

Steel chief on Commons carpet

BY ALAN BOTT

A LABOUR MP claims he was threatened with closures in his constituency unless he stopped attacking the British Steel Corporation.

Workington member Dale Campbell-Savours was recently quizzed by police after exposing 'doctored' figures issued by BSC.

Now BSC chairman Ian MacGregor could be called before the powerful Privilege Committee of the Commons to answer a complaint that he personally made the threat to Campbell-Savours.

MPs will decide this afternoon whether MacGregor should be called before the committee. Last night the BSC chairman said through corporation spokesmen that he was prepared to make the House of Commons fully aware of the facts.

MPs gasped yesterday when the allegation of a threat by MacGregor was raised by the Speaker, George Thomas.

Thomas said he was satisfied that precedence should be given in Commons business today to hear the MP's complaint.

Meeting

The allegation stems from a meeting between Campbell-Savours and MacGregor on December 18, two days after the MP had made a blistering attack in the Commons on some BSC managers.

He said in a debate on the steel industry that figures had been deliberately 'doctored' by managers to 'destroy' the Distington Foundry in West Cumbria, which was earmarked for closure under the MacGregor Plan.

In his speech to the Commons on December 18, Campbell-Savours said the Distington Foundry had been refurbished only 38 weeks earlier at a cost of £10,769,000.

He went on: 'The sense of anger that permeates Workington and the sense of betrayal of the steelworkers who believed that their future was secure with a £10.5m investment, are indescribable.'

World steel production fell by 4 per cent last year, according to figures issued yesterday by the International Iron and Steel Institute.

MP alleges MacGregor threats



Manual workers joined town hall staff in Wandsworth, south London, last night to lobby a special council meeting called to discuss cuts and redundancies. The Tory council is planning to axe another 700 jobs and as the councillors arrived at the town hall they were greeted by the angry jeers of several hundred demonstrators. The NALGO union, representing over 2,000 white-collar workers in the borough, is holding a one-day strike today and will be mounting pickets at all the council's depots and work-places.

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UNION LEADERS representing 56,000 Ford car workers are preparing to accept the company's 9.5-per-cent pay ultimatum after saying that plant meetings were voting 'overwhelmingly' to agree the 'final offer'.

With less than half the workforce having voted yesterday, chief union negotiator Ron Todd said: 'You have got to be ultra optimistic to think it is going to take a turn the other way.'

'It is not like an election where you concede half-way through the campaign.'

But he added that if the trend continued in favour of the deal at plant meetings today, he would contact the company and make arrangements for a meeting to sign an agreement.

Todd said he thought a number of the meetings would go the same way as that at Swansea, where a small majority rejected the proposal.

VAUXHALL CUTS

VAUXHALL, the US-owned car company, is expected to announce 6,000 job cuts today when managers meet union officials to discuss the effects of the slump.

The firm is under the control of General Motors, the international motor giant, with an 'economy' greater than that of many small nations.

The company is set to tell union representatives today that the jobs must go through a 'voluntary' redundancy programme — at Luton and Dunstable in Bedfordshire and at Ellesmere Port in Cheshire. Details of the plan will be put at one of the firm's twice-yearly 'joint review' meetings with the unions.

Company managing director Ferdinand Beickler said recently that if markets remained depressed and interest rates high, the result could be large-scale job losses from the 29,000 workforce.



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Hospital picket to back Xavier



Sacked hospital steward Conway Xavier (left) talking to some of his supporters outside Great Ormond Street children's hospital yesterday

'PEACE PACKAGE' IN THE PRISONS

PRISON OFFICERS are to suspend their three-month industrial action from midnight on Saturday following a stormy meeting of their association's national executive.

The move came yesterday after POA leaders were offered a 'peace package' during a meeting with Home Secretary William Whitelaw on Monday.

POA chairman Colin Steel said the government's formula for resolving the dispute over mealbreak allowances is basically the same as the one rejected last month by a special delegate conference of the association.

However two pre-conditions have been removed. These include a three-day deadline in which a decision has to be reached, and the likelihood of a large influx of prisoners presently in unconventional detention.

The only pre-condition for the present offer is that the men suspend their action.

During the lengthy dispute, which was deliberately provoked by the Thatcher government, more than 4,500 prisoners have been held under special powers which were stamped through parliament.

Even after the decision of the POA leaders to suspend their action there was no announcement from the

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

Home Office about if and when these powers would be lifted.

Steel said the deal would be recommended to POA members, but he would not say how long it will take to ballot the membership.

It is understood that the proposed deal offers a new duty system, giving a 37-hour week with payment for 42-hours — effectively covering five one-hour lunch breaks per week.

Details

Steel said there were still some minor details to be worked out with officials from the prison's department.

If the prison officers accept Whitelaw's proposals there will be a phased transfer of prisoners from police cells, and the two military-style jails, at Frankland, near Durham and Rolleston on Salisbury Plain.



JOHN MASTERSON

Closed court probe

LABOUR MP Robert Kilroy-Silk is to question Tory Home Secretary William Whitelaw following the jailing behind closed doors of prison rights campaigner John Masterson.

Press were barred from West London magistrates' court when he was sentenced to 30 days for failure to pay a £150 fine.

Lord Longford, the publisher and prison reformer, described the closed court session as 'disgraceful'.

Before his court appearance, Masterson had issued a statement to the Press stating that he would rather be in jail than face being unemployed.

He said: 'I can't eat properly with the money I am getting from the DHSS. I am going hungry most of the week after I have paid the rent.'

'It means that I am walking the streets with no money in my pockets and no chance of a job. Can you call this rehabilitation?'

Masterson spent 187 days in the notorious Special Control Unit at Wakefield jail during the early 1970s and since his release has committed himself to campaigning for prisoners' rights.

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NUPE members from all over London joined a mass picket outside the Great Ormond Street hospital yesterday in support of sacked shop steward Conway Xavier. Some came from as far away as Croydon to support the picket, which was timed to coincide with an appeal hearing against the sacking. Xavier lost his job last November on what the union considered to be trumped up charges. The management did not give him any formal warning and it was clear that it was simply trying to get rid of a militant trade unionist.

Lambeth levy special rate

By our own reporter

LAMBETH COUNCIL will go ahead with a special rate levy of 20p in the pound — costing the average family £50 — to meet an expected debt of £11.2m at the end of the financial year.

The money will have to be found by 100,000 domestic and commercial ratepayers in the south London borough over the next 11 weeks.

The supplementary rate was fixed at a special meeting of the council on Monday night. The majority Labour group went on to declare an unchanged budget strategy for the coming year.

The special rate vote was almost a straight split between Labour and Tory councillors. But when it came to declaring a similar financial strategy for next year, there was a revolt by two groups of four Labour councillors who argued that this would mean more massive rate increases and a loss of support for the Labour majority among voters.

Having fought Tory attacks throughout the noisy meeting which was continuously heckled from the gallery, Council leader Ted Knight found himself

fighting off members of his own group.

He accused them of playing into the hands of the government and 'opening the door' to the Tories to take over the council, or for receivers to be brought in.

He attacked suggestions that the Labour majority should resign, refuse to balance its books, or refuse to form an administration after winning the next elections on a policy of no cuts.

Four other right-wing Labour councillors abstained in the vote on budget strategy.

50% RENT SHOCK FOR 4,000

COUNCIL tenants in the West of Scotland have been rocked by a 50 per cent increase in rents.

The Labour-controlled district council covering Paisley, Renfrew, Linwood, Johnstone and Barrhead, blamed a cut of £5m in government housing subsidy.

The rent rise — affecting about 40,000 tenants — will be accompanied by a rates increase to be decided upon next month.

'If there had been an alternative, we would have found it,' said Councillor George Murray district housing convenor.

Five years ago, Labour councillors in the area were each hit by a £23,000 surcharge for refusing to im-

pose rent rises. The surcharge was lifted several years later.

The 50 per cent increase will mean thousands of low-income tenants currently covered by the rent rebate scheme will have to start paying rent for the first time.

There are 8,000 pensioners on the council rent rebate list. An approach is being made to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities to see if this hardship can be alleviated.

The unemployed and thousands of Talbot employees on short-time from the Linwood carplant will also be badly hit.

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SEA AND AIR WORKERS IN ACTION

SHIP BOSSES 'DISHONEST'

'DECEITFUL and dishonest' employers were challenged yesterday by seamen's leader Jim Slater to submit their pay dispute to arbitration.

As support grew internationally for the seamen's combination of strikes, overtime bans and go-slows, Slater warned:

'Industrial relations between the General Council of British Shipping and the NUS is in a more dangerous state now than it has ever been in its history.'

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'I can no longer trust the word of the employers. It is impossible to accept the word of shipowners because they are deceitful and dishonest.'

He condemned the employers' claim to have offered seamen a 12-per-cent increase as 'a lie'. Under the new proposal, he explained, only weekend overtime rates were raised.

Many seamen work no weekend overtime and others have already been through the experience of having overtime rates increased and then having the number of hours available drastically cut.

Claimed

Seamen have claimed a 'substantial' pay increase, as well as better overtime rates and the consolidation into basic pay of an efficient service payment.

Slater condemned the employers for having included overtime increases in the last pay agreement and then having deliberately cut hours worked.

He said: 'All these things would come out if this dispute went to an independent body. That is what the employers are afraid of.'

Slater said there were

employers who were prepared to transfer from British flags to flags of convenience.

Ships sailing under such flags were 'rife with discrimination, rife with racialism and rife with exploitation,' he went on. 'I used these words in the European Parliament and they have never been refuted.'

'These are the sort of activities that employers are involved in outside Britain. Lord Matthews wanted to put his ships under flags of convenience.'

Slater said there had been further calls for all-out international strike action. But he said the present partial stoppages and one-day strikes would continue because they hit employers while leaving members 'enough to pay the rent and buy a loaf of bread.'

Yesterday's figures for ships hit by industrial action showed 75 deep-sea ships involved and 101 in home waters.

Ports specially selected for action were Felixstowe, Liverpool and Cairnryan. From midnight the NUS was calling out members in Portsmouth, Weymouth and Southampton.

Ready for a long battle

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

WELSH seamen yesterday declared themselves 'ready for a long and bitter dispute' with the ship owners and the Tory government.

At a meeting in Cardiff 200 members of the National Union of Seamen from ports throughout South Wales warned their union leadership not to settle for anything less than their full claim, and rejected threats of redundancies from the employers.

Demands

In preparation for an escalation of their industrial action, the meeting resolved to set up a disputes committee. It was also agreed to hold regular meetings every Tuesday to maintain the unity of the membership.

Elected on to the three-man disputes committee was Musa Nogan, a substi-

tute member of the NUS executive.

In a stern warning to the union leadership he urged them not to 'stand in fear' of the 'total intransigence of the employers who are jumping to the bidding of their political masters — the Tory government.'

Contrary to distorted reports in the Tory Press the final offer made by the employers was 9.3-per-cent and not 12-per-cent — Nogan stressed. And he pointed out that the union is demanding 25.5-per-cent and not 16-per-cent.

A motion unanimously supported by the meeting insisted that there should be no settlement until the full claim, including proper overtime payments, is met.

The resolution also demanded that the NUS executive abandon any joint talks at ACAS, the government conciliation and arbitration service.

Heathrow to halt for a day

A MASS meeting of 9,000 British Airways workers voted yesterday for a 24-hour strike on Friday week over the company's 8-per-cent pay offer.

Senior shop stewards, representing engineers, electricians, ground staff and maintenance workers, recommended the stop-

page, which was accepted overwhelmingly.

The workers backed a proposal to totally reject the pay offer, strike on January 23, and hold more mass meetings to launch further industrial action.

The company had offered 8 per cent from January 1 but deferred it to

April 1. The unions are demanding 20 per cent on basic wages from January 1, plus shift pay, London weighting, and shorter working hours.

Senior shop steward Colin Varndell said: 'We know this airline needs money, and we know it has bills to pay.'

'But we also need

money, and we have bills to pay as well. Unlike this airline, we do not have people willing to lend us money.'

BA got the go-ahead on Monday to borrow an extra £85m up to the end of March, because of a £400m drop in forecast revenue in the current financial year.



ARREST THREAT TO STRIKERS

STRIKING seamen aboard the motor vessel 'Riverina' in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, were threatened with arrest by armed police when they started industrial action, their union was told yesterday.

Leaders of the 26 crewmen involved cabled NUS headquarters asking for instructions after they agreed to move their ship from a port berth to an anchorage.

They were told 'Sit tight' and yesterday the union's dispute committee — on duty round the clock — was awaiting further news.

The men cabled that the deck and engine room departments withdrew labour as instructed by the union at midnight on Monday.

The following morning they were ordered to stations for departure and instantly refused.

The men's cable said: 'We were advised vessel

would be surrounded by armed police and everyone aboard arrested and put in jail by chief of police.'

'After discussion, we agreed to move to present anchorage — please advise.'

NUS general secretary Jim Slater said yesterday: 'Even under conditions like these, the men are obviously still determined to go ahead with our action.'

There could also be problems for crews taking action in US ports, Slater explained.

'You are taking a risk there because the US immigration laws prohibit you from staying more than 24 hours. If you stay longer, they can arrest and deport you.'

'So far our crews in US ports have been getting away with it and we have contacted our colleagues out there who have agreed to give all the assistance they can.'

Foundry shutdown anger

SHOP STEWARDS were yesterday considering how to oppose the closure of Southbank Foundry at Kirkintilloch, near Glasgow.

The shutdown with the loss of 150 manual jobs and 40 staff jobs is to take place on Good Friday.

'That is what management reckons, but we have an entirely different attitude,' said APEX official Eddie Nolan.

Shop stewards were seeing the company yesterday to get more information and were then discussing resistance, said Nolan.

'Unemployment is bad enough without letting jobs go just like that. Kirkintilloch has got hardly any industry as it is.'

The foundry first began operating in 1865. It was taken over by the Glynwed group 12 years ago.

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THE 1966 NUS STRIKE

FLASHBACK!!

THE seamen's strike of 1966 — a hard-fought and bitter struggle — took place in boom economic conditions and under the Labour government of Harold Wilson, which tried to impose pay restraint policy on the unions. The present strike by the National Union of Seamen takes place in slump conditions, under a class-war Thatcher government, with employers determined to break the strength of the union and dictate their own terms.

'Lessons of the 1966 Seamen's Strike' is an analysis of that dispute published in pamphlet form 15 years ago by the Socialist Labour League (forerunner of the Workers Revolutionary Party). Today we reprint the final chapter of that analysis, by Michael Nolan, showing how the major struggle of 1966, today's wages and jobs fight and the confrontation being forced to a head by the Tories are parts of the same revolutionary struggle of the classes.

The same lessons for seamen

THE seamen's strike contains many lessons for trade unionists.

The fact that it was possible, by the rank and file acting within the existing unions, to force a change in the union, and fight for more militant policies is very important.

That the most reactionary union of all, the only one to stop its members from supporting the General Strike of 1926, should be the first in the field in the struggle, not just against their employers, but also against the government, this is a testimony to the power of a militant rank and file.

They will have to be on their guard against opportunists like Gordon Norris of the Communist Party, whose friend Jack Dash did more than anyone to ensure the defeat of the strike and whose party has shown itself quite incapable of putting up a fight for the seamen's interests.

Above all, however, the seamen will have to realise that they cannot struggle alone, and that they must involve themselves in movements in which all sections of workers take part, such as the Young Socialists.

Intensity

But the seamen's strike has significance for many workers besides the seamen themselves. Its whole nature and intensity were determined not just by the reactionary nature of the employers and the fighting spirit of the seamen.

It reflected not just the economic issues on which the seamen were fighting, but a certain stage in the development of the class struggle in Britain.

The forces which were operative in the strike were far more than those of one group of employers and workers. Each stage in the development of the strike was acted upon by forces far outside the British shipping industry.

The strike made Britain the cockpit of the historic struggle involved in the so-

cial revolution to overthrow capitalism.

When the seamen struck, however much they saw this as a logical conclusion of their own particular demands, they struck a blow in the greater historic struggle between capital and labour.

This class struggle takes place not only on the economic front, but on the political front also. In an epoch like ours the political struggle is the predominant question.

Every economic struggle relates to the question of state power. Every trade union is the object of plans to subordinate it to the capitalist state. The seamen were forced to the point of conflict by the same forces that drive every worker.

But they came up against the shipowners, reinforced by the Labour government and the powers of the state.

They found the right-wing leaders and perma-

nent officials, at one time forces into strike action, later sufficiently strengthened by the whole bureaucratic apparatus of the TUC to call off the strike without consulting the members and against their declared wishes.

The seamen were dealt with by the government and the capitalist press as one step in their preparation for imposing unemployment, lowered standards and castrated unions on the British working class.

Insoluble

The British capitalist economy, since the election of the Labour government in 1964, has shown unmistakable signs of the insoluble crisis to which it is doomed by history.

The problems of the shipping industry represent a much deeper malaise that runs through the whole eco-

nomy and places British capitalism in the weakest position to withstand the crisis that is facing the whole capitalist world.

Wilson promised to expand the forces of science and production for the benefit of all, yet without any inroads into the capitalist economy.

Of course, this policy bore no relation to the reality of capitalism, nor to the struggle of the workers who had placed the reformists in power. It reflected only the narrow interests of the bureaucratic sections of the working class immediately behind the Labour Party leaders.

The social-democratic leaders of the Labour Party were unable at this juncture to make possible universal prosperity as the boom of the 1950s might have indicated.

The point had been reached where no reformist concessions were any longer possible, where

keeping capitalism going involved inflicting defeats on the working class.

Wilson and his government, backed by the trade union bureaucracy and bigger sections of the professional and middle classes than ever before, chose the 'incomes policy' as their instrument for affecting their impossible task.

Deprived

The monopolists and the bankers understood that this policy meant for them a higher rate of surplus value and the defeat of the only force that deprived them of this, the organisations of the working class.

Some sections of the capitalist class demanded a showdown quicker than the incomes policy would allow; the Labour and trade union leaders thought no showdown was necessary.

Until the seamen's

strike, only the Marxists, followers of Lenin and Trotsky, put forward a crystal clear line that every aspect of the incomes policy and the 'debate' around it were preparations for big class struggles.

All other tendencies, 'left' as well as right, who looked for the 'positive' or 'socialist' aspect of the incomes policy demanding equality of sacrifice between the capitalists and the workers and so on, were quite wrong.

These different approaches derived from opposed conceptions of this whole epoch and the society in which we live.

Marxists start from the fact that since the beginning of this century capitalism has entered its final stage of wars and revolutions, opening up the epoch of working-class power to build socialism.

Temporary setbacks or stabilisations are only pre-

parations for bigger explosions. Only the building of a Marxist leadership with a revolutionary perspective can carry forward the interests of the working class in this era.

Non-revolutionary tendencies may gain apparent successes in short phases of capitalist re-stabilisation. But such a phase must come to an end.

The Labour government of 1964 marked the end of the ability of reformism to find a way out for the working class and marked the beginning of a period when the working class will be forced to fight through a political confrontation with capitalism, a class battle, and not just a struggle of particular workers against particular groups of employers.

The seamen's strike was the first in a whole series of political strikes which characterise this change. In this period the old leaderships, Stalinist and Social Democratic, will be tested out and defeated.

Forced

All the 'left' protest groups who shout loud until the knives are out and then cry 'loyalty' and run for cover, are very quickly worn out and forced to occupy their real positions as against their spoken ones.

For the revolutionary Marxist party, in Britain the Socialist Labour League, such a period is its most important challenge.

Trotskyists are asked not only to comment correctly on the betrayals of the traditional leaderships, not only to intervene courageously to voice the overall interests of the class against opportunist betrayals, but to advance a revolutionary programme and to build, in the fight for this programme, an alternative leadership for the class.

The seamen's strike, initiating this period of political strikes, which characterises a revolutionary situation, already highlighted the conflict between these tendencies.

CONTINUED TOMORROW



Stalinist dockers' leader Jack Dash addressing dockers on June 13, 1966. He created much confusion and prevented effective blacking of ships



The Socialist Labour League (forerunners of the WRP) and Young Socialists actively supported the seamen. Here they joined a march and rally on May 25, 1966

MPs defend Afghan trip



Labour MPs Ron Brown (Leith), Robert Litherland (Manchester Central) and Alan Roberts (Bootle) outside the Commons yesterday after reporting on their trip to Afghanistan

THREE Labour MPs back from a three-day visit to Afghanistan called yesterday for a decision to recognise the Babrek Karmal government.

They said from what they had seen, the Afghan government was in control of the country, meeting criteria laid down by the Tories for recognising such countries as Chile and South Africa.

The MPs rebuffed claims by press men that their visit had served the Karmal regime's propaganda aims. They told more than 100 journalists at a press conference in the House of Commons that they had seen enough to convince them many western newspaper reports about Afghanistan were exaggerated or untrue.

The MPs who took part in the trip at the invitation of the Afghan government were Ron Brown (Edinburgh East), Alan Roberts

Great gains by Kabul government

BY JOHN SPENCER

(Bootle) and Robert Litherland (Manchester Central).

Their trip has been the subject of a massive Fleet Street witch-hunt orchestrated from Downing Street by Prime Minister Thatcher.

She returned to the fray in the Commons yesterday saying the trip was 'deplorable' and had given 'aid and comfort' to the Soviet forces in Afghanistan.

Brown said that Thatcher and President Carter had 'quite cynically' used the Afghan question to work up cold-war hysteria and divert attention from domestic problems.

All three called for Soviet troops to be withdrawn from Afghanistan, although Brown added that the USSR might well not withdraw until talks on

'border issues' were organised with Pakistan and Iran.

The MPs stressed they had been given the opportunity to visit many parts of the country and said their itinerary had been their own choice.

They saw the capital Kabul, Jalalabad and Nangahar region up to the Pakistan border.

Apart from planes and tanks at Kabul airport, they saw little sign of Soviet troops, though large numbers of Afghan soldiers — 'a bit like Dad's Army' according to Roberts — were in evidence.

Brown said: 'Kabul operates normally as far as we could see and shops and businesses in Jalalabad are operating normally.'

He expressed support for

the 'reforms' being carried out by the Karmal government. During their visit the three men met President Karmal and his deputy, Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost trade union and employers' representatives.

On their return, Roberts and Litherland reported back to the Foreign Office but Brown refused to take part. He said: 'I decided not to tell the Foreign Office anything. It would just be giving information to the Tories. What's the use of that?'

He added: 'I support the aims of the Karmal government. I am a socialist and I wanted to know what they were doing.'

In a joint statement the other two MPs said: 'Our visit to Afghanistan has further reinforced our strongly-held view that social change, social reforms and socialism can not be carried through and implemented by the guns and tanks, but only by consent and democratic processes through the ballot box.'

MURDER CHARGE SERGEANT

'HYSTERICAL'

Belfast hearing held up

THE TRIAL of two soldiers facing murder charges was halted in Belfast yesterday after one of them was too ill to appear in court.

Staff Sgt Stanley Hathaway, 36, had 'completely broken down and is in a state of hysteria', according to his defence lawyer Richard Ferguson, QC.

When the trial at Belfast Crown Court resumed,

Hathaway who denies stabbing two Roman Catholics near the Irish border eight years ago, did not appear in the dock.

After an hour and a half's delay the judge agreed to

adjourn the trial until today.

Ferguson said Hathaway had been examined by his own psychiatrist and one on behalf of the crown.

'It has been agreed be-

tween the two medical experts that he is not, at this moment, fit to continue with his trial. It is hoped, and anticipated, he will be in a position to continue the trial tomorrow morning.'

Hathaway and a former member of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, Sgt John Byrne, 33, have pleaded not guilty to murdering the two men — Michael Naan, 31, and labourer Andrew Murray, 24.

The two men were found stabbed a total of 30 times at Naan's farm near Newtown Butler, County Fermanagh.

A former soldier, Ian Chestnut, 32, once a lance corporal in the Scottish Regiment, who now works as an oil rig driller in Aberdeen, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Murray.

He was the only one of the three men in the dock when Ferguson told the judge of Hathaway's breakdown. Byrne appeared in court later, just as the trial was being adjourned.

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Workers Revolutionary Party public meeting

CRISIS FACING THE LABOUR PARTY

The reasons and the solution

NORTH WEST

Wednesday January 21, 7.30p.m.
Ruffwood School, Roughwood Drive, KIRKBY
Speaker: TONY BANDA (Central Committee)

LUCAS SOLIDARITY WITH GIRLING

NIGHT-SHIFT workers at Lucas Aerospace's three factories in Burnley held a one-hour stoppage on Monday night in support of the 900 workers at Lucas Girling in Bromborough, Cheshire, who face redundancies.

Works convenor Danny Conroy told a meeting that over 30,000 Lucas Industries employees, including staff up to general foreman, had stopped for an

hour in solidarity with Girling workers, who had been immensely heartened by it.

Shop Stewards' Committee member Phil Asquith also gave a report of the Lucas plan for heavy overseas investment in West Germany, France, the USA and also in South Korea where 'they can force workers to work for rock-bottom wages under a dictatorial regime'.

Conroy told the workers

that the Girling fight was their fight. 'The crunch is coming over jobs in the aerospace industry within the next four years.'

In recent wage negotiations with Lucas Aerospace, workers had to accept a 'dictatorial £11 to £8 wage increase' and when they applied sanctions to improve the piecework bonus systems, Lucas management threatened to close the factory.

WORLD SUMMARY

Sadat
expels
diplomats

CAIRO — The Sadat regime in Egypt has ordered the expulsion of two Soviet diplomats, arrested another Soviet Embassy official and given political asylum to a Soviet book sales representative, Egyptian officials said yesterday.

Defector

BONN — A Soviet interpreter who defected to West Germany last month has given his interrogators valuable information on Soviet conduct of the East-West troop reduction talks in Vienna, Bonn sources said yesterday.

NATO

WASHINGTON — The incoming Reagan administration apparently intends to drop US demands that NATO allies boost military spending by three per cent a year above the inflation rate.

Blame

GENEVA — The leader of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), Sam Nujoma, has blamed the racist South African regime for the lack of progress at the current UN-sponsored conference aimed at securing a timetable for independence for Namibia.

Bureau

LISBON — Libyan residents in the West African state of Guinea-Bissau have taken over their country's Embassy and converted it into a People's Bureau, Portuguese radio said yesterday.

Attempt

TEL AVIV — Zionist Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his advisers yesterday held meetings with independent members of the Knesset (parliament) in a desperate attempt to stave off an early general election.

EEC
minister
dies

STRASBOURG, France — The EEC's Agriculture Commissioner, Pinn Gundelbach, died yesterday from a heart attack only days after being confirmed in office for a further four years.

BONN — West Germany, burdened with the West's largest payments deficit, expects Saudi Arabian credits this year of at least 5.5 billion marks (\$2.75 billion), officials said yesterday.

PEKING — China plans to build its own nuclear power stations without large-scale imports of foreign technology, a visiting US Congressman said yesterday. Don Fuqua said work in the nuclear development field had been held up by the economic retrenchment programme.

BRUSSELS — The European Common Market Commission yesterday urged community-wide approach to the question of rising Japanese car imports into the EEC, and expressed doubt that separate action by member states could be successful.

PEKING — China has threatened to reduce diplomatic representation with the Netherlands to charge d'affaires level if it permits the sale of two submarines to Taiwan, Dutch Ambassador Jan Kneppelhout said yesterday.

NEW DELHI — The Indian government has announced moderate increases in the price of all petroleum products to help meet the country's rising oil import bill.

WASHINGTON — Ronald Reagan's comprehensive package of economic measures is expected to be announced soon after he is inaugurated.

WORLD NEWS LINE
MINOR HOLD UP
ON HOSTAGES

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

TEHRAN — Efforts to rush two key Bills on the US hostages through Iran's Majlis (parliament) stalled yesterday for at least 24 hours.

Because the legislation is urgent, Iranian law requires the presence in the Majlis of at least three-quarters of the 12-man Council of Guardians, a constitutional watchdog body comprising six jurists and six clergymen.

Only eight were in Tehran and as a result the debate was put off until today. A council spokesman said the hold-up was accidental.

The Majlis is set to approve Bills to nationalise the wealth of the late Shah and 50 of his relatives and to authorise the government to allow third party arbitration in legal claims between Iran and the United States.

Legal

Majlis sources said there was no political obstacle to approving the bills, which are a necessary legal preliminary for the government to go ahead with an agreement to end the 14-month-old hostages issue.

Diplomatic sources here

say the basic outlines of an accord have been settled and could be announced before President-elect Ronald Reagan takes office on January 20.

Some Iranian officials felt the US bargaining position could harden with the arrival of the Reagan administration, and are anxious to settle the bulk of the issue before then.

As it stands at present, a settlement would involve the US placing about \$8 billion in Algeria, the intermediary in the protracted negotiations.

Once Iran had been notified of the deposit, the hos-

tages would be flown from here, and the money would be handed over to the Iranian government as soon as the hostages had left Iranian air space.

Assets

In addition to depositing the \$8 billion, which would cover most of the undisputed Iranian assets blocked in the US, Washington would facilitate Iranian action through US courts to recover assets that it claims. The Bill to nationalise the Shah's wealth is part of that process.

A senior Iranian official said yesterday that the date for release of the hos-

tages was approaching, the official Pars new agency reported.

Ahmad Azizi, director of Hostage Affairs in the office of the Prime Minister, said the Algerian government had accepted 'US commitments' concerning the return of all Iranian assets and necessary measures for returning the assets of the deposed Shah and his relatives.

In the past Iran has said it could accept US proposals that were acceptable to Algeria. However Azizi said that failure to reach an agreement on some conditions could cause a postponement of the release.

Arrest in
store
bombings
case

SYDNEY — Woolworths stores throughout the state of New South Wales were evacuated yesterday after a man was charged in connection with an extortion bombing campaign against the retail chain.

Police arrested a frogman as he tried to collect a submerged, million dollar ransom of gold, diamonds and cash.

But police said the leader of the gang, known as 'Benney', was still at large.

The gang bombed three Woolworths stores last month. In their last attack on Christmas Eve, two people were slightly injured in an explosion minutes after a city store was evacuated.

The management of the store chain decided to put real gold, diamonds and cash into a cricket bag as instructed by the gang. The bag was lowered into the sea by a rope and tied to a lonely wharf.

Port Elizabeth
schools boycott

South African youth march during the Soweto uprising

JOHANNESBURG — Several thousand black students in Port Elizabeth have decided to continue their boycott of classes in protest at inequalities between black and white education.

The decision came on the eve of the start of the academic year yesterday. The racist South African regime has ordered about 45,000 black students at 200 schools to attend compulsory classes.

Education Minister Ferdinand Hartzenberg said that all non-white schools would be open for registration yesterday. Apart from Port Elizabeth he expected registration to proceed normally.

Those children to be educated compulsorily will have to stay at school until they complete Standard Five of the education system or until they are 16. An average white student completes Standard Five at the age of 12.

Protests

The racist 'reform' was introduced by the Botha regime after a year of boycotts and protests against the Apartheid education system.

The editor of South Africa's leading black newspaper, Percy Qoboza, has resigned following recent government attacks on the black press.

Qoboza was editor of the 'Post' and its Sunday edition. The paper has not resumed publication after a two-month strike last year, following a government ruling that its registration permit had lapsed.

Qoboza said in a telegram yesterday: 'Recent government actions on black press and banning of black journalists have forced me to tender my resignation as editor of 'Post'.

Japan price rises

TOKYO — Japanese wholesale prices in 1980 recorded their biggest annual rise in six years according to official figures released yesterday.

Oil price rises and a temporary dollar resurgence against the yen forced up the wholesale price index by 17.8 per cent, more than double the previous year's gain of 7.3 per cent. It com-

pared with a 31.4 per cent rise in 1974 immediately after the oil crisis.

But Bank of Japan officials said the Japanese economy was managing to absorb the impact of higher oil prices, making possible the government's target of a 14-per-cent gain in the index for fiscal year 1980 ending in March.

Apart from the higher

cost of imported oil, wholesale prices here were also affected by the dollar's rise last April to a 30-month high rate of 264 yen, which made Japanese imports generally more expensive.

Since then, however, the dollar has fallen sharply and earlier this month it plunged to 198.70 yen. It was trading here yesterday at about 204 yen.

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El Salvador commandos call for general strike

SAN SALVADOR — Left-wing commandos mounting heavy attacks on two towns in El Salvador have called for an immediate general strike as part of their declared final offensive to bring down the brutal civilian-military junta.

The call was broadcast by a radio station from neighbouring Nicaragua. The radio said left-wing forces already controlled four cities and several small towns in the country.

The junta's response came in a communique stating that any strikers would suffer the legal consequences: 'It is known that factory workers are under pressure to strike tomorrow... but it must be remembered that if they embark on such actions they will suffer the consequences of the law.'

Attacks

Army sources said the commandos launched major attacks on Sunday on the towns of Cinquera and San Estasan Catarina, both to the east of the capital.

According to official reports, more than 500 people have died since the major offensive began last Saturday and fighting continued in some provincial towns, though the capital was calm overnight with troops patrolling the streets.

Informed sources unofficially put the death toll much higher. Over 9,000 died last year in fascist violence which has swept the country since military dictator General Carlos Romero was ousted in October, 1979.

Left-wing groups say they had achieved considerable success in their long-heralded final push.

POLISH POLICE EVICT MORE DEMONSTRATORS

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

WARSAW — Polish police in gas masks have evicted workers and farmers occupying local government offices in the second such attack in two days, according to officials of the Solidarity trade union.

The officials said police had broken into the building in Ustrzyki Dolne, near the Soviet border, and ordered out around 60 demonstrators, mainly farmers, who had occupied it since December 29.

Six plain-clothes police wearing gas masks, followed by 25 uniformed police, broke into the building and gave the occupants ten minutes to leave.

Seeing that more than 300 police were surrounding the building, the protesters, many of them elderly, decided to leave the building.

They were protesting against harassment of union activists and seeking the registration of the new union of private farmers, on which the Supreme Court has postponed a decision.

On Sunday night, police broke into the town hall in Nowy Sącz and evicted workers who were also demanding an end to harassment and the punishment of local officials for misuse of funds and abuse of privileges.

Solidarity officials in Rzeszow, which has emerged as the centre for Rural Solidarity, said they would call a two-hour warning strike in selected factories in the region at noon today unless a government



Solidarity leader Lech Walesa addressing a massive crowd at the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk

delegation arrived to discuss their grievances.

They said the Ustrzyki Dolne protesters were continuing their sit-in at the Solidarity headquarters in Rzeszow.

The wide coverage given to the police attack on Sunday in the official national press indicates that it was meant as a warning from the bureaucracy that subsequent protests could expect a similar response.

Prime Minister Joseph Pinskiwsky underlined the

new hard line towards trade union activists that has emerged in recent statements from the Polish Stalinists when he told miners in Katowice on Monday that individuals had 'infiltrated' Solidarity who were trying to disrupt the country.

His comments were echoed yesterday by Stanislaw Wronski, a member of the Warsaw State Council, in an article in the Soviet Communist Party daily 'Pravda'.

Wronski said 'anti-socialist elements' were trying to give Solidarity the role of a political opposition. In an ominous comment, Wronski said the Polish Stalinists were making great efforts to ensure Solidarity had a 'socialist character'.

But the attacks by the bureaucracy have not deterred Solidarity. Przemyśl branch organised a one-hour warning strike yesterday to back the farmers in Ustrzyki Dolne. According

to union officials the strike affected around 150 enterprises in the area.

In Warsaw, Solidarity delegates from leading enterprises in the city gathered at union headquarters yesterday to discuss the introduction of a five-day, 40-hour week.

The union, which says it was promised this in negotiations last summer, was angered when the government unilaterally decreed that every other Saturday would be free.

Last Saturday millions of Poles stayed away from work in defiance of the bureaucracy.

● ROME — Passengers and airport workers cheered yesterday when Solidarity leader Lech Walesa arrived here yesterday as a guest of the Italian Trade Union Federation.

Apart from talks with Italian union leaders Walesa will meet Pope John Paul.

Kidnapped judge's message found

ROME — A message written by kidnapped judge Giovanni D'Urso, sentenced to death by his Red Brigade captors, was found yesterday at a central Rome office of the Socialist Party, police said.

The message, said to run to several pages, was addressed to the editor of the Socialist Party newspaper 'L'Avanti'.

'L'Avanti', alone of national papers, has met the demand of the Red Brigades that Italian media

should publish their statements if D'Urso is to be freed.

The message thanked the editor for his attitude, the police said, and contained the sentence: 'If I am killed, embrace my wife for me.'

The police did not disclose the contents of the message, which was in D'Urso's handwriting and appeared to be genuine.

They said it was undated

but in it the judge referred to an impassioned appeal on national television last night by his daughter Lorena, showing that he was still alive then.

The letter was found only 20 minutes before the expiry of the latest deadline set by the Red Brigades in a telephone call to the Radical Party's radio station in Rome.

In this the caller said D'Urso would be killed un-

less magistrates drop charges against 83 political prisoners of complicity in kidnapping him, and unless the national media published in full statements from prisoners detained in two jails.

Most papers and radio and television news departments refused to publish the Red Brigades' demands.

'We reject the orders of those who want to become the master of the press through control of kidnapping victims, to bury the Republic and liberty,' the leading newspaper 'Corriere della Sera' of Milan told its readers.

The biggest defector from the intransigent line taken by major newspapers was Rome's 'Il Messaggero' which is prepared to publish the statements when the Brigades guarantee to free D'Urso.

Yugoslav professors sacked

BELGRADE — The Yugoslav Stalinists have sacked seven dissident professors from the philosophy department of Belgrade uni-

versity, the official news agency Tanjug reported yesterday.

The seven professors were connected with the

theoretical magazine 'Paxis', banned in February, 1975, for criticising social and political developments in Yugoslavia.

Arrests after Knesset shooting

TEL AVIV — Two Arabs were arrested yesterday in connection with the fatal shooting of a Bedouin member of Israel's Knesset (parliament).

Abu-Rabiya, who represented the Bedouin of the Negev and supported the Zionist Labour Party in parliament, was shot just

after parking his car outside his Jerusalem hotel on Monday night.

The two Arabs, said to be Bedouin, were detained in the town of Jenin on the occupied West Bank after a big police search.

Abu-Rabiya was recently involved in two bitter disputes within the Bedouin

community and he had told friends he feared for his life.

One dispute concerned his refusal to vacate his Knesset seat in favour of a rival Bedouin leader and the other centred on his support for Zionist plans to build military airports on Bedouin land.

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Behind the Kabul affair

THREE Labour MPs have just returned from a visit to Afghanistan and run into a torrent of abuse from the capitalist press and the Tories. It is as if they had visited Berlin in 1942.

News Line has political differences with these MPs, but we support their right to visit Afghanistan. We are also strongly in support of Ron Brown, the MP for Leith, when he refused to go to the Foreign Office to discuss the Afghanistan situation with 'officials'.

In amidst the screaming headlines ('MP: I BACK RUSSIANS', London 'Standard', January 13), it was hard to find a fact. For instance, how many people read the statement that all three made that they opposed the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?

How many saw the statement that they all stood for a withdrawal of Soviet forces?

The main message of their visit — that the Tories should recognise the Kabul regime — was lost in the general hysteria.

There is a definite purpose to this kind of vulgar witch-hunting. It is to try and create 'no go' areas for representatives of the labour and trade union movement. The Tories are desperately worried that after Kabul, perhaps some enterprising Labour MPs will want to visit Tehran, Tripoli or the Palestinian nation in its camps in Lebanon. This would be too much to tolerate!

While howling about the choice of Labour MP's visits, the Tories reserve the right to swan in and out of every fascist dictatorship on the face of the earth in the interest of fostering 'good relations'. They go to Chile. They carouse with the generals in Uruguay and Argentina.

Their headline-seeking opposition to the Kabul mission is pure unadulterated humbug and should be treated so by serious workers and trade unionists.

Sir James and the 'free press'

WHEN Sir James Goldsmith launched 'NOW!' magazine 18 months ago he toured Fleet Street scooping up every ultra-Tory journalist he could find, or pay for.

He checked their political pedigree until he was absolutely certain they were defenders of free enterprise and the democratic way of life.

He assembled a right-wing team which included such beauties as Anthony Shrimley, Brian Hitchen, Robert Hargreaves, Robin Oakley, Brian Crozier, David Floyd, Christopher Dobson and Nicholas Owen.

There is some consternation, however, over the recent antics of the proprietor. The current issue (January 9, 1981) contains a two-page article entitled, 'Sinister shadows hang over Giscard'. Writer Jack Gee says that the French President, facing an election in April, is 'beset by scandals and terrorism' and 'could face a revolution at the polls'.

This was too much for Goldsmith who has large business interests and connections in France. He stopped all copies of 'NOW!' from going to Paris so as not to offend the French government.

It is reported that the 'freedom-first' journalists of 'NOW!' are somewhat perturbed by this impressively Stalinist act. They are 'seeking a meeting' with the owner to 'clarify matters'.

A British Euro-MP has taken the affair a step further by referring Goldsmith's action to the EEC parliament saying that it is a possible breach of Market regulations regarding the free movement of goods.

Goldsmith is, of course, one of the country's most vocal advocates of the so-called 'free press'.

STEEL AND MINING

United fight call wins support in South Wales

FROM SIMON VEVERS IN CARDIFF

THE THATCHER government's creation of mass unemployment is aimed at the 'suppression of the trade union movement', Welsh miners' leader Des Dutfield warned trade unionists on Monday night.

He was speaking in Risca at the first of a series of public meetings organised by the Gwent Alliance Against Unemployment.

The 100-strong audience also heard speeches from Wales TUC general secretary George Wright, local Labour MP Neil Kinnock and John Foley, a regional official of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC).

While they were often faced with heckling and angry demands for 'action not words', Dutfield's call for united opposition to the Tories in 'well-organised, concerted industrial action' was warmly applauded.

Detailing the Tories' strategy for dealing with the working class, the area vice-president of the NUM said:

'They began by giving tax concessions to the rich, major pay awards to the police and the army, and they turned to destroying the medical facilities and services which our old and sick people depend on.'

'They are looking to take workers back decades by building up the dole queues so that there are hundreds chasing every job. And they will use this to ensure the suppression of the trade union movement and a subservient workforce.'

He said the coal industry in Wales was in 'dire straits' with 20,000 tons being stockpiled each week, and the threat of pit closures now imminent.

Wright answered his critics by pointing to the Wales TUC's 'marginal victory in saving, at least temporarily, Llanwern and Port Talbot from closure.'

But he provoked even louder jeering when he coupled calls for the 'expansion of the economy' with demands for import controls.

John Foley said that steelworkers would not 'accept the rape of this industrial base without a fight.'

'It was created by our forefathers, sustained by ourselves, and we must see that something is left for our children.'

Kinnock, speaking last, did his best to steer trade unionists away from independent action against the Tories, and urged them to pin their hopes on a 'Labour government in 1984'.



DES DUTFIELD . . . Applauded



GEORGE WRIGHT . . . Boosed

'The crunch is coming soon,' he warned. But he condemned union leaders nationally who had been frightened by employers into becoming 'cap-in-hand servants rushing to accept cuts in wages.'

Referring to comments made by George Wright, Dutfield warned against union leaders looking for 'more acceptable ways to fight the government'.

He added: 'You can't fight people with Marquis of Queensbury rules when they are kicking you in the guts with hobnail boots.'

Earlier, Wright had been given a rough-ride by redundant steelworkers, bitter and frustrated that national TUC leaders had failed to mobilise the labour movement against cuts and closures.

Wright answered his critics

Contempt laws would restrict press

THE TORIES' proposed new law on contempt of court would impose serious restrictions on the press and add to present uncertainty and confusion, the International Press Institute says today.

The Institute, a press freedom organisation, said in a statement that the Contempt of Court Bill contained provisions of far-reaching importance to the future of press freedom and the daily workings of the media.

The Bill, introduced by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, reaches its committee stage in the House of

Lords tomorrow. It has later to be considered by the Commons.

The IPI is circulating a detailed list of objections to peers in advance of the committee stage.

It says the work of the media would be made 'difficult and hazardous' by four main proposals in the Bill:

● A 'substantial widening' of the 'strict liability rule' which defines contempt of court and sets the time

from when reporting of criminal and civil matters due to come before courts would be restricted.

● Extension of contempt law to a wide range of inferior courts, tribunals and bodies.

● A ban on the use of tape recorders in court without special permission.

● An extension of judges' powers to prohibit publication of matters disclosed in court proceedings.



Demonstrators on two marches held in Scunthorpe.



...cs, last weekend against the closure of the local steelworks

Steelmen's diaries

DAY 361

SCOTLAND

EVERYBODY is saying that the reason to vote against MacGregor's plan is that nobody has the right to vote for another man to be sacked, and that is perfectly right.

But it could actually be even worse than that. At our branch meeting there were some very interesting figures presented. Although the figure of jobs going is 20,000, if you total up the figures that have already been announced plant-for-plant it only comes to 10,700.

In other words, we still do not know where the other 9,300 job losses are going to come from. So it's not just a matter of voting other people out of the job by accepting the plan — it could actually mean voting to get rid of your own job.

Some of the other points we were told about at our branch meeting were very interesting as well. BSC want a general run-down. They're closing down can-

teens and that sort of thing, and they want complete flexibility between departments, unions, and even works boundaries.

Another part of the plan is to take autonomy away from each union. We were told that joint meetings between different unions would be binding, which would mean we could be bound by votes of APEX and ASTMS — people who weren't even on strike with us.

The craftsmen have already voted in principle to accept the plan — their leaders have anyway. That's ridiculous when you think of all the things that are part of the plan.

Sirs has spoken out against the plan but even he has not said what he is proposing to do about it. We had a vote at the branch meeting and it was around three or four to one against the plan.

WALES

MUCH justified criticism has been levelled against the trade union leaders. However, George Wright hit the nail on the head at the Gwent Alliance public meeting the other night when he stated that you can't lead the troops unless they want to be led.

It's not good enough to sit back and accept the punishment which this Tory tyranny is inflicting on the working class. To say workers are demoralised and live in fear of their livelihoods is even greater reason for the workforce of this country to unite and fight.

We do have ourselves to blame. The leadership in the unions is the one we deserve and indeed we put there by

perhaps not taking as active a part as we should have in past years. We cannot allow this to continue. It's up to us the workers to ensure that the leadership of the trade union movement provides the positive approach that we ourselves must initiate.

Our regional officer John Foley has been working through the constitution of the ISTC and been dominated by the policies of the BSC for so long that economic arguments tend to be his strong point. Undoubtedly in different circumstances he would react very positively to the fight.

We want to get the ISTC and all the unions into the Gwent Alliance, so that we can have a united front.

ENGLAND

I HAVE heard on TV that a Labour MP is asking the Speaker of the Commons to rule on a threat he says was made to him by MacGregor, who said he would finish Workington unless the MP stopped criticising him and the BSC.

It is difficult to comment on this right now, but I am inclined to believe the MP. I think things are going to turn nasty in this industry — on MacGregor's part. But he will go too far. Give him enough rope and he'll hang himself.

He is going to be discredited. But will people listen? It could be a seven-day wonder and they could be back saying it's possible he could do something for

British Steel.

I was at the Scunthorpe rally on Saturday and from the way Jack Sterman ran the meeting, it was pretty obvious the whole thing was an election campaign for county council positions.

The best way people like him could fight that election would be by fighting like hell to keep the steelworks open. The most militant people there on the platform were Sandy Feather and Roy Evans. They were the only ones saying 'For heaven's sake don't accept it'.

Apart from that, the whole thing was a bit of a shambles and I am certain that the local officials have decided it is all over and there will be no fight.

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FOLLONICA is a small seaside tourist town in the Tuscany region of Italy. In October last year it became the venue of a much-publicised conference.

The choice of Follonica for the 'International Conference on the 40th Anniversary of L. Trotsky's Death' (October 7-11, 1980) was highly puzzling.

The town itself is dominated by the Communist Party of Italy (PCI) whose leadership during Trotsky's lifetime owed unswerving allegiance to the Kremlin, the apparatus responsible for Trotsky's murder in Mexico on August 20, 1940.

The conference was organised by the Feltrinelli Foundation, a Stalinist-controlled organisation in memory of the left-wing publisher. It was an open secret that the PCI was the chief instigator of the Follonica seminar working through the Foundation.

And it was not only the local and regional Stalinist

authorities who promoted the conference. In the weeks before it took place PCI members papered the walls of Italian cities, starting with the capital, Rome, with conference posters depicting the vibrant figure of Trotsky.

The media, with the Stalinists' own daily paper 'Unità' in the forefront, massaged public opinion and turned the spotlight on small Follonica. By way of an official blessing, the opening speech was delivered by none other than the PCI's 'top historian' Giuliano Procacci.

He saluted the opportunity for an extensive discussion on Trotsky 'without fear or passion' though it was clear that the founder of the Fourth International charged the conference hall precisely with these two emotions.



The Follonica hotel chosen by the Italian Stalinist organisers as the venue for an international seminar on Leon Trotsky

Haunted by his principles

'Experts' from all over the world were invited, with the foundation footing the bill for air fares and accommodation. They came from North America and Western Europe as well as from the Zionist state of Israel.

Big names from the anti-communist institutes of Sovietology, Stalinist 'academics', revisionists

and even a Soviet delegation. With very few exceptions it was impossible to discern any relationship between those present and the Marxist principles for which Leon Trotsky lived, fought and was assassinated.

Local pro-Stalinist journalists freely admitted that the PCI leadership had organised the Trotsky seminar to try and gain some respect with the intelligentsia, students and the revolutionary youth.

'Trotsky and Trotskyism is still haunting them,' one of the journalists said.

Among the many guests and media representatives, one man was singled out by much publicity. He was presented as the 'central figure' and referred to as one of the 'conference organisers'.

This man was Professor Pierre Broue. He likes to designate himself as an 'historian' from Grenoble and head of the revisionist front organisation called the 'Leon Trotsky Institute' of Paris, a self-proclaimed 'specialist' in the study of Trotsky's archives at Harvard University, etc.

At Follonica he kept well in the background the fact that he is one of the leaders of the Paris-based International Communist Organisation (OCI). This is a revisionist group which is thoroughly hostile to Trotskyism and Marxism and which had become notorious for its unprincipled, shabby and opportunistic manoeuvres with all kinds of dubious outfits.

In Britain the OCI's co-thinkers used to be the 'Bulletin' group led by the warped anti-communists Robin Blick and Mark Jenkins, the political reprobates Mr John Archer and Mrs Betty Hamilton and the dubious Adam Westoby who flits from one political provocation to the next in between visits to the United States.



Jean van Heljenhoort... admitted he believed Franklin was a GPU agent

In 1974 this group organised a secret clique inside the Workers Revolutionary Party around Alan Thorne, Mrs Kate Blakeney, Tony Richardson and John Lister. Its purpose was to try and smash the WRP and liquidate it into a swamp of social democracy and syndicalism.

The plot failed when it was repelled by the WRP leadership and membership at the first congress in December 1974. No sooner had the conspirators been expelled than the 'Bulletin' group's Bulletins stopped coming out and the OCI's British agents folded their tent and evaporated.

The OCI's bag-man for the abortive WRP-wrecking operation was Francois de Massot, a long-standing political associate of Professor Broue. De

Massot provided the financial and tactical back-up for the Thorne-Blick conspiracy.

A ruffling of feathers

There was much comment at Follonica that the discredited leaders of the Pabloite 'Unified Secretariat' like Professor Ernest Mandel were pushed aside in favour of Broue. The failure to invite Mandel led Perry Anderson, the prima donna of the 'New Left Review', himself a card-holding member of the IMG, to reject his invitation in a fearless show of protest.

But another well-known Pabloite leader, the Italian Livio Maitan, turned a blind eye to the snub to 'UniSec'. Maitan made his appointment at Follonica and proved to be politically enormously obliging to the Stalinist organisers.

When the subject of his proposed report to the conference, 'Trotsky and Europe', was rejected Maitan quickly accepted the new topic imposed by the organisers, 'Trotsky and the struggle of the underdeveloped countries'.

Maitan is no prima donna; he would have spoken

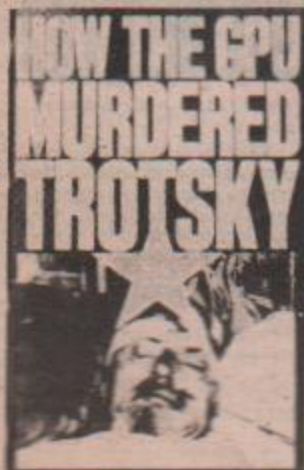
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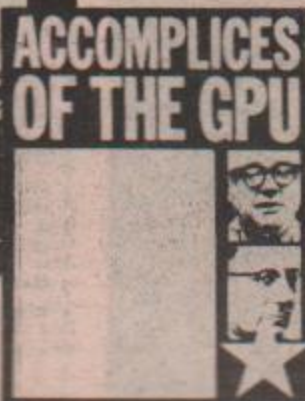
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on any subject so long as his name was included on the programme.

The feathers of one other participant were ruffled during the pre-conference manoeuvring. Alfonso Leonetti, an old leader of Trotsky's Left Opposition in Italy who has since rejoined the PCI, fell suddenly 'ill' and was notably absent.

But the press reported that his 'illness' was a diplomatic malady which was a protest against the conference arrangements and the proposed speakers.

It was clear to everyone as the conference opened that the stage had room for only one 'star' — the great Professor Broue.

Exercise in misinformation

An atmosphere of excited anticipation had been carefully cultivated. There were rumours over the breakfast table and in the salons that Broue would make 'sensational revelations' about the assassination of Trotsky on the basis of new material from the Harvard archives which were opened on January 1 last year.

At a press conference before reaching Follonica, Broue 'warned' that he was preparing a 'surprise' and that he would deal hammer blows at the PCI leader, Senator Vittorio Vidali (alias Carlos Contreras), the notorious GPU executioner in Spain, Mexico and the United States.

The historic day came. Broue delivered his speech on Trotsky's assassination. It proved to be an exercise in misinformation, not revelation. Its aim was not to expose the network of GPU agents responsible for Trotsky's murder and the subsequent disruption of the world Trotskyist movement, but to cover their tracks and protect them.

Broue made the case of the GPU executioner Vittorio Vidali the centrepiece of his speech — a gesture of extremely Quixotic proportions. It was like charging a door that had already been opened.

There are literally reams of documents, letters and memoirs testifying to the murderous activities of Vidali, not least of all in the writings of Trotsky himself.

Not surprisingly, three days after Broue's speech Vidali arrogantly spoke to the pro-Stalinist 'Repubblica' (October 14, 1980) and answered Broue's questions.

He contemptuously



Vittorio Vidali, the GPU killer who is now a member of the Italian senate

added that he would have been able to answer immediately if the Feltrinelli Foundation had properly invited him to Follonica

An historic investigation

Broue convicted himself as an intellectual charlatan when he gave his whole speech without once mentioning 'Security and the Fourth International', the worldwide

inquiry into Trotsky's murder which was launched more than five and a half years ago by the International Committee of the Fourth International.

This is the first investigation of Trotsky's assassination undertaken by the Trotskyist movement and it is very wide-ranging. It began in May 1975 when Professor Broue and the OCI were not only disinterested, but positively hostile to the

re-opening of the Trotsky case.

The only time that Broue mentioned the historic 'Security and the Fourth International' investigation was when he departed from his original text to refer snidely to 'a campaign of the British newspaper, News Line'.

What an intellectual midget this man is! He thinks that with a few sneers he can dismiss an investigation which has

gathered together tens of thousands of documents, letters, affidavits and photographs from the United States, Mexico, Canada and Western Europe.

The truth is that Broue is an unmitigated plagiarist. If it had not been for the International Committee's investigation, Broue would have been bereft of information on the case and his interest would be zero.

Nevertheless, his conceit is boundless. He began his speech by saying: 'This case is today still far from being entirely brought to light.'

'We have nevertheless learned quite a lot since 40 years ago through two principal periods — that of the end of the forties with the discovery of the real identity of the killer and consequently of his links with Stalinism and what Trotsky called "the GPU", the Soviet services, in this case an international murder apparatus and that of the last three years.'

In other words, the sublimely modest Broue is telling his audience that nothing important happened in the Trotsky murder investigation from 1950 until 1977 — when he, the great Broue, became chairman of the so-called Trotsky institute in Paris!

By the time Broue began to take an interest in the 'Security and the Fourth International' investigation had already been underway for two and a half years. It had brought to light entirely new evidence on the Trotsky murder plot and it had indicted Joseph Hansen, leader of the revisionist Socialist Workers Party of the United States as a double agent.

This was the moment that Broue's OCI made known its interest. It was not to deepen the investigation nor was it to support the International Committee's call for an International Committee of Inquiry into the murder plot and the network which was responsible.

Keeping lid on the truth

No, the OCI has the dubious distinction of being one of the very first revisionist groups to publish a full-scale testimonial in support of Hansen accompanied by a violent attack on the International Committee and its investigation.

It appeared under the grandiose title of 'Declaration by Betty Hamilton and Pierre Lambert' ('Informations Ouvrières', February 27-March 4, 1976).

It was written in the style of a low-brow French melodrama. 'We have read the unspeakable articles written on G. Healy's orders, which try to prove that Joseph Hansen and George Novack



Tamara Deutscher ... heard Broue's cover-up and said nothing

are CIA and NKVD agents.

'We must admit that it was very painful to force ourselves to read these "articles". But we thought it was our duty ... to express our sympathy and solidarity to the SWP.'

According to Mrs Hamilton and M. Lambert the 'Security and the Fourth International' inquiry was nothing more than 'false accusations, lies and slanders' and provided absolutely nothing new as regards evidence.

The following year, 1977, these two 'grand militants' mounted the steps to the 'Platform of Shame', a notorious meeting held in London's Friends House on January 14, 1977, comprising



Francois de Massot, the OCI revisionist on the 'Platform of Shame'

revisionist notables from every corner of the world.

Mrs Hamilton, Lambert and M. de Massot sat on the platform which was organised to try and save Hansen's neck and to protect the existing network of agents in the Trotskyist movement.

The platform collapsed

The meeting collapsed in ruins when Comrade Gerry Healy of the International Committee and the Work-

ers Revolutionary Party attended.

He listened silently to some two hours of slanders and then motioned to speak. In the uproar which followed the 'Platform of Shame' narrowly carried a motion preventing him from addressing the meeting.

As the meeting was fraudulently called in the name of 'workers' democracy' it was most eloquent and fitting that it reached its climax by stopping Comrade Healy from speaking. It was a demonstration that the 'Platform of Shame' would use every means to stop the Trotsky investigation and to protect the network of agents.

Mrs Hamilton, Lambert and Broue were the most strident voices in advocating this policy of 'hands off Hansen' and 'stop the investigation'. All three signed the notorious 'verdict' which completely cleared Hansen ... without even considering any of the evidence!

This astonishing 'verdict' made the sweeping allegation that the documents and testimony assembled in 'Security and the Fourth International' were simply 'slander'.

At the Follonica conference, however, Broue was far more circumspect than he was three years ago. What was 'slander' in 1975, 1976 and 1977 was suddenly produced in Broue's speech as either hard evidence or intelligent speculation about the agents in the Trotskyist movement.

Let us examine some of Broue's findings and the conclusions that he draws.

The case of Sylvia Franklin

In the first year of 'Security and the Fourth International', documentary proof was published by the International Committee establishing beyond any shadow of doubt that Sylvia Franklin, personal secretary to the SWP leader James P. Cannon, had been a GPU agent.

Franklin, alias Caldwell, nee Callen, worked in the New York headquarters of the SWP from 1938 to 1947. She passed literally hundreds of internal documents, letters and party names and addresses to her GPU controller in New York.

When 'Security and the Fourth International' published these facts the SWP revisionists flew into a violent denunciation of the International Committee for 'slandering a loyal comrade' (Franklin). Broue's OCI enthusiastically joined in.

This is how Broue handled the Franklin case at Follonica.

'We also know that Louis Budenz, the former direc-

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tor of the American Communist Party asserted having succeeded in placing another GPU agent, Mrs Sylvia Franklin, as secretary of the American Trotskyist leader Cannon thus allowing her control of a good portion of Trotsky's correspondence — something the American Trotskyists have always denied.

That is all. Thus the 'objective historian' Broue exhausts the Franklin case with a single sentence. He presents on one hand the statement of Budenz and, on the other, the denial by the American Trotskyists, and finally takes no position himself!

But Hansen and the other SWP leaders did not simply 'deny' that Franklin was a GPU agent and on Beria's payroll, they defended her frantically.

Hansen announced that an SWP control commission had investigated her case and the 'insinuations' against her had been dismissed.

GPU agent 'glorified'

In an article in his intelligence-gathering journal 'Intercontinental Press' on November 24, 1975, Hansen referred to Franklin as an 'exemplary comrade'.

His wife, Reba Hansen, found even more lyrical words for her friend Sylvia — 'a close associate and good personal friend'. She was, said Reba Hansen, 'a warm human being'. (See 'James P. Cannon As We Knew Him, Pathfinder Press').

Hansen's accomplice, George Novack, and a last-

minute ally, Tim Wohlforth, also rushed to defend Franklin's 'honour'. It was as if the International Committee was brutally crucifying one of the stalwarts of the Trotskyist movement!

Compare what Broue said in October 1980 with what his OCI co-leaders Pierre Lambert and Mrs Hamilton wrote in their 'declaration' in February 1976 — a full four and half years earlier.

'We do not know if the Sylvia Callen referred to by Workers Press is really Sylvia Franklin, but we are convinced that if these new facts prove it, the SWP will carry out its own inquiry, and will if necessary revise the conclusions of the Control Commission (of 1947). ('Informations Ouvrières', February 27-March 4, 1976).

But four and a half years later the SWP has not reopened the Franklin case, it has not revised its earlier Control Commission — and its agent-led leadership has no intention of doing so.

At Follonica Broue carefully selected only the testimony of Louis Budenz, the American Stalinist leader, in presenting the case against Franklin.

In doing so he is willfully covering up the mass of evidence which has been compiled by the International Committee to prove that Franklin worked for the GPU.

One item of evidence completely untouched by Broue is the copy of the grand jury indictment of Soviet spy Dr Robert Soblen which was published by the International Committee four years ago.

Listed on spy charge

The indictment, dated November 29, 1960, charged Soblen with treason for the was subsequently convicted. Included as one of his co-conspirators was none other than Sylvia Franklin that 'exemplary comrade' and 'warm human being'.

Just to show the company she kept, the charge sheet also contained the names of Soviet master spy Jack Soble (Soblen's brother) and Lavrenti Beria!

The FBI did not prosecute Franklin because she co-operated with them as a friendly witness. When Jack Soble got into the witness stand to testify against his brother, the following exchange took place:

Soble: There were people — there was a secretary to Cannon, who was a secretary of the Trotskyite organisation at that time here in the States who had one of the secretaries worked for the GPU. I never recruited her. I never introduced her. The GPU introduced her to me.

Judge Herlands: What is her name?

Soble: I knew her under the name of Sophie or Sylvia.



Sylvia Franklin, the GPU agent in the American Socialist Workers Party

And later when the subject came up again:

Soble: I went farther in the Trotskyite field and worked with the secretary of Cannon, Sylvia, whom I knew only under the name Sylvia or Sophie, also introduced to me by the same Russians who worked for them already before.

Question: What did she do?

Soble: She gathered material at the secretariat of Cannon and gave it to me.

Question: The same Trotsky material?

Soble: The same Trotsky.

Question: Trotsky material?

Soble: Yes, it had pure Trotsky material.

In 1977, the International Committee succeeded in discovering Franklin in the Mid-west of the United States and interviewed her. It emerged, however, that she was suffering from a strange 'amnesia' and could remember little of her exploits as a GPU agent.

But Lucy Booker who used to type up all of Franklin's reports before they were handed over to the GPU controller had a fuller memory. She remembered 'Sylvia' coming to her Manhattan apartment with documents and letters from Cannon's office, meeting the GPU man there and receiving her 'wages' in return.

Admissions of guilt

On March 8, 1977, two former secretaries in the

sidings Sylvia Franklin a GPU agent.

Van Heijenoort was in Follonica in 1980. He is the 'curator' of Trotsky's archives at Harvard and knows the agent role she played at the SWP headquarters in New York. He heard Broue and his phoney 'objectivity'. But he said nothing.

Mrs Tamara Deutscher was also at Follonica. She heard Broue's clumsy cover-up effort for Franklin too. But she said nothing.

Broue's handling of the Franklin case is all the more loathsome because he has visited the Harvard archives and he should be familiar with the correspondence which Franklin typed on behalf of Cannon and the SWP leadership. He is also very familiar with Van Heijenoort's position on Franklin.

The International Committee has been through the Harvard archive and collected every letter which Franklin typed. Copies of all of these letters went straight to the GPU via Lucy Booker's flat a few blocks away.

The letters which bear the typed signature 'SC' (Sylvia Caldwell) cover the most intimate workings of the SWP, including highly confidential correspondence with Trotsky before his assassination in August 1940.

As the ears and eyes of the GPU in the SWP headquarters, Franklin was in a position to give direct intelligence information to the GPU's assassination team. As secretary to Cannon she knew the innermost

workings of the party and its secret liaisons with labour leaders and certain writers and intellectuals.

A deal with the network

In private Broue, like many other revisionist leaders, is perfectly prepared to admit that Franklin was a GPU agent. They dare not contest the International Committee's material because they know they do not have a leg to stand on.

But Broue is so politically corrupt that he will not admit Franklin's GPU role because he does not want to 'break faith' with the resident police network at the SWP and he would do anything rather than admit that the 'Security and the Fourth International' inquiry is correct!

For reasons of grotesque opportunism and malicious subjectivism the great professor has decided that he will not publicly concede that Franklin was a GPU agent. So much for his fraudulent institute which has fraudulently usurped Trotsky's name! So much for his claims to 'scholarship'!

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12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Channel Lunchtime News. What's On Where; Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Young Ramsey. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Max. 9.00 Wolcott. 10.00 News at Ten: Channel Late News: Weather. 10.36 Film: *Franklin* Doktor. 12.20 Epilogue: News and Weather in French; Weather; **Closedown**.

WESTWARD

9.30 The Amazing Years of Cinema. 9.55 Dinah Saur. 10.10 A Diary of Civilisations. 10.30 Sesame Street. 11.30 Free Time. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.27 Gus Honeyburn's Birthdays. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Westward News Headlines. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Young Ramsey. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 Westward Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Max. 9.00 Wolcott. 10.00 News at Ten: Westward Late News; Weather. 10.36 Film: *Franklin* Doktor. 12.20 Epilogue: West Country Weather; Shipping Forecast; **Closedown**.

SOUTHERN

9.30 Call it Macaroni. 9.55 Chopper Squad. 10.45 The Wild Wild World of Animals. 11.15 Bailey's Bird. 11.45 Cartoon: 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Southern News: Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Young Ramsey. 3.20 Superstar Profile. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 Cartoon. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Day by Day. 6.35 Scene Midweek. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Max. 9.00 Wolcott. 10.00 News at Ten: Southern News Extra. 10.36 Film: *Staircase*. 12.15 Weather: Epilogue: **Closedown**.

HTV

9.40 Sesame Street. 10.40 Animated Classics. 11.30 Looks Familiar. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 HTV News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Film: *A Fair in Trinidad*. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase.

GRANADA

9.30 Untamed World. 9.50 Spiderman. 10.15 Chopper Squad. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 Live from Two. 2.50 Fantasy Island. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Watch It! 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 Welcome Back Kotter. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 **GRANADA REPORTS** live from Manchester and Liverpool. 6.25 **THIS IS YOUR RIGHT**. 6.30 **CROSSROADS**. 7.00 **THIS IS YOUR LIFE**. 7.30 **CORONATION STREET**. 8.00 **MAX** Max Bygraves with Arthur English, Yootha Joyce and Jon Pertwee, bring back their music hall acts from the 1960s. 9.00 **WOLCOTT** Detective Wolcott doesn't approve of the way suspects are handled in a drug raid. Later he makes an arrest after a gang-light at the 1000 Islands Club. 10.00 **NEWS AT TEN**. 10.30 **THE WEDNESDAY FILM** George Peppard in *The Executioner* 1970 Sam Wanamaker spy thriller about a traitor in MI5 with Judy Geeson, Joan Collins and Nigel Patrick. 12.30 **Closedown**.

ATV

9.30 The Nature of Things. 10.20 Bailey's Bird. 10.45 Circus. 11.10 Murphy's America. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 ATV News. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Young Ramsay. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 In Loving Memory. 5.45 News. 6.00 ATV News. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 ATV Today. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Max. 9.00 Wolcott. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 ATV News. 10.35 Film: *The Hound of Hell*. 12.35 **Closedown**.

YORKSHIRE

9.30 The Indians of North America. 9.45 Film: *Captain from Castile*. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Calendar News: Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 The Clearances. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 Different Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Max. 9.00 Wolcott. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Film: *Call Harry Crown*. 12.15 **Closedown**.

TYNE TEES

9.20 The Good Word: North East News. 9.30 Survival. 9.55 Showjumping with Harvey Smith. 10.20 Friends of Man. 10.50 Stars on Ice. 11.20 Home Nursing. 11.50 Sally and Jake. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 North East News. Lookaround. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Danger UXB. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 Gambit. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Max. 9.00 Wolcott. 10.00 News at Ten. North East News. 10.32 Fantasy Island. 11.50 Epilogue: **Closedown**.

BORDER

9.30 Friends of Man. 9.55 Inner Space. 10.25 Film: *Swiss Family Robinson*. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Border News. 1.30 Take The High Road. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Love Boat. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Max. 9.00 Wolcott. 10.00 News at Ten: Border Weather. 10.30 Baretta. 11.30 Border News Summary: **Closedown**.

ANGLIA

9.15 Jobine. 9.30 Pavilion Folk. 9.55 A Long Winter's End. 10.45 Patterns. 11.10 Star Parade. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Anglia News: Weather. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Young Ramsey. 3.45 Definition. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 A Right Now. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 This is Your Life. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Max. 9.00 Wolcott. 10.00 News at Ten: Anglia Late News: Weather. 10.30 Film: *The Grapes of Wrath*. 12.50 Epilogue: **Closedown**.

ULSTER

10.00 Laurel and Hardy. 11.00 Little House on the Prairie. 11.50 Sally and Jake. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 About Britain. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Lunchtime. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.00 After Noon Plus. 2.45 Young Ramsey. 3.45 Definition. 4.13 Ulster News. 4.15 Dr Snuggles. 4.20 Runaround. 4.45 Brendon Chase. 5.15 Cartoon. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 7.00 This is Your

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TODAY'S RACE CARDS, PROSPECTS AND SELECTIONS

Brawny Scot best bet at Kelso

RUBSTIC, hero of the 1979 Aintree Grand National, continues his preparation for the marathon this season in the Swinton Handicap Chase at KELSO today, but he may not beat Greystoke-trained Brawny Scot (2.15).

John Leadbetter, who handles Rubstic, has given the 12-year-old a gentle preparation, but recent evidence suggests that the 12-year-old needs good ground to show his best, and on his latest showing — when fourth to Scrunch — over today's course, he is not yet in tip-top condition.

Brawny Scot is in fighting trim. The 11-year-old may well have won at Wol-

SELECTIONS
KELSO
12.45 Brown's Babu (Nap), 1.15 Only Money, 1.45 Winning Brief, 2.15 Brawny Scot, 2.45 Waite, 3.15 Splendid Again (n.b.)

verhampton on Boxing Day, but a mistake at the tenth put him out of contention. Last week he ran a fine third to Another Captain at Carlisle. A reproduction of that form should see him home against Rubstic and Carn-donagh.

Trainer

Gordon Richards, trainer of Brawny Scot, could also win the Duns Handicap Chase with Only Money (1.15).

The ten-year-old is re-opposed by Border Brig,

whom he beat by two lengths at Carlisle last week.

Only Money carries a three-pound penalty for that success, but his amateur riders' seven-pound claim cancels that out, and he is weighted to win again.

Best bet on the card should be Brown's Babu (12.45) in the opening Coldstream Novices' Hurdle. Extremely consistent this season, Brown's Babu was beaten a length by Sunlit River at Stockton last Tuesday, and that form looks good enough to see him home against Tarchin and College Don.

Mick Naughton enjoyed a

successful southern raid to Sandown last weekend. He had a winner and a second, and his Winning Brief (1.45) may be on the mark in the Haig Whisky Novices Hurdle (qualifier).

Respected

Michael Dickinson is in such good form at the moment that almost anything he runs has to be respected, and the 11-year-old Waite (2.45) may continue the run with a victory in the Dryburgh Novices' Chase.

Waite did not run last season, but the previous year won a handicap hurdle at Market Rasen. He is reported to have been working well at home and could score on his seasonal debut.

Indoor venues for Mersey Cup battle

AN EXTRA 8,000 people will watch the Everton-Liverpool FA Cup fourth round tie, paying £5.50 each at four indoor venues.

Football Association officials yesterday gave the go-ahead for the closed-circuit transmission to be carried out by Jarvis Astaire's Viewsport organisation.

The Liverpool stadium (capacity 3,500), ABC cinemas at Liverpool and Southport and the Odeon Liverpool will screen the match — as Everton's Goodison Park stadium is certain to be packed to capacity.

Goodison takes 54,709 spectators, and most of the tickets for the match are sure to go to their own supporters. But Liverpool FC, who had hoped to relay the game to an extra 40,000 crowd at their nearby Anfield ground, are bound to be left with disappointed fans.

Their request for the match to be postponed until the evening, in order that a screening could be arranged at the club, has been turned down by the FA.

Liverpool was surprised at the decision because ten years ago, when the two Merseyside giants were pre-

viously drawn into a Cup battle, permission was given for a late kick-off and the Viewsport screens were installed at Anfield.

'The FA were very impressed with that showing', Astaire said yesterday, but insisted that it was 'unnecessary' to use a soccer stadium this time. 'The way we are doing it this time is better', he said.

Beamed

At Liverpool Stadium, normally a boxing venue, screens will be set up on all sides of the ring. This system was proved successful at Wembley recently, when fans saw the Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran fight beamed from New Orleans on the same programme as the Maurice Hope-Carlos Herrera bout.

CRICKET

Kiwis win by a run

NEW ZEALAND beat Australia by one run in a thrilling World Series Cup match at the Sydney Cricket Ground last night.

Australia needed three

runs from the last ball to win the day-and-night game. Doug Walters, facing Martin Snedden, drove the ball straight down the ground but after completing one run Shaun Gray was run out attempting an impossible second.

So Australia finished their 50 overs on 219 for seven in reply to New Zealand's 22 for eight. The result puts the Kiwis ahead of India in the race for a place in the World Series final — which will almost certainly be against Australia, virtual certain qualifiers.

The Kiwis' hero was John Wright, who took several blows on the hands from Australian quick bowlers while scoring 78. Afterwards he was taken to hospital for an X-ray on his left index finger.

India draws

THE Indian cricketers sweated their way to a draw with the Australian Capital Territory team at Canberra yesterday.

The two-day match, played on a perfect batting pitch, ended with the local side scoring 304 for six in reply to the tourists' 302 for six declared.

The Indians were handicapped by the loss of all-rounder Kapil Dev, who opened the attack but left the field after bowling only four overs.



MUHAMMAD ALI

Martie's Anger ready for Leopardstown Snowtown Boy is favourite

AMERICAN-trained horse Martie's Anger is among a record entry of 53 for the £15,000 added Erin Foods Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on February 14.

Winner of the Colonial Cup in 1979 and nine other races but still a maiden over hurdles, Martie's Anger is trained in South Carolina by Johnathon Shepherd, who is also part owner.

'Bill Pape, the other co-

owner and myself are keen to run the horse at Leopardstown,' Shepherd said yesterday. 'But a lot will depend on the winter, which can be quite severe over here.'

The horse will then move to Tim Forster to be prepared for Cheltenham, and one other race in England, perhaps at Liverpool.

English entries for the Erin Foods Champion Hurdle include Pollardstown,

Celtic Ryde and 1979 winner Connaught Ranger, third behind Carrig Willy in the Sweeps Handicap Hurdle at Leopardstown.

Carrig Willy and the 1977 winner Master Monday are among the Irish-trained entries which also include other Cheltenham hopes in Darin Runn and Chinrullah. The four other English entries are Mount Harvard, Jugador, Full Sutton and Ivareen.

SNOWTOWN BOY has hardened as favourite for Saturday's Lambert and Butler Premier' Chase Final with Ladbrokes, who now make Fred Winter's gelding 13-8 for the race.

Next best at 11-4 is Irish rider Royal Bond, followed by countrymen Royal Dipper on 4-1 and Light The Wad 5-1. Snow-

town Boy remains favourite with Hills at 2-1.

SECOND Division Rugby League strugglers Blackpool are to sign stand-off Tony Canipa on loan from First Division Workington. Canipa, who is listed at £15,000 is beyond Blackpool's financial resources, but could improve his chances of a move to another club if he impresses during his spell on loan.

Boxing board stall on Ali

THE British Boxing Board of Control are likely to mark time on the question of John L. Gardner's proposed fight with Muhammad Ali at their monthly meeting in London today.

Against the board's wishes and advice, Gardner's manager Micky Duff recently signed contracts for a fight with Ali, whom they believe should not be allowed to con-

tinue boxing at the age of 39 and following his recent defeat inside the distance by Larry Holmes.

The board now have to decide whether to ban Gardner from going through with the fight 'for the good of boxing' and risk running into legal problems involving Gardner's right to earn his living.

A fight with Ali would

bring the European champion by far the biggest purse of his career and he could not be stopped on the grounds that he is not a suitable opponent.

Ray Clarke, the board's secretary said no decision would be taken whether to stop Gardner until the board received the formal application from him to box abroad.

But Duff said yesterday: 'I

am not applying for permission at tomorrow's meeting. When I do will depend on if and when Ali gets a licence to box again and the promoters give me a date.

Ali, who has had difficulty finding a venue for the contest, is currently seeking a licence to box in Hawaii. The commission there were due to meet yesterday to consider his application.

DUTCH COACH RESIGNS

DUTCH national soccer coach Jan Zwartkruis has resigned following criticism of his team's performances in World Cup qualifying matches and the recent Gold Cup tournament in Uruguay.

In a press statement, the Dutch Football Association's executive committee said Zwartkruis had resisted all efforts from them to make him change his mind. The statement also said they had finally accepted his resignation with much regret.

The Netherlands, World Cup runners-up in 1974 and 1978, have been in poor form in recent months. They have lost both qualifying matches so far in their bid to reach the 1982 finals in Spain. In the Gold Cup held recently in Uruguay they drew with Italy and were beaten by the host team.

Criticised

Zwartkruis has been strongly criticised in the Dutch press for not having followed a consistent policy, but his players said they were surprised at his decision to quit.

Team captain Jan Peters said: 'He has been working under tremendous pressure and a lot of the criticism of him was not justified. I am shocked.' Peter added that he did not think Zwartkruis' resignation was solely a result of events in the six-nation tournament in Uruguay. The team refused to talk to the Dutch press for a while in Montevideo, saying their previous remarks had been distorted

by reporters to criticise the manager.

Zwartkruis, 53, had been Dutch coach since February 1977. In the first match in which he was in charge, the Netherlands beat former World Cup champions England 2-0 at Wembley.

He was demoted to the role of assistant to Austrian Ernst Happel during the 1978 World Cup campaign but was re-appointed sole full-time national manager after helping the Netherlands finish runners-up to Argentina.

The Dutch Football Association did not mention the question of a successor, but Peters said assistant coach Rob Baan could take over for the team's next World Cup qualifying game against Cyprus next month.

The Dutch must win a home World Cup tie against France on March 25 if they are to have any hope of reaching the 1982 finals in Spain. They have already lost 1-2 to the Republic of Ireland and 0-1 to Belgium, both away.

The Vince Hilaire column

It's Coventry and Liverpool for me



SO, THE referee's red and yellow cards are to be scrapped after this weekend's games. Honestly, I don't think it's going to make one ha'p-worth of a difference.

When cautions are handed out it's all down to the referee's own discretion. Some of them are more severe than others, they're definitely all individuals in the way they view the game. They will still book — or not — players and the scrapping of the system is not going to unduly worry them.

Following my good run in forecasting the last round of the FA Cup, I'm going to stick my neck out again and say it will be a Coventry City-Liverpool League Cup final. Mind you, I would have gone for Manchester City to beat Liverpool if the first leg — being held at Maine Road tonight — had been at Anfield.

Fancied

City are playing so well at the moment I believe they could have got a reasonable result at Anfield, say just a one goal deficit, and then I would have fancied them to do it at Maine Road in front of their home crowd.

I think the experience and skill of Coventry will beat West Ham United over two legs. West Ham have been having a great season but I fancy Coventry City to beat them at Upton Park in the second leg and get through to their first ever Wembley final.

Are you ready for another Hilaire special! I think that Arsenal, West Brom or even Southampton can make a late dash for the League Championship. I can't be made to believe that it's a three horse race between Liverpool, Aston Villa and Ipswich Town.

Southampton have been making a mad



SOUTHAMPTON'S Nick Holmes... in superb form lately

dash up the table over the last few weeks and if they can manage to keep Kevin Keegan off the injury table, then they could continue their good form. But besides Keegan, they have some other useful players as well.

Steve Williams has been playing well, he's a very gifted midfielder player, and their young striker Steve Moran is also raising a few eyebrows with his form. But their unsung hero is definitely Nick Holmes.

Holmes has been at the club for quite a long time now and he's the perfect utility player. He comes into the team for almost any injury and he's a great competitor. On top of that, he's been knocking a few goals lately as well.

There was a lot of talk in the press at

the weekend about my back injury and I think this is the time and the place to put the story straight for once and for all.

The injury happened against Cambridge United on April 10, 1979, when Crystal Palace were still in the Second Division. I missed the following game against Bristol Rovers and although I was named as substitute for the following game against Charlton Athletic, I didn't actually play.

I came back to figure in the last three games, however. They were a home win over Notts County, an away win at Orient and then that fantastic May night against Burnley at Selhurst park.

51,801 fans turned up to cheer us back into the First Division and we didn't let them down. Two second-half goals, one apiece from Ian Walsh and Dave Swindlehurst, saw us send all those fans home very happy.

Twinges

I had been feeling little twinges again recently and then just after the second half had started last week against Stoke City my back locked again. I'm just going to rest it this week and hope it will go away.

The home game against Wolves this weekend is, without doubt, our most crucial game to date this season. A win is imperative if we are to keep our First Division hopes alive. We knew we needed at least three points from this fixture and last week's against Stoke, and having only picked up one point against Stoke, then we really need both this Saturday.

Still the form of our close neighbours at the bottom of the First Division, namely Leicester City, Norwich and Leeds United, hasn't been too good either, we've got to win and they've got to lose a few more to keep us in with a chance. See you next week.

Hammers face fixture chaos

LEAGUE and FA officials were yesterday locked in discussion over the implications of another Wrexham-West Ham replay.

The sides meet tonight at the Racecourse Ground in an FA Cup third round, second replay — and another draw would lead to complications.

With West Ham set to play Coventry in the League Cup semi-final, first leg, on Tuesday — the tie has already been put back a week — another FA replay would probably have to wait un-

til January 24, the date of the next round.

Under the rules an FA tie always takes precedence, but League secretary Graham Kelly said last night: 'The FA don't normally pull rank. We try and work out a solution that is best for all concerned.'

BRISTOL ROVERS are to give their fire-damaged ground at Eastville a film face lift.

The remains of the south stand will be demolished and the north stand is to be extended to increase the seating

With the League Cup final set for March 14, that could mean Kelly's competition going ahead on Tuesday. 'West Ham are not far short of being in a fixture pile-up, especially when they resume European competition,' said an FA spokesman.

capacity by nearly 3,000 to 4,300.

The project, to be completed by August 1982, will also include dressing rooms, offices and board room, directors, press and radio boxes.

Callaghan to leave Swansea



IAN CALLAGHAN

IAN Callaghan, Liverpool's former star midfielder player has severed his connection with Swansea by mutual consent with manager John Toshack, after two and a half seasons with the club.

Callaghan, aged 38, arrived with Tommy Smith to help their old Liverpool colleague, Toshack, lead the Welsh club into the Second Division.

Callaghan, who made 76 appearances for Swansea has not been in the first team this season.

Toshack yesterday paid tribute to Callaghan and Smith saying 'We could not have done what we have done here without those two.'

No big money for Johan



JOHAN CRUYFF

JOHAN Cruyff will not be offered an inflated salary to sign for Chelsea.

The Dutch international will have talks with Chelsea financial director Martin Spencer after guesting for DS 79 in a friendly at Stamford Bridge tonight.

But yesterday assistant manager Bobby Gould made it clear: 'Mr Spencer knows the wage structure of this club and he also knows the feeling of Geoff Hurst and myself about Cruyff.'

'We don't feel that the wage structure should be broken for anybody — we are very strong about that. It could be unsettling for other players and that is the last thing we want.'

Chelsea recently refused to meet the pay demands of Manchester City's transfer listed Steve Daley — even though a cut-price fee had been agreed.

In Cruyff's case there is no transfer. He retired from soccer in 1978, but has since played in the States with Los Angeles Aztecs and Washington Diplomats. He is now looking for a new club. Brighton have already failed in a joint bid with San Diego Sockers.

Charlton chairman speaks out

MIKE Gliksten, chairman of Third Division leaders Charlton and former League management committee member, yesterday hit out at the problems surrounding television coverage and shirt advertising.

He was speaking minutes after his club signed a possible £70,000

deal with Britain's leading paint and decorating firm, Fads.

It is money that Charlton see as a life-line in an era of dwindling attendances but, like many other clubs, they cannot wear shirts with the Fads logo on them while being screened for weekend television. Grumbled

Gliksten: 'I resigned from the management committee because of their old-fashioned attitudes. The fact that we cannot boost our sponsorship is indicative of the dizzy and dopy way our administration are handling the TV contracts.'

'As far as I am con-

cerned, and I speak for many others as well, it would be better to have no television coverage at all. Our present sponsorship could be doubled if we could advertise on television — but as we can't it would be better to have no TV and use our sponsorship to the full.'

Fads' sponsorship

gives Charlton the chance of collecting £70,000 over the next 3½ years. At present the contract runs for 2½ years, with £40,000 at stake, but Fads are prepared to take an optional 12 months, providing that Charlton are in the First Division.

For the rest of the sea-

son Charlton will receive £4,000 and will wear the Fads logo starting with the home match against Plymouth on January 31. If they gain promotion the sponsorship increases to £13,000 and in the First Division it could extend to £30,000, and double if they remain in the top flight.

KENNY DALGLISH... FLYING SCOTSMAN

Liverpool back at full strength

PHIL Thompson and David Fairclough yesterday boosted Liverpool's hopes of landing the League Cup for the first time.

Striker Fairclough, out since an October cartilage operation, and England captain Thompson, sidelined for two months with a broken collar bone, are both set to return in tonight's semi-final, first leg, against rejuvenated Manchester City at Maine Road.

If Thompson and Fairclough come through unscathed they could well replace Richard Money and out-of-form David Johnson. Thompson, whose recovery has been tested in two reserve games, will add invaluable experience while Fairclough — who has scored in each of the last

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City are only equipped for going forward anyway.

With Tommy Hutchinson, Bobby McDonald and Gerry Gow cup-tied and Tommy Booth ruled out with a thigh injury, City are set to recall Tony Henry, Dennis Tueart and Dave Bennett. Teenager Gary Buckley is also named in a squad of 12, but there is no room for out of favour Steve Daley.

Liverpool's previous trip to Maine Road this season ended in a 3-0 success. That was Malcolm Allison's last home match as City manager, and replacement John Bond has brought about a remarkable revival.

Underdogs

And Bond underlined yesterday that his side will not feel second best. 'There is no way we can be classed underdogs, not even against Liverpool. Our recent results stand by anybody. We've a clear chance in this tie and our players have as much confidence as any team in the League.'

City however, know what they have to do it all against opponents desperate to get their hands on the League Cup. It is the one major trophy that has eluded Liverpool in nearly two decades of top class competition. The were beaten finalists in 1978, while City triumphed in 1970 and 1976.

Manchester City (from): Corrigan, Ranson, Power, Reid, Caton, Henry, McKenzie, Tueart, Boyer, Bennett, Reeves, Buckley.

Liverpool (from): Clemence, Neal, A. Kennedy, Irwin, R. Kennedy, Money, Dalglish, Lee, Souness, Johnson, McDermott, Case, Thompson, Fairclough.



PHIL THOMPSON



DAVID FAIRCLOUGH

two combination games — would give City a counter-attacking problem.

Paisley confirmed that Liverpool would adopt the same two-leg tactics that have taken them to five European finals. 'This match is no different from Euro-style games,' Paisley said yesterday.

'The onus is on the home side to go for a lead — although I think that



KENNY DALGLISH, Liverpool's super Scot in action during last Saturday's League clash with Aston Villa. Kenny didn't manage to get his name on the scoresheet then, but he'll be out to rectify that little matter tonight.

E Germany for Sealink cycling

EAST Germany, the most powerful cycling nation in the world, will make their first appearance in a British stage race when they compete in the Sealink International in April which starts from Le Touquet, France, and finishes in Manchester five days later.

For the first time anywhere there will be a clash between the West and the East as the West Germans have also entered the race for the first time.

The four home teams are Great Britain, England, Scotland and Ireland with Czechoslovakia, France, Belgium the Netherlands and Nigeria completing the field of eleven teams.

Bowyer moves to Roker Park

IAN BOWYER, Nottingham Forest midfielder, signed for Sunderland for £250,000 last night.

Bowyer, 29, will make his debut at Roker Park on Saturday against Manchester United. He has won a First Division, two European Cup, three League Championships

and a European Cup Winners' medal, and his experience will prove invaluable in Sunderland's fight against relegation.

'It is a wrench to leave Forest but I believe that I am making the right move,' said Bowyer.

'I am joining a young side who I am sure will go

places.'

Said manager Ken Knighton: 'We have scoured the country for a player with his experience and though he is 29 I believe it will be money well spent.'

Forest manager Brian Clough paid tribute to Ian Bowyer and admitted it was a wrench to let him

go. 'But we feel the time is right for both of us, and it will be a good move for him.'

His assistant Peter Taylor added: 'It was up to us to bring the transfer market to life again. There comes a point when you have to take action, and we feel we have reached it.'

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