

Bring your banners to Dover



NEXT SUNDAY, April 17, Euro-March 77 makes its cross-Channel journey to Dover arriving at 1p.m. after four weeks on the road.

This is the first-ever Europe-wide campaign in Common Market countries against unemployment.

Its success is a tribute to the fighting capacity of the youth. They are hardest hit by unemployment and they are in the forefront of the working-class struggle against it.

The Young Socialists from seven countries — Britain, Ireland, West Germany, France, Greece, Portugal and Spain — have demonstrated what the fight for working-class internationalism is about.

GROUNDED!

Engineers reply to British Airways blackleg's charter

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

THE WHOLE trade union movement must rally in support of the 4,000 Heathrow engineers now on strike for higher pay and against the infamous 'blackleg's charter'.

Victory at Heathrow for the maintenance engineers will be a victory for the whole working class.

It will smash the wage-cutting 'social contract' and the plans of the TUC leaders to negotiate Phase Three. The smashing of the social contract spells the end of the Lib-Lab coalition government, whose very existence rests on slashing workers' living standards through wage controls and higher unemployment.

The fate of this reactionary capitalist government no longer hangs on parliamentary combinations, but is being fought out on the picket line at Heathrow where the engineers' strike has become a crucial test of strength between the working class and the state.

The TUC and the government are well aware that the social contract will collapse if it is defeated in a major nationalised industry like British Airways.

That is why the full force of the TUC, the National Joint Council, the government and the management has been applied to try and smash the engineers' struggle.

Collaborated

All these forces have collaborated to sign away every basic trade union right on the airport and give the management full licence to organise all-out scabbing.

Yesterday the remaining 2,800 engineers at Heathrow went on strike in support of their colleagues who were sacked by management in collaboration with the union leaders.

The scabs' charter at Heathrow has shown the real face of the Callaghan-Steel coalition government. This government is a direct threat to the standard of living and the basic trade union rights of every worker in Britain.

The union leaders, backed by the Communist Party, Stalinists and every revisionist group,

Five stewards barred from airport

BRITISH Airways management has arrogantly issued instructions to bar five AUEW shop stewards from Heathrow.

The duplicated memos were shoved through the private addresses of Frank Gates, Tony Crane, Jack Gatsky, Wally Allen and Peter Elgar. They read:

'They are not permitted to enter British Airways property or premises and, if found on any British Airways property or premises, they will be immediately asked to leave and escorted away.'

stand for the continuation of this reactionary government.

The logic of their political line is unmistakable: they link up with the strike-breakers in the union bureaucracy and the Labour parliamentarians who accuse the strikers of 'wrecking' and 'splitting'.

The continuation of the Lib-Lab coalition government does not harm Thatcher and the Tories, it helps them to prepare for a



An impromptu picket immediately set up at Heathrow airport yesterday when all the engineers were called out

thumping victory when they (the Tories and the bankers) want an election on their terms.

The Workers Revolutionary Party says that the full strength of the working class must be thrown behind the Heathrow engineers to destroy the social contract and force the Lib-Lab coalition out of office immediately.

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Through snow, sleet and blinding rain, they have marched from Dortmund on March 20, through West Germany, across Belgium and into northern France.

They have been sustained each step of the march by two things — their Trotskyist political convictions and the support of the working class in these three countries.

Although they all speak different languages, they have learnt that the ruling class and the monopolists of the Common Market have a common language.

It is to smash workers' living standards using the twin weapons of mass unemployment and rising prices to fill the pockets of the profiteers.

The Euro-marchers have been supported in Britain by regional marches in Scotland, the north-east, Yorkshire, the north-west, Midlands and South Wales.

In whatever country they have marched, the youth have faced the hostility of the trade union bureaucracy. These overfed, overpaid bureaucrats see in the marchers the face of their impending demise.

In Britain this hostility has taken the sharpest form since the official trade union leadership, the Communist Party leaders and every revisionist group supports the reactionary Lib-Lab coalition government.

The official ban against the march is in sharpest contrast to the response in the ranks of the trade unions. They have been generous and responsive to the financial and accommodation needs of the marchers in every city, town and village.

Workers are immensely aware of the treachery of the Labour and TUC leaders. They are fed up with the organised wage-cutting under the 'social contract'. They are deeply angry with the rise in unemployment and relentless price increases.

The purpose of the British contingents on Euro-March 77 has been to channel this pent-up militancy into a struggle by the working class to bring down the Lib-Lab coalition government.

All workers who are concerned about the struggle to defend their living standards have a duty this Sunday.

● Come to Dover Marine at 1p.m. to welcome Euro-March 77.

● Bring your trade union banners

● Make it a rousing welcome. Every trade unionist and every delegation that comes to Dover will be a powerful blow against the Lib-Lab coalition and the traitors at the top who support it.

GREET EURO-MARCH 77 Dover Sunday April 17 NOON

Concorde training switched from RAF

BRITISH Airways is to switch the Concorde pilot training programme back to Fairford, Gloucestershire from RAF Brize Norton, West Oxfordshire, following protests over noise after the first of the airline's two-week training sessions at Brize earlier this year.

People in many parts of West Oxfordshire complained both to British Airways and the RAF about noise. Now the BA has confirmed that it will be returning to Fairford to use the Gloucestershire airfield for practice landings.

Concorde will still be based at Brize, but there will be only very restricted local flying from the airfield and all practice landings will take place at Fairford from May when the next training session starts.

Journalists out for 18th week

SIXTY journalists employed by the East Midlands Allied Press group, voted at a mass meeting in Kettering, Northants, yesterday to continue their 18-week-old strike.

A spokesman for the journalists, all NUJ members, also said that plans are being formulated to step up industrial action, but no details were disclosed.

The original issue was over a claim for better fringe benefits, but now the NUJ members are refusing to return to work until nine colleagues, who resigned during the dispute to join the rival Institute of Journalists, rejoin the NUJ.

Cement set to rise

BRITAIN'S biggest cement firm is expected to apply for further price increases soon despite two rises in the last six months.

This follows a warning by Anthony Binney, chairman of Associated Portland Cement, in his annual report yesterday that profits are still not high enough to maintain the company's long-term 'viability'.

Although the group closed three older plants at a cost of 500 jobs last year, John Milne, managing director, said on Monday the company had 'no immediate plans' to close any more.

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Everywhere the movement is growing in the working class against the Lib-Lab coalition government. Teachers have now joined aircraft workers and South Wales electricians, as well as many other trade unionists, fighting against the cuts and the huge onslaught on wages and jobs.

PHASE THREE DEBATE

JONES CLEAR ON PAY CUTS

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

AN INDICATION of the policy which will be advocated in pay negotiations with the government (see story p.5) by Jack Jones, the Transport and General Workers' Union leader, is given in the agenda for the union's biennial conference opening in the Isle of Man on July 4.

The executive council has submitted a motion agreeing to a Phase Three as 'a step towards a return to free collective bargaining'.

It should also provide for restoration of differentials, improvements in basic rates; phased consolidation of supplements from the past two rounds; expansion of incentive schemes; and a shorter working week.

Unions have made a constructive contribution towards the fight against inflation, claims Jones, condoning the fall in workers' living standards.

'A wages free-for-all would harm weaker members of the community and could destroy the unions' long-term objectives' the motion says.

But the motion is likely to meet stiff opposition.

More than 80 branches and regional committees, including the powerful automotive group committee, have tabled a motion calling for a return to 'unfettered collective bargaining'.

This motion says: 'The constraints placed upon union negotiators during recent years have failed to solve the basic problems facing the country.'

Emphasis

'The undue emphasis placed upon wage levels as being the major source of inflationary pressure has now been totally disproved and continued adherence to present policies will only aggravate the chronic crisis of unemployment.'

Another motion, supported by more than 30 branches, also demands a return to free collective bargaining, saying:

'This conference considers that the trade union movement has fulfilled its obligation to the Labour Party within the last two years of pay restraint and supports a return to free collective bargaining on the expiry of Phase Two of the social contract.'

Several branches have also submitted motions demanding permission be sought from the branches or membership before entering into any further agreement on wage controls.



Jack Jones (left) and Sidney Weighell of the transport and railway unions have made clear their support for Phase Three of the social contract and will meet four government Ministers along with the TUC General Council today to discuss the scheme

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Rejection of a third round of the social contract comes in the preliminary agenda for July's annual conference of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Out of 24 resolutions tabled on the contract, all but one vigorously oppose a third phase.

The sole exception — from March, Cambs. — recommends instead an 'orderly and gradual withdrawal' from the contract.

The rest want an immediate return to free collective bargaining. Several resolutions criticise the government.



A Cricklewood, London, motion says members felt let down by the government 'as they were unable to control prices, inflation and unemployment'.

Opposition

Another London branch, Kings Cross, describes the government's incomes policy as 'in opposition to the best interests of working people'.

Apart from motions on Phase Three of the social contract, a number of branches demand 'substantial' pay rises.

The union's executive has so far not expressed a view on Phase Three. But a year ago it was divided over Stage Two.

Sid Weighell, NUR general secretary, has asked the TUC to postpone any decision until later in the year to allow union conferences to make up their minds.

But he has already said he backed a third phase.

AUSSIES 'NEED NUCLEAR POWER'

AUSTRALIAN mining tycoon, Lang Hancock, 67, who is reputed to have made £500m from iron ore discoveries, last night moved into the nuclear power controversy.

On a flying visit to London, he declared: 'There is a coming energy crisis the world has to face. I have no uranium interests, but it is vital to Australia to develop our uranium and get the country onto nuclear power.'

'We will be running out of oil in ten years and all going around on push-bikes if we do not do something about it. The world is facing an energy crisis it does not realise.'

Steel unions meet up

GENEVA — Trade unionists from leading steel-producing countries are to discuss the current crisis in the world steel industry at an emergency meeting in Frankfurt, West Germany, today, the International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) reports.

One result of the talks is expected to be a general statement on trade union policy, the announcement said.

GUNTER Wilson's first Labour Minister DIES

RAY Gunter, the right-wing Labour architect of the social democrats' early incomes policies in the 1960s, died yesterday in the Scilly Isles after a comfortable retirement.

Gunter, a miner's son, deserted the interests of the working class to become one of the leaders of the reformist TUC and Labour bureaucracy most loved by the ruling class.

His introductory remarks to the Donovan Commission report on trade unions which led to the reactionary 'In Place of Strife' legislation, the defeat of which eventually helped bring down the Labour government, was a classic statement of corporatism.



Ray Gunter (right) seen in happy mood at an employers' function in the mid-1960s

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WORLD News Lines

US to send more arms to Zaire

WASHINGTON — The United States will soon announce an additional shipment of military supplies to Zaire, US officials said yesterday.

The equipment comes under a \$30m military sales credit for the current year, but the shipment means orders have been speeded up.

The US supplied some \$1.5m worth of aircraft spare parts and other equipment in an emergency airlift to Zaire last Monday.

Zaire requested additional supplies last month but US officials held up a decision on them. Officials said yesterday an announcement was imminent.

Embassy clerk held in Rome

A 22-year-old girl at the British Embassy in Rome has been held by Italian police after she and four Italians were found target shooting in military-style uniforms near Assisi, the foreign office said tonight.

A spokesman said Miss Jacqueline Vennard — who comes from Gloucestershire — was a clerk in the commercial section.

She had not been engaged on confidential work. The Foreign Office is waiting to hear from her before taking the matter further.

Petition filed on arrested Argentines

BUENOS AIRES — The Argentine Supreme Court has been asked to take up the cases of 425 people who have disappeared in recent months, mostly after being taken away by armed men claiming to be police, court sources said today.

The sources said a petition was filed by relatives of 12 missing people. They were sponsored by eight lawyers who listed 413 others who disappeared.

Right-wing death squads are blamed for the disappearances.

The petition said pleas of habeas corpus filed with lower courts had failed because security forces and government departments had replied that the missing people were not held by them or were not under arrest.

Heading the petitioners was the wife of Labour leader Oscar Smith, Secretary-General of the Electricity Workers Union, who was kidnapped two months ago.

The Supreme Court was told that the corpses of many people taken away by alleged policemen were found later bound and riddled with bullets.

Security tightens at Walton prison

SECURITY is to be tightened up at Walton Prison, Liverpool following the discovery of two guns and a detonator which had been smuggled into the jail.

IRA prisoner Joe O'Connell, one of the prisoners of war

captured in the Balcombe Street siege, and police killer Harry Roberts were transferred from the jail after the find was announced at the weekend.

£200 for Eton fortnight

ETON college will be thrown open to North American students this summer.

For £200, students are being offered a two-week boarding course during the school holiday in July and August.

A spokesman for E.T. Education Consultants, the organisers, said: 'The programmes are aimed at students from North America. I can say at this stage it is proving very popular but we are not prepared to comment any further.'

TOOLROOM LEADER TO GO FOR SCANLON'S JOB



ROY FRASER ... Name submitted for ballot

LEYLAND toolmakers' leader Roy Fraser is to try for the job of retiring engineers' union president Hugh Scanlon.

Fraser, who recently led 3,000 British Leyland toolmakers in a four-week strike to try and gain separate negotiating rights, has been nominated by several Oxfordshire branches of the union.

Scanlon is to retire in October 1978.

There will be a postal ballot for his successor in September this year and if, as expected, this is inconclusive, there will be a further ballot in the spring of next year.

Right wing candidate is 54-year-old Terry Duffy, the union's executive council member for the Midlands and Manchester area. Duffy implemented the AUEW 'go back to work or be sacked' instruction to the toolmakers.

The 'left' Bob Wright, 56, the union's Assistant General Secretary, who lost his executive council seat to Duffy just over 18 months ago, has the support of the Stalinists.

Duffy is expected to support the social contract whereas Wright will in words favour a return to collective bargaining, a change in the government's economic strategy and substantial cuts in unemployment.

But he failed to back the only real challenge to the Labour government's policies of unemployment and falling living standards being mounted by the toolmakers and now by the Heathrow engineers.

Fraser, 43-year-old father of three who is a convenor at the Leyland body plant at Cowley, has been a shop steward at Cowley for 17 years. He has represented the toolmen on the union's Oxford District Committee for 14 years.

The 3,000 toolmakers in the dispute did not ask for more pay but the erosion of wages lay at the heart of the trouble. They said that in many cases they had become worse off than semi-skilled workers.

Morris blocks support for cuts struggle

NUT Conference in Eastbourne

TEACHERS from Oxfordshire, where 400 jobs are threatened by spending cuts, were not reassured by NUT leaders' promises of 'full support' yesterday.

Their delegates put an emergency motion to annual conference in Eastbourne to get the union's support on the record.

Their motion was opposed by former Communist Party leader Max Morris on behalf of the NUT executive and it narrowly failed to get the necessary two thirds majority to be debated.

The executive won support for its own empty threat to take action 'on the scale appropriate' to prevent compulsory redundancies.

All the bureaucracy is in fact committed to, however, is extending existing policy of teachers refusing to cover for colleagues not at work for one reason or another.

Fred Jarvis, NUT secretary, admitted that up to 30,000 teachers could be without jobs this autumn, a 50-per-cent increase on the total last year.

Conscious that the teachers' rebellion on unemployment is fomenting, the executive took new steps to try to stop left-wingers winning office in the union. It pushed through a rule change making postal ballots compulsory for all union elections.

Previously, local associations decided how they would conduct elections.

The executive was defeated overwhelmingly on pensions in an amendment giving parity or rights to husbands and children of deceased women teachers.

● Correction: Yesterday's NUT conference headline incorrectly implied Max Morris spoke in the social contract debate.



Birendra Singh, NUT representative for the Little Ilford teachers, speaking to a meeting of the victimised union members

Ilford teachers lobby each day

TEACHERS from Little Ilford school in London have lobbied the NUT conference all week to demand a change in the disciplinary procedures of the union.

They are supporting an amendment to the report of

the executive which calls for the rescinding of rule 8.

Birendra Singh, the NUT representative from the Essex school, said: 'The key issue at this conference is fighting the cuts. Our union should be in the forefront of that fight.'

'We are all loyal members of the union. We are members who want the strength of the union to be used to fight these cuts, not to discipline members who do. We will continue the campaign along these lines.'

No helmets for Specials

THE 23,000 special constables in England and Wales are to wear the diced capbands of regular police officers but have different badges of rank, a Home Office working party has decided.

And members should wear a uniform similar to the regular police, including diced capbands where these are worn by their force, to emphasise their official standing — but they will not wear helmets.

STUBBORN BSC LOSING HEAVILY

MANAGEMENT refusal to meet electricians' just pay claims in the Port Talbot steelworks strike is causing the British Steel Corporation huge losses.

BSC is not disclosing figures, but it is estimated that the strike by 560 electricians has already cost the corporation about £20m.

There are still no signs of a break in the dispute over pay

BY AN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

differentials.

The South Wales steelworks, Britain's biggest, has been shut down for nine days. 6,700 production workers have been told to stay at home.

In addition the Swansea tinplate works, which provides two thirds of the canning industry's needs, depends on

been forced to buy foreign steel.

While imports continue, production of tinplate could go on, but Port Talbot strike leader Wyn Bevan, has warned that action may be taken to halt the blackleg suppliers.

The electricians' strike committee is reviewing the tinplate supplies situation and will report its findings at the next mass meeting of the strikers on Friday.



Philip Agee HOLLAND OFFERS AGE A HOME

PHILIP AGEE has been given permission to stay in Holland for up to three months if he is deported from Britain.

The former Central Intelligence Agency officer is threatened with deportation by Home Secretary Merlyn Rees.

The order has been held up pending the outcome of a House of Lords appeal by fellow American journalist Mark Hosenball.

A Dutch Justice Ministry spokesman said yesterday that Agee 'could come to Holland like any other foreigner for the usual period of three months. If he then wished to stay longer, his application will be looked at and he will get a decision.'



A policeman tells Len Gristy, an APEX official, to reduce the number on the picket line at one gate from seven to six. Meanwhile two scab workers enter the factory

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24-HOUR PICKET BACK AT GRUNWICK PLANT

STRIKERS at Grunwick Film Processing plants in north London, backed by their union, began a continuous round-the-clock picket yesterday in an attempt to blockade the two factories and end the 34-week strike for union recognition.

The aim of the picket is to stop all supplies and services going into the factory and to discourage new staff from starting work there.

Work in the film-processing industry picks up after Easter. In spite of a 'black' being operated by the trade union movement in certain firms, Grunwick is still getting work and is using management staff and strike-breakers to do it.

The dispute has been a bitter one from the beginning with management mounting a number of provocations against the strikers and

using the courts against the trade unions. Pickets have been arrested and one has been assaulted.

The recommendation by ACAS, the government's arbitration service, that Grunwick's should recognise the APEX union, has been completely ignored by the firm.

The TUC General Council recently called on its member unions to assist APEX, but this appeal has had little or no effect.

The strike committee is appealing for volunteers to help them picket the six gates day and night. They should phone Kathy Dickson at APEX head office 947-3131 for details of times, etc.

A large march through Willesden is planned for April 27. It is being organised by the South-East region of the TUC, the No. 8 District of the Confederation of Ship-building and Engineering Unions and the AUEW North London District.

Proposals

The shop stewards insist there will be no vote on whether to return to work unless there are specific management proposals to consider.

BSC say the electricians' demands for pay rises in recognition of increased skills would breach the pay policy. Management knows there are justifiable demands for improved differentials at all the corporation's steel plants.

Lock-out in Garton pay row

WORKERS who are angry over being trapped in the social contract while their management get large pay rises were locked out yesterday.

It was the company's answer to a demand for modest wage increases by Transport and General Workers' Union process workers at Manbre Gartons — the Battersea, south London, food starch plant which is now part of the Tate and Lyle monopoly.

Workers have based their claim for re-grading, which would bring rises of around 96p a week on the lavish increases paid out to management and supervision.

After being locked out yesterday, one shop steward said: 'As you see, it's a small amount of money, but the principle is important for us.'

He gave examples of

managment pay rises of between £300 and £1,500 a year.

'They claim this only applies to top executives. But we know of one supervisor at this plant alone who has got £8.50 extra a week — it will be backdated to July for a new plant that is not even running yet.'

The workers have suffered a severe fall in living standards since the union leadership took them into the wage-cutting social contract deal.

But productivity has been driven up by around 25 per cent.

Now management wants even more work for the same pay. Said one workers: 'In one department there are negotiations for a doubling of the present output when the new mill comes on stream in October.'

When workers decided to scrap the voluntary agreement to work overtime and 'doubling-up' — covering for men who did not turn up for their shift — Garton's announced the lock-out.

The workers want official backing. On Friday they will hold a mass meeting to discuss their fight.

No Jubilee celebration

LIVERPOOL — Workers in the cleansing department turned up for work yesterday despite a one-day holiday in honour of the Royal Jubilee announced by the corporation.

The men complained that they had not been consulted over the holiday, and that they wished to take it at a later date.

They were not allowed to take their dustcarts out.

Search for missing ship

AN RAF Nimrod from Kinloss, near Inverness, yesterday joined a search for a Danish fishing vessel, the 'Heidi', which is missing with five people on board.

The Nimrod was requested by Stavanger rescue control in Norway to join Norwegian helicopters which are searching from the north-east of the Shetlands to the Norwegian coast. Wreckage was sighted on Monday.

INDUSTRIAL COMMENT

Trying the hoodwink trick again

Ministers lay down the deal with TUC chiefs as inflation zooms up

OFFICIAL inflation figures to be published Friday are likely to reveal the cost of living soaring at more than 17 per cent a year.

As News Line explained at the time of last month's slight drop in the Retail Price Index, the euphoria in government, City, and capitalist Press circles was phoney.

It was part of the Labour right wing's conspiracy to tie workers to another year of wage restraint while living costs rocket through the roof.

The ropes are being got ready today when leading Cabinet ministers go to Congress House to tell the TUC bureaucracy what the capitalist system requires.

The trade union leaders, having delivered their members bound and gagged for the last two years of the social contract, will try their hardest to hoodwink workers for a third year.

They share the same devotion to the ruling class and

union leaders like Jack Jones, Hugh Scanlon and Clive Jenkins have blown hard about relaxing the straitjacket on their members' wages next time round, but significantly no plans to rout the Labour-Liberal coalition government are forthcoming.

The Labour Party youth movement, dominated by the revisionists in the Militant group who falsely claim to be Marxists, have just voted against any challenge to the government. All the other revisionist groups follow suit.

News Line, on the other hand, has consistently pointed out that living standards and the social services will inevitably be cut again and

Black THF hotels demand growing



MORE than 400 workers from two of Trust House Forte's big London hotels will strike today as part of their campaign for improved conditions.

The workers, employed by the Cumberland and Park Court hotels in London's exclusive Bayswater, are also in solidarity with their THF colleagues in Oxford and Sheffield, who have been on official strike for nearly six months.

Nearly 40 hotel workers in Oxford and Sheffield came out originally to demand recognition of their union rights.

But they were all sacked by Sir Charles Forte's THF, the largest catering firm in the country, and so are now waging a bitter fight for reinstatement as well.

Today's strike has been called by the Strand Hotels branch of the General and Municipal Workers' Union (G&MWU) following a recommendation from the Hotel and Catering National Action Committee.

The branch is demanding improved conditions and, in particular, double rates for overtime. At present, only the normal hourly rate is paid for overtime.

The workers are also hoping that the strike will help to bring pressure on the national leadership of the G&MWU and the Transport and General Workers' Union for a total national 'black' on THF.

Last month, the strikers in Sheffield and Oxford, together with their colleagues in Birmingham and London, staged a picket outside Transport House protesting at the T&GWU's failure to call a national 'blacking'.

Since then, hotel workers have become even more angry at the way national union officials have stood by while strikers are victimised.

The Hotel and Catering National Action Committee says that union leader Jack Jones is particularly responsible.

Thatcher's China trip is doing us harm -says MP

THE VISIT to China by Tory leader Mrs Thatcher was criticised yesterday by Labour MP Doug Hoyle.

When parliament resumes, he is to ask Foreign Secretary Dr David Owen whether Thatcher was briefed by the Foreign Office before her visit.

Hoyle said yesterday: 'What harm is the Thatcher tea-party in China doing to Britain's position as a world power?'

'It is one thing for Margaret Thatcher to thunder forth on a cold-war charger rattling her sabre for the benefit of the elderly military gentlemen in the Army and Navy club or to rally the right-wing fanatics in the shires, or to reassure the frightened, genteel old ladies of Cheltenham.'

'But it is another thing to intervene directly in the heated exchanges which take place across the bamboo curtain between Russia and China.'

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DOVER—Greet the marchers April 17

LONDON—Rally at Alexandra Palace April 24



Public meetings

**EAST LONDON
WEDNESDAY APRIL
13, 8p.m.**

**Lister Room
East Ham Town Hall**
Speakers: G. HEALY (WRP Central Committee)
GARY HALL (YS National Committee)
BILL COLE (Shop steward Ford's body plant, in personal capacity)

**SOUTH-EAST LONDON
THURSDAY APRIL 14,
8p.m.**

**The 'Centurian'
Deptford High St**
Speakers: G. HEALY (WRP Central Committee)
SIMON PIRANI (YS National Secretary)
TONY MOORE (T&GWU, docks, in personal capacity)

**WEST LONDON
MONDAY APRIL 18,
8p.m.**

**Woodlands Hall
Crown St. W3**
Speakers: G. HEALY (WRP Central Committee)
TREVOR ADAMS (YS National Committee)
PAT WALSH (Shop steward St Mary's hospital, in personal capacity)

**NORTH LONDON
TUESDAY APRIL 19,
8p.m.**

**Nightingale Pub
Wood Green High Road**
Speaker: G. HEALY (WRP Central Committee)

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Healey



Hattersley



Varley



Albert Booth

its capitalist system as do the social democrats, and some of them fear a workers' rebellion even more.

Leading the new offensive against living standards at the TUC headquarters today will be Chancellor Denis Healey, Prices Minister Roy Hattersley, and two Labour 'lefts' — Industry Secretary Eric Varley and Employment Secretary Albert Booth. Their presence proves the worthlessness of the 'Tribune' group.

The ministers will offer the trivial conditional tax concessions, worth less than 70p a week to a worker's family, dangled like a carrot in the Budget, if the TUC signs a pay restraint deal by August.

The 'Tribune' group's economics spokesman Brian Sedgmore has already given general support to the proposal.

Some 'left' talking trade

unemployment pushed up if the Labour right wing stay in power.

The stand taken by the Leyland toolroom workers, the Heathrow airport maintenance engineers, and the Port Talbot steelworks electricians to prevent a further decline in their families' living standards shows how workers will fight against all odds.

This is why the Communist Party refuses to support these challenges to the Labour government.

The Stalinists realise the revolutionary political implications of giving leadership to unite these struggles.

The Stalinists and all the other revisionists, centrists and reformists prefer to give a 'left' cover to today's treacherous negotiations between TUC and Labour leaders.

Syria pushes for end to S. Lebanon fighting

BEIRUT — Lebanese official circles expect this week to be decisive in unblocking the impasse surrounding the continued conflict in South Lebanon, which is holding up a final Lebanese internal settlement.

Syrian pressures, particularly on the Lebanese rightists, are expected to play a major part in bringing about an end to the lingering conflict and clearing the way for a definitive peace.

The Falangist leader Pierre Gemayel is to travel to Damascus tomorrow for talks with Syrian leaders, in between meetings of the rightists 'Lebanese Front' command in Beirut today and Friday.

So far, the situation in south Lebanon has not changed since last week, according to reliable PLO sources.

These sources denied recent reports that a ceasefire had been arranged in the south, and that the Palestinian-leftist forces there had mounted a major offensive on the rightist-held strategic town of Marjayoun.

Reports from South Lebanon yesterday spoke of continued exchanges of shelling between the leftist-Palestinian and rightist forces, with particularly heavy overnight bombardments on the leftist-controlled town of Nabatiyya, some 20 kilometres from the Israeli border.

Commenting on reports that a ceasefire had been agreed, PLO sources said that PLO chief Yasser Arafat had informed President Sarkis the

Palestinians were willing to abide by such a ceasefire, but they would continue to fight as long as the other side did.

Meanwhile other Palestinian sources believed Syrian envoy Col. Muhammad Al-Kholi had won agreement from the rightists late last week during a visit to Beirut, while PLO chief Arafat had approved a cessation of hostilities during his talks with Syrian leaders in Damascus at the weekend.

Syrian leaders have become increasingly hostile to rightist collaboration with the Israelis in south Lebanon, and the Syrian media have reflected growing irritation at the Lebanese rightists' footdragging efforts to hold up a solution to the south and to Lebanon's internal political problems.

One of the rightists' main demands is that a strict interpretation of the 1969 Cairo

Jim Muir reports from Beirut

agreement should be applied before anything else to restrict the Palestinians in Lebanon.

But the Syrians and the Arab states have proved unwilling to give the Cairo agreement top priority, or to accept the crippling rightist interpretation of the accord.

The four-party committee of Arab ambassadors set up to supervise the Cairo accord's application is expected to meet in Beirut this week.

According to PLO sources, the Palestinian fear — shared by the Syrians — is that the rightists may dig their heels in and keep the situation boiling as it is. This would put the Palestinians and their allies in a position of being obliged to 'liberate' Marjayoun from the rightists who occupied it late last year, and thus open up the

main roads into the Palestinian base area in the mountainous Arqoub region further east.

Meanwhile President Sarkis and his government have taken further steps to bring the state apparatus into line with the regime's neutral, centrist posture by announcing a list of new appointments to key state positions.

Most important of these was the transfer of Lt-Col Ahmad al-Hajj to the Director-Generalship of the internal security forces from his current position as commander of the Arab Deterrent forces. The security forces are expected to play an important part in pacifying the south pending the reconstruction of the Lebanese army.

Another important government move was the

replacement of Antoine Dahdah, a rightist, by a neutral figure as Director-General of the Surété Générale.

Other appointments, affecting top jobs in government finance, central investigation and the civil service, reinforced the impression that president Sarkis is forging ahead with his plans to reunify the country's main institutions.

Unlike his previous moves in appointing a new army commander, the latest appointments were received without comment by the rightist camp indicating considerable prior preparation had been carried out.

The lack of protest from the right also underlined the erosion of the rightist position that has taken place over the past few weeks.

France and US in nuclear split

DIVISIONS between America and the French government surfaced yesterday over President Carter's proposed moratorium on the fast-breeder reactor programme.

French officials said yesterday they will tell a conference of nuclear powers meeting in London later this month that they will go ahead with their advanced nuclear technology policy.

The conference, known as the London Nuclear Club, including the United States and the Soviet Union, is due to meet on April 28 and 29 to discuss President Carter's decision to slow down the development of US fast breeder reactors and nuclear fuel reprocessing programmes.

Carter said he hoped Britain, France, West Germany and other countries capable of producing plutonium would join him in international efforts to avoid the danger of nuclear weapons proliferation.

'France is definitely going ahead with advanced nuclear technology including the construction of fast breeder reactors,' one official said. 'Unlike the United States, we have little coal and no oil resources. We must develop nuclear technology to meet our energy needs.'

The restrictive US nuclear policy is beginning to anger France and its Common Market partners, according to industrialists here.

'We cannot help seeing the Americans taking a long-term commercial and political view to dominate the world market for nuclear energy in the next few decades.'

Pharaoh style Texas funeral

LOS ANGELES — A Texas millionairess who died here last month will be buried in a lace nightgown in her favourite Ferrari car, according to her last wish, a court has ruled here.

Judge Franklin Dana said yesterday the wish of Mrs Sandra West, 37, was unusual but not illegal, adding: 'The average person has a right to dispose of his or her remains as he or she sees fit if it does not violate the law.'

Mrs West left her \$2.8m estate to brother-in-law Sol West, provided he made sure she was buried in her 164 Ferrari and lace nightgown, both gifts from her late husband.

The will directed that the car, with the seat 'slanted comfortably', be packed in a wood and steel container, encased in concrete and lowered into the family plot in San Antonio, Texas.

Her oil millionaire husband Ike West Jr. was buried there in 1968.

Her brother-in-law was to inherit no more than \$10,000 if he failed to carry out these instructions.

Court officials said they had no idea when the burial ceremony might take place. Her remains are at present interred in a casket in a San Antonio mortuary.

Her nurse, Mildred Ricards, said she got the idea from reading about the burial of Egyptian pharaohs 'with their possessions, their servants and whatever'.

There was laughter in the courtroom when the lawyer told the nurse: 'You got off easy, didn't you?'

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First headache for Peres

TEL AVIV — The Israeli merchant seamen's union yesterday began an indefinite strike in support of higher wages.

The union said it took the step, which was not authorised by the Histadrut trade union federation, because of the higher salary scales promised merchant marine officers, who have been on a partial strike for about a week.

The seamen got a 20 per cent wage rise in January but said the proposal made to the officers exceeded 30 per cent.

The strike is a fresh blow to Israel's crisis-torn ruling Labour Party which staggers on to a General Election on May 17.

The discovery that the wife of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had an illegal bank account in Washington has rocked the ruling circles.

Mrs Leah Rabin has long been referred to as the Jackie Kennedy of Zionist politics. By law it is forbidden for Israelis living in Israel to hold bank accounts abroad.

The first denial of the existence of the money, then the admission of a \$2,000 account for autistic children which was then revealed to be in fact two accounts with about \$10,000 in them, forced the Prime Minister to resign.

Rabin's immediate resignation brought right-wing Defence Minister Shimon Peres into the leadership to fight the forthcoming election.

Peres was the driving force behind last year's invaders' raid on Entebbe airport. A close associate of General Moshe Dayan, he has earned the reputation of being prominent among the 'hawks' of Zionism.



Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, and former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan. Back in favour with the new Labour Party leadership in Israel



On Monday by a narrow margin of 58 per cent, the leftist Mapam which has been in alliance with Labour since 1969, voted to stay in the coalition for a further six months.

But the narrowness of the vote emphasises the shakiness of the alliance.

Behind the political instability is Israel's uncontrollable economic crisis.

Stitched together only by massive American aid, inflation now stands at a staggering 47 per cent.

The disgraced Rabin is forced by law to remain as caretaker prime minister until the May elections in a month's time, despite his requests to stand down.

The Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General ruled on Monday he must stay in office, under a law designed to ensure that Israel is never without a prime minister.

They have one now, albeit reluctant, whose wife faces trial

for her American bank account, and who herself will be fined 15,000 Israeli pounds for his complicity in it.

Peres is scrambling together a new cabinet should Labour be elected. He has been forced to call upon discredited reactionaries like former Foreign Minister Abba Eban and former Defence Minister General Dayan.

The retired General was on the verge of leaving the Labour Party only a few weeks ago in opposition to what he considered to be an excessive willingness by Rabin to give up occupied Arab territory in eventual negotiations.

● A Demonstration by high school students in the town of Nablus, on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan, was broken up by police yesterday.

Student protests at the continued Israeli occupation have erupted at various points on the West Bank over the past five days.

WORLD JOBLESS SOARS

TOTAL unemployment in the eight leading capitalist countries is higher than a year ago, despite the much promised economic 'recovery'.

World Economic Indicators published by the 'Financial Times' yesterday show that latest jobless figures in the United Kingdom, the United States, Belgium, France and Italy are all higher than twelve months previously.

In the UK 1,321,100 people were officially unemployed in March this year, compared with 1,232,500 in March, 1976.

This is a rise from 5.3 per cent to 5.6 per cent.

So much for Prime Minister Callaghan's claim that his government's policies are working.

In Belgium a mammoth 10.3 per cent of the working-age population is without a job — 265,220 of them according to the latest official figures covering January, 1977.

One year earlier 229,200 Belgians — 8.7 per cent — were unemployed.

BY JACK GALE

The jobless rate is shooting upward in Belgium — 9.6 per cent last November, 10.02 per cent last December and 10.3 per cent in January.

More than seven people in every hundred are trying to find a job in the United States.

The latest figures are for February when 7,183,000 US citizens were without work — a rate of 7.5 per cent.

The position in February 1976 was 7,126,000, or 7.4 per cent.

In December 1975, unemployment in France stood at 1,010,000 (4.6 per cent). Latest figures (for December 1976)

show 1,036,900 officially out of work, though the real total is more like 1,500,000.

Crisis-ridden Italy has produced no unemployment figures since October 1976.

Then the government admitted to 777,000 out of work, or 4 per cent of the population. This is a grossly inadequate figure, bearing little relation to Italian reality.

Even then, it is higher than the corresponding figure a year earlier, which was 699,000 or 3.6 per cent.

Japan claims a small drop in unemployment — from 1,030,000 in October 1975 to 1,000,000 in October last year.

The country of the 'economic miracle' — West Germany — still had 1,084,000 people without a job in March.

The two capitalist countries who were supposed to rescue the

world from slump by expansionist policies both have over a million people jobless!

The remaining country in the 'Financial Times' eight-nation survey is Holland.

In February this year there were 219,000 people (5.7 per cent) without a job in Holland.

Remember Callaghan, Healey and Foot (not to mention Cambridge Professor Ernest Mandel of the revisionist United Secretariat) telling us that 'recovery' was under way, that we merely had to 'wait for the upturn'?

In the eight countries reviewed here, there were 12,755,000 unemployed people, all being assured the 'upturn' was on its way.

Twelve months later, there were 12,886,220 people in the same eight countries without a job.

Zaire build-up aimed at Angola

LUANDA — France's airlift of Moroccan troops to the aid of Zaire clarifies French policy in the area and is a prelude to interference by other members of the European Common Market with 'criminal intentions' against Angola, a senior Angolan official claimed yesterday.

Lucio Lara, secretary of the political bureau for the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), quoted by the Angolan news agency, ANGOP, said the problem of Shaba (formerly Katanga) province had 'ceased to be a Zairean problem to become that of imperialism'.

Angolan authorities have hitherto described the invasion of southern Zaire by former Katangese gendarmes as an internal problem of Zaire.

Mr Lara added that 'nothing is more false' than claims by President Mobutu of Zaire that Cuban, Russian and Angolan troops had invaded Zaire.

Addressing a seminar of young MPLA members Lara

spoke of 'a vast imperialist plot'.

He said: 'The imperialist concentration in Zaire aims at preparing aggression against Angola and preventing progress in the liberation struggle already under way in southern Africa.'

Mr Lara added he was surprised by France's attitude when Luanda and France had just agreed to establish diplomatic relations. But he said there had been a number of hostile moves by France 'whose attitude towards the peoples of our area is now clearer'.

Among these moves, he cited 'intrigues aimed at seizing Cabinda oil' and French manoeuvres to cause economic collapse in Zaire's northern neighbour, Congo.

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing yesterday cancelled a scheduled meeting with the Russian ambassador a few hours before appearing on television to explain his decision to intervene in the Zaire conflict.

HONDA OVERTAKES VOLKSWAGEN IN US EXPORT RACE

JAPANESE promises to their capitalist rivals to ease up on exports are not bearing much fruit in the car industry.

Figures released this week show that Honda has overtaken Volkswagen to become the third biggest foreign car-exporter to the United States.

Japanese car exports are soaring. In 1976 Honda sold 150,000 units in the United States, a rise of 47 per cent on the previous year.

That still left them well behind Volkswagen's 201,000 sales.

But in the first three months of this year, Honda's US sales shot up to 58,860, beating Volkswagen by between 800 and 1,300 cars in each month.

The three top-selling foreign car firms in the US are now all Japanese.

Toyota was first, with 104,500 registrations in the first three months of this year, and Nissan (trade name Datsun in the US

and Europe) was second with 80,534.

Another Japanese vehicle manufacturer — Suzuki — is drawing up plans to export cars to Britain by the end of 1977, despite an unofficial undertaking that Japanese car sales in Britain will be held below 10 per cent of the annual market.

Three vehicles are under consideration — a small car even more compact than the Mini, a small four-wheel-drive model, and a small van.

Toyota, Datsun, Colt and Honda are already well into the British market, and yet another Japanese vehicle exporter —

Subaru — is also thinking of joining them.

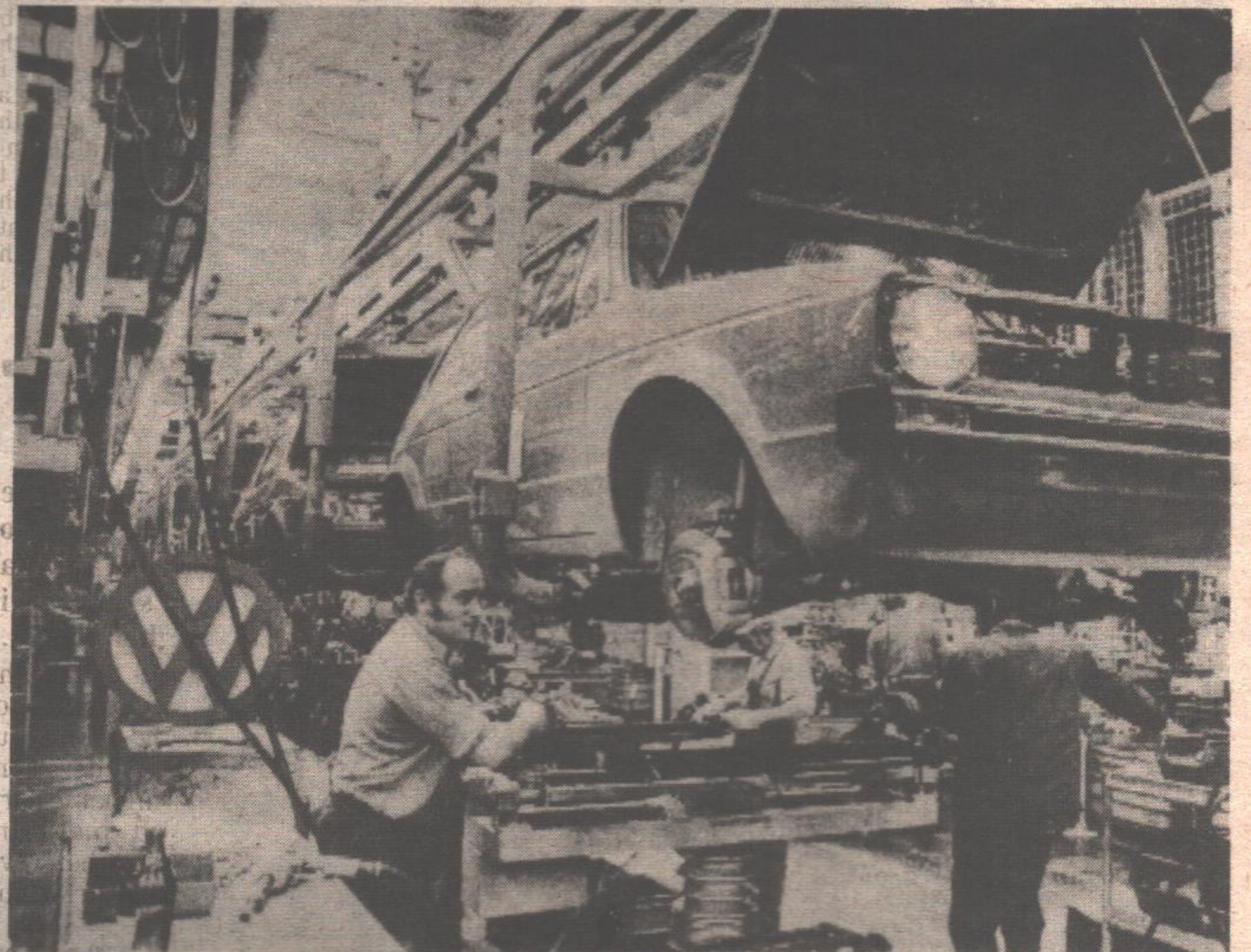
Meanwhile, in Tokyo, Japanese and US negotiators have failed to reach agreement on that other sore point — the export of colour television sets.

President Carter's Special Trade Representative, Robert Strauss has admitted that two days of talks 'did not result in any solution'.

Others involved in the talks said they had stalled on almost every point — including the form of any agreement, the ceiling figure for Japanese exports to the US and even over exactly what constitutes a finished colour TV set!

Capitalist politicians and economists meet regularly to exchange pious words about international co-operation to control the world crisis.

In reality, the murderous trade war between Japan, the United States and Europe is being stepped up.



VOLKSWAGENS under construction: pushed out by Honda

Kenya calls for more aid

NAIROBI — Kenya has called on the Soviet Union to increase aid to southern African liberation movements, the official Kenyan News Agency reported yesterday.

The agency said Foreign Minister Dr Munyua Waiyaki made the request during talks

with Soviet ambassador Dr Boris Miroshnichenko.

Dr Waiyaki called upon the Soviet Union to intensify its assistance in order to accelerate majority rule and independence in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Azania (South Africa) and Namibia (South West Africa), the agency said.

Hussein flies to Washington for Carter talks

AMMAN — King Hussein of Jordan flies to Washington on April 25 for talks on Middle East peace prospects with President Jimmy Carter — the second Arab leader to meet the new US head of state.

Carter's call for a 'homeland' for Palestinian refugees aroused special interest in Jordan, where about one million Palestinians live.

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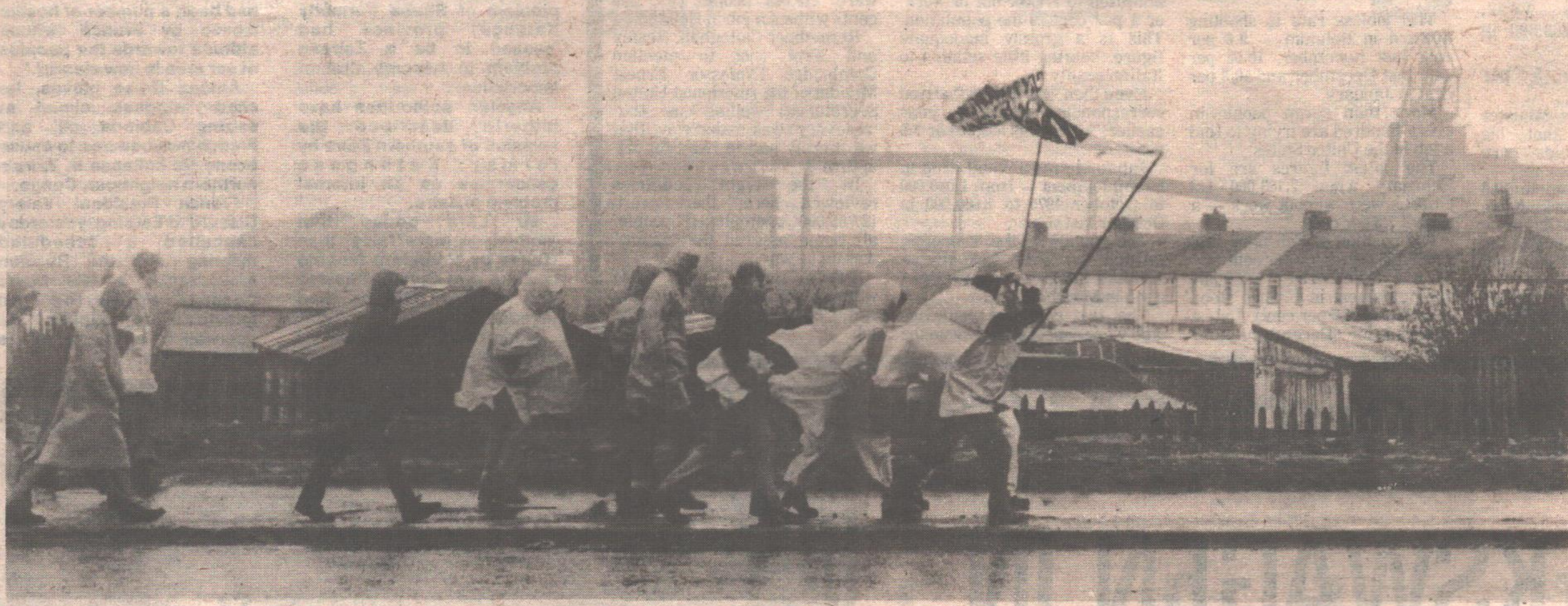
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ON THE SPOT REPORT FROM THE MARCH CONTINGENTS IN BRITAIN AND



Through Potteries to Midla

BY CHARLES PARKINS

WE ARE on our way through Staffordshire towards the big city conurbation of the West Midlands.

The team of marchers will be sent ahead to campaign around the Birmingham area to organise support

from trade unionists and youth for Euro-March 77.

We marched through the Potteries' towns of Burslem and Hanley, along streets that wind their way up and down hill, passing colliery slag heaps and potteries.

Ranged

The latter ranged from large modern factories to old buildings that looked as though they have been standing since

Wedgwood started the industry.

Through the shopping street we marched on to the road to Stafford.

There was a steady drizzle falling as we set out and we have a strenuous march to cover. But the spirits and humour among the marchers are high, particularly among the younger Young Socialist members.

On Monday night Gerry Healy, Workers Revolutionary Party Central Committee, travelled to Stoke especially to

address us on the latest developments of the European march.

'There are no such things as youth problems today,' he told us. Referring to the 3 million unemployed youth in the Common Market countries, many of whom face the prospect under capitalism that they will never get a job, Healy said: 'The problem of youth unemployment is a problem for the whole working class.'

At the Wolstanton miners'

club, where we were staying, we met Councillor Kidwell of the Stoke Labour Party.

He said the Labour council ought to have supported our campaign and the whole labour movement should give it full support.

System

The high unemployment here is the same as everywhere else. There is just no investment. It's this private enterprise system.'

Local miner Alex Stevens also spoke about unemployment in the Stoke area.

'Everybody knows the Potteries,' he said. 'All they are looking for is cheap labour. There is not as high unemployment as elsewhere because they keep the wages so low.'

As in Ayrshire and Durham, it is the miners in Staffordshire who are particularly forthcoming with support.

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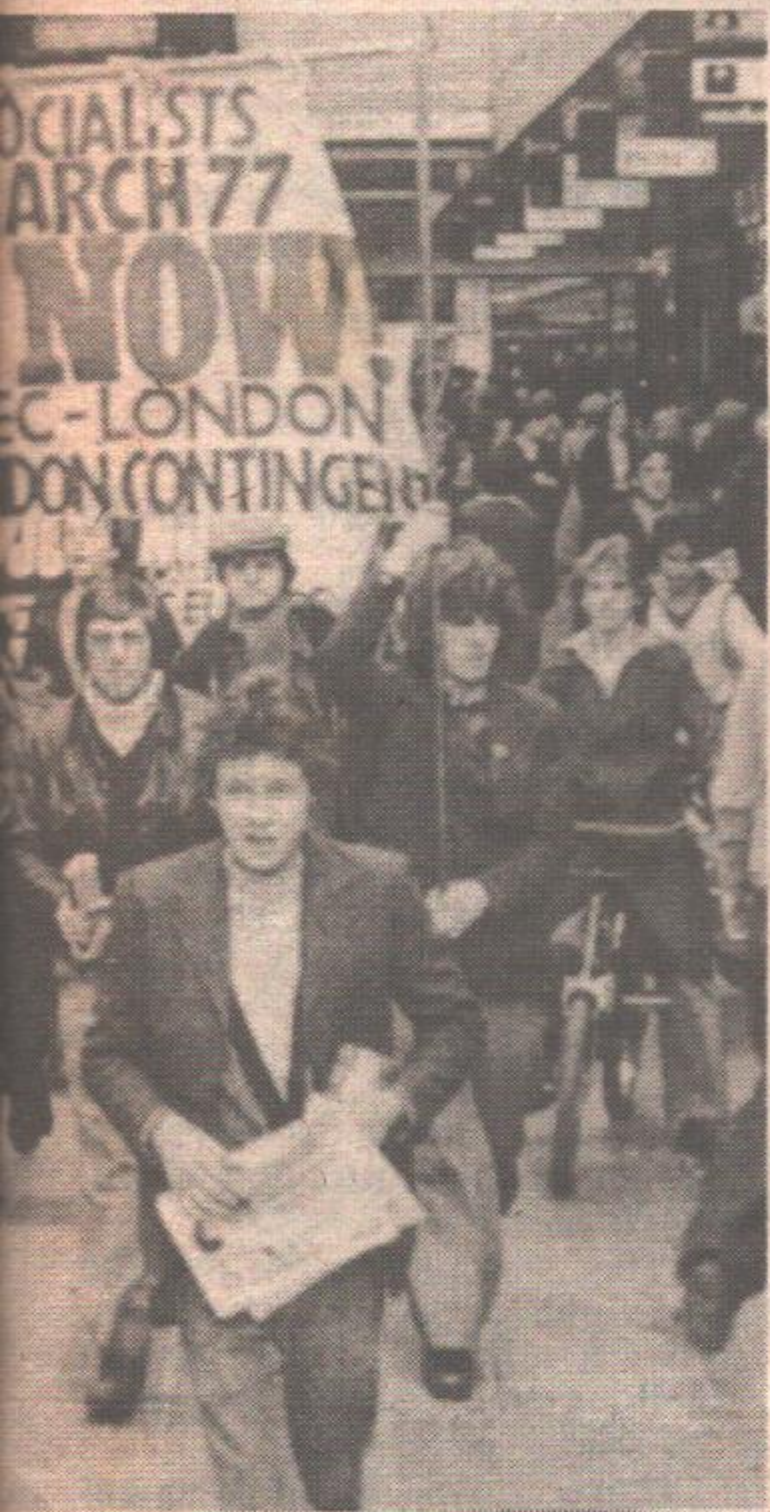
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FRANCE



We join Lille's steel jobs fight

TODAY Euro-March '77 enters the northern France city of Lille, centre of the country's heavy industry.

Our arrival coincides with an upsurge of militancy in the unions over redundancies in the big steel factories.

On Thursday a one-day strike has been declared throughout the region and steelworkers will be demonstrating in defence of their jobs.

The jobs cutback is taking place at Usinor, Sacilor and Lorraine, three of the biggest plants.

Our advance team has already made contact with the steel unions and they have shown great interest and enthusiasm for our Euro-wide campaign against youth unemployment.

'You are very welcome,' one shop steward said. 'You are our comrades.'

The opposition to the Gaullists and to President Giscard is virtually unanimous in this area. The only people who back the Paris government live on the outskirts of the cities in wooded forests in large baronial mansions.

But in the cities, on the housing estates there is deep bitterness with the growing rate of inflation and Giscard's

'austerity programme' which has held down their wages.

Last week a capital gains tax on stocks and shares — which had been approved by parliament — was 'postponed' indefinitely.

The Bourse, the Paris stock exchange, sang with relief and the share index rose as a result.

The burying of the tax law until after next year's General Election is a crude attempt to rally the Gaullists who were so demonstrably hammered in last month's local elections.

The government argued that 'postponing' the tax will give companies a chance to increase their investment and thereby reduce the number out of work.

This is completely false. Big business intends to greedily hang on to its profits and to push up unemployment as trade rivalry within the Common Market heats up.

The Lille workers are not hoodwinked by Giscard's manoeuvres for a minute. Many of the older workers have seen the slump before — in the Thirties when tens of thousands were laid off and left to starve in hovels.

With more than one million French workers and youth unemployed there is the uneasy feeling that history is repeating itself.

It is for this reason that we will be solidarily with the jobs struggle of the steelworkers in the next two days and advancing our demand for the Socialist United States of Europe.

Pensioner helps find accomodation

THE NEXT stage of our march takes us to Cardiff, the most important industrial and commercial centre of South Wales.

Accommodation in Pontypridd on Monday night was found with the help of a local member of the National Association of Old Aged Pensioners, Mrs Groves.

She responded very enthusiastically to the policies of the Euro-March jobs campaign and within five minutes of following her advice accommodation was found in the local old aged pensioners' hut.

Collections along the route raised much needed finance for the march and, on the whole, motorists have responded

enthusiastically to the march on the road.

On our way to Pontypridd, we covered a 13-mile route through the mining valleys.

Early in the morning we passed Aberfan, where signs of the disaster in which over 100 schoolchildren were killed are still painfully in evidence.

This reminder brought home very forcefully to the marchers the price which the working class has to continually pay for coal.

Today the Aberfan-Merthyr Vale area offers little employment to local youth.

Marcher David Powell, 15, of Aberfan, said: 'I have not yet left school, but I know about the unemployment situation locally. I know I will have no chance of getting a job, and will have to go straight on to the dole.'



WHY WE ARE MARCHING

- Jobs for Youth
- Against all cuts in education
- Defend basic democratic rights — Release all political prisoners
- Against rearmament and nuclear war danger
- Halt rising prices of food in the Common Market
- Take the profit out of food
- Nationalise the food industries
- Against the reactionary, pro-fascist conspiracies of the Common Market monopolies and multi-national companies, we demand the opening of their books for trade union inspection
- Trade union unity throughout all the EEC countries
- Answer inflation — support all wage demands
- Down with imperialism — full support for all national liberation movements
- Full support for the PLO as the leadership of the Palestinian revolution
- Withdraw all British troops from Ulster
- Against the capitalist Common Market
- For the Socialist United States of Europe

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Miners' branch arranged our accommodation and food at the welfare club and branch president Malcolm Lomax, who had greeted us when we arrived in Tunstall, was at the club this morning to wish us well as we left.

Pledged

'We are only too pleased to help you lads — and we will be keeping in touch,' he pledged.



Issam Khadi

**Issam Abdel Khadi, President of
the General Union of Palestine women**

The role of women in our revolution

THE General Union of Palestine Women, founded in 1965, has become a vital part of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The union's president, Issam Khadi, was among the 280 delegates at the Palestine National Council meeting in Cairo last month.



Young girls of the Palestine Liberation Organisation

Married, with two sons and two daughters, Issam is a veteran of struggle for the Palestinian cause. She was elected to lead the GUPW at its founding conference in Jerusalem in 1965.

When the Israelis occupied the West Bank after the six-day war, Issam continued the underground struggle against the occupation.

In 1969, together with her 16-year-old daughter Feihal, she was arrested by the occupation forces and held for 45 days.

Feihal was tortured twice by the Israelis, Issam said, and the two were then bundled over the border into Jordan.

But that was not the end of Issam's journey. After Black September in 1971, the Jordanian authorities closed down the movement's headquarters in Amman and they were forced to move again — this time to Beirut.

Military

The Palestine Women's Union is a fighting organisation. 'We are a branch of the PLO — a revolutionary base of the PLO,' Issam said.

The GUPW treasurer is Leila Khaled, briefly held in jail by the British government for hijacking an El-Al jet in 1969.

Many of its members have taken part in military operations in occupied Palestine where some have lost their lives. Others carry arms in the

Lebanon.

Issam explained why the union was formed: 'We believe that unless Palestinian women are liberated our country will not be liberated.'

She describes how the union works to overcome backwardness and the traditional subordination of Arab women.

'We begin from fighting illiteracy and fighting for the development of political consciousness. In the camps we hold large meetings for women where they are encouraged to discuss politics.'

Responsibility

'As a result the women feel they have some responsibility in the revolution. We organise to care for the families of the martyrs killed in the struggle for liberation.'

The work of the GUPW, like the PLO itself, is carried out through committees. There is a social committee responsible for the orphans of the fighters, an economic committee for raising funds, and an internal committee to deal with the running of the organisation itself.

'In Lebanon now as a result of the civil war, we have a very great responsibility for the orphans. There is a special children's home called the Steadfastness Children's Home for them.'

'To help our women take part in the revolution, we have six kindergartens and a boarding school in the Lebanon. We also have rehabilitation centres in the camps for the widows of the fighters, where they can learn a trade, like typing.'

'We also have our own factories where the women can produce dresses and other items

which are then sold outside the camps.'

Issam also spoke of the fighting role played by GUPW members in the occupied territories like 25-year-old Marion Shashir, serving a savage 75-year sentence.

'Marion is now very sick and in danger of death,' she said. She had been sexually tortured in jail, Issam added.

Another prisoner was Hela Taher, who suffers from leukaemia and has received no proper medical attention in jail, Issam said.

'These women are denied the full rights of political prisoners. They are forced to wear prison clothing and obliged to work' she said.

There have been frequent strikes by Palestinian women in Israeli jails, Issam said. These had resulted in withdrawal of the meagre privileges, like the right to receive one letter a week.

Issam stressed the union's international affiliations: 'We cooperate with Arab women's organisations in other Arab countries where we have branches. We are also part of the International Women's Federation and attend their international conferences.'

One of the main campaigns waged on the international plane by the union had been against violations of human rights inside occupied Palestine, Issam said.

These violations, she said, included the demolishing of houses, the confiscations of property, the torture of prisoners, expulsions and mass punishments, the unification of Jerusalem by the Zionists and the distortion of the Palestinian cultural heritage.

Changed

She said the Israeli authorities had even gone to the lengths of changing the text books in the schools. Geography and history books had been changed to show Israel in place of Palestine, and even certain sections of the Koran had been banned by the authorities.

Issam said her organisation was pledged to continue the armed struggle for the liberation of Palestine until a democratic state was established. She said.

'International peace will never be achieved until we have a democratic state in Palestine in which Moslems, Christians and Jews can live side by side with equal rights.'

'I would say to the Jewish mothers: I wish they could understand our cause and how eagerly we are looking forward to living together with them with equal rights and responsibilities.'

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PROVOS SLAM 'DIRTY TRICKS'

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

A SUSPECTED dirty trick bombing by the British authorities in Belfast has caused hostilities between the Official and Provisional Republican movements in Belfast.

The Belfast brigade of the Provisional IRA have admitted they shot dead John Short, a 50-year-old man whose 10-year-old nephew, Kevin McMenamin, was killed by a bomb explosion at the start of an Official Republican Easter parade last Sunday.

In a statement issued in Belfast, the Belfast Brigade of the Provisional IRA gave their version of the events leading up to the assassination — blaming the Officials (sticks) for the incident.

The statement said:

From Saturday evening, and until the local population assembled in Beechmount at 1p.m. Sunday, IRA volunteers and auxiliaries checked security in the area and along the route of the parade, and maintained a vigilant watch on all strange vehicles. This has been the custom for several years now.

Any suspicious car or package would thus have probably been located and safely removed. The British army would have been aware of our vigilance.

Bomb

At around 2.30p.m. when the Sticks were assembling in Beechmount, our parade was in Milltown Cemetery, a bomb exploded outside Kennedy's Bakery killing 10-year-old Kevin McMenamin and seriously injuring three others. This bomb, left by a British murder gang, had apparently been concealed in the hollow of a security barrel outside the bakery.

At about 2.45p.m., ten minutes after IRA volunteers saluted their fallen comrades in the cemetery, the three revolvers used in the salute were smuggled away from the area.

Joe Stagg gave an oration and before the parade was dismissed, a speaker publicly announced from the platform the desire of the Republican movement to avoid any clashes with the incoming Stick parade.

When the Sticks reached the gates of Milltown youths and members of the public attacked them, reflecting their unpopularity, collaboration and their hypocrisy in the eyes of the people. There was no determined attack on them by the Belfast Brigade or any section of the Republican movement — we reluctantly accept that because of the Republican rhetoric used by the Sticks many people remain confused and cannot understand their exact counter-revolutionary role.

Timing

The Sticks, who hadn't the acumen to see the significance of the timing of the explosion, fitted perfectly into their counter-revolutionary slot and whipped up hysteria by blaming the Irish Republican Army.

They claimed to be the exclusive injured party when in fact the party was the innocent people of Beechmount and young Kevin McMenamin,

struck down in youth by British terrorism.

When the clashes began at Milltown at about 3.30p.m. the Sticks, like the paras in Derry, opened fire into crowds of people, wounding a young man in the neck and a woman in the ankle. However, the spectacle of Sticks shooting into crowds of people didn't fit into Thomas McGiolla's 'Ard Fheis' announcement of 'the rejection of the armed wing' and they realised they had overstepped themselves.

Thus the Sticks started issuing lying and provocative statements to every pressman in Milltown cemetery, and to the media in general about how they were 'bombed and shot at'. The issuing of provocative statements was contrary to an established procedure set up after the last feud was resolved.

The policy of the Irish Republican Army is clear. We claim responsibility for all our acts, and our credibility is well-known in this respect. After the Sticks brought out the guns, and indiscriminately fired into a crowd of people, wounding two, and launched propaganda attacks on our movement, they returned to their areas and began aggressive activity indicating their intentions of attacking us. Our volunteers armed themselves and attacked a number of Sticks who had just left a car. Mr Short was killed.

Crisis

The Sticks have irresponsibly precipitated a crisis which the Belfast Brigade wishes to avoid, but which will be met if need be. The Sticks should consider that their organisation has disintegrated throughout the occupied six-counties.

They should consider that their war-record since March 1972 has been one of feuding inside the nationalists' areas, first with us, then with the Irish Republican Socialist Party, then again with us. Their only contribution has been death and demoralisation inside the areas. The Belfast Brigade IRA called for calm.

The fatal bombing in Beechmount Avenue was the work of British agents. The Sticks exploited this attack to rally public support behind their moribund organisation. There could have been no clearer denial given by the Belfast Brigade that they were not responsible.

The Sticks opened fire with two guns into crowds of people

at the gates of Milltown cemetery. Their failure to stand over this is irresponsible and continues to exacerbate the situation which they are deliberately keeping confused.

Because of all this aggression a situation arose in which Mr Short was killed by the Belfast Brigade IRA. The British army, usually bristling with bomb-theories, has been ominously silent.

With hindsight the Sticks should now clarify to the nationalist population their position. We do not wish to be diverted from our war with the British war machine in Ireland.

P. S. O'Neill

Majority

The Provisional Republican movement — who command the majority support in the non-Unionist ghettos of Belfast, are bitterly opposed to the Official movement which is now strongly influenced by the Stalinist 'peaceful road to socialism' theory.

But both Official and Provisional movements appear to have fallen for a provocation aimed at encouraging civil war within the non-Unionist camp.

The violent reaction of the Officials outside Milltown cemetery and the subsequent reprisal by Provisional IRA members, is exactly what the authorities welcome to divert the offensive away from the army occupation forces.

Although armed self-defence within the Republican movement may in certain circumstances be unavoidable, the crucial task of smashing counter-revolutionary Stalinism and reformism is a political task involving the complete exposure of Stalinism and its treacherous role within the masses in Ireland and the international working class.

Consciousness

Victory in this crucial political struggle cannot be achieved by armed self-defence, but only through raising the political consciousness of the working class, making them see the impossibility of smashing imperialism and taking power in 'peaceful', reformist and gradual stages.



Belfast woman with a British soldier

FITT'S FEAR OVER ARMY 'BRAIN'

PEOPLE in Belfast are up in arms about a new army computer which will contain personal details of the population.

Belfast Social Democratic and Labour Party MP Gerry Fitt has been swamped by protests from his mainly non-Unionist constituents.

They say that in the Republican stronghold of West Belfast troops have been knocking on doors and asking personal questions about members of the family and even about what furniture they owned.

Fitt said: 'If they are using it in Northern Ireland, how long

will it be before they are using the same methods in Birmingham or Manchester?'

The answer is that the national police computer in Britain is every bit as sophisticated as the army's Northern Ireland computer, and could be used immediately by the authorities to fight a civil war.

Already all vehicles with details of their owners are in the computer's memory.

The army use their own computers for mass spying on the population. This blanket intelligence gathering is a vital weapon in their brutal occupation of Irish territory.



Gerry Fitt

MEXICO CITY — The Mexican government yesterday withdrew political charges against 424 people detained for suspected links with anti-government movements.

The attorney-general's office said 128 of the prisoners had been freed in the last four months and a small number of others would be released shortly.

But the office said most of those against whom the political charges had been withdrawn would remain in jail to face trial on such criminal charges as kidnapping, robbery or homicide.

The office denied reports that 500 prisoners would be freed.

The charges which the government dropped

were rebellion, incitement to rebellion, sedition, conspiracy, taking part in illegal demonstrations and illegal possession of arms.

The withdrawal of the charges was regarded here as an important step in the government's campaign to clear itself of allegations of human rights violations.

President Jose Lopez Portillo's government, which took office last December, has said it will bring detained extremists to trial on criminal charges or release them.

The prisoners, reported to be members of left wing organisations, have spent up to 10 years in jail awaiting trial.

The majority of them were arrested in 1971 and 1972.

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NUT ANNUAL CONFERENCE—EASTBOURNE

TEACHERS SEEK PARENT UNITY FOR 'FREEDOM'

LEADERS of the National Union of Teachers yesterday appealed to parents to help them fight off attempts by the Department of Education and Science and politicians to take over control of the school curriculum.

At the NUT's conference at Eastbourne, executive member Sam Fisher warned that the Department was trying to reassert control over the school curriculum.

And another executive member, Dr Walter Roy from East Anglia, called for teachers and parents 'to stand together to protect the freedom of the school, which equals freedom of society itself'.

The 2,000 delegates were debating an executive priority motion on educational standards, opportunities and the needs of society.

Levels

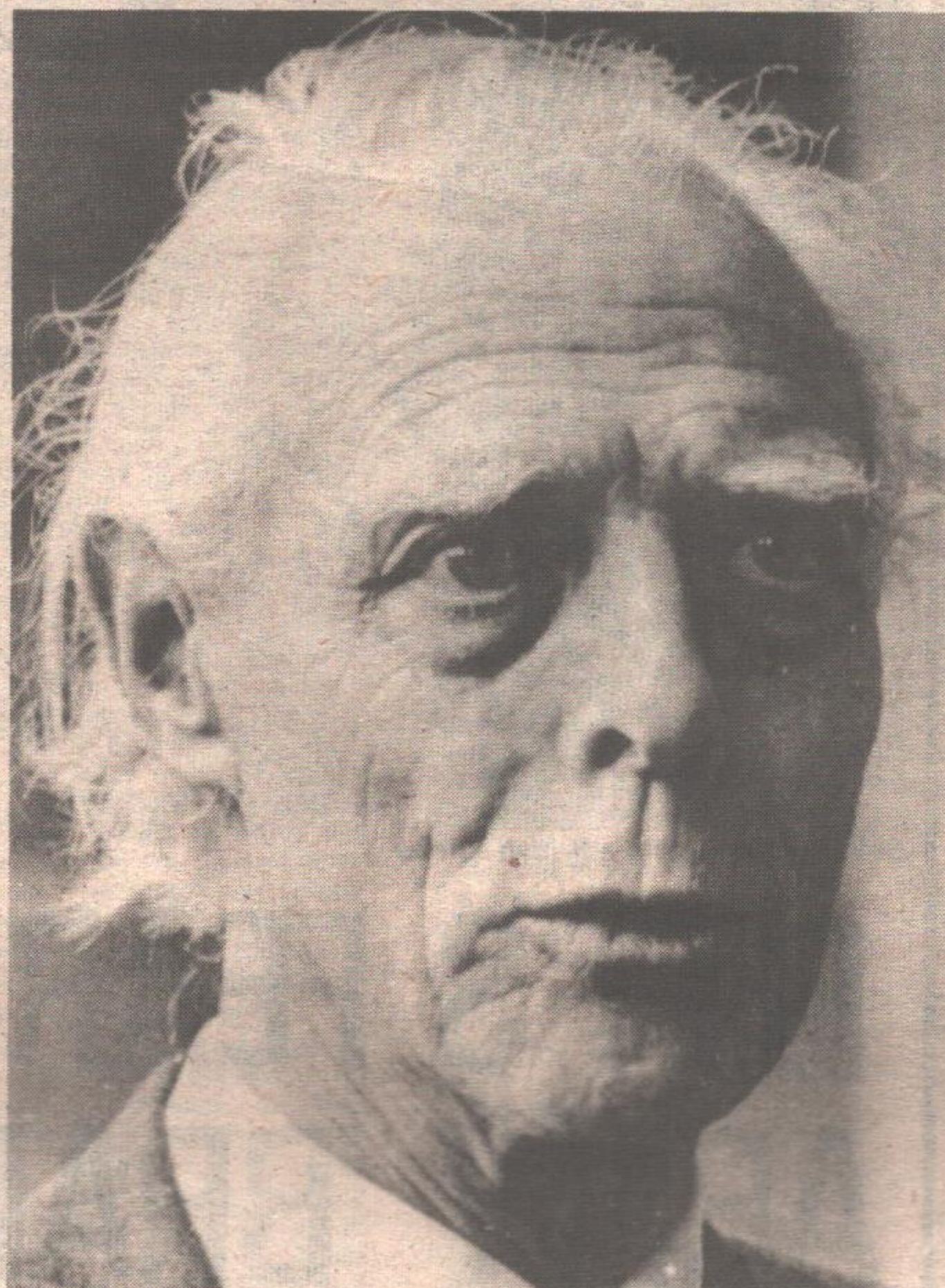
The resolution deplored the recent series of 'unjustified and ill-informed attacks' on the work of the schools.

It warned that to secure high levels of literacy and numeracy, teachers must retain the right to exercise their professional judgement in identifying the needs of the young, and in determining teaching methods and the content of the curriculum.

It further warned that the union would resist the imposition of an externally determined curriculum, and the universal testing of children to determine particular stages of education.

Opening the debate, Fisher, chairman of the union's education committee and head of a London comprehensive, said it was no use making unsubstantiated assumptions about falling standards when placed against the hard facts that results indicated that as many as 80 per cent of schoolchildren were achieving some measure of success in public examinations.

'There is no doubt standards have gone up. At the same time we have always been the first to say there is no room for complacency and there is a need to raise standards further.'



Sam Fisher

He said the Department was smarting from the 'drubbing' it had received from two reports — those of the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development and a House of Commons Select Committee — about its inadequacies and was seeking to divert attention elsewhere.

More important still, Fisher alleged the Department was trying to re-assert control over the curriculum which it had lost to the teachers in the early

1960s.

Dr Roy told the conference that parents knew if there was something wrong in the class or the school, they could trust the teacher to put it right.

'They do not require the intervention of large bodies of experts in the way which has been suggested,' he said.

'We call at this conference for teachers and parents to stand together to protect the freedom of the school which equals the freedom of society itself.'

We know best way to arrange curriculum

BY OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

North Leicestershire teacher Deryk Kelly hit out at the 'scurrilous attacks' teachers were being subjected to.

Chesterfield teacher Tessa Hope, of St Helens School, said that against a background of poverty and in many cases 'educational slums' the country should be grateful to the teaching profession.

Describing the lack of resources, she said her own school's German department decided to order a new copy of a standard two-volume dictionary. Its catalogue price was £6, but when a reprint copy arrived the price was £25.

Inspections

'You can only do German up to M in our school,' said Miss Hope, amid laughter.

Winding up the debate, executive member Harry Dowson from Sheffield, asked whether anyone seriously believed the education system would be improved by cyclical inspections.

The inspectorate had been, in the main, advocates of most of the modern methods now under attack, he said.

The resolution was carried overwhelmingly.

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THEATRE

ROYAL COURT THEATRE, Sloane Square, SW1. 01-730 1745. 8p.m. *Out of Our Heads* by John McGrath and 7.84 Scotland (7 per cent of the population owns 84 per cent of the wealth).

THEATRE UPSTAIRS, Sloane Square, SW1. 01-730 1745. From Thursday: *I Made It Ma — Top of the World* devised and directed by John Chapman and Tim Aywell. 7.30p.m. Seats £1.

THE BUSH THEATRE, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12. 01-743 5050.8p.m. *Blisters* a Bush Theatre-Sheffield Crucible Studio co-production. Seats £1. Students 80p.

HALF MOON THEATRE, 27 Alie St E1 (near Aldgate East tube). 01-480 6465. *Not so Green as its Cabbage*. A rock musical about Northern Ireland by the Belt and Braces Road Show Company. Mon-Wed 8p.m. Tickets £1. Half price unemployed, students and OAPs. April 17: An evening of *Chilean Music* — a Benefit for Chilean Solidarity. Visit your theatre!

Doctors don't know how to deal with rheumatism

FAMILY doctors are inadequately trained in the treatment of rheumatic complaints — even though these conditions form nearly a quarter of a doctor's workload, says a report published today by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

'GPs are likely to qualify having had hardly any education about diagnosis and management of rheumatic problems,' says the report.

'One is left with the impression that general practitioners bear a very considerable burden of work attributable to rheumatic complaints, but that shortcomings in their training have usually fitted them inadequately to play

as large and as helpful a part as should be possible.'

A degree of dissatisfaction and disillusion by rheumatic sufferers was only to be expected.

One result was that patients turned to unorthodox methods of treatment for help and 430 qualified osteopaths and chiropractors and 3,000 unqualified persons earned a living by offering alternative treatment.

The report also attacks the level of medical services available for rheumatic sufferers in England and Wales.

The 23 Area Health Authorities catered for 6 million people without specialist advice in rheumatology and rehabilitation and with remedial services available only to a minority of GPs.

Day strike against cuts wins support

SUPPORT for the National Union of Public Employees' one-day strike and demonstration against the cuts next month is growing among all sections of the labour movement in London.

The strike call has come from the Greater London division of NUPE, and the one-day action will be highlighted by a demonstration through central London.

Latest support for the stoppage has come from the Joint Trade Union Committee representing 6,000 health service workers in seven different unions in south west London.

The Greater London Association of Trades Councils has also pledged support and is keeping all its affiliated councils

posted about arrangements. And NUPE members at the Middlesex and Springfield hospitals will also take action.

The march will set off from Hyde Park at noon on May 11, before going down Oxford Street and through Holborn. It will end with a meeting at Temple, where NUPE general secretary Alan Fisher will be among the trade union leaders speaking.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

CRAWLEY: Wednesday April 13, 8p.m. 19 Station Road, Crawley. Down with the Lib-Lab coalition! For a General Election on socialist policies!

HAYES: Wednesday April 13, 7.30p.m. Bedwell House, Station Road, Hayes. Full support to Euro-March 77! Jobs for Youth Now!

KINGSTON: Wednesday April 13, 8p.m. The Albion, Fairfield, Kingston. Welcome to the Euro-Marches! For the United Socialist States of Europe! Forward to the Alexandra Palace!

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Pit shaft fall by miner

SOUTH WALES miner Wyndham Jones, 39, of Y'Drym, Pontheney, near Llanelli, died when he fell 600 ft down a pit shaft at Cynheidre solliery, near Llanelli, Dyfed, yesterday Coal board officials are investigating.

Mersey tunnels toll to rise again

LIVERPOOL — The latest increase in toll charges for the Mersey tunnels will be followed by even higher charges shortly.

The toll for goods vehicles over three tons unladen has gone up from 50p to 60p.

The warning about even higher increases came from Transport Minister William Rogers. He said the financial situation of the tunnels undertaking remained 'serious'.

Revenue of users was still

falling well behind expenditure, he said. 'Users of estuary crossings like the Mersey tunnels receive exceptional benefits from these expensive facilities and I think it right that these who benefit should meet the cost.'

He urged the Mersey County Council to bring forward 'as soon as possible' proposals for a new round of increases.

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5.55 NATIONWIDE

6.45 HIGH ADVENTURE: The Americano (1955) starring Glenn Ford. The old Western theme of cowboys and Indians becomes 'cowboys and bandits' in this film when Texan Sam Dent sets out to deliver cattle to South America

8.10 SURVIVORS Bridgehead The survivors develop their own market, which becomes a place not just for the exchange of goods, but also of gossip

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS: Weather

9.25 SPORTSNIGHT. Soccer Action — highlights of one of tonight's matches; International Boxing — Alan Minter v. Ronnie Harris: commentary; Save of the Season — the best goalkeeping moments in the annual competition

10.55 THE ENERGY FILE Where Do We Go from Here? Where will we get energy from when the oil supplies run out? Tonight's programme looks at experiments to develop alternative forms of energy using the sun and the sea

11.25 TONIGHT including News Headlines 11.55-11.57 Weatherman; Regional News

BBC 2

10.30 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 11.00-11.25 Play School.

7.00 NEWS ON 2 HEADLINES: Weather on 2
7.05 MR SMITH'S VEGETABLE GARDEN Value for Money

7.30 NEWSDAY

8.10 IN THE MAKING Pottery. One of the Jubilee programmes about craftsmen in Britain

8.30 INSIDE MEDICINE Barbara Myers presents a review of the latest issues in medicine

9.00 THE FISHING RACE the race draws to an end

9.25 THE FIGHT AGAINST SLAVERY A Grateful Peasantry In 1791 there was a huge uprising in San Domingo involving 100,000 slaves. In Britain prospects for abolishing slavery and the slave trade looked worse than ever

10.15 ARENA: CINEMA special edition from Rome includes an interview with Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci

10.45 LATE NEWS ON 2: Weather

10.55 INTERNATIONAL TENNIS from Las Vegas. The WCT-Caesars Palace Challenge Cup: Jimmy Connors v Ilie Nastase

11.55-12.00 Closedown. Derek Jacobi reads *Cathedral Builders* by John Ormond

THAMES

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Animated Classics *The Last of the Curlews*. 11.45 Popeye. 12.00 The Adventures of Rupert Bear. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Today's Post. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Mid-week Racing from Newmarket. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 The Flintstones. 5.45 News.

6.00 TODAY

6.35 CROSSROADS
7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE introduced by Eamonn Andrews

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 BRUCE AND MORE GIRLS Bruce Forsyth with Lesley-Anne Down, Nanette Newman, Dana

9.00 DISAPPEARING WORLD Sherpas. For 400 years the Sherpas have preserved their culture and traditions handed down from their ancestors in Tibet — tonight's programme examines, through the eyes of three brothers, how changes are being forced upon them

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 THE WEDNESDAY SPECIAL Fashion from Sheffield

11.15 GOODBYE LONGFELLOW ROAD The GLC attempt to answer allegations made by Yorkshire TV's documentary about fraudulent housing associations and their links with the council

11.45 DRIVE-IN

12.15 POWER WITHOUT GLORY *Homecoming* Arthur West returns after twelve years in prison to a poor welcome from the family. Adapted from Frank Hardy's novel, and — like all series that ITV want to bury as fast as possible — put on at an hour when most people will be unable to watch it

1.10 Close A Cockney Broadside poems and sketches by Johnny Quarell

REGIONS

CHANNEL

1.18 Lunchtime News, What's On Where, Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Newmarket Racing. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Mrs and Mrs. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Channel News and Weather. 6.10 Merrie Melodies. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 Disappearing World. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.28 Channel Late News, weather. 10.32 Wednesday Special: 77 Fashion. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 News and Weather in French, Epilogue, Weather and Closedown.

WESTWARD

9.30 Out of School. 10.55 Castaway. 11.20 The Garden City Sound. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 The Adventures of Rupert Bear. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.25 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Midweek Racing from Newmarket. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 The Disappearing World. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.28 Westward News. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 Faith for Life. 11.50 Closedown.

SOUTHERN

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Halas and Batchelor Cartoons. 11.20 The Garden City Sound. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 The Adventures of Rupert Bear. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Southern News, Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Newmarket Racing. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Popeye. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Day by Day. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 Disappearing World. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 Drive-In. 12.15 Southern News Extra. 12.25 Weather. Why I Believe. Closedown.

HTV

9.30 Out of Schools. 11.00 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 11.20 The Garden City Sound. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Adventures of Rupert Bear. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Report West. 1.25 Report Wales. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Newmarket Racing. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Laceybuttonpoppers. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Report West. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 The Shores of Wales. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 Disappearing World. 10.00 News At Ten. Report West Headlines. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 Police Woman. 12.45 Weather and Closedown.

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ATV MIDLANDS

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Flights of Fancy. Waterstock. 11.40 The Woody Woodpecker Show. 12.00 The Adventures of Rupert Bear. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 ATV Newsdesk. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Newmarket Racing. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 All Together Now. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 ATV Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 Disappearing World. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 Great Orchestral Conductors. 12.30 Diary. 12.40 Closedown.

ULSTER

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Merrie Melodies. 11.20 The Garden City Sound. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Newmarket Racing. 3.48 UTV News Headlines. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Star Maidens. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Ulster News. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Reports. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.45 Gardening Today. 12.15 Bedtime. 12.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

8.30 Good Morning Calendar. 8.45 Animal Kwackers. 9.00 Peyton Place. 9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Oliver. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Adventures of Rupert Bear. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Calendar News, Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Good Afternoon. 2.25 Boney. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 Romance. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 The New Gardener. 12.15 Police Surgeon. 12.40 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

8.30 Good Morning North. 8.45 Animal Kwackers. 9.00 Peyton Place. 9.30 Out of

School. 11.00 Starting Point. 11.05 Lasting Beauty. 11.20 The Garden City Sound. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Women Only. 2.25 Newmarket Racing. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 Disappearing World. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 The New Gardener. 12.15 Epilogue. 12.20 Closedown.

BORDER

9.30 Out of School. 11.00 Spiderman. 11.20 The Garden City Sound. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Adventures of Rupert Bear. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Focus on Wildlife. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Border News, Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Newmarket Racing. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.15 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News At 5.45. 6.00 Border News and Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 Disappearing World. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 The Wednesday Special. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 Drive In. 12.15 News Summary, Weather. 12.18 Closedown.

SCOTTISH

9.30 Out of Schools. 11.00 Koala. 11.20 The Garden City Sound. 11.45 Oscar. 12.00 Adventures of Rupert Bear. 12.10 Stepping Stones. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News At One. 1.25 News Headlines. Road and Weather Report. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Newmarket Racing. 3.50 There Goes That Song Again. 4.20 Get It Together. 4.45 On Your Marks. 5.15 Take Kerr. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Battle of the Comics. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Bruce and More Girls. 9.00 Disappearing World. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Wednesday Special. 11.15 Goodbye Longfellow Road. 11.45 Late Call. 11.50 Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 12.20 Closedown.

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6.00 As Radio 2. 7.02 Simon Bates. 9.00 Tony Blackburn including The Golden Hour. 11.00 Noel Edmonds. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.02 David Hamilton (S). 4.30 It's DLT OK! 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 The Law Game. 10.02 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 Terry Wogan (S) including 8.27 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 9.02-11.30 Pete Murray's Open House (S) including 10.30 Waggoners' Walk. 11.30 Jimmy Young (S). 1.50 Sports Desk. 1.55 Good Listening (VHF). 2.02 David Hamilton (S) with (on 1500m

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only) 2.45 Sports Desk. Racing from Newmarket. 4.30 Waggoners' Walk. 4.45 Sports Desk. 4.47 John Dunn (S) including 5.45 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 The Law Game (S). 7.30 Listen to the Band (S). 8.02 Command Performance (S). 9.02 The Musical World of (S) Marian Montgomery. Laurie Holloway and Ken Moule. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Sing Something Simple. 10.30 Songs of Protest. Part 2: The Land Belongs to the People. 11.02 Tim Gudgeon with The Late Show. 12.00-12.05 News, weather, motoring information.

SCOTTISH VARIATION: 8.30-9.30 Sportsound special.

BBC RADIO 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Part 1: Minkus, Beethoven, Field.

RADIO

8.00 News. 8.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Part 2: Dvorak. Saint-Saëns. Prokofiev. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer: Machaut (S). 9.35 Organ Recital (S). Mendelssohn. Bossi, Pachelbel, Bach. 10.20 Mozart and Dvorak (S) Chamber Music. 11.25 In Short. 11.35 Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra (S). Concert Part 1. Mendelssohn. Schumann. 12.10 Words... by John Sparrow. 12.15 Concert (S) Part 2: Saint-Saëns. 1.00 News. 1.05 Concert Hall (S). Haydn. Weber. Damase. 2.00 In Repertory (S). 3.00 Roger Woodward (S). Piano. Scriabin. Meale. Debussy. Prokofiev. 3.55 Matinee Musicale (S). 5.00 Choral Evensong. 5.45 Homeward Bound (S) (6.05 News). 6.30 Lifelines: Language and Communication. 7.30 The Art of Geza Anda (S). 8.00 Royal

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Radio Scotland VHF 92-95MHz. 371m 803kHz

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

Philharmonic Society Concert (S) Part 1: Wagner. Schoenberg. 8.50 The Arts Worldwide. 9.10 Concert (S) Part 2: Ravel. Stravinsky. 10.05 Performing Machaut's Mass (S). 10.45 Max Rostal (S) Viola. Geminiani. Biber. Stravinsky. Vieuxtemps. Reger. 11.25-11.30 News.

BBC RADIO 4

6.20 News. 6.22 Farming Today. 6.40 Prayer For The Day. 6.45 Today (News at 7.00 and 8.00). 8.45 Thora Hird reads Rose: My Life in Service. 9.00 News. 9.05 The Living World. 9.35 Heroes for a Time. 10.00 News. 10.05 In Britain Now. 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Morning Story. 11.00 News. 11.05 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C. Potter. 11.30 Thirty-Minute Theatre (S). A Walk Up the Sugar Loaf. 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. 12.27

CLADDAGH HAS THE EDGE

THE FLAT season begins to hot up today with the second day of the **NEWMARKET** fixture, which features the highly-competitive Tote Free Handicap.

The race marks the seasonal debut of several really fast and consistent juveniles of last year, but the deciding factor could still be immediate fitness. And that should give the Harry-Wragg-trained **Claddagh** (3.05) the edge.

Claddagh, a son of Bold Lad, has already raced twice this season, and on the second occasion finished fourth behind 2,000 Guineas favourite **Minstrel** in the Ascot trial.

He was several lengths adrift at the line, but was making such good headway in the final

quarter mile that the stiff Newmarket seven furlongs trip could bring out the best in him.

There will, of course, be plenty of support for Imperial Guard, who impressed when winning his final two races last year. And Baudelaire, a winner in Rome in November, and the

unbeaten Fife and Drum are also well fancied.

But, despite the credentials of his rivals, an each-way bet on Claddagh could pay off best.

Boldboy (3.35), the narrow but worthy victor of the Ladbroke Abernant Stakes 12 months ago, can carry the same weight to a

SELECTIONS

NEWMARKET: 2.00
Bionic, 2.30 Duchess of Man, 3.05 Claddagh, 3.35 Boldboy, 4.05 Vitiges (Nap), 4.35 Sea Boat.

RIPON: 2.45 My Chopin, 3.25 Gold Streak, 3.45 Prince Carl (n.b), 4.15 Sharp Pad, 4.45 Mums Song, 5.15 Pyrenees.

CHEL TENHAM: 2.00
The Corinthian, 2.30 Prince Rock, 3.05 Sun Lion, 3.40 Peterhof, 4.15 Cromwell Road, 4.45 Ali Forever.

stakes only weeks after joining Peter Walwyn's stable from France.

Walwyn is certainly expecting further big victories from his four-year-old this season, and Vitiges should not be unduly troubled today.

The only other flat meeting today is at **RIPON**, where **Jeremy Hindley's** runner, **Prince Carl** (3.45) should land the Studley Royal Handicap under top weight.

NEWMARKET ITV 2.30, 3.05, 3.35

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None

2.00	BARTLOW MAIDEN STAKES £1,200 (2-Y-O fillies) 5f (13 runners)
1 (2)	AGGRAPINA P Kelleway 811 W Carson
2 (3)	ARABY J Winter 811 B Taylor
3 (12)	BIONIC B Hills 811 E Johnson
4 (4)	CARNOCH WALK I Walker 811 A Bond
5 (10)	DEER FOREST G P-Gordon 811 E Eldin
6 (8)	DIAMANTE R Jarvis 811 M L Thomas
7 (6)	DOR QUEEN C Brittain 811 R Fox
8 (11)	HOT SUN W Holden 811 P Gunn (7)
9 (1)	LADY PEG M Stoute 811 G Starkey
10 (13)	OUR PENELOPE A Hide 811 D Maitland
11 (7)	PRESS CORPS B Hanbury 811 L Piggott
12 (9)	RAGALA W Marshall 811 R Marshall
13 (5)	WISE COMPANY J Calvert 811 P Tulk

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Press Corps, 7-2 Bionic, 5-1 Araby, 6-1 Diamante, 8-1 Lady Peg, 12-1 Deer Forest and Ragala, 20-1 others.

2.30	WOOD DITTON STAKES £2,500 (3-Y-O) 1m (14 runners)
1 (13)	BOUNCING PET B Lunness 90 G Starkey
2 (3)	CHINA TRADER B Hobbs 90 G Lewis
3 (9)	CLWYD H Cecil 90 R Mercer
4 (8)	CONTI (USA) P Walwyn 90 P Eddery
5 (11)	FIRST WISH J Winter 90 B Taylor
6 (7)	GREGARIOUS W Hern 90 W Carson
7 (10)	SEAGAS D Sasse 90 C Williams
8 (4)	ST CYR H Wragg 90 L Piggott
9 (5)	THE DODGER P Robinson 90 P Young (5)
10 (14)	CAERWHIN R Smyth 811 G Ramshaw
11 (12)	DUTCHESS OF MAN B Hills 811 E Johnson
12 (1)	MARKET QUEEN J Hindley 811 A Kimberley
13 (1)	VAGUELY DEB (USA) L Cumani 811 B Raymond
14 (12)	ZARAH H Wragg 811 D Gibson
15 (6)	

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Clwyd, 7-2 St Cyr, 9-2 Conti, 6-1 Gregarious, 8-1 China Trader, 10-1 Market Queen, 12-1 Dutchess of Man, 20-1 others.

3.05	TOTE FREE HANDICAP £8,000 (3-Y-O) 7f (19 runners)
1 (19)	2113- MANDRAKE MAJOR Denys Smith 90 L Piggott
2 (13)	41142-0 BIRKHOLM (USA) R Armstrong 88 E Johnson
3 (11)	2110- CRAMOND R Boss 88 G Lewis
4 (10)	10022-1 BAUDELAIRE D Sasse 86 A Murray
5 (15)	11400- AS BLESSED C Brittain 85 R Fox
6 (3)	2030-04 CLADDAGH (USA) H Wragg 85 G Starkey
7 (7)	0411- IMPERIAL GUARD (D) P Walwyn 85 P Eddery
8 (8)	1110- IN HASTE (D) J W Watts 85 E Hide
9 (14)	11242-0 MAN IN THE MOON (USA) I Balding 85 J Mattheias
10 (18)	11424-4 ROYAL DIVER R Hannon 85 F Durr
11 (2)	13131-0 KING ELECT H Cecil 84 R Mercer
12 (9)	22011-0 LADY CONSTANCE (D) M Salaman 84 P Cook
13 (4)	0114-0 CATLINE (D) W Hern 83 A Bond
14 (16)	42210-3 CHAMPAGNE WILLIE N Callaghan 83 J Lynch
15 (12)	11- FIFE AND DRUM W Hern 83 W Carson
16 (1)	43331-0 WHITBY JET (D) J Calvert 83 P Tulk
17 (6)	11240-0 BRIGHTENSTONE (BF) R Smyth 82 E Eldin
18 (5)	031-0 POLLERTON P Prendergast (IRE) 81 C Roche
19 (17)	41111-0 MRS MCARDY M W Easterby 80 M L Thomas

PROBABLE SP: 5-1 Pollerton, 6-1 Mandrake Major, 8-1 Claddagh, In Haste and King Elect, 10-1 Imperial Guard, 12-1 Baudelaire and Fife and Drum, 16-1 Champagne Willie and Mrs McArdy, 25-1 others.

3.35	LADBROKE ABERNANT STAKES £5,000 6f (8 runners)
2 (3)	022143- BOLDBOY (C-D) W Hern 7912 W Carson
3 (5)	21020P- DELTA SONG (USA) (D) H Price 4912 B Taylor
4 (2)	034-004 DIVINE KING (D) R Hannon 5912 F Durr
5 (7)	412-230 HILLANDALE (D) D Keith 5912 E Eldin
6 (6)	024000- OVERTOWN (C) R Turnbull 5912 L Piggott
7 (1)	110001- UBEDIZZY (D) S Nesbitt 4912 G Lewis
8 (8)	111003- SKIN DEEP (D) B Hanbury 496 B Raymond
9 (4)	41123-2 OUR JIMMY (USA) (D) (BF) G Harwood 3812 G Starkey

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Boldboy, 4-1 Ubodizzy, 5-1 Hillandale, 6-1 Delta Song, 8-1 Our Jimmy and Skin Deep, 10-1 Overtown, 14-1 Divine King.

4.05	EARL OF SEFTON STAKES £10,000 1m 1f (10 runners)
1 (2)	20133- LUCKY WEDNESDAY H Cecil 497 J Mercer
2 (6)	ROYAL CONDUCTOR (USA) J Mulhall 597 D A Lacy
3 (7)	200241- VITIGES (FR) P Walwyn 497 P Eddery
4 (4)	313000- CLAUDIO NICOLAI (USA) Denys Smith 494 L Piggott
5 (3)	211301- GUNNER B G Toft 594 G Lewis
6 (9)	030020- HEAVEN KNOWS R Smyth 494 B Taylor
7 (5)	11130-4 KASHIWA (D) G P-Gordon 594 E Eldin
8 (10)	430133- LORD HELPUS B Hills 494 E Johnson
9 (1)	1- SUFFRAGETTE W Hern 4811 W Carson

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Vitiges, 9-2 Gunner B, 6-1 Lucky Wednesday, 8-1 Suffragette, 10-1 Claudio Nicolai, 14-1 Lord Helpus, 20-1 others.

4.35	APRIL MAIDEN STAKES £1,500 (3-Y-O) 1m 4f (16 runners)
1 (14)	34- CERUA (USA) B Hills 90 E Johnson
2 (9)	000-0 CREAMLINE A Goodwill 90 P Gunn (7)
3 (17)	00-0 DAVOUT D Sasse 90 A Murray
4 (13)	0- GENERAL GEORGE B Hanbury 90 L Piggott
5 (16)	000- GULF OF CORINTH B Hobbs 90 G Lewis
6 (5)	0- MAHOGANY H Wragg 90 D Gibson (7)
7 (3)	0- MAJOR SWIFT N Callaghan 90 J Lynch
8 (1)	0- PRIVY CONSORT G Toft 90 E Eldin
9 (4)	000- SALIAN J Hindley 90 J Mercer
10 (2)	233- SEA BOAT W Hern 90 W Carson
11 (7)	00000-0 THE DUTCOTT D Dale 90 B Raymond
12 (12)	00- TOTOWAH M Jarvis 90 P Eddery
13 (6)	0- WILD SPRING L Cumani 90 B House
14 (10)	00-0 ACADEMIA D Dale 811 B House
15 (8)	0- CUT AND RUN T Waugh 811 G Sexton
16 (11)	WATCHFUL J Hindley 811 G Jones (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Sea Boat, 7-2 General George, 5-1 Wild Spring, 6-1 Cerua and Gulf of Corinth, 8-1 Totowah, 12-1 Cut and Run, 20-1 others.

RIPON

DRAW ADVANTAGE: 5 & 6 low, 8f and over high

2.45	HACKFALL APPRENTICE HANDICAP STAKES £800 6f (12 runners)
3 (2)	443000- CLEAR MELODY (D) S Nesbitt 696 B Roberts (7)
4 (12)	04321-3 MY CHOPIN (C-D) T Fairhurst 6813 A Fairhurst
5 (3)	00-3404- RED BEAM (C-D) W Wharton 587 W Wharton
6 (11)	113000- PRINCE MURDOC (C) W O Gorman 486 A Auld
7 (10)	030400- FRAGRANT CLOUD (FR) S Nesbitt 4711 A Nesbitt (7)
8 (12)	424040- CARNIVAL SOVEREIGN E Weymes 1077 W Westhead (7)
9 (7)	1044-3 I DON'T MIND (BF) J Berry 377 G McBride
10 (8)	340400- MASTER MARTON F Wiles 477 S Jarvis
11 (6)	000000- DAY TWO (C-D) V Mitchell 877 J Haynes
12 (4)	00400-0 STAMAD E Carr 577 M Beecroft (7)
13 (9)	234320- LANDSCAPER A W Jones 777 R Barker
14 (5)	00000-0 CIEL D'OR F Wiles 477 E Bruce

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 My Chopin, 7-2 Prince Murdoch, 9-2 Clear Melody, 6-1 I Don't Mind, 8-1 Red Beam, 10-1 Landscaper, 12-1 Carnival Sovereign and Master Marton, 16-1 others.

3.15	DANBY SELLING HANDICAP STAKES £700 1m (13 runners)
1 (11)	12000-0 GRAND HOPE (D) D McCain 597 J Seagrave
2 (10)	4000-0 FRENCH TYRANT M W Easterby 496 J Seagrave
3 (5)	24-0000- NOSTALGIA D Plant 493 J Seagrave
4 (3)	0000-0 GOLD STREAK (D) A Johnson 5813 (7 ex) G Duffield
5 (12)	040000- MICJAC J Calvert 4811 L Charnock (5)
6 (8)	02312-3 WESTWARD LEADING (D) A Bacon 689 T Ives
7 (10)	42023-4 LOVESOME HILL D Doyle 486 J Stockton (7)
8 (13)	040100- AUSTHORPE HILL D Chapman 486 J Higgins
9 (8)	00000-0 FIREWINE H Wharton 383 F Morby
10 (1)	44201-0 AFRICA STAR (D) A Balding 581 H Newton (7)
11 (9)	000-0 LADY SPORT G Vergette 3713 C Eccleston
12 (4)	102303- LEGAL PLAY (D) J Hardy 5712 J Higgins
13 (7)	000- OBEDE LIGHT W Haigh 3710 Mr Jane Stanford (7)

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Gold Streak, 7-2 Africa Star, 5-1 Westward Leading, 6-1 Lovesome Hill, 10-1 French Tyrant and Legal Play, 12-1 Austhorpe Hill, 16-1 Lady Sport, 20-1 others.

3.45	STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP STAKES £1,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 4f (5 runners)
1 (1)	132234- PRINCE CARL J Hindley 97 N Crowther (5)
2 (5)	00410- ACQUITTAL B Hobbs 88 G Baxter
3 (4)	40201-0 WESTWOOD BOY W Gray 84 E Apter
4 (2)	031000- WAN LI T Molony 712 M Kettle
5 (3)	0000- HOLLOWAY R Peacock 74 R Still

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Westwood Boy, 9-4 Prince Carl, 3-1 Acquittal, 6-1 Wan Li, 8-1 Hollow Away.

4.15	FOUNTAINS STAKES £1,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (18 runners)
1 (11)	GALA BOY S Wainwright 811 J Seagrave
2 (7)	SHARP PAD (D) Kivory 89 O Gray
3 (18)	JAISINGH Hbt Jones 85 M Birch
4 (15)	SARARD W Wharton 85 W Wharton (7)
5 (4)	BRIGHT CHARLIE (D) T Fairhurst 82 L C Parkes
6 (3)	INCA WARRIOR P Rohan 82 D Shaw
7 (16)	BIRTHDAY WISH (D) Kivory 713 D Shaw
8 (17)	CELECA P Rohan 713 D Shaw
9 (12)	CANNY YATTON J Calvert 710 J Lowe
10 (14)	DOUGLE LAD D Doyle 710 J Stockton (7)
11 (8)	GALIBOY W Gray 710 E Apter
12 (6)	HERRINGS WELL W O Gorman 710 Auld (7)
13 (12)	LUTE M W Easterby 710 G Baxter
14 (10)	PRINCE MOTACILLA A Jarvis 710 S Salmon
15 (1)	STICKING PLASTER H Blackshaw 710 C Eccleston
16 (5)	YOUNG STAN Hbt Jones 710 G Duffield
17 (9)	LANDBUILD LADY G Vergette 77 K Leeson
18 (13)	MALTON FAIR M H Easterby 77 C Eccleston

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Sharp Pad, 7-2 Bright Charlie, 9-2 Sarard, 6-1 Herring's Well, 8-1 Birthday Wish, 10-1 Lute and Malton Fair, 16-1 Inca Warrior, 20-2 others.

4.45	GREWELTHROPE STAKES £800 (2-Y-O) 5f (14 runners)
1 (4)	BASH M W Easterby 90 G Baxter
2 (1)	BITOFABOY S Wainwright 90 T McKeown
3 (8)	JUNGLE ROCK G Vergette 90 M Kettle
4 (5)	KNIGHT (FR) W Wharton 90 F Morby
5 (7)	LUNESDALE M H Easterby 90 T O Ryan (5)
6 (13)	MAJOR GO M W Easterby 90 D Shaw (7)
7 (6)	NEW LANE M H Easterby 90 M Birch
8 (12)	PURE PURPLE T Fairhurst 90 C Eccleston
9 (9)	ROYAL JAUNT E Weymes 90 A Tippling
10 (3)	STEVE LAUSO J Hardy 90 J Seagrave
11 (10)	DUTCHESS P Rohan 811 J Seagrave
12 (11)	MUMS SONG S Nesbitt On 811 T Ives
13 (14)	MYDEL FIELD J Berry 811 E Apter
14 (2)	PETTIT L Shadden 811 J Higgins

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 New Lane, 11-4 Mums Song, 5-1 Major Go, 11-2 Duchess, 8-1 Bitofaboy and Mydel Field, 10-1 Steve Lauso, 12-1 others.

5.15	SPA WELTER STAKES £800 1m 1f (22 runners)
1 (3)	040000- BALLOON F Wiles 490 J Higgins
2 (13)	0- LIGHTNING ROD W A Stephenson 490 G Welsh
3 (15)	WELSH MINER E Carter 590 C Dwyer
4 (11)	032230- BALLY TUDOR C Brittain 4811 T Ives
5 (1)	SALUBI A Watson 5811 S Webster (3)
6 (9)	WHISTLING COTTAGE E Magner 5811 E Bruce (7)
7 (21)	000- BARON HOPKINS A W Jones 3711 M Kettle
8 (17)	00- CAPTAINS GLORY G Vergette 3711 E Apter
9 (16)	00-0 CITY SAINT J Berry 3711 E Apter
10 (8)	00000- EXIM TUNE T Gillam 3711 S Jarvis (7)
11 (5)	32233-3 GLAZEPTE REWORK A Jarvis 3711 G Duffield
12 (10)	0- PYRENEES M Prescott 3711 J Bleasdale (5)
13 (4)	00000- ROLL ME OVER S Hall 3711 G Baxter
14 (17)	00000- SOCKBURN M Camacho 3711 S Salmon
15 (7)	00- SOLEFFIC A Jarvis 3711 J Lowe
16 (22)	00- GRAND NIECE J W Watts 378 W Wharton (7)
17 (6)	03300-0 KATHALINKA J A Turner 378 R Still
18 (12)	0000- MAYFIELD MAGIC M Camacho 378 O Gray
19 (18)	00- PROVING FLIGHT R Peacock 378 C Eccleston
20 (20)	020400- VERONICA HERON W Eley 378 M Wigham (7)
21 (9)	0- WORDLEWELL L Shadden 378 C Eccleston
22 (2)	440003- YOUNG JANE Miss S Hall 378 L Charnock (5)

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Glazepete Rework, 10-30 Pyrenees, 9-2 Bally Tudor, 13-2 Roll Me Over, 8-1 Grand Niece, 10-1 City Saint, 12-1 Kathalinka, 14-1 Veronica Heron, 16-1 others.

CHEL TENHAM

2.00	CHEL TENHAM JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE DIV I £700 (4-Y-O) 2m (17 runners)
1	211P00 GOOSE PIMPLE T Marshall 120 R Champion
2	0212F0 LOONSHIANG J Haine 119 J King
3	F04120 RUSTHALL (C-D) F Walwyn 119 W Smith
4	00000 BELLENTINA I Dudgeon 114 Mr R Floyd (3)
5	00000 BOBBY'S FOX W Mann 114 R Mann
6	00000 BOTANIST J Old 114 C Candy
7	00000 CHOCOLATE IMP M Tate 114 C Smith (5)
8	00000 FURY SPIRIT J Haine 114 G Mangan
9	00000 GO TO TOWN T Forster 114 G Thorne
10	00000 HEATHERCOCK R Armytage 114 S Parkyn
11	00000 KUANU L Kennard 114 R Evans
12	00000 NOTINA I Dudgeon 114 R Linley
13	00000 OH HONEY A Davison 114 G Gracey (5)
14	00000 SOLFURY F Winter 114 P O'Brien (5)
15	000320 SPANISH TRICK R Turnbull 114 S Knight
16	020 THE CORINTHIAN (BF) J Powney 114 I Watkinson
17	403P0F THE DUPESDOWN A House 114 B Forsey

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 The Corinthian, 11-4 Rusthall, 4-1 Goose Pimple, 11-2 Loonshiang, 7-1 Spanish Trick, 12-1 The Dupesdown, 20-1 others.

2.30	GOLDEN MILLER HANDICAP CHASE £1,500 3m 1f (11 runners)
1	042140 RATHVILLY (C) R Head 9117 G Thorne
2	0-012FF CUCKOLDER (C-D) R Turnbull 12114 A Turnbull
3	12232F PRINCE ROCK P Bailey 9113 R Barry
4	200223 KING FLAME (C-D) R Head 11112 T Stack
5	P0-P30P MOONLIGHT ESCAPE M Scudamore 111013 B R Davies
6	0-004PF DUFFLE COAT D Morley 9107 P Blacker
7	1-PPF00 HAPPY RANGER (C-D) J Thorne 10100 H J Evans
8	0104-0U GAY SIMON (C-D) R Armytage 11100 C Candy
9	1-12101 SPONGER (D) J Old 11100 P Hobbs
10	330310 REDDER'S BOY (D) A Hobbs 13100 R Mangan
11	22F34-0 DEAD RECKONING (C-D) D Nicholson 8100 R Mangan

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 King Flame, 4-1 Prince Rock, 9-2 Rathvilly, 11-2 Sponger, 7-1 Cuckolder, 8-1 Redder's Boy, 12-1 Dead Reckoning, 20-1 others.

EARLY'S OF WITNEY GEORGE DULLER H'CAP		
HURDLE		
3.05	£2,500 3m (25 runners)	
1	010100 GARLIESTOWN (D) M Tate 10118	C Smith (5)
2	000320 GOOD PROSPECT (C-D) J Edwards 8116	P Blacker
3	21F110 ALBURY LAD (D) S Mellor 7115	J Glover
4	101040 STROMBOLUS P Bailey 6114	R Barry
5	221000 MANZONI D Gandolfo 51012	P Barton
6	020011 QUICKAPENNY E Courage 71011 (8 ex)	Mr J Butcher (7)
7	030213 SUN LION (D) G Richards 7109	J O'Neill
8	02R000 APPLE OF MY EYE (C-D) F Rimell 8108	S Morhead
9	03-0000 BLAKEDOWN (C-D) R Griffiths 9106	R Hyett
10	03001F JUST JOLLY (C-D) P M Taylor 6105	A Carroll (3)
11	00010F MOURNDYKE (D) J Holt 5104	R Atkins
12	211-04F JAN STEWER (D) D Kent 7103	P Haynes
13	040200 CROFTAMIE (D) G Balding 9102	R Linley
14	30-B030 CABAR FEIDH (BF) P Calver 5101	A Webber
15	21340R WALBERSWICK (C-D) Mrs Pitman 8100	B Smart (3)
16	22P00P ALL SPIRIT (D) E Jones 8100	J Seagrave
17	33-F2U0 ASK FOR ROGER (BF) A Jarvis 6100	G Thorne
18	2-03030 FORLORN RAID L Kennard 6100	C Jones (5)
19	014301 HAY BRIDGE H O'Neill 6100	A Webb (7)
20	300433 THIRD REDEEMER S Wright 9100	R R Evans
21	000113 LIMMOUNT VI (D) B Cambridge 6100	Mr J Cambridge (7)
22	001332 LITTLE BUCK J Priday 6100	G Jones
23	01-00P0 NELSON BOY D Barons 7100	S May
24	030P03 VERDI J Cobden 8100	
25	000000 GOLDEN FIGHTER E Tratt 7100	
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Sun Lion, 5-1 Good Prospect, 6-1 Albury Lad, 8-1 Quickapenny and Strombolus, 10-1 Lismount Vi, 12-1 Little Buck, Third Redeemer and Manzoni, 14-1 Garliestown, 20-1 others.		

SPORTSLINE

'BIG DROP' SWEAT

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

NO FEWER than 11 managers will sweat it out until the end of the season worrying if their club will take the big plunge into Division Two.

Gone are the days when all but a few clubs at the top and bottom of Division One played out quiet, aimless, end-of-season games.

For the three-up and three-down system introduced three seasons ago is taking its toll, critics of the scheme claim.

Half the top clubs could be among the three relegated next month, ranging from Birmingham, in 12th place to bottom team Bristol City.

The situation is so fluid that, for example, before their game at Bristol City last night, Spurs knew that two points could take them from 21st place to 15th position.

Bad run

Conversely, a bad run by Birmingham or Norwich could push them into the bottom few in no time at all.

Norwich, in 13th place yesterday, were only four points clear of West Ham, third from bottom. But the East Anglians have played two games more

Fingernail biting at top and bottom

and Norwich's goal difference (minus 16) is only slightly better than the Hammers (minus 21).

Teams like Derby, QPR and Everton have games in hand on the clubs around them. But it is better to have the points in the bag already.

A bad run of injuries can play havoc with performances, as QPR have found out to their cost.

So who goes down? At this moment the three for relegation could come from Bristol City, Spurs, West Ham and Sunderland.

For City it would be a major tragedy after spending 65 years getting into Division One. They still have six games out of their nine remaining fixtures away from home.

They find goalscoring difficult, netting only seven times away from Ashton Gate. So they can't be looking forward to visits to Newcastle, Leeds and Liverpool.

Spurs depend on determination on running, but it doesn't work for long. And with the worst goal difference of all, the bottom clubs (minus 21) White Hart Lane could be a depressing place by the end of the season.

Revival

Sunderland's magnificent revival — they have taken 15 out of the last 16 points at home — has lifted spirits at Roker Park.

But they only have six games left, four away and it could prove just too much for Jimmy Adamson.

The position can change dramatically, of course. And if any of the clubs mentioned as favourites for the drop string some results together, another half-a-dozen or so could be playing Division Two football next season.

Our bowlers 'not chucking' — says Lloyd

CLIVE LLOYD has hit back at claims that new West Indies pace bowling

sensation Joel Garner 'throws' the ball.

The accusation has come from the captain of the Pakistan team now touring the West Indies, Mushtaq Mohammad.

Mushtaq was quoted as saying that Garner's action was suspect, and that there were also doubts about Andy Roberts.

But Lloyd says: 'I am sure Garner's action is fair and it's entirely up to the umpires to say different. I don't think he chucks and I don't think Andy Roberts chucks.'

The West Indian captain said that Roberts had played all over the world without an umpire questioning his action, and he added: 'So who is Mushtaq? Is he the sole judge of who is chucking?'

Remarks

Mushtaq's remarks came in the fourth Test, which was won by Pakistan, to level the series with the fifth Test beginning in Jamaica on Friday.

Garner has taken the cricket world by storm in his first series by grabbing 21 wickets in the four Tests, at an average of 27 runs.

FIXTURES

(7.30 unless stated)

LEAGUE CUP FINAL SECOND REPLAY: Aston Villa v Everton (at Old Trafford, Manchester).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Ayr United v Kilmarnock; Dundee United v Aberdeen; Hearts v Hibernian; Motherwell v Celtic; Rangers v Partick Thistle.

DIVISION TWO: Brechin v Stanhousemuir (6.15); Clyde v Stirling Albion; Cowdenbeath v Stranraer.

RUGBY LEAGUE DIVISION TWO: New Hunslet v Whitehaven.



CLIVE LLOYD ... defends his bowlers

RACING RESULTS

CHEPSTOW

1.45 (2½m): **QUEEN'S COLLEGE**, W Smith (6-4 fav) 1; **Crestino** (16-1) 2; **Portway Nick** (11-2) 3; **Benji Boy** (11-2) 4. 17 ran. 6. 5. (F Walwyn) T: 27p; 12p, 47p, 18p, NR: Brooklyn.

2.15 (3m): **BOLUS HEAD**, Mr P Brookshaw (11-4 fav) 1; **Velvet King** (16-1) 2; **No Scotch** (9-1) 3; **Sea Swell** (4-1) 4. 10 ran. 34. 2. (T F Rimell) T: 31p; 16p, 20p, 22p, DF: £2.38.

2.45 (2m): **NIGHT NURSE**, P Broderick (evens fav) 1; **Dramatist** (100-30) 2; **Beacon Light** (7-4) 3; 3 ran. 2. 6. (M H Easterby) T: 19p; F: 24p.

3.15 (2m): **DULWICH**, G Thorne (9-4) 1; **Perambulate** (13-2) 2; **Shock Result** (9-2) 3; **Isle of Man** (7-4 fav) 4. 6 ran. 5. nk. (C H Davies) T: 27p; 14p; 16p. F: 95p.

3.45 (2m): **REGAL CHOICE**, R Champion (7-2) 1; **Dublin Express** (7-2) 2; **Bob Bunker** (10-1) 3; **Game Gentleman** (14-1) 4. 10 ran. 2. 8. (J Haine) T: 59p; 17p, 24p, 19p, DF: £1.25, NR: Jimian.

4.15 (2m): **CANTLIE**, C Jones (11-2) 1; **Successor**, E Waite (5-2 fav) 1; **Toll Bridge** (11-2) 3; **Balltree** (11-1) 4. 11 ran. dead heat, 3. (L G Kennard) (A R Turnell) T: 28p, 19p; 22p, 19p, 18p.

4.45 (2½m): **CHUCKLES HANSEL**, P Leach (20-1) 1; **Royal Charley** (13-8 on fav) 2; **Marchant** (25-1) 3; **Tidal Wave** (5-1) 4. 16 ran. 2. 5. (D Barons) T: £2.69; 26p, 13p, 75p.

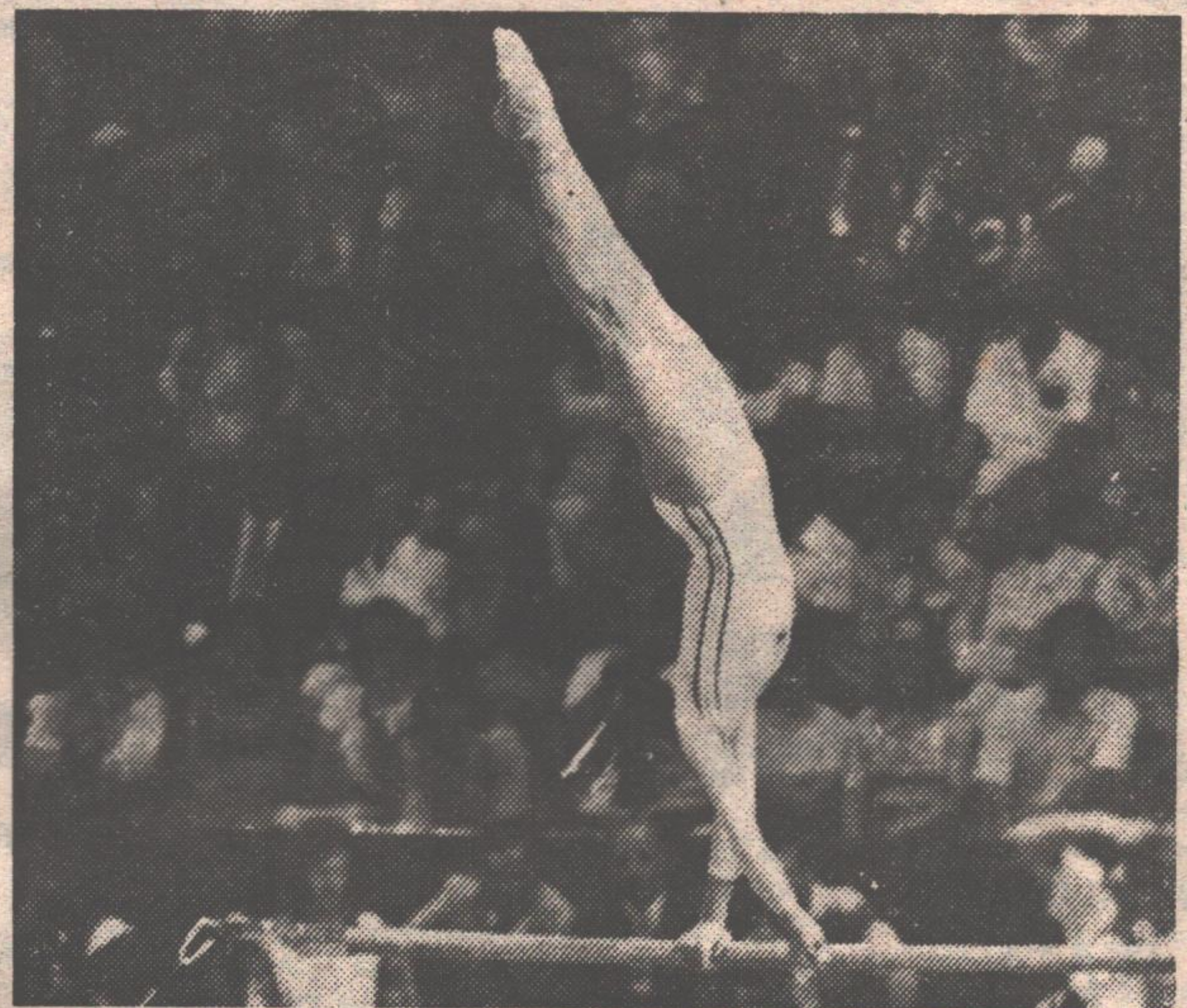
TOTE DOUBLE: £8.10
TOTE TREBLE: £7.50 (Cantlie)
£2.90 (Successor)

NEWMARKET

2.00 (5f): **MISS DILKE**, F Durr (11-8 fav) 1; **Rocket Drive** (13-8) 2; **Mary Splendid** (11-4) 3. 3 ran. 1. 15. (R Hannon) T: 21p. F: 30p.

2.30 (5f): **EDNAS CHOICE**, J Mercer (7-2) 1; **Tumbledownwind** (5-2) 2; **Delta Sierra** (2-1 fav) 3; **Tribal Boy** (10-1) 4. 10 ran. 3. 4. (B Swift) T: 48p; 15p, 13p, 15p, DF: 61p, NR: Fast Colour.

3.05 (1m): **LIMONE**, G Starkey (10-1) 1; **Sporting Yankee** (8-1) 2; **Lucky Sovereign** (20-1) 3; **Hot Grove** (4-1) 4. 9 ran. hd. 1. (G Harwood) T: £1.13; 24p, 23p, 24p, DF: £8.22.



NADIA HERE THIS WEEKEND

NADIA COMANECI, star of the Montreal Olympics, will take part in the all-star gymnastics competition at Wembley this Saturday.

Comaneci, who astonished sports fans all round the world with perfect scores of ten, will be the second entry from Rumania. Sixteen-years-old Teodora Ungureanu has already been

nominated to defend her title.

Under the rules of the competition visiting countries can only have one official competitor and special provisions have been made for Comaneci to participate.

The countries taking part are Japan, Rumania, Bulgaria, USSR, Canada, USA, France, East Germany, Hungary, West Germany and Britain.

YES! It's freezing cricket

CRICKET returns next week, despite the cold April winds, with county champions Middlesex playing a youthful MCC side at Lord's.

In consultation with the England selections, MCC have chosen a number of young players for the match beginning

next Wednesday.

Geoff Miller, the Derbyshire all-rounder, is the only player from the winter tour of India in a side led by Norman Gifford of Worcestershire, at 37 much the oldest player. Apart from Peter Lee, all the rest are under 30.

Two of the team, Yorkshire batsman Bill Athey and Somerset all-rounder Ian

Botham, were among those sponsored to gain experience in Australia during the winter.

THE TEAM is: J.R.T. Barclay (Sussex), C.W.J. Athey (Yorkshire), B.C. Rose (Somerset), P. Willey (Northamptonshire), D.I. Gover (Leicestershire), G. Miller (Derbyshire), I.T. Botham (Somerset), D.L. Bairstow (Yorkshire), N. Gifford (Worcestershire) capt, P.G. Lee (Lancashire), M. Hendrick (Derbyshire).

POOLS FORECAST

DIVISION ONE

dDLWWLLW	Birm ham	1	Stoke	LddDLWLL
LWLWDDDD	Coventry	X	A Villa	WLLWLDdL
WWLDdWDW	Derby	2	Everton	LLLLWDDD
LLWLWWWD	Leeds	2	Ipswich	LLWDLWW
WWDDWWWW	Liverpool	1	Arsenal	DLLLLDLW
WWdWWWDW	Man U	1	Leicester	LLWLWLd
WdWWLLDD	Midd sbro	X	QPR	LLWDLLLL
DWDDWWWD	N'castle	1	West Ham	dLLWLLDD
WWWLWWL	Norwich	1	Bristol C	LDLLLDL
DWWLWLdW	Spurs	X	Sunderland	LLLLdLL
DWWWDWL	West Brom	1	Man City	WWDLLdL

DIVISION TWO

LWWWWDWL	Blackburn	2	Wolves	DWDdLWD
dWDWDWWD	Bl'pool	1	Charlton	DDLLdDLd
DWDDWLWL	Bolton	X	S'th'mpton	LLDWDDLW
WLWDWddL	Bristol R	1	Burnley	DLLLLLW
WWDLWLLD	Cardiff	2	Luton	LLWWWWLL
WDDDDWWW	Chelsea	X	Nottm F	WLLWDLWD
DLWDLWLd	Millwall	1	Carlisle	LdLLWLW
WWWWDDWD	Notts Co	1	Fulham	LLLLWLd
LWWWDLDW	Oldham	1	Hereford	LDLLDLL
WWLDLWLd	Orient	X	Sheff Utd	LLLLLLW
DWDLWDW	Plymouth	1	Hull	DDdLdLLL

DIVISION THREE

LDLLWWDW	Ch'ter'f d	X	Peterboro	dLDDDDWW
WWDDWDWL	Gill'gham	1	Chester	LWLLLDL
WWWWWDW	Lincoln	1	Oxford	DLLLWLL
WLWLWWDW	N'th'mpton	1	York	WDLWLL
DDLLWWDW	Portsm'th	2	Rotherham	DdLWDDL
LWDDWWWL	Port V	1	Tranmere	LdLdLLL
dLLWLLW	Reading	X	Mansfield	WLLWLLW
dWLWWDWW	Sheff W	1	Preston	WdLLWLL
WdWLDDDW	Shrewsb'y	X	C Palace	LWLLWdL
WWDDWDL	Swindon	2	Bury	LWLLWLL
WLLDWDL	Walsall	2	Brighton	LdLdWLL
WWDDWWWW	Wrexham	1	Grimsby	LWLLLDL

DIVISION FOUR

WWWWLWDW	B'nemth	X	Darlington	LDLLWDLW
dWDWWWWW	Cam U	1	Southport	LLLLdDLd
WWWDWWWD	Crewe	1	Torquay	LLWLLLD
WWWDWWW	Exeter	1	Stockport	LdLdLdL
WWLDWWL	Halifax	X	Bradford C	LdLWLLD
WWWWDDL	Hartlep'1	1	Newport	LLLLLLL
LWLWLLD	Rochdale	1	Aldershot	LdWdLdL
dLWWWLL	Scunthorpe	X	Morton	LWLLWLL
WDWWWWL	Wattford	1	Hudd'rsf'd	LdLWLLW
WDLWDL	Workington	2	Brentford	LLLLWDL

SCOTTISH PREMIER

DDWWLWLd	Aberdeen	1	Partick	LdLdLdL
dddDWLdL	Hibs	2	Celtic	WWWLdLd
dDLWLWL	Kilmarnock	X	Hearts	DLdLdL
WWWLWDDW	Rangers	1	Ayr	LWDDWWW

SCOTTISH DIV ONE

DDLWWWWW	D'barton	1	Arbroath	LLWLLLL
WWLWWWWW	Dundee	1	East Fife	LWLLdLd
DLWDLWL	Falkirk	X	St Johnstone	LLdLdLd
WDLWdL	Hamilton	1	Montrose	LdLWLLW
LDWLWDL	Q of South	X	Morton	LWDDWWW
WLDDWWL	Raith	X	Clydebank	WDDWLLD
WWWWWDWW	St Mirren	1	Airdrie	DDLLdLd

The last eight home results of the home team are shown on the left and the last eight away results of the away team on the right. In both cases the most recent results are at the right-hand end of the row. D = score draw, d = no score draw.

RUMMY GOES SCOTS NAT

RED RUM definitely runs in Saturday's Scottish Grand National at Ayr, 'and will win', predicts a confident Ginger McCain.

The triple Aintree hero, with 11st 11lbs, heads 24 four-day acceptors for the £12,000 Ayr feature, a race he captured three years ago to complete a

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1974 English-Scottish National double.

Says McCain: 'Barring a dramatic change in the weather, Red Rum goes to Ayr on Saturday, and even with his 6lbs penalty, he'll take all the

beating.'

On the subject of possible retirement for Rummy, McCain stated emphatically: 'It's not on the agenda. He may be 12 years old, but what's the point in retiring a horse who still loves his racing. It hasn't even been considered.'



Ron Saunders

VILLA UP AGAINST IT

LUCKY TOPS

HUDDERSFIELD 1
CAMBRIDGE 2

CAMBRIDGE UNITED went top of Division Four with a lucky win at Huddersfield.

They went ahead in the 13th minute with a peculiar goal. Biley hit a hopeful shot from 20 yards and it struck Smith's shoulder before finding the net.

Finney scored a second in the 25th minute against the run of play, hooking in a corner. Johnson scored for Huddersfield in the second half, but Cambridge held out.



John Conteh fights in May

Conteh wants fight here

BOXING

JOHN CONTEH will defend his world light heavyweight title in Britain, his brother and business manager, Tony, said yesterday.

The fight has already been announced for Monte Carlo, but Tony Conteh is confident the switch can be made.

Conteh, whose deadline to sign contracts has been extended from last Saturday by the World Boxing Council, has had talks with Bob Arun, of Top Rank Inc., the company whose purse offer for the contest was accepted by the WBC.

Agreed

Tony Conteh said: 'I think the next couple of days will show that the fight will take place here. The opponent and the cash figure have been agreed.'

'The venue is the only thing there is any doubt about and Mr Arun is ready to stage the fight here, as long as certain requirements are met.'

'John will not sign for Monte Carlo. He is the champion, and there is no logical reason why he cannot fight here. This is too big for it to be staged where the challenger wants it.'

Cuello, who is based in Italy, does most of his fighting in Europe. He is jointly managed by an Italian. The Monte Carlo promoter is also Italian.

WORLD CUP ITALY TRIES OUT NEW TALENT

ITALIAN team boss Enzo Bearzot takes the opportunity to try out several new players in a friendly against Switzerland tonight.

Italy requested the match in Basle at short notice to try and uncover some new talent before the World Cup game against England in November.

The 18-man squad includes only seven previously-capped players, the most experienced being Zaccarelli of Torino with seven international appearances.

Bearzot would like to find some devastating strikers for the games against Finland during the summer when Italy will hope to score enough goals to make them bigger favourites for the finals.

Coventry give Milne contract

COVENTRY City ended speculation over the future of manager Gordon Milne yesterday by offering him a new two-year contract when his five-year one expires in June.

Coventry are involved in the First Division relegation struggle and Jimmy Hill, the club's managing director, said it was unfair with so many injuries among the players to blame the manager for the club's position since Christmas.

ASTON VILLA, who started red hot favourites for the League Cup final at Wembley last month, will be up against it in tonight's second replay at Old Trafford.

Andy Gray, having spent the season terrorising every defence in the First Division, has lost his battle for fitness, and midfield man Frank Carrodus is also ruled out.

And Villa manager Ron Saunders says

BY BRENDAN MARTIN

that England full back John Gidman, who, like Gray and Carrodus, was injured in Saturday's physical encounter at Derby, has only a 50-50 chance of playing.

Gray injured ankle ligaments and Carrodus his knee in crunching tackles with Derby's Roy MacFarland. Gidman's groin injury will be tested at the last moment to see if he is fit.

The absence of Gray is a particularly heavy blow to Villa. The Scottish international striker, voted Player of the Year by his fellow footballers, has been top First Division scorer for most of the

season, although he lost the position to Malcolm Macdonald on Monday.

Saunders does not really have anyone who can make up for Gray's power and courage, especially in the air. But Ray Graydon, who will take Gray's place, showed that he knows exactly where the goal is before being injured and losing his regular first team shirt to young John Deehan earlier in the season.

Teenager Gordon Cowans, who has already made a name for himself with his skilful performances when he has come on as substitute, takes over from Carrodus in midfield.

Everton's injury problems are minor in comparison to Villa's. Defenders David Jones and Roger Kenyon are both ruled out with leg injuries, but manager Gordon Lee can call on experienced replacements.

Club captain Mick Lyons, left out at Middlesbrough on Saturday, returns to the middle of the defence, and either Steve Seargeant or Neil Robinson will take over from Jones.

A bigger worry to Lee is young midfielder man Andy King's fitness. Mike Buckley will step in if King fails a late test on a toe injury.

Apart from having less serious injuries than Villa, Everton can also start with greater confidence knowing that they are defending a run of 14 games with only one defeat.

That represents a dramatic turn-about from their early season form, and much of the credit must go to Lee, who replaced sacked Billy Bingham as manager.

Lee has succeeded more quickly than even the Everton board could have demanded in putting cohesion into a team which cost well over £1.5m.

And he has done it with his well-known disregard for big names and price tags — as is proven by the fact that Duncan McKenzie is again likely to be left out tonight.

The League Cup final has already made history by being replayed after the Wembley match — a strong candidate for the let-down of the year — finished goalless.

Two hours of football at Hillsborough then produced a goal each and tonight's replay, but there will certainly not be a fourth game.

For the first time in any British domestic competition, if there is no result after normal time and half an hour's extra time, the affair, and a place in the UEFA Cup next season, will be decided on penalties.

Injuries turn League Cup table



ANDY GRAY ... Villa will miss him in Everton's penalty area tonight

NEWPORT CONTAIN THE BABAs

NEWPORT, in splendid fashion, ran in four tries against the Barbarians to preserve their 12-month-old unbeaten home record with a 22-22 draw. And they came so close to victory.

Barbarians, contained and troubled for much of an exciting match, salvaged the draw with a

BARBARIANS 22 PTS
NEWPORT 22 PTS

late flourish. They were saved by tries from the French flanker, Jean-Claude Skrela, and David McKay.

Full-back Dusty Hare converted both and his final kick, from the touch line, was

the last of the match.

Newport had only themselves to blame for that final scoreline, because they missed a number of vital chances in each half.

Quicker on the break and keen in the tackle, they led 10-6 at the

interval after the Barbarians had snapped into an early lead with a try from Bob Wilkinson — converted by Hare.

Swansea centre Alan Meredith scored a solo try for the Barbarians in the second half, but wasted another fine chance when he delayed his pass with two men outside him.