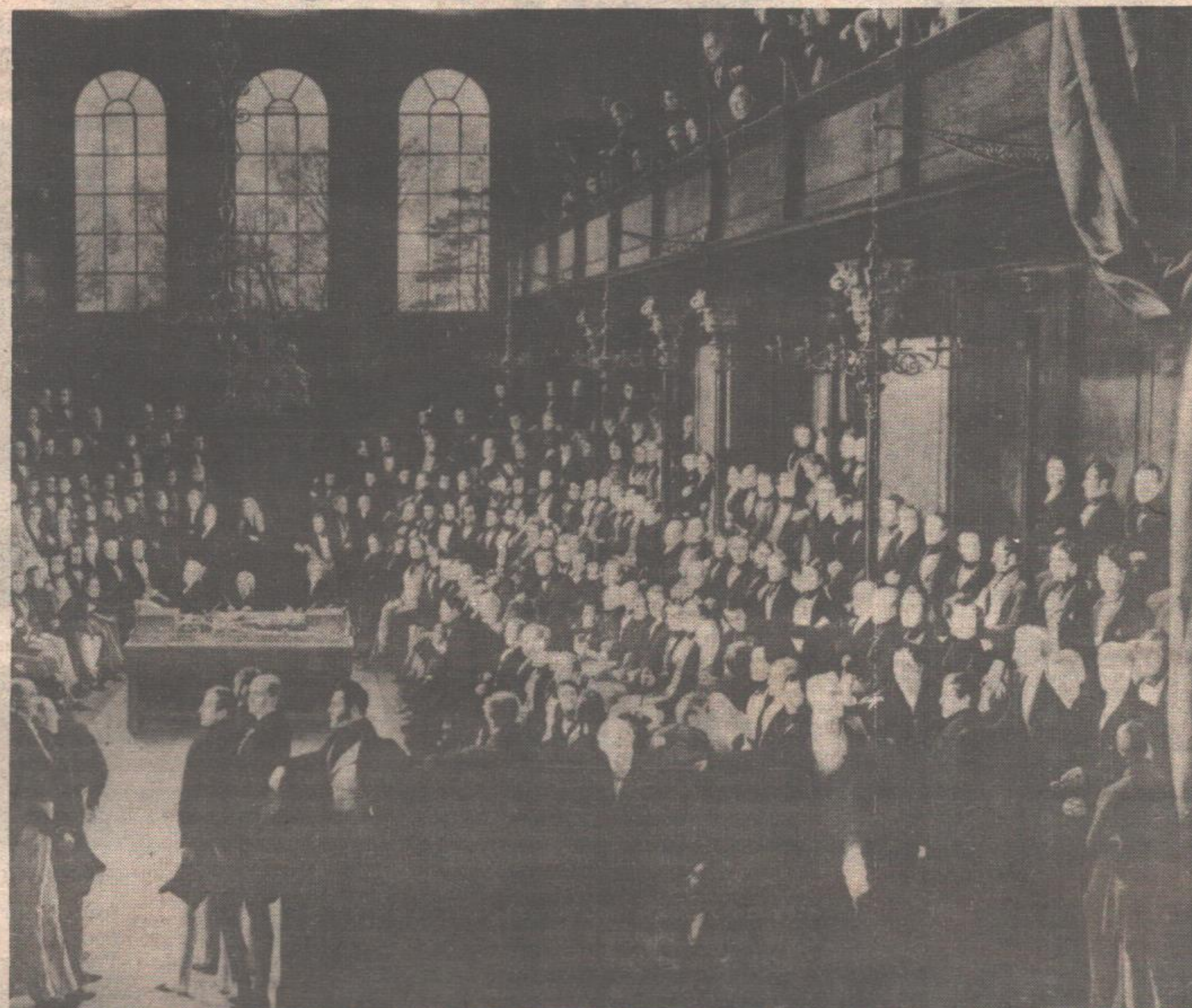
Child labour down the pit in the nineteenth century

whole privileged edifice is created in the name of capital.

If that edifice is more grotesque in Britain, more weighed down with the trappings of pomp, more corroded with crowns, coronets and obscure pageantry, it is the product of the material conditions under which British capitalism developed.

At the turn of the 17th century England found itself at an historical impasse. Feudalism had long since vanished.

As early as the 14th century, serfdom had disappeared. The feudal lords had wiped themselves out in a series of bloody and murderous wars. Land had long become a commodity — something that was bought and sold for profit.



The Reformed Parliament of 1833 with Prime Minister Lord Grey, and members of his Whig government

When Henry VIII gave two fingers to the Pope, he not only took the wife he chose, but the land of the Catholic monasteries themselves. This he merrily sold off to willing buyers.

One of the main reasons why

He exercised his divinity in a direct way. Every time he needed money — and he did frequently to indulge his extravagant tastes and wage wars — he lifted it from parliament. And if parliament disagreed, he closed it down.

When a monarch was returned, it was under very different conditions. The compromise of 1688 arrived at between bourgeoisie and the landed aristocracy gave the bourgeoisie practical power while the aristocracy formed the official government.

The constitutional monarch cemented this compromise and gave it authenticity.

Interests

Such an agreement could be forged only because the interests of manufacturing burgher and landowner — the making of profit — were not in conflict. One helped the other. The return of the constitutional monarch set the seal on this compromise. The conditions for the rapid development of capitalism were set.

Under the constitutional monarch, industrialisation roared ahead. From the land, agricultural labourers were driven into the cities to operate the new machines. The industrial working class was born.

If in 1832 the industrial bourgeoisie took the reins of political power through the Reform Act, it nevertheless preferred to continue the compromise with the old aristocracy than with the working class.

It was a decisive historical turning point. It drew irrevocably the new class lines in society. One side the bourgeoisie, the aristocracy and

the Reformation passed by in England so peacefully — whereas in other European countries the break from the Pope of Rome was realised only through bloody wars — was that the interested parties were too interested in buying up land to notice.

They couldn't get their hands on it quickly enough. They cultivated it and turned monasteries into factories. It was trade and not religion that flourished.

By the 17th century, these landowners and manufacturers had amassed vast sums of wealth, yet they were saddled with a king who still maintained his divine right of authority from a feudal order.

The conflict between monarch and parliament, or between feudalism and the newly-emerging capitalism, could only be resolved in one way. And it was — in a Civil War in which Charles I lost his head under the parliamentary axe.

In Oliver Cromwell the bourgeoisie found a leader who expressed, through the word of the Lord and the discipline and united purpose of the Model Army, their own historic needs. His rallying cry, 'Let me have men and I will make some conscience of what they do and I warrant we shall not be beat', rallied the new middle class and did the job.

And England was never the same again.

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The vigour of Chartism as portrayed in 'The Pageant of Working Class History' held by the Socialist Labour League in 1973

the monarchy, on the other the industrial proletariat.

The working class had now to fight for its own independence politically.

In the great Chartist movement in Britain, from 1838 to 1848, the future working-class revolution was born. Their demands were apparently simple — among them one man, one vote, annual parliaments, payment of MPs. But in the

ten-year mobilisation for these demands the working class had to test out every method of struggle from mass petition, the General Strike to the armed insurrection itself.

The movement was early in the development of the working class, the embryo of the child of the future at a time when capitalism was still expanding the productive forces. But it spelled out for all time that the

working class could only liberate itself through its own revolutionary mobilisation.

Though driven back, the question remained historically on the table.

Chartism terrified the British bourgeoisie and they have lived in fear of the proletarian revolution ever since.

Fear

That fear drove them to find a complete change in the form of rule — class collaboration.

The expansion of trade and industry in the first industrial nation, the 'workshop of the world', enabled the ruling class to realise the necessary change — to buy off the privileged layer in the working class, the labour aristocracy.

To the end of the 19th century, British capital dominated the world.

The basis of wealth and markets was the Empire. In India, Africa and China British rule was ruthless. They plundered, they robbed, they

tore out natural resources from the earth, stole land and set the local labour force to work for them with pitiful wages and appalling conditions.

They ruled with a rod of iron, tortured and imprisoned and crushed any signs of revolt. British capitalists lived off the fat of the land and the booty from the plunder poured into Britain.

It was this wealth that nurtured the soil from which reformism and social democracy sprung at home.

The bourgeoisie cultivated it consciously. Resting on the labour aristocrats, the trade union leaders and later the Fabians of the Labour Party, the bourgeoisie exercised their rule. They could afford to. For the labour leaders there were crumbs from the masters' table.

So long as those material conditions remained, then parliamentary democracy could continue to swindle working people. Propaganda from the pulpit and the school and later

the Press, radio and TV, could continue to hold up the 'specialness' of Britain, the 'glorious tradition', the sound common sensical, slow-moving history of its progress.

Conservatism, they proclaimed, worked. Slow and sure, gradual reform, a bit for everyone.

But the fear of revolution never left them.

Spectre

That spectre has never ceased to haunt the British ruling class. The working class has always fought implacably and determinedly for its rights. It fought for unions, built them under illegality and forced the bourgeoisie to make them legal. It fought for its political rights, gained the vote, got its representatives in parliament, built its Labour Party.

At each turn the bourgeoisie retreated, found a leeway to concede. They relied on the treachery of the Labour and

trade union leaders whom they cultivated and patronised and bought off.

They relied on the stifling ideology of conservatism, reform, postponing the evil day of confrontation when the mask would finally be stripped off, the compromise ditched, and the classes left facing each other as they were in the Chartist period in a struggle for power.

But with each fresh compromise the contradictions sharpened, built up fresh tensions beneath the apparently resolved and tranquil surface.

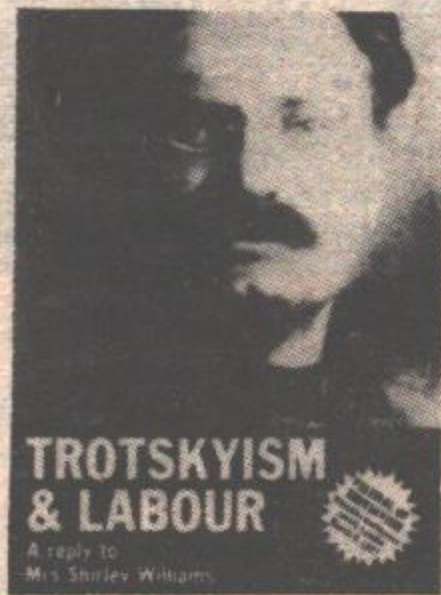
The last great retreat was made at the end of World War II. Here they contrived to postpone the day by policies of inflationary boom.

But when the boom bust in August 1971 — when dollar-gold convertibility was ended — the old elasticity of compromise had been stretched to its limits.

The age of reform was over.

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THEATRE REVIEW

Ramsay Macdonald

'Sell Out'

BY A GUEST REVIEWER

THE setting of 'Sell Out', currently playing at the Library Theatre, Manchester, is the years following the Wall Street crash of 1929.

The period of huge speculation and phenomenal profiteering prior to '29 was followed by years and years of depression, unemployment and poverty on a massive scale.

That was the price demanded of the working class for the crisis of capitalism.

The methods of making workers pay, the treachery and manoeuvres of the Labour government under Ramsay MacDonald, the desperation of the Tory party and the ruling class to keep Labour in office, and the role played by the big international banks form the scenario of the play, but always in contrast to this is the militancy and fight of a determined working class whose social democratic leadership unceasingly betray them.

The play is one of the most enjoyable entertainments in the theatre in a long time and is acted by a small company of seventeen, who make up for the lack of numbers by performing with enthusiasm and panache.

They never, however, allow the astringency of the political situation to be overridden by straight laughs. The play is firmly and imaginatively directed by David Scase.

Empty

To the empty glamour and blind optimism of the opening stock-market scene, 'Skid Row' proves a moving and impressive contrast, with four actors alone on stage, managing to convey the poverty and desperation of the early '30s, coupled with the determination of the working class to fight.

Their hopes, of course, lie in the election of the Labour government, which under the leadership of Ramsay MacDonald, dance their calypso politics to the eternal rhythms of social democracy — 'gradually'.

The abrasive humour and irony of Ramsay's double-talking, false promises and peculiarly protestant brand of 'socialism' was not lost on the audience. And the transition from capitalism in crisis to fascism was strikingly conveyed in the German Bankers' Song.

The audience, however, is never allowed the luxury of merely being able to laugh at the irony and machinations of the Labour cabinet's policies, or the buffoonery of the decaying aristocracy.

Pointed

The parallels with today's situation are too pointed, and the politics of Ramsay MacDonald's treacherous cabinet are punched home to the audience with uncomfortable directness. With frequent interjections from Harry, a militant worker, played with outspokenness and complete lack of sentimentality by Peter Theodon, the strength and determination of a working class ready to 'fight to the last' cuts right through the double-talk and deceit of Ramsay's politics.

'We want men
Men who will fight
Fight for our class.'

But MacDonald's response is to cut the dole, and with wistful sighs and heavy hearts, the Labour Cabinet debate the issue.

MacDonald's song 'You're on Your Own' reveals both the irony and the treachery of the Labour government's position.

If the dole is not cut, as the bankers demand, pleads MacDonald, then the government will fall. And if the

government should fall, 'The working people would be without a government — and most of you without jobs.'

It is of course the latter which pulls most weight. MacDonald, acted with tautness and humour by Brian Southwood, hits the mark, because it is played not for the tragedy of an individual caught up in circumstances beyond his control, but for the treachery and conscious double-talk that characterises social democracy in crisis.

It is obliged to carry out the dictates of the international bankers on the one hand while maintaining an appearance at least of standing for the working class on the other.

Ramsay MacDonald is literally the man who dons a cloth cap on his way down to Wales, and changes it for a bowler and pinstripes in the train back to London.

Disaster

The 'talking out of both sides of his mouth at the same time' finally spells disaster for the Labour cabinet, and unable to continue, Ramsay slyly accepts coalition, fully conscious of the fact, as Baldwin himself was, that if the Tories were to cut the dole they would have a revolution on their hands.

So the Labour ministers willingly become the pawns of the ruling class and the bankers.

A remark from a member of the audience in the front row at the end of the show highlighted the irreconcilable division of classes.

'There's only ever been one Prime Minister "better" than Ramsay MacDonald, and that's the one we've got now.'



Russell Dixon (left) as Stanley Baldwin and Brian Southwood as Ramsay MacDonald in 'Sell Out', running until March 12 (Mon to Sat)

Flappers from 'Boom Time'. Left to right: Carolyn Pickles, Corrina Seddon, Lavinia Bertram, Virginia Clarke, Rowena Roberts

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TV LineUp

BBC 1

6.40-7.55 Open University. 9.30 Schools. 10.45 You and Me. 11.05 12.20 Schools. 12.45 News, weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill. 1.45 Trumpton. 2.02-3.00 Schools. 3.20 Ar Glawr. 3.53 Regional News. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Roobarb. 4.25 Jackanory. 4.40 Lippy Lion. 4.55 Crackerjack. 5.35 Paddington. 5.40 News.

5.55 NATIONWIDE Including do it yourself with Richard Stilgoe and Jimmy Hill's soccer preview

7.00 THE TOM AND JERRY SHOW

7.15 THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF DISNEY Goofy on a magic carpet escape

8.00 ARE YOU BEING SERVED? In this, the first of a new series, Mrs Slocombe has some family problems. With Molly Sugden and John Inman

8.30 PORRIDGE 'Poetic Justice' With Ronnie Barker, Brian Wilde, Fulton Mackay and Richard Beckinsdale

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS

9.25 HARRY O Harry's car mechanics friend pleads for help when his father is pulled in by the law

10.15 TONIGHT Last look at the week with Dennis Tuohy and John Timpson

10.46 MAX BOYCE IN CONCERT Musical programme in a new series from the Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre. With The Chieftains and Canticle

11.26 FILM: 'The Subject Was Roses' Transferred from Broadway to celluloid, this story makes a compelling story about returning soldier Timmy (Martin Sheen) trying to mend his parents' marriage. With Patricia Neal and Jack Albertson

1.11 Weather

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 Open University. 11.00-11.25 Play School. 4.55-7.00 Open University

7.00 NEWS HEADLINES with subtitles

7.05 INDOORS OUTDOORS Cookery, gardening and do it yourself introduced by Zena Skinner, Geoffrey Smith and Roy Day. Consumer journalist Val Hudson is on hand to lend a hand

7.30 NEWSDAY Including Charles Wheeler's Westminster report

8.05 GARDENERS' WORLD Carrying on where the 7.05 programme leaves off, Arthur Billitt and Peter Seabrook prepare the vegetable plot for spring sowing

8.35 THE MONEY PROGRAMME The middle class are having to make ends meet as inflation rips into their salaries. How they are doing it is examined in this programme

9.00 POT BLACK 77

9.25 HORIZON Modern gadgets and weaponry destroyed the harsh life-style of the Pelly Bay Eskimos.

10.15 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM by Jean-Paul Sartre: Episode 7 Munich approaches as Daniel proposes to Marcelle, despite Mathieu's protests

11.00 LATE NEWS ON 2, weather

11.10 SEX EDUCATION A preview of a series of programmes as a service to parents with eight to ten-year-old children. They will eventually be shown in the afternoon Merry Go Round programmes

11.55 CLOSDOWN Jeremy Hooker's *By Southampton Water* is read by Bernard Hepton

GRANADA

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello, Good Afternoon, Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 This Is Your Right. 1.30 About Britain: Weirs Way. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. Good Afternoon. 2.25 Friday Matinee 'Bulldog Jack'. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.10 This Is Your Right. 5.15 Crossroads. 5.45 News at 5.45.

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS North west news and views

6.30 KICK OFF Tomorrow's important matches in the area are previewed by Gerald Sinstadt

7.00 BERYL'S LOT Tom watches prices go up and the chimney come down

7.30 THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN After Steve and the bionic woman, comes the Bionic Boy. This two-part story has young Andy Sheffield selected to receive a new atomic-bionic device that will restore his paralysed legs

8.30 SALE OF THE CENTURY Contestants have chance to win cash from questions fired by Nicholas Parsons

9.00 RAFFLES Anthony Valentine takes *The First Step* in this new series of adventures of the gentleman crook A.J. Raffles

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 RICH MAN, POOR MAN Rudy marries Julie Prescott against his mother's wishes and Tom tries to escape from the crime syndicate by joining the Merchant Navy

12.15 RYAN John Michell is a killing machine

THAMES

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello, Good Afternoon, Welcome. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Today's Post. 1.30 About Britain: Weir's Way. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: 'Female Artillery'. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News.

6.00 TODAY Llew Gardner interviews a person of his choice

6.30 CROSSROADS Ginger and Josie are the target of Benny's anger

7.00 BERYL'S LOT Tom (George Selway) sees prices inflate and his chimney deflate. With Carmel McSharry, Barbara Mitchel and Tony Caunter

7.30 SALE OF THE CENTURY Nicholas Parsons' cash quiz

8.00 EMERGENCY The Fire Department experiments with combatting chemical blazes

9.00 RAFFLES Anthony Valentine takes the title role in this new series of adventures involving the gentleman crook. Raffles is sought out by his partner in crime Bunny (Christopher Strauli)

10.00 NEWS AT TEN (10.30 Police Five)

10.40 RUSSELL HARTY New series of interviews

11.40 UFO Commander Straker (Ed Bishop) runs amok

12.40 GORDON BAILEY Reading his closedown poems

REGIONS

CHANNEL

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Closedown. 1.20 News. What's On Where. Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Film: 'Playmates'. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report at Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasure Hunt. 7.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30 Beryl's Lot. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. Weather. 11.30 Film: The Prodigal. 12.30 News and Weather in French. Weather. Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.25 Gus Honeybun. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon And Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Westward News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Film: 'Playmates'. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 Westward Diary and Sports Desk. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasure Hunt. 7.30 The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30 Beryl's Lot. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.32 Westward News. Weather. 10.35 Film: The Prodigal. 12.30 Faith for Life. 12.36 Closedown.

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HTV

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon and Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Report West. 1.25 Report Wales. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Film: Banacek. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Sinbad Junior. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 Big Boy Now. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.35 Report Extra. 11.05 Rich Man, Poor Man. 12.45 Weather. Closedown.

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

ULSTER

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon and Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Good Afternoon Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Film: 3.48 Ulster News. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Spiderman. 5.45 News. 6.00 UTV Reports. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Reports.

ENGLAND
Radio 1 VHF 88-91 MHz at certain times; 247m 1214kHz
Radio 2 VHF 88-91 MHz; 1500m 200kHz

BBC RADIO 1

6.00 As. Radio 2. 7.00 Noel Edmonds. 9.00 Tony Blackburn. 12.00 Paul Burnett including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.02 David Hamilton (S). 4.30 It's D.L.T. OK! 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.02 John Dunn (S). 11.00 John Peel (S). 12.00-12.05 As Radio 2.

BBC RADIO 2

6.00 News Summary. Weather. 6.02 Colin Berry (S) including 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.02 Brian Matthew (S) including 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02-11.30 Pete Murray's Open House (S). 10.30 Waggoners Walk. 11.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.50 Sports Desk. 1.55 Good Listening (VHF). 2.02 David Hamilton (S)

Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz; 464m 647kHz
Radio 4 VHF 92-95 MHz; 285m 1052kHz; 330m 908kHz; 434m 692kHz

with 2.45 and 3.45 Sports Desk. 4.30 Waggoners Walk. 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.47 John Dunn (S) with Sports Desk at 5.45. 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 Treble Chance. 7.30 Sammes Songs (S). 8.02 Robert Farnon (S). 9.02 Friday Night is Music Night (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Jim MacLeod and his band (S). 11.02 Len Jackson with Late Show. 12.00-12.05 Midnight Newroom. Weather. Motoring.

BBC RADIO 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Overture (S) Concert: Vivaldi. Marcello. Vivaldi; records. 8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Concert (S) Schubert. Wolf-Ferrari. Respighi; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer: Ives (S) on records. 9.45 Violin Sonatas (S) Recital: Beethoven.

6.50 Police Six. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Sportscast. 11.00 Film. 12.15 Bedtime. 12.25 Closedown.

ATV MIDLANDS

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon and Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Good Afternoon Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Film: Silver Lode. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 ATV Today (News at 5.45). 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 Emergency. Problem. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Film: The Oblong Box. 12.15 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon and Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Calendar News. Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Good Afternoon Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Film: 'All For Mary'. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Calendar Sport. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 The Bionic Woman. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Rich Man, Poor Man. 12.15 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

9.25 Starting Point. 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon and Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 North East News. Lookaround. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: 'All For Mary'. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 The Addams Family. 5.45 News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 The Bionic Woman. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Sportstime. 11.05 Film: Fright. 12.40 Open Bidie. 12.45 Closedown.

BORDER

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon and Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Film: Anne of the Indies. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 University Challenge. 6.00 Border News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Beryl's Lot. 7.30 The Bionic Woman. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 This Sporting Monty. 11.00 Film: Black Bart. 12.37 News. Weather. 12.40 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

9.30 Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon and Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.25 Road and Weather Report. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Film: 'All for Mary'. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Pipet and his Friends. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Thimgumyig. 7.30 The Bionic Woman. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Ways and Means. 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 Sneak Preview. 12.05 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

9.23 First Thing. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Kathy's Quiz. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Hello. Good Afternoon and Welcome. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Grampian News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.25 Film: Young Guns of Texas. 3.50 The Cedar Tree. 4.15 Dominic. 4.45 Magpie. 5.15 Mary Tyler Moore Show. 5.45 News. 6.00 Grampian Today. Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Thimgumyig. 8.00 The Electric Theatre Show. 8.30 Sale of the Century. 9.00 Raffles. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Points North. 11.30 Police Woman. 12.25 Reflections. 12.30 Closedown.

RADIO

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

NORTHERN IRELAND

Idea (S). 5.45 Homeward Bound (6.05 News). 6.30 Lifelines. Home and Family. 7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra (S) Concert. part 1. Wagner. Schumann. Part 2. Beethoven. 9.20 Poetry Now. 9.45 Organ Gallery (S). 10.45 Music Now. 11.25-11.30 News.

BBC RADIO 4

6.20 News. 6.22 Farming Today. 6.40 Prayer for the Day. 6.45 Today. with News at 7.00 and 8.00. 8.45 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.05 Voice of the People. 10.00 News. 10.05 Checkpoint. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. 11.00 News. 11.05 I Really Am a Very Lucky Person. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27 Just a

Radio 4 VHF 92-95MHz; 417m 719kHz
Radio Ulster 224m 1340kHz
(S) Stereophonic

Minute. 12.55 Weather and programme news. 1.00 The World at One. News. 1.30 The Archers. 1.45 Woman's Hour (2.00 News). 2.45 Listen with Mother. 3.00 News. 3.05 Afternoon Theatre (S). 4.00 News. 4.05 Any Answers. 4.35 Story Time. 5.00 PM Reports. 5.50 Financial Report. 5.55 Weather. programme news. 6.00 News. 6.15 The Burkes Way. 6.45 The Archers. 7.00 News. 7.05 The World in Focus. 7.30 Pick of the Week. 8.30 Any Questions? 9.15 Letter From America. 9.30 Kaleidoscope. 9.59 Weather. 10.00 The World Tonight. News. 10.45 A Book at Bedtime. 11.00 The Financial World Tonight. 11.15 Today in Parliament. 11.25 Week Ending. 11.50 News preceded by Weather. 12.11-12.14 Inshore Forecast.

SPORTSLINE

Dramatist's price is trimmed

DRAMATIST'S price for next month's Champion Hurdle was trimmed to 8-1 following his victory from Beacon Light and Artifice at Wincanton yesterday.

Fulke Walwyn's charge was receiving 7lbs from Beacon Light, and beat him by only a length. But it was still an impressive victory, because a mistake at the last looked like putting Dramatist out of the race altogether.

Dramatist responded immediately when Bill Smith straightened him up and he recovered from the mistake well enough to win in style.

'I'm very pleased. He's not been out since Boxing Day and ran it out very well,' said Walwyn.

Bob Turnell was also delighted, and confirmed that he will saddle Beacon Light as well as Bird's Nest in the Champion.

'I am very satisfied with Beacon Light — he's run a good race. Andy (Turnell) will have choice of mounts at Cheltenham, and Steve Knight will ride the other one,' said Turnell.

Andy, the trainer's son, will presumably choose Bird's Nest,

who remains 6-4 favourite, with last year's winner, Night Nurse, second favourite at 11-4. Dramatist is next in the betting.

One horse who will not run in the big Cheltenham hurdle is Artifice, who finished 20 lengths behind Beacon Light yesterday.

His trainer, John Thorne, is still mystified as to why Artifice was such a disappointing favourite in the Schweppes Gold Trophy, and he said: 'If he had run like he did today he would have won the Schweppes — I cannot explain it.'

Even so, Thorne is pulling his charge out of the Champion line-up, and will saddle him in either the County Hurdle at Cheltenham or the Imperial Cup instead.

HIGNELL AND YOUNG KEEP PLACES

RUGBY UNION

THE ENGLAND selectors have named the team that began the match against France, for the Triple Crown clash with Wales in Cardiff next Saturday.

This means that scrum half Malcolm Young, who broke his nose just before the interval, retains his place and Steve Smith, who replaced him, goes back to the bench.

The one change in the squad is the recall of Tony Neary to the replacements, instead of Andy Ripley.

Deputy

Neary was late deputy on the flank for Mike Rafter, in the win over Ireland three weeks ago, but that was his only appearance in the squad this season.

If Young, as expected, recovers from his injury and the team plays as selected, England will have used only 17 players in four games.

This figure compares vividly with the 37 players in six games in 1975, and 28 in five last season.

Chairman of selectors, Sandy

Selectors stick by Uttley's XV



MALCOLM YOUNG ... Keeps his place at scrum-half, despite broken nose

Sanders, commented: 'Even though we finally decided to retain the same team, we analysed closely the reasons behind our defeat by France last Saturday.'

'But we concluded that no alteration to the team could guarantee an improvement. The one change in the replacements

arises largely through the relative strengths of the opposition.

'Against France especially, and also against Scotland and Ireland, we felt that we wanted Andy Ripley's height at the back of the line-out available, in case of an injury to a loose forward. Against Wales, this quality

might not prove quite so important, but Neary's speed off the scrums could prove useful.

'With Roger Uttley and Peter Dixon versatile players, we were given the scope to pick the man for the match in each case this season.'

Minimum

The forward choice would have occupied the bare minimum of the selectors' time. The backs, with just one try from plenty of possession against Ireland and France, must have caused more discussion.

And Alastair Hignell's inability to kick more than one goal in the two games and his five misses, including four from promising positions, last Saturday, brought a clamour for the return of Alan Old.

WINNING POST

Gifford's Moray to bounce back

FINDON trainer Josh Gifford, who is having a fine season, should land the Manor Novices' Handicap Chase at KEMPTON today with Morey St Denys (2.00).

The eight-year-old was well fancied last time out at Sandown, but ran a very disappointing race to finish last behind Royal Thrust.

That running can probably be ignored, as Bob Champion's mount had a very stiff task. On previous form which includes an eight lengths success from Malford Grove at Nottingham and a neck second to Miss Boon at Windsor, he must be well capable of winning from Do Justice.

Fred Winter's former flat racer Pueblo (2.30) was an impressive eight lengths winner on his hurdling debut at Sandown earlier this month. He should supplement that success in the third section of the Ashford Novices' Hurdle.

The five-year-old turned in a fluent display, and looked good enough to beat Richard Head's improving Rathdaniel, who was impressive when winning at Warwick in December.

Another of Winter's recruits from flat racing, Girandole (1.00), could win the first section of the event. The smart six-year-old, who won the Goodwood Cup in 1975, should prove too good for Schweppes

Official going Kempton — soft 'no problems'.

SELECTIONS

KEMPTON

- 1.00 Girandole
- 1.30 The Baker
- 2.00 Morey St Denys (Nap)
- 2.30 Pueblo (n.b.)
- 3.00 Cupid
- 3.30 High Ken
- 4.00 Duckdown
- 4.30 King's Champion

Gold Trophy also-ran Escapologist.

The Emblem Handicap Chase can go to Tim Forster's Cupid, (3.00), who ran below form when 12 lengths third to Hidden Treasure in a novice event in December.

The seven-year-old won over hurdles at Chepstow and Leicester last season and has all the makings of a promising chaser. On his fencing debut at Worcester in November, he shaped well behind Perambulate, and now he should beat Old Man Dimplex, whose last outing was in the Schweppes.

Leominster trainer John Edwards should land the Corinthian Hunters' Chase on his own High Ken (3.30).

The 11-year-old has obviously improved this season. He gained his first success in over two years when landing a similar event at Wolverhampton earlier this month. He should have enough class to account for Linden Lad again.

Teeside is called off

TODAY'S Teesside card was called off after a lengthy inspection of the track yesterday morning, and so Kempton provides the only racing in England today. The course was waterlogged, but, with conditions improving all the time, stewards were hopeful that tomorrow's Teesside card would go ahead.

But conditions are so bad at Stratford that tomorrow's card there was called off 48 hours before its scheduled start. That brought the number of abandonments this season to 106, which is only five short of the record established during the arctic weather of 1962-1963.

KEMPTON

1.00 ASHFORD NOVICES' HURDLE DIV 1 PART I

£600 2m (22 runners)		
4	12	BUSTED FIDDLE (BF) S Matthews 5 11 5 I Gebbie (7)
6	012000	ESCAPOLOGIST (D) I Wardle 5 11 5 S Smith-Eccles
7	01	ROYAL CHARLEY (NZ) D Kent 6 11 5 P Haynes
9	120334	THE GUVNOR (D) W Marshall 5 11 5
14	0-00030	AUTUMN SONG N Wakley 5 11 0 N Wakley
15	22-2	BARGAIN DAY D Marks 5 11 0
18	02=3303	BIGGSIE'S BIRD W M-Coles 7 11 0
23	0023	FACULTY J Old 5 11 0 Mr E Thetford (7)
24	30-	FASTING T Forster 8 11 0 G Thorne
25	P00PP	GALLITO J Haine 5 11 0
27	0	GIRANDOLE F Winter 6 11 0 J Francome
30	040-00	GREEN DRAGON G Bach 5 11 0 G McNally
34	0-P	HOGARTH HOUSE F Rimell 6 11 0 S Morshead
36	00023	INDIAN SOL C Drew 5 11 0 J Marshall (15)
37	000-2F	INDIAN TEA J Haine 5 11 0
41		LUBEN LAD A Hobbs 5 11 0 P Hobbs
45	P	NORIAN D Greig 5 11 0 S Parkyn
47	004000	PRIORY LAD J O Donoghue 5 11 0 G Enright (3)
51	0	RIKROC F Walwyn 5 11 0 O W Smith
57		TRADE VIEW T Hallett 5 11 0 T Hallett (5)
60		VARVEL H Willis 5 11 0 C Brown (5)
65	203-0B2	WELSH TREATY Rex Carter 5 11 0 D Briscoe

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Royal Charley, 11-2 Indian Sol and Girandole, 7-1 Escapologist, 12-1 Faculty, Busted Fiddle and The Guvnor, 16-1 Welsh Treaty, 20-1 Indian Tea and Bargain Day, 25-1 others.

1.30 ASHFORD NOVICES' HURDLE DIV I PART II

£600 2m (21 runners)		
2	122122	THE BAKER D Gandolfo 7 11 0 P Barton
5	0=40-140	COURT MELODY W Fisher 7 11 5 R Mangan (3)
8	0-43210	SUNRISE HILL (D) D Nicholson 5 11 5 W Smith
13		ATTYMON JUNCTION P Cole 5 11 0 A Webber
17	P	BAYTHORNE Mrs Lilley 5 11 0 W Smith
20	30000=	BUSH ROSE S Williams 7 11 0 S Williams (7)
26	00	GEMINI MISS D Scott 5 11 0 John Williams
29	FP0	GREAT BROTHER R Smyth 5 11 0 R Forsyth (7)
32	0	HARWOOD HALL P Bailey 5 11 0 V Soane
35		HORSEGUARDS J Haine 5 11 0 R Linley
40		LAST TRUMP G Balding 5 11 0 R Linley
43	0000	MISS TOSO F Rimell 5 11 0 J Burke
44		MR SNAPS D Dale 5 11 0 Joe Guest
46	0=00-0	PLUMMET W Wildman 8 11 0 Mr M Duerden (7)
49	4304-0F	QUICK RESULT T Hallett 6 11 0 Mr C Crosthwaite (7)
50	2	RANKSBOROUGH (BF) P Arthur 5 11 0 T Stack
52	P0P	RINGMASTER J Clark 5 11 0 S Smith Eccles
56	F0404	SOON FOR SALE (BF) I Wardle 5 11 0
58		TRANOS T Forster 5 11 0 G Thorne
59	0-P02	TULLOW LANE N Wakley 5 11 0 N Wakley
61	00220-	VIRGINIA DRIVE D Underwood 5 11 0 R Atkins

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Sunrise Hill, 7-2 Great Brother, 11-2 The Baker, 6-1 Tullow Lane and Court Melody, 8-1 Ranksborough, 1-1 Tranos, 14-1 Virginia Drive, 16-1 Attymon Junction, 20-1 others.

2.00 MANOR NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE

£900 2m (8 runners)		
1	000UF1	DO JUSTICE D Nicholson 9 12 0 R Dickinson
2	042140	MOREY ST DENYS (BF) J Gifford 8 11 13 R Champion
4	PP-3040	SAFFRON CAKE B Cambridge 8 10 13 R Crank
5	OP-0230	NEON STAR (BF) R Turnell 8 10 13 A Turnell
9	024240	FALCONS BOY M Salaman 6 10 7 M Salaman
10	0-00100	MARMALADE G Balding 5 10 7 R Linley
11	3-4334	BLACKSBOAT D Grissell 8 10 7 I Watkinson
12	F0-F40P	TENCOON F A Smith 8 10 7 Dr D Chesney (3)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Neon Star, 11-4 Morey St Denys, 3-1 Do Justice, 10-1 Saffron Cake, 14-1 Falcons Boy, 16-1 Marmalade, 20-1 others.

2.30 ASHFORD NOVICES' HURDLE DIV II ART I

£600 2m (17 runners)		
3	0-42120	FREEZING POINT Mrs Whitfield 5 11 5 C Smith (7)
8	1	PUEBLO (D) F Winter 5 11 5 J Francome
9	031	RATHDANIEL (D) R Head 7 11 5 R Barry
15	0PF	CEDRAS R Ledger 8 11 0 Mr S Supple (7)
20	403	DISMASTED D Barons 5 11 0 P Leach
21	P	FAST-N-LOOSE J Haine 5 11 0 J Hatch (7)
23	320	FORTUNE COOKIE G Balding 5 11 0 J Fox
27	F	GIVE IT BEST J Charlton 5 11 0 C Brown (5)
30	0=0	GREAT BIRNAM A Pitt 6 11 0 I Cox (7)
32	30-0000	HILL FLY (USA) F Muggeridge 5 11 0 T Muggeridge (7)
36	4402-00	LANDING PARTY S James 5 11 0 J King
44	023-00P	NIGHT MESSENGER C Miller 5 11 0 D Cartwright
46	P440	QUEENS COP W Fisher 6 11 0 R Mangan (3)
47		QUIET WATER R Turnell 5 11 0 A Turnell
48	0	ROYAL DOON D Morley 5 11 0 B R Davies

51	2	TOUREEN J Gifford 5 11 0 R Champion
53	24=40-0P	WELSH SONG J Clark 7 11 0 A Webber

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Pueblo, 4-1 Rathdaniel, 6-1 Great Birnam, 10-1 Toureen, 12-1 Dismasted, Fortune Cookie and Quiet Water, 16-1 Freezing Point, 20-1 others.

3.00 EMBLEM HANDICAP CHASE

£1,000 2m 4f (17 runners)		
1	2242-24	TINKER BOY (NZ) N Gaselee 11 12 3 Maj D Shaw (5)
3	0301-22	MR STRAIGHT (BF) W Fisher 9 11 9 R Barry
5	322F00	OLD MAN DIMPLEX F Winter 10 11 4 J Francome
6	40-0103	OUR ARTHUR S Underhill 11 11 2 John Williams
7	130-3F2	CUPID T Forster 7 11 2 G Thorne
10	4-33U00	BATTLE HYMN H Nicholson 8 11 1 R Mangan (3)
11	001440	WILD PIRATE E Beeson 10 11 0 C Brown (5)
12	0043U0	EASTERN AMERICAN S Holland 7 10 11 S Holland
13	231-0PP	BE SHARP Mrs Oughton 8 10 11 C Read
14	04U10P	PARKGATE INN S Mellor 9 10 11 J Glover
17	0F10F3	OVER ACTING G Balding 8 10 10 R Linley
19	0U432-1	KING SHAW P Cundell 6 10 10 M O'Halloran (5)
20	24U0-23	BUCKINGHAM R Turnell 7 10 9 SC Knight
24	14023=0-	MARCHRITE D Gandolfo 8 10 3 P Barton
25	12-42U4	BALLINLONG J Webber 6 10 3 A Webber
26	320013-	SOLON MARCH Mrs Waring 13 10 2 A Waring (7)
28	004P0P=	DINARISE T Forster 8 10 1 J Marshall (5)

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Mr Straight, 4-1 King Shaw, 5-1 Buckingham, 13-2 Our Arthur, 10-1 Cupid, 12-1 Over Acting, Tinker Boy and Old Man Dimplex, 14-1 Battle Hymn and Parkgate Inn, 20-1 others.

3.30 CORINTHIAN HUNTERS CHASE

£700 3m (17 runners)		
1	112121=	ABERCROMBIE Mrs Greenall 8 12 6 Mr P Greenall
3	02=U112-	FOREST ROCK (C-D) A Wates 12 12 6 Mr P Wates (5)
4	1P1211-	GOLD ESCORT (D) W Stephenson 7 12 6 Mr Waley-Cohen (7)
5	331=	HEADSPRITE E Roberts 10 12 6
6	423-P01	HIGH KEN (D) J Edwards 11 12 6 Mr J Edwards (7)
7	U-P0030	MOON TRIP (D) A Connell 9 12 6 Mr M Connell (7)
8	030=	PRIZE FIGHTER S Embiricos 12 12 6 Mr K Podger (7)
10	43P420-	VENI VICI (D) C McDonagh 14 12 6 Mr G Hyatt (5)
11	2F0010-	DARLINGTON CHARLIE R Clements 9 12 3 Mr R Clements (7)
12	1=0B	JOHNNIES TANGLE (D) H Manners 11 12 3 Mr S Pearce (7)
13	0P002-F	LAYDONEY (BF) R Champion 10 12 3 Mr D Evans (5)
14	00P00=0-	TINKERS GREEN R Little 11 12 3 Mr J Porter (7)
15	02440=2	EVAGORAS Mrs Taylor 7 12 0 Mrs S French (7)
16	P=04-	FORMALITY A Jones 10 12 0 Mr A Jones (7)
17	P	HESITATION J Dufosse 7 12 0 Mr M Brown (7)
20		ROMANY BISCUIT Mrs Atkinson 8 12 0
21	0P000=0	UNDERHILL N Gibson 7 12 0 Mr N Henderson

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 High Ken, 4-1 Forest Rock, 5-1 Evagoras, 6-1 Abercrombie, 10-1 Gold Escort and Moon Trip, 12-1 Headsprite, 16-1 Veni Vici and Johnnies Tangle, 20-1 others.

4.00 LITTLETON NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE

£700 (4-Y-0) 2m 4f (11 runners)		
1	100312	BREEZE WAGON (BF) F Rimell 11 8 J Burke
2	0241P	PRINCE OF PLEASURE N Callaghan 11 7 J King
3	040	GAME DAVID D Barons 11 4 P Leach
4	314	LINDEN DOLLY (BF) H Westbrook 11 3 S Smith-Eccles
5	310343	GINARA C Dingwall 11 3 J Francome
6	30400	PAST HISTORY R Shaw 11 3 R Forsyth (7)
7	024	RAGUSA BAY R Nicholson 11 1 R Dickinson
8	00U100	REGAL JESTER S Mellor 11 0 J Glover
9	4222	DUCKDOWN D Gandolfo 10 11 P Barton
10	PP4P	MAYTIDE D Ancil 10 5 A Turnell
13	03400	PASQABOND F Muggeridge 10 0 T Muggeridge (7)

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Breeze Wagon, 4-1 Ginara, 9-2 Ragusa Bay, 5-1 Linden Dolly, 7-1 Duckdown, 10-1 Prince of Pleasure, 14-1 Game David, 16-1 others.

4.30 ASHFORD NOVICES' HURDLE DIV II PART II

£600 2m (16 runners)		
6	2-00310	PICK ME (D) R Hawker 5 11 5 Mr A Walter (7)
10	40-4001	DABROSO (USA) D Morley 5 11 5 B R Davies
13		ARCTIC SILVER N Wakley 5 11 0 N Wakley
18		CROWN MAJOR M Bolton 5 11 0 R Rowell
22	0-00	FINAL WORD D Barons 5 11 0 P Leach
25		FROSTED GLASS R Turnell 5 11 0 SC Knight
28	3P-004P	GOLDEN AUTUMN D Nicholson 5 11 0 J Southern
31	P0P=0-P	GREATSPEAR P Forwood 6 11 0 Mr P Forwood (7)
33	0203	ISOTIP (BF) R Head 5 11 0 J Francome
35	00-2	KING'S CHAMPION D Kenton 5 11 0 P Haynes
37		LETS FLY J Haine 5 11 0 R Mangan (3)
40	0000	MASTER THIEF J Welch 6 11 0 D Coomer (7)
43		MISS GOSSIP G Balding 5 11 0 D Ranger (7)
45		QUANTOCK EXPRES I Wardle 5 11 0
50	00434	TIPPER T Hallett 5 11 0 T Hallett (5)
52	00	VRONDI B Wise 5 11 0 C Brown (5)

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Sabroso, 7-2 Isotip, 11-2 King's Champion, 12-1 Pick Me, Master Thief and Tipper, 14-1 Vrondi and Frosted Glass, 20-1 others.

CUP SOCCER

League
Cup
legacy
hits Villa

INJURIES to four players are causing manager Ron Saunders concern on the eve of Aston Villa's second big Cup tie of the week against Port Vale tomorrow.

The injuries are Saunders' unwanted legacy from Tuesday's successful League Cup semi-final replay against Queens Park Rangers.

Internationals Alex Cropley, Andy Gray and Leighton Phillips and forward Frank Carrodus are all receiving intensive treatment.

Gray, the League's most prolific goalscorer, who has been worried by a groin strain for some time, and Phillips were unable to join yesterday's training, and Saunders said: 'There are doubts about all four of them'.

The Villa manager is likely to name a squad today, but delay final selection until after late checks on the fitness of the players, shortly before the match.

Saunders dismissed any ideas that his side might be lulled into a false sense of security because they were meeting a Third Division side immediately after reaching the League Cup final.

Villa must harbour ambitions of a Cup double and Saunders said: 'It will be a very hard game, and one which we want to win.'

'The players are professional and dedicated

BLACKBURN'S ONLY DOUBT



ALEX CROPLEY... One of four Villa doubts for tomorrow

Derby's mood

BLACKBURN ROVERS, six times winners of the FA Cup, intend to add another page to their extensive history tomorrow.

The Second Division club, who have taken part in eight finals, face a fifth-round tie with trouble-torn Derby at the Baseball Ground.

And Blackburn manager Jim Smith reckons they can win,

though he admits that it will be difficult to gauge Derby's reaction to this week's turmoil.

'My initial thought was, good, this will help us. But there is the fear that it might rebound on us with the Derby players out to prove themselves,' says Smith.

'I must admit that they have frightened us on the four occasions we have watched them. They played so badly it was unbelievable. You can't help feeling that they can only do better on Saturday.'

'Of course in the end it is really down to ourselves and I believe we have the spirit and confidence to win.'

Smith has injury problems with winger Dave Wagstaffe and defender John Bailey, both extremely doubtful because of ankle strains.

Derby's difficulties appear never-ending. Colin Murphy has injury problems with three key players.

Centre-back Roy McFarland has a hamstring strain, midfielder Archie Gemmill is affected by strained knee ligaments and Steve Powell has a thigh injury.



Boro replace Boersma

MIDDLESBROUGH forward Tony McAndrew has overcome an ankle injury and is likely to return in place of Phil Boersma against visitors Arsenal.

The Gunners have centre-back David O'Leary fit after a two-match absence.

Wolves defender Frank Munro resumed training yesterday after straining a leg in a work-out earlier in the week, which is good news before the home game with Third Division Chester.

While Wolves have been preparing for the game in Southport, Chester preferred to maintain their normal routine.

It's just another game as far as we are concerned,' said manager Alan Oakes.

He is hoping that Bob Delgado (toe injury) and Paul Crossley (damaged ankle) will be fit in time.

CHRIS GALVIN, Hull City mid-field player, has signed for York City for a third month on loan, but it has been agreed that he may be recalled by Hull, who lost George Lyall with a broken leg last weekend, at 24 hours' notice if needed.

Kennedy allows Kevin to roam

LIVERPOOL midfielder player Ray Kennedy has overcome a thigh strain and is fit for the home tie with Oldham.

A training session yesterday confirmed Kennedy's fitness, and he is likely to return in midfield, allowing Kevin Keegan to join John Toshack

and Steve Heighway in attack.

A problem for manager Bob Paisley is the availability of Terry McDermott, fit again after missing six matches due to an ankle injury.

Jimmy Case, his substitute, has played well in McDermott's absence.

Elland Road pitch is worry

LEEDS have two problems to contend with before their big clash with Manchester City at Elland Road — injuries and the weather.

Paul Reaney, Gordon McQueen and Tony Currie are all doubtful.

Jimmy Armfield said: 'We shall leave a decision until

Saturday. At the moment the odds are slightly in favour of them playing.'

If anything, the state of the pitch is giving more cause for anxiety after weeks of constant rain. 'Ground conditions are very, very bad. The pitch is heavy and wet,' Armfield said.

Cardiff wait for opponents

THE Welsh FA yesterday dismissed an appeal by Merthyr Tydfil against their disqualification from the Welsh Cup for fielding an ineligible player in their quarter final tie with Bridgend Town.

Bridgend now go forward to the semi-finals in which they have a home match against the holders, Cardiff City.

TEST FOR THE TEST

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Four MCC players have their last chance to prove themselves in the unofficial Test against Sri Lanka starting today.

Ken Barrington and the selectors have chosen the side with an eye to next month's centenary Test against Australia.

Dennis Amiss and Mike Brearley, certain to play in Melbourne, are being rested and Bob Woolmer, Geoff Miller, Graham Barlow and Derek Randall fill the first four batting places.

Only two of them are likely to play in Australia, with Woolmer probably replacing Roger Tolchard, who is omitted from today's game.

So Randall, Miller and Barlow have the last batting place between them.

It is unlikely Sri Lanka officials will be too impressed by the MCC team.

They had hoped to press their claim for full membership to the International Cricket Conference by putting up a good performance against MCC's strongest eleven. Now they find themselves confronted by an experimental side.

Barrington said Yorkshire fast bowler Chris Old was the only player not available for selection.

Favourites will have to show their pace

WIDNES, the beaten finalists last year, and Castleford try to justify their joint favourite status in the second round of the Rugby League Cup this weekend.

Theoretically, Widnes have an easy task against Second Division Swinton on Sunday.

Swinton have lost their way in the promotion race this season and will be left with nothing to play for should Widnes win.

Castleford, who last won at Wembley in 1970, face a more difficult task away to Rochdale Hornets, again on Sunday.

Strength

Rochdale, conquerors of Leigh in the previous round, have been growing in strength and confidence under new player coach Kel Coslett.

Although Castleford have won all the last five meetings between the two clubs, the result is by no means predictable. Rochdale have triumphed in four of their last five home games.

All-round teamwork allied to the flair of Malcolm Reilly and Bruce Burton has made Castleford the most feared League side around this season.

The resurgence of the game in the East Riding is reflected in

FIRST DIVISION								SECOND DIVISION							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	21	13	1	7	343	259	27	Hull	16	14	0	2	378	125	28
Featherston R.	18	12	2	4	347	196	26	Dewsbury	17	13	0	4	225	110	26
Hull K.R.	20	12	1	7	314	271	25	York	19	12	0	7	292	187	24
Salford	20	11	1	8	402	299	23	Keighley	18	11	1	6	276	175	23
Bradford Nthn	17	10	2	5	313	213	22	New Hunslet	15	10	1	4	206	148	21
Castleford	17	10	1	6	296	207	21	Bramley	15	10	0	5	262	240	20
Workington	19	10	1	8	218	216	21	Huyton	19	10	0	9	223	280	20
Widnes	17	10	0	7	233	199	20	Huddersfield	18	8	0	10	282	211	16
Wigan	18	9	2	7	277	262	20	Whitehaven	16	7	0	9	166	196	14
Warrington	19	10	0	9	306	300	20	Swinton	16	6	2	8	172	204	14
Leeds	20	8	2	10	277	304	18	Halifax	16	6	0	10	178	235	12
Wakefield	19	7	2	10	305	329	16	Batley	17	5	1	11	171	283	11
Oldham	19	6	0	13	228	329	12	Blackpool	17	3	1	13	140	256	7
Leigh	18	5	1	12	202	320	11	Doncaster	17	0	0	17	162	483	0
Rochdale	20	5	0	15	232	355	10								
Barrow	18	4	0	14	201	435	8								

Wayne in training

WAYNE EVANS, British bantamweight title contender, has been given the go-ahead to resume training after a serious hand injury threatened his career. Evans, who was recently named 'Welsh Young Boxer of the Year', expects a summer fight against Paddy Maguire, for the Irishman's title.

RACING RESULTS

WINCANTON

2.15 (2m): JIMMY MIFF, S Smith-Eccles (10-1) 1; Pop Song (11-4) 2; Bolus Head (evens fav) 3; Three Gems (25-1) 4. 15 ran. 15. 6. (J Wardle) T: £1.50; 30p, 14p, 20p.
2.45 (2m): ABO J Glover (11-4 fav) 1; Viewfinder (4-1) 2; Dancing Ned (100-30) 3; Knight of Fashion (10-1) 4. 19 ran. 2½. 7. (S Mellor) T: 33p; 15p, 25p, 15p, 17p.NR: Bienfait.
3.15 (2m): DRAMATIST, W Smith (9-4 on fav) 1; Beacon Light (7-2) 2; Artifice (8-1) 3; Rio (66-1) 4. 7 ran. 1. 20. (F Walwyn) T: 12p; 11p, 18p, DF:30p.
3.45 (3m 1f): BORDER INCIDENT, J Francome (11-8 fav) 1; Summerville (13-8) 2; Zeta's Son (8-1) 3; Master H (6-1) 4. 8 ran. 6. 12. (R Head) T: 21p; 13p, 12p, 12p, DF:25p.
4.15 (2m): ROYAL EPIC, (13-8 fav) 1; Silver Rondo (33-1) 2; Kent's Mill (33-1) 3; Game Gentleman (4-1) 4. 11 ran. 7. 20. (V Cross) T: 41p; 21p, 57p, NR: Summer Serenade.
4.45 (2m): SO LIKELY, T Hallatt (9-1) El Cardo (16-1) 2; Corraggio (33-1) 3; Emperor's Gift (33-1) 4. 24 ran. hd. 2. (T Hallatt) T: 97p, 29p, 32p, 79p, £1.11.
TOTE DOUBLE: £2.90.
TOTE TREBLE: £19.70.

THURLES

3.00 (2½m): CARRICKLECK, T Carberry (15-8 jt fav) 1; Helens Tower (12-1) 2; High Lake (14-1) 3; Dark Gold (14-8) (t fav) 4. 18 ran. 12. 4. (McCreary) T: 54p; 30p, 72p, £1.48.
3.30 (2½m): TROYSWOOD, S Treacy (5-1) 1; Straight Row (evens fav) 2; Rathnure (12-1) 3; Banswara (6-1) 4. 11 ran. 1. 4. (Mullins) T: £1.24; 36p, 26p, 84p.
4.00 (2½m): BILLYCAN, R Coonan (8-1) 1; Brendons Road (8-1) 2; Ten Up (2-1) 3. 4 ran. 3. 10. (A J Maxwell) T: £2.44. F: £2.90.
4.30 (2m): LIMETREE BAY, S Lunch (2-1 fav) 1; Jullila (10-1) 2; Oyster Catcher (7-1) 3; Beau Fils (8-1) 4. 12 ran. 3. 4. (Osborne) T: 72p; 34p, 56p, 62p.
5.00 (2m): SOCIAL PARADE, Mr J Fowler (7-1) 1; Bold Gerard (9-4) 2; Yes Man (20-1) 3; Wakonda (7-1) 4. 13 ran. 4. 10. (Prendergast) T: £2.10; 58p, 36p, £2.52.
5.30 (2m): PLEASE TAPE, Mr T M Walsh (7-4) 1; Ardfern (evens fav) 2; Super Fun (16-1) 3; Gamonda (16-1) 4. 11 ran. 3. ¾. (M Browne) T: £2.28.
TOTE DOUBLE: £2.28.

Out for season after car-crash



GEORGE BEST — in car crash

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BEST BLOW TO FULHAM

THE county cricket championship from this summer will be known as the 'Schweppes County Championship'.

This follows the announcement at Lord's, last night, of a three-year sponsorship worth at least £360,000 by the firm of Cadbury-Schweppes.

The sponsors of the Test and County Cricket Board have agreed not to announce the actual sum involved.

But Doug Insole, the TCCB chairman, said that the £120,000 per year laid down as a minimum for sponsoring the championship, had been reached.

Prize

About 20 per cent will be prize money. This will be more than in any one-day competition.

Details of how the prize money will be allocated remains to be settled at a meeting next week, but it is likely that there will be prizes for each three-day match in the championship.

'The one day competitions have provided a lot of money for the game and really allowed it to go in in recent years. But the players have always regarded three-day cricket as the real game,' said Insole.

'All the best performers in all sorts of big cricket regard the championship as a very important competition. The board are delighted with this new sponsorship.'

Longson admits defeat

SAM LONGSON yesterday admitted defeat on the board of Derby County and resigned as chairman of the club.

Longson refused to comment after a three-hour board meeting yesterday, but the club's secretary Stuart Webb issued a statement which said:

'Following a meeting of Derby County's board of directors, Mr Sam Longson has retired from the chairmanship but retains his position as president and director of the club.'

Director

The statement added that George Hardy, the millionaire director who led the unsuccessful attempt to bring back Brian Clough as manager, was taking over as chairman.

Hardy's appointment strengthens rumours that a fresh approach will be made to Nottingham Forest for the former Derby manager.



John Stracey (left) and Dave Green size each other up in London yesterday after the fight announcement for next month

NOSE TO NOSE

The fight of the year, between John Stracey and Dave Green, will not go the distance, both boxers promised yesterday.

Harry Levene finally declared the fight official between Stracey, the former world welterweight champion, and Green, British and European light welterweight title holder.

They will meet at Wembley for a 12-round fight at 10 stone 7lbs on March 29, with each man earning more than £30,000 for a certain sell-out.

As a further incentive, the winner can fight Carlos

Palomino for the world title in the same ring, on June 14.

Green, still sporting the remains of a black eye from his fight at the Royal Albert Hall, and Stracey both made their public predictions — and the only common factor was the fight will not go the distance.

Stracey said: 'I will beat Dave, in fact I think I will stop him. It is a very attractive fight, two straight-forward fighters, both going forward and I will be ready for it.'

'I have worked hard and I am already down to the welterweight limit, which is unusual for me five weeks before the night.'

Privately, he confided that he thought he would win by the half way mark. 'It will be a war, and while I know he cannot knock me out, I have the weapons to knock him out,' he said.

Green forecast that he would beat Stracey more decisively than Palomino beat him last June.

Stracey surrendered his world title in the 12th round then and has not boxed since, though there is every

sign that he has now recovered his appetite for boxing.

Green is taking the unique step of training for this contest in America. His stablemate, Joe Bugner, is meeting Ron Lyle in Las Vegas, on March 19, and both men, with their manager Andy Smith, will fly to the United States two weeks before this.

He will then have ten days to recover from the journey back and complete his preparations. He expects to bring at least £20,000 worth of support to Wembley from East Anglia.

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

GEORGE BEST'S injuries in a car crash yesterday morning look certain to keep him out of action for the rest of the season.

That was the shock news yesterday for Fulham manager Bobbie Campbell, whose team now seems doomed to Third Division football next season.

Best's white Fiat hit a lamp post in the exclusive Knightsbridge area of London at around 4a.m. yesterday.

He was taken to St Stephens Hospital in Chelsea, where his condition was yesterday described as 'comfortable'.

The Irish star has shoulder and facial injuries, but he is expected to leave hospital within the next two days.

Even so, Fulham manager Campbell said: 'It seems likely that George will be unable to play before the end of the season. It is a blow for us, and we will miss him in our coming games.'

Since Campbell succeeded Alec Stock as manager, Fulham have picked up only one point from nine games and have slumped from seventh place to fifth from bottom in the Second Division.

The only consistent factor in their play throughout the season has been top class performances from £500-per-game Best.

With him out of action, the club can have no confidence as they prepare for tomorrow's home match against in-form Luton, and their chances of staying in Division Two look slim.

Rodgers leaves Swindon

SWINDON TOWN winger, Don Rogers, whose transfer deals have cost around a quarter of a million pounds, joined Southern League Yeovil on loan for a month yesterday.

Rogers, 31, links up again with Yeovil player-manager Stan Harland. They were both members of Swindon's League Cup winning team of 1969.