

Tories in grab for GLC budget

BY PAUL FELDMAN

THE TORY dictatorship has taken by decree direct control over a major part of the Greater London Council's budget.

Major housing, environment, recreation, community, public health and jobs projects will have to be abandoned as a result of the government take-over of the council's capital programme.

Finance committee chairman John McDonnell said yesterday: 'By a sleight of hand the government is taking control of a very important part of our budget before abolition is debated in parliament.'

'They are putting commissioners in on the GLC's capital budget now, bringing them forward by 12 months.'

He added: 'This is the shape of things to come if the GLC is abolished and if rate-capping becomes law.'

'It is another step towards stripping democratically-elected local authorities of their powers and freedom and giving Whitehall dictatorial control over London's services.'

Each year the GLC gets parliamentary approval for a Money Bill which gives the council authority to spend up to a nominated sum on capital projects.

Convention

By convention the amount is what the government is likely to agree, thus ensuring its safe passage through parliament.

But last week — six weeks after the council approved its 1984-1985 budget and six months after the proposals were made public — the Tories stepped in.

Without notice they halved from £80 million to £40 million the amount they would approve; any projects over this limit will be subject to detailed control and approval by both the Department of the Environment and the Treasury.

Among specific schemes likely for the chop are housing renovations; new hostels for the homeless; fire ap-



McDONNELL
... Sleight of hand

pliances; research into asbestos; flood alleviation work; improvements to parks and concert halls; job training schemes and loans to industry and many environmental and community schemes.

The children's zoo at Battersea Park may have to close as a result of the Tory's dictatorial measure.

GLC director-general Maurice Stonefrost was clearly astounded at the wrecking of the Money Bill.

He said: 'The council under this administration has never sought a confrontation on this question.'

Stonefrost said no government had tried to interfere with the Money Bill under the GLC, or to his knowledge under its predecessor, the London County Council which was created a century ago.

He added: 'The government have arbitrarily taken unto themselves a discretion, leaving us with uncertainty six weeks after the budget was approved.'

'It is a negation of proper and public administration.'

McDonnell commented: 'This is a typical political reaction of a government which is scapegoating the GLC.'

Three union officials arrested same day

POLICE GO FOR NUM LEADERS

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

NUM PRESIDENT Arthur Scargill last night accused the police of making a 'direct and concerted effort' to arrest leaders of the union.

He was speaking after three area leaders were detained during the day.

And police attacked picket lines outside two pits in Nottinghamshire leading to the arrest of 80 flying pickets (see full report page 7).

The mass arrests began at Babbington colliery when 2,000 strikers from Yorkshire and South Wales got past police checkpoints.

About 60 pickets were arrested, and later another 18 were held when almost 700 of the pickets outside Babbington moved on to the Cresswell colliery in Derbyshire.

Two union leaders were among those arrested at Cresswell colliery — Derbyshire NUM area president Austin Fairhurst and vice-president Peter Elliot.

Police arrested the NUM's Midlands area general secretary and national executive member Jim Colgan on a picket line at Silverdale colliery, Staffordshire.

Colgan said he was assaulted by a police officer. He was detained for a period of time and

later released, according to the union.

Scargill said last night: 'With the arrests of these three men there seems to be a direct and concerted effort on the part of the police to arrest leaders of the union.'

'The NUM deplores the increasing force used by police who are now trying to prevent miners from picketing within their own coalfields.'

'We have asked the Labour Party leader, Mr Kinnock, to raise in the

House of Commons this latest example of police harassment.'

North Wales Chief Constable David Owen admitted yesterday that he had used plainclothes police on the picket line at the Point of Ayr colliery near Prestatyn.

Owen's statement follows the disclosures at the weekend of police undercover activities, including phone-tapping and spies dressed to look like miners causing provocations among pickets.

Owen said: 'It is part of my policy to deploy officers in plainclothes with a view to identifying persons responsible for committing offences such as stone-throwing, or inciting other people to commit offences.'

He claimed the officers involved were based locally and known to people in the area. Point of Ayr is the only colliery in Wales still producing coal.

The increasing use of police brutality on the

There seems to be a direct, and concerted effort — Scargill claims



picket lines is only a fore-taste of the more violent state attack which is coming.

The Thatcher dictatorship wants to create the conditions for calling a state of emergency and bringing in the armed forces.

As one of her ministers said privately yesterday: 'Mrs Thatcher has decided that she is not going the way of Mr Heath. This is a fight to the finish.'

Hospital pickets get a taste too



POLICE, spurred on by the Tories in the miners' dispute, feel they can rough up any trade unionists standing up for their rights. A huge force is present outside Barking hospital, Essex, most days and yesterday they arrested three women, including NUPE member Jill Rogers. SEE Report and another picture on page 2

Landlords double power charges

MANY landlords who resell electricity to tenants are overcharging them by as much as three times the statutory amount, says the Office of Fair Trading.

In a 36-page consultative report it says the tenants may have to be given legal protection.

Worst-hit are low-income families, students and the elderly, who live in privately-rented flats and houses, mobile homes or on 'static' caravan sites, warns the report.

It says holidaymakers who rent cottages, flats or caravans are also vulnerable.

Overcharging by landlords for electricity hit the most vulnerable in society and may be 'a widespread, though often hidden' practice, said the Director-General of Fair Trading, Sir Gordon Borrie.

Landlords can resell electricity under the 1957 Electricity Act and charge more for it.

But their prices are subject to maximum resale rates laid down by each area electricity board, says the OFT.

Overcharging is not a criminal offence and tenants who prove they have been overcharged have to seek redress in the civil courts.

An OFT investigation found that one elderly couple living in their own caravan on a site in Gwent were paying three times the statutory rate to their landlord.

And a holidaymaker in Cornwall was overcharged by at least £17 during his fortnight's holiday.

The report claims that in many cases tenants are reluctant to pursue overcharging claims fearing reprisals by their landlord.

And in some cases, investigated, landlords had threatened tenants with eviction after complaints were lodged.

Borrie said: 'I am considering whether to recommend that this should be made a criminal offence.'

'Finding a solution will take time'

Nothing will stop EEC mountains

SAYS A MONITORING GROUP

BY A NEWS LINE CORRESPONDENT

Wholesale prices lift off

MANUFACTURERS' prices rose last month at their fastest rate since the autumn of 1982, exposing the Tories' talk of bringing down inflation to 4.5 per cent by the end of the year.

The sharp 1 per cent increase was the largest monthly increase since April last year.

The year-on-year rate of increase rose from 5.9 per cent in February to 6.4 per cent, the worst figure since October, 1982.

butter and 975,000 tonnes of skim milk powder.

'Even more important than the shortcomings in the new dairy policy is the total lack of action on other commodity sectors which are over-ripe for reform. The Community still appears to suffer from the delusion that excess cereal supplies are not as big a problem as overproduction of milk.'

The figures, published by the Department of Trade and Industry, showed about a third of the March rises were due to higher duties announced by Chancellor Nigel Lawson in the budget.

Raw material and fuel costs, however, showed a drop of 0.9 per cent, with a slight fall in the annual increase: from 7.1 per cent in February to 7 per cent.

Lower electricity costs to industry after the peak winter period accounted for this fall.

Carryover stocks of cereals in the EEC had risen from 4.9 million tonnes in 1980 to 8 million tonnes last year and the cost of supporting the grain sector now stood at almost £1,500 million.

High EEC prices had also encouraged beef production and dampened consumption, which fell last year by 600,000 tonnes to 6.4 million tonnes.

The beef 'mountain' now stands at more than 400,000 tonnes and shows little sign of diminishing. The cost to the taxpayer of supporting the beef sector has risen from £600 million in 1982 to almost £1,000 million last year.

Olive oil is becoming an increasing financial burden and the cost in the last four years to the taxpayer has doubled to £450

million. At least one third of the olive oil is grown solely for intervention and never reaches the shop counter.

'But, it is the northern product, rapeseed oil, which is becoming the major scandal. The community is now producing nearly 3 million tonnes of rapeseed oil, each tonne of which costs the taxpayer about £130.

'This cost, currently totalling over £650 million, represents the cost of subsidising northern farmers for producing a crop which is freely and much more cheaply available on the international market.'

Piles

'This is a product for which there is even less justification in European terms than the piles of surplus wheat, the lakes of undrinkable wine and the heaps of uneatable butter and milk powder,' says the bulletin.

The Commission's 'consistent refusal to take any action to stem overproduction will come home to roost within the next 18 months', it said.

'Even if the EEC summit agrees to raise funding by the expected £2.5 billion later this year, all of it will be needed to cope with the agricultural surpluses.'

Surplus

'Even in the dairy sector the cost of surplus disposal will continue to increase and overall the CAP will continue to cost a great deal more than it is worth to taxpayers, consumers and the community at large,' it said.

Although Farm Ministers agreed to cut Europe's milk production by 6 per cent, Market dairy farmers will still be producing more than 12.5 million tonnes more milk than is needed, equivalent to 440,000 tonnes of

Hospital cleaners arrested

THREE of the women cleaners picketing Barking hospital were arrested yesterday during a mass picket of 150 strikers and their supporters.

The arrests came as police escorted strikebreakers into the hospital and the women argued with the driver of the van. Cleaner Peggy Worcester and NUPE member Jill Rogers were both charged with threatening behaviour. Joy Wright, a local housewife, was charged with obstruction.

Jill and Joy, who returned to the picket line after appearing in court, said the police had been very aggressive towards pickets.

'When the strike-breakers have attacked us, the police just ignore us and refuse to arrest anyone. But as soon as we do anything back they move in and arrest us.'

A police application for a bail condition that the women, who live locally, do not come within half a mile of the hospital was rejected by the magistrates.

Offer

Talks between unions and management inside the hospital have produced a new offer from the employer which will be put to a mass meeting of the strikers at 10a.m. this morning.

The women are determined, however, to continue their four-week long fight until the contractor, Crothalls, is removed from the site and privatisation ended altogether.



Barking hospital cleaner Peggy Worcester surrounded by police on the picket line yesterday when she was arrested

Call for CPSA chief to quit

CIVIL and Public Servants Association (CPSA) leader Alistair Graham faces calls for his resignation as he comes under attack at next month's annual conference of the union.

Numerous motions condemn him for:

- Voting against giving full assistance to the NGA in its dispute with Eddie Shah
- Trying to control 'Red Tape', the union journal, and stopping editorial independence.
- Acting incompetently

in his handling of the union ban at GCHQ, Cheltenham.

The motion calling for his resignation accuses him of bringing the union into disrepute and says he has been unwilling to carry out CPSA policy 'across a whole range of major policy items'.

Another motion calls on Graham to reveal any pay he has received from TV appearances and how he has spent the money.

Another is concerned that his proposed appointment to the governing

body of the International Labour Organisation will take him to Geneva for at least five weeks a year.

Attempts will be made at the conference to deprive him of his seat on the TUC General Council.

Despite nearly 300 motions attacking the leadership of the union, Graham said yesterday he would stand for re-election when his first five-year term of office was up in three years and until then he would 'continue the style of leadership I was elected to carry out'.

WHAT IS BONAPARTISM

A PARAGRAPH was inadvertently omitted from the statement published yesterday by the Central Committee of the Workers Revolutionary Party, 'Tories Plan New State Attacks'.

The paragraph, which should have been at the top of column three on page 1, in the section headed 'What is Bonapartism?', says:

'The preparatory steps towards a fascist movement in Britain would be for the fascists within the Tory Party (who are becoming more and more powerful under the Bonapartist dictatorship) to split from the Tory Party and campaign for a mass base amongst the middle class and through them the most backward sections of workers.'

Coroner comments on Franks inquest

AN INQUEST will be opened today in Hove, Sussex, into the death of GCHQ worker George Franks. His body was found in his ground-floor flat in Upper Market Street, Hove, last Tuesday.

Ever since, there have been claims and questions that he left a suicide note. And Bermondsey Liberal MP Simon Hughes asked Prime Minister Thatcher in the Commons last week about the possibility of Franks having killed himself because of pressures brought on by the Tories' ban on union membership at GCHQ.

But East Sussex coroner Edward Grace yesterday in an unorthodox pre-hearing statement claimed Franks, a 58-year-old communications officer with GCHQ, probably died of a heart attack.

Accusing others of 'jumping to conclusions', Grace added: 'Until the pathologist is giving evidence on oath, we can't be certain. I will have various questions to ask him as to what led up to the death. It appears it was not suicide.'

John Sheldon, general secretary of the Civil Service Union, said a representative will attend today's inquest.

Glasgow editor is fined

SCOTTISH newspaper editor John Ryan was fined £5,000 yesterday after a judge ruled that an article describing a youth as a 'fervent' nationalist constituted contempt of court.

The fine was imposed on Ryan, deputy editor of the Glasgow 'Evening Times', at the High Court in Glasgow.

The ruling arose from an article in the newspaper last Thursday when Craig Browning, 16, on trial on explosives charges in the High Court, changed his plea to guilty and the trial continued of his co-accused.

The article contained remarks from Browning's father saying he had 'indoctrinated' his son with nationalism from an early age and encouraged him to be a fervent supporter of nationalism.

The trial judge, Lord Davidson, ruled that the article constituted contempt of court, and said the newspaper should have delayed publication until the trial of Browning's co-accused, Donald Anderson, 47, had ended.

That trial ended the day after the article, when charges against Anderson of possessing stolen explosives were found not proven.

Browning was sent to a young offenders' institution for one year.

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Tisdall right to appeal rejected No.1 court ready for Bettaney

Anger mounts on Sarah's jailing

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SARAH TISDALL's parents and friends reacted angrily yesterday after the Appeal Court upheld the six-month sentence imposed on her for leaking Tory plans to smuggle cruise missiles into Britain.

Lord Chief Justice Lane refused Tisdall leave to challenge the sentence, concluding his judgement with remarks that captured the essence of the Bonapartist dictatorship now ruling Britain. He told Tisdall's lawyer: 'People who believe in obeying the law only when it does not conflict with their interests must be reminded that they become liable to prosecution and punishment in the shape of a prison sentence.'

'It is dangerous arrogance on the part of anybody to presume to elect what sort of law they comply with.' Though tried and convicted under the Official Secrets Act, the judge admitted that the documents 23-year-old Tisdall photo-copied and sent to 'The Guardian' last year were plainly politically sensitive.

Earlier, her lawyer, John Matthew, QC, told the judge: 'She had become incensed by what she took to be political subterfuge on a matter of great political interest.'

After the judgement Tisdall's parents, both doctors, saw her in the cells. Dr Michael Tisdall said the judgement was 'a sad day for Sarah — and a sad day for Britain and British justice'.

Dr Tisdall, standing by his wife's side, said Sarah had appeared 'almost glad that his judgement is going to point out and underline the principle of why she acted in the way that she did'.

He added: 'I think today is a sad day for British justice, because if there had been an element of mercy, then it would have resolved the

dilemma in everyone's conscience.

'The judgement was totally without mercy. If we had justice tempered by mercy, then that would have been an ideal solution.'

Surprised

Dr Tisdall said he was surprised at the court's decision. 'I thought, politically, the sentence would have been reduced

a bit. I don't think Sarah had any expectations.'

Her fiancé, Robert Hayes, said as he left the court: 'She is resigned to serving the rest of her sentence.' Tisdall has been in Holloway since March 23.

He added: 'I personally don't agree with sentencing by example. It is unfair on the person who is suffering.'

Larry Gostin, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liber-

ties, said after hearing the result:

'What the Court of Appeal is trying to do is to deter people who conscientiously believe that the public should have information.

Protect

'The Official Secrets Act is being used to protect government decision-making rather than national security — it was never intended for that.'

THE Old Bailey's famous Court No. 1 was closed all day yesterday in unprecedented security preparations for the trial today of Michael Bettaney, 33, on spying charges.

Maximum security has been imposed on the secret trial of the middle-ranking

MI5 officer and only the opening by the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers, and the verdict will be made public.

Bettaney faces ten charges under the Official Secrets Act, alleging he selected and passed on information 'which could be useful to an enemy'.

The papers concerning the case were believed to have been brought to the court yesterday and kept under lock and key.

Lord Chief Justice Lord Lane presides over the trial. Bettaney's defence counsel is Michael Mansfield.



ANGRY REACTION outside the Appeal Court in London yesterday from Sarah Tisdall's fiancé Robert Hayes and her mother and father, Dr Michael Tisdall and his wife, also a doctor, Jennifer

Gostin added: 'The fact that the court has indicated that the prime reason she is imprisoned is because she did something that was politically sensitive is very serious.'

'Since when did political sensitivity justify imprisonment?

'The court has made it clear that this case had little or nothing to do with national security and she is being imprisoned for her beliefs.'

The prosecution of Tis-

dall was firmly defended in the Commons by Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General.

Cheers

It had been brought in the national interest, he said to Tory cheers. 'What she did was a grave breach of trust. He added: 'I am proud of the record I have over the five years I have been Attorney-General.'

Labour MP David Winnick — who has visited

Tisdall in jail — condemned the 'politically motivated prosecution' and 'unjust and unnecessary sentence'.

He told the Commons: 'Sarah Tisdall's real offence was that she objected to the way parliament was being deceived over the way cruise missiles were being delivered to this country.'

Government benches cheered as Tory MP Ivor Stanbrook, who is a barrister, described the sentence as 'fully justified'.

Embassy man stands bail for South Africans

A SOUTH African embassy official waived his personal diplomatic immunity yesterday to stand surety for a total of £100,000 bail for four compatriots.

They are charged with illegally exporting certain strategic goods from Britain to a South African firm.

Three are charged with breaking a United Nations ban on the sale of strategic arms to South Africa.

After a two-hour hearing before Coventry magistrates, the four were each granted £25,000 bail, releasing them from week-long custody.

Andre Pelser, First Secretary at the South African embassy, London, agreed to become the bail surety for the four who have been remanded to appear on May 14.

Three British business-

men similarly accused have been bailed to appear before the court again on that date.

The South Africans were told their passports would remain confiscated as a condition of bail and were ordered to report daily to the police and to live at a special address selected by the embassy in London.

The four were Hendrix Botha, 49, Stephanus de Jager, 49, Jacobus la Grange, 38, and William Metelekramp, 42.

The South African government was concerned that its nationals were being treated less favourably than the Britons, defence counsel Jeremy Gompertz told the magistrates.

He said the South African embassy would not issue alternative passports or travel documents to the men.

The three accused Britons are Derek Salt, 59, of Westcliff Drive, Coven-

try, Michael Gardiner, 55, of Coly House, Colyford, Devon, and Michael Swann, 33, of Meldrith, Royston, Herts.

They also face charges of illegally exporting strategic goods.

Move towards BBC talks

MOVES aimed at ending the seven-week-old BBC scene-shifters' dispute which has blacked out TV programmes began at the conciliation service ACAS yesterday.

The 600 members of the Entertainment Trades Alliance (ETA) have been sacked since becoming involved in the strike over re-organisation plans they say mean wage cuts and the loss of 160 jobs.

Briefly . .

THE WIDOW of a Kent miner killed in an accident underground 4½ years ago was awarded agreed £30,000 damages in the High Court yesterday. Acting overman Ronald Foreman died when a pit prop being carried on a conveyor became wedged against the roof of workings at Tilmannstone colliery. The prop snapped and fell on Foreman, crushing his head and chest.

THE BBC were entitled to damages against the print union SOGAT 82 over the now-ended blacking of London editions of the 'Radio Times', a High Court judge decided in London yesterday. The amount of damages, claimed by the BBC at about £175,000, will be assessed later.

WEATHER

APART from rain in places at first in the south east, England and Wales will be mainly dry and bright. However, rain or drizzle at times, with hill fog over Scotland and northern Ireland, will spread to northern parts of England and Wales later, as showers, wintry on hills, reach northern Britain. Temperatures will be near normal in most parts, but it will become colder and windy in the north.

Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Showers spreading to all parts. Continuing windy in the north at times.

Policemen fined for drink-drive cover-up

THREE police officers who failed to breath test a senior officer after he crashed his car have been fined by the Chief Constable of South Wales, David East.

An internal inquiry yesterday decided they made 'serious errors of judgement' when Supt. Geoffrey Squire crashed into a concrete bollard in Barry, South Glamorgan, last October.

Squire, who retired from the South Wales force on health grounds, was fined £250 and banned from driving for 12 months by Cardiff magistrates last month after admitting driving while unfit through drink.

During the case it was disclosed that the three officers noticed his breath smelled of drink but did not breath test him.

Squire's car wheels

were damaged in the crash and the officers took a spare wheel from a police car and changed the damaged wheels for him.

They then offered to drive him to his home in Coychurch, near Bridgend, but he insisted on driving himself.

The Director of Public Prosecutions ruled there were no grounds for criminal proceedings against the officers, who have not been named.

But the internal inquiry decided the three failed to deal properly with the incident.

'They were motivated by misplaced loyalties and serious errors of judgement were the result,' said a South Wales police spokesman.

WORLD SUMMARY

Heath's water fund

NAIROBI — Former Prime Minister Edward Heath yesterday launched a new international organisation aimed at encouraging multinational companies to support water projects in the third world. Its board of trustees is headed by former World Bank president William Clark.

Asylum

QUITO — Two of a group of four left-wingers allowed out of Chile after sheltering nearly three months in the Vatican Embassy there left for Belgium after a 24-hour stopover in Ecuador.

Census

WASHINGTON — The United States population is shifting from north to south and although New York is still the biggest city, Los Angeles has replaced Chicago in second place, the government census bureau said.

Device

PEKING — China has begun exporting an electronic device which can sniff alcohol on a motorist's breath and stop him starting the engine, a Peking magazine reported.

Visit

BUCHAREST — Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos left Rumania after four days of talks with President Nicolae Ceausescu.

World News Line



The impoverished Brazilian masses have shown in recent months that they are not prepared to accept the savage measures imposed by the IMF

MASS RALLIES IN BRAZIL

BRASILIA — Opposition leaders in Brazil are stepping up demands for widespread demonstrations demanding the right to choose the next president by popular vote.

The call for a mass mobilisation has been timed to coincide with a debate in parliament, which the military regime is intent on orchestrating.

In Rio de Janeiro state governor Leonel Brizola said he expected more than 200,000 people to turn out for a rally there today.

Meanwhile in Brazil's major commercial centre, Sao Paulo, organisers anticipate a crowd of at

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

least half a million on Thursday, far more than the 400,000 who took to the streets there in January.

The mass demonstrations are taking place amid growing fears of a major default by the army regime over its mammoth debts to the world banks.

The military wants to suppress any political opposition over the system of selecting a new head of state because it fears that this could become a focus for a full-scale revolt by the Brazilian working class and the most oppressed sections of the peasantry.

The impoverished Brazilian masses have shown in recent months that they are not prepared to accept the savage measures being imposed on the orders of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Strikes

There have been strikes, demonstrations and food riots in several cities over moves to cut wages and drive up unemployment and the prices of essential goods.

T-Shirts, car stickers and graffiti are seen everywhere in Brazil with the slogan 'I want to vote for the president'.

The campaign for a direct election has gathered momentum as the crucial debate on April 25 on an opposition proposal to restore direct voting draws near.

President Joao Figueredo, who is due to end his 6-year term on March 15, 1985, has said

there will be direct elections but only after his successor is chosen by an electoral college totally under the control of the military-backed Social Democrat Party (PDS).

Figueredo said recently on the 20th anniversary of the imposition of military rule that it was not the time 'in the name of illusory and opportunist arguments, to impugn direct elections for the presidency of the republic'.

The military government has also rejected a proposal by the leader of the main opposition Brazilian Democratic

Movement Party (PMDB), Olysses Guimaraes, for a referendum on the issue.

Imposed

The combined parliamentary opposition has a majority in the Lower House, but it is meaningless because it is well below the two-thirds required to change the constitution imposed by the military when it seized power in 1964.

The prospect of mass demonstrations over the elections turning into a direct challenge to milit-

ary rule has alarmed sections of the Brazilian ruling class.

Vice-president Aureliano Chavez has declared that direct elections were a legitimate aspiration of the Brazilian people.

But his main rivals for the succession which will be decided at a PDS national convention in September, Interior Minister Mario Andreazza and former Sao Paulo state governor Paulo Maluf, insist that Figueredo's successor must be picked in the rigged electoral college.

Jute workers win pay rise

NEW DELHI — India's longest jute strike ended at the weekend with nearly 25,000 workers winning minimum pay rises of \$6.50 a month.

The strike, in West Bengal, had shut at least 55 mills for 83 days, costing the jute industry more than \$260 million.

Negotiations in the shipping industry at the weekend were close to calling off the longest port strike in the country's history.

Lengthy discussions among officials of the four major dockworkers' unions at the weekend offered hopes of a consensus of an end to the 23-day strike.

Prepared

The vice-president of the powerful All-India Port and Dockworkers Federation, Manohar Kotwal, said: 'We are prepared to scale down our demands and we believe the government is willing to raise its offer.'

Talks on higher pay between the unions and the government broke down last week when the government offered an increase of only \$39.36 million on the dockworkers' annual wage.

The unions, demanding a national settlement of \$63.2 million, had rejected an ultimatum to 'take-it-or-leave-it' and walked out of the talks.

The strike has crippled India's foreign trade, closed down 10 major ports and stranded more than 200 ships.

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US cash to support ultra-Zionist group

WITH Israel's right-wing Likud government facing defeat at the polls in July, powerful American interests have pledged their support to a new ultra-reactionary political movement.

'Money is no problem,' boasted Avigdor Eskine, leader of the New Israeli Right, an organisation which is anti-Arab, anti-socialist and anti-liberal.

Shortly after the US invasion of Grenada, Eskine and his supporters paraded outside the US embassy in Tel Aviv with posters supporting the brutal imperialist attack on the tiny Caribbean island.

They proposed that left-wing Grenadians held by the Americans should be handed over to the Soviet

Union in exchange for Zionist prisoners there.

Himself a Soviet immigrant who joined the Zionist settlement in Kiryat Arba in the occupied West Bank, Eskine has a criminal record for violent attacks on Palestinian homes in Hebron.

He has been involved in Rabbi Meir Kahane's notorious Kach movement which preaches and practices racist attacks aimed at forcibly driving Palestinians from their country.

Counting on religious extremists for much of his support, Eskine has already met with Professor Mordechai Nissan, a prominent ideologist of the Gush Emunim fanatics who regard colonisation of the West Bank as a 'holy mission'.

Financial encouragement to start the New Israeli Right has come initially from one of Gush Emunim's wealthy American backers, who is also close to the conservative groups behind President Reagan. But the new organisation is not depending solely on Zionist sources for money.

While he was in the United States, Eskine found common cause with the far right Christian groups organised in Reverend Jerry Falwell's so-called Moral Majority.

Generously funded by big business interests for its campaigns against communists, radicals, atheists, feminists and homosexuals, Moral Majority naturally includes many elements who would like to widen

the 'hate list' to include Jews.

But the Christian rightists are also strongly pro-Zionist — Israel is seen as spearheading god's plan to destroy communism.

The Zionist Eskine went on Moral Majority radio and television programmes taking his hateful message into millions of homes.

Last November, an appreciative Rev Falwell visited Eskine in Israel and discussed with him what kind of movement he should build and what help he needed.

It was shortly after this that Eskine boasted of expected US funding, and said that most of it would come from Moral Majority, American rightists and from Christian fundamentalist groups.

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WASHINGTON WON'T ABIDE BY COURTS

WASHINGTON — The US government has arrogantly declared that it will not recognise World Court rulings on Central American disputes for the next two years.

The State Department announcement came hours before the Nicaraguan government revealed that it was taking US imperialism to the International Court of Justice in The Hague over the mining of its harbours.

A State Department spokesman said the decision not to abide by the court's rulings was taken 'to preclude the court being misused to divert attention from the real issues in the region'.

The US decision can only be seen as a clearing of the decks in preparation for making war against Nicaragua and the revolutionary movements of El Salvador.

The 'Washington Post' and 'New York Times' have reported in the past two days that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is directly involved in mining Nicaraguan harbours to disrupt trade.

Last week the Reagan administration vetoed a UN resolution condemning those responsible for mining the ports.

The State Department said that the US government suspected Nicaragua might stage 'propaganda spectacles', adding: 'The United States has notified the secretary general of the United Nations of a temporary and limited modification of the scope of the US acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in The Hague.'

The notification, effective April 6, provides that the court's compulsory jurisdiction shall not apply to the United States with respect to disputes with any Central American state or any dispute arising out of, or related to, events in Central America, for a period of two years.

The statement said Washington had a 'long-standing commitment' to the International Court, noting that Washington filed suit before it in an attempt to free US hostages in Iran during the

administration of President Carter.

It accused Nicaragua of 'a lack of serious interest in addressing regional issues or the Contadora discussions' on Central America.

'By our action, we serve notice that we do not intend to co-operate with this plan, or to permit the court to be misused in that manner.'

● In Panama City four Latin American foreign ministers ended an emergency meeting by condemning foreign support for anti-government forces and military manoeuvres in Central America.

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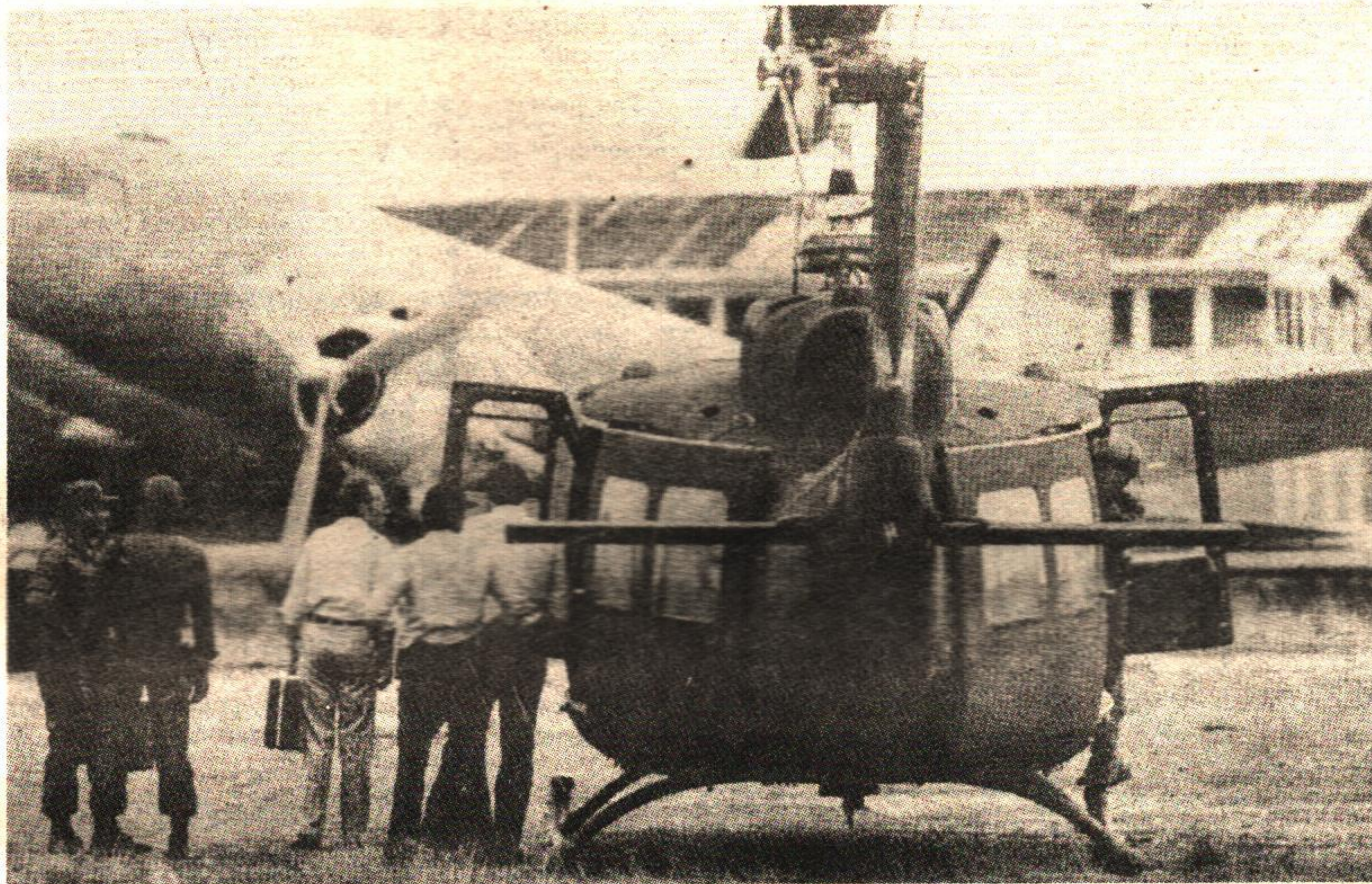
The statement by the Contadora group — Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama — made no direct mention of the United States. But it clearly referred to US support for right-wing Nicaraguan groups based in Honduras and joint US-Honduran military exercises.

'In recent weeks the regional panorama has shown evidence of serious deterioration,' the statement said.

It said attacks launched from countries in the area were aimed at destabilising their neighbours and that an increase in foreign military manoeuvres had worsened tensions in the region.

Some 800 US army engineers arrived in Honduras last week to prepare two airstrips for a new round of exercises set to begin in May with 1,000 US and 1,600 Honduran troops involved.

The statement also condemned the mining of Nicaraguan ports which has led to at least five foreign ships being hit.



US forces in Honduras now engaged in a major military exercise with Honduran troops

U.S. war exercises threaten Managua

TEGUCIGALPA — The biggest military exercises in the history of Central America are being used to threaten Nicaragua.

The exercises, code-named 'Grenadero One', include thousands of US and Honduran troops.

Nicaragua's Ambassador to Honduras, Edwin Zablah, said material left over from previous joint exercises in Honduras last year could be used to invade his country.

The exercises began a few days ago despite a major reshuffle of the Honduran military hierarchy and the departure of its armed forces commander, General

Gustavo Alvarez Martinez.

Alvarez, who resigned on March 31, said in a letter to the Honduran Congress he was quitting after high-ranking officers had asked him to step down on the grounds that they had lost confidence in his leadership.

Five other senior officers submitted their resignations after Alvarez stepped down.

Alvarez, a rabid anti-Communist, who favoured going to war with Nicaragua to topple the Sandinist government, appeared to have been ousted because of his political ambitions.

He was succeeded by the commander of the air

force, General Walter Lopez, the only top-ranking officer unaffected by the mass resignations. The Honduran air force is the strongest and most modern in Central America and has close links with the US military.

In the build-up for Grenadero One, engineers and equipment have been pouring in to construct two airstrips, one near the border with Nicaragua and another across the border from the mountain strongholds of El Salvador's freedom fighters.

In a prelude to the exercises, US paratroopers flew direct from their home bases in five hours and landed on Honduran territory to beat back a mock invasion from Nicaragua.

From May 23, 1,000 US combat troops, including paratroopers, and 1,600 Hondurans will stage counter-insurgency exercises along the Salvadoran and Nicaraguan frontiers.

Zablah said such intensive activity indicated that preparations were being made for a US-led invasion of Nicaragua.

'The infrastructure is there, almost ready. Five hours here, half an hour more to Nicaragua,' he said in an interview.

At the northern coastal base of Puerto Castillo, 125 US special forces troops train Honduran and Salvadoran soldiers in counter-insurgency warfare.

Dock strike

TOKYO — Dockworkers at Japan's major ports of Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagoya, Osaka and Kammon held a one-day strike yesterday to demand job security in the face of containerisation.

Dockers at more than 40 smaller ports also staged walk-outs ranging from two hours to half a day, a spokesman for the National Council of Harbour Workers said.

The strike has affected about 200 ships, including 47 in Tokyo, 28 in Yokohama and 46 in Kobe.

The spokesman said the council plans another strike, for an indefinite period starting in mid-

April involving only container ships.

'We are calling for fundamental measures to secure employment for harbour workers who have been losing their jobs in the wake of containerisation,' he said.

In the past five or six years over 30,000 dockworkers have lost their jobs and each year 1,000 more face unemployment, the spokesman said.

Union and management representatives met to discuss the strike yesterday without making any progress on the union demands for job security and increased special allowances.

Sack threat to drivers

HONG KONG — Train drivers on Hong Kong's underground railways went on strike yesterday and were immediately threatened with the sack.

It was the second time in three months that the 650 railmen have taken action, causing one of the world's busiest passenger transport systems to seize up.

A spokesman for the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) said the corporation would dismiss the strikers if they did not immediately return to work.

'If the strike escalates, the railway will be closed down altogether,' he said.

The strike was provoked when the management tried to impose a new shift system. Five stations were immediately shut down because of walk-outs, but they then reopened.

The MTR carries more than a million passengers a day, making it the heaviest carrier per mile of track in the world, according to the government.

Doctors call off protest

SYDNEY — Hospital doctors have called off plans for a national strike after reaching a compromise with the government on a dispute over a new health scheme, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) said.

About 3,000 striking doctors in New South Wales, Australia's most populous state, agreed to cut short their planned week-long stoppage by returning to normal duties tomorrow.

Doctors in other states agreed to call off a national one-day strike after talks between the AMA and the government over hospital contracts under the national medicare scheme.

Both the AMA and the government agreed to provide a joint submission to a special committee of inquiry set up last month to look into doctors' grievances, an AMA spokesman said.

Hospital doctors were angered by a clause in the medicare legislation allowing the government to set guidelines without appeal limiting specialists' earnings in public hospitals.

Doctors began taking strike action soon after the Labour government launched its medicare scheme in early February.



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NALGO SUPPORT FOR SWIMMING TEACHERS

A MASS meeting of over 1,000 members of NALGO employed by Salford City Council voted overwhelmingly yesterday to call a rolling programme of action in support of nine swimming teachers who have been sent redundancy notices.

The council are trying to force the teachers to accept new contracts involving reductions in

BY A NEWS LINE CORRESPONDENT

wages and holidays and an increase in hours.

NALGO officials have refused to negotiate over terms and conditions until the redundancy notices have been lifted.

Unless this is done by the end of the week, the programme of action will begin on Monday April 16, with a mass lobby by NALGO of the meeting of Salford City Council Labour Group.

A delegation from the branch will ask the trades council to support this. It will be followed on April 18 with a one-day strike of all NALGO members to coincide with the next full council meeting.

A petition will be launched and NALGO will place full-page adverts in local papers to embarrass the Labour-controlled councils.

Swimming teacher

Jack Wilcox told News Line after the meeting: 'The way we have been treated is unjust and uncalled for. We were working on the Burnham scale and the council wanted to take us off and put us on miscellaneous Grade Four scale.'

'The personnel department presented us with redundancy cheques. We refused to accept them and walked out of the meeting. The following day they posted them to us, so we handed them

back to our union representative.

'I have worked for the council for 15 years and they offered me £2,000 redundancy. Why should our conditions have to change? Not many people are prepared to take these jobs. It is more of a vocation than a profession. We take a class every half hour from 9a.m. to 3.30p.m. It's a bit like a sausage machine. The average class is 30 and we work in half the pool while the public use the other half.

'We suffer from the chlorine and the humidity. Recently we had to bring a doctor down to where I work to ask if we could go outside for fresh air. There's nothing quite like our job, just like there's nothing quite like the miners' job. I'm speaking for all of us. We feel we couldn't do the job if we had to work longer hours.

'With the extra hours they want us to work, they could take three people off the dole and give them jobs.

'The new hours and rates of pay would mean I would get £1,400 a year less than what I would get at my present hourly rate.

'The council want to classify us as swimming assistants and not teachers. But I am a member of the Swimming Teachers' Association.

'I am pleased to get this support, because we have been on strike for three weeks now. It's like being left in limbo. It is degrading to have to go through this.'



Supporters of the Nechells occupation outside the school

Backing grows for school occupation

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

THE OCCUPATION of Nechells Junior and Infant School in Birmingham is gaining support throughout the city.

Support has poured in for the parents' action committee's campaign from many local organisations. Labour councillor Carole McKeon sent a donation and a letter to Margaret Newbold, a member of the action committee.

The Birmingham branch of NUPE has sent a donation of £10 and Birmingham Metropolitan AACE branch also sent financial support.

Two Asian parents are in occupation in the school's staff room, Fazal Hussein and Ali Khan.

'The occupation is going very well,' they said. 'There are no problems. If we ever need anything, there are always children and people passing on the pavement below, and we can call out to them.'

Meeting

Margaret Newbold said: 'On April 3 a meeting was arranged between the staff and pa-

rents and governors and an official from the Education Department, by the Education Department.

Time

'The head of the school sent letters to all the parents asking them to attend the meeting. We, the action committee, felt that the time for the meeting was 18 months ago, not now and that the meeting was a con.

'We sent letters to all the parents dissuading them from attending.

'We set up a picket of about 15 parents outside the meeting and sang protest songs and asked parents not to attend.

'In the end, only one parent attended the meeting so they were obliged to go ahead with it.

Questions

'That parent and an HMS Inspector came out to ask us to attend, but we answered with a barrage of questions and refused to attend the meeting. Two days later we received letters asking us which schools we would like our children to attend when Nechells Junior and Infant School closes in June.

'Every single parent has written "Nechells Junior and Infant School" in the space provided.'

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Speakers: Brendan Gaffney (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

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WEST MIDLANDS

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

LONDON

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)

Growing poverty among the young

POVERTY among young people is on the increase and the welfare state has failed, according to the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG).

The total number of people depending on supplementary benefit increased dramatically from 6.1 million in December 1981 to 7.2 million by August 1983.

The most recent official figures show that people below pension age are now a majority of those living on low incomes, many below the poverty line.

'Poverty today is wearing a younger face,' says CPAG in a new edition of its information pamphlet 'Poverty - What Poverty?'

Families with children are far more likely to be poor than those without children, says the leaflet.

The most recent government figures for 1981 show that in Britain 15 million - more than a quarter of the population - were living on low incomes; 7.7 million were living on or below the poverty line and 2.8 million below the poverty line.

The basic weekly rates for people on supplementary benefit (plus

housing costs on top) are £26.80 for a single person, £43.40 for a married couple and £61.80 for a couple with two young children.

The supplementary benefit rate for a child under 11 amounts to £1.30 a day.

CPAG says the welfare state has failed because:

- National insurance benefits and supplementary benefits are too low;

- The social security system relies too much on means-tested benefits;

- Many people are still low paid and have to pay tax on very low earnings;

- Child benefit is too low.

The leaflet says: 'The aim of the Beveridge Report of 1942, which laid the foundations of the welfare state, was to provide "security against want without a means test". Today over 40

years later, this basic aim has still not been achieved.'

This is because of a failure to implement Beveridge's proposals and the fact that the Beveridge plan itself did not go far enough, says the CPAG.

In 1948 one person in 33 was dependant on supplementary benefit. By August 1983, the proportion was one in eight.

£6,000 million redundancy

MORE than £6,000 million has been handed out in redundancy pay in the five years since the Tories came to power, according to a survey published this week.

This is nearly twice the only official figure of £3,250 million available from the government. That figure is for the total of minimum payouts under the Redundancy Payments Act, but many workers have received much more than the minimum, the survey found.

The survey was commissioned by BBC Radio news and conducted by Incomes Data Services, an independent research

company. The results were discussed in a Radio 4 programme, 'Keeping the Lid On', on Saturday.

Bryan Gould, Labour MP for Dagenham, has tabled a Commons question to Employment Secretary Tom King to comment on the survey results.

Surprise

Gould said: 'The six-billion figure will surprise many people. I think there may be a conspiracy here, not a malevolent one.'

The figure was 'likely to be, if anything, an under-estimate, because

for a variety of reasons, many people are sensitive about this information, not least the government'.

This was because they wished to defend themselves against the charge 'that the enormous increase in unemployment has cost the country a great deal'.

He added: 'I think the government would feel that if people knew the true dimension of these redundancy payments this would help calculate the total cost of unemployment and this would not be helpful to the government.'

The report shows that

more than £2,000 million has been paid out in the public sector - British Steel alone paying out nearly £900 million to 113,000 workers in the five years.

Spend

The government estimates that the National Coal Board will spend nearly £200 million in redundancy payments for miners in the 12 months to March 1984, and another £240 million in 1984-1985.

The 1980 and 1981 redundancies rose by 286 per cent and redundancy payments rose by even more - 386 per cent.

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

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TUC must back us - Oakley miners

'WE want the TUC to come along with us, to give us full support,' was the firm opinion yesterday of George Beveridge, 21, of the National Union of Mineworkers strike centre in Oakley, Fife.

'The Scottish TUC are talking about a day of action. That's not the question. It should be a year of action,' added Alex Wright, 26, ten years a miner and one of Oakley's picket line activists.

Wright added: 'Thatcher wants to break all unions. She's starting on us first, and then she'll go for the others.'

'I partly blame the Labour leaders,' commented Wright, himself an active Labour Party member.

'I read in a newspaper today that Neil Kinnock is asking for a Commons debate about the strike and it said he's talking about "changing his mind". He has not yet come out with a clear statement supporting the miners.'

'He doesn't seem to want to be seen backing them.'

'All the Labour MPs in Scotland have said they support the strike. He should be doing the same.'

John McAlpine, strike committee chairman, also believes the miners are 'suffering for their loyalty to the Labour government.'

Percentage wage rises had been accepted under Labour instead of across-the-board amounts, he said: this had been the start of divisions in the union.

All the strikers at Oak-

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

ley, a mining village near Comrie colliery in West Fife, recognise the deadly seriousness of the conflict they are now engaged in.

'In 1972 and 1974 we were fighting over wages. Now we are fighting over jobs,' said 32-year-old Willie McCafferty, who was transferred to Comrie when the coal board sabotaged the nearby Bogside mine two months ago.

Training

'The Tories were not as well prepared ten years ago as they are now,' he said.

'Today the police are like soldiers. A policeman said to me that they had been training, knowing that a conflict with the miners would come up again, continuously since 1974.'

Alex Wright stressed that there was no easy end to the fight. 'I honestly don't think we will persuade Thatcher of anything.'

Wright added that it was vital for the Scottish miners leaders to take a firm line with the steelworkers union at Ravenscraig.

'If it means they have to cut production then bring them out on our picket lines. Get them to fight with us and bring the whole thing to a head more quickly.'



Outside the Oakley strike centre yesterday with women volunteers who are cooking miners' meals

Police arrest 80 on Notts picket

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

POLICE attacked miners' picket lines at the Babbington and Cresswell pits in Nottinghamshire yesterday, making more than 80 arrests.

When more than 2,000 miners succeeded in turning away 90 per cent of the afternoon shift at Babbington colliery near Nottingham, they were subjected to attacks by police and snatch-squad arrests.

Over 60 miners were arrested in a single hour outside Babbington pit after police action blocked off the main route from Nottingham to the M1 motorway.

The police were apparently forewarned of the mass picket and arrived in large numbers shortly after the first pickets arrived.

Within a few minutes arrests were being made and groups of miners were chased across the A610 by snatch squads. Several miners were injured, some of them quite severely.

Some stones were thrown at police as anger grew about police brutality. One picket said: 'We were peacefully asking people not to go to work. The trouble was caused mainly by the police dragging lads individually from the crowd, punching and kicking.'

Miners had abandoned their cars at police roadblocks to walk a few miles from the motorway to the pit.

Several hundred pickets also converged on Cresswell colliery in

North Nottinghamshire where a further 17 men were arrested.

Pickets were also out in force at Ollerton, Worsop, Mansfield, Manton, and Sutton collieries as over 5,000 Yorkshire and North Derbyshire miners outwitted police roadblocks and penetrated into the heart of the Nottinghamshire coalfield.

Six miners' wives picketed at Ollerton. The women, whose husbands are based at the Edlington and Hatfield collieries near Doncaster, travelled in mini-buses.

One said: 'The women want to show their support for the men on strike at Ollerton and will picket to try to persuade other miners from going in to work there.'

A large picket was mounted at the Markham colliery and Bolsover colliery in North Derbyshire where a minority are still attempting to go to work.

As the struggle over pit closures entered its fifth week, the number of pits completely strikebound rose by one to 122. The number partially affected increased from eight to 10, and only one of these was producing some coal.

ASLEF members in Doncaster refuted British Rail claims that most of the coal was still being moved.

In Britain as a whole only some Nottinghamshire trains were moving coal. All other regions outside Nottinghamshire were completely solid.

Miners in Yorkshire were able to get free meals yesterday, pro-

vided by the NUM with the help of Barnsley Council.

The meals were supplied by the Yorkshire area of the union, and prepared by pit canteen women laid off because of the strike.

Barnsley Council offered the town's civic hall and cooking equipment free of charge.

There will be a three-hour emergency debate on the miners' strike in the Commons today.

The Speaker granted a request by Labour MP Allen McKay for a debate on the 'implications for civil liberties and the rule of law of policing operations connected with the current mining dispute'.

He told MPs: 'We believe there is great public concern with the situation.'

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Kinnock exposed

IF THERE is one thing that is as plain as a pikestaff to striking miners, it is the contemptible conspiracy of Labour's leaders, the TUC right wing and the Tory Bonapartists to try and force Thursday's NUM executive to call a national pit ballot.

The whole purpose of this exercise is to split the miners' union and open it up to a massive state attack, whose objective is to destroy the NUM as the bedrock of the whole trade union and working class movement.

For four weeks both sides of parliament have sat tight and mute, while miners have faced police repression, arrest and defied threats of court injunctions.

The defiance of these laws by the revolutionary action of Yorkshire miners when they surrounded the Barnsley headquarters of the Yorkshire area NUM on that fateful Monday, March 19, convinced the Thatcherite union-busters that they required more than judicial decrees to smash the miners.

Having obtained an injunction against the Yorkshire area on the previous Friday the NCB hastily withdrew its court action fearing a massive revolt by the whole trade union movement.

It has been a traumatic month for the Tories — and their Labour lap-dogs in Westminster. The full effect of this blow is only now beginning to trickle through.

Inveterate opponents of Scargill and the NUM, like Mr Alan Watkins of 'The Observer' are now forced to comment: 'The Coal Board has been discouraged, maybe prohibited, from taking civil action that might imperil the miners' or any other union's funds. Ministers have been forced into the position of exalting our coal stocks and our brave policemen, forgetting the while that their post-1979 legislation might as well not have been passed for any good it has done . . .

'He (Scargill) managed to close over four-fifths of the coal fields in defiance not only of a probable majority of his own union but also of the law of the land . . .

'Parliament clearly intended that picketing elsewhere than at the employee's workplace should not happen, and equally that secondary action should not happen. Both have in fact happened, on a large scale.' ('The Observer', April 8, 1984, appropriately titled 'Why Neil and Maggie don't like Arthur').

The implicit defiance of parliament and bourgeois democracy by the miners has driven Thatcher to rely totally on the apparatus of state coercion.

The miners' action has not only exposed the political cowardice of Kinnock, it has dealt a massive blow to the authority of TUC general secretary Murray and his clique.

Already the Northern TUC has called for his removal and, according to reports, the Scottish TUC in Aberdeen is very likely to endorse the anti-union law stance of the 1982 Wembley Conference.

Robert Taylor, labour editor of 'The Observer' — ruefully admits that Murray's majority in the General Council has 'evaporated' after GCHQ.

The decimation of Jobs Centres by the Tories and the spate of this month's wage claims by power workers, gas workers and waterworkers — makes the TUC's slavish support for the MSC untenable.

The miners are fighting for the whole working class — for jobs, basic rights and a future for their families and communities. This makes the confrontation with the capitalist state a struggle for power.

The whole working class must be roused to the menace of Bonapartist dictatorship. Kinnock and Murray must not be let off the hook. Kinnock's conspiracy with Thatcher must be exposed and smashed.

The working class must demand that the TUC act in defence of the NUM by mobilising the full strength of the trade unions against the Tory dictatorship.

MINERS FIGHT FOR T

Coal stopped at Doncaster depot

BY BEN RUDDER

THE 350 ASLEF train drivers at the Doncaster rail depot are solidly in support of the miners' struggle against closures, and have not moved any coal since the start of the strike, branch secretary David Court said yesterday.

'We support the miners not only because we want to help them but because if we allow the NUM to lose, the attack will come round to us soon after.'

'The management here are ready to move in against us at any time. They are just waiting to see what happens to the NUM, and if they lose, then we will be straight into a dispute.'

'The only trouble will be that without the miners it will be no use for us — the match head will be snapped off.'

Black

The Doncaster branch of ASLEF voted overwhelmingly to black all coal and coke movement, and hardly any oil has reached the Drax and Ferrybridge power stations since the ASLEF executive instructed all its

members not to move coal products.

'I can say definitely that we have had a 99.9 per cent success rate. It is causing them a lot of problems with the oil because it solidifies if it is left in the wagons.'

Store

'They are having to move it up to the power stations, where it is turned back and then they have to put it into store.'

British Rail management have attempted to run special trains and have rescheduled many of the trains in order to catch railmen and miners' pickets off guard.

The normal number of trains to Drax and Ferrybridge is one a week. Since the blacking started, management have tried to run a train every day.

Court said he felt he spoke for all trade unionists when he said that if the miners were beaten then the whole working class was in grave danger.

But he said workers may have to meet force with force if the Tories were to step up their

attack and declare a national emergency to try and break the miners and their supporters in the transport unions.

'It would be unthinkable for us to allow them to come in and beat us with big sticks. Personally I do not think they will take that line, but if they do we must fight it off as best we can. We must fight might with might.'

Court is also personally opposed to secret ballots, and he thinks the miners must avoid them at all costs.

'The secret ballot is a coward's way out. I believe trade unionists must be prepared to stand up and be counted at a proper meeting. And I know from my own experience that you don't get a true or representative feeling from your members from a ballot.'

Vital

The Doncaster depot services nearly every colliery in the South Yorkshire area, and ASLEF branch chairman Geoff Todoff said that the miners' jobs were vital to rail workers since 75 per cent of rail freight was in the

form of coal.

He said that up to the present date the British Rail Board has been careful not to escalate the dispute. In the past when men refused to carry loads they had been sent home. 'But if they do that here the main line would be quickly affected, and we would soon have support from Kings Cross, even though it is only a passenger terminal.'

United

He said it was vital that the whole trade union movement united behind the miners. In the last 15 years governments had taken on the postmen, the health workers, the steelmen, his own union ASLEF, and now the miners.

The unions had been taken on one at a time, and the press had said the strike must be beaten in the interests of 'the public'.

'But if you take out all those groups of workers out of "the public" who is left? It is only something we are realising now, and our union was as guilty as any, that we have to stand together. And this fight, I feel, is like Custer's last stand — we have to stand together now.'



Geoff Todoff (left) and David Court, branch chairman and secretary respectively of Doncaster ASLEF train drivers' union branch



Young Kent miners . . . under

Kent

ANGRY Kent miners yesterday accused police of trying to force their march off the road as it passed through Hertfordshire on its way to the Nottingham coalfield.

Earlier one of the mar-

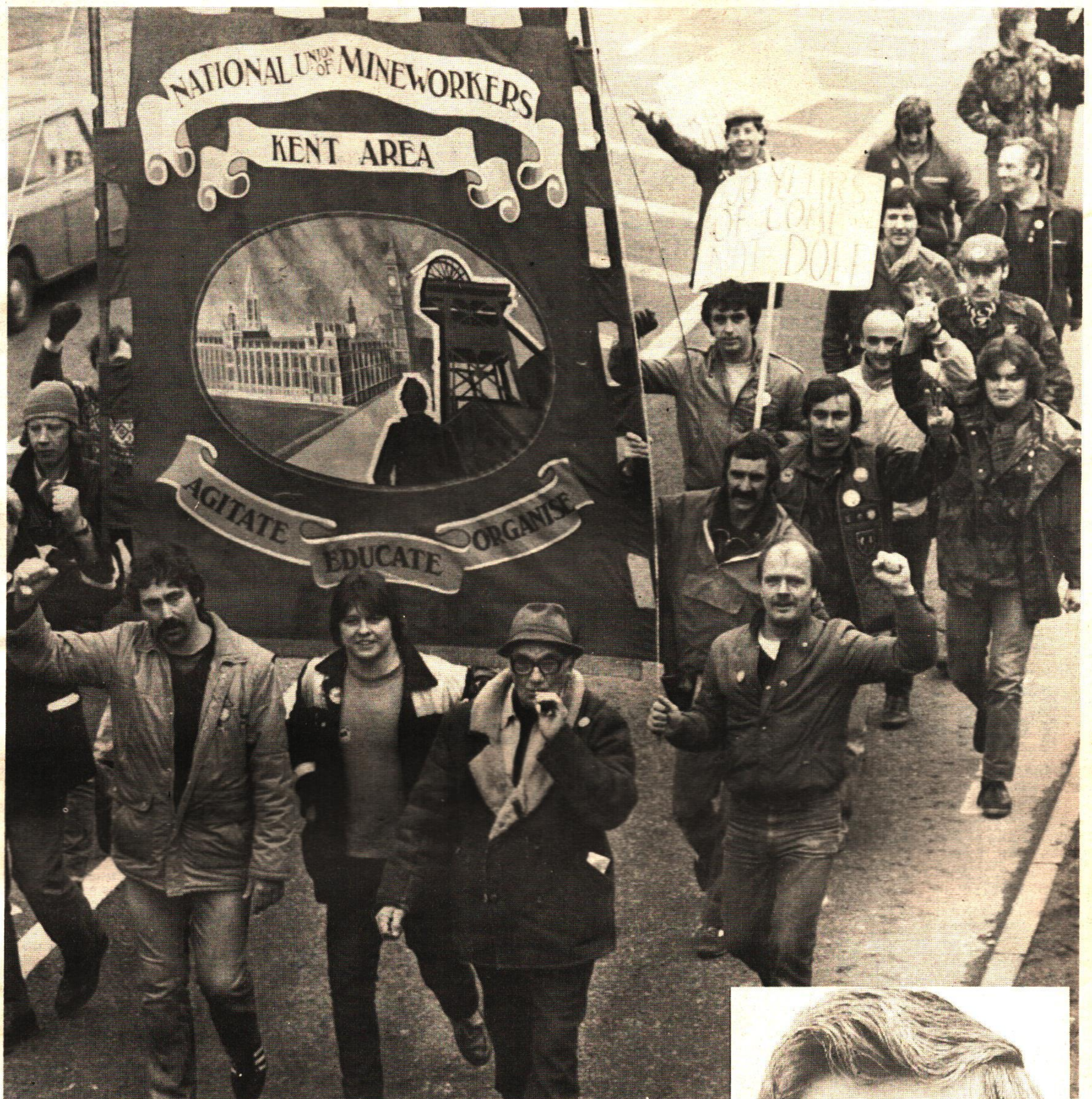
MINERS from Kent NUM have been campaigning in East Anglia for support for the strike. They have been to Norwich, Ipswich, Colchester, Lowestoft, Yarmouth, Kings Lynn and said they had met a good response from everyone they met.

In Norwich the trades

THE WHOLE WORKING CLASS



...rred by police harassment



The Kent miners' march . . . reached Luton last night on its way to Nottingham

t marcher arrested

BY SIMON VEVERS

chers, a miner from Snowdown colliery, was arrested after a police patrol car skidded to a halt alongside the march and a policeman insisted that they get onto the pavement.

But this only made the Kent miners all the more determined to take their

council have opened up a room in the Labour club for donations of money and food to be collected for the miners.

They have also organised a meeting in support of the miners to be held next Thursday in Room 2 Fraser Hall at the Labour Club at 7.30p.m.

fight to defend pits and jobs into the rest of the working class and the communities along the way.

Last night local trade unionists welcomed the marchers into Luton — a town threatened with mass redundancies because the slump in the car industry has hit its biggest employer, Vauxhall Motors.

Among those greeting the march on the outskirts of the town was railwayman Harry Brown, who said proudly: 'There is not a single coal train in this area. Support for the miners is overwhelming.'

'Everyone has to get be-

hind them because this is a fight we've got to win for the future of the whole trade union movement.

'We've seen the contraction of our own industry and that is why it is important for us to unite. The Triple Alliance has been one of the best things to happen.'

Emlyn Davies said the spirits of the marchers had been lifted by the magnificent financial support along the route, with donations totalling £3,500 so far.

During a break on the long trek from Watford to Luton, he told News Line: 'We are absolutely determined on our part to go all the way even though many of the lads have got crip-

pling blisters.'

Davies, who has worked as a fitter at Betteshanger for 17 years, is well aware of the consequences of pit closures. For his father was a miner in Tredegar, South Wales, who came to work in the Kent coalfield in search of job security.

'Now they have hinted at closing two Kent pits, Tilmanstone and Snowdown. But really they mean to close Betteshanger too because they are not going to keep one pit open.'

Davies urged other trade unionists to back the march and to 'come out and join us fully because this is not just about pits. We are heading for a police state under Thatcher and if she breaks

our union then she'll go through everybody else.

'If we're united as trade unionists then I know that we'll defeat this government. Why should we have a national ballot? We voted down at Betteshanger and the decision was overwhelming on a show of hands for a strike.'

'That's the way we should vote. The lads who were against the strike have all accepted the decision and we haven't had a single man trying to go into work. Really we don't need pickets outside pits in Kent at all.'

The marchers held a public meeting in Luton last night and are bound for Bedford this morning.



HARRY BROWN

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



The Comrie NUM branch banner on Saturday's demonstration through Alloa

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.

Railmen join pickets

FOR the fourth day, railwaymen in Coalville, Leicestershire, have joined miners on the picket line at Mantle Lane rail depot.

NUR guards representative from the district committee, Dennis Wright explained that the men had walked out following the sending home by management of a signaller who had refused to work a coal train.

'We could close the whole of the east Leicestershire coal area down,' he said.

'Already, pickets at the pit have been saying that some of the miners who have turned back were influenced by the stand we are talking. We are giving a lead to these

miners and I hope that it will make them see some sense.'

A Welsh miner on the picket line, Terry Teague from Nant-y-Glo, Gwent, said that in spite of the fact that Leicester pits were still working, there was a lot of support in the area for the strike.

'That is because this area will be a ghost town in the future, and the people know it, especially the younger ones,' he said.

'In the valleys where I come from, there's no mines any more. What is a man to do when he's 20 and has no future?

'I stopped two young girls down the road and asked them if they would cross an NUM picket line, they said no they would not and they supported us.

'I don't intend to let Thatcher take my job.'

Bob Howard, a Leicester miner from the nearby Whitwick pit explained why he had joined the strike. He had been five years on the dole in South Shields and had then got a job in the South Leicester colliery.

'Then I was transferred to Whitwick,' he said.

Now it is rumoured that that is going to close in a couple of years. I feel I might as well get a caravan and call myself a gypsy.

'There's no future for the young kids at all. Just standing on the corner and ending up in jail.

'My wife is right behind me in this. We've got a handicapped child, who needs special schooling

and I don't know what we'd do if the pit closed down.

'The miners here and in Nottingham have to come out, there is no future for them unless they fight.'

Elsewhere in Leicester-

shire, more than 30 miners from Bagworth colliery joined the picket line, in an expression of defiance of local union leaders who have maintained a consistent opposition to the strike.

Actors give their support

ACTORS meeting in London on Saturday gave their unanimous support for the miners' fight against pit closures.

Equity members meeting for the AGM of the Standing Conference of Young People's Theatre (SCYPT) heard NUM pit delegate Jack Holt from Kent's Snowdown colliery explain the background to the strike.

He told them that Kent miners had nothing to lose by fighting the NCB and the government. Anything else would mean permanent unemployment, resulting from the closure of all the Kent area pits, he said.

The Equity members will be taking the resolution forward as an emergency motion to the Equity AGM at the weekend.

The motion stated: 'The miners have taken up the struggle begun by the NGA and continued by civil servants over the banning of unions at GCHQ — the outcome of which will profoundly affect the future of trade unionism in Britain.

'Thatcher has already established a Bonapartist dictatorship. The miners

are now taking the full weight of the Tories' and state's attack, as Thatcher drives towards a fascist dictatorship.

'This meeting of Equity members gives its full support to the miners' struggle against pit closures, the decimation of their communities and the destruction of free, independent trade unions.

'We recognise that they are fighting for the whole working class, including professional workers such as ourselves. We therefore pledge ourselves to concretise that support in every way we can — to campaign in our areas for the setting up of community councils; to raise funds for the relief of financial hardships experienced by the miners; to organise benefits and entertainment for their families, to support demonstrations or pickets when called on to do so.

'We call upon Equity Council to publicly declare its support and offer the full resources of the union to the NUM.'

After the vote in favour a collection was made for the Kent miners which raised £312.14.

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Glass used in cancer treatment

SCIENTISTS in Harlow, north of London, are testing a form of glass which dissolves in water for use in treating cancer and arthritis.

The glass is known as controlled release glass, CRG, because it is to be

used to allow the slow release of drugs into the bloodstream — over periods from just a single day to ten years.

Although the glass looks like ordinary window or bottle glass, which is made from silicates, CRG is made from phosphates.

It was discovered by accident in the early 1970s by a team trying to design very hard glass for telephone switching components.

The British scientists are now co-operating with US scientists on the medical uses of the glass, and experiments with

animals are to begin this month in Detroit.

The experiments will involve the slow release of drugs which are too toxic to be given in a single injection.

The glass will also allow drugs to be released slowly into specifically

affected areas of the body.

Meanwhile, in Glasgow, Doctor Tom Gilchrist of Strathclyde University has successfully used CRG in an operation for an arthritis patient.

Normally, two operations are needed for arthritis victims who

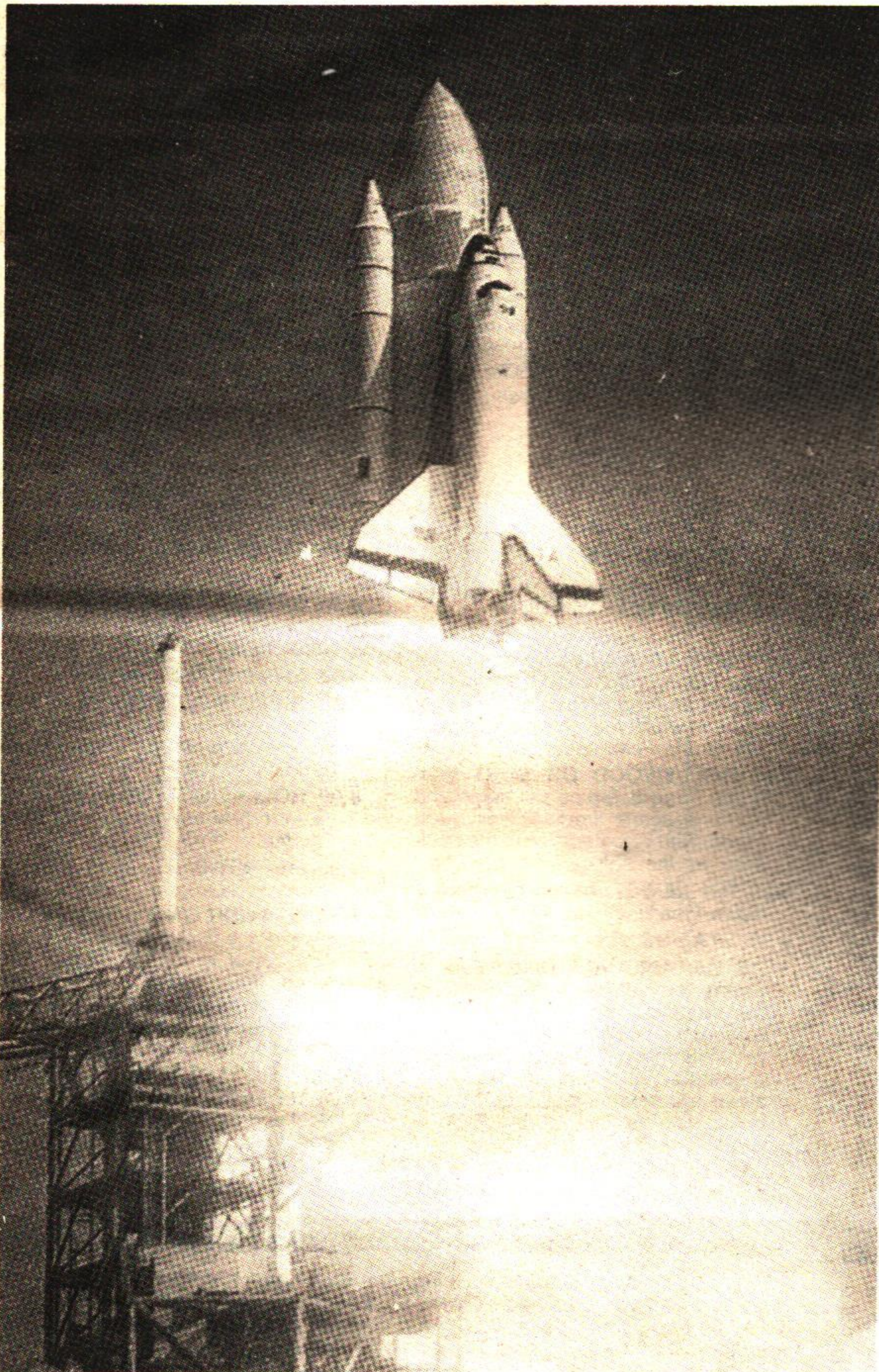
need the bone deposits in their damaged joints scraped off.

Usually, bone cartilage from another part of the body must be inserted between the bones to ensure that healing takes place. This cartilage must later be removed.

But Gilchrist says that

he inserted a CRG pad between two damaged finger bones of a middle-aged patient 18 months ago, which dissolved at the same rate as the bones healed.

He said the patient regained full movement of the fingers and relief from pain.



All details of operations and experiments on the military shuttle will be withheld from the public

Shuttle shifts to military site

THE head of the US space shuttle programme is shortly to take over a new agency for the development of space-based nuclear weapons.

The current shuttle flight is the last one under NASA's authority to be controlled by Lieutenant General James Abrahamson — the man who is to take all his shuttle expertise to the military operation.

The Reagan administration will shortly present one of the shuttles to a military launch site and control centre which will not be open to the public or to the press.

The current experiments on the Challenger

space shuttle are among the last in a series of experiments to test the military value of the shuttle while it was still under NASA control.

Soon, the shuttle will be launched from the military site, and all details of its experiments and operations will be withheld from the public.

Current

Abrahamson said the current shuttle flight had important consequences for the future of space operations.

On the current flight, the Challenger crew will launch a large space plat-

form — to be retrieved at a later date — and also capture a satellite due for repairs.

The satellite due for repairs is the 'Solar Max', a US satellite designed for studying radiation from the sun. Abrahamson said that if the astronauts were unsuccessful in repairing the machine, then it could be stored in the hold of the Challenger and brought back to earth.

Among the tasks set by the Reagan administration for Abrahamson is finding a method for the destruction of Soviet satellites which make up the Soviet missile guidance system.

Radar security

THE British government is to introduce a special radar security system to guard nuclear plants.

The radar system has been in use in the United States for some months, following a multi-million dollar investment into the system by the US and Canadian governments.

The manufacturers claim that the radar can detect intruders along a perimeter fence, and distinguish between humans and other animals.

The system works through a pair of cables concealed beneath the ground around the building to be protected. Anything that moves between the two cables creates a small electrical signal which can then be amplified and characterised by computer.

No evidence of the 'Yeti'

A LEADING Soviet explorer has voiced the opinion of many in the scientific community who are embarrassed by the annual expenditure on a search for the 'Yeti'.

Vadim Ranov, a leading expert on the Pamir mountains in the south of the Soviet Union, has publicly poured scorn on a group of scientists who maintain they have evidence of the 'abominable snowman'.

In the past, the Soviet press has always taken the expeditions for the alleged creature very seriously. But Ranov has

declared the whole story is nonsense.

'Accounts by "eye-witnesses" are the fruit of their own imagination,' Ranov has said.

'Neither mountaineers, tourists, nor the hunters who are so numerous in the region have in fact seen anything like a Yeti.'

Ranov said that no remains of the snowman, such as skulls or bones, had ever been found.

Holes

Hunters had also failed to find other traces, such as holes in the ground, caves, remnants of food or artificial shelters.

Soviet scientists have claimed that the creature, described as tall and hairy, is a remnant of Neanderthal Man, and lives in tiny colonies in remote, inaccessible parts of the mountains.

Ranov says this idea is totally wrong. Neanderthal man had known how to make stone tools, but there had been no indication that the mystery creatures hunted by the teams possessed that capability.

So-called Yeti footprints in the snow are caused by the melting effect of sunrays on animal tracks, and the only 'hard evidence' of the creature, a piece of hide, turned out to be a Tibetan blue bear, he said.

Arms drain on science

INCREASED military spending is causing serious problems in Soviet science, a leading Soviet scientist has admitted to a conference in Moscow.

Academician Aleksandrov warned scientists that developments in the international situation meant that more effort would have to be devoted to the Soviet defence system — posing further difficulties for the drive to increase automation in production.

In particular, Aleksandrov criticised the slow pace of development in the field of micro-components for computers, and in the training of

staff to use computers to develop the design of machines and engineering systems.

He implied that the drain on trained scientists for the nuclear defence effort was resulting in severe difficulties in the development of Soviet computer automation.

The lack of trained computer experts involved in civil production had even led to two separate national standards of measurement being set up at two institutes — one in Moscow and another in the Ukraine.

The Soviet bureaucracy has recently called for a

sharp increase in factory automation, but as Aleksandrov said, the civil scientific programme 'currently lacks the workers who could previously be drawn on to raise the productivity in any sphere'.

The US arms budget now includes billions of dollars for space weapons research, chemical weapons and an increase in nuclear missiles development and deployment.

It was clear from Aleksandrov's speech that the bureaucracy will continue to try and emulate the US nuclear arsenal — despite difficulties in the development of produc-

tion — on the basis of continued hopes for 'detente' and 'peaceful co-existence'.

Among those developments praised by the senior academician was the work of biochemists and geneticists.

Aleksandrov also praised the Soviet Energy programme — which is introducing nuclear power as a source of plutonium for the weapons industry.

And in addition, he mentioned the Soviet manufacture of 60 pesticides which had previously been imported from the West.

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 In Deepest Britain. 9.30 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.55 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News Afternoon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Little Misses and the Mister Men. 2.00 Caught in Time. 2.20 The Great Event. 3.15 The Shakespeare of English Cabinet Makers *Thomas Chippendale*. 3.45 Barney Bear. 3.53 Regional News (except London). 3.55 Play School: It's Tuesday. 4.20 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse. 4.25 Professor Popper's Problems. 4.40 Charlie Brown. 5.05 Newsround. 5.10 Think Again.

5.40 **SIXTY MINUTES** including news; regional magazines; weather; closing headlines

6.40 **DAFFY DUCK** *My Favourite Duck* (cartoon)

6.45 **BY THE SEA** With the Two Ronnies

7.40 **A QUESTION OF SPORT** David Coleman tests teams of sporting celebrities with faces and facts from moments in sport

8.10 **DALLAS** *The Unexpected*

9.00 **NINE O'CLOCK NEWS**; Weatherman

9.25 **PLAY FOR TODAY** *Rainy Day Women* Wartime drama by David Pirie. Captain Trueman, shell-shocked after fighting in Dunkirk, goes to the village of Darton and finds something unpleasant which will bother him for the rest of his life.

10.50 **THE 1984 ACADEMY AWARDS PRESENTATION** An edited version of last night's Oscars ceremony hosted by Johnny Carson from Hollywood

12.20 **News Headlines**; Weatherman

12.25 **Close**

BBC WALES: 9.30-10.00 Lifeboat.

BBC2

6.05-8.10 **OPEN UNIVERSITY**: 6.05 Modern Art: Cezanne. 6.30 The Madonna di San Biagio. 6.55 Biology. 7.20 Electronics and Atoms. 7.45 Genetics. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.10 **Hospital Realities**.

5.35 **NEWS SUMMARY** subtitles; Weather

5.40 **THE CHARLIE CHAN MYSTERY** Sidney Toler as Charlie Chan in *The Red Dragon* (1945) Also with Fortunio Bonanova, Robert E. Keane. Chan investigates the loss of some valuable papers on the atom bomb in Mexico after the mysterious death of a scientist's secretary

6.40 **TUCKER'S LUCK** Tucker's luck seems to be running out in episode five of this serial by Barry Purchase

7.05 **SPARKS** Series in which young people make things happen. *The Performers* looks at a group who perform on the streets of London.

7.30 **JANE** Glynis Barber as the famous 'Daily Mirror' strip-cartoon heroine

7.40 **GOOD TIMES, BAD TIMES** A look ahead to BBC2's series 'All Our Working Lives' which starts on Friday

8.00 **BRASS TACKS** *Judge thy Neighbour* The reconstruction of three court cases which raise serious questions about the justice of criminal courts

9.00 **MARTI CAINE** Guests include Debbie Bishop, Chris Amoo, Norman Collier, Pat Coombs and Alan Price

9.50 **A PASSION TO PROTECT**

10.40 **NEWSNIGHT**

11.25 **INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON** England competes against Denmark in the Team Finals of the Super Shuttle European Championships from the Guild Hall, Preston

12.05-1.00 **OPEN UNIVERSITY**: 12.05 Twelfth Night Workshop. 12.30 Infant Cognition.

CHANNEL 4

4.45 **COUNTDOWN** With contestant Philip Barlow, an aerial technician from Llandulas in Clwyd

5.15 **KILL OR CURE? Whooping Cough — A Shot in the Dark?** The controversy surrounding the whooping cough vaccine and the plight of a family whose daughter was irreparably damaged by the vaccine

6.00 **OLD COUNTRY 'Blue' and Bass Fishing** Jack Hargreaves returns with the weekly rural diary, tonight from the West Country

6.30 **CAUTIONARY TALES** *Mental Health* One in nine of us will at some time be treated in a mental hospital. Bernard Simons looks at the rights of patients regarding treatment and leaving hospital

7.00 **CHANNEL 4 NEWS**

7.50 **COMMENT** By writer Sally Shreir, who intends to bring out a critical dictionary of Marxism and socialism followed by *Weather*

8.00 **BROOKSIDE**

8.30 **4 WHAT IT'S WORTH** Penny Junor presents the consumer magazine programme mixing news and investigations

9.00 **MEMOIRS OF A SURVIVOR** Julie Christie in a film version of Doris Lessing's cult best-seller, set in decaying London a few years into the future. Directed by John Badham with Christopher Guard, Leonie Mellinger and Nigel Hawthorne. 'D', the central character, can see through the walls of her flat to a world of other times (1981)

11.10 **BLACK ON BLACK** News and events presented by Pauline Black and Trevor Phillips from around Britain and abroad

12.10 **Close**

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Film: *The Reluctant Bride* (1955). 11.35 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Comedy Tonight. 3.00 Mr & Mrs. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You! 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 **THAMES NEWS**

6.20 **HELP!**

6.30 **CROSSROADS**

6.55 **REPORTING LONDON**

7.30 **GIVE US A CLUE** Host Michael Aspel along with team captains Una Stubbs and Lionel Blair, in the family game in which they invite six celebrities to play charades

8.00 **HOLLYWOOD OR BUST** With Bruce Forsyth. Bruce will stage and direct a scene from a Hollywood movie, with volunteers from the audience as the stars

9.00 **ITN NEWS** followed by Thames News Headlines

9.30 **STAYING ON**

11.15 **CASABLANCA** David Soul in *Jenny* Rick Blaine is the owner of the famous Cafe American where espionage and intrigue are part of the daily menu. When an American prostitute, stranded in Morocco, steals a German agent's secret code book, she is helped by Rick in evading assassination

12.15 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** and **Closedown**

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Atom Ant. 9.30 Mystery, Myth and Legend. 9.55 Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 10.20 Father Murphy. 11.05 Untamed World. 11.30 Dick Tracy. 11.35 Stan Laurel in: *The Great Rift Valley*. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Exchange Flags. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 The Protectors. 3.00 Mr & Mrs. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News.

6.00 **THIS IS YOUR RIGHT** With Michael Winstanley

6.05 **CROSSROADS**

6.30 **GRANADA REPORTS** The latest news and reports from around the North West

7.00 **EMMERDALE FARM**

7.30 **GIVE US A CLUE** Return of the team game in which six celebrities are invited to play charades. Hosted by Michael Aspel

8.00 **HOLLYWOOD OR BUST** A new six-part film fun series with Bruce Forsyth

9.00 **ITN NEWS**

9.30 **STAYING ON** A postscript to the story of the British Raj, the setting of *The Jewel in the Crown*. In 1947, when India became independent, most of the British Raj returned home. Tusker and Lucy Smalley are the sole English residents in Pankot

11.15 **THE MYSTERIES OF EDGAR WALLACE** *Number Six* No one at Scotland Yard knows the identity of agent No.6 except Detective Superintendent Hallett

12.20 **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 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 We'll Meet Again. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Survival. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 News; North East News. 9.32 Staying On. 11.15 Hill Street Blues. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25-9.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 3-2-1 Contact. 9.55 The Fiddlers of James Bay. 10.25 Film: *The Small Back Room*. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardening Time. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Miracles Take Longer. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Vintage Quiz. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 News; Central News Headlines. 9.30 Staying On. 11.15 Shelley. 11.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 A Land, A Man, A God. 10.55 European Folk Tales. 11.05 One Antarctic Summer. 11.55 Melotons. 12.00 Orm

and Cheep. 12.10 Hainbow. 12.30 Just Our Luck. 1.00 News at One. 1.30 Calendar Tuesday. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Comedy Tonight. 3.00 Ace Crawford — Private Eye. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Survival. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 News. 9.30 Staying On. 11.15 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace: *Number Six*. 12.25 Closedown.

TSW

6.25-9.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Laurel and Hardy. 10.45 Chips. 11.35 Sport Billy. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Gus Honeybuns Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Televiews. 6.40 Consumer Check. 7.00 Mr Smith. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 News; TSW Late News and Weather. 9.30 Staying On. 11.15 Hill Street Blues. 12.10 Postscript; South West Weather and Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.28 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 11.20 Matt and Jenny. 11.45 The Little Rascals. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 A Country Practice. 3.00 Three Little Words. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Diffrent Strokes. 5.45

News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 News; TVS News. 9.30 Staying On. 11.15 The Devil Connection. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25-9.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Salmon Running . . . Bear Cuning. 10.40 Fascinating Thailand. 11.10 Space 1999. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 It's a Vet's Life. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice; HTV News. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 The Beverly Hillbillies. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 News; HTV News. 9.30 Staying On. 11.15 Great Fights of the Seventies. 12.15 Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.25-9.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 European Folk Tales. 10.40 Struggle Beneath the Sea. 11.05 The History Makers. 11.30 The Groovie Ghoulies. 11.55 Wattoo Wattoo. 12.00 Orm and Cheep. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 Gardens For All. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Definition. 3.00 Mr and Mrs. 3.30 Miracles Take Longer. 4.00 Orm and Cheep. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 How Dare You. 4.45 CB TV. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 In Loving Memory. 7.30 Give Us A Clue. 8.00 Hollywood or Bust. 9.00 News; Anglia Late News and Weather. 9.30 Staying On. 11.15 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

S4C

2.20-2.35 Ffalabalam. 3.30 Anything We Can Do. 4.00 Union World. 4.25 Countdown. 4.55 Pictiwrws Bach; Clwb S4C. 5.05 Bliidowcar. 5.35 Buck Rogers. 6.30 Ser. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Awyr Iach. 8.00 Gororau. 8.25 Elinor; News Headlines. 9.00 Top C's and Tiaras. 10.00 Ear-say. 10.55 The Eleventh Hour: *Outside In*. 12.00 Close.

RADIO

1 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Janice Long (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.00 Richard Skinner. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

2 4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 David Hamilton (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 Paul Burnett (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sport). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sport). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 The Golden Age of Hollywood (S). 9.00 Night Owls (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Hubert Gregg. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 String Sound (S). 3.30-4.00 Big Band Special (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Vivaldi, Koechlin, Handel, Silbeus (8.00 News) Copland.

Johann Strauss arr. Schoenberg. Verdi trans. Liszt, Hindemith; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composers (S) Purcell and Britten; records. 10.00 Two Russian Heroes (S) Prokofiev, Janacek; records. 10.35 Herbert Howells (S). 11.20 Piano Recital (S) Mozart, Alan Gibbs, Rachmaninov. 12.05 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Wagner, Mozart (1.00 News) Brahms. 1.55 Guitar Encores (S) Villa-Lobos, Leo Brouwer, Malos Nobre. 2.25 Faust in Music (S) Wagner, Schubert, Liszt. 4.00 A Variety of Nocturnes (S) Chopin. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 The Pilgrim Route to Santiago (S). 7.15 The Ape and the General. 7.30 Beethoven (S). (8.20-8.40 The Return of Grand Theory). 9.40 On Sausages and Sandwiches. 9.55 Der Zwerg (S) Opera, music by Alexander Zemlinsky. 11.15-11.18 News.

4 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; 7.20 Your Letters; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. 10.00 News; Enterprise. 10.30 Morning Story: *The Mask*. 10.45 Daily Service. 11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre (S) *The First Day of Spring*. 11.33 Wildlife. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Brain of Britain (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; Afternoon Theatre: *Just Like Leslie Howard*. 4.00 News; Encouraging the Moss (S). 4.40 Story Time: *Futility*. 5.50 PM: News Magazine. 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Stilgoe's Around (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 File on 4. 8.00 Medicine Now. 8.30 Spring Over Europe. 9.00 In Touch. 9.30 A Sideways Look At. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *I'm Not Complaining*. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Shipping Forecast.

Winning Post

FONTWELL (NH)

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: J Francombe 30, R Rowe 27, G Moore 15, S Smith Eccles 15, P Scudamore 12, R Atkins 10, C Brown 10, H Davies 9, R Rowell 9, J Akehurst 8, M Coyle 8, B Smart 8, Mr A J Wilson 8.
TRAINERS: J Gifford 46, Mrs N Smith 24, T Forster 21, A Moore 21, N Henderson 13, D Morley 10, F Winter 10, B Wise 10, D Gandolfo 8, J Jenkins 8, H O'Neill 6.

2.00 WALBERTON NOVICE CHASE £1,700

2m 2f (10 runners)
3 U4F130 CHUMMY'S BEST (C) R Shaw 6 11.5 R Rowe
4 202122 JOHN BRUSH (USA) (BF) J Gifford 6 11.5 R Rowe
8 0-2401F YOUNG LOVER F Winter 6 11.5 J Francombe
10 00P4PP CHARJIM A Moore 6 11.0 Miss C Moore (7)
11 DICKENSIAN Mrs S Davenport 6 11.0 P Scudamore
12 44PP2P SEVEN ACRES I Wardle 6 11.0 Mr N Babbage (4)
13 F00FP2 TAKEAFENCE M Henriques 6 11.0 G McCourt
15 00PP/P0 FIRST AWARD P Duggins 6 10.9 N Coleman (7)
16 PF JUSTE MERRY S Harris 6 10.9 R Goldstein
19 002100 GALTRIM N Gaselee 5 10.7 Miss S Lawrence

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Young Lover, 3-1 John Brush, 5-1 Chummy's Best, 10-1 Takeafence, 12-1 Galtrim, 16-1 Seven Acres, 25-1 others.

2.30 LIDSEY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE £800

2m 6f (22 runners)
1 4F2000 SPARK OFF J Baker 8 12.7 G Rippa
4 0F00P0 SEYMOUR LADY (C) J Jenkins 6 11.6 H Jenkins
6 400430 EMPEROR NAPOLEON K Wingrove 7 11.3
7 00P002 MAURICE'S TIP J Jenkins 6 11.3 D Morris (5)
8 3010-B0 SUMMERCOVE (C-D) A MOORE 6 11.1 C Warren
9 400-400 PRIDE OF KELLIS H O'Neill 8 11.0 R Arnott
10 0P0040 BELL HOP B Stevens 8 11.0 R Muggidge
11 00-000P COURTING BOY Mrs S Oliver 7 10.13 J P Duggins (5)
12 F400-02 CHEHO (USA) V Young 5 10.11
13 000000 LITTLE LONDON M J Smith 5 10.10 P Corrigan
14 1F000F RIVER WARRIOR J M Bradley 6 10.10 G Charles-Jones
15 FP MISTRESS OF TIME J D J Davies 10 10.7 G Heaver (5)
16 00000-00 MARIBAN J D Roberts 5 10.6 P Croucher
17 0F00UF INDIAN EAGLE G Balding 9 10.5 R Chapman
18 030300 JOE'S LASS A Aylett 7 10.4 M Caswell
20 000000 GOLD FLOOR J M Bradley 7 10.5 B Powell
21 P0-0P0U OTTERDEN R Jukes 10 10.5
22 00-330P ARTWOGAN T Bulgin 7 10.5 R Pusey
23 0P0-003 DO WISH J Duffy 8 10.4 P Holly (5)
24 20P000 WHISTLE FOR JACK R Jukes 9 10.4 P Dever
25 3/4000-4 MONEY MAD P Hayward 12 10.4 S Moore
26 P-00F0P SNOWDROP WONDER W G Turner 9 10.4 Jessica Turner

BLINKERS: 4, 9, 16
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Maurice's Tip, 4-1 Summercove, 6-1 Seymour Lady and Cheho, 8-1 Emperor Napoleon, 10-1 Spark Off and Gold Floor, 12-1 Joe's Lass and Money Mad, 14-1 others.

3.00 ROBERT GORE MEM. CH'GE CUP (H'CAP CHASE) £3,000 3m 2f (14 runners)

3 333430 APPROACHING (C-D) J Gifford 13 11.7 P Nicholls
4 F010P4 ROMAN BISTRO (C-D) J Gifford 13 11.7 R Rowe
5 P4004F BENNY'S BOY (C) A Moore 11 11.5 G Moore
6 042213 CROSA J Fox 9 11.4 S Moore
7 010F1P THE SOMAC (C-D) (BF) Mrs N Smith 7 11.3 C Brown
8 300444 LENEY DUAL D Nicholson 9 10.13 P Scudamore
11 104444 KNIGHT OF LOVE Mrs S Davenport 9 10.10 H Davies
12 F202PP FOXBURY Mrs C Richards 10 10.8 L Shedy
14 P-0300P MAJOR TOM Miss L Bower 7 10.6 M Kinane
15 12P2P4 BALLYGORE D Thom 8 10.4 M Bastard
18 2/10-034 PERTON COSTOW E Farrant 8 10.0 R Rowell
23 0-2F000 FLAMTEX LAD R Hoad 7 10.0 M Hoad (7)
24 P00040 POLAR EXPRESS W King 9 10.0 G Newman
26 3P0000 FRIAR TUCK D Tucker 8 10.0 R Millin (4)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Approaching, 3-1 Leneay Dual, 9-2 Crowsa, 11-2 The Somac, 10-1 Benny's Boy, 12-1 Roman Bistrot, 14-1 Ballygore, 16-1 others.

3.30 PULBOROUGH NOVICE HURDLE £800

2m 2f (20 runners)
2 231F30 FLASH FRED T Clay 5 11.6 J Lovejoy
3 P01134 GOLDEN MATCH J H Baker 6 11.6 J Williams
4 220301 ON THE WARPETH D Oughton 5 11.6 G Charles-Jones (7)
5 42231 BOLD PRINT F Walwyn 5 11.1 K Mooney
9 00-000F ALUMNUS R Shaw 6 10.10 K Supple (7)
15 4-30322 FAITHFUL DON (USA) G Balding 5 10.10 B Reilly
16 0-0400 FAMILY VENTURE G R Graham 7 10.10 J Akehurst (4)
19 300000 GOLD EPEE D Nicholson 6 10.10 P Scudamore
21 KEN DANVERS D Ringer 7 10.10 S McNeill
28 0F0 RAPID SHOOTER J Gifford 6 10.10 R Rowe
30 000- SATURNUS H Haynes 11 10.10
31 303P00 SAUCY VULGAN Miss E Sneyd 5 10.10 I Cox
32 202020 SEABATTLE (USA) J Gifford 5 10.10 Peter Hobbs
33 P TOOLEY STREET C S Wates 5 10.10 S Shillston
35 000000 WAR AND PEACE D Mills 5 10.10 S Jobar
40 40000-0 ATLANTA LADY P Hayward 6 10.5
37 300200 BLONDE BOMBSHELL I Wardle 6 10.5
38 P FILLEGONDE J D J Davies 6 10.5 R Goldstein
41 0P0 PLAY IT SAM Mrs B Waring 6 10.5 J Williams
43 P-0P00 SPORTSWORDS J King 5 10.5 Steve Knight

BLINKERS: 5, 19
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Faithful Don, 15-8 Bold Print, 13-2 Seabattle, 10-1 Flash Fred, 14-1 On The Warpath and Gold Epee, 16-1 Golden Match, 20-1 others.

4.00 PETWORTH HANDICAP CHASE £2,500

2m 2f (10 runners)
5 21132P GLAMOUR SHOW (C-D) J Gifford 8 11.7 R Rowe
6 1-02222 BUCK AND WING (BF) D Grissell 9 11.1 M Perrett
7 01230P SIR MARCUS D F Pitcher 8 11.0 Mr D Pitcher
9 1210-23 BOTTREE Miss E Sneyd 8 10.12 V McKevitt
10 300420 BUTTON BOY (C-D) N Ayliffe 11 10.10 M Ayliffe (4)
11 404-0P WADI ALI A Moore 7 10.5 G Moore
12 03120P HOPEFUL ANSWER (CAN) G Balding 11 10.5 B Reilly
14 0224P0 DEVIL'S BRIG R V Shaw 13 10.0 K Supple (7)
15 0430F0 POOR SON R Voorspuys 8 10.0 R Rowell
20 0U00U-0 SOMERS GLANCE I Blair 15 10.0 B Powell (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Glamour Show, 5-1 Buck and Wing, 13-2 Sir Marcus, 8-1 Bottree, 10-1 Devil's Brig, 14-1 Button Boy, 16-1 others.

4.30 AMBERLEY NOVICE HURDLE £800

2m 2f (16 runners)
3 0011 LIGHT TRAVELLER (C-D) M Masson 11.6 R Goldstein
6 021204 OULA OWL J Gifford 11.1 R Rowe
7 1240 SOUTHERNAIR (C-D) P D Haynes 11.1 W Smith
14 300230 FLORI WONDER (BF) R Atkins 10.10 R Atkins
15 0 GALAXY IMP M J Smith 10.10 Mr T Gratham (7)
16 0P000 PADDY O'MALLEY J Gifford 10.10 Peter Hobbs
17 0000 PIP F Walwyn 10.10 K Mooney
18 00000 POLITBURO (USA) J Bridger 10.10 J Southern
19 232 QUITE A NIGHT (BF) D Oughton 10.10 P Double
25 040330 TOUGH CUSTOMER H Westbrook 10.10
27 WHAT A FLARE A Davison 10.10
28 BLAZONRY D Elsworth 10.5 S Fitzgerald (7)
31 00 DREAMS OF GOLD J D Davies 10.5 G Newman
32 00F3 KOHINOOR DIAMOND Miss E Sneyd 10.5 I Cox
34 0 PICATAC M Bolton 10.5
35 0F0 STEVIES QUEEN Mr S Roberts 10.5 R Rowell

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 On Oula Owl, 7-2 Light Traveller, 11-2 Southernair, 10-1 Quite A Night, 16-1 Flori Wonder and Pip, 20-1 others.

Spoilt for Choice with Chapman at Hamilton

DAVID CHAPMAN, with three winners already this term, is busily proving that there is life after Soba.

His fairytale sprinter retired to stud at the end of last season — she is now in foal to the recently-deceased Golden Fleece — leaving a void which threatened to consign Chapman to relative obscurity.

Chapman, though, is more than a one-horse trainer, as his successful start proves, and he could be on the mark again at HAMILTON today with Spoilt for Choice (3.15), in the Leech Homes Handicap.

SELECTIONS

HAMILTON: 2.15 Hazel Bush, 2.45 Kelly Bay, 3.15 Spoilt For Choice (nap), 3.45 Akeed, 4.15 Greemont, 4.45 Ragged Rascal.

FONTWELL: 2.00 Young Lover (n.b.), 2.30 Summercove, 3.00 The Somac, 3.30 Bold Print, 4.00 Glamour Show, 4.30 Southernair.

The six-year-old won only once last season, a Ripon seller after which he was retained without a bid, but he showed himself better than a plater subsequently with a series of consistent efforts in non-sellers.

He began this year with a fair sixth to Iboly Sound at Catterick, making some late progress after getting behind early. He will be fitter

for that, and can beat course specialist Oyston Estates, winner of this race a year ago.

Peter Walwyn, a rare visitor to Hamilton, should not leave empty-handed as Akeed (3.45), is fancied for the Dechmont Maiden Stakes.

The American-bred colt ran well until weakening in the closing stages in a much

better contest at Goodwood in August, and a bold display is expected.

Akeed's rider Joe Mercer has sound prospects of initiating a double on Charlie Nelson's Ragged Rascal (4.45), in the Holytown Maiden Stakes.

This is an important week for Nelson, as his 1000 Guineas favourite Mahogany makes her seasonal debut in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury on Friday, and he will be looking for a good omen from Ragged Rascal.

HAMILTON

SIX-YEAR-RECORD

JOCKEYS: G Duffield 52, J Lowe 40, M Birch 25, E Hide 23, J Bleasdale 22, S Webster 20, K Darley 17, N Carlisle 13, L Charnock 13, C Dwyer 13, A Mercer 12, B Raymond 12, B Jago 11.

TRAINERS: W Williams 36, M Prescott 31, C Nelson 23, P Haslam 22, J Berry 19, C Thornton 19, S Norton 17, J W Watts 17, P Rohan 16, D Smith 16, C Crossley 13, T Craig 11.

DRAW: Higher numbers have an advantage on soft going over shortest distances.

2.15 AUCHINRAITH APP'T'CE H'CAP £1,000

1m 3f (11 runners)
1 (11) 310000- CLAUDIUS CROZET (USA) G Huffer 5 10.0 R Carter
3 (6) 011040- WANG FEIHOONG (C-D) P Haslam 4 9.7 J Scally (3)
4 (3) 300110 CONCERT PITCH (C) (D) (BF) T Craig 5 9.4 (5 ex) Fiona Scott (3)
6 (2) 130321- HAZEL BUSH (D) M Prescott 4 8 11 A P O'Reilly
7 (8) 04340-2 WILDRUSH W C Watts 5 8 10 J Carroll
8 (4) 4010-02 ROSE OF THE NORTH J Wilson 4 8 10 Julie Bowker (3)
9 (9) 4400-24 STATE TROOPER R Stubbs 7 8 7 L Wilson
11 (10) 34300-1 TRAA-DY-LIOOAR W H Williams 4 8 6 (5 ex) J Currie (3)
13 (5) 40400-0 PORTER (C-D) E Carter 5 8 2 J Carr
14 (1) 40102-4 LEITH SPRING R Stubbs 5 7 13 S Bridge (3)
15 (7) 100300- WICKWELL A W Jones 11 7 7 Elaine Anderton (3)

BLINKERS: 8, 13
PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Willdrush, 4-1 Concert Pitch, 9-2 Claudius Crozet, 6-1 Hazel Bush, 7-1 Rose of the North, 10-1 Leith Spring, 14-1 others.

2.45 QUARRY SELLING HANDICAP £700

1m (9 runners)
4 (6) 0404-33 SAFFRON POSER J Berry 4 9.7 S Horsfall (5)
7 (5) 0404-03 WALDRON HILL R Allan 4 9.0 C Dwyer
8 (3) 00000-0 HEATHER PRINCE A W Jones 3 8 12 S Webster
9 (2) 0000-00 LINANHOT J Parkes 4 8 12 N Day
11 (9) 04000-0 SANDY CAP (C) W H Williams 3 8 11 J Currie (7)
12 (4) 000- FIBOFF C Parker 3 8 9 O Gray
13 (8) 0B040- BALMACARA P Feilden 3 8 0 E Hide
14 (7) 3000-44 WILGOR J Berry 3 8 0 K Darley
15 (1) 00000-2 KELLY BAY S Norton 3 7 13 J Lowe

BLINKERS: 9, 14
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Kelly Bay, 3-1 Saffron Poser, 4-1 Wilgor, 6-1 Waldron Hill, 9-1 Heather Prince, 14-1 Balmacara, 16-1 others.

3.15 LEECH HOMES (SCOTLAND) H'CAP £2,300

6f (10 runners)
2 (4) 33000-3 THUNDERBRIDGE S Norton 5 9.7 J Lowe
3 (9) 420300- OYSTON ESTATES (C-D) J S Wilson 8 9.4 B Wardrope (7)
4 (8) 32230-0 SPOILT FOR CHOICE (D) D Chapman 6 9.2
5 (10) 20020-0 ROYAL DUTY (D) N Tinkler 6 9.2 C Steers (7)
6 (6) 000000- RUSSIAN WINTER A W Jones 9 8 13 G Duffield
8 (7) 300-332 PARABEMS (BF) K Ivory 5 8 12 R Cochrane
10 (1) 22010-2 MEL MIRA T Craig 4 8 11 C Dwyer

RESULTS

WARWICK

2.15 (5f): CORNWALL S Cauthen (evens fav): The Upstart (13-2); Silent Flutter (5-1); Master Francis (25-1); 13 ran. sh hd, 4. (B Hills) T: £2.40; £1.40, £1.60, £1.50, CSF: £7.93.
2.45 (5f): BERNARD SUNLEY P Waldron (15-2); Brentex (12-1); Sebal (100-30 fav); Final Cast (11-2); 11 ran. 1½, nk. (G Hunter) T: £5.30; £1.50, £2.10, £1.50, CSF: £77.13.
3.15 (1m 4f): FRASASS D Nicholls (33-1); Obadiah (13-8 fav); Ardoony (10-1); Icen (25-1); 13 ran. ¾, sh hd. (D Chapman) T: £33; £5.90, £1.60, £2.10, CSF: £574.04.
3.45 (5f): ROSSINGNOL R Hills (evens fav); Schoon (3-1); Maundy Gift (16-1); Fine Voice (10-1); 6 ran. 1½, 5. (C Wildman) T: £2.30; £1.20, £2.90, CSF: £4.65.
4.15 (7f): DORSET VENTURE W R Swinburn (10-1); Wind from the West (8-1); Bragado (6-1); Sascorle (9-2 fav); 20 ran. sh hd, 4. (B Morgan) T: £12.30; £2.90, £1.60, £1.80, £1.10, CSF: £84.25.
4.45 (1m): VERCHININA S Cauthen (8-1); Tizzy (25-1); Island Mill (8-1); Spinelle (9-4 on fav); 14 ran. 1½, ¾, (B W Hills) T: £9.80; £2, £4.40, £2.10, CSF: £154.49, NR: Vela Rossa.
5.15 (1m): LARA A Lequeux (5-4 on fav); Trois Valleys (3-1); Apalial (25-1); Guess Again (16-1); 14 ran. ¾, 1. (O Douieb) T: £2.40; £1.20, £1.70, £2.40, CSF: £4.26, NR: Gallica Rose.

SOUTHWELL

2.15 (2m): THE GUINEA MAN A Webb (20-1); Saint-Munn (14-1); Easy Fella (6-1); Carlford Lough (11-2); 20 ran. 2, 5. (K Bailey) T: £26.60; £2.70, £4.40, £2.60, £1.40, CSF: £281.03.
2.45 (2m): HABOUR BAZAAR K Burke (6-1); Paddy's Belle (25-1); Blackbooth (20-1); Wiggburn (13-2); 18 ran. 2, 5. (M Chapman) T: £10.90; £2.60, £4.80, £4.20, CSF: £153.71, NR: Bombili.
3.15 (3m): SEA SPLASH M Brennan (3-1 fav); Playfields (12-1); Ballyice (9-2); Unscrupulous Judge (8-1); 14 ran. 7, 8 (O Brennan) T: £3.80; £1, £3.70, £2, £2.60, CSF: £47.
3.45 (3m): STANCOMBE LASS Mr A Bowly (10-1); Cool Secret (8-1); Another Simon (8-1); Courtneigh (13-2); 17 ran. 1, 6. (Miss J Dean) T: £11; £2.60, £3, £2.60, CSF: £94.35, NR: Angerman.
4.15 (2m): LAC ROYALE K Mooney (13-8 fav); Picotee (5-2); Jukebox Katie (14-1); Ladycross (4-1); 15 ran. 7, 3. (S Christian) T: £2.70; £1.10, £1.40, £2.30, CSF: £6.50, NR: Channelle.
4.45 (2m 4f): ROMANA MIA Mr R Dunwoody (7-2 fav); Solidor (14-1); Ascenmoor (25-1); Morvern (9-1); 18 ran. Nk. (T Forster) T: £4.30; £1.30, £2.30, £3.70, £3.70, CSF: £55.28.

CHEPSTOW

2.30 (1m 2f): GWEN JOHN B Taylor (7-4 fav); Cluedo (7-1); Iccos Bay (11-2); Crown And Sceptre (7-2); 8 ran. 1½, nk. 1½. (J Winter) T: £2.20; £1.00, £3.00, £1.30, CSF: £12.96, NR: Hannah Moore & Kalamoti.
3.00 (5f): GRAND UNION A McGlone (10-1); My Anniversary (5-1); Sarda (13-8); Seville (5-4); 4 ran. Sh hd, hd. (R Hannan) T: £10.70, CSF: £42.19.
3.30 (7f): REMORSELESS G Baxter (14-1); Renovate (14-1); Tagio (8-1); Swinging Rebel (10-1); 22 ran. 2, 5. (J Ciechanowski) T: £44.30; £6.10, £2.30, £1.60, £7.30, DF: Winner or second with any other horse. CSF: £207.39.
4.00 (5f): RELATIVELY SHARP M Fry (7-1); Plencourt (8-1); Alev (100-30); Singing Sailor (13-8 fav); 7 ran. 1, 5. (P Calver) T: £10.40; £2.40, £2.70, CSF: £51.56.
4.30 (1m 4f): RUSSBOROUGH T Williams (11-8 on fav); Milton Burn (66-1); Mandown Lad (6-1); Corallian (66-1); 8 ran. 2½, 4. (B Wise) T: £2.10; £1.00, £6.20, £1.60, CSF: £31.93.
5.00 (1m 2f): MEDIA LUNA P Cook (7-4 fav); County Line (11-1); Magic Queen (8-1); Paradise Island (9-2); 7 ran. ¾, ¾, 4. P Kelleway, £3.90; £1.70, £2.60, CSF: £18.12, NR: Monday's Girl.

CYCLING

Doyle's winning start

BRITISH professional Tony Doyle won the prologue time trial on the Sealink international stage race at Skelmersdale yesterday.

Former world champion Doyle, from Ashford, Middlesex, beat the cold, windy conditions to cover the two mile course in four minutes, 12.7 seconds, one-tenth of a second faster than runner-up Malcolm Elliott.

Third place went to Denmark's Mikael Marcussen. 'I knew Marcussen was the danger man, though nobody had tipped him,' said Doyle.

Doyle will now wear the yellow jersey on the 105-mile leg from Skelmersdale to Morecambe today.

Sports Line



BRYAN ROBSON . . . United will look to his leadership against Juventus

TENNIS

Dickson wins in Houston

MARK DICKSON won his first tournament of the year at the weekend by beating Sammy Giammalva 6-3, 6-2 in the River Oaks international tennis tournament in Houston.

Dickson, a loser in the semi-finals of last year's tournament, dominated his 21-year-old opponent in the all-American final.

'It was a lot of fun out there today, said Dickson. 'Sammy is really a gutsy player. He's a real competitor. I knew no matter what happened, he wasn't going to give up.'

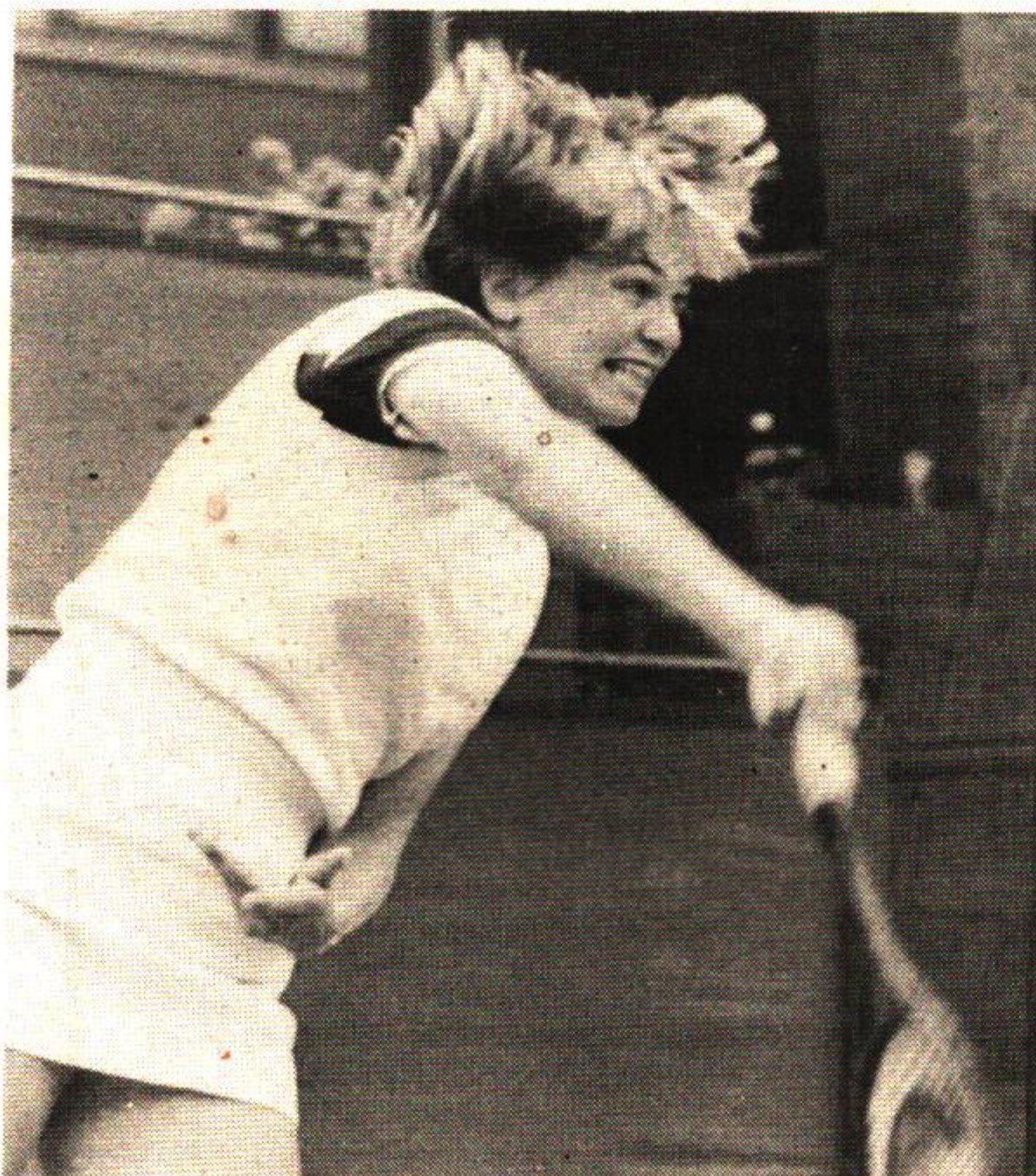
'I felt great coming out today,' Giammalva said. 'I was relaxed, my legs felt good, and I thought I was prepared. Even when I got behind I thought I could get back in the match.'

After losing his serve and falling behind 3-1 in the first set, Giammalva failed to capitalise on a triple breakpoint in the fifth game.

Dickson had only four aces but two came consecutively, helping him out of trouble in the fifth game.

Giammalva got even on serves when Dickson double-faulted on breakpoint in the seventh game. But Giammalva gave the game back to Dickson when he also double-faulted on breakpoint in the eighth game.

Dickson dominated the second set, winning a break in the fifth and seventh games. In both games, Giammalva missed overheads to give Dickson a chance at breakpoint.



EVA PFAFF . . . Back at Edgbaston this summer

TENNIS

A strong field builds for Edgbaston

WITH THE Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) still reeling from the loss of sponsorship for events at Eastbourne, Bournemouth and Brighton this year, it must come as a relief to see an already healthy field assembling for the Edgbaston Cup.

Held at the Edgbaston Priory Club between June 11-17, this event is the first of the pre-Wimbledon women's tournaments to be held in Britain.

The talented black American, Zina Garrison, currently ranked eighth in the world, leads the field of early entrants along with Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia (14), and Eva Pfaff of West Germany (20).

Other players currently with high rankings who have expressed a wish to play the tournament are Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria (21), Kim Schaefer of the US (25), Claudia Kohde of West Germany (35) and American Joanne Russell (42).

The prize money for the competition has been increased this year to £84,000, and with the closing date for entries not due until the end of this month, the organisers expect to attract more top-quality players.

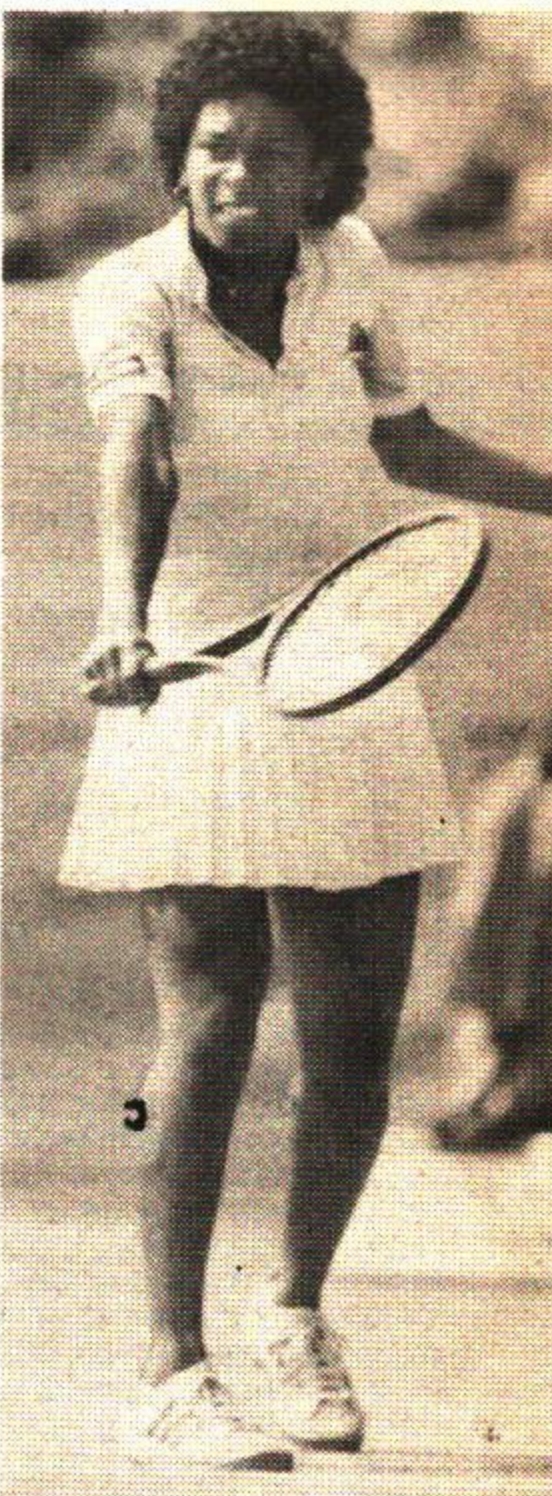
Garrison reached the semi-finals in last year's tournament and then went on to Eastbourne where she was eliminated at the same stage by Andrea Jaeger.

She is reckoned to be one of the best all-round players on the women's circuit and in recent months has gained a lot more consistency in her all-court game.

Sukova, daughter of the 1962 Wimbledon finalist, has been climbing the computer ranking rapidly in recent months and reached the finals of the Virginia Slims tournament in Boston last week.

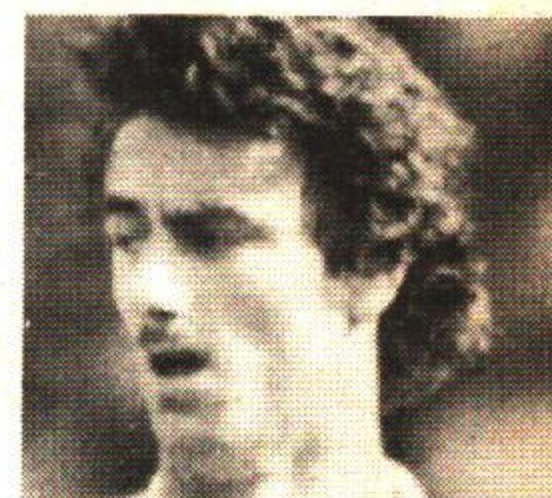
Both Pfaff and Kohde are capable of upsetting bigger names in the tournament. Pfaff eliminated Britain's No.1 Jo Durie at Wimbledon last year.

THE LTA are going ahead with the Eastbourne tournament this year despite the loss of car manufacturers BMW as sponsors.



ZINA GARRISON . . . The highest ranked player to declare so far

DINAMO'S TOUGHEST PEAK



IAN RUSH

RUMANIAN soccer champions Dinamo Bucharest must feel like a weary mountaineer who, thinking he is standing on the roof of the world, suddenly spots Everest through the swirling clouds.

Having already scaled the heights by conquering holders Hamburg and the excellent Soviet side Dinamo Minsk, the Rumanians still face the toughest European Cup expedition of all against Liverpool at Anfield on Wednesday.

At a time when most clubs are showing the strain of a long, hard season, Liverpool have all the joyful enthusiasm of a new-born colt being turned out in the paddock for the first time.

The quality of their football against West Ham on Saturday was beautiful to behold and their 6-0 annihilation of a side which stood fourth in the English First Division must have had a demoralising effect on Dinamo.

Nor will Liverpool's performance have gone unnoticed in Italy and Scotland and the winners of the other semi-final between Roma and Dundee United will be hoping Dinamo continue their unlikely run by reaching the final in the Olympic stadium, Rome, on May 30.

For a short spell this year, Liverpool, European Champions' Cup winners in 1977, 1978 and 1981, appeared to be in decline, losing to Second Division Brighton in the FA Cup, then briefly relinquishing their League

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leadership to Manchester United.

But they are now back on top of the First Division, the Milk Cup is sitting in the trophy cabinet after two epic battles with arch-rivals Everton, and a place has been reserved for the European silverware — although Roma would be a tough proposition in a final on Italian soil.

Liverpool's return to form coincided with Kenny Dalglish's reappearance last month after nine weeks on the sidelines with a fractured cheekbone.

The 33-year-old Scot is as majestic as ever and apart from scoring the second against West Ham he had a hand in four of the other goals.

But even if Dinamo stifle Dalglish's genius, they will still have to contend with Ian Rush, scorer of 38 goals this season and the deadliest marksman in Europe today.

Although their teamwork is excellent — and international midfielders Augustin and Multescu are out of the very top drawer — Dinamo appear to be a class below Liverpool and it is hard to see the Rumanians returning home anything less than two goals in arrears.

DUNDEE UNITED have been foolishly written off in some quarters, but Roma should not be lulled into a false sense of security.

Thrashed

The Scots thrashed Belgian champions Standard Liege — before their team was wrecked by the recent bribes scandal — 4-0 in the second round and they will not allow the Romans time and space to weave their pretty midfield patterns.

United, who exist on an average home gate of 11,000, have increased ticket prices for the tie,

but, just to disprove the myth that Scots are mean, they will allow their fans in free for Saturday's League game against St Johnstone.

HOWEVER, the chances of an all-British final look better in the Cup Winners' Cup which will be played in Basle on May 16.

Holders Aberdeen are probably the second best team in Britain behind Liverpool and already wear the mantle of European Super Cup champions, having beaten Hamburg over two legs earlier this season.

The Scots travel to Portugal to face Porto and with World Cup star Gordon Strachan showing sublime form at times, the holders should emerge victorious with something to spare over 180 minutes.

THE OTHER semi-final brings together two of the most glamorous clubs in

world football — Manchester United and Juventus.

Despite the presence of England captain Bryan Robson and Dutch maestro Arnold Muhren, United can look predictable and pedestrian at times. But they showed their true worth in the last round when they overcame a two-goal first-leg deficit against Diego Maradona's Barcelona with a thrilling 3-0 win at Old Trafford.

Ensured

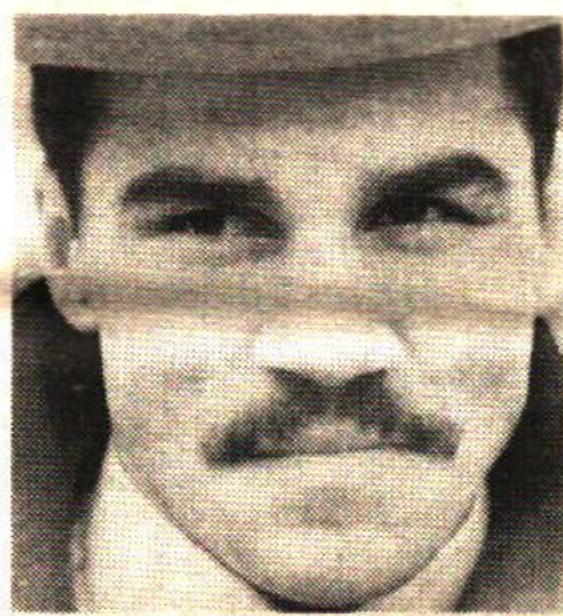
THE LUCK of the draw also ensured the possibility of an all-British UEFA Cup final between Tottenham and twice European Cup winners Nottingham Forest, but both must overcome quality opposition first.

Forest entertain Belgian holders Anderlecht, who rattled in seven goals in a League game at the weekend, while Tottenham travel to Yugoslavia to confront the ever-dangerous Hadjuk Split.

Sports Line

Errol faces biggest bout ever

Jimmy
Price on
the same
evening



JIMMY PRICE

BY OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT

ERROL CHRISTIE, Coventry's unbeaten middleweight, is set to face American Stacy McSwain over ten rounds at the Alexandra Pavilion, north London, on April 25.

Twenty-year-old Christie, who hasn't lost a fight since his early teens, claims that he has never had a hard fight, despite the fact that his list of amateur titles includes the ABA and European under-19, where the competition is more than rugged.

He doesn't regret the fact that he has denied himself an Olympic place by turning professional, because he believes he's better looked after amongst the pro ranks.

'Fighting for England was good experience, but it only went so far,' Christie said yesterday.

Provide

The McSwain bout should provide Christie with stiffer opposition than anything he has so far encountered.

Hailing from Forest City, North Carolina, McSwain has never been stopped in 22 contests and went the full distance with former world champion Wilfredo Benitez in Chicago 14 months ago.

On the same bill is the bout between unbeaten Liverpool middleweight Jimmy Price and former world light-middleweight champion Ayub Kalule of Uganda.

At one stage of his

career, Kalule was among the best in the world, pound for pound. He successfully defended his title four times before losing to Sugar Ray Leonard, and his only other defeats were to world champion Davey Moore and No.1 contender, Mike McCallum.

They were the last two fights Kalule has had and he's been inactive since November 1982.

● **GABRIEL BERNAL** of Mexico snatched the World Boxing Council



ERROL CHRISTIE... His biggest challenge yet

(WBC) flyweight title in quick-fire style in Tokyo yesterday.

Knocked

Bernal, blasting away with both hands, knocked out champion Koji Kobayashi of Japan after two minutes 37 seconds of the second round of the scheduled 12-round.

The Mexican, in his

first title attempt, knocked down Kobayashi with left and right hooks earlier in the same round before finally flooring the champion with a fierce right hook to the head to finish the fight.

Bernal's win was his 38th, including 25 knock outs, against seven defeats and three draws. It was Kobayashi's second defeat against 21 wins and three draws.

Women were first soccer players: claim

CHINESE historians say that women in ancient China played football more than 2,000 years ago, long before the restrictive binding of feet turned countless generations of girls into cripples.

According to the latest issue of the magazine 'China Reconstructs', a Han-dynasty stone relief found in central Henan province shows 'a strong woman passing the ball with her right foot'.

The article said football, originally played between

individuals, continued to develop up to the Tang-dynasty (618-907 AD) when it began more closely to resemble modern soccer — the field had goals at each end and each team had a dozen players and a captain.

Proof that the game was also popular during the Sung-dynasty (960-1279 AD) is in Peking's Palace Museum, where a porcelain pillow design depicts a woman apparently poised to trap a ball with her foot.

The magazine said

women's football had a golden era in the Ming-dynasty (1368-1644 AD) when there were professional players, with rewards for stars like the well-chronicled Peng Xiuyan.

Then (around the mid-17th century) the sport went into decline until 1981, when it was revived there.

Progress was swift — last November, Chinese teams took first and second places in an international tournament in Canton.

HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION I												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	34	12	3	2	39	9	8	6	3	20	15	69
Man Utd	34	13	2	3	38	15	6	8	2	26	18	67
Nottm For	34	11	3	3	35	15	7	3	7	23	21	60
Q.P.R.	35	12	3	3	32	10	5	3	9	22	21	57
Southampton	33	11	4	2	26	14	5	4	7	15	18	56
West Ham	34	9	4	4	33	18	7	3	8	18	26	55
* Arsenal	35	8	4	6	33	23	7	2	8	28	27	51
Tottenham	35	8	3	6	24	21	6	6	6	30	31	51
Aston Villa	35	12	3	3	29	18	2	6	9	22	33	51
Watford	35	8	4	5	33	29	6	2	10	28	38	48
* Everton	33	7	7	3	15	10	5	4	7	17	24	47
Luton	35	6	5	7	26	28	7	3	7	19	23	47
Norwich	34	9	5	4	30	16	3	5	8	12	22	46
Leicester	35	9	4	4	33	24	2	7	9	24	33	44
Birmingham	35	7	4	6	18	15	5	4	9	17	24	44
W.B.A.	34	8	3	5	23	19	4	3	11	17	33	42
Coventry	35	5	4	8	25	28	5	6	7	21	27	40
Sunderland	35	6	8	4	22	16	3	4	10	12	31	39
Stoke	35	9	3	5	22	20	1	5	12	11	38	38

DIVISION II												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	35	12	4	2	44	16	7	8	2	29	21	69
Sheff Wed	33	13	3	1	42	15	7	6	3	20	14	69
Newcastle	35	13	2	2	39	15	8	4	6	31	31	69

DIVISION III												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	35	11	3	3	33	15	7	5	6	21	24	62
Carlisle	35	10	6	2	25	9	6	7	4	16	15	61
Grimsby	34	10	5	1	29	12	6	6	2	28	59	61
Blackburn	35	9	9	0	33	16	6	4	7	14	22	58
Charlton	35	12	4	2	33	17	3	5	9	13	32	54
Brighton	35	8	6	4	35	16	6	2	9	22	33	50
Leeds Utd	35	10	3	4	27	16	3	6	9	18	31	48
Shrewsbury	35	9	5	3	25	16	3	5	10	11	29	46
Portsmouth	35	7	1	9	36	25	6	4	8	24	25	44
Hudders'f'd	34	7	4	6	19	15	4	7	6	23	26	44
Cardiff	34	9	2	5	27	21	4	2	12	18	31	43
Barnsley	34	7	5	2	29	21	5	1	11	20	25	42
Fulham	35	6	6	5	28	21	4	6	8	20	25	42
Middlesbro	35	7	6	4	22	17	3	4	11	13	23	40
Crystal Pal	34	6	5	6	14	15	3	5	9	19	28	37
Oldham	35	8	5	5	26	22	2	2	13	13	39	37

DIVISION III												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford.....	38	14	3	1	47	18	10	4	6	29	25	79
Sheff Utd.....	39	11	7	1	46	15	8	4	8	27	32	68
Wimbledon.....	38	13	5	2	54	31	7	3	8	30	37	68

DIVISION V												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	36	12	3	2	31	10	6	9	4	26	21	66
Walsall	39	12	4	4	39	20	7	4	8	20	33	65
Bristol R	38	14	4	2	40	17	4	6	8	18	28	64
* Bolton	37	12	4	2	48	14	3	9	7	20	27	58
* Burnley	38	11	4	4	31	13	5	6	8	19	30	58
Gillingham	36	11	2	5	41	23	6	5	7	18	30	58
Bradford	35	8	7	2	39	25	7	2	9	22	25	54
* Orient	37	11	5	4	31	21	4	5	9	23	38	54
Newport	37	10	7	3	31	24	4	5	8	20	37	54
Millwall	36	12	3	2	23	15	1	9	5	23	38	51
Lincoln	38	10	4	5	37	22	4	5	10	13	30	51
Wigan	38	9	4	6	24	17	4	7	8	18	31	50
Preston	38	9	5	5	35	23	3	5	11	21	31	46
Plymouth	36	8	8	2	28	12	2	2	14	14	38	40
* Bournemouth	37	8	7	2	28	22	3	2	14	21	43	38
Brentford	39	5	8	6	31	29	3	5	12	25	45	37
Rotherham	35	5	4	7	17	15	4	3	12	23	37	34

DIVISION VI												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scunthorpe	35	6	8	4	30	28	0	7	10	11	32	33
Southend	35	5	8	5	25	19	1	4	12	17	42	30
* Port Vale	36	7	3	8	26	25	1	3	14	12	45	30
Exeter	37	3	6	10	23	34	2	6	10	22	36	27

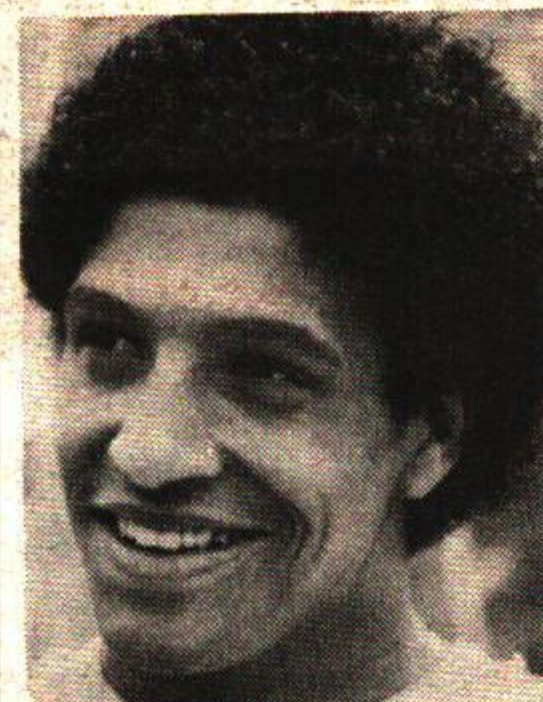
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York	38	15	4	1	49	15	10	3	5	30	19	82
Bristol City	40	15	3	2	44	15	5	5	10	16	25	68
Doncaster	37	11	6	0	34	16	7	7	6	30	30	67
Reading	38	15	5	0	48	13	3	7	8	23	34	66

SCOTTISH PREMIER												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	27	12	1	1	38	9	8	3	2	26	6	44
Celtic	29	10	4	0	35	10	7	2	6	29	22	40
Dundee Utd	26	9	0	3	29	9	6	6	2	22	16	36
Rangers	29	6	6	3	21	14	7	1	6	24	21	33
Hearts	30	5	6	3	19	18	4	6	6	14	24	30
St Mirren	30	7	5	3	28	16	1	7	7	19	31	28
Hibernian	32	7	2	7	21	21	5	2	9	20	29	28
Dundee	29	4	1	10	25	41	5	1	8	18	25	20

SCOTTISH LEAGUE I												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Johnstone	30	5	1	10	16	30	4	1	9	15	40	20
Motherwell	30	1	5	9	13	32	2	2	11	13	31	13

SCOTTISH LEAGUE II												
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dumbarton	34	13	3	2	35	14	5	7	4	22	22	46
Morton	34	7	6	3	28	19	10	5	3	37	24	45

Partick	34	11	3	3	34	16	7	3	7	28	28	42	
Clydebank	34	9	3	3	53	27	6	6	5	21	18	39	
Brechin	33	10	3	3	28	15	3	9	5	20	26	38	
Falkirk	34	7	5	5	25	22	7	1	9	17	27	34	
Clyde	33	4	8	4	25	21	6	4		7	20	19	32
Kilmarnock	34	8	4	5	26	17	5	2	10	21	30	32	
Hamilton	34	5	8	4	23	18	3	5	9	12	23	29	
Airdrie	34	8	3	6	17	17	2	6	9	21	32	29	
Ayr	34	5	7	5	27	29	4	4	9	24	24	33	
Meadowbank	34	7	4	6	25	28	3	5	8	18	28	27	



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L.A. TURMOIL

Soviet Union accuses US of Olympic Charter violations

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

THE SOVIET national Olympic body yesterday called for an emergency meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to discuss violations of the Olympic Charter in the United States.

In a statement carried by the official news agency Tass, the Soviet committee cited what it described as specific violations of the Olympic Charter and said there was a 'broad campaign against the participation of the Soviet Union' in the Los Angeles 1984 summer games.

The Soviet Olympic committee also said the US authorities were in-

terfering in the arrangements for the Games.

It said it was appealing to the IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch to consider these matters at an emergency session of the international executive committee and demand US observance of the Charter.

The Soviet committee statement repeated complaints seen in the press in recent weeks of an anti-Soviet campaign in the United States.

It said that despite a written guarantee from President Reagan, 'the US administration is trying to use the Olympics ahead of the presidential elections for its

blasphemous political ends'.

The statement also said that the Soviet Union's choice of Olympic attaché had been refused a visa by the US State Department.

'It has become evident that the State Department considers it to be its right constantly to "correct" the actions of the Los Angeles Olympic organising committee and in some cases simply to change them,' the statement added.

It cited three specific Charter articles which it said the US had violated.

It said that the US had directly contravened arti-

cle 51 of the Charter by announcing their intention to accredit Radio Free Europe, a station which beams programmes to Eastern Europe from West Germany and is funded by the US.

It stated that the radio station was financed by the US intelligence services and carried out subversive activities against eastern bloc nations, thus violating article 51.

Yesterday's statement, the strongest and most official criticism from Moscow of the Los Angeles games, said the US Embassy was demanding a list of participating athletes and officials for their visas and reserved the right to turn down those it considered undesirable.

According to article 59,

it said, an athlete only needs an Olympic identity card to enter the host country. This had been the case at the 1976 Montreal Games, in 1980 in Moscow and earlier this year at the Sarajevo Winter Games, the statement said.

The Los Angeles Games had become uncontrollably commercialised and had gone so far as to use the Olympic flame for business, the Soviet statement added.

'Profit-making on the Olympic Games has assumed quite ugly forms,' it said, adding that using the flame for commercial ends broke article 62 of the Charter.

The Greek Olympic Committee has already complained to the IOC about this.

CLOUGH'S U.E.F.A. FEARS

IN HIS own inimitable style, Brian Clough 'geed-up' his players for their UEFA Cup semi-final, first leg, clash with trophy holders Anderlecht by singing the praises of the opposition last night.

Nottingham Forest meet the crack Belgian side at the City Ground tomorrow night and Clough said: 'Anderlecht have fantastic fire power.'

He added: 'They frighten me. They are highly skilful, place the ball just where they want it and shoot from incredible angles. They remind me of the old Real Madrid.'

But then Clough, who saw Anderlecht win 7-0 in the Belgian League last weekend, gave his own side some hope.

'There was no physical contact in the game I saw. But I'm confident my defence will be capable of stopping them.'

Forest do have some injury problems, however. Striker Garry Birtles has a back injury and so has Dutch midfielder Frans Thijssen.

Both are rated very doubtful for tomorrow's clash.

Manchester United, who face Italian side Juventus at Old Trafford in the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final, also have injury worries.

Their Dutch master Arnold Muhren is still struggling to regain fitness with a recurring groin strain while they will have to make do without the services of Ray Wilkins in midfield because of suspension.

While Muhren is still optimistic about playing, manager Ron Atkinson is not so hopeful. 'The signs are not particularly good. But we shall leave it until the last moment before making a decision,' said Atkinson yesterday.

If Muhren is unfit, either John Gidman, normally a full back, or winger Alan Davies will take Muhren's place while Arthur Graham is expected to continue in midfield.

Goalkeeper Gary Bailey missed training yesterday because of a cold but Atkinson stated that it was nothing serious.

The United manager is convinced that Juventus will be ultra-defensive with the hope that they can hit United on the break.

'They have got a lot of good players who can break quickly,' Atkinson stressed, 'but it will be up to us to be very tight at the back when we need to be.'



BRIAN CLOUGH
... Boosting Anderlecht



ARNOLD MUHREN
... Doubtful for United

Tottenham, who head off to Yugoslavia this morning for their UEFA Cup semi-final first leg clash with Hadjuk Split, will have former England goalkeeper Ray Clemence on the bench for the game.

The club had been worried that Clemence, who has been suffering with a finger injury, would miss the game and that defender Graham Roberts might have to deputise in goal if Tony Parks were injured during the match.

But manager Keith Burkinshaw still has a much weakened team.

Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles have been ruled out, Gary Stevens and Garry Brooke are suspended and Gary Mabbutt and Steve Archibald are doubtful.

Liverpool reported a clean bill of health last night for their European Cup semi-final clash with Dinamo Bucharest at Anfield.

The only change likely for tomorrow night's match is the inclusion of Craig Johnston for the ineligible John Wark.

Stable lads' strike possible

HORSE RACING could come to a standstill following yesterday's refusal by trainers to take a stable lads' overtime payment dispute to arbitration.

Negotiations on behalf of the 5,000 stable lads broke down last night, with union leaders threatening to call meetings coinciding with race fixtures.



RON TODD

Ron Todd, national organiser of the Transport and General Workers' Union (T&GWU), accused the employers' side — the trainers — of breaking the national overtime agreement.

'We believe they are robbing the lads of their rightful pay and we intend to appeal to the Jockey Club, the Levy Board and, if necessary, the Home Secretary,' he said.

At yesterday's talks the trainers offered a 5 per cent increase which would improve the basic of £75 per week by just £3.75. The T&GWU rejected the offer.

During the talks it emerged that stable lads were not being paid the agreed overtime pre-



Stable lads picket Newmarket the last time in 1975

mium when they were away at race meetings, because they were being paid subsistence allowances.

The union claimed this was a breach of the national overtime agree-

ment and wanted the case to go to arbitration, but this was turned down by the trainers.

'We believe there is a need for a serious examination of the racing industry, its labour force

and stable staff,' said Todd.

Many stable lads, who work 12 to 14 hours when they are away at race meetings, have to exist on £75 a week basic with no incentives.