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Tories' plan for armed police aided by Labour

MACHINE- GUN FORCE SCARES MPs

ROY JENKINS admitted last night that as Labour Home Secretary he authorised the purchase of machine-guns for the Metropolitan Police in July 1976.

The decision was apparently taken behind the back of the then Prime Minister James Callaghan, who made it clear last night that he would not have allowed it if he had known.

It highlights the treacherous role of the last Labour government in facilitating the emergence of an armed national police force which now underpins Thatcher's Bonapartist rule.

Jenkins' role was revealed in the Commons by Prime Minister Thatcher and Tory MP Eldon Griffiths, who represents the Police Federation. They were trying to justify the arming of the police with Heckler and Koch MP5K sub-machine guns, said to be the world's most sophisticated and expensive.

Authorise

Callaghan told the Commons that the decision by Home Secretary Leon Brittan to authorise the MP5K guns would change the character of the Metropolitan Police and its relations with the public.

The HP5K is capable of single-shot firing but also of spraying 900 rounds a minute with a lethal range of one mile.

The one-time Home Secretary and former

parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation described the purchase as 'a serious further step in arming the police'.

He said it might be preferable to use the army for security at the forthcoming London summit rather than 'sacrificing a long-term beneficial system of policing to a short-term need'.

Approved

Thatcher replied: 'As long ago as 1976, the then Labour administration approved the acquisition by the Metropolitan Police of a small number of sub-machine guns for possible use in a terrorist emergency.'

Griffiths added that the decision had been taken by Jenkins. He went on to make an arrogant attack on Labour leader Neil Kinnock, accusing him of 'stabbing in the back the best police force in the world'.

Callaghan later asked to see the papers in which Jenkins' decision was taken 'so that I may see whether a mistake was

made by him or me'.

He added: 'That does not alter the fact at the present time it does seem there should be more serious consideration given to this matter.'

The Cabinet Office told him that he could not see the papers because he was not involved in the decision. Cabinet secretary Sir Robert Armstrong said the 1976 decision had been taken by 'a Home Office Minister and a deputy Secretary, one R. Armstrong'. This was himself.

Labour leaders maintained that the weapons issued as a result of Jenkins' order were Sterling sub-machine guns, far less sophisticated than the MP5Ks being handed out to the police by the Tories.

Weapons

Privately, Kinnock is believed to be outspoken in denouncing the moves toward a national police force, the mistreatment of miners' pickets and the arming of the police with weapons of mass murder.

BY JOHN SPENCER
Our parliamentary correspondent



He believes the Thatcher government is playing the traditional role of 'the party of order', taking cynical advantage of disorder resulting from their own policies.

Avoided

But he has avoided calling a Commons debate on the issue, apparently for fear of appearing to be 'anti-police'. After yesterday's outburst from Griffiths, Kinnock was quickly on his feet, taking advantage of a point of order to declare that his references to the use of sub-machine guns for bodyguarding were 'anything but an attack on the police'.

The idea that he would attack the police 'has not been true, is not true and will not be true', Kinnock said.

In a statement last night Jenkins claimed: 'In July 1976, I authorised the purchase of a limited number of such weapons to be held against the need for use in terrorist situations.'

'I neither envisaged nor

authorised their use for personal protection nor their routine issue to police officers. The decision to purchase was taken in the light of then recent events like the Balcombe Street siege and Spaghetti House.'

Even in relation to such incidents, however, it was planned to reduce to a minimum the need for using such weapons by the police.

Military

'If the use of such firepower became necessary, it was intended to rely on the military if there was time for them to arrive but it could not always be assumed that there would be such time.'

Callaghan said that as the then Prime Minister he 'formally accepted responsibility' for the decision, but that as Prime Minister he would have expected to have been told of it — which he was not.

He hoped he would have taken the same view as he did today — that he opposed the move.



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RATE-CAPPING ANGERS MAJORITY — POLL

COUNCILS have got across to Londoners that the rate-capping Bill is an attack on local democratic rights, Islington leader Margaret Hodge said yesterday.

Hodge was speaking after the publication of a poll commissioned by the Association of London Authorities, which she chairs.

The survey, conducted for the ALA by MORI, shows widespread opposition to Tory plans to impose control over the spending of 'hit-list' Labour authorities.

Even among Tory voters there was a strong feeling that councils should be allowed to determine spending on services.

Hodge commented: 'Right across the board there is a far greater level of perception and

BY PAUL FELDMAN

understanding of what is being done to local government than we anticipated.'

Ted Knight, vice-chairman of the ALA, said that councils were getting a clear response to their campaign.

'Voters prefer people who are accountable to them in some form through the ballot box rather than Whitehall fi-

gures making decisions on their behalf.'

He said the poll reflected the feeling among people that there was a centralisation of authority going on in Britain affecting more than just local government.

Authority

'This centralised authority is being used against the population in various forms. This sur-

vey is a rejection of that.'

The survey shows that a majority of Londoners (52 per cent) disapprove of greater central control over local government spending, compared with one in three (33 per cent) who approve.

Clear majorities think that in their own borough greater central control will not improve the quality of services (65 per cent), will not give better value for money (56 per

cent) and will not cut rates (58 per cent).

But 44 per cent think that in their own borough it will cut the living standards of the poor — 34 per cent disagree.

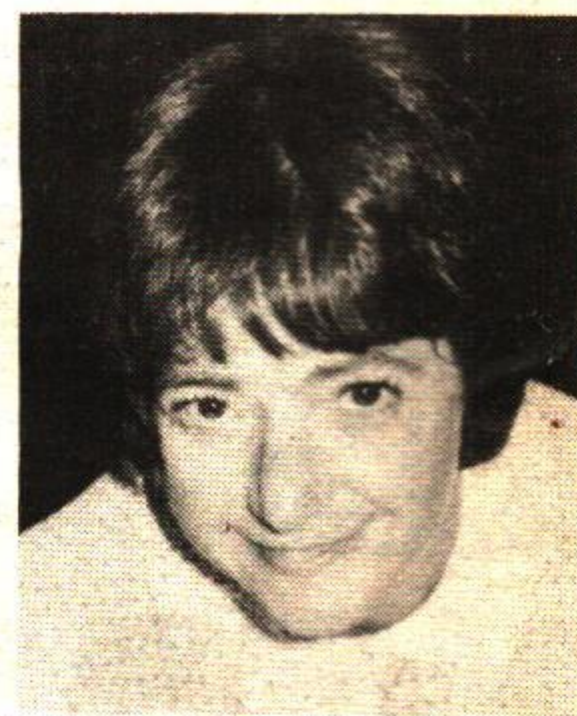
Blame

More people think that the government is mainly to blame for rate increases (36 per cent) than their local council (23 per cent) with 23 per cent

blaming both equally.

Other findings from the survey include the fact that more people are satisfied with the way their own councils run their boroughs (50 per cent) than with the way the government runs the country (31 per cent).

An overwhelming majority of Londoners (79 per cent) believe that local councils with special problems should get more money from the government.



MARGARET HODGE



Library occupied

LOCAL Labour Party councillors, old people and students all joined workers yesterday who are occupying the Portland Place library.

The Tory-controlled Westminster City Council was due to close down the library last Saturday as part of a round of cuts, when the workers took over the building.

In court a judge threw out an injunction from the council against the occupiers but granted possession of the building to the council, on the grounds

that it was their property.

NALGO publicity officer Adrian Lynch told News Line last night the occupiers expect tip staff to turn up today to evict the occupiers. But, he added, the judge's ruling meant that the library workers and their supporters had not broken the law by occupying the building.

One pensioner told News Line she had been using the library for nearly 40 years, and a student said the library was crucial for her studies.

Walk out at Job Centres

MASS walk-outs took place at Job Centres throughout Britain yesterday in protest at plans to axe jobs in the service. The MSC proposes cutting the 1,000 existing centres to 350, replacing many with 'job-points' staffed with one or two people.

Both major unions involved, the Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants, reported hundreds of centres closed by the lightning strikes.

● SEE MSC plans — page 6.

Candidate change

LIVERPOOL District Labour Party has accepted the ruling of the National Executive Committee and withdrawn tobacco worker Chris Williams as candidate for the May 3 elections.

He was to have fought right winger and ex-mayor Paul Orr, one of the six Labour councillors to oppose the no-cuts and no-rate increases budget of the Labour majority.

Orr was nominated by his ward executive committee in the Vauxhall area.

Tony Mulhearn, chairman of the DLP, said they were accepting the ruling 'under the strongest possible protest'.

This had been done 'reluctantly... to avoid any diversion to the main campaign for jobs and services in the city'.

Teachers threaten strike

A QUARTER of Britain's teachers are to take immediate industrial action to try to force employers to increase their 3-per cent pay offer or go to arbitration.

An emergency meeting of the National Association of Schoolmasters/

Union of Women Teachers' executive at Rednal, near Birmingham, decided to order the immediate withdrawal of goodwill in schools and to strike for half a day on Wednesday April 11.

The executive also instructed its national ac-

tion committee to draw up more detailed plans for extensive action, which will be presented to the NAS/UWT annual Easter delegate conference at Llandudno.

The immediate effect of ending goodwill is that the union's 120,000 mem-

bers in England and Wales will refuse to supervise children during the school dinner break.

The biggest union, the National Union of Teachers, will be deciding at its Easter conference in Blackpool what action it will take.

TORY ABOLITION

Free OAP fares under threat

THE Tory government was yesterday accused of destroying the free-fares scheme for London pensioners.

Transport Secretary Norman Ridley has admitted that the existing comprehensive free service for the elderly will be replaced by a restricted scheme.

Control over London Transport will shortly pass out of the hands of

the Greater London Council into the hands of a Tory-run quango.

Ridley said the government was prepared to back an off-peak scheme if the boroughs did not come up with their own scheme.

Dave Wetzel, chairman of the GLC Transport Committee, said: 'He has cut a hole right through the middle of the scheme.'

'We will go back to the days when pensioners queued to try and beat the 4p.m. deadline.'

The GLC remains convinced that the boroughs will produce a scheme which is different area by area, depending on the money available locally.

Some councils with large numbers of pensioners could face having to find an extra £1 million to finance a scheme.

Elections for ILEA

THERE will be elections for a centrally-controlled inner London education body after the abolition of the GLC.

The authority's budget and staffing levels will be determined by the Department of Education under Sir Keith Joseph.

It will also be a prime candidate for 'rate-capping' under new Tory laws.

The present Inner London Education Authority — which is made up of 35 elected GLC councillors, plus 12 members nominated by the boroughs — will be abolished in 1986.

Joseph's announcement yesterday is seen as an attempt to split the opposition to the abolition of the GLC itself.

But Labour Party leaders in London have made it clear that those standing for election to the body will have to repudiate government financial control and pledge not to implement cuts.

More powers for police

BY SUE LAIRD

TORY plans to abolish the Greater London Council and six metropolitan councils will give even more powers to the police to act unobserved.

According to the GLC Police Committee Support Unit the move will 'remove the current element of democracy', while loading increased costs for policing on to the borough councils.

Under the abolition plans, the police in London would remain answerable only to the Home Secretary, but the GLC-financed Police Committee which has acted as a watchdog on the activities of the police would cease to exist.

The committee has been aided by a support unit which investigates areas of policing of concern to the public and publishes its findings in the magazine 'Policing

London', which is available free of charge.

If the GLC is abolished these services and the funding provided to police monitoring groups and advice centres around the capital would cease.

In the metropolitan counties, the present semi-elected police authorities (made up of two-thirds county councillors and one-third magistrates) would be replaced by new 'joint boards' with membership from district council representatives — varying from 12 in South Yorkshire to 30 in Greater Manchester — plus the non-elected magistrates.

A warning of the dangers of the joint police boards was given by 'Local Government Review', which stated that 'plans for joint boards... are not likely to provide the democratic accountability the government claims'.

It added: 'District councils will have no control over the members once appointed to the boards and, of course, each board's budget and staffing will be controlled by civil servants for the first three years and subject to rate-capping thereafter.'

'In any case magistrates may hold the balance of power in most instances.'

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Warning as BBC1 stops for the day More black-outs to save TV unions



BBC scene shifters — sacked last Wednesday — were joined on the picket line by other Corporation workers yesterday worried about the future of the unions at Shepherd's Bush

Cruise launch flown in

A CRUISE missile launcher was flown into Greenham Common this afternoon, just 24 hours after women peace protesters were evicted from the air base's main gate.

The launcher was on board a giant American Galaxy transport plane which landed just after 3p.m., CND reported.

A spokesman said: 'It is a sickening irony that the government is willing to welcome a second consignment of a cruise missile launcher the day after British women were rounded up for peacefully protesting against cruise missiles.'

The first cruise missiles to arrive at Greenham were delivered last November.

THE women were trying to set up a new camp in woods opposite the main gate.

Police confirmed that the women had also returned to three smaller camps around Greenham's nine-mile perimeter.

TELEVISION programmes, blacked out yesterday after a mass walk-out by staff, face more disruption at the weekend, the unions have warned. At stake is 'the continuation of viable trade union organisation for BBC staff', the Entertainment Trades Alliance said.

The 24-hour action by the ETA led to the first-ever total shut-down of BBC1 broadcasts.

It follows the sacking last week of 600 scenery shifters on strike against re-organisation proposals they say will mean job losses and wage cuts.

The ETA covers producers, directors, researchers and production assistants, as well as the scene shifters. It was formed out of the recent amalgamation of the National Association of Theatrical, Television and Kine Employees (NATKE) and the Association of Broadcasting Staffs (ABS).

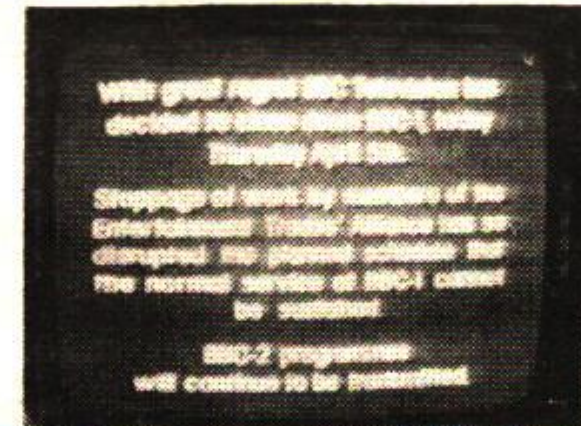
Members of the ETA's London TV Production Branch picketed the BBC Television Centre in Shepherd's Bush yesterday.

More than 200 were outside the main gate including satellite broadcasting and location facilities workers and some administrative workers.

Most of the 5,000

staff at Television Centre are out today, Matt Conway, one of the pickets, told News Line. 'Plus there are dozens of other buildings all over London also on strike and picketing.'

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER



'We estimate about 6,000 have joined today's action.'

ETA officials are meeting today to decide their next move.

The union, in calling on

other workers to support the strike, said: 'It means every existing agreement, national or local, is at risk. If this management style is not successfully challenged, you could be next.'

It warned: 'The actions of the BBC in the last seven days have changed the dispute from one affecting only members in scenic construction and scenic operations to one where the issue at stake is the continuation of viable trade union organisation for BBC staff.'

Struggles and shouts as Kelly loses court appeal

'FREE Dennis Kelly' campaigners shouted protests when Appeal Court judges yesterday rejected his application for leave to appeal against a murder conviction.

Kelly, 35, struggled in the dock with prison officers as the judges ruled that he had been tried 'fairly and squarely' and convicted on abundant evidence of the stab killing of newsagent William Osu, 38. He is serving a life sentence.

Alan Drummond, who has helped organise the campaign for Kelly, said

outside the court: 'There will be no repercussions in Liverpool.'

'We consider that this has all been a farce. This is a political decision to keep the south end of Liverpool quiet because they don't want any riots.'

'There will be no trouble. We're a peaceful bunch,' said Drummond.

Tearful Helen Kelly said the fight to clear her husband would go on 'to the

Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg if necessary'.

Mrs Kelly said: 'He's innocent. I know he is. He should not be in prison. He's there because people have lied.'

'This is definitely not the end of the fight.'

Kelly, also known as O'Brien, of Garston, Liverpool, was jailed for life by Mr Justice Caulfield at Liverpool Crown Court on June 13 last year.

Bettaney discusses spy trial

MICHAEL BETTANEY, the MI5 officer, to be tried next week on six Official Secrets Act charges, yesterday discussed his anxieties about the trial with Labour MP Stuart Bell, who visited him in Brixton prison.

Bell, MP for Middlesbrough and Shadow spokesman for home affairs, said Bettaney was fit and well and had been a model prisoner.

Bettaney was concerned that prospective jurors affiliated to the Labour Party, the peace movement or trade unions could be vetted.

He was anxious that competent witnesses should be able to testify for the defence and that defence counsel was given scope to cross-examine prosecution witnesses.

Bell said: 'I gave him the assurances which I had received from the Attorney-General (Sir Michael Havers) that there would be no vetting of jurors on political, peace movement or industrial activity ground, that there would be no objection from the Crown to a competent witness being provided by the defence, and that the cross-examination at the trial would be in accordance with criminal procedure, subject to any directions

from the Lord Chief Justice Lord Lane.'

Bettaney is the first MI5 man to be charged under the Official Secrets Act. His trial is due to begin at the Old Bailey next Tuesday and is expected to last eight days, most of it in camera.

He will face ten spying charges. The charges allege that on April 3 and June 12 last year he communicated to a Soviet official information that could be useful to any enemy.

He is alleged to have, on the same dates, delivered to a Soviet official a letter setting out the precise arrangement for the communication of classified information through the use of dead letter boxes, preparatory to the communication of information to another person for purposes prejudicial to the safety or interests of the state.

SPY-DRUGS SCARE AT RAF STATION

THE Ministry of Defence yesterday confirmed it was investigating alleged drug offences by personnel at its Rigby Royal Air Force base, Lincolnshire.

MOD officials ordered the investigations after the discovery of drugs at the base, according to a report in the 'Daily Mail' today.

The paper alleged the security chiefs were investigating 'possible new attempts by the Russians to blackmail servicemen into espionage'.

An MoD spokesman refused to comment on the allegation, but said: 'A number of people are helping with investigations into alleged drug offences at RAF Digby in Lincolnshire.'

No charges have been preferred and the men involved are carrying on with their normal duties.'

The 'Mail' report said

the authorities feared that the men involved were picked out in clubs or discos by 'pushers' who would then be in a position to blackmail them.

It said that up to 20 men could have been victims of a spy network similar to the one discovered in Cyprus earlier this year.

Ted Leadbitter, Labour MP for Hartlepool, who exposed Anthony Blunt, was preparing to demand a statement from Prime Minister Thatcher about allegations that classified material at the base had been at risk.

case had aroused high feelings in Liverpool.

An action committee had been formed to help him.

But Kelly, himself the father of six children, was arrested soon after the stabbing, said the appeal judge. And he had a passport and £1,200 on him.

He had called two witnesses to support his claim that he had nothing to do with the attack on Osu.

But the fresh evidence from Alan Hesse and Terence Lamb, was 'incredible', said Lord Justice Watkins.

WORLD
SUMMARYNuclear
power
on tap

CAPE TOWN — South Africa's first nuclear power plant at Koeberg began feeding electricity to the country's power grid, a spokesman for Escom, the National Electricity company said.

Brutality

VOLKSRUST, South Africa — Three white policemen were found guilty of serious assault after an incident in which a black man suspected of theft died after interrogation. All received suspended sentences.

Food

ROME — The food supply situation in Southern Africa is deteriorating further as the area faces its third consecutive year of poor harvests, the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) reported.

Charged

GENEVA — Two Swiss pilots of a charter jet which crashed off Madeira in 1977 with the loss of 36 lives are to be tried in Switzerland, a court of indictment ruled.

Telephone

PARIS — A new telephone system that automatically dials a number after simply hearing the name of the person being called will go on sale in France at the end of the year.

World News Line

CHINA BOMBARDS
VIETNAM BORDER

BANGKOK — China has bombarded a 190-mile border area of Vietnam, hitting eight towns and villages on Monday.

The attack, well into its second week, has coincided with a 'dry season' offensive by Thailand on Kampuchea.

China's Foreign Ministry aggravated the provocation against Vietnam this week, when it backed 'the stern and just position of the Thai government'.

It condemned what it called 'Vietnamese attacks into Thailand against Kampuchean resistance forces'.

The Peking Stalinists clearly are collaborating with the US-backed Thai government in the five-year counter-

revolutionary war against the Kampuchean government of Heng Samrin.

Chinese armed forces have fired thousands of artillery rounds on Quang Nonh, Lang Son, Cao Bang and Lai Chau and Ha Tuyen and three other border areas, contending that the bombardment is an act of self-defence and in retaliation against Vietnamese armed provocation.

The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry this week rejected the allegations and said the Chinese offensive was timed to help Thai provocations against Kampuchea, in aid of reactionary Pol Pot guerrillas.

Trick

It said in a statement: 'This is nothing but an old trick Peking has repeatedly used over the past five years to cover up its collusion with the Thai administration in supporting the Pol Pot genocidal clique to oppose the Kampuchean people's rebirth and the Indochinese peoples as a whole.'

'It is to note that in the past five years whenever the Pol Pot clique launches attacks on Kampuchea from their sanctuary in Thai soil, China



Vietnamese forces defend the border areas against an earlier attack by the Chinese

always conducts artillery shellings on Vietnamese border provinces, causing tension along the Sino-Vietnamese border.

'Since early this year, China and the Thai leadership have been strongly encouraging the Pol Pot clique in their sabotage activities.'

A Kampuchean Foreign Ministry statement listed 32 Thai violations of airspace, 80 Thai violations of territorial waters and 52 shellings against Kampuchean territory between March 15 and 22.

Villagers in Choam Khsan district, three to four miles inside Kampuchean territory, had died in shellings on March 25. The ministry did not release details.

Hostilities and provocations against Vietnam have continued since 1979, when Vietnamese liberation forces toppled Pol Pot's genocidal Khmer Rouge regime.

China retaliated then by launching an assault along its common border with Vietnam but failed to 'teach Vietnam a lesson'.

Denied

Vietnam has about 180,000 troops in Kampuchea but has denied sending a battalion-size force across the border.

Reuters newsagency quoted an unnamed diplomat as saying: 'It's the same again. China is diverting Vietnam's efforts

away from the dry season offensive in Kampuchea.

'We could have expected it.'

Chinese frontier troops assaulted Vietnamese positions in support of Peking-backed Kampuchean guerrillas this time last year, in what has become an annual dry-season offensive.

The Kampuchean government said this week about 270 Khmer Rouge guerrillas were killed.

The Khmer Rouge is financed partly through Chinese military aid to a United Nations-sponsored anti-Vietnamese coalition of forces led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Son Sann and Khieu Samphan, who acts on behalf of Pol Pot.

Guinea
military
president
named

CONAKRY — Army chief of Staff, Colonel Lansana Conte, has been named the new military president of Guinea and Colonel Diarra Traore as prime minister.

Conakry radio said the military, who seized power in a bloodless coup on Tuesday, had also appointed a 30-strong government with only eight civilian members.

Colonels Conte and Traore already headed the military redemption committee formed after the coup which ousted the 26-year-old regime of president Ahmed Sekou Toures, who died last week.

The committee warned in its ninth communique that 'a small group of people is planning, in connivance with some foreign embassies in the capital, to do harm.'

Reports

The communique did not name the countries involved but there have been unconfirmed reports that former prime minister Lansana Beavogui, Sekou Toures's heir apparent, had sought asylum at the Chinese embassy.

The new regime has pledged to favour free enterprise and to shift away from Sekou Toures's state-run economy.

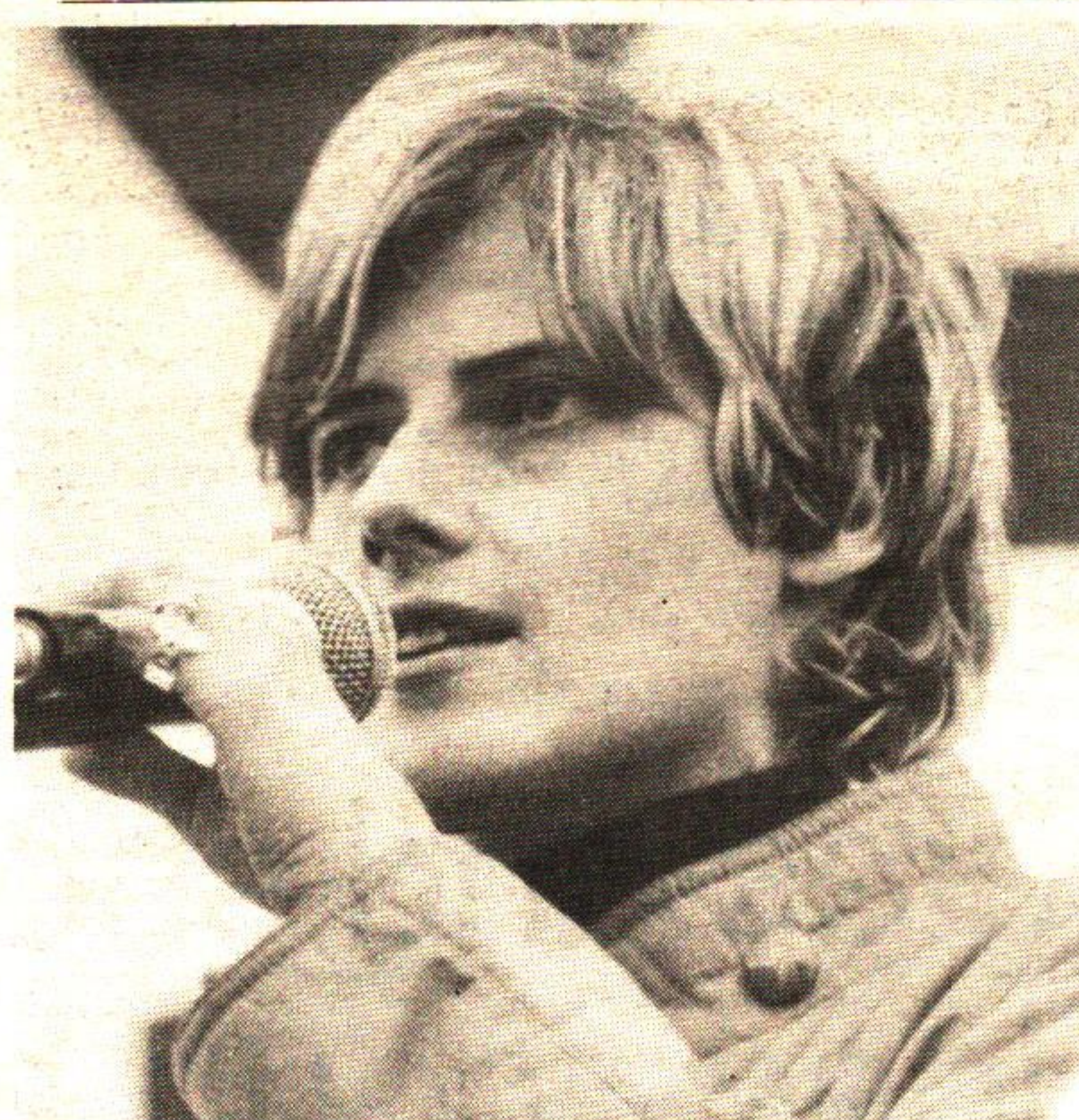
The junta's statement said Guineans were entitled to 'freely undertake any creative activity', and that private initiative and free enterprise would be encouraged as a way of boosting what it described as a 'shattered economy.'

China
French
talks

PARIS — Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian arrived yesterday for talks with President Francois Mitterrand and External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson.

Wu is scheduled also to meet senior Greek and Irish officials while in Paris.

The visit, heralded as 'vital in forging closer links between Western Europe and Peking' is evidently aimed at paving the way for loans and trade agreements to help the ailing Chinese economy.

Women's putsch
in the 'Greens'

PETRA KELLY

BONN — West Germany's best-known 'Green', Petra Kelly, and other party leaders have been voted out of party jobs and replaced by an all-women team.

A nine-hour meeting of the parliamentary party decided to dismiss Kelly and its two other spokespersons, Otto Schily and Marieluise Deck-Oberdorf.

They were chosen to represent the party for a year after the Greens won seats in the Lower House for the first time in the

general elections of March 1983.

The new team, Waltraud Schoppe, Antje Vollmer and Annemarie Borgmass, were chosen after the failure of a motion to renew the mandate of the three former representatives.

Vollmer told reporters: 'This is something new in the history of the Greens. Women have taken over the work.'

Also voted out was parliamentary business manager Joschka Fischer, one of the party's

most effective speakers. His successors are Christa Nickels and her two deputies, Erica Hickel and Heidemarie Dann.

Schily and Fischer have angered members by their talk of tactical co-operation with the opposition social democrats (SPD).

The Greens have a co-operation agreement with the minority SPD government in the state of Hesse, but sections of the party reject the idea in principle.

In Bonn, the Greens have been criticised for being unable to organise themselves effectively and for losing touch with the 'grass roots'.

One of the party's senior parliamentarians, former General Gerd Bastian, has already quit.

Schoppe said at the press conference that the new leadership was committed to closer co-operation with the party outside the capital and to tighter co-ordination of the Greens' parliamentary work.

Hotel strikers arrested

LAS VEGAS — More than 100 people were arrested in the desert gambling capital of Las Vegas this week during a strike by 17,000 hotel and casino employees.

Most of the arrests followed clashes between police and strikers, which began on Monday when

waiters, waitresses, porters, musicians, cashiers, barmen, cooks, maids and stagehands walked out of 29 hotels and casinos.

Their unions are demanding a five per cent increase in wages and other benefits for each of the next four years. Union officials said a waiter

now earned £36 a shift plus tips.

Eight union leaders and 11 other pickets were arrested on Wednesday when police and security guards used truncheons to drive strikers from the entrance to the Las Vegas Hilton.

Hotels have halved room rates in a bid to

attract visitors and secretaries are working as cocktail waitresses, managers are helping to staff restaurants — mostly reduced to buffet service — and beds are being made by guests.

The city is estimated to be losing \$3.2 million a day because of the strike.

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World News Line

STEEL JOBS SLAUGHTER PROVOKES MASS ACTION



Steelworkers demonstrate in West Germany against steel closures

Crisis plan challenged

LUXEMBOURG — Three of West Germany's largest steel firms have challenged the Common Market's steel crisis plan in the European Court of Justice.

The steel giants Thyssen AG and Krupp Stahl AG filed a joint case against the EEC's executive commission earlier this week, claiming that a system of compulsory production quotas discriminated against them.

A third company, Hoesch Werke AG,

filed a separate case claiming a commission order that it submit its books for inspection was illegal.

The commission said in February it wanted to investigate Hoesch's pricing practices.

Firms which have taken steps since 1980 to rationalise their operation, in line with the EEC's aim of a subsidy-free steel industry by the end of next year, are eligible for extra quotas under the plan.

PARIS — Heavy job cuts in the steel industry in France, Belgium, West Germany and Spain have led to mass action in these countries and major clashes between workers and security forces in Longwy, France.

French workers are planning a major demonstration on April 13, after stopping for a day on Wednesday, during which one worker had his arm torn off in a grenade blast during clashes with security forces and 15 demonstrators were injured.

Belgian workers yesterday called for a general strike next Tuesday, hours after a 24-hour nationwide stoppage last Tuesday.

Spanish union officials temporarily averted bitter opposition against state steel, shipping and other job cuts proposed by Socialist Party Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez in a 'job-creation' deal purporting to create 2,000 new jobs by 1986, 500 by October this year.

A senior steel industry spokesman revealed in Bremen, West Germany, this week that the industry must slash 30,000 more jobs, in addition to 40,000 shed since 1980, in order to remain profitable.

Mitterrand's proposal to cut 25,000 steel jobs led to the worst clashes in recent years in the industrial Lorraine Basin, paralysed by a strike on Wednesday.

Workers rallied in nearby Nancy, Metz, Epinal and Bar-le-duc as Mitterrand went on the air with a national broadcast delivering an ultimatum to both workers and his Communist Party colleagues in Cabinet.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

They defiantly sealed off Lorraine with barricades across trunk roads and lit bonfires to block traffic, as Mitterrand said he had thrown his personal authority behind the 'modernisation' plan.

Many bus and rail services were suspended, including the main line service between Paris and Metz. Most shops and businesses were also closed for the day.

Steelworkers unravelled huge strips of metal along roads and held vigils outside several steel and engineering plants in Longwy, the heart of the French steel belt, where half of the town's 6,000 steel jobs will disappear in the next four years.

Trouble

The head of the CGT union's steel industry section, Andre Sainjon, warned there would be trouble unless the government reconsidered its plans for the steel industry.

He said: 'It is not too late to revise the entire steel plan. Something could give if the feelings of the region are ignored.'

The Communist Party yesterday said it would fully back the proposed demonstrations on April 13.

The party chief in Lorraine called for 'massive participation' in the protest, billed a 'march on Paris', while some angry opponents of the steel cuts have termed it a 'march on the Elysee Palace' (Mitterrand's official residence).

The French steelworkers earlier had responded to the Cabinet decision to cut the 25,000 jobs last week by sacking government and Socialist

year and saw little sign of profit this year.

An association spokesman said later most of the proposed 40,000 jobs cuts would go ahead next year or in 1986, when all steel subsidies in the Common Market are stopped.

About 100,000 jobs will be axed as a result of the halting of subsidies in the industry.

Seamen strike

PARIS — A strike by French seamen for early retirement has gathered momentum, with 11 French boats blocked in the channel ports of Dunkirk and Le Havre.

The seamen are delaying by 72 hours the departure of all French boats, in line with a call from the Communist Party-led CGT trade union and the left-wing CFDT.

A majority of French seamen belong to the two unions and are fighting to win early retirement at 50 with full pension rights.

Cross-Channel ferries have not been affected but a date for a one-day strike by French seamen on the ferries will shortly be fixed.

The seamen launched a series of 24-hour strikes in December and 48-hour stoppages in January to try to win the benefit.

Talks break down

ROME — Talks between the Socialist Party's coalition government and the Communist Party trade unions broke down overnight over legislation to end inflation-indexed wage increases.

The legislation, cutting by 25 per cent the index-linked pay rises for 20 million workers, was passed by a government decree in February.

Prime Minister Bettino Craxi is now obliged to submit the legislation to the Upper and Lower houses of parliament for approval.

The decree will lapse on April 15 unless Craxi can get it through parliament or get the union bureaucracy to accept a slightly watered down compromise.

Israeli troops under attack

BEIRUT — Israeli troops occupying South Lebanon have come under increased armed attacks since Shi'ite Moslem leaders made calls on residents to drive them out.

In the past week, attacks have risen from about one a day to as many as three or four.

By local counts Israeli occupation forces have lost two armoured personnel carriers and 19 men wounded.

The calls for heightened resistance followed outrage over one of the ugliest clashes yet between Shi'ite villagers in the South and Israeli troops and their fascist militia allies.

Three villagers were shot dead and a dozen wounded when inhabitants of the village of Jibsheet used sticks and

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stones to try to stop a 20-vehicle armoured column of Israelis and fascist militiamen entering the village on March 28.

Assassinated

Villagers said later they feared the Israelis had come to seize their prayer leader, Sheikh Abdel-Karim Obeid, whose predecessor was an anti-Israeli activist assassinated by Zionist agents in February.

Eyewitnesses said that after storming the village the Israelis questioned Obeid for four hours and

held all the young men of the village, about 500 people, for questioning.

Informed sources said 225 villagers were later imprisoned at Israel's forbidding Al-Ansar concentration camp in South Lebanon.

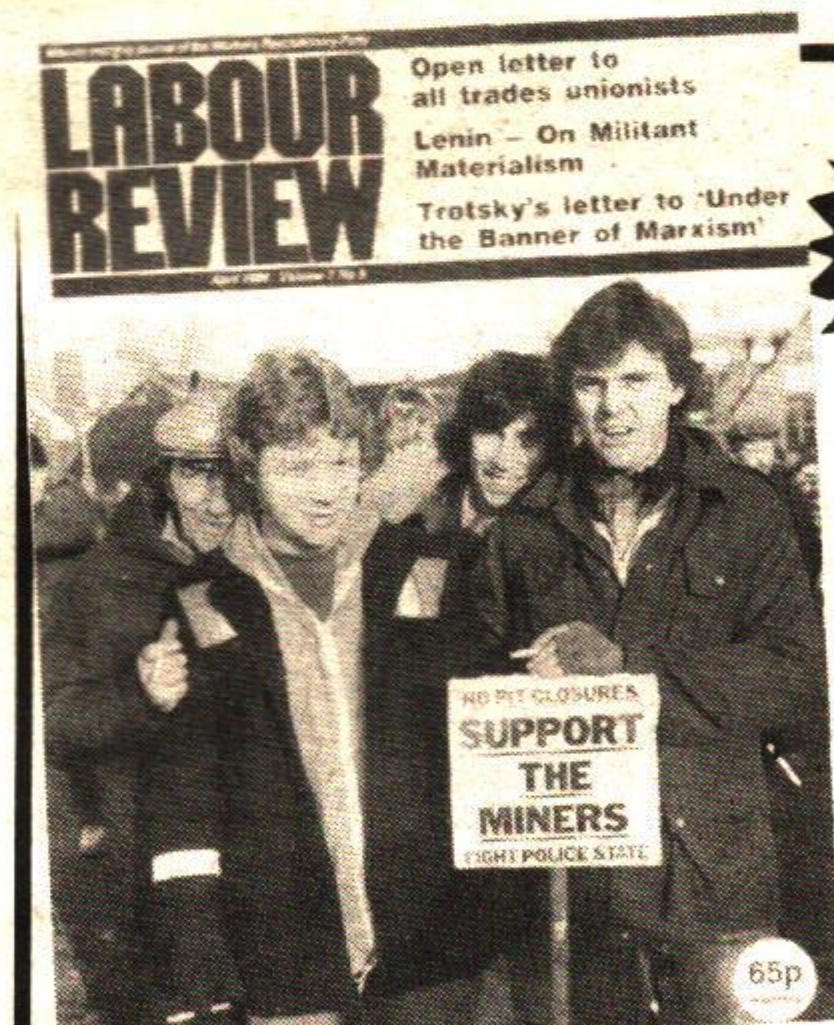
Israeli security measures stopped Beirut reporters from reaching Jibsheet, but a complaint by the villagers said: 'Enemy troops entered the Husseinayah (religious and social club), burnt the Koran, smashed pictures of the village Imams (spiritual leaders) and painted slogans on the walls.'

The incident outraged Shi'ites throughout Lebanon.

'Let a volcano of rage explode in the face of the Israeli beast in every town and village, in every street and turning,' Shebh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddine, the country's top Shi'ite religious leader declared in Beirut the next day.

Campaign

'Chase them out of everywhere and carry out a civil disobedience campaign at every level. Refuse to carry out their orders, because cooperation with them is religiously forbidden.'



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UNIONS' ANGER AT MSC JOB CUTS

BY PENNY BLOOR

CIVIL Service union leaders have reacted angrily to plans to axe 800 jobs at Job Centres on top of 650 already announced.

The news of the cuts coincided with an announcement that MSC chairman David Young could be promoted to a post in Thatcher's team of professional advisors.

Thatcher brought Young in to chair the MSC after she sacked Sir Richard O'Brien in 1982 and she has been 'delighted' with his performance.

Since taking over the job, David Young, whose brother Stuart is chairman of the BBC, has supervised a whole range of changes aimed at developing the MSC's role

as an instrument for creating a cheap labour force.

Plans outlined in the White Paper 'Training for Jobs' will make the MSC a national training agency with a range of compulsory unpaid and low-paid 'work-experience' schemes starting as young as 14.

The MSC is already transferring young people from community-based YTS schemes, on to schemes run by private employers.

Young, 52, has spent much of his business career in property de-

velopment, notably in industrial estates. In the late 1970s he became involved as adviser to Thatcher via the Centre for Policy Studies.

The plan to axe Job Centres was unveiled in Sheffield by Manpower Services Commission executive member Bryan Emmett on Wednesday.

Alistair Graham, general secretary of the Civil and Public Servants Association (CPSA) said: 'This is devastating. It really means the government is totally copping out of the unemployment problem by destroying

the public employment service.

'We are going to kick up an almighty stink about this.'

Peter Thomason, CPSA assistant secretary, said the shake-up meant job hunters would get less help. 'Under no circumstances can we accept these proposals,' he said. 'We feel these people in the Job Centres will regard it as a betrayal.'

'The unions are going to consider their position and we are not ruling out any forms of industrial action. We shall be campaigning publicly and we

shall be alerting the TUC.'

The first move is likely to be a call for the TUC to reconsider its relationship to the MSC.

The existing 1,000 Job Centres are to be cut to 350. In addition there will be 350 small 'Jobshops' in place of middle-tier Job Centres. They will offer no specialised advice or counselling services.

In place of smaller Job Centres there will be between 400 and 500 'Job-points' with one only or two staff, situated in banks, building societies, chain stores and libraries.

The job cuts mean 16 per cent of the staff would go in four years, saving £12 million a year, or 10 per cent of the MSC's budget.

At present there are 328 Job Centres with 11 or more staff, 198 with between six and 10, 285 with between three and five, and 187 with one or two staff.

● MORE than 1,000 former prisoners are to lose places on an MSC-funded training programme.

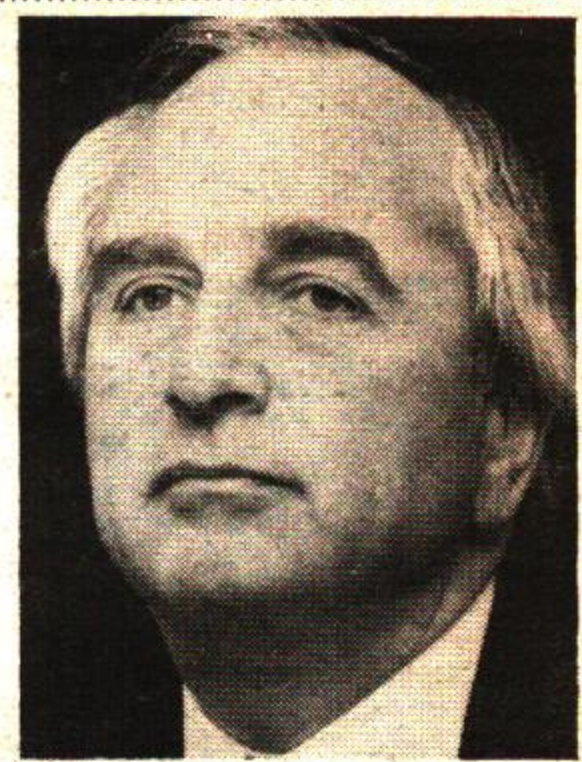
Bill Mather, director of the Apex Trust, which runs the schemes under the MSC's £7.5 million

DAVID YOUNG

Voluntary Projects Programme, said: 'If we had known what would happen we would never have embarked on a scheme with the MSC.'

'They spent until October encouraging us to recruit as many people as possible and now plan to close seven of our ten centres within three weeks.'

Centres are likely to go in the London boroughs of Hackney, Hounslow, and Wandsworth, and in Birmingham and the Medway. Centres at Tower Hamlets and Milton Keynes have already received written notice of closure.



Security tight for bombs case

TWO BELFAST men accused of conspiring together and with others to cause explosions during a 14-week period between August 7 and November 13, 1981, were further remanded in custody at Lambeth magistrates court yesterday.

Paul Kavanagh and Thomas Quigley, who face a total of 16 charges, were driven to the court from Brixton prison under a heavy police escort with a police helicopter watching overhead.

Kavanagh faces six charges and Quigley ten, including three murder counts.

Another conspiracy charge against Kavanagh alleges that he caused explosions in Britain between October 6 1983 and January 25 this year.

The Harrods bombing was in December when three police officers and three civilians were killed.

Kavanagh, 28, and Quigley, also 28, both jobless, made no application for bail during the two-minute hearing. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Kavanagh was remanded to April 12 and Quigley to April 19.

The four remaining charges against Kavanagh allege that he pos-

sessed firearms, ammunition and explosives at two places, Salcey Forest, Northants, and Amnesley Forest, Notts.

Quigley is accused of attempting to murder Royal Marines Commandant-General Sir Stuart Pringle, who lost his right leg in a car bomb explosion outside his home in South Croxted Road, West Dulwich, on October 17, 1981.

He is charged with murdering apprentice printer John Breslin, 18, and Mrs Nora Field, 59, who died when a nail bomb went off outside Chelsea Barracks on October 10, 1981.

Quigley is also accused of murdering bomb disposal expert Kenneth Howorth, 49, from Bracknell, Berks, who died when a bomb he was trying to defuse in an Oxford Street Wimpy Bar on October 26, 1981, blew up.

Other charges against Quigley allege he caused an explosion at the home of Attorney General Sir Michael Havers in Wimbledon, on November 13, 1981, placed an explosive device in Debenhams store, Oxford Street, on October 26, 1981, and caused explosions outside Chelsea Barracks, the Wimpy Bar and outside Sir Stuart Pringle's home.



A section of the 50-strong CPSA and SCPS picket line on the first day of the Crown Agents strike in East Kilbride

Racism at French customs

Blacks will be barred

RACIAL discrimination by French customs officials against black day-trippers is likely to continue this summer.

Max Madden, Labour MP for Bradford West, has called on the Prime Minister to intervene personally to protest about this 'outrageous discrimination' and to warn the French that Britain will not tolerate spot checks

on British citizens whatever their ethnic origin.

Ray Whitney, Foreign Office under-Secretary, has written to the MP that, under a 1971 agreement, British and Commonwealth citizens can travel to France on no-

passport excursions.

'The scheme worked well until last year when the French introduced stricter controls at their ports. A number of travellers, including some British citizens of whose status the authorities were not satisfied, were refused entry, Whitney said.

'We have sought an assurance that the French government would regard the arrangements provided for in the agreement as remaining in force while discussions continue.

'Unfortunately this assurance was not given and the French government subsequently informed us that it is only British citizens whom they are now prepared to admit on no-passport identity cards and that other Commonwealth citizens must travel on a passport obtaining a visa where appropriate.

'The French government also said that it would reserve the right to carry out spot checks to confirm the status of people travelling on no-passport excursions.'

Madden said: 'We certainly do not want to see any repetition of the very unpleasant scenes at the French ports last summer.'

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

STAFF on strike at the Crown Agents offices in East Kilbride are determined to stay out until privatisation and commercialisation moves are scrapped.

Picketing is taking place at the offices and representatives of the two main unions involved — the CPSA and SCPS — report that only 23 out of 158 staff went to work on Wednesday, the first day of the all-out stoppage.

The strikers are from the Crown Agents' pensions division, management of which are in con- tinuance with the Tory government.

Methods

'Crown Agents management have proved in the past that they are not above using Machiavellian methods to achieve their ends. I think they are more than ready to do so again,' says Andrew Campbell, CPSA branch chairman.

Last summer the Crown Agents ran into serious financial problems following the withdrawal of their main investment customer, Brunei.

Tory ministers took advantage of these cir-

Crown Agents strikers stay strong

cumstances to press ahead with plans for an Act of Privatisation which would involve placing 49 per cent of the shares in the organisation with banks and other parties.

Campbell said that although the Act was not due to be implemented until 1986, privatisation was already underway as far as staff are concerned.

People employed from this month will be taken on under worse conditions of employment than those already there — thus setting up new categories of workers.

Pledges from the gov-

ernment of civil service conditions for Crown Agents staff are also being torn up. There is also the threat that the jobs — created under the Hardman Dispersal Scheme — could be moved from East Kilbride.

Response

Pat Hynes, CPSA branch secretary, commented: 'The response to the strike has been extremely encouraging. The members of both unions are determined to win.'

WEATHER

THE EAST will be mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Central and western parts will have sunny periods, although the northwest will have rain or drizzle in places before brightening during the day. Temperatures will be close to normal in the sunnier parts but cold in the east.

Outlook for the weekend: Little change.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

Support pours in at packed Glasgow rally

GLASGOW — Massive financial support plus pledges of strike action poured in for the miners at a packed rally of shop stewards in the City Hall here yesterday.

Cheques worth a total of more than £15,000 were handed up to the platform in rapid succession soon after the 800-strong rally began.

Shop stewards from Dundee announced that a mass walk-out from factories and other work places is being organised on Tayside on April 18 — and a Clyde shipyard convenor called for this action to be spread across Scotland.

National Union of Mineworkers area President Mick McGahey told the rally to loud applause: 'It was not the miners who defeated the Tory government in 1974. It was the miners with the support of the whole trade union movement.'

McGahey said anyone who doubted that the miners were no longer a leading section of the working class should visit the picket lines. 'All young miners there, active and sacrificing, are determined they will not be beaten.'

Referring to police action in the coalfields, McGahey stated: 'I hope no one tells me in the future that the state machine is neutral.'

Cries

Another platform speaker, James Milne, Scottish TUC general secretary, called for moral, financial and physical support from every industry in Scotland.

But it was the first speaker from the floor who was the first to make a specific demand for industrial action to back the NUM.

Stan McLaughlin, convenor of Kestrel Marine yard, Dundee, said that mass meetings had been held in Dundee to discuss concrete action.

'A day of action has been called in Dundee and there will be walk-outs from all the organised factories. This will be on the same day that the mining industry is discussed at the Scottish TUC,' said McLaughlin.

To a standing ovation, he then handed over a cheque for £9,000 raised from Kestrel workers and sub-contract labour in the yard.

SOGAT print union official, Alan Watson, said his union nationally had decided to donate £15,000 to the dispute fund.

In Glasgow, print workers on the 'Daily Record' had already

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

raised £2,000 and more print donations will follow.

Watson added that his union had decided that any attempt by newspapers to interfere with the democratic procedures of the NUM would lead to demands for the right of reply for the miners — with that reply given the same space and prominence.

Ron Curran, NUPE regional official, said: 'The health service workers and local government workers and our members in universities need the miners as much as patients need blood.'

Curran said NUPE's Scottish committee would be donating £2,500.

Jim Swann, Leyland trucks factory, Bathgate, convenor said that despite threats of mass redundancies and closure of the plant, workers there had refused to unload coal brought in for the boilers. He handed in a donation of £750.

Duncan McNeil, Scott Lithgow convenor, announced that the newly-privatised workforce would be donating £1,000 a week until the miners achieved their aims.

John McFadyen, NALGO, said the Scottish region of his union would be making a substantial contribution to the funds. 'We must fight with the miners and victory must be theirs.'

John Walker, ASLEF regional officer, told the rally: 'There will be not a pound of coal moved in Scotland with the agreement of the miners. Our movement has a responsibility to back the miners and pack off this Tory government to where it belongs.'

Seamen's union official Neil McLaughlin said: 'This is the thin edge of the wedge to destroy trade unionism. Everyone must play their part to block this move.'

Hugh Wyper, T&GWU regional secretary, pledged that everything possible was being done to ensure that the haulage drivers respected all picket lines.

If any dockers were disciplined for refusing to handle coal, dockers

would stop work throughout the country, he warned.

'If anyone believes that by hiding in a corner, the government will look upon a section in a favourable light, then they are living in a dream world,' said Wyper.

Jim Thomson, from the EIS Scottish teachers' union, handed over a cheque for £500 and said the £20,000 his union gave to the health workers will be exceeded for the miners.

Demand

Sam Gilmour, convenor of Govan shipyard, Upper Clyde, said mass collections would take place on a weekly basis for the miners at his yard, and continued: 'The initiative from Dundee for strike action must not be left to Dundee. It should come from the whole of Scotland and from the TUC.'

Gilmour called for a meeting of all Clyde shipyard shop stewards within the next few days to discuss such action.

Large-scale donations also came yesterday from Albion Motors, Glasgow; Yarrow shipyard, Glasgow; and Rolls Royce, East Kilbride.

SOGAT threaten to black articles

THE Scottish section of the print union SOGAT '82 warned yesterday that newspapers which did not give miners the right of reply to 'interfering' articles would be blacked.

At a press conference in Glasgow, Allan Watson, secretary of the Scottish Graphical branch of the union, said that the miners' union must be given the right of reply to articles which 'interfered with the internal procedures' of the union.

Watson said that if SOGAT '82 branches decided to take industrial action if the right of reply was refused, then

they would get the full support of the Scottish area officials.

'The policy is aimed primarily at some of the ratbags masquerading as newspapers in Fleet Street,' said Watson.

Collections

'We are conscious that the inevitable cries of "press censorship" will be raised from the predictable quarters.'

'Nothing could be further from the truth. All we are seeking is balanced reporting of the dispute.'

He said that one national newspaper had

already interfered with the internal procedures of the NUM by publishing a mock ballot paper on the miners' strike.

The NUM has already approached the print union about the publication of an article written by Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor in last night's London 'Standard'.

Scottish miners' president Mick McGahey hinted at the possibility of a national ballot on the strike when he said that the union recognised that a ballot result would be 'considerably influenced' by the national press.



A tense moment as Scottish pickets await the outcome of a discussion with police



A respite from stopping coal lorries for these Scots pickets

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BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday April 11, 7.30p.m. Ladywood Community Centre, Ladywood.
Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Charmaine Phillips** (Ladywood WRP)

LONDON

ASHTON: Thursday April 26, 7.30p.m. Pitt and Nelson Pub, Old Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne.
Speakers: **Brendan Gaffney** (YS National Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

HOLLOWAY: Wednesday April 18, 7.30p.m. Holloway Library, Manor Gardens (next to Royal Northern Hospital), Holloway Road, N7.
Speakers: **Gary Ryder** (YS National Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

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Steelmen, unite with miners

MANY steelworkers throughout the country will be deeply disturbed by the decision of union officials at the Ravenscraig plant in Scotland to refuse to honour miners' picket lines. The decision follows remarks recently by ISTC chief Bill Sirs, who said his members would not be 'crucified on someone else's altar'. The implication was that the miners' fight had nothing to do with steelworkers.

Worse still, it implied that the miners would be responsible for any job losses in the steel industry resulting from their strike. This is a slur on the miners and an insult to their determined struggle on behalf of the whole working class.

The miners are not to blame for the threat to steel jobs. This threat arises from the bankruptcy of British capitalism which is a historically outmoded social system whose ruling class can only maintain themselves in power by the ruthless suppression of workers' democratic rights.

Consequently not a single job — whether a miner's or a steelworker's — can be secured under capitalism. That's what makes the confrontation between the capitalist state and the trade unions a revolutionary one.

Since 1980, the Tory government has sacked more than 80,000 steelworkers. Most of them were sacked by the man who is now in charge of the National Coal Board, Ian MacGregor. It was his plan to axe 20,000 jobs in the pits that provoked the miners' strike.

When the miners' strike began, the Ravenscraig officials approached the NUM as fellow trade unionists and sought dispensation on the grounds that a shutdown would endanger their plant. Because of the officials' pleas, the miners agreed to allow a minimum level of coal deliveries sufficient to keep blast furnaces and coke ovens open.

Now the steel union officials say that this arrangement is not enough. They want to go on producing steel at two-thirds the pre-strike output levels. And they are encouraging their members to undermine their fellow trade unionists and handle blacked coal under the pretext of 'saving jobs'.

Clive Lewis, the Scottish secretary of the ISTC, said: 'No one is going to dictate to us as steelworkers what the maximum or minimum will be. The people who will decide that are steelworkers and we are determined to survive. Ravenscraig needs the equivalent of two trainloads a day. We will go it alone if necessary to ensure supplies. Jobs are vital and orders are at stake.'

And convenor Tommy Brennan was quoted in the 'Daily Express' as saying: 'We will do ANYTHING to keep this plant alive.'

The miners have a right to demand support from all sections of the working class, whatever the sacrifices involved. Such sacrifices are required in every major trade union struggle. How much more so when the very existence of trade unions is at stake?

Prime Minister Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship has unleashed the full force of the state machine against the miners, in order to destroy the National Union of Mineworkers. It follows the judicial attack on the National Graphical Association (NGA), the abolition of trade unions at GCHQ, Cheltenham, and the state of siege imposed by the national police force on the Nottinghamshire coalfield.

Ravenscraig workers should defend their jobs alongside the miners, not by yielding to the Tories or abandoning trade union solidarity, but meeting the threat of sackings with occupation of the plant and the mobilisation of the whole community in their support through the building of Community Councils (see page 10).

This is the way to strengthen the miners' struggle, stand by trade union principles and bring the working class as a whole into a united battle against Thatcher's dictatorship.

MINERS FIGHT FOR THE



The mass lobby of miners outside the Nottingham NUM headquarters in Mansfield yesterday

ANGER OVER NOTTS DECISION

STRIKING Nottinghamshire miners last night pledged to continue their fight to defend jobs — despite their area leaders' refusal to back official action.

There were angry scenes outside the headquarters of the Nottinghamshire NUM yesterday afternoon after the area council had voted to overturn the decision of the area executive to instruct NUM members to respect picket lines.

NUM delegates and branch officials voted by 186 to 72 not to adopt the recommendation and not to encourage miners to set up picket lines outside their own collieries.

The decision was immediately denounced as a stab in the back to the fight against pit closures by 1,000 miners staging a mass lobby outside.

Cordon

As the delegates emerged after a heated five-hour meeting they were greeted by a torrent of booing and jeering by the strikers who were hemmed in behind a thick police cordon.

'This is a vote for Maggie Thatcher,' fumed Bolsover branch secretary Geoff Poulter, who earlier in the week led a sit-in at the NUM office to demand backing.

'The people in there who voted against a strike are saying to Thatcher: "Walk all over us".'

'But we will continue to fight because I don't believe those people have the right to put this lad out of a job,' he added, pointing to one of the young strikers standing beside him.

Announcing the area council decision, Nottingham NUM president Ray Chadburn claimed that it

reinforced the demand for a national ballot.

Confirming that there had been 'a heated debate and some hard talking' Chadburn revealed that there had been moves to pass a vote of no confidence in himself and the area general secretary Henry Richardson for their appeal to miners not to cross picket lines.

'Never before have I known anything like this in the union,' he said. 'We're not only falling out between areas, we're falling out with each other.'

Brian Walker, branch secretary at Newstead colliery, condemned the council's decision and said it would be 'welcomed in the stock exchange'.

BY SIMON VEVERS

He added: 'The vote went that way because people have become conditioned into believing that this coalfield is safe when that simply isn't the case.'

Four miners were arrested during the lobby — one of them after a plain-clothes policeman had infiltrated among the strikers.

Incident

According to miners close to the incident, he had attempted to gauge the views of miners while pretending to be sympathetic to their fight.

Hundreds of police were drafted in to protect a dozen mainly clerical

workers who were urging no support for the strike and had been provocatively stationed opposite the mass lobby in the car park.

A large force of police was also on standby behind the building and a police helicopter circled overhead.

Several delegations of miners never made it to the lobby as they were turned back at police road blocks and a bus load of Bolsover miners were held up as their leaders argued with a police inspector to insist that they be allowed to attend the protest.

When the Bolsover men finally arrived they marched off the bus behind a coffin which had written on it: 'Don't let our NUM die'.



Bolsover miners arrive at the lobby with a coffin, 'Don't let our NUM die'

THE WHOLE WORKING CLASS



March in fine spirits

THE Kent miners who are marching to Nottinghamshire set off on the second leg of their march yesterday morning from Canterbury to Sittingbourne. They were in fine spirits and said their determination was even greater.

Before they left they thanked the people of Canterbury for their excellent hospitality. Members of Canterbury trades council were there to see them

off. The trades council had given a donation to the miners and had helped to accommodate them.

Rupert Brown of the trades council executive said: 'We are fully behind the miners in their fight to save the pits and against the attacks mounted on them by the police.' The message from the marchers yesterday was: 'Tell Nottingham we're on our way and getting closer'.



Northumberland men join mass lobby



Northumberland miners finally make the lobby after being held up by police

A ONE-HUNDRED strong contingent of Northumberland miners joined yesterday's mass lobby of the Nottinghamshire area council to loud applause from the hundreds of strikers already massed outside the area NUM headquarters.

They marched up the road carrying banners from all the Northumberland pits.

But the Northumberland men arrived two hours late because a large force of police had kept them penned in the

car park outside the welfare hall in Ollerton.

Ronnie Campbell, NUM branch chairman at Isabella Bates colliery, told News Line: 'The police deliberately stopped us getting here on time to lobby the delegates.'

'We are very angry because this trip was agreed between our union officials and the Northumberland Chief Constable.'

Campbell said that Northumberland miners had a big stake in the battle against pit closures and mass sackings.

'We estimate that they want to get rid of 7,000 jobs between Durham

and Northumberland. That would be devastation for us because we've gone from a workforce of 23,000 eight or nine years ago to 6,000 men today.'

Campbell said that in the course of implementing a savage closure programme the Coal Board had effectively 'killed off' numerous pit villages.

And he added: 'Now they are threatening the communities of Blyth and Ashington. We're in this battle because there is absolutely nowhere else for us to go now.'

He said the Northumberland strikers had received a welcome boost this week when workers

at Blyth power station agreed to help stop the movement of coal.

The power workers made their offer after witnessing police brutality on the picket at the station in which 29 miners were arrested, Campbell said.

Dave Crowther, delegate at Warsop Main colliery, said: 'The NUM shouldn't have to approach the TUC. The TUC should be coming to us with a guarantee of financial, moral and physical support because every trade union should be right behind the miners.'

'We're fighting for the whole movement.'

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



Seamen out to stop all coal

THE seamen's union is contacting foreign unions to stop all coal imports to Britain, NUS general secretary Jim Slater said yesterday.

He said the union had already been in touch with the Finnish and Danish seamen's unions, who had agreed not to handle coal bound for Britain.

'I am telling them that we are supporting the miners and we want them to show solidarity by supporting us,' said Slater.

BY BEN RUDDER

The NUS is also getting in touch with the Norwegian seamen's union about the shipment of coal to the Port Talbot steel plant in South Wales.

Slater said the union wanted to avoid the arrests being made at the Port Talbot plant by stopping the arrival of coal at the docks — another 29 pickets were arrested there yesterday.

The transport unions' blacking of coal continued to extend yesterday. There was no move-

ment of coal by rail anywhere in the north west, and only a handful of coal trains ran elsewhere in the country.

A large rally in Glasgow raised £50,000 for the miners' strike funds, and a one-day general strike throughout Scotland is being planned in support of the fight for jobs.

The executive council of the print union SOGAT agreed to hand over £15,000 to the strike fund, and have asked all branches to raise additional money.

At a meeting of the coordinating committee of the unions, chairman Ron Todd of the T&GWU said the committee was happy with the situation.

It is understood, however, that the committee called for another meeting of the general secretaries of the unions involved in the near future.

Meetings

The executive of the ISTC steel union yesterday decided to seek area-level meetings with the miners and transport workers to try and get dispensation for coal to keep production at near-normal levels.

At Port Talbot steelworks, Ogmere Vale MP Ray Powell joined the 350 miners at the entrance yesterday and condemned police action against pickets.

'The police are using far too much force in dealing with the pickets,' said Powell.

He plans to raise the issue with South Wales

ISTC call for normal working

THE executive of the ISTC steel union yesterday refused to instruct its members to black coal supplies.

In a unanimous decision, the executive members called on their members to work normally.

After five hours, the executive passed a resolution which confirmed instructions to work normally and called for the reopening of negotiations between the NUM and the Coal Board.

Area officers of the union will seek agreements with the transport unions and the miners on a level of coal intake to the steel works close to the pre-strike levels of production.

When pressed by journalists, ISTC general secretary Bill Sirs said: 'We won't touch coal

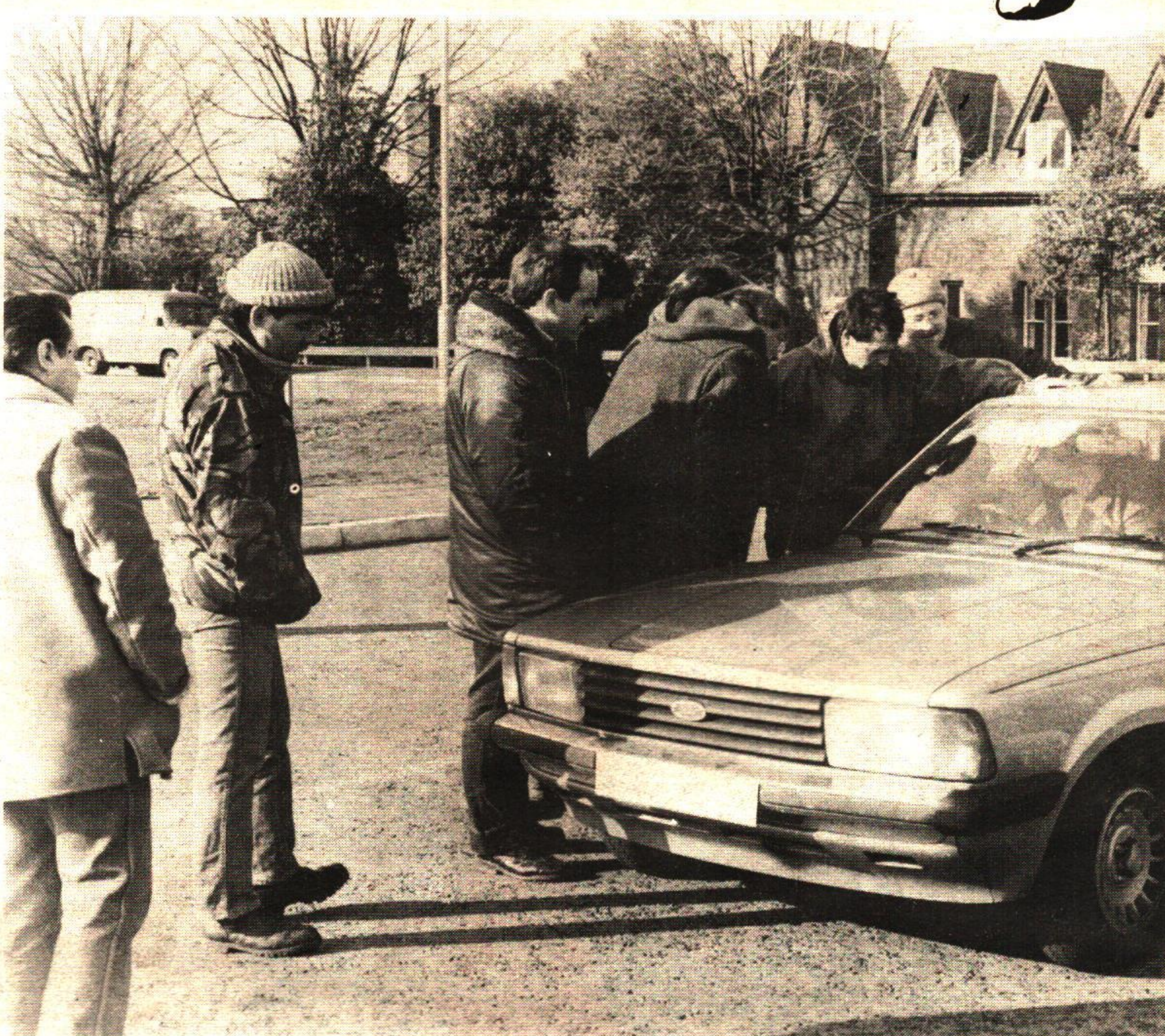
which has been brought in purposely to break the strike.

'But we are concerned that the supply of coal should continue in the normal manner.

'If the miners' strike becomes a national strike, then we might have to look at the situation again,' Sirs said.

Over 100,000 steelworkers' jobs have been destroyed since the current NCB chairman took over as head of the British Steel Corporation.

Further redundancies and the closure of at least one major plant are expected to be announced shortly. The Thatcher government was to have revealed the plans on March 13, but delayed its publication when the miners' strike erupted.



Pickets on duty at Parkside colliery in Lancashire

Chief Constable David East and in the House of Commons.

Pickets' anger exploded when a miner was pushed into a police detention vehicle. About 20 miners surged round the

vehicle when they saw the miner come flying out of the back doors, only to be pushed back in again by police.

More arrests were made at pits in Nottinghamshire and Lancashire yesterday where large

numbers of pickets were on duty. Pickets were also out at the Coal Board offices in Grimethorpe, near Barnsley.

The strike came under attack from the employers when CBI director-general Sir Terence

Beckett took the opportunity of a lavish dinner to denounce miners and their communities for being 'out for the privilege' of a job when other workers were accepting the 'economic facts of life'.

The case for Community Councils

EVERY trade unionist and worker must come to the aid of the miners in their struggle for jobs against the capitalist state, the Thatcher dictatorship and the National Coal Board.

The working class as a whole and their professional allies must share the burdens and sacrifices of the fight which the miners are waging in defence of the most basic of rights — the right to work and to organise freely in trade unions independent of the state.

Trade union branches, shop stewards' committees, trades councils and other labour movement organisations must take the initiative now in the setting up of Community Councils which will act immediately to meet the needs of the miners, who are fighting on behalf of the whole working class.

As well as the trade unions, the Community Councils must draw in representatives of every section of the working class and their middle class and professional allies involved in the anti-Tory fight — miners' wives, youth groups, voluntary organisations and local Labour councils.

There are immediate and practical tasks which flow from the defiant resistance of the miners to the provocations of the NCB, an unprecedented military-style police operation directed by the Home Office through Scotland Yard and the organised harassment by social security, gas and electricity bureaucrats.

The Workers Revolutionary Party believes that the tasks of Community Councils, which should extend beyond mining districts, will be to:

- Provide food for families and children of those on strike. No miner to be starved back to work by the Tories.
- Pay urgent bills for electricity and gas, calling on workers not to carry out cut-offs as an act of solidarity with the strike. Raise funds for new clothing and footwear for strikers.

- Ensure that no miner is evicted by local councils for not being able to pay rent or rates. Make certain that medical supplies are paid for so that miners and their families can get the treatment prescribed.

- Arrange for the care of the elderly dependent on support from miners' families, ensure nursery provision so that miners' wives can participate fully in winning support for the strike.

- Organise the provision of free legal representation for miners who need it. Provide accommodation for miners from other areas.

- Watch out for and organise against provocateurs. Organise the defence of union offices and funds from state attacks.

- Rally other workers to support and back up miners' pickets and organise marches and rallies.

LABOUR COUNCILS must be asked to:

- Provide free school meals and transport for miners' children.

- Make office accommodation in council offices available to miners, with facilities for printing and communications.

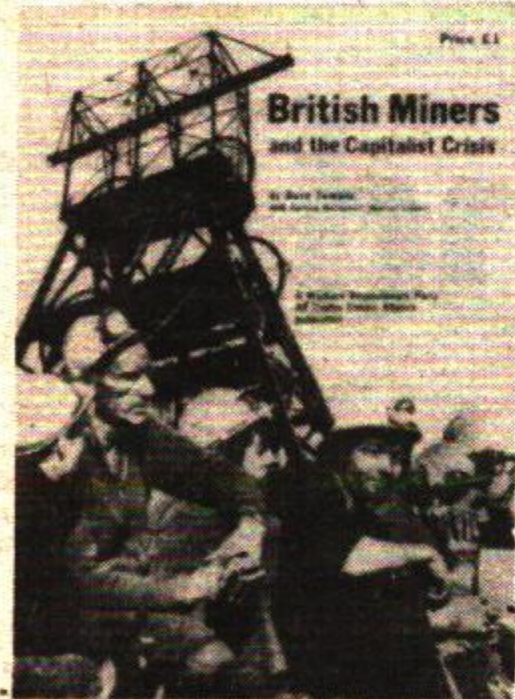
- Make sure that no evictions take place because of mounting debts. Wipe out rent and rate arrears.

- Provide free public transport for strikers and their families. Make all council facilities available free to miners. Lay on entertainments and outings for miners' families.

- Resist having to foot the bill for the cost of the Downing Street directed police operation against the miners' union.

This is the best way to answer the challenge of the capitalist state, and the Tory dictatorship. Community Councils — as Soviet-type organisations — will give the working class confidence in its own independent strength to defeat the class enemy and provide the basis for the successful struggle for power which has now been joined.

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Dustmen join miners

ONE hundred and fifty dustmen joined 30 miners picketing the coal dump at the Victoria dock in Birkenhead. Attempts to move the coal were severely hampered by their intervention.

To make matters worse, the mechanical conveyor seems somehow to have broken down and the firm is reduced to using a JCB (loading shovel). Whereas 40 or 50 lorries were able to run the gauntlet on Wednesday, only four or five got through yesterday despite a heavy police presence.

Scheme

Wirral's 400 binmen now saddled with the hated privatisation scheme, have been on a work-to-rule over bonus payments for holidays. Mr Farrell, T&GWU district officer, said the men were only getting £50 per week holiday pay and £10 per week sickness benefit. The union is treating the dispute as a lockout.

IMF RECIPE FOR A YUGOSLAV CRASH



MILKA PLANINC

THE imperialist banking system is 'holding a gun at the heart' of the Yugoslav economy, strapped to an annual debt repayment cycle of at least \$18.01 billion in the next three years.

Recent International Monetary Fund stipulations will virtually abolish the 'soft loans' system, crash the dinar and escalate unemployment, already 1 million among a population of 22 million.

This is the outcome of a new, \$500 million 'standby credit' arrangement to meet repayment commitments this year, after four months of tough bargaining at the IMF.

Yugoslav economic experts are imposing a

programme of high productivity and deepening the IMF austerity programme, squeezing everything from the import of 'non-essential goods' to pay demands and interest concessions.

These measures are a fundamental threat to an economy based on nationalised property relations.

Surplus

The government notched up a \$300 million surplus on the current account last year compared with a \$1.9 billion deficit the year before as a result of this austerity, to the finance monopolists' approval.

The IMF termed it 'an impressive turnaround', especially because the improved trading performance in hard cur-

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rency markets was achieved by switching goods away from the Soviet-led Comecon market.

Yugoslavia has been given its so-called favoured status precisely because the IMF's aim is to firmly place the economy in the orbit of the capitalist banking system.

The ultimate aim is to smash the Soviet Union's nationalised property relations; to draw Yugoslavia, its 'neutrality' notwithstanding, into the NATO sphere and create the conditions for an attack on the Soviet Union itself.

This aim was uppermost in the minds of IMF administrators when they issued the ultimatum: the country

must undertake tough commitments, 'put its house in order' and carry out 'long-overdue structural changes'.

As Prime Minister Milka Planinc conceded, hopelessly: 'We cannot wait, we cannot play games with problems any longer.'

Her comment clearly reveals the extent to which the economy has become dependent on the IMF cartel of finance monopolists, hell-bent on destroying the nationalised property relations of the deformed workers' state.

The regime was, in fact, told not to expect any help unless it was prepared to swallow strong IMF medicine.

Sixteen governments, representing 14 Western countries, including Japan and Kuwait, said on March 24 they would defer repayments over a seven-year period on \$800 million of credit due this year because of the terms of this agreement.

The package paralleled a refinancing agreement covering \$1.2 billion of commercial debt that Yugoslavia reached with creditor banks last month.

Credit

The combined 1984 Western package, including IMF credit, amounts to between \$3.3 billion and \$3.5 billion.

Yugoslavia's repayments this year on a total foreign debt of \$19.98 billion amount to \$5.39 billion, according to Yugoslav National Bank figures.

It will have to repay \$5.82 billion next year, \$5.8 billion in 1986 and \$6.39 billion in 1987.

The Stalinist leadership and the capitalist bankers have conceded that 'the real battle' over the economy is 'still in its early rounds' and that only the 'suspense' of the recent talks is over.

IMF officials are far from satisfied and are demanding that interest

rates be lifted above the 60 per cent inflation rate.

They remain 'unconvinced that the root causes of the malaise are being tackled'.

Senior IMF officials said ominously that conditions hammered out during the recent negotiations could 'change the situation'.

They have committed the Stalinist leadership to raising bank interest rates to above the inflation rate by April next year; a measure bound to bankrupt and shut down a huge number of the nationalised industries.

The dinar will be allowed to depreciate in the next few months to 'improve export competitiveness'.

Prices on goods, 55 per cent of which had been 'frozen' since late last year, will be raised from the end of this month.

Imposition of the price freeze in December was seen as tacit admission that spiralling inflation could spark social unrest among the 22 million people whose patience has been seriously tested over the past three years of austerity.

The Yugoslav regime's nightmare is of an immediate price 'explosion' as soon as the December restraints are lifted, wrecking hopes of bringing inflation down to about 40 per cent by April next year.

Agreement to hitch bank interest rates to inflation is significant given the vital role that dinar lending plays in the economy.

More than 80 per cent of the operating capital of Yugoslav firms is provided by banks in the form of easy-term dinar loans, according to one semi-official Yugoslav figure.

This system clearly will be devastated by any sharp rise in interest rates.

'The issue of bank rates is the gun at their hearts,' a Western diplomat said candidly.

Tories 'too slow' to react over Grenada says MPs' committee

SIR Geoffrey Howe and his Foreign Office advisers adopted a 'somewhat lethargic approach' to the developing crisis in Grenada last October, a report of the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

It is one of a series of critical comments on the government's performance during the American invasion of the Caribbean island, of which the Queen is head of state.

The invasion on October 25, supported by a number of Caribbean governments, toppled the regime that seized power after the murder of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop.

The committee offers no judgement on whether Prime Minister Thatcher and her ministers were right to steer clear of the invasion but questions whether ministers were sufficiently alert to the developing crisis.

It says they were aware by the evening of October 22 that Barbados wanted Britain to take part in an invasion.

The report says: 'Yet the evidence given to us by the Foreign Secretary paints a picture of a British admin-

istration reacting passively to the event unfolding in the Caribbean and basing its reaction to those events entirely on the advice received from Washington which in the end proved to be unreliable advice.'

'At no point during the weekend of 22 and 23 October, 1983 does the British government appear to have taken any initiative of its own to ascertain the full intentions of Caribbean political leaders or to seek to dissuade them — as opposed to the US govern-

ment — from advancing their talents for military action.'

The committee notes that Britain appeared to have been kept in the dark about US intentions.

It says Howe rejected suggestions in the Commons of an imminent invasion only a day before it took place.

He was later to complain about lack of adequate consultation with the US.

'The Foreign Secretary told us that there was cer-

tainly a hesitation to embark on telephone calls on necessarily an open line to the Caribbean and that the government therefore relied on normal diplomatic channels to convey their point of view.

'This seems to us a somewhat lethargic approach.'

The report says the evidence leads to the conclusion 'that it was not the intention of the US government that the United Kingdom should be actively involved in the military intervention in Grenada and the timing, nature and extent of the information provided to the British government by the US were consistent with that position'.

Brutal arrest at Weirs

GLASGOW — Protests at the arrest of an engineering picket and his treatment by police were raised strongly by shop stewards for over 1,000 locked-out workers yesterday.

For no reason at all the picket, aged 25, was pulled out of a crowd of around 150 pickets at the gates of Weir Pumps Ltd, Cathcart, early yesterday morning.

As he was being taken away by police he was assaulted in full view of other pickets.

Weir's convener Peter Johnson later told a rally to support the miners in Glasgow City Hall: 'This member of ours was

arrested for absolutely nothing. It was pure police harassment.'

Johnson went on: 'We are in the fifth week of action. We are a low wage factory. Yet we are the major engineering factory in the West of Scotland. Now management are sacking us.'

Truth

'One newspaper has reported that we have been offered an increase of over £10 a week. The truth is we have been offered £6.19 for a time-served worker and £5 for non-skilled,' said Johnson.

A mass meeting of the workers is being held in a public hall near the factory this morning.



Police hold scores of pickets back as two pickets try to persuade office staff from entering Weir Pumps in Glasgow yesterday

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Duncan Foggo (NUM, in personal capacity)
other speakers to be announced

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Maureen Lipman and Simon Williams in 'Agony' on 4 at 9



Thora Hird and Christopher Beeny star 'In Loving Memory' on ITV at 8

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Food and Drink. 9.30 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.55 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & South East: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Heads and Tails. 2.00 Star Movie: *Queen of Hearts* With Gracie Fields (1936). 3.15 Take Me Back To New Orleans. 3.53 Regional News (except London). 3.55 Play School: It's Friday. 4.20 The New Shmoo. 4.40 Playhouse. 5.05 Captain Zep — Space Detective.

5.40 **SIXTY MINUTES** Including news; regional magazines; weather and closing headlines

6.40 **PINK PANTHER *Pink Bananas; Crane Brained and Pinktails for Two***

7.00 **ODD ONE OUT** (New series) Quiz show hosted by Paul Daniels returns

7.30 **FAME Breakdance**

8.20 **THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE** (New series) Noel Edmonds takes a famous personality back to a magical moment of the 1960s

9.00 **NINE O'CLOCK NEWS** Weather

9.25 **STARSKY AND HUTCH *Texas Leghorne***

10.15 **POTTER** (with regional variations)

10.45 **News Headlines; Weather**

10.50 **THE LATE FILM *The Trials of Oscar Wilde*** (1960) With Peter Finch. Film of the famous trial of the homosexual playwright who spoke out against hypocrisy at the height of his career. With John Fraser, Yvonne Mitchell and James Mason

12.55 **Closedown**

BBC WALES: 9.25 Wales! Wales? 10.15 Sportfolio. 10.30 Union Man. 11.00 Starsky and Hutch. 11.50 News of Wales Headlines. 11.51 The Late Film: *The Strange Love of Martha Ivers* (1946) with Barbara Stanwick. 1.42 Weather; Closedown.

BBC2

6.05-8.10 **OPEN UNIVERSITY:** 6.05 Maths Methods. 6.30 Perception. 6.55 Exploring Frequency Space. 7.20 Chemistry. 7.45 Neurophysiology. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.05 **Weekend Outlook.** 5.10 Field Geology: Arran.

5.35 **NEWS SUMMARY** with subtitles; weather

5.40 **ALEC GUINNESS IN *Kind Hearts and Coronets*** (1949) Continuing a short season of films to celebrate the classic British actor's 70th birthday. Black comedy about a man who is determined to become the Duke of Chalfont, even if it means murdering everyone who stands in his way.

7.20 **100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS** Roger Taylor v Bjorn Borg — 1973, the year when the Association of Tennis Professionals boycotted Wimbledon

7.45 **THE WORLD ABOUT US *The Boat People — Happy Landfall?*** Five years on, Harold Williamson report on what has happened to some of the Vietnamese 'Boat People'

8.35 **GARDENERS' WORLD** From Lanhydrock, Cornwall

9.00 **M*A*S*H** with Alan Alda and Mike Farrell in *Hey, Look Me Over*

9.25 **WHICKER!**

10.00 **KEEP ON RUNNING** Play by Andy Armitage. Frank is all set to become next year's headboy, while his friend Alan has different hopes

10.50 **NEWSNIGHT**

11.35 **THE FRIDAY THRILLER *Riffifi*** (1954) French film directed by exiled American, Jules Dassin, with English subtitles; featuring Jean Servais, Carl Mohner, Robert Manuel. A man just out of jail plans a jewel robbery with his girlfriend in order to get rich again. The film is famous for the silent detailed robbery sequence

1.35 **Closedown**

CHANNEL 4

5.00 **WAYNE AND SHUSTER *Comedy Olympics***

5.30 **THE TUBE** Jools Holland and Leslie Ash introduce tonight's live guests, including the Cure, Joe Jackson and a special film feature on Paul Young

7.00 **CHANNEL 4 NEWS** followed by Weather

7.30 **RIGHT TO REPLY** chaired by Gus Macdonald

8.00 **A WEEK IN POLITICS**

8.40 **WHAT THE PAPERS SAY** presented by Simon Winchester of the 'Sunday Times'

9.00 **AGONY Help**

9.30 **IT TAKES A WORRIED MAN *Mixed Feelings*** Philip doesn't need any more discussion about his failings!

10.00 **CHEERS *Where There's a Will*** ... When a customer leaves £100,000 to the bar and everyone in it, the crowd turns ugly trying to decide who gets what

10.35 **WELL BEING *Allergies — Fact and Fiction*** Presenters Pam Armstrong and Dr Simon Smail look at a range of allergies from hay fever to 'pigeon fancier's lung', question the value of some therapies and provide consumer guidance

11.20 **THE LATE CLIVE JAMES** A new series in which the Australian journalist takes an individual view of people and events and talks with studio guests

12.15 **JAZZ AT THE GATEWAY** In the first of a new series, Oscar Peterson introduces a selection of the best jazz exponents from Europe and Britain. Tonight's guests are Eberhard Weber Quartet from Germany, and from Scotland the Alex Shaw Quintet

1.00 **Close**

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; Sesame Street. 10.25 The Little Rascals. 10.35 Bracken. 11.35 Sport Billy. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Judi. 2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 The Young Doctors. 5.45 News.

6.00 **THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW** Presented by Michael Aspel with Paula Yates, Danny Baker, Fred Housego and Andy Price

7.00 **THE ZODIAC GAME**

7.30 **HARDCASTLE AND McCORMICK *Third Down and Twenty Years to Life*** With Brian Keith and Daniel Hugh-Kelly. After addressing a class at his old school on methods of detection and conviction Judge Hardcastle is forced to reconsider his conviction of a young man for murder

8.30 **SHROUD FOR A NIGHTINGALE** With Roy Marsden

10.00 **NEWS AT TEN** followed by *London News Headlines*

10.30 **THE LONDON PROGRAMME** Tonight's edition looks at the Tory moves to abolish the Greater London Council and what GLC leaders are doing to prevent it

11.00 **BOSOM BUDDIES *Cahoots***

11.30 **SOUTH OF WATFORD** Ben Elton looks at what's new in London's entertainment scene

12.00 **BIZARRE** Comedy with John Byner

12.30 **DRAGNET *The Big Show*** With Jack Webb; followed by *Night Thoughts* and *Closedown*

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Atom Ant. 9.30 Sport Billy. 9.55 The Groovie Ghoules. 10.20 Unicorn Tales. 10.40 The Incredible World of Adventure. 11.00 Hopalong Cassidy in *Riders of the Timberline*. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 At Ease. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 On the Market. 2.00 Friday Matinee: George Montgomery in *Watusi* (1959). 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 The Zodiac Game. 5.45 News.

6.00 **GRANADA REPORTS NEWS** News and reports from around the North West

6.05 **WEEKEND** Up-and-coming events in the area during the next week

7.00 **THE FALL GUY *TKO*** Colt and Howie help train a boxer for a championship fight with Larry Holmes

8.00 **IN LOVING MEMORY *Gone But Not Forgotten***

8.30 **SHROUD FOR A NIGHTINGALE** Adam Dalgliesh's murder inquiry is strongly linked to Martin Dettiner in part five of this serial with Roy Marsden, Joss Ackland, Sheila Allen and Margaret Whiting

10.00 **NEWS AT TEN**

10.30 **9 to 5 *The Frog Inside Prince Charming***

11.00 **RL ACTION** Two of the most attractive sides in Rugby League provide the action — St Helen's and Leigh

11.55 **THE LATE FILM *The Other Side of Fear*** With Karen Black. After busting a major prostitution ring, vice squad officer Evelyn Carter discovers that a close friend of hers has been murdered

1.45 **Closedown**

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 The Nature of Things. 11.20 Vicky the Viking. 11.45 Larry the Lamb. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *The Night We Dropped a Clanger*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 The Zodiac Game. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00 In Loving Memory. 8.30 Shroud for a Nightingale. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Fear on Friday: *Corridors of Blood* and 12.00 *Devils of Darkness*. 1.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 3-2-1 Contact. 9.55 Once Upon a Time. 10.20 Bracken. 11.10 The Road to Los Angeles. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Film: *Stella Dallas*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 The Zodiac Game. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00 In Loving Memory. 8.30 Shroud for a Nightingale. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.35 The Sweeney. 11.35 Film: *Life at the Top*. 1.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 The Denali Wilderness. 10.50 European Folk Tales. 11.05 Tarzan. 11.50 Melotoons. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10

Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Decoy*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 The Zodiac Game. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00 In Loving Memory. 8.30 Shroud for a Nightingale. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Talking of Sport. 11.00 RL Action. 11.55 Mannix. 12.50 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Space 1999. 11.15 European Folk Tales. 11.30 Hands. 11.55 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Cheaper by the Dozen*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 3.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.00 The Zodiac Game. 7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 8.30 Shroud for a Nightingale. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.35 Sidmouth Folk Festival. 11.05 Horror Film: *The Creeping Flesh*. 12.45 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Film: *Broadway Limited*. 11.45 The Little Rascals. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.35 About Britain. 2.10 Film: *I Only Arsked*. 3.45 Sportsbreak. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr

Rossi. 5.15 Take the High Road. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 The Friday Sports Show. 7.00 The Fall Guy. 8.00 The Zodiac Game. 8.30 Shroud for a Nightingale. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Newhart. 11.00 Showcase. 11.15 Horror Film: *Black Torment*. 12.50 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Jump. 10.40 The Protectors. 11.10 The Spirit of Malcolm Miller. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *The Wedding Night*; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 Joanie Loves Chachi. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.30 In the Garden. 7.00 The Zodiac Game. 7.30 The Fall Guy. 8.30 Shroud for a Nightingale. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 The Good Neighbour Show. 11.00 Film: *Assassin*. 12.25 HTV Weather and Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Film: *Chuka*. 12.30 HTV Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon. 10.40 Spread Your Wings. 11.05 Tarzan. 11.55 Wattoo Wattoo. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *The Mouse that Roared*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 Emu's World. 4.50 The Fantastic Adventures of Mr Rossi. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 The Zodiac Game. 7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 8.30 Shroud for a Nightingale. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.05 Film: *Deadfall*. 1.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

2.20-2.35 Stori Sbrï. 2.55 Jack's Game. 3.20 The Making of Britain. 3.50 Gardener's Calendar. 4.15 Countdown. 4.45 Lan Lofft. 5.00 Sbrï Celwydd Golau. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Taro Tant. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le; News Headlines. 9.15 Cheers. 9.45 Soap. 10.15 Caught in a Free State. 11.10 The Lady is a Tramp. 11.40 If They'd Asked for a Lion Tamer. 12.40 Close.

RADIO

6.00 Mark Page. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.00 Adrian John. 4.30 Select-A-Disc with Janice Long. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 9.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (S).

4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sport). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sport). 3.30 Music All The Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.02 Sport). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sport). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night (S) (8.20-8.40 Interval). 9.30 The Organist Entertains (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show (S). 10.30 Sounds of the South West. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Peter Dickson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S).

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Rossini, Chopin, Weber; records

(8.00 News) Elgar, arr. Bridge, William Baines, Delius, Arnold; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Spohr; records. 10.00 Brahms Quartets (S). 10.35 Ulster Orchestra (S) Haydn, William Alwyn, Delius. 11.35 English Art Songs (S) Ivor Gurney, Patrick Piggott. 12.05 BBC Concert Orchestra at Bedford (S) Weber, Beethoven (1.00 News). 1.05-1.20 Six Continents) Glazunov. 2.00 University of Wales Recital (S) Haydn, Ravel (2.50 Interval) McCabe, Schubert. 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) Torroba, Ida Presti, Sor, Rodrigo. 7.00 Poulenc (S) Orchestral music. 7.30 De Saram Clarinet Trio (S) Beethoven, Zemlinsky (8.15-8.35 Poetry Now) Gordon Crosse. 9.25 Digging Graves. 10.05 Music for Voice and Organ (S) Cazzati, Stephen Dodgson. 11.15-11.18 News.

6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Prayer for the Day; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45

Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.50 Your Letters). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs (S). 9.45 Feedback. 10.00 News; Science Now. 10.30 Morning Story: *Gershwin*. 10.45 Daily Service. 11.00 News; Travel; A Power in all the Lands. 11.48 Natural Selection. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My Music (S). 12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; Our Mutual Friend (S). 4.00 News; Time for Verse. 4.10 Dead Men do Tell Tales. 4.40 Story Time: *Futility*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Going Places. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week (S). 8.20 Profile. 8.45 Any Questions? 9.30 Letter from America. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *I'm Not Complaining*. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.00 Today in Parliament. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Week Ending. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.

Winning Post

Kiev, knocking on the gates

THE super-fit Kiev (4.30) can continue Paul Kelleway's excellent start to the new season by landing **KEMPTON'S** Pamianthe Handicap Stakes today. The gelding made a successful trip to the south of France two months ago, winning once and finishing a close second in his only other outing at Cagnes.

Advantage

Kiev looks well in at the weights here and with a fitness advantage over the majority of his rivals, it will be a surprise if the three-year old is beaten.

Kelleway runs the game Doncaster winner Peter Martin in the Laburnam Stakes, but he faces a stiffer task now, and may not be able to cope with **Corinth** (3.30), the mount of Steve Cauthen.

Corinth wound up last year with victories at York and Newbury. This son of ill-fated Troy has scope for further improvement.

Corinth's chief rival is Donzel, who won at Ascot on his debut, then disappointed when last in the Horris Hill

stakes at Newbury.

Lester Piggott makes the trip to Kempton for just one ride — **Master Cawston** (5.00), likely winner of the Syringa Handicap. Michael Hinchcliffe's gelding runs well when fresh, and opened last season with a victory in a Newmarket handicap over this six-furlong trip.

Useful

The Polyanthus Maiden Stakes is a guessing game but reports from Berkshire

suggest Gavin Hunter's **Shoot Pool** (3.00) is a useful youngster.

Tapping Wood (3.15) should recoup £1,412 of his \$1.3 million purchase price in the Leconfield Maiden Stakes at **BEVERLEY**. He showed promise in his two starts last term — both against much stronger opposition — and he will be suited by this trip.

Bookmakers are unlikely to give much away over his odds though and a better-value bet is **Strathconon**

(4.15) in the Bridlington Bay Maiden Stakes.

He too showed that there were races to be won with him on his two outings last year, and this half-brother to the high-class middle-distance horse Relay Race should run well.

Benefit

Coincidental (4.45) has the worst of the draw in the Filey Maiden Auction Stakes but he should still make the benefit of his third at Doncaster last month pay against newcomer **Five Starters**.



SELECTIONS

KEMPTON
2.30 Current Raiser, 3.00 Shoot Pool, 3.30 Corinth, 4.00 Johnny Crown, 4.30 Kiev (nap), 5.00 Master Cawston (n.b.)

BEVERLEY
2.15 Ivan-Jo, 2.45 Lochtillium, 3.15 Tapping Wood, 3.45 Stracom Nurse, 4.15 Strathconon, 4.45 Coincidental

KELSO
2.15 Notiki, 2.45 Swift Messenger, 3.15 Eboracum, 3.45 Cheerie Chief, 4.15 Jetharts Here, 4.45 Mount Rule, 5.15 Glory Snatcher

KEMPTON

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 39, W Carson 34, P Eddery 30, G Starkey 22, J Mercer 19, B Rouse 18, S Cauthen 15, P Cook 12, W Swinburn 12, G Baxter 11, P Waldron 11, B Taylor 10, J Reid 9, B Raymond 9.
TRAINERS: G Harwood 20, J Dunlop 19, P Walwyn 15, H Cecil 15, R Armstrong 14, M Stoute 14, B Hills 12, P Cole 12, R Hannon 11, C Brittain 10, B Hobbs 9, I Balding 8, J Winter 8.

DRAW: Over 5 and 6 furlongs the stalls position can be important. When placed on far side, high numbers have an advantage, when on near side, the low numbers.

2.30 AMARYLLIS HANDICAP STAKES £5,000 1m 4f (21 runners)

1 (21)	013140-	FORWARD (USA) (D)	J Dunlop 5 100	W Carson
2 (5)	010204-	CURRENT RAISER (D)	C Brittain 4 98	Tives
3 (10)	00100-0	HUNGARIAN PRINCE	G Thorne 4 91	P Robinson
5 (1)	12330-0	CLEARLY BUST (D)	D Morley 4 810	S Cauthen
6 (6)	20200-0	DANCING ADMIRAL	C Brittain 4 810	Pat Eddery
7 (18)	40031-0	WONDERFUL SURPRISE (D)	E Eldin 7 810	E Guest (5)
8 (11)	420013-	HOSSAM	P Walwyn 4 810	B Rouse
9 (13)	312000-	WOODCOTE BELLE	R Smyth 4 88	G Starkey
10 (12)	012400-	EQUANAID	C Nelson 4 86	J Mercer
11 (7)	12000-	MAJESTIC STAR	Miss S Morris 7 83	G Baxter
12 (2)	100240-	TURKOMAN (C) (D)	D Sasse 5 83	D McKay
13 (14)	404000-	MOON JESTER	M Usher 4 82	B Rouse
16 (4)	00013-	MAN IN GREY (D)	G P-Gordon 4 713	B Rouse
18 (17)	403004-	PRINCESS HENHAM (C-D)	N Callaghan 4 77	B Crossley
19 (9)	020230-	GLENHAWK (D)	M Ryan 8 77	M Fozzard
20 (19)	204103-	KUROSAWA (USA) (D)	R Sheather 4 77	R Street
22 (3)	30020-2	SHUTLAR'S FLING (USA)	M Haynes 4 77	S Dawson (5)
23 (4)	212240-	WIDD (D)	D Mills 7 77	R Still
24 (16)	000000-	SOME SPARE	M Smyly 5 77	A McKay

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Forward, 5-1 Current Raiser, 11-2 Dancing Admiral, 6-1 Hossam, 8-1 Barra Head, 9-1 Motion Jester, 10-1 Shutlar's Fling, 12-1 Man in Grey and Clearly Bust, 14-1 Equanaid, 16-1 others.

3.00 POLYANTHUS MAIDEN STAKES £2,000 5f (14 runners)

1 (8)	0	AL-AMARADY	C Benstead 90	B Rouse
2 (9)	0	ALBANY LAD	R Hannon 90	R Wernham
6 (4)	14	INDIANA PENCIL	J Bridger 90	W Carson
7 (13)	0	JOHNNIE NAP	G Lewis 90	P Waldron
8 (1)	0	JOLLY BUSINESS	G Lewis 90	G Ramshaw
9 (11)	0	MATCHSTICK MAN	H Beasley 90	R Curant
10 (6)	0	MONTANIC	W Wightman 90	G Baxter
11 (4)	0	OLD BAILEY (USA)	G Harwood 90	G Starkey
12 (3)	0	PIRBRIGHT	A Davison 90	D McKay
14 (10)	0	SHOOT POOL (USA)	G Hunter 90	Pat Eddery
15 (7)	0	LTOKANO	K Ivory 90	P Robinson

BEVERLEY

SIX-YEAR-RECORD

JOCKEYS: M Birch 39, E Hide 26, J Bleasdale 21, J Lowe 21, G Duffield 21, T Ives 18, P Cook 16, J Seagrave 13, M Wigham 12, E Johnson 12, S Perks 11, W Carson 10, W Swinburn 10.
TRAINERS: M H Easterby 27, M Stoute 19, M W Easterby 17, R Hollinshead 17, C Thornton 14, E Wymes 12, J Dunlop 11, J Hardy 11, W C Gorman 11, J Etherington 11, H Cecil 10, G Pritchard-Gordon 10.

DRAW: The higher numbers appear to have an advantage over 5 furlongs, although this didn't work out consistently last season.

2.15 SCARBOROUGH SPA SELLING STAKES £1,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (12 runners)

1 (1)	0	LIGHT DAWN	J Berry 91	K Darley
2 (10)	03	IVAN-JO	R Stubbs 811	D Nicholls
3 (5)	0	POKEY	M W Easterby 811	K Hodgson
4 (11)	0	READY AND GAME	D Thom 811	S Edwards (7)
5 (8)	0	WENTHOM	T Fairhurst 811	R P Elliott
6 (7)	0	WINNING MARK	Denys Smith 811	M Fry
7 (6)	0	BETHAN	R Hollinshead 88	S Perks
8 (3)	0	DAME OF ARDOUR	N Tinkler 88	L Charnock
9 (2)	0	INDUSTRIOUS MISS	Hbt Jones 88	Miss E Hide
12 (9)	2	MARK MELODY	D Plant 88	B Coogan
13 (12)	0	TOWN END	M W Easterby 88	M Hindley (7)
14 (4)	0	WITHERHOLME	M W Easterby 88	C Storey

BLINKERS: 2, 5, 6

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Mark Melody, 7-2 Ivan-Jo, 4-1 Light Dawn, 5-1 Winning Mark, 6-1 Bethan, 8-1 Ready and Game, 10-1 Town End, 12-1 Industrious Miss, 16-1 others.

2.45 WITHERSEA HANDICAP STAKES £2,000 5f (13 runners)

1 (13)	244400-	MEL'S CHOICE (C-D)	D Plant 6 910	B Coogan
3 (4)	04102-0	LADY CARA (D)	J Berry 4 99	M Berry (7)
6 (7)	041033-	OVER THE RAINBOW (C-D)	J Winter 7 92	P Hamblett
7 (9)	010000-	JO-ANDREW (D)	D Chapman 4 91	D Nicholls
8 (1)	00000-0	SEVEN CLUBS (D)	C Drew 4 91	S Keightley
9 (2)	240030-	SPACEMAKER BOY (D)	G Fletcher 4 90	D Nicholls
10 (12)	210200-	LOCHTILLUM (C-D)	J D-Home 5 90	S Keightley
11 (5)	134-0	ROMAN QUEST (D)	P Rohan 5 90	E Hide
12 (11)	400000-	TOLLYMORE	P Calver 5 811	M Beecroft
13 (6)	0300-23	PARABEMS (D) (BF)	K Ivory 5 89	R Cochrane
17 (3)	04440-0	B A POUNDSTRETCHER (D)	J Spearing 5 85	J Bleasdale
18 (8)	20100-4	BINCLEAVES (C-D)	M McCormack 6 83	M Birch
19 (10)	30000-0	H R MICRO (C-D)	M Lambert 6 81	M Birch

BLINKERS: 13

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Parabems, 5-1 Bincleaves, 6-1 H R Micro, 7-1 Lochtillium, 8-1 Spacemaker Boy, B A Poundstretcher and Over the Rainbow, 10-1 Roman Quest and Mel's Choice, 14-1 others.

17 (5)	00	YOMPING HOME	R Smyth 90	M Hills
18 (12)	0	CRONK'S IMAGE	B Swift 811	J Reid
20 (2)	0	SHELLEY MARIE	M McCourt 811	S Cauthen

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Old Bailey, 5-2 Shoot Pool, 5-1 Albany Lad, 6-1 Johnnie Lad, 7-1 Cronk's Image, 8-1 Yomping Home, 14-1 others.

3.30 LABURNAM STAKES £5,000 1m (19 runners)

2 (10)	411-	CORINTH (FR) (D)	I Balding 91	S Cauthen
3 (3)	10-	DONZEL (USA)	J Tree 91	Pat Eddery
4 (13)	312-	ON OATH	B Hobbs 91	G Baxter
6 (6)	00-	BARNBROOK AGAIN	S Mellor 810	M Wigham
8 (5)	41-	CAMDEN LOCK	G Lewis 810	P Waldron
9 (14)	01-	CAUTIOUS STYLE (USA)	P Cole 810	J Reid
10 (4)	22-	CHAUMIERE	R J Williams 810	T Ives
12 (11)	0-0	FULL OF SPEED	H O'Neill 810	NON RUNNER
14 (2)	00-	LINER	P Butler 810	A Murray
17 (11)	002-1	PETER MARTIN (D)	P Kelleway 810	P Cook
19 (17)	0	RETOSKY	Mrs J Reavey 810	T Rogers
20 (12)	1-	ROYAL HALO (USA)	G Harwood 810	G Starkey
21 (15)	020-	RUNAWAY LOVER	R Hannon 810	A McGlone
22 (16)	241-	SAM M (USA) (D)	J Dunlop 810	W Carson
23 (19)	0-	SHARP AND READY	A Ingham 810	G Ramshaw
24 (8)	00-	STORM RULER	E Eldin 810	A McKay
25 (18)	001-	TEST OF TIME	H Candy 810	J Matthias
26 (7)	1-	TRIAL BY ERROR (USA)	L Cumani 810	D McHargue
27 (9)	010-	KATIES M Ryan	87	P Robinson

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Corinth, 100-30 Royal Halo, 4-1 Donzel, 6-1 On Oath, 7-1 Sam M, 9-1 Chaumiere, 10-1 Peter Martin and Trial By Error, 16-1 others.

4.00 LANCASTER GARDEN STAKES £2,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 3f (20 runners)

1 (16)	1	SENARIUS (USA)	G Harwood 93	G Starkey
2 (18)	0440-	ACERCATE	M E Francis 811	Paul Eddery
4 (11)	00-	BATTLE DRUM	H Candy 811	J Matthias
6 (4)	00-	BRAVE MONARC	G Harwood 811	A Clark
7 (17)	0000-	CAMPUS BOY	D Morley 811	S Cauthen
10 (5)	0	FREE BUCK	B Swift 811	P Robinson
12 (6)	0	HIERONYMOUS	C Brittain 811	Pat Eddery
13 (14)	00-	IDLE MATINEE (USA)	J Dunlop 811	W Carson
14 (8)	322-	JERRY CAN (USA)	Thomson Jones 811	A Murray
15 (12)	00	JOHNNY CROWN (USA)	L Cumani 811	D McHargue
16 (13)	00-	LOTTEVILLE (FR)	C Austin 811	T Rogers
18 (19)	0000-	NOUREZ	R Houghton 811	R Fox
22 (15)	0-0	PULSATE	C Benstead 811	B Rouse
23 (1)	0-	NOUREZ	H Beasley 811	J Mercer
26 (3)	00-3	SAINT ACTON (FR)	A Jarvis 811	S Cauthen
28 (7)	0	SHANGSEER	R Williams 811	T Ives
29 (19)	00000-	SHARED JOKE	M Bolton 811	N Howe

3.15 LECONFIELD MAIDEN STAKES £1,000 (3-Y-O) 1m (15 runners)

1 (9)	03-	BACHAGHA (USA)	M Hinchcliffe 90	G Duffield
2 (11)	3000-	BERRY VILLE	M W Easterby 90	M Hindley (7)
4 (15)	300000-	BURNBRIDGE KING ST	P Felgate 90	M Miller
6 (14)	3	CAROL'S MUSIC	D Plant 90	B Coogan
7 (12)	0003-	COURAGEOUS BOY	W Guest 90	A Bond
9 (5)	30-	HODNET	R Houghton 90	K Darley
10 (8)	000-	INCISIVE	E Wymes 90	K Hodgson
11 (1)	0	MUSIC WONDER	D Plant 90	J Murray (7)
12 (7)	0-03400	PLOUGHMAN'S	R Hollinshead 90	S Perks
14 (6)	00-	TAPPING WOOD (USA)	M Stoute 90	W R Swinburn
16 (4)	000-	XMAS TREE	F Watson 90	M Fry
18 (2)	0	HIGH SOCIETY	J W Watts 811	N Connorton
19 (3)	00002-	LITTLE NEWINGTON	N Bycroft 811	M Richardson (7)
20 (13)	0	LITTLE NEWINGTON	N Bycroft 811	M McAndrew (7)
21 (10)	00000-0	RIBOBELLE	R Thompson 811	M McAndrew (7)

BLINKERS: 7

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 On Tapping Wood, 6-1 Ploughman's, 8-1 Bachagha and High Society, 10-1 Carol's Music, 14-1 others.

3.45 HORNSEA MERE HANDICAP STAKES £1,500 1m 2f (19 runners)

1 (16)	21430-0	RAPID LAD (C-D)	J Spearing 6 910	J Bleasdale
3 (14)	040110-	STRACOMER NURSE	G Lockerbie 4 95	M Birch
4 (2)	300000-	FRENCH GENT	T Barron 5 93	S Keightley
6 (19)	00-0000	BALLAGARROW GIRL	R Hollinshead 4 811	S Perks
8 (3)	0000-02	APPLE WINE (C)	D Chapman 7 88	A Bond
9 (18)	412403-	MYSTIC MARGARET (D)	A Hide 5 88	P Bloomfield (5)
10 (9)	001300-	CHUMMY'S BOY	N Callaghan 4 88	G Duffield
11 (7)	000300-	SEA REPPIN	J Leigh 4 87	J Lowe
12 (17)	4400-24	STATE TROOPER (D)	R Stubbs 7 87	S Webster
15 (4)	04001-0	K-BATTERY	W Eisey 3 86	C Dwyer
19 (10)	101030-	SCREES	Capt J Wilson 3 84	K Darley
20 (15)	241441-	LADY EVER-SO-SURE (C) (D)	J Etherington 6 82	M Wood
22 (5)	000000-	MR MUSIC MAN (D)	Mrs J Reavey 10 81	M L Thomas
25 (12)	042002-	ALUWHIT HABIT	G Vergette 5 710	A Bond
26 (6)	00003-0	JOY OF MUSIC	P Rohan 4 79	L Charnock
27 (1)	00000-0	MONSANTO LAD	H Fleming 4 77	N Carlisle
29 (11)	00004-0	JACINTO TIMES (USA) (D)	Mrs M Nesbitt 5 77	S P Griffiths (7)
30 (13)	44044-0	WALK ALONG	W Haigh 5 77	A Proud
31 (8)	001300-	TORONTO STAR	A Potts 4 77	W Ryan (5)

BLINKERS: 20

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Stracom Nurse, 9-2 Rapid Lad, 11-2 Apple Wine, 7-1 K-Battery, 8-1 Lady-Ever-So-Sure, 10-1 Mystic Margaret and Screes, 12-1 Chummy's Boy, 14-1 Sea Reppin, 16-1 others.

31 (2)	00-	TARAS CHARIOT	S Matthews 811	B Jago
32 (21)	00-0000	TO ASTERI (USA)	P Mitchell 811	A McGlone (3)
33 (10)	03-	TRAPEZE ARTIST	N Vigors 811	J Reid

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Senarius, 100-30 Johnny Crown, 4-1 Jerry Can, 6-1 Acercate, 8-1 Trapeze Artist, 10-1 Battle Drum, 12-1 Brave Monarch.

4.30 PAMIANTHE HANDICAP STAKES £3,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 2f (17 runners)

1 (2)	140400-	HIT THE HEIGHTS	G Lewis 97	P Waldron
2 (4)	1220-	RUSE	R Smyth 92	G Starkey
4 (3)	00110-	MY TOOTSIE	M Ryan 90	P Robinson
5 (6)	2120-	FOR SURE FOR SURE	C Nelson 90	J Mercer
6 (13)	343400-	ACTION TIME	P Makin 90	S Cauthen
8 (16)	0213-	TAQDIR (USA)	R Armstrong 811	G Sexton
9 (2)	00431-	CARO'S GIFT (USA)	G P-Gordon 812	B Tylor
10 (15)	0022-	DIAMONDS HIGH	P Mitchell 810	A McGlone (3)
11 (17)	031-	HIDDEN DESTINY (USA)	J Dunlop 810	W Carson
12 (1)	03410-	TROUVERE	B Hanbury 810	G Baxter
13 (11)	03410-	GASTRONOMIC	D Morley 87	J Reid
14 (10)	031-	RISK ALL	J Dunlop 86	B Rouse
16 (14)	00001-	STORMCHASER	H Beasley 84	R Curant
17 (15)	0004-1	CAEDMON (D)	C Brittain 83 (7 ex)	P Bradwell (3)
18 (7)	4144-12	KIEV (BEL)	P Kelleway 81	P Cook
20 (9)	00440-0	BODODA LAD	C Benstead 713	R Fox
22 (8)	000-3	GRUINASTORM	N Callaghan 77	S Dawson (5)

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Kiev, 100-30 Caedmon, 5-1 Hidden Destiny, 13-2 Hit The Heights, 7-1 Caro's Gift, 8-1 Risk All, 10-1 Ruse, 12-1 My Tootsie, 16-1 others.

5.00 SYRINGA HANDICAP STAKES £3,000 6f (17 runners)

1 (9)	200204-	MILK HEART (D)	G Lewis 5 910	P Waldron
2 (11)	411000-	MATOU (D)	G P-Gordon 4 96	W Carson
3 (13)	403000-	SYLVAN NAVARRO (D)	P Mitchell 4 96	A McGlone (3)
4 (3)	031002-	MASTER CAWSTON (D)	M Hinchcliffe 5 96	L Piggott
6 (4)	00000-0	PUSEY STREET (D)	J Bosley 7 92	Pat Eddery
7 (5)	000004-	LITTLE STARCH		

LEAVE IT TO US



GILLIAN COULTARD (left) in action against Sweden last year. Coultard's contribution in midfield is vital if England are to beat the Danes on Sunday

THE MEN in the distinctive Football Association blazers and some of Fleet Street's finest football hacks shuddered at the thought of it.

Eleven women riding out to save the proud name of English football at Crewe on Sunday afternoon just didn't bear talking about.

But there was precious little else to talk about at Wembley on Wednesday night. England had beaten Northern Ireland 1-0, but the Irish had gained more from the match than Bobby Robson's star-studded lions.

Maybe the thought of those very same women putting one over on Denmark on Sunday upset the appellation.

After all, was it not the Danes who reached the finals of the European Championships in France this summer at the expense of England?

Male chauvinism runs rife in the world of sports journalism.

Yet English football has no better chance of winning its first major trophy since the 1966 World Cup than when the FA's counterparts at the Women's Football Association (WFA) go into battle with Denmark at Crewe.

The England squad



ENGLAND'S abysmal record at international level in the past decade could be put right on Sunday when the Women's Football Association take on Denmark in the first leg of their UEFA semi-final at Crewe.

This morning News Line's Matthew Nugent looks back to the latest fiasco at Wembley on Wednesday night and sees some light at the end of the tunnel as the ladies prepare to save the tarnished name of English football.

England's women out to repair tarnished image

for Sunday's game, gathered from the four corners of the country, will be out to save the FA's embarrassment and also prove that women's football here has progressed sharply in the past decade while the game at senior level among our highly-paid professionals has taken a dive.

That progress has come about through sheer hard work and dedication by a small band who have devoted all their spare time to the game. Now, hopefully, it is about to be rewarded.

Sunday's fixture is the first leg of the semi-final. England are just

180 minutes away from a place in a major international football final.

But the Danes will be no pushover.

Like England, they had to qualify from their preliminary group to reach this stage.

But unlike England's progress against the home countries — Scotland, Northern Ireland — and the Republic of Ireland, the Danes faced much stiffer opposition in the shape of Holland, Belgium and West Germany.

'Women's football on the continent is much more organised than it is here, we have a long

way to go in that respect,' said England's captain, Carol Thomas, yesterday.

Thomas, who completes a decade as an international this year, knows that victory against the Danes over two legs will enhance England's reputation and hopefully give the game the final lift it deserves.

'Look at all the minority sports that are covered by television here, yet here we are in the semi-finals of an international competition and up to now we don't know if there will be any television coverage of

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SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: R Lamb 27, C Hawkins 22, C Pimlott 19, T G Dun 15, J J O'Neill 15, C Grant 14, S Charlton 12, G Bradley 11, M Barnes 10, Mr J Walton 9, A Dickman 7, D Goulding 7. TRAINERS: W A Stephenson 39, A Scott 19, C Bell 15, M Dickinson 13, T Craig 10, N Crump 9, J Wilson 9, K Oliver 9, R Allan 8, W Crawford 8, G Richards 8, R Brewis 7, T Barnes 6, R Johnson 6.

2.15 SPROUSTON SELLING H'CAP HURDLE £500

1	2300U0	CAMBORNE HILL (C-D) CH Bell 8 11 10	J J O'Neill
2	13300U	RABY CH Bell 5 11 4	P Tuck
5	20-0010	LINATEA (D) P Curtis 9 10 12	D Wilkinson
6	4-220F	GUN D Yeoman 7 10 8	NON RUNNER
7	0000UR	LYNE MILL D Swindlehurst 10 10 8	Mr J Cambridge (4)
8	000P00	HODAKA (FR) B Cambridge 7 10 5	S Charlton
9	0P-P342	NOTIKI (D) J Twibell 9 10 5	K Ryan (7)
11	130000	HALLO CHEEKY (D) W Storey 8 10 2	K Jones
13	3-0000U	THE BEGINNING (D) W Storey 6 10 0	C J Wardman (7)
15	000P03	BARON DE HOLLAND (D) C Wardman 10 10 0	C Pimlott
16	00004-3	PRINCE SOL T E Jeffrey 5 10 0	D Nolan
18	000000	ANVIL INN P Monteith 6 10 0	W Morris (4)
19	PP0P3-0	YEARS AHEAD S L Bridge 8 10 0	B Storey (4)
20	000-0	UNGUARDED Mrs C Weightman 6 10 0	Mr J Walton
22	20R000	WHITE PRINCE F Walton 7 10 0	

BLINKERS: 6, 7, 22
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Notiki, 7-2 Hodaka, 4-1 Raby, 6-1 Lyne Mill, 8-1 Linatea, 10-1 Prince Sol, 12-1 Hallo Cheeky, 14-1 others.

2.45 SPRINGWOOD NOVICES' CHASE DIV I £1,000

2	000013	INDIAN MAIZE Lady C Renwick 11 11 10	Mr T Reed (7)
6	3-03UUP	BARBERSTOWN CASTLE W Sample 11 11 0	Mr C Sample
7	PPF/PPP-	BEN VRACKIE A J Thomson 12 11 0	R Lamb
9	40100-F	BOBBY BROWN D A Lamb 7 11 0	J L Goulding
16	0000-F0	HOT PRETENCE (USA) J S Wilson 7 11 0	P Pimlott
17	0-0000	HUMMELMOOR A MacTaggart 7 11 0	G W Gray
18	0P-PPPP	INSTANT FREEZE B McLean 7 11 0	Mr P J Dun (7)
25	F0-4	MR COGGY W A Stephenson 8 11 0	Mr C Storey (7)
26	000000	MUCKLERIDGE R Nixon 6 11 0	D Coakley (4)
30	FF-P244	STARMASE G Richards 9 11 0	B Storey (4)
33	FP200F	JOYFUL STAR J Dixon 7 10 9	E McIntyre
36	0P-0000	WESTWOOD BLAZE W Storey 6 10 9	N Doughty
39	3F2322	SWIFT MESSENGER D Moorhead 5 10 0	

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Swift Messenger, 3-1 Starmase, 4-1 Mr Coggy, 7-1 Indian Maize, 8-1 Hot Pretence, 10-1 Joyful Star, 12-1 others.

3.15 TENNET QUAIH HANDICAP HURDLE £2,000

2	214100	NEWLIFE CONNECTION (D) W A Stephenson 5 11 12	G W Gray
6	422U20	CAMDEN (C-D) R McDonald 10 11 9	K Jones
12	3230P0	BOARDMANS SPECIAL (D) CH Bell 10 11 7	P Tuck
15	PF-23PP	NICKY TAM (C/D) N Pringle 11 11 4	M Brennan
16	0400-01	GEATA AN UISCE O Brennan 6 11 4 (6 ex)	G Harker (7)
17	0402141	EBORACUM (C-D) B Wilkinson 6 11 3	C Grant
18	F44000	BATTLEFIELD BAND P Calver 7 11 2	S Charlton
19	120402	THORBEL ARCH R Gray 5 11 1	B Storey (4)
11	031-00U	FIRST APRIL (C) T Cuthbert 8 10 12	J O Gorman (7)
12	100310	THE DIVIDER (C/D) Mrs T Calder 6 10 11	Mr M Thompson (7)
13	13-0010	PENNY'S DREAM W Thompson 5 10 11	S McNeill
15	001131	CUT N DRY R Johnson 4 10 7	Mr C Storey (7)
16	002114	EMPRESS JEANNIE L Foster 7 10 5	N Doughty
18	0143-0-0	KIBCOY (C-D) G Richards 7 10 3	D Nolan
19	001410	TOPELIGH (C) P Monteith 4 10 0	

20	020030	LADY LAWYER J Brockbank 6 10 0	C Pimlott
22	000002	TOONFIT BRIG G Renilson 11 10 0	J J O'Neill
23	003	CORRIELEK G Fairbairn 7 10 0	P A Charlton
26	000030	FERNEZ (C) H McConnell 9 10 0	Mrs A Robertson
28	001300	LAUGH-A-MINUTE Mrs D Culham 5 10 0	

BLINKERS: 11
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Toonfit Brig, 5-1 Topeigh, 6-1 Cut N Dry, 7-1 Camden, 8-1 Eboracum, 10-1 Geata An Uisce, 12-1 The Divider and Newlife Connection, 14-1 Empress Jeannie, 16-1 others.

3.45 'HORSE AND HOUND' BUCCLEUGH HUNTERS' CHASE £1,250 3m (15 runners)

1	0-3-	BLUEGELLO C A Douglas 9 12 0	Miss P Douglas (7)
2	P0-0-PU0	BUSHELLO J D Thompson 9 12 0	Mr K Anderson (7)
3		CHEERIE CHIEF H Barclay 8 12 0	Mr R J Beggan (7)
4	404P0P	FRIARS PEAK CH Bell 6 12 0	Mr J Walton
5	0P-303-P	GALLEUM Mrs T Donaldson 7 12 0	Mr R Shiels (7)
6	P-	MR SPOT R Shiels 7 12 0	Mr M Sheppard (7)
7		MY GOOD MAN Mrs D Campbell 7 12 0	Mr J M Dun (7)
8	F0400-	NELSONS BEACH G R Dun 6 12 0	Mr A Dudgeon (7)
9	2P-23	PANEGYRIST C Alexander 9 12 0	Mr C Sample (4)
10	00024-4	RABINSKI J A Hellens 9 12 0	Mr D Robson (7)
11		SIR RODNEY D C Robson 7 12 0	
12	00-	SWEET FRANK Mrs P Cookson 9 12 0	
13	0-030-F3	VULGAN'S STRIKE J Gilmour 11 12 0	Mr J Gilmour (7)
16	0003-0-4	LOCH BRANDY Mrs J Niven 7 11 9	Mr P Niven (7)
17		LORRAINE'S CHOICE Mrs R L Elliot 8 11 9	

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Panegyrist, 100-30 Vulcan's Strike, 4-1 Cheerie Chief, 6-1 Loch Brandy, 8-1 Friars Peak, 10-1 Bluegello, 12-1 others.

4.15 CLYDE BRIDGE CHALLENGE CUP H'CAP CHASE £1,300 2m (11 runners)

2	3-2F224	HOPE OF OAK (C-D) J I Charlton 8 11 7	R Earnshaw
4	012324	TUDOR ROAD (6-1)2: Latin America (9-2)3: Lucylar (7-2 fav)4. 12 ran. 1½. 4. (S Pattermore) T: £13.70; £2.70; £2.40; £1.50. CSF: £88.83. NR: Manston Marauder.	C Hawkins
6	F31121	WEEWUPAWUD J Storey 9 10 6	Mr C Storey (7)
7	4411P4	OUTLAW MAN (BF) O Brennan 10 10 4	M Brennan
9	222200	BIRSBY R McDonald 10 10 0	K Jones
13	0F0414	BLACKFEET (BF) J S Wilson 5 10 0	S Charlton
14	34-0240	THRELKELD HALL Mrs C Weightman 10 10 0	B Storey (4)
15	R32U0P	SAINT-MUNN Mrs D Culham 10 10 0	C Pimlott
18	0F03-2-0	HARPERCROFT R Goldie 10 10 0	C Grant

RESULTS

WINCANTON

2.00 (2m): SHAMLAN C Cox (10-1)1; Gary Shaw (33-1)2; Wild Corn (12-1)3; Crimston Knight (12-1)4. 22 ran. 2. 1. (S Pattermore) T: £11.50; £4.10; £23.20. £2.20. CSF: £267.31. NR: Miss Shamrock. 2.30 (3m 1f): TAWNY MYTH Mr R Cake (2-1 on fav)1; Romulex (20-1)2; Sidbury Hill (16-1)3; Quinner (6-1)4. 14 ran. 1. 25. (R Cake) T: £1.50; £1.10; £4.20. £2.30. CSF: £12.39. NR: Scarlet Man, Coronetta. 3.00 (2m 5f): VELESO Steve Knight (4-1)1; Rock Saint (5-2 fav)2; Beaconside (25-1)3; Black Rod (16-1)4. 9 ran. 15. nk. (J S King) T: £3.90; £1.10; £1.20. £6.80. CSF: £13.55. NR: Taroggan's Choice. 3.30 (2m 6f): PARTY MISS E Waite (14-1)1; Most Fun (11-1)2; Cross Master (20-1)3; Another Deed (16-1)4. 25 ran. 1½. 10. (W Fisher) T: £19.10; £2; £3.40. £5.80. £3.10. CSF: £162.09. NR: Tanglo.

4.00 (2m): MINER'S SONG C Cox (14-1)1; Tudor Road (6-1)2; Latin America (9-2)3; Lucylar (7-2 fav)4. 12 ran. 1½. 4. (S Pattermore) T: £13.70; £2.70; £2.40; £1.50. CSF: £88.83. NR: Manston Marauder. 4.30 (2m): BE ON TIME N Fearn (4-1)1; Pinegrove Boy (50-1)2; Akram (7-1)3; Rhythmic Pastimes (9-4 fav)4. 21 ran. 12. nk. (F Winter) T: £3.70; £1.80, £19. £3.80. CSF: £193.73. NR: Edouarde Fox and Piglet. King Burg finished 2nd but disqualified. 5.00 (2m): RED ROCKY Mr N Pitman (5-2 f) fav)1; Board Line (33-1)2; Silver Ace (11-2)3; Eagle Tavern (7-2)4. 26 ran. 2½. 6. (Mrs J Pitman) T: £3.10; £1.60; £7.30. £3.20. CSF: £10.65. 5.30 (2m): WINTER MEASURE Mr M Pitman (5-4 on fav)1; Periscope (10-1)2; Deadly Going (20-1)3; Celtic Bob (33-1)4. 26 ran. 3. 20. (Mrs J Pitman) T: £2.20; £1.10; £4.40; £2.50. CSF: £10.65.

LUDLOW

2.15 (2m): CAPTIVE MAIDEN R Stronge (14-1)1; Typeset (13-2)2; Henrys Wench (11-2 f) fav)3; Indado (16-1)4. 13 ran. 5. sh hd. (W I Owens) T: £13.50; £3.80; £4.80. £1.20. CSF: £99.41. NR: Majestic Cue & Pettistree. 2.45 (2m): BRIGHT OASSIS Mr T Thomson Jones (3-1)1; Lulav (5-2 fav)2; Wing Velvet (3-1)3; Little Trouble (20-1)4. 15 ran. 3. 1. (K C Bailey) T: £3.90; £1.90. £2.10. £1.20. CSF: £9.77. NR: Oulart Hill. 3.15 (3m): WINTERLAND P Dever (10-1)1; Haybale (8-1)2; Bashful Lad (12-1)3; Mood Music (25-1)4. 15 ran. 1½. nk. (J Thorne) T: £49.20; £8.90; £2.10. £1.90. CSF: £79.72.

3.45 (2m): THE THUNDERER A Carroll (14-1)1; Jubilee Dove (3-1 fav)2; Snowy Bonclair (14-1)3; Royal Manx (33-1)4. 18 ran. ½. 1½. (P M Taylor) T: £16.70; £3. £1. £2.60. £25.50. CSF: £50.87. 4.15 (2m 4f): MASTER MELODY P Dever (10-1)1; Chestnut Prince (12-1)2; North Down (20-1)3; Chelsea Bar (12-1)4. 15 ran. 2. 6. (W Hackett) T: £15.30; £3. £3.60. £15.90. CSF: £104.69. NR: Querrin anc Cwmvethin. 4.45 (2m): EDOUARDE FOX J Suther (10-1)1; Tight Turn (10-1)2; Golfe (9-2)3; Mr Mynd (25-1)4. 18 ran. 2½. nk. (C O'Neill) T: £17.20; £4.50; £2.80, £1. £95.69.

SOCCER ROUND-UP



TAKING OFF . . . KERRY DAVIS jumps for joy after scoring against Sweden. With 11 goals to her credit, Davis is the top goalscorer in the UEFA tournament so far. She will be hoping to add to her tally when she plays in her hometown of Crewe this weekend

Sunday's game,' Thomas added.

The lack of media coverage, particularly from the television companies, is a moot point with Linda Whitehead, the hard-working secretary of the WFA.

'We have agreed with the Danes to bring the second leg forward a day so that it can be shown live on television out there, that's the kind of coverage the game gets on the continent,' she told News Line this week.

Crowds

Indeed, women's football among the Scandinavian countries is highly competitive and entices large crowds to the important games.

Several clubs are already on a semi-professional basis and England, in their last international, did very

well to hold Sweden, who meet Italy in the other UEFA semi-final, last November.

Sunday's game will be a special occasion for striker Kerry Davis. The talented Crewe player will be playing in her home town and hoping for the kind of form that saw her score four goals against Northern Ireland on the same ground in a preliminary round match.

'Linda certainly rose to the occasion the last time,' Thomas recalled yesterday. 'And if the locals get behind her again on Sunday then she could get among the goalscorers again.'

A steady supply of ammunition for Davis and her fellow strikers, Pat Chapman and Linda Curl, will hopefully come from Gillian Coulter who played such an impressive part in England's progress to the semi-finals.

Probably England's smallest player, Coulter is very much in the 'Bryan Robson' vein, with the ability to break up attacks, counter attack with deft passes and score with long-range shots.

While manager Martin Reegan seems set to rely on his most experienced team, he has at his disposal two very talented reserves in the shape of Londoners Hope Powell and Brenda Sempare.

Patience

Reegan and company will have learnt a lot from the Swedish match. The continental game is built on patience. The Swedes did not seem overly perturbed at going two goals down when they played at Charlton. They plugged away patiently and their policy

was rewarded with two late goals which earned them a draw.

The Danes' style will be similar, so the English defence needs to be cautious throughout.

A two-goal lead to take away for the second-leg is not beyond them. I'll put money on them to beat the Danes, a bet I wouldn't have had when England entertained their male counterparts at Wembley last year!

The English squad is: Terry Wiseman (Howbury Grange), Carol Thomas (Rowntrees), Maggie Pearce (Southampton), Loraine Hansen (Doncaster Belles), Angela Gallimore (Broad Oak), Gillian Coulter (Rowntrees), Liz Deighan (St Helens), Debbie Bampton (Howbury Grange), Linda Curl (Norwich), Kerry Davis (Crewe), Pat Chapman (Southampton), Hope Powell (Millwall), Terry Irvine (Aylesbury).

Another England yawn

BILLY BINGHAM'S band of Northern Ireland players came to Wembley on Wednesday night convinced they could beat England in the final British Championship match between the two sides.

The records now show that the Irish left the stadium beaten by a lone goal from Tony Woodcock which arrived just after the interval.

Those of us who had to sit through another soul-destroying performance by the home side will know different.

The Irish should have won handsomely. England's batch of expensive players played second fiddle to the Irish for long periods during a scrappy game.

Bingham's side, like always, picked itself on Wednesday night.

He has such a small pool of players — 18 playing in the Football League and one in Spain — that having five substitutes on the bench is a regular dream of his!

Yet the Irish played with more skill and panache. They were worth watching, England were abysmal.

And the England boss blames England's latest

failure to impress on the lack of wingers in the game!

But there is a lot more to it than that.

His strike force failed to penetrate a defence on Wednesday that had two players — John McClelland and Jimmy Nicholl — who played in an 'Old Firm' match in Glasgow less than 48 hours before.

To add insult to injury, 'keeper Jim Platt now plays part-time with Ballymena and Brian McIlheney's Football League experience has all been with Third Division Bolton.

England's Ray Wilkins, once again, failed to impress in midfield while the return of Arsenal's Graham Rix must rate as the biggest failure of the night.

Martin O'Neill and Sammy McIlroy, two players in the twilight of their international careers, showed them the way with surging

runs from midfield and their ability to take on the home midfield with neat short passes and the old art of dribbling.

While Alan Kennedy, on his debut, and Viv Anderson did reasonably well in the full back berths, Terry Butcher and Graham Roberts struggled at the centre of the English defence.

Indeed, on more than one occasion goalkeeper Peter Shilton seemed dumbstruck at some of the antics of the players in front of him.

The Home Championship may now be dead, but England won't look forward to their World Cup clashes with the Irish. They came out of this game with all the credit while Robson continues the search

One wonders if the England manager dreams of being in the same position as Bingham with just a handful of players to choose from!

Alderman set for Kent

AUSTRALIAN Test fast bowler Terry Alderman has agreed to join Kent for the coming season if their county paceman Eldine Baptiste is called up for the West Indies team for the forthcoming tour of England this summer.

The restrictions set by the Test and County Cricket Board allow a county to use no more than two overseas players in each side.

But Kent's chairman John Pocock said: 'I should like to emphasise that our policy remains to confine our staff as closely as possible to Kentish players.'

'We have felt obliged to strengthen our attack in the event of Baptiste's selection for the West Indies because we know Graham Dilley will be out of action for the whole season.'

'While we have several

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

young bowlers on the staff the loss of two Test opening bowlers would have left our attack with inadequate reserves.'

Sussex paceman and leading wicket-taker last season, Tony Pigott, who won a Test call-up for England whilst in New Zealand in January, will tell the county this weekend whether he is staying or joining Somerset.

Pigott has turned down a new three-year contract but Sussex announced on Wednesday that they have more money available for Pigott and the other capped players on the staff.

Sussex coach Stewart Storey said: 'We are very reluctant to let Tony go. He thinks his England chances will be enhanced if he joins Somerset but we have assured him there are many good reasons to stay with Sussex, one of the most important being that the Hove wicket is one of the

fastest in the country.'

Pigott meanwhile has been named by the Sussex Cricket Society as their player of the year.

He polled 317 votes, more than 100 ahead of Dermot Reeve, the medium pace bowler who joined the county from the Lord's playing staff last season. In third place was opening batsman Gehan Mendis.

Nottinghamshire seamer Mike Handrick is to have a knee operation next week, the injury having been caused by 'routine wear and tear'. He is likely to be ready for the start of the season later this month, however.

● Graeme Wood, the left-handed opening batsman who joined Australia's Caribbean cricket tour a fortnight ago as a replacement for the injured Kepler Wessels, is himself going home with a fractured right-hand in-

dex finger.

Wood, who has broken the same finger on three previous occasions, was struck by a ball from Joel Garner during the second innings of the third Test which the West Indies won by 10 wickets on Wednesday. The fourth Test is due to start in St John's, Antigua, tomorrow.

Since joining the touring side, Wood has scored 76 and 3 against Barbados and 68 and 20 in the third Test.

A surprise omission from the original tour party, Wood was a major success on his previous visit to the West Indies six years ago.

Australia's manager, Col Eager, said: 'We are not sending for another replacement. With only four weeks of the tour left, there is no point, especially as the season in Australia has been finished for some weeks and anybody who may come out is not likely to be in touch.'



MARTIN O'NEILL . . . The Notts County veteran showed the England midfield how it should be done on Wednesday night

Council chase Derby ground

DERBY COUNTY yesterday called a meeting of unsecured creditors and announced that the County Council are likely to become the new owners of the Baseball Ground and not millionaire publisher Robert Maxwell.

Derby, who have called a meeting of creditors for April 16, gained clearance in the High Court to offer them 50 pence in the pound to settle debts of

£275,000 and the majority have already indicated their willingness to accept.

Derbyshire County Council's controlling Labour group have recommended that they buy the Baseball Ground out of the Council's pension fund.

If the plan goes ahead, they would lease the ground to Maxwell, who would then re-let it to the

club. The Council are to have talks with the millionaire publisher to discuss the scheme.

● ROBERT HOPKINS, the Birmingham City player, who was suspended for three matches by an FA disciplinary commission this week, is to have an exploratory operation on a recurring knee injury.

The ban takes effect

from tomorrow's match at Manchester United, and Hopkins hopes to be available when Birmingham play Arsenal on Easter Monday.

● ASTON VILLA'S teenage striker Paul Rideout went into hospital yesterday for a minor thigh operation. The former Swindon player is expected to be out of action for a fortnight.

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SEPP SAYS NO

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

TOTTENHAM'S search for a name manager to replace Keith Burkinshaw at the end of the season fell at the first hurdle yesterday when Sepp Piontek turned them down.

Piontek, the architect behind Denmark's surprise qualification for this summer's European Championship finals in France confirmed yesterday that he had been approached by Tottenham about the job.

'I am very flattered that Tottenham were interested in signing me up, but I have a firm agreement to continue with the DBU (Danish Football Association) and will soon be signing a new four-year contract,' Piontek, 44, said in Copenhagen yesterday.

A DBU spokesman confirmed last night that Piontek was about to sign a new contract that would, hopefully take the Danes to the World Cup finals in Mexico in two years time.

The same spokesman confirmed that the Danish manager had turned down Tottenham's offer.

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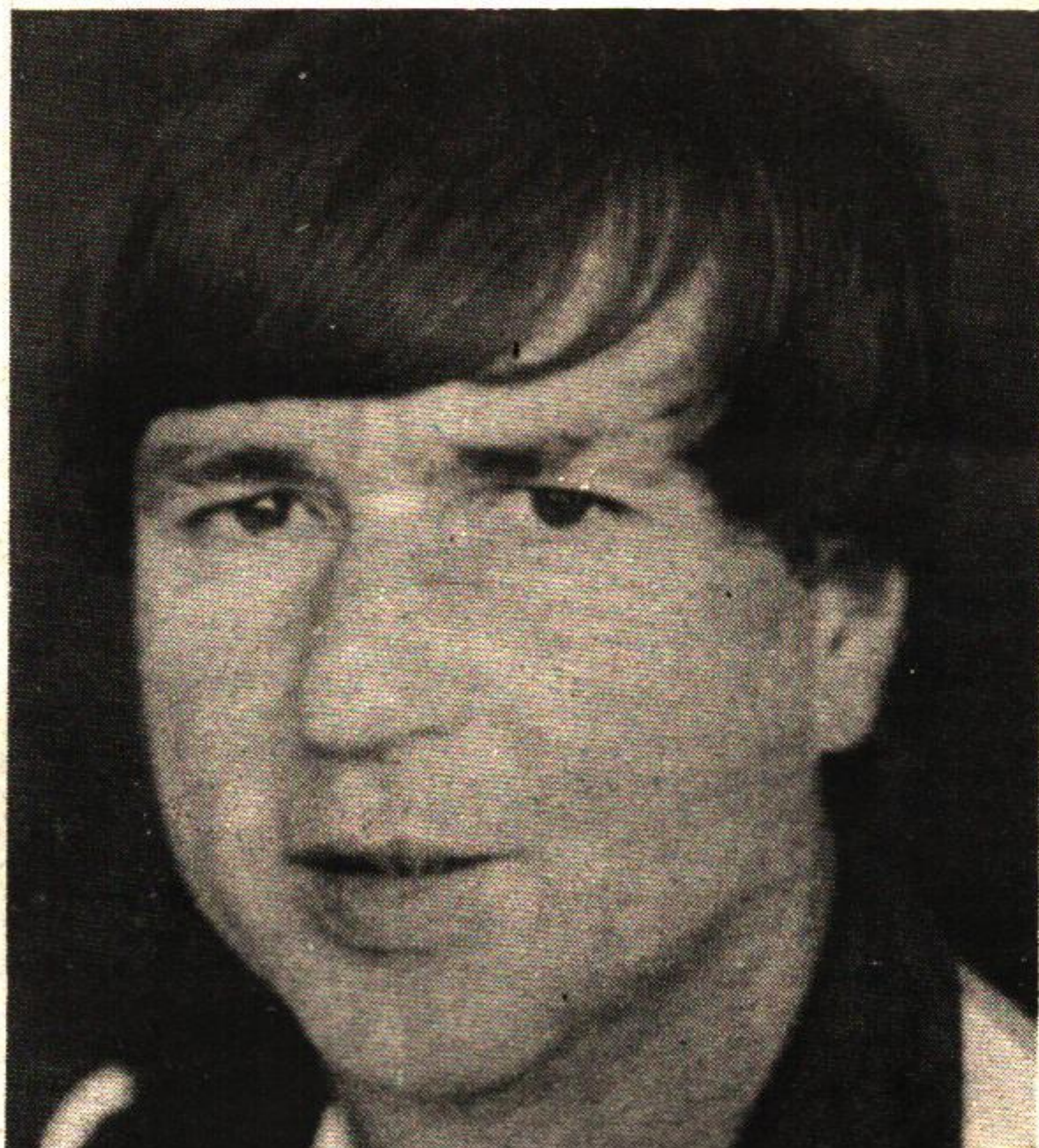
It came as a surprise to many of the playing staff at White Hart Lane yesterday that chairman Douglas Alexiou had moved so quickly to replace Burkinshaw who announced his resignation on Monday — taking effect from the end of the season.

For the moment the players are prepared to back Burkinshaw's present assistant, Peter Shreeves, for the job.

And at the club yesterday he was trying to lift the playing staff for tomorrow's League match at Sunderland.

Burkinshaw's resignation hit some players quite hard, but Shreeves said last night: 'They seem to get over these things quite quickly. It's up to us to make sure

Danish manager declines Spurs' offer



SEPP PIONTEK . . . Turned down Tottenham's offer yesterday

things continue as usual — and I'm sure they will be giving it the gun at Sunderland.'

Tottenham are again without midfielder Glenn Hoddle, who on Wednesday flew to Finland to see

a specialist about his Achilles tendon trouble.

A fortnight's rest in Florida failed to cure the four-month injury and if his Helsinki excursion produces a similarly negative outcome, then Hoddle could face an exploratory operation next week.

Infection

Gary Mabbutt, who withdrew from the England squad with a chest infection, should be fit along with striker Steve Archibald.

● LAST NIGHT Alexiou refused to discuss a successor to Burkinshaw at this stage, but plenty of names have been tossed into the ring.

Among the leading domestic managers mentioned are Terry Venables, Mike England, Brian Clough and Bobby Ferguson while French national coach Michel Hidalgo is another continental boss interesting the White Hart Lane directors.



FRANK'S HELPING HAND

IT WAS a big day for these two youngsters at North London College yesterday. They received awards from heavyweight boxer Frank Bruno to mark the first three months of a six-month course at the college. Launched by the Greater London Council, the scheme is aimed at giving promising young sportsmen and women lacking formal academic qualifications a chance to study in sports management. Frank certainly gave these two youngsters a lift yesterday.

Karl signs for Inter Milan

WEST GERMAN soccer captain Karl Heinz Rummenigge signed a three-year contract yesterday with Inter Milan despite a last-minute hitch which threatened to stop the \$4.4 million transfer deal.

Uli Hoeness, manager of Rummenigge's present club Bayern Munich, said the two clubs negotiated until the early hours of yesterday morning without clearing up all the outstanding issues.

Only the intervention of an unnamed major West German bank, which agreed to provide guaran-

tees, allowed the deal to go ahead, Hoeness said.

'It was incredibly difficult, the gentlemen were really earnest, but we needed guarantees,' Hoeness said.

Rummenigge, 28, moves to Italy on July 1 for a transfer fee of \$3.85 million. Inter will also have to pay \$540,000 in value added tax and play three friendly matches with Bayern.

Rummenigge, who has

twice been European Footballer Of The Year, becomes the second most expensive footballer in soccer history behind Diego Maradona who cost Spanish club Barcelona \$7 million.

The German's contract gives him a salary of about \$750,000 a year. And he said after signing yesterday: 'After 10 years with one club there were never any problems, one naturally leaves with sadness and a tear in the eye.'



KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE . . . Moved to Inter Milan for a salary of \$750,000 a year yesterday

Martina's grand slam warm-up

MARTINA Navratilova, the world's number one women's tennis player, is contemplating using the West German Open championships as a warm-up for her bid to complete tennis's 'Grand Slam'.

Eberhard Wensky, organiser of the \$150,000 tournament which begins in West Berlin on May 12, said yesterday: 'She has already said she is interested and will give a definite reply by the end of April.'

Navratilova will win a special prize of \$1 million if she captures the French Open in Paris on May 28 to complete the

'Grand Slam'. She already holds the Wimbledon, US and Australian titles.

Wensky said Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia, the last player to beat Navratilova, would be taking part but the 1983 champion, Chris Evert-Lloyd, is not expected to play.

● WIMBLEDON champion John McEnroe beat France's top player Yannick Noah, 7-6, 0-6, 6-3, in an exhibition tennis match in Osaka, Japan, last night.