

Police and SAS swamp square after shooting

BY ALEX MITCHELL

THE LIBYAN People's Bureau in St James's Square was surrounded by more than 1,000 armed police and the Special Air Services (SAS) last night following a shooting incident in which a woman police constable was killed and 11 people wounded.

Scotland Yard's D-11 Branch were armed with Heckler and Koch sub-machine guns for the first time.

In Thatcher's absence in Portugal, Home Secretary Leon Brittan activated 'COBRA', the Cabinet Office Briefing Room, and took charge of the police operation.

In Tripoli, the British Embassy was surrounded by Libyan security forces. The Libyan authorities denied that there would be retaliation against any of the 7,000 British subjects working in the Jamahiriya.

A statement issued last night by Libya's Foreign Liaison Bureau called for the release of Libyan nationals arrested yesterday in London and the return of all the 'stray dogs' (oppositionists) residing in Britain.

Officials at the Libyan Bureau in London were informed on Monday that an anti-Gaddafi demonstration would take place the following morning. They asked the British authorities to intervene and stop it, but the Home Office rejected their request.

Decision

Brittan said yesterday that the Libyan officials were told that there was a right in Britain to demonstrate in a peaceful way. In other words, it was Brittan's decision that the anti-Libyan protest should go ahead.

Some Libyans at the bureau regarded this as a political provocation organised with the help of the British government and the police.

On Monday afternoon, no-parking hoods were placed over parking meters in St James's Square to ensure the street outside the bureau would be free of parked cars the following day.

Shortly before 9a.m. yesterday, uniformed police converged on the square and sealed off the streets leading to the bureau. Police reinforcements were deployed in side streets around the square.

Police also positioned themselves in the garden in the centre of the square and stopped office workers from crossing it or sitting in garden chairs to read the morning newspapers.

Long before the shooting incident, the normally elegant square had lost

its spring charm yesterday morning and begun to look like a battlefield.

British employees arriving for work were told by bureau staff that it was a 'holiday' and they should go home. Other bureau workers who arrived over the next hour were stopped at police checkpoints and prevented from getting to work.

When Dr Omar Soudani, the bureau's chief of press and publicity, arrived around 9a.m. he was arrested, placed in a police car and driven away.

Shortly after 9.30 two National coaches pulled

up in St James's Square about 30 yards from the main entrance of the bureau and discharged about 80 anti-Gaddafi demonstrators. Some of them had travelled down from Manchester and all of them were wearing face masks.

Placed

Police directed them to a position across the road from the bureau and placed them behind a movable police barricade.

A counter-group of demonstrators loyal to the Libyan Jamahiriya arrived on the pavement about 50 yards from the

front door of the bureau. As the right-wing oppositionists held up posters saying, 'Gaddafi hangs students', the 30 or so pro-Gaddafi students began chanting slogans in support of the Libyan leader.

Then, at about 10.05, an automatic weapon was fired from a first or second floor window of the bureau into the ranks of the dissident demonstrators hitting 12 people including WPC Yvonne Fletcher, 25.

Within 15 minutes, the area was flooded with armed police reinforcements and a helicopter brought SAS personnel to the square. All telephone lines were cut to the

bureau, but several hours later the recently-installed communications link between the bureau and the Home Office was activated.

Shortly after one o'clock Mr Salah Najem, the director of the Libyan news agency JANA, left the bureau with his arms above his head. He was frisked by police before being taken to start negotiations on behalf of those still in the embassy building.

Labour MP Mr Greville Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, has called for an emergency debate when parliament returns on April 25.



ONE of the demonstrators injured in the shooting incident outside the Libyan Bureau in London yesterday, still in his disguise, was wheeled to a waiting ambulance by police

LIBYAN BUREAU BESIEGED

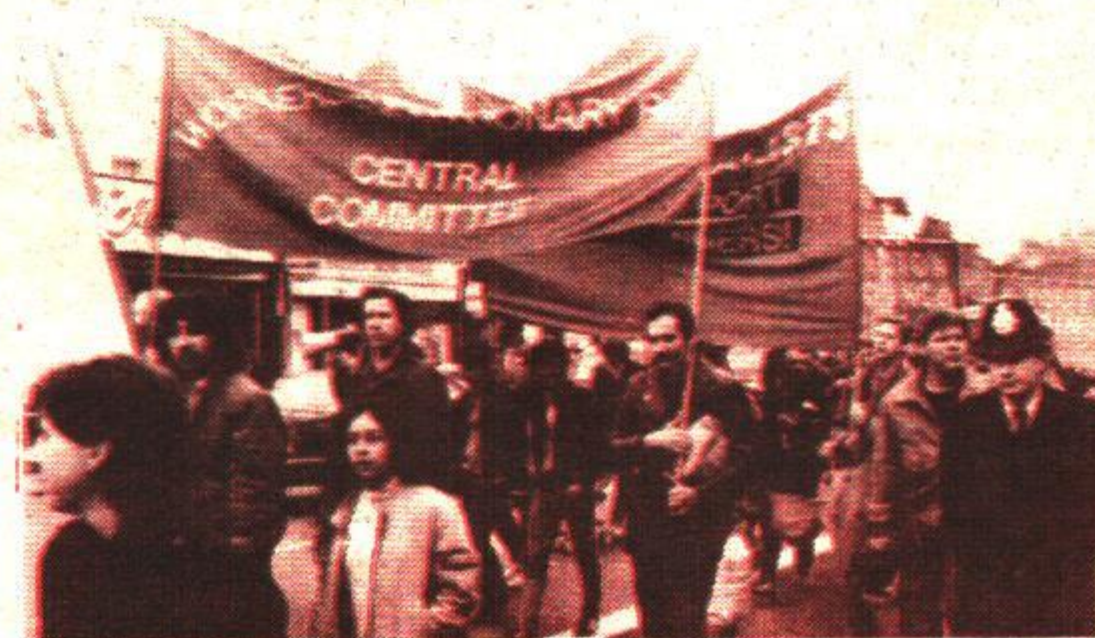
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Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists

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**Full support for miners!
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Rita Maxim (T&GWU shop steward, St Mary's hospital)

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Miners to defy steelworks ban

MORE miners joined the strike yesterday as the battle against pit closures intensified.

Two injunctions were passed banning pickets at the Port Talbot steelworks, while in Brisbane, the Australian seamen's union refused to load 130,000 tonnes of coal in solidarity with the miners.

The South Wales NUM said yesterday it would ignore the two High Court injunctions banning pickets from halting drivers of coal lorries at Port Talbot steelworks.

The pickets would only be withdrawn on the instructions of the national union, NUM vice-president Terry Thomas told reporters.

The order banning pickets from 'stopping, approaching or in any other way interfering' with trucks belonging to two companies took only 15 minutes.

BY BEN RUDDER

The order also bars pickets from 'abusing or threatening' drivers of the trucks.

The injunctions were granted against the South Wales NUM by Sir Douglas Frank, QC, sitting in London. The South Wales NUM were not represented in court.

NUM president Arthur Scargill said that more miners were joining the strike this week. He refuted Coal Board claims that more miners were going to work, saying:

'NUM areas have informed us that fewer pits are producing coal and that support for the union appears to be growing.'

Referring to support offered by leaders of the transport union and general workers' union — Moss Evans and David Bassett — Scargill added: 'Statements of

support made by other trade union leaders last night have been a major boost to the NUM's campaign to save pits and jobs.'

The National Union of Seamen told News Line last night they were 'delighted' with the blacking of coal loading in the Australian port of Brisbane by the Australian seamen's union.

The coal is thought to have been destined for Port Talbot — but it will now remain on the dockside in Australia.

The Nottinghamshire NUM council decided yesterday in Mansfield to continue its call for a national ballot, and to reject the proposal for a simple majority to authorise national strike action when it is discussed at tomorrow's delegate conference in Sheffield.

AROUND THE CONFERENCES —

Everybody's fight



PETER HEATHFIELD

MINERS' president Peter Heathfield said yesterday that the miners' struggle was 'inextricably linked to the struggle of all working people in this country'.

To loud applause and a standing ovation, he told the NUS conference: 'We have to contend with agents provocateurs. We have to contend with plainclothes policemen who have threatened our miners and have been responsible for creating disturbances on picket lines.'

'This is the kind of provocation we have had to contend with. Those who have chosen to cross picket lines had a queer conception that the police were aiding men to go to work.'

'But the police are not there to aid people,' he said. 'They are there to enact the anti-trade union laws, passed by this Tory government against trades unionists.'

The miners' problem stemmed from the government's attitude to the public sector. British miners were still working to finance loans entered into years ago and re-

MINERS' LEADER

ceived no subsidies like the coal industry in other European countries.

The problems facing the British miners were part of the strategy applied since the Tories had come to power to undermine the public sector. They stemmed directly from MacGregor's introduction of 'American-style industrial relations techniques'.

'We have traditionally entered into negotiations with our employers. We have traditionally accepted the principle of cut-and-thrust bargaining. But on this occasion we have had an ultimatum from Mr MacGregor.'

He continued: 'We've lost 50,000 jobs in the past year. He said we

are going to lose 20,000 more jobs, and British miners are saying we've had enough. Individual liberty and freedom were not won by individual working-class people. They were won by people combining together in trade unions.'

He stressed: 'We haven't got the privilege of surrendering the hard-fought gains of our fathers and grandfathers.'

Calls for a ballot were dominated by the Prime Minister, the police, 'The Sun', 'The Mirror', and other newspapers. 'What they want a ballot for is to veto the efforts of the miners in threatened coalfields to defend their jobs,' said Heathfield.

No miner in an adjacent area had the right to say he wanted to vote away somebody else's job.

Nursery saved?

WAKEFIELD Council yesterday decided not to contest a judicial review opposing its closure of two nurseries in the Yorkshire district.

Parents and workers who occupied the Sandal nursery in Wakefield now hope that the council will revoke the closure decision which would have stopped nursery care for 149 children, both at Sandal and the village of South Kirkby.

A spokesman for the occupation, Sam Stewart, told News Line yesterday: 'It seems the policy and resource committee decided not to contest the judicial review which we won because they believed it would damage relations between the council and the community.'

Editor right, says Nkomo

JOSHUA NKOMO, Zimbabwe's opposition leader, said in London yesterday that 'Observer' editor Donald Treford had come out of Zimbabwe with what he believed was the truth of the situation.

Nkomo was commenting on the controversy that has broken out over an article in last Sunday's edition severely criticised by the newspaper's proprietor, 'Tiny' Rowland.

Nkomo, who is in London to launch his book called 'The Story of My Life', said he had asked the Mugabe government to investigate atrocities in Matebeleland.

'Six young men were shot dead by the Fifth Brigade and there were

reports of young girls raped, people suffered broken limbs etc.'

'But the ministers never went there. And to this day no one has been down to compensate the young girls. We have no doubt these things happened,' he added.

In Harare, Mugabe accused foreign journalists of conducting a campaign to discredit Zimbabwe and said firm steps would be taken to curb them.

'Those communities have made up their mind against us and why should we continue to interest ourselves in their reports in their papers,' he said.

'Let them cry, let them send their messages to London and New York, but give them a deaf ear. Nothing will happen to us.'

'Zimbabwe will never die because "The Observer", the "Daily Telegraph", "The Times" of London and the "New York Times" continue to report unfavourably about us.'

Labour take the top post

LABOUR students have won the election for NUS president — the newly-elected president Phil Woolas won 267 votes.

Candidate Jane Taylor of the Communist Party/Liberal dominated 'Left Alliance' came second with 218 votes.

And independent Labour's Sarah Deale was third with 152 votes.

Woolas told a press conference yesterday he would be concentrating on the drop in education standards and the need to change the student grant system.

He would also campaign on the question of access to files on students and the increase in heroin addiction among young people.

Woolas said he would stand by yesterday's conference call on local authorities not to co-operate with the Manpower Services Commission Tory White Paper 'Training for Jobs'.

● Liberal Party member John Murray, a member of the 'Left Alliance', was elected to the post of National Treasurer with 347 votes.

No collaboration with Tory FE plans

STUDENTS at the NUS conference yesterday voted overwhelmingly to oppose the Tory White paper 'Training for Jobs'.

The motion condemned plans to hand over control of further education from local authorities to the Manpower Services Commission (MSC) and opposed the planned introduction of the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative (TVEI) into schools and colleges because it is 'forcing education to serve industrial needs'.

Delegates called on local authorities not to have 'any involvement' with the MSC in implementing the White Paper's proposal.

The NUS executive was criticised for leaving further education colleges isolated and not paying enough attention to them.

Miggs Asperry, from the Further Education National Committee, said there should be a full-time executive member responsible for further education colleges.

'We are 60 per cent of the membership of NUS,' she said.

'In the recent local day of action we saw the FE

sector mobilise in a way which strengthens NUS as a whole.' But the national union was neglecting these students.

Lesley Woodburn from Kingsway College in London said the grant system was unfair to FE students.

'If you live in a Tory area you are asked to pay 75 per cent of fees. It's education for those who can afford it, and the dole queue for those who can't.'

Little

'If you live under a Labour council, your grants could be as little as £25 in a year. Many of us have to do part time jobs in order to study.'

Woodburn said FE college students who could not afford to go to the NUS national demonstration on March 10 had been told by the union leadership 'Tuff'.

Lance Morgan, Portsmouth Polytechnic, complained that he had received no material to campaign for the demonstration.

Sean Reilly, also from Portsmouth Poly, called on students in all FE colleges to unite and take direct action to defeat the cuts and the government attacks on education and student unions.

Mike Smith Fielen Park colleges president said it was 'absolutely necessary' for students to link up with the labour and trade union movement.

From the national executive Frank Howard said: 'You are sending a clear message through the press to the MSC and Sir Keith Joseph that you reject "Training for Jobs" and that you support local control of local colleges and reject loans for adult trainees.'

Heart disease action urged

LEADING doctors yesterday called for urgent government action to curb the high death toll from heart disease.

They said the disease killed more than 150,000 people each year — 'one person every three to four minutes'.

The human and economic costs were enormous, and whereas there had been a major decline in the death toll in the United States and other countries, this did not seem to be the case in Britain.

Their report — 'Coronary Heart Disease — Plans for Action' — called for a national strategy involving the Health Department, Ministry of Agriculture, and the food industry.

The doctors recommended:

- Giving farmers financial incentives to produce lean meat and healthy

foods like vegetables, fruit and fish instead of milk, fat and sugar.

- Setting up a national fitness survey.

- Scrapping EEC proposals to raise the fat content of milk and removing the subsidy on butter.

GPs are urged to:

- Keep a register of people most at risk of developing heart disease.

- Monitor every adult's blood pressure at five-year intervals.

- Encourage patients not to smoke or get overweight.

The doctors admitted that too rapid a change might generate opposition from the agriculture and food industries.

The report was written by a committee of experts led by Prof Geoffrey Rose of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

New violence in Punjab

NEW DELHI — Seven people were killed and shops burnt yesterday in a new wave of violence that rocked the northern Indian state of Punjab.

The Gandhi government extended curfew in some areas, less than 12 hours after mass arrests and new emergency orders failed to halt mass defiance.

Two civilians, forcibly conscripted to guard railway stations, were among those killed. Night curfew was imposed on

the important agricultural city of Patiala after four shops were burnt down.

Dispute

A prominent Punjabi lawyer and landlord and his wife were shot dead in a village near Ludhiana, central Punjab, because of a dispute over land.

● See earlier report — page 4

£8,000 Monthly Fund

April Fund — Every day counts!

WITH a target of £8,000 to reach by the end of the month, there's no time to lose. We need urgent action at once or we will not make it. The total in stands at £207.47 so please rush in your donations today. The confrontation is growing in the miners' strike. The inner 'war' Cabinet of the Tories is ready for greater state attacks, the use of troops if need be, in order to crush the miners and drive them back.

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One-day strike is not enough, says firemen's leader

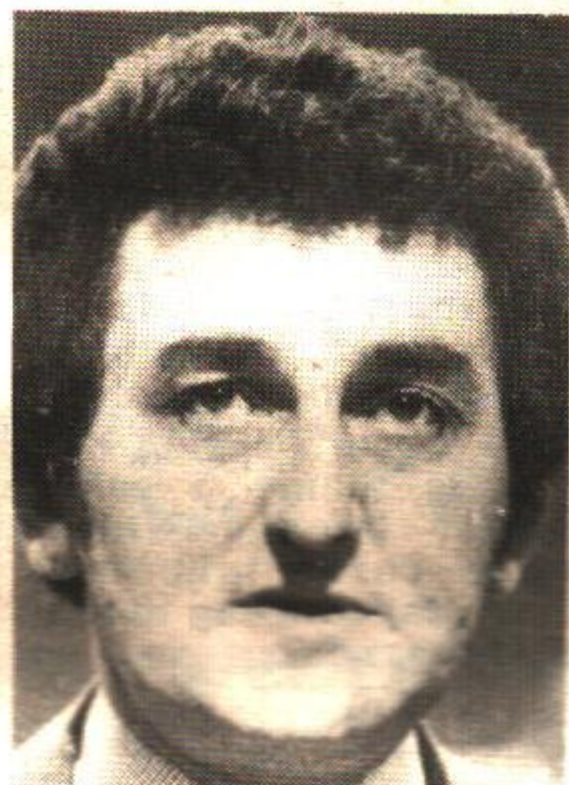
May Day set to defend Scots miners

MAY DAY strike action across Scotland in support of miners was pledged by other unions yesterday in a fiery debate at the Scottish TUC. Thunderous applause came from 300 miners who packed the visitors gallery, which was decorated with their pit banners.

But firemen's leader Ken Cameron warned that a one-day stoppage was not enough. 'It will require more than one day,' he said. 'We have got to get our gloves off and fight like with like.'

A standing ovation greeted the National Union of Mineworkers' emergency resolution calling for official STUC support, including the Day of Action.

Mick McGahey, Scottish NUM president, pointed to the mainly young miners in the gallery and said: 'They are fighting for their livelihoods. They are fighting for their future — not only their own future — but also the future of young engineers, young electricians and young steelworkers.'



KEN CAMERON

Dignity

'They are telling this government: "We will not be beaten off. Keep your filthy money and we will keep our jobs and our dignity".'

'I appeal to you to protect these lads, and their wives and families. I ask this Congress to support the appeal of the miners for various forms of industrial action throughout Scotland,' said McGahey, who suggested May Day as the date.

Alex Kitson, Transport and General Workers' Union deputy general secretary, seconded the motion. He said: 'The

fight is not a fight only about miners. We have had the same attacks on civil servants and the steel industry.'

Kitson warned that Ian MacGregor — who he described as an 'American contract man' — would be let loose on the transport industry if he succeeded in decimating coal mining.

'We have got to stand up and be counted, not as miners, but as workers.'

He concluded: 'Our message to 10 Downing Street must be: "Get around the table and get MacGregor negotiating with the mineworkers' union".'

James Morrell, GMBATU Scottish regional secretary, said: 'Let the Tories deploy who they will. The working class in this country will not be defeated and will give every support to the NUM and its struggle.'

James Airlie, AUEW executive member for Scotland, said: 'The engineers are backing the miners.'

He added: 'The miners will not be defeated. They will not be starved — that is our responsibility.'

John Walker, ASLEF Scottish secretary, said the miners' strike of 1984 was of far more basic, and deeper political significance than the miners' strikes of 1972 and 1974 because the Tories were attempting to destroy the NUM itself.

Appeal

Walker stressed that the resolution was making a specific appeal for a stoppage.

'We must pledge to bring workers out in every industry. Scientific and teaching unions should also be involved. We should stop the job for the day in protecting the miners.'

Ken Cameron, Fire Brigades Union general secretary, said a single day would not be enough. 'But let's make the first day a socialist and workers' May Day. The first of May has got to be miners' day.'

Cameron said the Tories were taking on the miners 'because this government is involved in a full frontal and blatant class war, not only to destroy the NUM, but the whole trade union movement.'

'They realise we are the only obstacle to a one-party state headed by Mrs Thatcher and assisted by the police.'

Gloves off

'We have got to get our gloves off and treat like with like. We have had the NGA and the GCHG. Every time we took a step back, the Tories took three steps forward. If the miners lose, we all lose.'

Ron Curran, NUPE Scottish organiser, said: 'The Health Service workers received from the miners massive support in 1982.'

Curran said he hoped the entire STUC General Council would back the



MINERS from Monktonhall pit arriving with their banner at the STUC in Aberdeen yesterday

call for a stoppage on May Day.

Andy Barr, NUR Scottish secretary, announced: 'Since the first day of the miners' strike not one bagfull of coal has moved in Scotland without the permission of the miners.'

'There have been hints from Fleet Street that the troops might be sent in. If that happens, there will be no railwaymen around.'

'We are in it with the miners and we will not be found wanting towards the eventual victory.'

Jim Slater, seamen's union leader, pointed out:

'In the old days of private ownership of the coal industry, the ship owners and the mine owners were the same people, they had the lot.'

Brothers

'And many of the laws appertaining to the miners were also used against seafarers. We are brothers under the skin and belong to the same fraternity.'

Slater emphasised the international support now coming in — declaring to applause that maritime unions in Australia, Denmark, Norway and other

countries were now instructing their members not to carry coal to Britain during the dispute.

'If the miners lose this struggle, it will be the last strike we will fight for decades to come, we have to win it.'

● Young miner, John Swain, from Polmaise colliery, Stirlingshire, told News Line later: 'It was great. I am glad that everyone in the Scottish trade union movement is behind us. It is alright for Thatcher and high society, but she will never beat the working man. We will show what the working class can do.'

BRING YOUTH INTO UNIONS

TRADE unions had to launch specific campaigns to bring young people into their ranks, AUEW TASS delegate Karen Henderson said.

Her union's successful resolution was backed by NUPE delegate Alan Wilson who told Congress: 'Young people if mobilised and motivated, are a dynamic force for change.'

Neil Adams (USDAW) said YTS trainees had to be recruited into the trade unions.

'These trainees are the future of the trade union and labour movement and a lot of work must be done to ensure they become part of the movement as the future will depend largely upon them.'

'Unemployed workers centres funded by the Manpower Services Commission are being politically censored, warned T&GWU delegate Philomena McClung from the Stirling unemployed centre.'

Finance

She called for trade unions to finance centres because the MSC — under government instructions — was preventing them from becoming politically involved in any way.

'In our local centre, our monthly newsletter has to be printed elsewhere, because the MSC will not allow our staff to participate in its production.'

'In other centres, the MSC have ordered trade union posters to be removed from walls.'

Eamonn Monaghan, Cumbernauld trades council, attacked the use of snoopers against unemployed workers.

After helpers from his centre had cleaned carpets for families, snoopers had questioned how 'new' carpet could be afforded, Monaghan said.

He called for strong links to be built between the trade unions and communities hit by chronic unemployment.

Research famine

THE Tories have created a 'famine' of resources within research establishments, APEX union delegate Alistair Macdonald told the Congress yesterday.

The cuts, he said had 'delayed benefits for mankind for years to come'.

Macdonald went on: 'It is no exaggeration to say that thousands of our people are suffering discomfort, hardship, misery and pain through illness and disease — thousands have died, who might otherwise have been leading active and useful lives — had this government committed itself to medical research in the same manner and with the same enthusiasm it has committed the public purse to the development of military hardware.'

STEELMEN BACK MINERS

STEELWORKERS will stand in total solidarity with the miners, ISTC steel union Scottish officer Clive Lewis told the STUC yesterday. 'We will without doubt be calling for assistance to defend our own industry and hope affiliates of congress will once again rally to the defence of steelworkers,' Lewis stated.

AMMA joins schools action

THE THIRD largest teaching union, the 90,000-strong Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, yesterday decided to take industrial action after Easter.

Members are planning the action to protest against the local authorities' rejection of arbitration and refusal to increase a 3-per cent pay offer.

A three-hour private emergency meeting at the Bournemouth conference voted in favour of protest but categorically rejected strike action on the grounds that it could jeopardise examinations.

Members will withdraw their goodwill after Easter, giving head teachers three days notice.

Withdrawal of goodwill

will affect meal supervision and other activities outside normal school hours, including parent nights and staff meetings.

The AMMA will ballot its members to see whether they are prepared to withdraw cover for teachers absent for more than a day.

Their counterparts, the National Union of Teachers and National Association of Schoolmasters-Union of Women Teachers members, are expected to back strike action at meetings scheduled after the Easter holiday.

AMMA deputy secretary Peter Smith said: 'We are not prepared to negotiate on the existing 3 per cent, but we are prepared to re-open negotiations on 4.5 per cent.'



Monktonhall miners collecting money towards their action at the STUC yesterday

WORLD
SUMMARYProtest
against
Dr K

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 150 people were arrested and several were injured during a demonstration outside a hotel where former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was giving speech. The protestors were demonstrating against Kissinger and US aggression in Central America.

Denial

NEW YORK — The South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) denied responsibility for a bomb blast that killed two US diplomats in northern Namibia.

Miners

JOHANNESBURG — Three black miners were killed, one was missing and another was trapped in an 'earth tremor' which shook the world's deepest gold mine, a spokesman for Anglo American Corporation said.

Pyramids

CAIRO — Police have banned visits to the pyramids near Cairo after reports that a mysterious gas is leaking from one of the Pharaohs' tombs.

Assurance

PARIS — The French Communist Party had no 'desire' for a 'rupture' with the Mitterrand government 'despite the difficulties and divergences on certain plans', the Communist Minister for Vocational Training, Marcel Rigout, said in Paris yesterday.

Gandhi cracks down
on Punjab students

NEW DELHI — More than 160 Punjabi students were rounded up yesterday in a statewide crackdown by paramilitary and police forces.

The state of emergency was tightened in four south-western districts and police are dragooning all able-bodied men in conscription measures, approved on Monday, to patrol state property.

Raids on homes and arrests were continuing late yesterday in an attempt to put a halt to a vendetta among rival Sikh factions.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi pledged the government to crushing the revolt during a tour of the isolated north-eastern Mizoram region, itself a hotbed of opposition to the government.

Violence

The violence in the Punjab had turned into 'individual terrorism', Gandhi said.

'Things are not easy to control. The situation is not satisfactory.'

A wave of systematic arson has destroyed 37 railway stations and miles of tracks. Police said more than 300 people took part in the commando-style raids at the weekend.

Tension mounted after the troops arrested the brother of the leader of a right-wing Sikh faction demanding that a separate state of Khalistan be

carved out of the Punjab.

The new emergency clampdown is in the Faridkot district, where the government is expecting renewed violence and attacks on state property.

The arrest of faction leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale's brother, Jagjit Singh, has fuelled defiance of the Gandhi government's presidential decrees.

Jagjit Singh was arrested after he was called in for interrogation by police at Faridkot but police emphasised he was not detained under the harsh National Security Act.

They said Jagjit Singh had been held for 'routine offences'. This is the procedure for detention of up to six months without giving a reason under the

beefed-up security provisions.

Press Trust of India confirmed the raids and arrest of students suspected to be members of the outlawed All-India Sikhs Student Federation.

The government alleges the federation trained guerillas and undertook other 'seditious' activities.

Thrash

Harchand Singh Longowal, leader of the Akali Dal, the largest Sikh political grouping, yesterday met Bhindranwale in the Golden Temple of Amritsar in an attempt to thrash out a peace deal.

Home Minister Prakash Chand on Monday offered Longowal a compromise under which a

section of the constitution considered discriminatory by Sikhs could be altered.

The proposal was made after an uproar in parliament and calls from reactionary MPs for the storming of the Golden Temple to arrest communal leaders.

Bhindranwale, whose faction split from the Akali Dal about two years ago, has accused it of organising the killings of his members.

His group is violently opposed to the Akali Dal group because of its open collaboration with the government and rejection of the demand for Khalistan.

A man was hacked into seven pieces in a ritual slaying at the Golden Temple on Monday, in

violation of a centuries-old taboo on violence in the precincts. The man's head was found crushed several feet from the body.

Another Sikh leader was shot down in a hail of bullets as he left the temple the same day and a Hindu priest was shot dead about 20 miles outside Amritsar.

Volatile

Punjab has been under presidential rule since October. The imposition of near martial law rule has added to the already volatile situation in the state.

The state's spring harvest is facing a catastrophe because inter-state rural labourers have stayed away in tens of thousands.

Joint
action
against
SWAPO

JOHANNESBURG — The first reports of joint action by South African and Angolan troops against SWAPO freedom fighters have been broadcast on television by the apartheid regime.

The TV film showed three bodies of SWAPO fighters, and combined movements of Angolan and South African troops, both on foot and in helicopters.

The commentary confirmed that other members of the South West Africa Peoples Organisation had been killed in joint actions on March 13.

Under the agreement signed between the two countries, a 'joint commission' has been set up to kill any SWAPO fighters in or around Namibia or its borders.

In return, the South African regime has merely given its word that it would not cross the Angolan border and would no longer supply arms and equipment to the mercenary groups inside Angola.

Swiss
Tamils
uproar

BERNE, Switzerland — The head of the Swiss government's Refugee Department, Christopher Fisch, has resigned in protest against the repatriation of persecuted Sri Lankan Tamils.

The resignation has sparked a major row in the government, while controversy rages over renewed violence in Sri Lanka against the minority Tamils.

Fisch said he was no longer willing to accept responsibility for the fate of Tamils returned to their homeland because of the government's refusal to grant them refugee status.

Persecuted

He said in a television interview: 'We must take them. I am not saying all Tamils have been persecuted but one can argue that young Tamils who return home would be in danger.'

A young Tamil, Elango Shanmugam Pillai, said he was 'frightened' to return home: 'They will put me in prison and then they will shoot me.'

Pillai said police arrested Tamils whenever political meetings were held in his neighborhood 'just because they were young'.

He described his experience in detention: 'I was arrested three or four times. They would tie me up, beat me, stick needles under my fingernails and burn me with cigarettes.'



Steel workers opposition to job cuts growing rapidly

Crisis talks in metal
industry

DUSSELDORF, West Germany — Steel union branches were yesterday told to prepare to ballot for the first national strike since 1978 after talks broke down between I.G. Metall, Europe's largest union, and employers.

Employers rejected the union's demand for a 35-hour week and insisted that the 40-hour week remain the basis of any settlement to offset widespread opposition to job cuts that will halt all state subsidies and destroy what is virtually the continent's most advanced industry.

Talks

The West German mark lost nearly half a pfennig when news of the break down of talks reached the Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Market, to trade at 2.64 marks to the dollar but later regained some ground.

Union leader Hans

no new dates (for talks) have been agreed,' he said.

Mayr said later the he expected the first ballots recommending a national strike to be called in the first week of May.

'The thread of negotiations is so badly torn that

Talks last week also broke down and were followed by a series of token strikes, after the union leaders backed off from calling an all-out stoppage and agreed to further

er discussions with management.

Employers' leaders, who assert the 35-hour week would increase costs and promote unemployment, conceded they saw no possibility of more negotiations.

They have only offered a 3.3 per cent wage increase and an early retirement scheme.

IG Metall has won the support of the print union IG Druck und Papier. The print union held a one-day strike last Friday, halting the production of most national newspapers.

The demand for a shorter working week has won widespread support among West German workers. The issue was behind a strike by IG Metall in 1978 which resulted in a temporary truce between the unions and the employers.

Bank scandal

MIAMI — Lawyers for the Great American Bank of Miami, which crashed in 1981, yesterday admitted the bank did not tell the Tax Department of more than \$36 million in transactions in 1980 and 1981.

The government prosecution says the money was 'laundered' on behalf of drug dealers.

Lawyers for Barnett Banks of Jacksonville, Florida, which took over

Great American, entered four guilty pleas on the bank's behalf in exchange for a recommendation by state Attorney Stanley Marcus that it be fined no more than \$500,000 for each offence.

Federal agents brought the charges as part of 'Operation Greenback', a probe of several small Miami banks said to be accepting large sums from drug smugglers and dealers.

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ONE MILLION JOIN ANTI-JUNTA RALLY

SAO PAULO — More than one million people took to the streets of Sao Paulo last night to demand the right to vote for the president. It was Brazil's biggest rally in more than 20 years.

The protest was the largest in a series being mounted by opposition parties in support of their amendment to the constitution scheduled for Congressional vote on April 25.

The demonstration top-

ped the Rio de Janeiro rally last week and clearly showed the spreading nationwide support for the demand to end 20 years of totalitarian rule.

Opposition spokesmen yesterday categorically rejected an alternative proposed by Justice Minister Ibrahim Abi-Ackel in the national capital, Brasilia.

The government of President Joao Figueredo offered to hold direct presidential elections in November 1988 and to reduce the presidential term from six to four years, while preserving

the right to elect Figueredo's successor.

One of the reasons behind the government's proposal is its worry that many of its Social Democratic Party (PDS) deputies, could defect to the opposition in the Congressional vote.

Much of the rules for presidential selection remain unchanged in the government's proposal, which reserves for the military regime the right to select one of the two highest-placed candidates failing a 50.1 per

cent majority.

Influential Rio de Janeiro opposition governor Leonel Brizola, who barred traffic from the city centre last week and provided free buses to help people to gather for the demonstration, has predicted the defeat of the government's proposal.

He asked: 'If the government believes direct elections are necessary, why not now?'

Brazilian Popular Democratic Movement president Ulysses

Guimaraes said: 'Direct elections may not solve all our problems but 20 years of indirect elections have solved none.'

Guimaraes' group is the largest of the opposition political parties.

The government appeared temporarily to have dropped an earlier threat to boycott the April 25 Congressional vote.

Many government deputies are reported to be worried they could lose their seats in the 1986 elections if they opposed the opposition's call.

Figueredo said in a radio and television

broadcast: 'Today, the people have demonstrated their wish to change the constitution.'

'The government and the political parties cannot ignore their wishes.'

'In accordance with the popular will, it is necessary to change the constitution.'

'We are going to change it but it is necessary to change it in a responsible manner.'

Neither the government nor the opposition have the necessary two-thirds majority to ensure the passage of either of their proposals.

Israeli inflation rise

JERUSALEM — Israel's annual inflation of 240 per cent jumped by 10.7 per cent last month, bringing the total rise this quarter to 42.2 per cent.

The Consumer Price Index jumped by 12 per cent in February and 14.9 per cent the previous month.

Warned

Secretary-general Yerucham Meshel of the Histadrut Labour Federation, the corporatist organisation, warned annual inflation could run at 311 per cent under the present trend.

He rejected claims of 'some improvement' by the Finance Ministry and said the inflationary rise in March was the highest for the quarter.

Counter-attack by Nicaraguans

MANAGUA — Nicaraguan troops yesterday launched a major offensive aimed at driving US-backed mercenaries out of the southern area around the port of San Juan del Norte.

The operation began early yesterday morning, though a Nicaraguan Defence Ministry spokesman said there would be no further bulletins on the counter-attack until it was over.

The Nicaraguan government again refused to confirm reports issued by the mercenary militia of Eden Pastora that the port had been taken over by his forces, which have been operating out of neighbouring Costa Rica.

The Nicaraguan Vice-Minister of Foreign Relations, Victor Tinoco, said his government had sent a letter of protest to Costa Rica, accusing the government of allowing Pastora's forces to launch the attack from their soil in violation of a neutrality agreement.

Interior Minister Tomas Borge said in a radio broadcast: 'We are in a state of war against an invading force organised and directed by the strongest power in the capitalist world.'

'Patriotic military service must recruit not only workers and peasants, but also young people from all social strata, because we are defending not only the rights of peasants and workers, but the interests of all the nation.'

The Sandanist newspaper 'Barricada' said in an editorial: 'Nicaragua is militarily besieged by the United States. The war obliges us to redouble our efforts and be strict in the application of military service.'

Nicaragua has a trained army of about 53,000, and a civilian force of 300,000, the newspaper said but they lacked the weaponry and logistical back-up of the 11,500 US-backed mercenaries.

The newspaper said the economy had lost about \$9.1 million because of the mining of harbours, though this figure did not take into account the losses suffered through the sinking of five foreign vessels, including a Soviet tanker.



Sandinista fighters



MARIO SOARES

Secret service move

LISBON — The Socialist and Social Democrat coalition government of Prime Minister Mario Soares has decided to set up a national secret service.

The new secret service will be under the direct control of the Prime Minister.

A service of strategic defence information will be placed under the Defence Minister and the chiefs of staff of the defence forces will control military intelligence.

A parliamentary committee purportedly will 'keep watch on the intelligence activities'.

Majority

The ruling coalition's two-thirds majority in parliament presented it no problem carrying the secret service Bill through but it received enthusiastic support from the major opposition, the Christian Democrats.

The Communist Party, the third-largest parliamentary opposition, opposed the Bill.

Communist Party leader Carlos Britto said: 'Fifty years of dictatorship were enough.'

The fascist dictatorship was ended by the coup of April 25, 1974.

One of the first acts of the military junta that seized power was the abolition of the all-powerful International Police for the Defence of the State (PIDE), later known as the Directorate of Security (DGS).

The government argued that the absence of a secret service along the lines of other Western democracies had left Portugal vulnerable to subversion and terrorism.

Parliament voted for the Bill after an all-night session on Monday.

The Bill goes before a committee for drafting of a detailed final version.

Justice Minister Rui Machete said: 'Since April 1974, Portugal has been a democratic state, which allows it to overcome the PIDE-DGS complex.'

'It would be a mistake to confuse the political police of a totalitarian regime with the intelligence service of a democratic state.'

ANTI ARMS PROTEST

FRANKFURT — West German teachers are being urged to join demonstrations for disarmament this Easter.

The executive of the teachers' union, the Gewerkschaft Erziehung und Wissenschaft (GEW), has made a call to the DGB (the West German TUC) and all its affiliated trade unions.

Peace politics and education should have an important part in the events being organised for May 1 and September 1 should be a day for the trade union peace movement, the statement said.

Satellite station in the Algarve

PORTUGAL has agreed to the US setting up a satellite tracking station and a NATO radar installation in its scenic Algarve region, in the southern tip of the country.

The agreement was a condition set by the Reagan government for \$1.32 billion worth of economic and military aid over seven years to the poorest of the European countries.

It coincides with a decision by the Mario Soares government to set up a secret service, abolished in its political police form by the coup of 1974.

The \$2.3 million installation, a Ground-

based Electro Optical Deep Space Surveillance System (GEODSS), will be built about 13 miles from the populous city of Faro and be ready for use in 1987.

The station will be part of the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD) and will cover Spanish Andalusia, North Africa and 200 miles of Portuguese coastline.

The three other such stations are in Socorro, Medico, Maui, Hawaii, and Taegu, South Korea.

A fourth is under construction in Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

Solidarity action

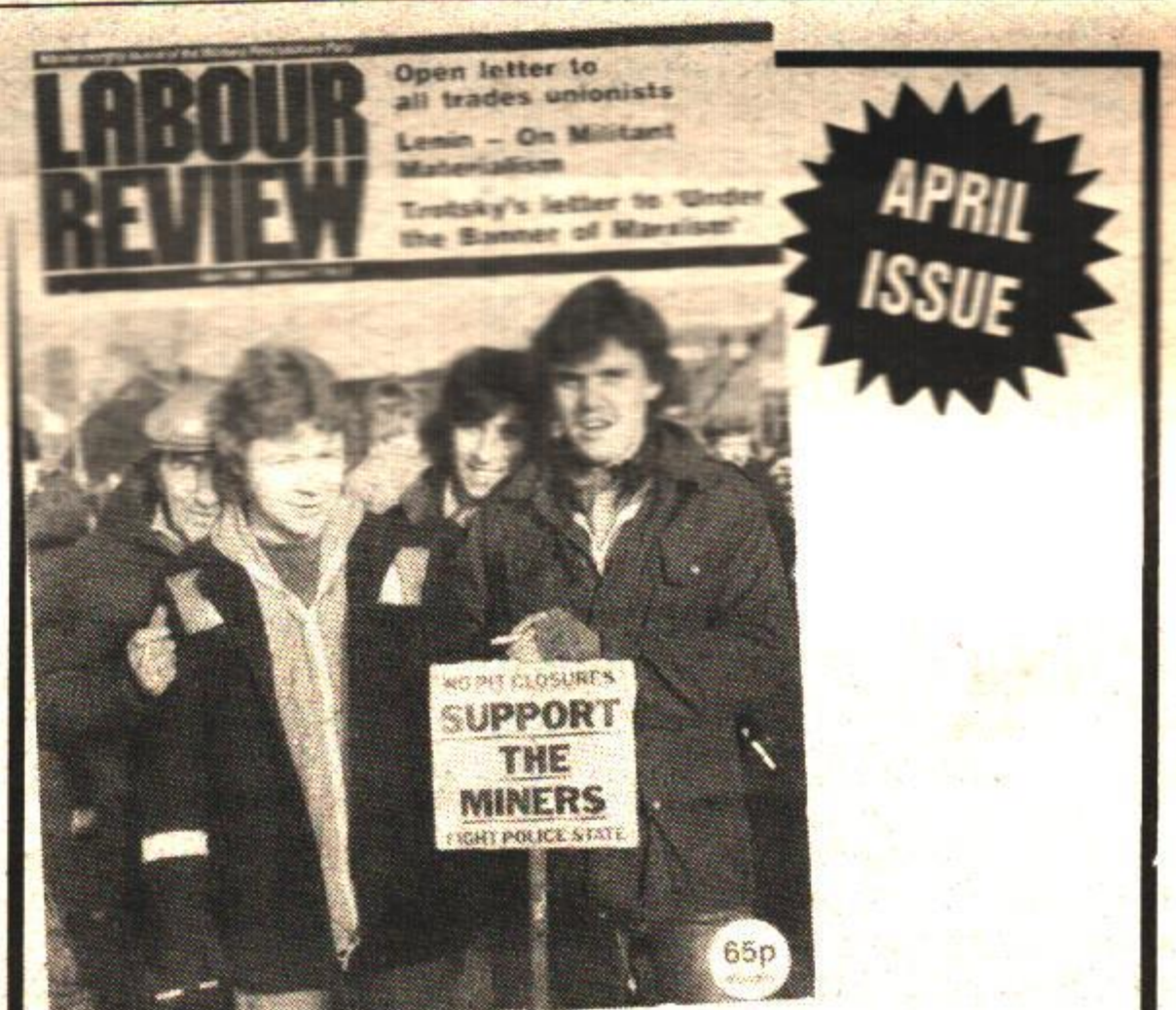
BRISBANE — Australian seamen have refused to load 130,000 tonnes of coal in support of striking miners in Britain.

The Australian seamen's union intervened to stop tugs from handling the Crystal Transporter which was due to berth at a coal terminal north of Brisbane.

The union said it had

taken the action after receiving requests from the British miners' union and the seamen's union urging them not to handle Australian coal bound for British markets.

The Australian seamen's union said it had informed the Australian Council of Trade Unions of their action.



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PORTER FIGHTS FOR UNION ON NORTH WALES CAMPUS

A NORTH Wales NUPE branch chairman was told by his employers he should not stand for election to any union position without their permission.

Dafydd Llewelun Jones, a porter at the Halls of Residence, University College of North Wales, Bangor, has been fighting the university management's attempt to sack him or prevent him carrying out his union duties properly.

Jones, a delegate to Bangor Trades Council and secretary of its May Day sub-committee, and an active member of NUPE, told News Line of the university management's long history of hostility to the union.

The incident occurred in October, when the halls and catering manager, Captain Brian Walsh, arrived at the Halls of Residence at 4.45am and found Jones lying down on four chairs.

Accused

Walsh accused him of sleeping on duty and threatened him with disciplinary action.

Jones explained he was not asleep. He was lying down because he suffered from occasional chest pains. These pains were not serious but it helped if he lay down and rested when they occurred.

Walsh admitted at a subsequent disciplinary hearing that he had neither spoken to, nor touched

Jones and just 'assumed' he was asleep.

He insisted that Jones immediately be placed on paid sick leave until medical tests proved he was fit to carry on.

NUPE Area Officer Robert Skillicorn wrote to branch secretary Tom Roberts at branch secretary, Tom Roberts, and said it was clear the management was trying to remove Jones from his union position, warning of the danger of forced retirement on grounds of ill health.

Involved

Skillicorn told Roberts it was not the first time the management had 'tried to involve itself in Branch affairs'.

Months of medical tests showed Jones was not seriously ill and that, apart from the infrequent and brief occasional pains, he was fit to carry out his duties as a college porter.

When he tried to return to work, he was told the question of disciplinary action over the incident in October had to be resolved before he could start.

The management told him at a hearing on April 4 that he could start work again only on condition that he requested 'the personal permission' the halls and catering manager to attend to union duties.

He was given 'a final formal written warning' about his conduct, although he had had no previous written warnings in seven years of

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working there.

Jones said the harassment would not prevent him continuing to fight for the union inside the college.

'People get the idea that universities are places of enlightenment but they are really part of the establishment and just as anti-union,' he said.

'We also understand that they intend taking on about six extra security guards but that they are to be paid for by cutting

the wages of the existing porters by cutting out the night shift.

'The main disappointment has been the attitude of the union.

Realise

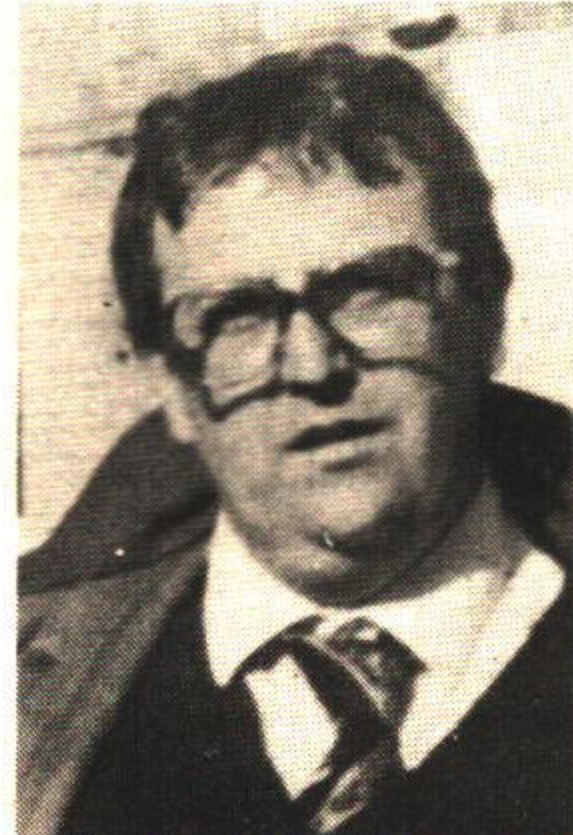
'Although I have approached them on several occasions, and they obviously realise that this is an attack on the whole union, as Skillicorn's letter makes clear, they have hardly opened their mouths on it.

'We have no intention of quietly accepting this situation. If the manage-

ment get away with this, then no union member in the college will be able to keep his job or condition safe.

'They are out to try and crush the union here, just as the government is trying to do to the miners.'

The branch are anxious to receive as many letters of support as possible to show the management that they are not fighting alone in an area that does not have a tradition of militant trade unionism. Trade unionists are urged to write to: Dafydd Ll. Jones, 76 Hill Street, Bangor, Gwynedd.



DAFYDD LLEWELUN JONES

All Trades Unions Alliance

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YOUNG SOCIALISTS PUBLIC MEETINGS

• Full support for the miners! • Fight back against Tory dictatorship measures!
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SCOTLAND

DUNFERMLINE: Thursday April 19, 7.30p.m. Woodmill Miners Welfare Club, Woodmill Road.
Speakers: Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee); Bob Young (NUM Woodmill strike committee)
Plus film: 'The General Strike 1926'

VALLEYFIELD: Tuesday April 24, 7p.m. St Serfs Chapel Hall, Chapel Street.
Speakers: John McCormack (delegate Polmaise NUM); Jim McCallum (delegate Bogside NUM, in personal capacity); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee)
Plus film: 'The General Strike 1926'

ABERDEEN: Wednesday May 2, 7.30p.m. Music Hall, Union Street.
Speakers: Colin Yackimlinie (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee)

GOVAN: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Summertown Centre, Broomloan Road.
Speakers: John McHugh (Young Socialists); Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee)

CUMBERNAULD: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Lesser Halls, Cumbernauld Town Centre.
Speakers: M. Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee)

NORTH WEST

MANCHESTER: Thursday April 19, 7.30p.m. Room 1, Wythenshawe Forum, Wythenshawe.
Speakers: Brendan Gaffney (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

SALFORD: Tuesday April 24, 7.30p.m. Broadwalk Library, Salford Precinct.
Speakers: Brendan Gaffney (YS National Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

ST HELENS: Tuesday April 24, 7.30p.m. Ramford Hotel, Ramford Street, Parr.
Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Ray Evans (Wigan WRP); Jeff Gregory (President Bold NUM, in personal capacity)

PRESTON: Wednesday April 25, 7.30p.m. Textile Centre, Sedgewick Street.
Speakers: Jim Foley (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Steve Brindle (AUEW shop steward BAC, in personal capacity)

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS: Wednesday April 25, 7.30p.m. The Railway, Queen Street.
Speakers: Bill Garner (Warrington YS); Bob Edwards (WRP Central Committee); Joe Boughey (Secretary Warrington NUPE, in personal capacity)

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

WIGAN: Wednesday May 2, 7.30p.m. Market Tavern.
Speaker: Billy Lunt (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

EASTERN

CORBY: Wednesday April 25, 7.30p.m. Green Room, Festival Hall, Civic Centre.
Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Ray Athow (WRP Central Committee)

GREAT YARMOUTH: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. Great Yarmouth Library, Tolhouse Street.
Speakers: Melita Attard (YS Regional Committee); Fiona Cairns (Norwich WRP)

BURY: Friday May 4, 7p.m. Southgate Community Centre, Noughton Estate.
Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Steve Hamblin (WRP District Committee)
Followed by Disco, 8.30p.m.

YORKSHIRE

DONCASTER: Thursday April 26, 7.30p.m. Station Hotel, Thurnscoe.
Speakers: Chris Marsden (YS National Committee); Dave Hyland (WRP Central Committee); Barry Miller (Goldthorpe NUM, in personal capacity)

HUDDERSFIELD: Thursday April 26, 7.30p.m. Friendly and Trades Club.
Speakers: Andy Briggs (Huddersfield YS); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); Ernest Fairburn (Emley Moor NUM, in personal capacity)

EAST MIDLANDS

DERBY: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. Pakistan Community Centre, Harrington Street.
Speakers: Kevin Alcock (YS National Committee); Geoff Pilling (WRP Central Committee); Bish Wojcik (NUR, in personal capacity)

CHESTERFIELD: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Speedwell Rooms, Inkershill Road, Staveley.
Speakers: Kevin Alcock (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); Dave Nuttall (NUM, in personal capacity)

ALFRETON: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. St Martins Church Hall, Mansfield Road.
Speakers: Kevin Alcock (YS National Committee); Peter Jones (WRP Central Committee); Mick Nettleship (NUM, in personal capacity)

LEICESTER: Tuesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate.
Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee); Brian Prangle (Leicester WRP)

WESTERN

BRISTOL: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. Filwood Community Centre, Knowle West.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

PORTSMOUTH: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. The Oddfellows, 356 London Road (opp Ophir garage).
Speakers: Caroline Kearney (YS Regional Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Bill Ferrett (Portsmouth WRP); Phil Watts (UCATT branch treasurer in personal capacity)

EXETER: Friday May 4, 7.30p.m. Devenport Inn, Fore Street.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Mick Byrne (WRP District Committee)

SOUTH WALES

CARDIFF: Thursday April 26, 7.30p.m., Tredegar Hotel, Clifton Street, Splott.
Speakers: Roy Coombes (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Ken Daniels (GMBATU); Stuart Barber (NUPE official)

KENT

DEAL: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m., Deal Town Hall.
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee)

DARTFORD: Monday May 14, 7.30p.m. Tenants Hall, Tree Estate
Speakers: Richard Murphy (Peckham YS); Alan Clarke (Dartford WRP)

HERTS & BEDS

LUTON: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Room 4, High Town Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road.
Speakers: Gerald Bolton (YS Regional Committee); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP); Liam Flaherty (T&GWU shop steward Vauxhalls, in personal capacity)

WATFORD: Thursday May 31, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Hall, (opp Junction station), Woodford Road.
Speakers: Richard Bolton (Hemel YS); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP)

MIDDLESEX

WEMBLEY: Monday April 30, 8p.m. Labour Hall, Top of Ealing Road.
Speakers: Rob Jackson (YS National Committee); Peter Farrell (WRP Central Committee)

SUSSEX

CRAWLEY: Monday April 30, 7.30p.m. Furnace Green Community Centre.
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Joe Kierney (Crawley 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)

WHITE CITY: Wednesday April 25, 7.30p.m. Springbok Pub, South Africa Road, W12.
Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

CATFORD: Thursday April 26, 7.30p.m. Davenport Hall, Davenport Road, SE8.
Speakers: Richard Murphy (Peckham YS); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee)

CLAPHAM: Wednesday May 2, 7.30p.m. Coronation Hall, Union Road, SW4.
Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Paul Feldman (WRP Central Committee)

PADDINGTON: Thursday May 3, 8p.m. Kensal Community Centre, Kensal Road, W10.
Speaker: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee); Barran Hulme (Kensington WRP)

BRISTON: Thursday May 3, 8p.m. Room 7, Brixton Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2.
Speakers: Julie Williams (YS National Committee); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)

ARNOS GROVE: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. The Turretts Pub, Friern Barnet Lane, N11, (opp New Southgate station).
Speakers: Gary Ryder (YS National Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP District Committee)

FINSBURY: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. Finsbury Library, St John Street, EC1.
Speaker: Elizabeth Ali (YS Regional Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Cllr John Walker

DAGENHAM: Tuesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Seabrook Hall, Fiddlers Roundabout.
Speakers: Derek Blackwood (YS Regional Committee); Keith Scotcher (WRP District Committee)

BURNT OAK: Thursday May 17, 8p.m. Burnt Oak Library, Burnt Oak Broadway.
Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Peter Farrell (WRP Central Committee)

ACTON: Tuesday June 5, 7.30p.m. Council Chamber, Acton Town Hall, High Street, W3.
Speakers: Rob Jackson (YS National Committee); Geoff Pilling (WRP Central Committee)

YOUNG SOCIALISTS STUDENT SOCIETY

GLASGOW: Wednesday April 25, 12.15p.m. Glasgow University QM Union.
'The miners strike, the state and the emerging socialist revolution'
Speaker: Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee)

Go ahead for NF Easter march

GREATER Manchester Chief Constable James Anderton has rejected calls for a ban of the National Front's national march planned for Easter Saturday.

Manchester Council for Community Relations had asked Anderton to ban the march through Salford on the grounds that it would lead to violence and cause bad feeling among ethnic groups.

But in a statement released yesterday Anderton says: 'there are no grounds at present upon which the chief constable would be justified in applying to the

Salford district council for them to consider a ban — but the situation will be constantly monitored.'

A deputation including representatives of ethnic groups, trade unionists and students will meet the chief constable this afternoon to urge him to reconsider his decision.

Community relations spokesman John Tummon said: 'It is a known fact that the National Front have only three members in Manchester and this march will simply attract organised gangs of London thugs intent on causing violence and spreading discontentment.'

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

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BOLSOVER miners' leader Geoff Poulter has written to the TUC General Council appealing for urgent financial support for 700 men who have been on strike at the pit for the last six weeks.

His letter, shown to News Line yesterday, expresses the defiance of the miners but recognises that they cannot and must not be left to stand alone in this fight.

It states: 'My members are now feeling the pinch and some have been forced back to work through lack of financial help.

'If we fail, others will follow. The fight against job losses must not be lost.

'In order for us to sustain our fight and carry on with our trade union principles, we hope some form of grant can be made from the TUC general council for our branch.'

A 700 strong picket of strikers from the North Derbyshire pit and miners from Yorkshire who had dodged numerous police road blocks massed outside Bolsover colliery early yesterday morning.

Hemmed

But they were hemmed in on all sides by more than 500 police who came in a convoy of 35 minibuses in the early hours.

Poulter thanked the pickets and said there had been 'a big reduction in the number going in to work over the last two days'.

He added: 'Support is building up and we saw this at a branch meeting on Sunday, when out of a meeting of over 100, only five voted against approaching the area executive to make our stoppage official.'

Bitter

The Bolsover men have waged a bitter struggle over the last five weeks to win official backing in the teeth of opposition from the majority of the Notts area leadership.

Two weeks ago, they occupied the area NUM

REPORT: SIMON VEVERS
PHOTOS: SEAN SMITH

headquarters, for two days, and have led two large lobbies of the area executive and an NUM delegate meeting.

Poulter said he hoped tomorrow's delegate conference in Sheffield would vote for an all-out national strike to resist closures and mass sackings — without a ballot.

'We don't need one,' he said. 'There are enough pits out to call a strike. In the last two days, tremendous support for strike action had come from pits such as Linby, Clipstone and Newstead.'

Divisions

But Poulter said area NUM leaders had fuelled divisions between Notts miners and the rest of the British coalfield, by 'responding to voting in one area, rather than thinking about the position of the national union.'

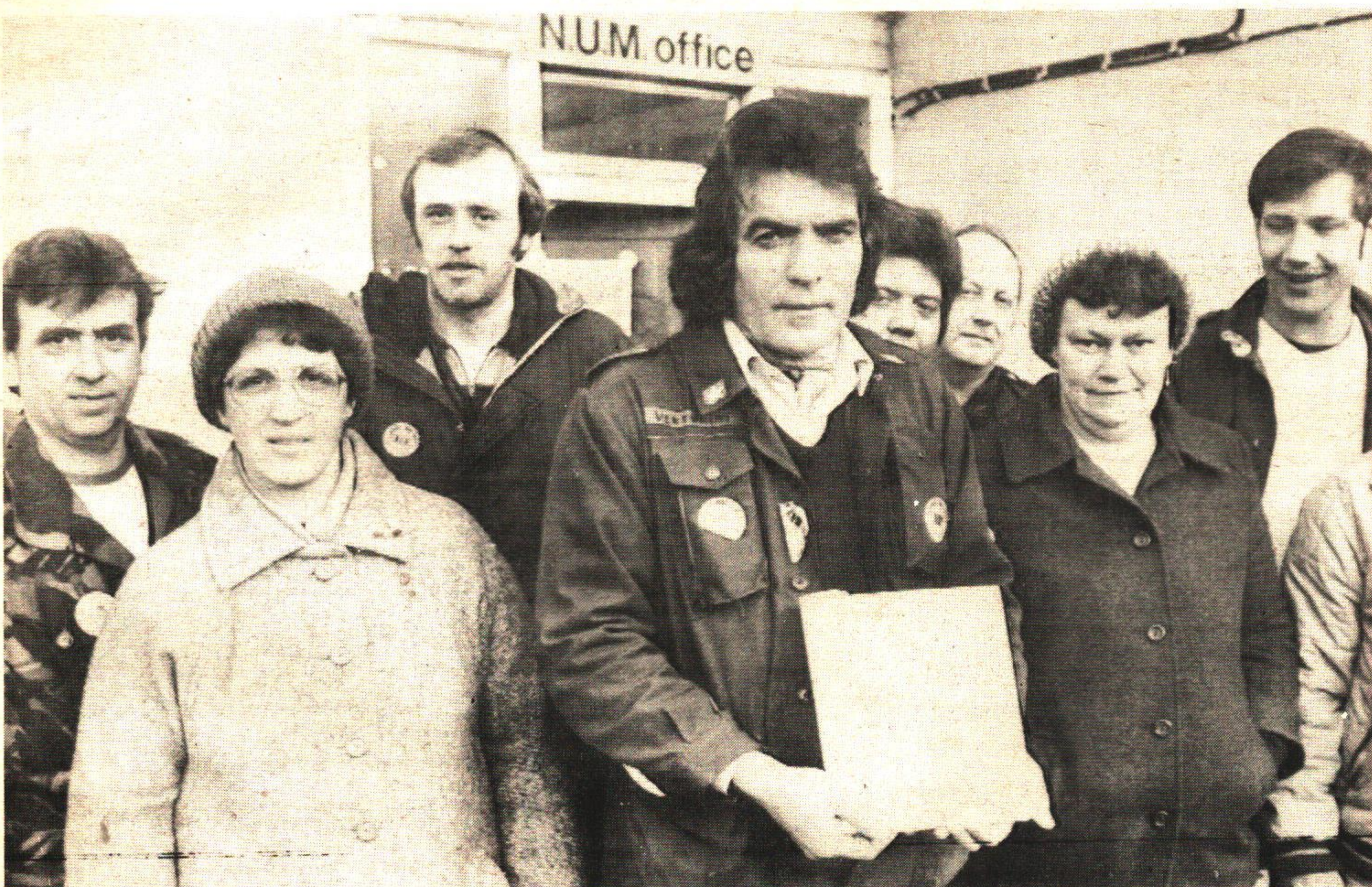
He paid tribute to all trade unionists who had given generously to the miners' fighting fund, but said: 'We can't win this fight without the active support of the rest of the trade union movement.'

'And I am confident that we will get it, because I think a lot of trade unionists are frightened that if we lose then they will lose'.

Bolsover pit leader demands TUC backing

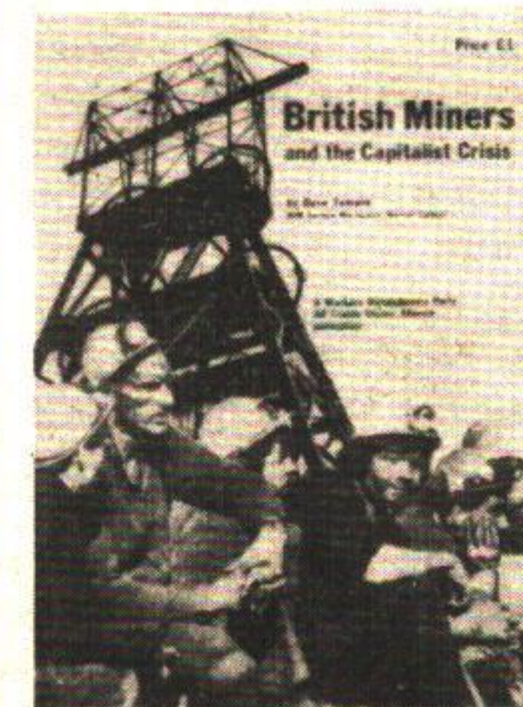


Mass picket at Bolsover colliery yesterday



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STUC and the General Strike

BRIAN Walden is a renegade Labourite who has made his name as a leading interviewer in the 'Weekend World' Sunday programme of the ITV. He is as familiar with the Bonapartist camp of Thatcher as he is with his old cronies from the trade union movement.

In yesterday's 'Evening Standard' he has some interesting things to say about the miners' strike. He describes it as 'an irrepressible conflict in our society between the instincts of capitalism and those of socialism. They cannot co-exist...' Mr Walden has discovered the class struggle and in a back-handed way confirms what the News Line has been saying since the strike began.

We have said that the miners' strike is about jobs and the future of their industry and is therefore being waged on behalf of the whole working class. It is a political strike because it cannot be resolved under the capitalist system of private ownership for profit.

For capitalism and its Tory Bonapartist government, profit comes first before the working class. And Walden is on the side of profit which means he sings the praises of MacGregor, who, he says 'has walked straight into the middle of the British class war, which if not beyond his imagination, is beyond anything he can recognise as common-sense.' Walden is of course on the side of 'common-sense'.

Turning to the miners' leadership, he says Scargill 'wishes to destroy capitalism and means what he says... he is not a revolutionary of the mouth... His socialism is not a creed of words, but action'.

About Thatcher and the miners' strike Walden is emphatic. 'The Prime Minister is not dim-witted. She knows perfectly well that to give in to Mr Scargill will destroy her credibility. No such thought has crossed her mind. She intends to fight and win.'

'At this very moment,' Walden insists, 'she is learning how well-equipped the troops are to move coal from the pit-heads to the power station. On "Weekend World" Mr MacGregor advocated this course, which he maintained would double the lifetime of electricity supply to industry and domestic consumers...'

'If she went a little further and advised a contingency plan to unload imported coal and move it to the power stations, she could give Mr Scargill a terrible headache.' There is much food for serious thought in what Walden has to say.

Thatcher is ready and has completed her plans to smash the trade unions and the working class. In the desperate economic situation of British capitalism, she is rapidly creating the objective conditions for social revolution, because that is what is historically posed.

In such a situation, 'revolutionary theory must guide revolutionary practice'. There can be no 'peaceful interludes' between struggles when the trade unions can indulge in blind-alley reformist day-dreaming. The miners' strike poses revolutionary questions which can only be answered through social revolution. Never mind who is ready for it or not. That is what is being historically and objectively posed.

The decision of the Scottish TUC to call a general strike on May Day is just nothing more than a protest against Bonapartist actions which invoke a civil war strategy. Ken Cameron of the Fire Brigade Union was correct when he declared: 'It will require more than one day.' That is for sure. The General Strike will mean a revolutionary confrontation and it is unavoidable if the miners are to win.

Right now the trade union leaders suffer from the political blight of reformist image-making, and are stumbling from one crisis to another. 'We have had the NGA and the GCHQ,' said Cameron at the Scottish TUC. 'Every time we took a step back, the Tories took three steps forward. If the miners lose, we all lose.'

We will go one further than that. It will mean not only the destruction of trade unionism and the democratic rights of the working class, but the emergence through a split in the Tory Party of a most powerful fascist movement.

Miners need support

NCB destroying Scottish pits

ON the picket lines miners fighting for their jobs and communities face all the thuggery of a new national police force complete with agents provocateurs, snatch squads and spies. Inside the collieries they face a new tactic to speed up the Thatcher-McGregor closure programme and undermine the NUM.

Coal Board managers are under instruction to provoke trouble with trade unionists and 'pull the plugs' on closure-threatened pits if they get half a chance.

THE Coal Board's Scottish area director Albert Wheeler strode into the yard at Polmaise colliery, Stirlingshire, in June 1983 to find a crowd of angry workers.

Miners on back shifts were discussing Coal Board attempts to transfer men from the closure-threatened Cardowan mine in Lanarkshire to Polmaise.

They opposed the transfers because they undermined the fight for Cardowan and specifically broke the Board's promise that local men who had transferred to Fife during re-developments would be first back to Polmaise.

'What are these men doing, standing around wearing my uniforms?', asked Wheeler.

'If they don't go to work, sack them!' he told

pit manager Donald Cameron.

The men were unmoved. 'Lock the gates!', ordered Wheeler, before driving away.

And so began the first lock-out in the Scottish coalfield since the war.

Polmaise stood firm: no one transferred there from Cardowan. Last autumn the Polmaise NUM took their case through the NCB's conciliation machinery — and every

penny lost to the miners during the two weeks lock-out was repaid.

Monktonhall

THE NEXT flashpoint was Scotland's newest colliery Monktonhall, which employs 1,300 men. Letters were sent to miners on the L43 section, telling them that if productivity didn't improve, they would be sacked.

Men who reported for work one minute late following a pit-head union meeting were laid off. That triggered a walk-out and then a bitter six-week strike.

The sabotage tactic was deployed for the first time on Sunday, October 23.

Monktonhall members of the deputies' union NACODS wanted the NUM and management to reopen talks and threatened to withdraw their members who were providing safety cover at the colliery.

Management's response was immediate. 'We'll switch off the power from pumping stations and ventilation systems,' they said.

NUM officials rushed to the pits late at night to ensure that their NACODS colleagues continued to send safety men down the pits.

Divide

A WEEK later, the miners' national overtime ban began and the Scottish area NCB made a new attempt to divide and rule over the union and in the industry.

Area director Wheeler instructed his management team — members of the British Association of Colliery Managers — not to provide safety cover at the weekend. BACM members in other NCB areas ensured that safety work was done, but in Scotland special rotas had to be organised by the NUM.

At the beginning of December, NUM Scottish Area secretary Eric Clarke received a letter



The NCB first threatened to 'throw switches' during the seven-week strike at Monktonhall colliery last

from the (now retired) general secretary of the union, Laurence Daly.

It said the union's national emergency committee advised the Scottish miners to provide safety cover 'in emergencies only'.

It seemed like a very short-sighted suggestion. Such a policy nearly led to the outright closure of Polmaise.

Safety cover was withdrawn one weekend and the pit began to flood. An emergency was declared on Saturday morning and NUM branch secretary Jim Armitage telephoned members to organise a safety team.

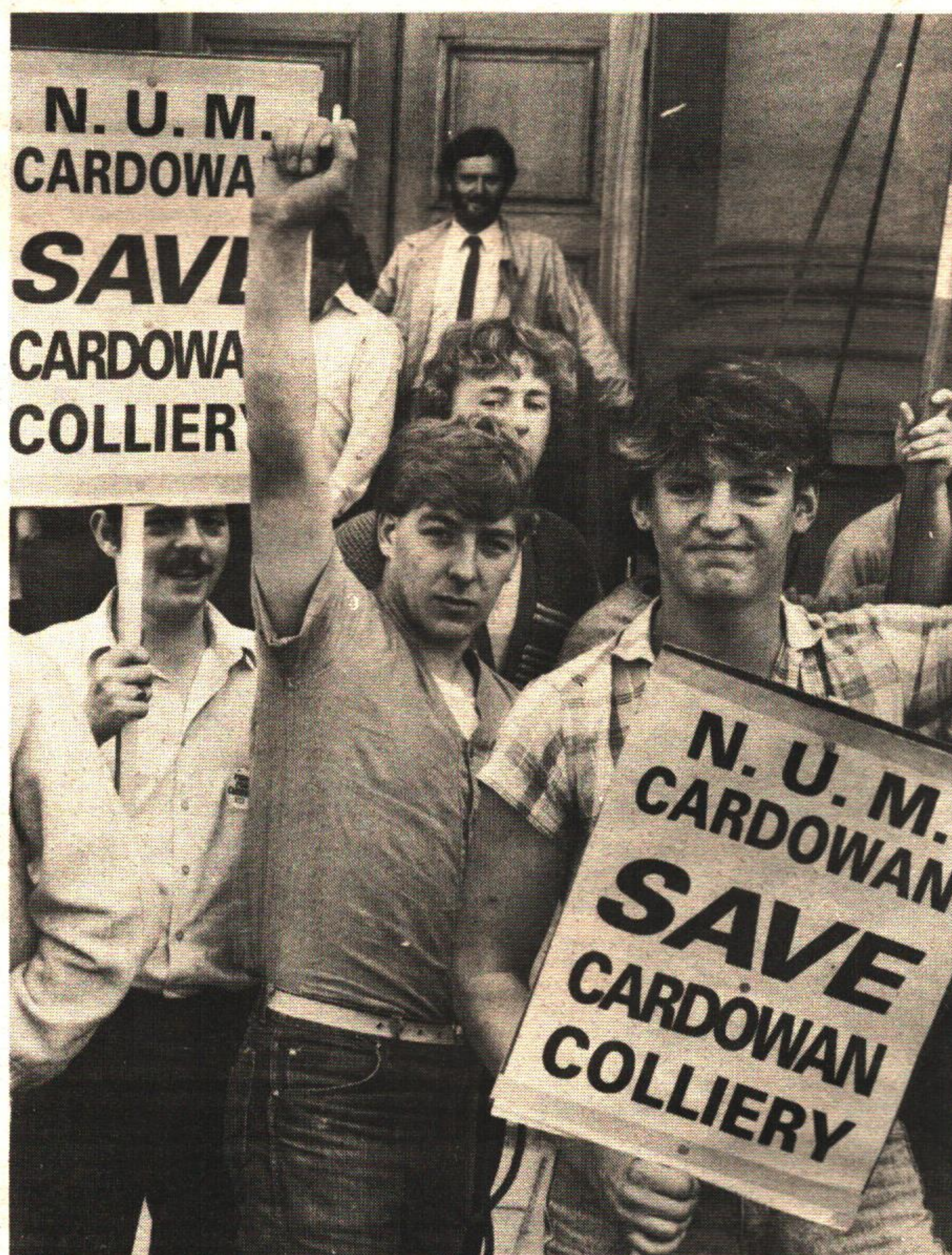
But when they arrived at the colliery, they found the gates locked. Management had ordered that no one was to get in.

It was not until the Sunday morning that union representatives succeeded in contacting management and sent safety teams underground, saving the colliery from permanent damage.

During the overtime ban, similar tactics were attempted at Killoch, Seaford and other collieries.

Bogside

THE NCB tactics finally succeeded at the Bogside mine in the Longannet complex which was earmarked for closure in January this year.



Scottish miners' resistance to transfers from Cardowan colliery led to a campaign of intimidation and the Polmaise lockout

Part of whole working class



the
week
year



The Polmaise miners now fighting closure are accusing managers of wanting 'sudden death' by flooding

'Never in my wildest dreams did I think the Coal Board would flood a pit,' recalls NUM delegate McCallum.

'When we picketed other unions to stop them

going to switch off the power, the police were called and told us we shouldn't be picketing on Coal Board premises.'

This was how the NCB turned a fully operational

coal mine into a useless wreck in a matter of hours.

On the morning of Friday, January 27, without explanation, 12 men were downgraded from power-

loading rates (the top earnings in the coal industry) to ordinary underground wages. A pay cut in plain language.

The miners walked out immediately. In what

McCallum described as 'a spontaneous explosion of anger', members of the union's craft section SCEBTA not only went on strike, but withdrew safety staff.

The stoppage was unanimously supported by the entire back shift, which arrived at 1p.m.

Management rapidly intervened. If SCEBTA didn't provide a supervisory engineer and electrician, the mine would be de-powered immediately, they said.

Staff belonging to the management unions BACM and NACODS were told to 'throw the switches'.

The miners set up picket lines to stop them going underground. The police were called and NUM officials 'reminded of the law relating to picketing'.

NACODS members switched off the power and Bogside began to flood.

At 6.30p.m. an emergency was declared. The main surface fan, vital equipment, had stopped. Two supervisory electricians, two supervisory engineers and a shift engineer presented themselves to deal with the problem.

'Rescue'

At five minutes to seven they informed management they were ready to 'rescue' the endangered machinery.

First, they were told the surface compressor had been turned off and the cooling jackets drained 'as a protection against frost'.

Secondly they were told: 'You have five minutes of management time left. We have been here since 7a.m. this morning.' And the manager went home.

The first vital job to stop the pit flooding was to restart the compressor — which creates an air blast to open and shut doors and must be working before the fans can be used safely.

The manager eventually agreed by phone that the job should be done. The chief engineer said he had left all the necessary instructions.

But there was a fault on the compressor which the engineers could not trace.

Writing recently in the 'Scottish Miner', Bogside union representatives stated: 'The engineers returned to the compressor and traced the fault to a little known and never-used valve. This valve had been closed down tight.'

Refused

No one knows who closed down the valve.

What is known is that when it was finally fixed, the manager was 'implored' to return to the mine to restart the main surface fan — but refused.

It was not started until the following morning. That delay was bad enough — but it was nothing to the delay in starting recovery of the mine (i.e. clearing it of water and gas that had built up during the emergency).

Nothing was done for a whole week.

Bogside union officials asked: 'By what right does a group of people deliberately destroy a public asset?'

'Why was there no action to recover the mine

for the whole week following flooding?'

Of course the NCB had no answers. They simply transferred more than 800 men away from Bogside and proceeded with plans to close it down.

Polmaise

THE LATEST chapter of this saga is still being written during the present strike. The setting is Polmaise, the scene of the fiercest resistance to the Tory job destroyers.

The Polmaise men have been on strike for seven weeks against closure. And their determination helped inspire other Scottish miners to walk out.

No wonder that two weeks ago, management suddenly locked the colliery gate and declared that safety men were not going in.

'They want to make us another Bogside — but we won't let them,' warned Polmaise NUM delegate John McCormack at the time.

A few days later, management announced that they were cutting the number of safety staff underground.

Only one pump attendant would be required — this in a colliery which has two tunnels 400 yards apart, each of which has one manually-operated pump and another 11 automatic pumps.

NUM members refused to cut the safety cover. Two pump operators were sent down the pit, regardless, and a further four miners staged an underground sit-in, accusing the NCB of deliberately attempting sabotage.

Management's response, miners claim, was to place padlocks on signalling gear at the pithead, which is vital for the safe conduct of men up and down the shaft.

At one stage, two vanloads of police appeared at Polmaise when angry miners gathered there to support the sit-in. Now officers are stationed permanently at the pithead at the management's request.

As McCormack told reporters: 'It seems that every other pit in Britain is open for work — in fact the police are there to make sure miners can get to work, but at Polmaise, the police have been called in to make sure our members do not get to work.'

Only a pithead occupation can ensure the safe maintenance of pits against such tactics. Such an action could become a powerful focus of resistance to Thatcher and MacGregor to encourage the unity of working-class communities everywhere against the Tory onslaught.

The actions of the NCB go hand in hand with the police-state attack against the miners' union and against the whole trade union movement. The struggle to defend pits is inseparable from the struggle of the whole working class to defend their basic rights and livelihoods under attack from the Thatcher regime by putting an end to capitalism and establishing working-class power.



THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

'A fight to a finish'

THE MINERS' strike is no re-run of the confrontation which brought down the Heath government ten years ago, according to Warsop Main striker, Gerald Taylor.

'This time the gloves are off and it'll be fought to a finish. Thatcher wants to crush the unions,' he told News Line yesterday.

'In 1972 and 1974 at least we were able to talk to people on the picket line but that's not possible this time. The police herd you like cattle and pigs. It's getting more like a police state each day,' Taylor said.

Gerald and his 25-year-old son Wayne were lobbying the special area council meeting of the Notts NUM, to press for a national stoppage.

Wayne said: 'Notts miners wanted leadership and now they have it. Ray Chadburn and Henry Richardson have told them quite clearly that they must get off their knees, stop sitting on the fence and respect picket lines.'

'After all, we're fighting not just for our jobs but for theirs as well, and I believe that if MacGregor was to issue his hit-list, at least three or four Notts pits would be on it.'

'Mansfield and Sherwood collieries are directly threatened by subsidisation claims totalling a mammoth £26 million.'

'What I want to see is miner united with miner solidly behind the leadership. The sooner we get that the better off we'll all be,' Wayne said.

'Thatcher would like to see miners at the level that they are in places like Poland where they get a crust of bread and are fighting for their union rights.'

Crush

'She wants to crush unions and I think it must be brought home to everyone that if she beats us, there won't be any unions left in this country.'

Gerald, who has worked for 32 years in the pits, has seen countless clo-

tures which have devastated entire communities.

'You only have to look at Langwith. It used to be a thriving community, but now the pit's closed, it's a ghost town.'

Wayne added: 'And many of the men who were transferred from Langwith are now threatened with losing their jobs again.'

He said the knock-on effect of pit closures had seriously hit railways and firms associated with the coal industry.

'Mansfield, situated at the heart of the Nottinghamshire coalfields, lost its passenger rail service, under the Beeching cuts in the 1960s.'

'It's the largest town in the country without a passenger service,' Wayne said. 'The social and economic climate of a town is bound to get worse when a pit is shut down.'



WELSH miners picketing a coal depot at Brynllw. Following a court decision yesterday barring pickets from stopping coal going into the Port Talbot steelworks, further legal action could be taken against the pickets

Ratepayers get bill

MERSEYSIDE County Council ratepayers already face a £600,000 bill for policing of the miners' dispute in the area.

Presently the expenditure on the Merseyside police force stands at £98 million pounds with less than half of it paid by the state.

The Department of Environment has accused the county of a £14 million pound overspend.

Margaret Simey, chairman of the police committee has appealed to the government to help out.

The Tories on the council have already accused her of 'political manoeuvring'.

Hospital workers show solidarity

NURSES and hospital workers from the occupied Thornton View hospital in Bradford will be travelling to Doncaster tomorrow to meet miners and their wives.

'We are going down to show our solidarity with the miners after receiving an invitation from the NUM ladies' section,' a spokesman said yesterday.

The hospital occupation was strengthened over the weekend when relatives signed forms refusing the health authority permission to move the 57

patients from the hospital.

'We are delighted by the decision of the relatives,' the spokesman told News Line. 'Every relative of every patient signed the forms after talking to the patients, who have been with us all the way.'

The occupation began last year after the local health authority announced its closure.

Hospital staff occupying the wards have had support from local community groups and unions.

The case for Community Councils

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Provide food for families and children of those on strike. No miner to be starved back to work by the Tories.

- Pay urgent bills for electricity and gas, calling on workers not to carry out cut-offs as an act of solidarity with the strike. Raise funds for new clothing and footwear for strikers.

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

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

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

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

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

LABOUR COUNCILS must be asked to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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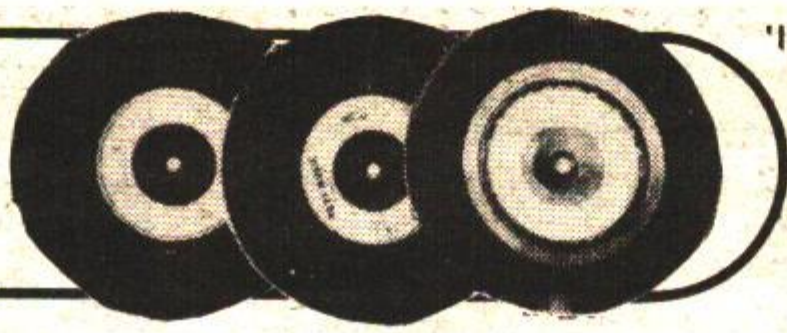
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MARVIN GAYE

ALBUM OF THE WEEK

'What's Going On' MARVIN GAYE (Tamla Motown 257-15-012)

FORGET ALL those Marvin Gaye greatest hits albums that are bound to hit the country's record shops in the next few weeks — this is THE Gaye record of all time.

After his worldwide hit of the late sixties, 'I Heard It Through The Grapevine', Gaye seemed to lose his way for a while.

But the artist had found his roots. He learnt at first hand about the repression the black population in America had to put up with. It was something that he was not accustomed to as an 'international recording artist' accepted and feted around the world.

For the time, 'What's Going On' was revolutionary to say the least.

Gaye captured the mood of his brothers and sisters: the massive discrimination, the road that led nowhere for them under America's laws.

It was a bold move by Tamla Motown to release it. They were repaid as the album became a best seller and one of the really classic sets of all time.

The message got over — and Gaye didn't worry too much about the toll it took on his personal career. The black population of America saw to that.

In later years Gaye became embroiled in the whole music star syndrome. Drugs played an ever-increasing part in his life, leading to the fatal row with his father last month which ended in Marvin being shot to death.

However, unlike so many other great musicians, he has left an indelible mark in music history with this album.



MARVIN GAYE

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Pick of the singles

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THE FLYING PICKETS

SINGLE OF THE WEEK

'When You Are Young And In Love' THE FLYING PICKETS (Ten Records TEN 20)

'Only You' was the most novel hit of last year, for possibly Britain's most unusual musical outfit, The Flying Pickets.

There hasn't been a tour since then, but the lads, all former members of the socialist theatre group 7:84, have made several appearances on

the miner's picket lines — a move that was well received by all the strikers.

Their new single, a cover of an old Motown number written by Van McCoy, is ten times better than their debut hit and this deserves to be every bit as big.

Acapella at it's best — and to think that it all came about as a skit to break the boredom in the back of their Transit as they travelled the road!



THE CARS

'Why Can't I Have You' THE CARS (Elektra E9471)

SO MUCH was expected of The Cars after their debut single — 'My Best Friend's Girl' — proved to be a worldwide hit back in the late seventies.

But many critics at the time believed that Boston's finest would not have cornered the market with their debut single but for the marketing of the product.

'My Best Friend's Girl' was the first picture single, and as such one of the great novelties of the New Wave boom.

Hopefully, however, this latest offering will re-establish the band as a very talented American rock artists. The single — and its B-side — is taken from their impressive last album, 'Heartbeat City'.

★★★★★

'Souls On Fire' TRACIE (Respond KOB 708)

TRACIE, the first ever signing to Paul Weller's Respond label, comes up with another marvellously nostalgic single.

With influences going right back to the late sixties, 'Souls On Fire' moves along beautifully with Tracie's vocals belting out the lyrics over a

wonderful back beat.

Possibly not as strong as her earlier offerings and not classy enough for the major breakthrough she deserves, Tracie is bound to gain new fans with this, her third single for Weller.

A top thirty entry for certain, and with a little luck it could crash the top twenty.

GRAND MASTER FLASH

SINGLE OF THE WEEK

'Jesse' GRANDMASTER FLASH and MELLE MEL (Sugar Hill SH133) GRANDMASTER FLASH and his gang from New York come up with a rap dedicated to Jesse Jackson, the black Democratic presidential candidate.

The rap is up to Flash's usual standards, although the lyrics make Jackson out to be the greatest living black politician in the world.

This record, released in New York just before the Democratic presidential bandwagon arrived in the Big Apple for the primary, certainly helped Jackson earn some extra support from the city's black population.

Incisive

The more incisive lyrics on the song refer to Reagan and the black population's plight in the US. The lines referring to Jackson specifically are a little mushy considering his political stance on some of the world's problems.

Still, it's another very fine rap from the Grandmaster and the gang, and with the added vocals of Melle Mel it should score heavily and cross over from the disco charts very quickly.

An Other Singles Chart

- 1 (2) You Take Me Up, Thompson Twins
- 2 (12) Glad It's All Over/Damned On 45, Captain Sensible
- 3 (1) Hello, Lionel Richie
- 4 (11) Nelson Mandela, Special AKA
- 5 (17) Against All Odds, Phil Collins
- 6 (3) People Are People, Depeche Mode
- 7 (14) Ain't Nobody, Rufus & Chaka Khan
- 8 (13) Lucky Star, Madonna
- 9 (5) What Do I Do?, Phil Fearon & Galaxy
- 10 (16) Wood Beez (Pray Like Aretha Franklin), Scritti Politti
- 11 (-) I Want To Be Free, Queen
- 12 (8) P.Y.T (Pretty Young Thing), Michael Jackson
- 13 (7) Your Love Is King, Sade
- 14 (19) Some Day, The Gap Band
- 15 (18) The Caterpillar, The Cure
- 16 (6) It's A Miracle, Culture Club
- 17 (-) Just Be Good To Me, SOS Band
- 18 (-) Locomotion, OMD
- 19 (-) Your The One For Me/Daybreak/AM, Paul Hardcastle
- 20 (20) She's Strange, Cameo

An Other Album Chart

- 1 (1) Now That's What I Call Music Vol.2, Various Artists
- 2 (3) Into The Gap, Thompson Twins
- 3 (2) Human's Lib, Howard Jones
- 4 (4) Alchemy — Dire Straits Live, Dire Straits
- 5 (5) Cafe Bleu, Style Council
- 6 (6) Smiths, Smiths
- 7 (-) Greatest Hits, Marvin Gaye
- 8 (8) Body And Soul, Joe Jackson
- 9 (7) Sparkle In The Rain, Simple Minds
- 10 (-) Venice In Peril, Rondo Veneziano

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You're The One For Me' PAUL HARDCASTLE (Total Control TOCO 1); 'High Energy' EVELYN THOMAS (Record Shack SOHO 1); 'Love Me Like This' REAL TO REEL (Arista ARIST 565)

THESE are three of the best new disco sounds around — and sounds guaranteed to have you stomping around the dancefloors in the coming weeks.

Real To Reel's offering is a mystery to me. It arrived on the desk from nowhere, hot from the presses. But am I glad it did. It's six minutes plus of sheer disco magic and if doesn't crash the charts

soon then my disco days are over.

Paul Hardcastle has already made the disco charts with his piece of hypnotic dance music. One half of the dance-funk act Firstlight, Hardcastle has come up with a sure-fire winner.

'High Energy' is the first of many records that could make the sound of the same name the biggest thing this summer.

It's a mish mash of Tamla Motown, Phillie, and the early Atlantic sound. That may sound like a huge case of plagiarism but it never gets that far. Anyway, what's wrong with taking all that is good in black music and turning it into something new and exciting.

TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Adelheid Arndt stars in this West German comedy '1+1=3' on channel 4 at 10pm



Just one of the pictures entered in the channel 4 photography competition tonight shown in 'Winners' at 9pm



'Karen Silkwood Deceased' on BBC2 at 7.40 investigates the death of this nuclear power worker ten years ago

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Battle of the Planets. 9.20 Look Back with Noakes. 9.50 The All New Popeye Show. 10.00 Why Don't You? 10.20 Ivor the Engine. 10.30 Play School. 10.55 Gharbar. 11.20 Pages from Ceefax. 12.20 Seven Days That Changed the World. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Gran. 1.50 Stop-Go! 2.00 Tom and Jerry. 2.05 Star Movie: *Elvis Presley* (1965) with Donna Douglas and Nancy Kovack. 3.30 Daffy Duck's Easter Special. 3.53 Regional News for England (except London). 3.55 Play School. It's Wednesday. 4.20 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop. 4.40 Rentaghost. 5.05 Newsround. 5.10 Break Point.

5.40 SIXTY MINUTES

6.40 YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 1984 Humphrey Burton introduces the Brass Semi-final

7.15 WEDNESDAY FILM: *The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw* (1958)

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weatherman

9.25 Q.E.D. *The Quest for Mastermind's Brain*

9.55 SPORTSNIGHT *Boxing*: The Amateur Boxing Association Semi-Finals from Preston; *Looking for a Break* A report on the battle for prize money and a place in the first round of the World Snooker Championship. Plus highlights of a possible FA Cup Semi-final replay

11.10 REMINGTON STEELE in *You're Steele the One for Me*

12.00 SEVEN DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

12.15 NEWS HEADLINES; Weatherman

BBC2

6.05-8.10 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.05 Gibbon: The Ruins of Rome. 6.30 Religion. 6.55 Cyanide, Crystals and Co-ordination. 7.20 Contrasts in Musical Language. 7.45 Microfossils.

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 4.05 The Great American Broadcast (1941) With Alice Faye, Jack Oakie, John Payne. A musical history of American radio. 5.35 News Summary with subtitles; Weather.

5.40 WEDNESDAY WESTERN: *A Man Alone* (1955) With Ray Milland, Mary Murphy.

7.15 SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS FOREVER! *The Big Six* by Arthur Ransome. Part two, with Rosemary Leach and Julian Fellows

7.40 KAREN SILKWOOD DECEASED Karen Silkwood tried to draw attention to health hazards in the plutonium plant where she worked. The extraordinary sequence of events before her death suggests it was not accidental, but murder

8.30 TOP GEAR BBC2's motoring magazine looks at travelling on the continent and the question of insurance

9.00 ON STAGE

9.30 A WOMAN CALLING A play by Anne Devlin with Tony Doyle, Paula Hamilton. A well-known professor of psychology finds a woman waiting for him when he arrives home one night. (BBC Northern Ireland)

10.20 TREASURES FROM KOREA This programme marks an exhibition at the British Museum of some of the astonishing riches which have come from tombs and collections in Korea

11.00 NEWSNIGHT

11.45 PHOTO ASSIGNMENT

12.10-1.05 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 12.10 The Poisson Process. 12.35 The Nigerian Civil War. 1.00 Sexual Identity.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 CHANNEL 4 RACING Newmarket (2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10) races

4.30 CARTOON CARNIVAL

5.00 COUNTDOWN

5.30 ENTHUSIASTS *Lindy Wright - Agate, Slip and Mochaware*

6.00 PASSAGE TO BRITAIN A *Nation of Immigrants* First programme in a series looking at the history of immigration to Britain, examining the legacy of the British Empire and looking at the communities that now make up Britain's whole. Taking part are Enoch Powell, Paul Boateng and George Mikes

6.30 THE MUNSTERS *Zombo*

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS presented by Peter Sissons

7.50 COMMENT By Jeremy Hanley, Tory MP for Richmond and Barnes; followed by weather

8.00 BROOKSIDE

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS Current affairs from different points of view

9.00 WINNERS! Professor John Hedgecoe takes the viewer through the judging process in the Channel 4 photography competition

10.00 1 + 1 = 3 (1979) Heidi Genee's prize-winning comedy stars Adelheid Arndt as an actress who becomes pregnant and decides to bring up the child on her own. With Dominik Graf, Christoph Quest, Helga Storck and Dietrich Leiding. A West German film with English sub-titles

11.35 VOICES *Scientific Reason: Truth or Illusion?* With Kurt Hubner, Bob Young and Professor John Charap

12.35 IAN BREAKWELL'S CONTINUOUS DIARY

12.40 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Laurel and Hardy. 10.50 Northeast - America. 11.40 Sport Billy. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Plus Holy Week. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.25 HELP!

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 THE COUNTRY DIARY OF AN EDWARDIAN LADY

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE Which unsuspecting guest does Eamonn Andrews spring a surprise on tonight?

9.00 MR PALFREY OF WESTMINSTER Alec McCowen in *Once Your Card is Marked* Mr Palfrey, master of the art of counter-espionage, goes to his new office and meets his new mistress

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 A CELEBRATION OF BRITISH FASHION

11.30 THE GYPSY WARRIORS With Tom Selleck and James Whitmore Jr. During World War II, two American captains are parachuted into France to destroy a winery that is a cover for a laboratory manufacturing a deadly poison but unfortunately it looks as if the Germans will get there first

12.25 BURIED MEANINGS

12.35 Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Atom Ant. 9.30 The Poseidon Files. 10.25 The Groovie Ghouies. 10.45 Tarzan. 11.35 Little Rascals. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30 Judi. 1.00 News At One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Exchange Flags. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Vintage Quiz. 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 THE COUNTRY DIARY OF AN EDWARDIAN LADY *Episode eight: August 1906* Edith travels to Scotland and has an unexpected visit from Ernest Smith

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE With Eamonn Andrews springing a surprise on an unsuspecting guest

9.00 MR PALFREY OF WESTMINSTER *Once Your Card is Marked* First of a four-part drama series. Mr Palfrey, master of the art of espionage, finds himself at the centre of a web of deceit

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 A CELEBRATION OF BRITISH FASHION From the Harrogate Centre, Diane Keen introduces a hour of fashion where the accent is very firmly on fun

11.30 THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO *Letters from the Grave*

12.30 Closedown

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Film: *Kidnapped*. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Best of Three. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 9.00 Mr Palfrey of Westminster. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 A Celebration of British Fashion. 11.30 Newhart. 12.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 3-2-1 Contact. 9.55 Eastern Tales. 10.05 The Road to Los Angeles. 10.50 The Hal Roach Double Bill. 11.45 The Little Rascals. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30 Judi. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Miracles Take Longer. 2.30 The Devil Connection. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Mysteries, Myths and Legends. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 9.00 Mr Palfrey of Westminster. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.30 A Celebration of British Fashion. 11.30 Quest for the Unknown. 12.35 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Hoodoo Country. 10.55 European Folk Tales. 11.05 Story Hour. 11.55 Melotons. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30

Judi. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Mr and Mrs. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 9.00 Mr Palfrey of Westminster. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 A Celebration of British Fashion. 11.30 Barney Miller. 12.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Joe 90. 10.50 Story Hour. 11.35 Wheelies and the Chopper Bunch. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30 Judi. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Just Our Luck. 7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 9.00 Mr Palfrey of Westminster. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.34 Celebration of British Fashion. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.35 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.28 Holiday Time. 10.25 The Flying Kiwi. 10.50 Orphans of the Wild. 11.15 Big Shamus. Little Shamus. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News; TVS News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Benson. 2.30 Mr & Mrs. 3.00 Private Benjamin. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Silver Spoons. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Coun-

try Diary of an Edwardian Lady. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 9.00 Mr Palfrey of Westminster. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 A Celebration of British Fashion. 11.30 Women in Rock N' Roll. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 The Little Rascals. 10.40 Poseidon Files. 11.30 The Amazing Years of Cinema. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30 Judi. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Return of the Saint; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Different Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 9.00 Mr Palfrey of Westminster. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 A Celebration of British Fashion. 11.30 Q.E.D.. 12.30 Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 *Sesame Street*. 10.25 Film: *The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams*. 11.50 Wattoo Wattoo. 12.00 Atarah's Music. 12.10 Sounds Like A Story. 12.30 Judi. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 A Country Practice. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Atarah's Music. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Letty. 4.50 Razzmatazz. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 This is Your Life. 9.00 Mr Palfrey of Westminster. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 A Celebration of British Fashion. 11.30 Darkroom. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

S4C

2.00-2.15 Ffalabalam. 2.30 Racing from Newmarket (2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10) races. 4.30 Countdown; Clwb S4C. 5.00 Pictiwrws Bach. 5.05 Smyrffs. 5.35 The Munsters. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Jeopardy. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Bara Brith. 8.00 'Ddai Ddim Yn Oi'. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.00 Film: *Britannia Hospital* With Leonard Rossiter, Arthur Lowe and Dandy Nichols. 11.05 Diverse Reports. 11.30 Jesus, The Evidence. 12.25 Closedown.

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 Peter Powell. 7.00 Richard Skinner. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

2 4.00 Bill Rennells (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 Space Force (S). 8.25 BBC Radio Orchestra (S). 9.15 Syd Lawrence in Concert (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Olympic Memories (S). 3.30-4.00 Maryetta and Vernon Midgley.

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Mozart, Couperin, Beethoven, Castelnuovo-Tedesco (8.00 News) Faure, Strauss, Wolf-Ferrari: records. 9.00 News. 9.05

This Week's Composers (S) The New England School: records. 10.00 Piano Duet (S) Stravinsky, Ravel, Mendelssohn. 10.40 Mravinsky Conducts Shostakovich (S) Orchestra music. 11.10 Coull String Quartet (S) Haydn, Christopher Brown. 12.00 Martinu and Berwald (S). 1.00 News. 1.05 Off The Beaten Track (S). 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Chabrier, Elgar, Howarth, Ethel Smyth, Reger, Keiser, Amos, Delius, Georges Enesco, Alfred Josheps. 2.35 Crossell, Wolff and Bliss (S). 3.15 Brahms (S) orchestra music. 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Debut (S) Beethoven. 7.00 Catching Thoughts. 7.30 Delius, Mahler and Strauss (S) Delius, Mahler (8.15-8.35 Six Continents) Strauss. 9.35 Camerarties. 9.45 Early Music Network 1983/4 (S) Bach. 10.30 Tears of Sorrow and Joy (S) Music for voices and viols by William Byrd. 11.15-11.18 News.

4 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Today, including (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Prayer for the Day; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day); 8.43 Bill

the Galactic Hero. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 The Lamentations and the City (S). 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel: Flame Lilies of Africa. 11.48 Through My Window. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 Curlew in Autumn. 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 (S) *Mackers Riots*. 3.47 I Got Up Out of My Seat. 4.00 News; File on 4. 4.40 Story Time: *The Mind of Mr J.G. Reeder*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 My Music (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 How to Be... A Spy. 7.45 Fat Man on a Roman Road. 8.15 Anthony Hopkins Talking About Music (S). 8.45 Unfinished Business. 9.15 Great State Occasions You May Have Missed. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Sunday Drinks*. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.30 The Family Firm. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close Shipping forecast.

Winning Post

Boezinge to score at Newmarket

JOE MERCER seems spoilt for choice about Classic mounts this season after riding the winners of both colts' and fillies' trials at Newbury last weekend, and our senior top flight jockey should be on the mark again today with Boezinge (3.10) in the Lad-broke European Free Handicap at NEW-MARKET.

Mark Smyly pencilled in the first Classic for this daughter of Derrilyn after she improved to win her last three races of 1983, culminating in the 15-runner Champagne Louis Roederer Trophy Nursery at Newbury.

The winning margin of a neck over Rio Reva on that occasion is misleading, as Mercer had only to wave the whip at Boezinge for her to land the spoils. Mercer was also on board when the filly opened her account at Bath

last August, and obviously knows how to get the best out of her.

In a very open race, Forzando and Bluff House may give the Lambourn raider most to do. Forzando was another who improved to win three on the trot last weekend, while Bluff House has been brought along strictly with this event in mind.

Henry Cecil saddles both Adonijah and Legend of France for the Earl of Sefton Stakes, but Irish trainer Jim Bolger holds the trump card for this event with recent Curragh winner Flame Of Tara (3.40).

This tough filly never does more than she has to, and scraped home by a head that day. She ran without distinction at Santa Anita last November but won our races in 1983, including the Corona-

tion Stakes at Ascot and Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh.

Legend Of France, affected by muscular trouble last season, showed what he could do when winning the three-runner Petition Stakes here, quickening into the lead two furlongs out and drawing clear in sensational style to score by 12 lengths from Spanish Place.

Cecil expects big things from him this term, and he could make Flame of Tara pull out all the stops.

In The Wood Ditton Stakes, which always presents punters with a guessing game, the best news concerns Jeremy Tree's Lykaion (2.00), while Lester Piggott can win the Bartlow Maiden Fillies Stakes on Bourbon Star (4.40).

It is flying in the face of the

form book to select Willow Twig (5.15), rather than Moulton Boy in the Spa Welter Stakes at RIPON, but the former created such a favourable impression on his reappearance, both in the paddock and in the race, that he could be the value bet in an interesting event.

SELECTIONS

NEWMARKET: 2.00 Lykaion, 2.35 Puget, 3.10 Boezinge (nap), 3.40 Flame of Tara (n.b.), 4.10 Yellow Domino, 4.40 Bourbon Star.

RIPON: 2.45 Fill The Jug, 3.15 Kelly Bay, 3.45 El Capistrano Dawn, 4.15 Star Video, 4.45 S B Scaffold, 5.15 Willow Twig.

PERTH: 2.30 Camborne Hill, 3.0 Royal Radar, 3.30 Applejo, 4.0 Golden Trax, 4.30 Louviers, 5.0 High Drop.

NEWMARKET CHANNEL 4 2.35, 3.10, 3.40

SIX-YEAR-RECORD

KNOW THE COURSE GUIDE

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 98, J Mercer 57, W Carson 43, G Starkey 39, S Cauthen 32, P Eddery 32, G Baxter 26, T Ives 20, B Raymond 16, W Swinburn 15, P Cook 14, B Taylor 13.
TRAINERS: H Cecil 69, B Hills 32, B Hobbs 29, M Stoute 29, G Harwood 27, L Cumani 18, J Hindley 16, W Hern 16, W O'Gorman 14, M Jarvis 13, P Walwyn 13, J Dunlop 13, R Armstrong 12.
DRAW: Little significance.

2.00 WOOD DITTON STAKES £5,000 (3-Y-O) 1m (20 runners)

1 (18)	AL KHAWAANEEG (USA) Thomson Jones 90	A Murray
2 (7)	BANK PARADE J Hindley 90	M Hills
3 (4)	BLAZE AHEAD M Jarvis 90	B Raymond
4 (13)	DUNDY P Walwyn 90	Paul Eddery
6 (15)	FUMBO JUMBO (USA) H Cecil 90	L Piggott
7 (19)	GEOVALE (USA) L Cumani 90	D McHargue
8 (16)	GULFLAND G P Gordon 90	G Duffield
9 (3)	LIMIN (USA) J Dunlop 90	B Rouse
10 (20)	LONG POND P Kelleway 90	J Reid
11 (17)	LUCKY NORTH (USA) W Hern 90	W Carson
12 (2)	LYKAION J Tree 90	Pat Eddery
14 (11)	RHUSTED B Hills 90	R Street
15 (8)	RIVER CEIROG B Hills 90	S Cauthen
16 (14)	SARAWAT MOUNTAINS P Cole 90	E Hide
18 (10)	SWYNFORD CHAMPAGNE K Ivory 90	P Robinson
21 (5)	WYLFIA M Stoute 90	W R Swinburn
22 (1)	YABIS (USA) G Hunter 90	G Starkey
23 (9)	YOUNG NICHOLAS P Walwyn 90	J Mercer
25 (12)	MILL D'ART P Feilden 811	P D'Arcy
27 (6)	TROYENNE G Wragg 811	T Ives

PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Fumbo Jumbo, 11-4 Lykaion, 5-1 Lucky North, 11-2 Al Khawaaneeg, 8-1 Wylfia, 12-1 Limin, 14-1 others.

2.35 APRIL MAIDEN STAKES £3,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 4f (23 runners)

3 (6)	BAYNOUN R Houghton 90	L Piggott
4 (8)	BE MY WINGS G Lewis 90	P Waldron
5 (19)	DUELLING (USA) J Tree 90	Pat Eddery
7 (2)	FREE BUCK B Swift 90	R Fox
8 (18)	GERYON B Hills 90	S Cauthen
10 (12)	LIDGATE BELT M Tompkins 90	R Curant
11 (15)	LITTLE LOOK (USA) (BF) G Harwood 90	G Starkey
12 (9)	MA CHOUETTE N Callaghan 90	
13 (5)	MALIBU BEACH E Eldin 90	E Guest (5)
14 (13)	MOSOF D Oughton 90	A Murray
15 (1)	PRIME ASSETT W O'Gorman 90	T Ives
16 (20)	PRIVITY (USA) J Hindley 90	M Hills
17 (16)	PUGET (USA) J Dunlop 90	B Rouse
18 (4)	PUKKA MAJOR J Hindley 90	A Kimberley
19 (10)	SAN CARLOS BAY C Brittain 90	P Robinson
20 (7)	SEA BED G Wragg 90	J Reid
21 (17)	SHIPWRIGHT W Hern 90	W Carson
22 (14)	THE CLOSER M Jarvis 90	B Raymond
23 (1)	TO ASTER (USA) P Mitchell 90	A McGlone (3)
26 (23)	PENTLAND BEAUTY R Hollinshead 811	W R Swinburn
27 (22)	ROYAL AGENDA M Ryan 811	
28 (3)	STREAMTAIL B Hills 811	E Hide
29 (2)	WHY THE BUSTLE B Hobbs 811	G Baxter

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Shipwright, 100-30 Duelling, 9-2 Puget, 6-1 Little Look, 8-1 Baynoun, 10-1 San Carlos Bay, 14-1 Privity, 16-1 others.

3.10 LADBROKE EUROPEAN FREE H'CAP £20,000 7f (17 runners)

1 (7)	012124- SUPERLATIVE W O'Gorman 97	T Ives
2 (2)	112111- FORZANDO (C-D) M Jarvis 95	B Raymond
3 (13)	112223- KALIM R Houghton 95	D McHargue
4 (4)	10D- BLUFF HOUSE (USA) G Harwood 812	G Starkey
5 (16)	130- CHICAGO BID (USA) R Armstrong 811	
6 (12)	13340- NOVELLO (C) J Winter 811	Pat Eddery
7 (11)	31113- ROUND HILL (C-D) W Hern 810	W Carson
8 (9)	21402- IDOLIZED E Weymes 89	Paul Eddery
9 (17)	11123- QUICK WORK (D) Thomson Jones 89	A Murray
10 (5)	0111- BOEZINGE M Smyly 88	J Mercer
11 (10)	011214- CUTTING WOOD (D) M Hinchliffe 88	W R Swinburn
12 (14)	01D- KEEP TAPPING B Hills 88	S Cauthen
13 (15)	211- INNAMORATO H Cecil 87	L Piggott
14 (6)	011-0- JAMAIS DERIERRE (D) C Booth 87	G Oldroyd
15 (3)	03024-0 KINGS ISLAND C Brittain 87	
17 (8)	241-0 SAM M (USA) J Dunlop 87	B Rouse
18 (1)	212410- THRONE OF GLORY (C) F Durr 87	P Robinson

BLINKERS: 15

PROBABLE SP: 9-2 Innamorato, 11-2 Forzando, 13-2 Superlative, 8-1 Bluff House, 10-1 Novello and Round Hill, 14-1 Idolized and Boezinge, 16-1 Keep Tapping, 20-1 Jams Derriere, Kalim, King's Island and Throne of Glory, 25-1 Chicago Bid, Cutting Wood and Quick Work, 50-1 Sam M Glory, 25-1 Chicago Bid, Cutting Wood and Quick Work, 50-1 Sam M.

3.40 EARL OF SEFTON STAKES £20,000 1m 1f (11 runners)

1 (4)	103220- HOT TOUCH G Wragg 491	J Reid
2 (5)	431304- MONTEKIN J Dunlop 591	W Carson
3 (2)	342200- MUSCATTE (C) J Hindley 4813	Pat Eddery
4 (7)	112201- FLAME OF TARA J Bolger 4812	D Gillespie
5 (6)	411220- ADONIAH H Cecil 4810	L Piggott
6 (10)	1440- KUWAIT TOWER (USA) J Sutcliffe 4810	P Cook
7 (9)	0111- LEGEND OF FRANCE (USA) (C) H Cecil 4810	J Mercer
10 (3)	200000- PALACE GOLD W O'Gorman 5810	T Ives
11 (1)	122114- PREGO B Hills 4810	S Cauthen
12 (11)	331123- SHEARWALK (C) M Stoute 4810	W R Swinburn
14 (8)	020000- WELSH IDOL P Kelleway 4810	

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Adoniah, 7-2 Flame Of Tara, 5-1 Legend Of France, 13-2 Muscatte, 8-1 Montekin, 10-1 Shearwalk and Hot Touch, 20-1 others.

4.10 ABERNANT STAKES £8,000 6f (19 runners)

1 (7)	113140- AUTUMN SUNSET (D) R Hollinshead 4912	S Cauthen
3 (19)	001043- CAMISITE (C-D) W O'Gorman 6912	T Ives
4 (11)	311423- COQUITO'S FRIEND (D) B Hanbury 4912	L Piggott
5 (13)	141420- CREWS HILL (D) Mrs C Reavey 8912	T Rogers
6 (10)	142120- GABITAT (C-D) B Gubby 6912	J Reid
7 (16)	0011- HARLOW (USA) (D) M Prescott 4912	G Duffield
8 (5)	100030- JONACRIS P Felgate 4912	M Miller
9 (3)	0031- KIRCHNER (D) G Lewis 6912	P Waldron
10 (8)	104010- LARIONOV (D) J Winter 4912	J Mercer
11 (18)	001000- SYLVAN BARBAROSA (D) P Mitchell 5912	B Rouse
13 (12)	114222- SAXHAM BRECK (C-D) F Durr 499	G Starkey
14 (4)	302000- ISMORE (USA) W Guest 496	B Raymond
16 (15)	011100- BROADWATER MUSIC (C) M Tompkins 3812	R Curant
17 (2)	321114- MR MEEKA (USA) (C-D) S Norton 389	J Lowe
19 (9)	21212- GREY DREAM (D) M Stoute 386	W R Swinburn
20 (14)	400000- IN TOP FORM K Brassey 586	P Robinson
21 (17)	320302- REESH (D) W O'Gorman 386	
22 (1)	001321- YELLOW DOMINO (D) P Kelleway 386	Pat Eddery
23 (6)	032110- EL GAZEBO J Sutcliffe 382	W Carson

BLINKERS: 6 17

PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Camisite, 9-2 Yellow Domino, 6-1 Gabbitat and Coquito's Friend, 13-2 Reesh, 8-1 Grey Dream, 10-1 Mr Meeka, 12-1 El Gazebo, 14-1 others.

4.40 BARTLOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES £3,000 5f (10 runners)

1 (6)	ALSYLAH Thomson Jones 811	A Murray
2 (10)	BEACH BALL G P Gordon 811	W Carson
3 (1)	BOURBAN STAR J Winter 811	L Piggott
4 (4)	CANDY ROSE P Kelleway 811	Gay Kelleway (5)
5 (2)	DORCHESTER GIRL D Morley 811	G Duffield
6 (3)	FARAWAY GREY R Williams 811	T Ives
7 (7)	FRAULEIN ROBIN (USA) B Hills 811	S Cauthen
8 (9)	GWIFFINA Mrs C Reavey 811	G Starkey
9 (5)	HERMITS WOOD B Hobbs 811	G Baxter
11 (8)	OUR SIMMIE R Hollinshead 811	W R Swinburn

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Al Sylah, 5-2 Bourbon Star, 4-1 Fraulein Robin, 13-2 Hermits Wood, 12-1 Beach Ball, 16-1 Candy Rose, 20-1 others.

RESULTS

SEDGEFIELD

2.00 (3m): THOMOND PRINCE Mr R Dunwoody (11-4 fav); Mr Snow (12-1); Otterden (16-1); Halo Cheeky (10-1); 16 ran, 8, 3/4. (M Oliver) T: £4; £1, £2.20, £5, £1.60. CSF: £40.23. NR: Kindred, Wil-Tot and Vivano.

2.30 (2m): FEU ROUGE C Hawkins (5-2 fav); Bold Raider (7-2); Newfie Connection (6-1); Clickham Lad (13-2); 11 ran, 5, 15. (G Lockerie) T: £5.50; £2.40, £1.60, £1.50. CSF: £12.80.

3.00 (3m): POWDER HORN Mr N Tutty (7-1); Bobby Brown (16-1); Red Mills (5-4 fav); Newstead (12-1); 14 ran, 12, 2 1/2. (Mrs J Barr) T: £6.50; £2.40, £2.20, £1.90. CSF: £16.42.

3.30 (3m): LA BOEUF R Lamb (5-1); Arctic Slogon (5-1); Laurensun (6-4 fav); Twilight (7-2); 5 ran, 2, 25. (D A Lamb) T: £4.80; £1.50, £2.10. CSF: £24.97. Withdrawn: Skewsbey.

4.00 (2m): MIDSUMMER SPECIAL J J O'Neill (6-1); Seabright Smile (12-1); Pan Arctic (11-8 fav); John North (33-1); 12 ran, 1, 8. (C McKenzie) T: £7; £2.40, £3.50, £1.30. CSF: £76.95.

4.30 (2m): PINK PATH M Dwyer (7-2); Melhagen (7-4 fav); Major Rock (20-1); Aqua Verde (10-1); 18 ran, 3, 4. (J Fitzgerald) T: £5.10; £1.90, £1.10, £3.90. CSF: £11.60. Melhagen f'shd 1st, Pink Path 2nd, placings reversed.

NEWMARKET

2.00 (6f): DON MARTINO B Taylor (16-1); Canif (16-1); His Dream (14-1); Bonjour Tristesse (6-4 on fav); 17 ran, 3, 2 1/2. (J Hindley) T: £49.60; £9.40, £3.40, £2.40. CSF: £242.52.

2.35 (7f): GLOWING WITH PRIDE Pat Eddery (7-1); Laurel Park (16-1); Rosana Park (16-1); Travel Legend (12-1); 25 ran, 3, 1. (G Wragg) T: £4.30; £2.00, £6.50, £2.20. CSF: £110.14.

3.10 (1m): LEAR FAN G Starkey (6-5 on fav); Rainbow Quest (7-4); Telios (16-1); Cherry Hill (25-1); 4 ran, 5 ran, Sh hd, 7. (G Harwood) T: £1.70, £1.10, £1.20. CSF: £24.41. NR: Thersite.

3.40 (7f): NATIVE CHARMER S Perks (14-1); Ashley Rocket (12-1); Miss Kuta Beach (7-2 fav); El Capistrano (13-1); 14 ran, 1 1/2, sh hd. (R Hollinshead) T: £14.70; £3.50, £2.50, £1.70. CSF: £148.16. NR: Pendori.

4.10 (1m 6f): PRINCE OF PEACE L Piggott (11-2 fav); Wagoner (14-1); Say Primula (16-1); His Honour (6-1); 16 ran, 1/2 a length, 3. (H Cecil) T: £4.40; £1.20, £2.60, £3.70, £1.50. CSF: £70.27.

4.40 (5f): RUN WITH THE WIND Pat Eddery (evens fav); Northern Treat M Miller (7-1); Andrios (6-1); Magic Bid (7-2); 6 ran 1 1/2, 2. (R Hannon) T: £1.90, £1.10, £3.40. CSF: £7.60.

RIPON

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: M Birch 38, T Ives 19, E Hide 16, G Duffield 15, P Robinson 14, J Lowe 11, J Bleasdale 10, E Johnson 10, L Charnock 9, K Hodgson 8, M Miller 8.
TRAINERS: M H Easterby 35, D Smith 13, J W Watts 11, R Armstrong 10, M W Easterby 9, M Stoute 9, R Hollinshead 9, F Durr 8, J Fitzgerald 8, Sally Hall 7, P Kelleway 7.
DRAW: Little significance.

2.45 HACKFALL APPRENTICE H'CAP STAKES £1,500 6f (21 runners)

3 (16)	00-3321- PARABEMS (D) K Ivory 599 (7 ex)	G Mash (7)
5 (15)	100320- THROW ME OVER (C-D) R Whitaker 497	I Todd (7)
7 (5)	00000-0 BROON'S SECRET (C-D) A Jarvis 1093	B Wardrope
8 (18)	20300-3 OYSTON ESTATES (D) J S Wilson 893	R Fahey
9 (19)	0134-00 ROMAN QUEST (D) P Rohan 592	G Landau
10 (12)	00000-0 TOLLYMORE P Calver 5813	A Whitehall (7)
11 (1)	1400-40 ADJUSTED (D) R Hollinshead 5812	M Talar (7)
12 (2)	30103-4 FILL THE JUG (D) T Fairhurst 3812	Elaine Anderton (7)
13 (21)	00000-0 RUSSIAN WINTER A W Jones 9812	R Carter
14 (10)	143000- MAGUS M Tompkins 4810	K Swaine (7)
16 (9)	31204-0 APRIL LUCKY (C-D) C Crossley 1188	F Scoble (7)
17 (13)	000- DERINGA P Feilden 388	M Richardson
18 (4)	1000-30 ARCHIMBOLDO (D) W A Stephenson 681	A Geran (7)
20 (6)	03000-0 BLOCHAIRN SKOLAR (D) N Bycroft 680	A Cunningham (7)
21 (17)	000301- FAIR TRADER R W Jones 3713	G Dickie
22 (3)	4000-02 BLACKPOOL BELLE J Berry 3712	J Murray (7)
24 (20)	00000-0 DANZIG M Lambert 7711	J Carroll
25 (11)	0400-00 RAPID LADY Mrs M Nesbitt 478	J King (7)
26 (7)	0000-0 DRAGON ROCKET D Plant 477	
27 (8)	200000- STAY SECRET (D) W Bentley 777	
28 (14)	0000-0 HUYN'S HOPE T Taylor 377	

BLINKERS: 13, 14, 27
PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Parabems, 5-1 Oyston Estates, 6-1 Fill The Jug and Blackpool Belle, 8-1 Roman Quest, 10-1 Archimboldo and April Lucky, 12-1 Throw Me Over and Fair Trader, 14-1 others.

3.15 DANBY SELLING HANDICAP STAKES £1,000 1m (20 runners)

4 (8)	000300- HILLSDOWN LAD J Harris 697	A Bond
5 (18)	0000-21 KELLY BAY S Norton 395 (7 ex)	C Ollivier (5)
7 (1)	000-000 CUTACROSS (USA) A Potts 493	O Gray
8 (19)	40300-0 PALACE OF LOVE H Fleming 491	C Dwyer
9 (10)	00002-2 HONEST TOKEN (D) (BF) C Thornton 591	J Bleasdale
10 (17)	441300- RUSTIC TRACK (D) E Carr 491	L Charnock
12 (5)	02320-0 HOLLINGREEN D Yeoman 4813	S Keightley
13 (4)	00004-0 SWEET ECSTASY N Tinkler 5812	
14 (7)	P2000-0 POLEMISTIS (D) M James 5812	M Fozzard (7)
15 (13)	30040-0 EASY LISTENING C Mackenzie 5811	W Ryan (5)
16 (16)	00000-0 PEGASOS R E Peacock 7810	
17 (20)	00000-0 TARLETON (D) P Rohan 7810	J Quinn (7)
18 (12)	0400-00 GAYGIG D Chapman 489	
19 (6)	30000-0 FREEDOM GLORY T Fairhurst 488	S Webster
20 (11)	20000-0 DANCING ORANGE A Balding 388	A Mackay
21 (14)	00000-0 ELBURY COVE W Wharton 587	W Wharton
22 (2)	000-330- FORESTERS BOY W Haigh 787	B Crossley
24 (3)	00400-0 TURBO (C) A W Jones 985	R Hills
25 (9)	000000- LAMBWATH FLYER A Smith 585	
26 (15)	000000- GUN D Yeoman 785	

BLINKERS: 5, 10, 14, 15, 19, 26
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Kelly Bay, 3-1 Honest Token, 11-2 Freedom Glory, 8-1 Easy Listening and Gaygig, 10-1 Rustic Track, 12-1 Sweet Ecstasy, 14-1 others.

3.45 STUDLEY ROYAL HANDICAP STAKES £2,500 (3-Y-O) 1m 4f (8 runners)

1 (6)	040-1 EL CAPISTRANO DAWN Capt J Wilson 97	K Darley
3 (1)	00120-4 STORMY GULF M Tompkins 90	R Carter (7)
4 (8)	000-4 BORODINO T Fairhurst 90	R P Elliott
6 (3)	034000- PLOUGHMAN'S R Hollinshead 812	S Perks
7 (2)	000- CASCABEL M Tompkins 89	A Mackay
8 (5)	004000- HOTKOLE J W Watts 89	N Connorton
10 (7)	320421- HIGH REEF Hbt Jones 82	
11 (4)	000- LUCKY LOCHE M Camacho 713	

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 El Capistrano Dawn, 9-4 High Reef, 4-1 Stormy Gulf, 6-1 Borodino, 12-1 Ploughman's, 16-1 others.

S SOCCER ●●●



GILL MASKELL, the current Welsh captain. Her experience at international level could prove decisive against the dangerous Scots

Gill Maskell has been the backbone of the team's defence for a while now and Elaine Cozens, playing for WFA Cup finalists Howbury Grange, and Wendy Talub all have experience of the game at this level.

The Welsh have two new names in their squad for this game, Fulham's utility player Louise Stephens and Deeside's goalscoring sensation Louise Thomas.

Despite their home advantage, Wales will certainly go into the game as the underdogs. But there is new life in this Welsh dragon and Scotland are guaranteed a torrid time at Colwyn Bay.

But the most important thing is that both teams turn on the style for that captive audience we talked about earlier. It's a prime chance for these two under-financed but dedicated associations to put the game on the map in north Wales once and for all.

Yet knowing their dedication to the game, I think the likes of Gore, Leggett and Hudson will be just as happy if the girls enjoy themselves.

But make no mistake: national pride is at stake on Sunday, just as much as if the game were at Hampden Park, Ninian Park or the Vetch Field.

Coverage

Maybe next time the game will have been given better coverage in the media and will be played at one of these venues. It deserves it already, in my books.

Good luck to both teams.

WELSH SQUAD: Karen Jones (Cardiff), Debbie Faulkner (Point of Ayr), Helen Edwards (Cardiff), Wendy Talub (Cardiff), Michelle Adams (Cardiff), Louise Thomas (Deeside), Lesley Judd (Cardiff), Gill Maskell (Friends of Fulham),

Elaine Cozens (Howbury Grange), Louise Stephens (Friends of Fulham), Jan Willis (Newport), Jane Bartley (Millwall Lionesses), Nikki Groves (Deeside), Gail Fortt (Cardiff), Debbie Fox (Howbury Grange), Susie Faull (Norwich City Ladies).

SCOTTISH SQUAD: Marien Barclay (Motherwell), Elizabeth Creamer (Whitehill), Janet Leam-bie (Whitehill), Jane Leggett (Edinburgh Dynamos), Kathleen McCann (Inveramand Thistle), Edith McCord (Allanton), Margaret McGough (Broadoak), Linda McWhinnie (Inveramand Thistle), Lorraine Marshall (Whitehill), Lorraine Meikle (Edinburgh Dynamo), Elaine Murphy (Edinburgh Dynamo), Mary O'Neill (Dundee Strikers), Elizabeth Stewart (Inveramand Thistle), Michelle Roberts (Dundee Strikers), Fiona Winchester (Inveramand Thistle), Janet Halligan (Allanton).

Young England's stiff test

THE DEPTHS of England's resources will be tested to the full in the European Under-21 Championship semi-final first leg against Italy, at Maine Road, tonight.

Five English players will be tasting international soccer for the first time, a stark contrast to the Italians, whose line-up includes a member of their 1982 World Cup winning team and three other players with senior caps.

England's lack of experience is most apparent in attack, where Birmingham's Howard Gayle and

Ipswich's South African-born Mich D'Avray will form a new striking partnership.

They will be responsible for following the impressive goal scoring example set by Luton pair, Paul Walsh and Brian Stein, and Mark Hateley of Portsmouth, who are all available.

The other newcomers are Queens Park Rangers goalkeeper, Peter Hucker; Kevin Brock, one of the out-

standing figures in Third Division Oxford's success this season; and Arsenal teenager Stewart Robson.

Under-21 manager Dave Sexton said yesterday he thought there was a good depth of talent in the team

But while England struggled to put a team together, the Italian authorities have given manager Azeglio Vicini a free hand in choosing his team, which includes four full internation-

The Chris Hughton Spurs file



Our eight exciting days

ASTON Villa's visit tonight to White Hart Lane begins a very important eight days of football for all of us at Tottenham.

After our encounter with Villa, we travel just down the road to take on our old rivals Arsenal on Saturday and then, next Wednesday night, we have the return leg of our UEFA Cup clash with Hadjuk Split.

Despite our injury problems, going out to face Hadjuk in Yugoslavia last week, we were all a little disappointed at the end of the match to have been beaten 2-1.

We took the lead in the first half when Mark Falco netted and we should have added to that score and then held on for a very important victory.

But a collective case of blood rushing to head during a frantic 10-minute period after the interval allowed the very classy Split side back into the game — and the two-legged tie.

With a big crowd roaring us on at our place next Wednesday night, we should just about reach the final of the competition.

British sides fared reasonably well on the night with pride of place going to Dundee United, who overcame the star-studded Italians of Roma 2-0.

I know I put the Romans to go through to the final of the European Champions' Cup over two legs last week but I did say: 'Don't write off the Scots.'

I haven't changed my mind about that but maybe next week I might, just before the return leg.

Tough

Liverpool, looking for a place in the final of the same competition, scheduled to be played at Roma's own ground next month, have a tough task in the second leg out in Rumania.

By all accounts it was a bruising battle at Anfield last Wednesday night and the Rumanians may want to take personal revenge on the players they felt meted out the physical stuff on the Liverpool side.

A one-goal cushion is not very healthy. It will be very close for Liverpool.

You've got to fancy Juventus to take care of Manchester United in the return leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup tie in Turin. United, minus many of their stars, put up a game battle against the Italians and did very well to keep the tie level at 1-1.

United should have Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins and Arnold Muhren back in midfield for the second leg but the classy Juventus must start as odds-on favourites.

Despite their 1-0 defeat in Portugal, Aberdeen must be on the way to their second Cup Winners' final.

Porto did very well to

win but, like the drink named after the team, the Portuguese don't travel well at all.

If we get to the UEFA Cup final then our likely opponents, at this stage anyway, are Nottingham Forest after their 2-0 victory over Anderlecht.

Forest have a good defence and the Belgians will find it very hard to put three goals past them in the return leg.

Chance

Our League programme in the coming weeks will also be very important. I still think there is an outside chance of us gaining a place in Europe next season through the domestic competition but we will have to pull all the stops out and win all our remaining fixtures.

That means starting tonight with Villa.

They will prove to be a tough nut to crack and games between us at White Hart Lane are always close.

Like us, they have been a little disappointing in



MARK FALCO . . . Our scorer in Yugoslavia

the League this season and their only hope of a place in Europe now is through the UEFA Cup. That should add more than a little spice to tonight's fixture.

On Saturday it's Arsenal, and that gives us the chance to put the record straight this season.

The Gunners knocked us out of the Milk Cup and

then beat us at our place in the League, and that's just not on!

We'll be looking to Mick Hazard to continue his startling form of late to supply our strikers with the ammunition to out-gun the Gunners and exact a little revenge for those two embarrassing defeats earlier this season.

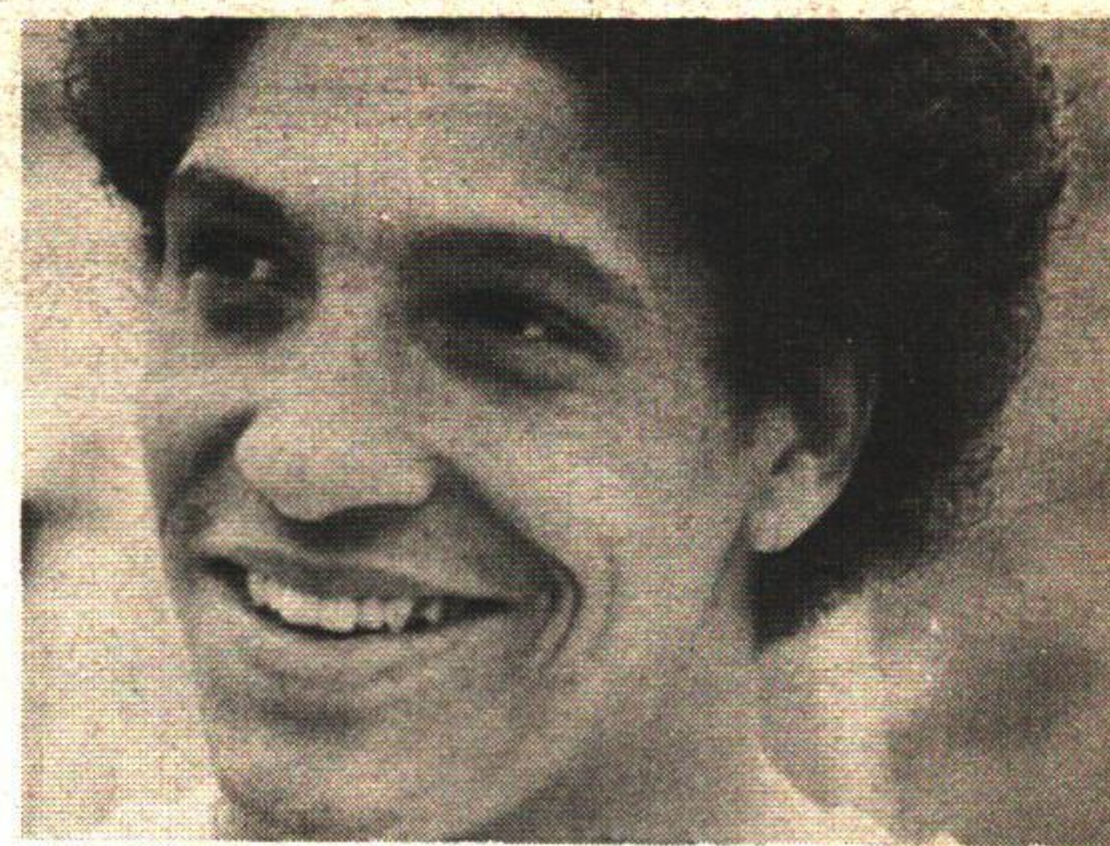


MIKE HAZARD . . . Playing out of his skin at the moment

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FIXTURE CHAOS

End-of-season pile-up for clubs in Europe

TOTTENHAM and Nottingham Forest are headed for a fixture fiasco if they win through to face each other in the UEFA Cup Final.

Spurs are due to travel to Southampton on May 7 — just two days before the first leg of the final.

And Forest cannot even think about a date for their rearranged League meeting with Manchester United, because of both clubs' European commitments.

England manager Bobby Robson firmly ruled out the clubs' one free week — from April 30 — because it clashes with the British Championship game against Wales in Wrexham.

'If we allow them to play then, my international plans would be decimated. If we can't get players in international week, we're never going to get them,' he said.

Robson added: 'They have my sympathies. When I was with Ipswich

I remember having four games, including European and FA Cup semi-finals, plus a trip, in just seven days.'

Spurs had gained Southampton's approval to switch their League game to May 1, but the Football League stamped out the plan because of the international clash.

Casting

Tottenham's assistant secretary, Peter Barnes, said: 'We understand England's position, and are now casting around to try to find a new date.'

'With Southampton out of the FA Cup a few more possibilities have opened up but they have their own problems, having fallen behind because of the

Cup run. It's certainly not going to be easy to fix a date.'

Spurs are likely to be unchanged as they continue their chase for a UEFA Cup place next season, at home to Aston Villa today.

Villa, however, are likely to be without midfielder Des Bremner, after the shock news that he may have a broken arm. Bremner was injured in a friendly at Poole last week and although he played in the 2-0 defeat at Leicester at the weekend, it is now suspected that he has a double fracture of his arm.

If Bremner is ruled out, it solves manager Tony Barton's problems of

finding a place for Peter Withe, available after suspension. Steve McMahon reverts to midfield after two games up front.

Champions Liverpool attempt to regain their winning ways at Leicester, after Saturday's defeat against Stoke. Manager Joe Fagan has resisted the temptation to change, with no place again for Craig Johnston.

Hamstring

Leicester will be without defender Bob Hazell, who injured his hamstring against Villa. But captain Kevin McDonald has recovered from a twisted knee and returns, along with winger Steve Lyness, after a one-match ban. Tom English drops out.



BOBBY ROBSON . . . International match comes first

Lendl moves into top gear

TOP-SEED Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia started slowly but soon overwhelmed French No.2 Henri Leconte 6-4, 6-0 in the first round of the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Lendl, buoyed by his weekend victory in Luxembourg and ranked second in the world at present, trailed 4-1 in the first set but then reeled off 11 games in a row to secure his second round place.

The win took him one round further than last year when he crashed at the first hurdle against Israel's Shlomo Glickstein. It was also revenge for two defeats at the hands of Leconte last year.

'It was satisfying. I wasn't hitting too many spectacular shots, but I wasn't missing any, and that's always good,' Lendl said.

But while Lendl was happy with his first outing on clay since the French Open last June, it was a dismal day for fellow seeds Jose Higuera of Spain and Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina.

Higuera, the fifth seed, was beaten by injury — an infected hand and a splinter in his thigh — while seventh seeded Clerc was dispatched 6-2, 6-4 by Sweden's Henrik Sundstrom, runner-up to Ecuador's Andres Gomez in the Grand Prix tournament in Nice, France, at the weekend.

Other seeded players fared somewhat better.

American Jimmy Arias, seeded third, played despite a knee injury and beat Sweden's Jan Gunnarsson in straight sets, 7-5, 6-0, winning no less than 13 games in succession.

Gomez, seeded sixth in Monte Carlo, overcame Italy's Claudio Panatta 6-3, 6-0, while Argentina's Guillermo Vilas, returning to the circuit after last year's 'participation money' affair, swept past Fernando Luna of Spain 6-2, 6-1.

Vilas, seeded eighth, looked to be in top form and could prove a real outside threat to the top

seeds on a surface where he was once the master.

Lendl joked that his win yesterday might persuade Czechoslovakia to include him in their Davis Cup team against France in July. 'Now I've won against someone from France, I might have a chance,' said Lendl, suspended by his national tennis association after he had played in an exhibition match with Jimmy Connors in racist South Africa last July.

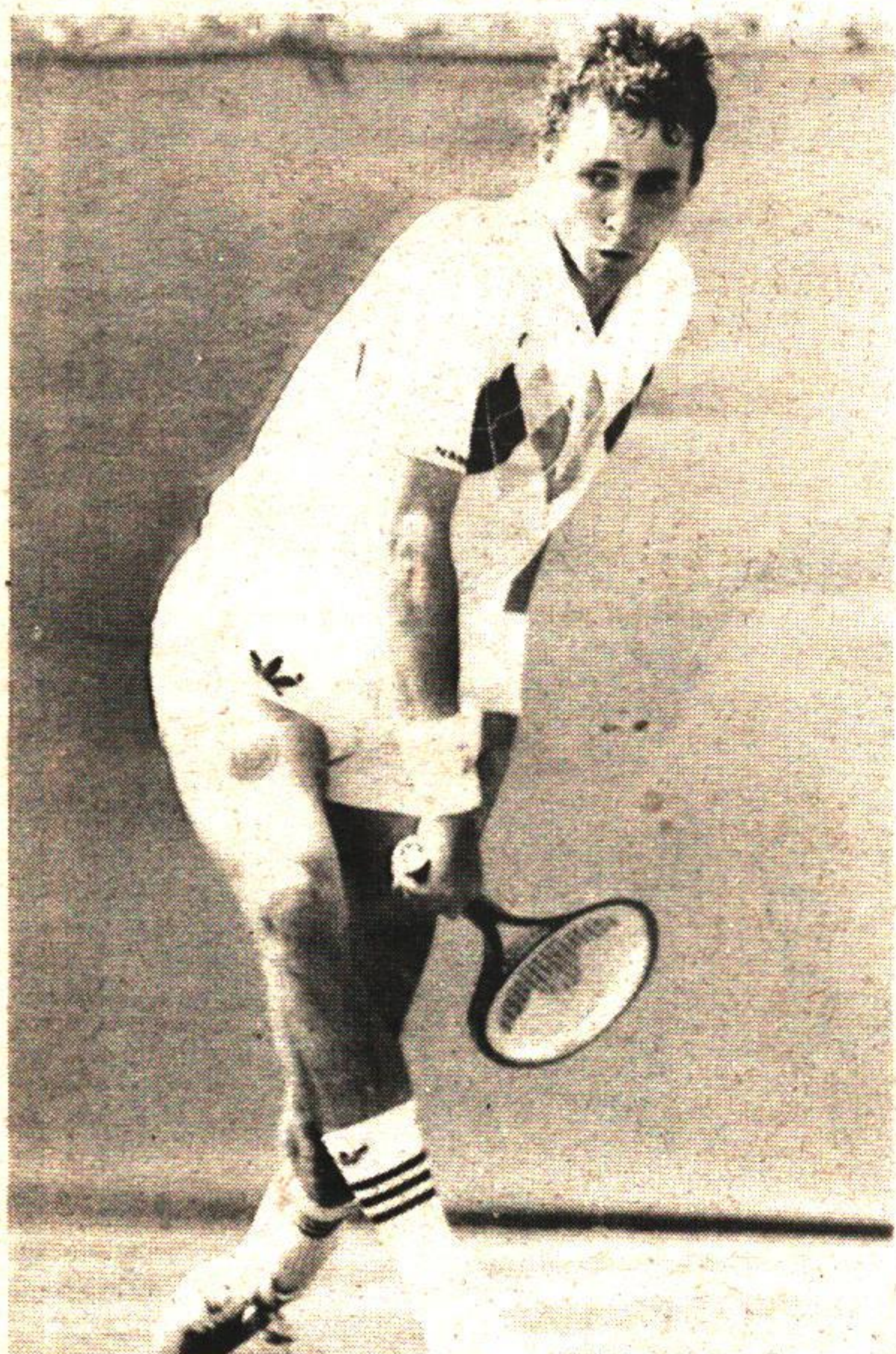
'I was disappointed not to be asked to play before, but I think I've got over it. I don't want to be involved in it (the argument) anymore. If I'm not selected this time, it's

doubtful I'll ever be selected again.'

Lendl added that he was glad to have the chance of four or five hours practice on Monday — a facility denied him by rain last year.

Leconte took the game to Lendl bravely but let a critical chance slip by when he missed a shot to break his opponent's service and take a 5-3 lead in the opening set.

Lendl's compatriot Pavel Slozil took the place vacated by the injured Higuera against Roberto Arguello of Argentina, a semi-finalist in Nice last weekend, but was beaten 6-4, 6-3.



IVAN LENDL . . . A slow beginning in Monte Carlo, but then he took Henri Leconte apart