

Thousands of jobs face chop

WOOLLIES SHUTDOWN

Bathgate closure shock

FROM CHRIS CORRIGAN

AN announcement that British Leyland's factory employing 1,800 at Bathgate, West Lothian, is to close is expected next week.

Shutdown of the plant — which employed 5,800 in 1978 — will have a devastating effect on the area, already hit by the Plessey closure two years ago.

Many workers will want to fight to keep the truck and tractor plant open. In January 1982, workers occupied the site in opposition to work being taken away.

It was only after a court order, followed by a stormy mass meeting, that the occupation ended.

BL management's proposals for the future of Bathgate have recently been presented to the government. It was reported yesterday that the only alternatives to closure put forward are that a new buyer be found — or the government must invest heavily in the factory.

Attempts to find a buyer have failed and not only is

the government unwilling to invest, but the Tories want the plant closed as part of its rationalisation of BL.

RAILWAY engineering workers are squaring up for a fight against mass redundancies at the Springburn workshops, Glasgow.

After news that up to 1,200 of the 1,800 jobs are to go over the next three years, convenor George Dyce said: 'We will fight this, because Springburn is the last remaining railway workshop in Scotland.'

'The news was shattering and everyone is despondent. But we will be working out details of what action to take.'

At its peak, 12,000 people were employed on locomotive and coach manufacture in Springburn, the name of which became famous worldwide for railway engineering.

'They even wrote a story about it. When you think what Springburn used to be at one time, it is a disgrace to do this to us,' said Dyce.

Occupation plan to save 3,000 jobs in 40 stores

BY PENNY BLOOR

HIGH STREET giant Woolworths is selling off 40 of its stores in the next few months, it was confirmed yesterday.

As soon as they heard the news, shop workers' union members in conference at Eastbourne voted to occupy and take other industrial action to save their jobs.

The 900 USDAW delegates heard that a definite decision on the closures had been made on the final day of their conference.

Union officials were told by the company's management that 34 of the stores had been sold to Heron Corporation for £70 million.

The union has already warned that up to 6,000 jobs will be lost. Yesterday's news immediately affects 3,000 staff, 1,400 of them full time.

Dick Wainwright, Blackpool Woolworths, told delegates: 'Management have made it clear that hundreds of stores are to follow.'

Wainwright urged:

'Let's get out and fight because if we don't there won't be any USDAW members to fight.'

'The time has now come for leadership to give a lead.'

Jean Kerrigan, south east London, successfully moved a resolution calling for the union to support Woolworth's workers to take action including strikes and occupation of stores in defence of their jobs.

'Union members demonstrated their determination to fight for jobs when they lobbied the conference at only three days' notice,' she said.

A coachload of shopworkers from south London branches of the store

held the lobby on the first day of the conference, and collected 3,000 signatures on a petition outside Woolworth's in Eastbourne.

Two emergency resolutions were passed. The first condemned the sale and instructed the union's executive to give full support to USDAW members in their fight to save jobs, including 'industrial action if necessary'.

The second resolution pledged the full resources of USDAW to back any action by Woolworth's workers to defend their jobs, including strikes and occupation of stores.

A Woolworth's statement claimed that the company would retain ab-

out 900 stores in the UK after sales and closures.

Delegates heard from area organiser John Whale, however, that Woolworth's wanted higher profits from each of its stores — and if those profits were not achieved, the stores would be closed.

USDAW general secretary Bill Whatley pledged his executive's full backing for any members determined to save jobs.

National officer Terry Sullivan said he would be making immediate contact with the chairman of Woolworth's and with Heron Corporation.

A one-day strike throughout the company's 900 stores is

already being considered. The Woolworth's negotiating committee is due to meet in Manchester on Tuesday.

THE 34 facing closure include the famous London Oxford Street branch.

OTHERS ARE AT: Arnold, Banbury, Blackpool, Burgess Hill, Cardiff, Chesham, Chester, Colchester, Crewe, Dover, Dunfermline, Eastbourne, Epping, Grimsby, Holloway Road (London), Horsham, Hucknall, King's Lynn, Lancaster, Leatherhead, Leicester, Middlesbrough, Neasden (London), Newton Abbott, Nottingham, Putney, Slough, Sutton, Tolworth, Walkden, Walsall, Weymouth and Wood Green (London).

THE SIX not being sold to Heron but due to close are: Bitterne, Harlow, Harpenden, Tottenham (West Green Road, London), Wigan and Wilmslow.



Workers from Woolworth's stores in London joined Kent miners in a lobby of the USDAW conference in Eastbourne this week. There is a common fight for jobs and against closures

Miners provoked by Ravenscraig coal supplies

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

Tommy Brennan.

Scottish NUM president Mick McGahey said Ravenscraig was running at 70 per cent output.

He said: 'We will not endanger Ravenscraig, we will not destroy jobs in the industry, but we will stop production.'

After pressure from pickets, McGahey has said that only one trainload of coal can go into the plant.

Brennan said his first priority was to the plant. 'And so our people will use any coal that comes in.' He was hard pressed to deny this was strike breaking.

McGahey's determination to keep the miners' struggle isolated prevents an official appeal being

made to Ravenscraig to join the fight against the Tory government.

It is clear that only a campaign for a General Strike in the workers' movement can create the conditions for unity between miner and steelworker.

Over 10,000 flying pickets massed outside Harworth, the North Notts 'show pit' yesterday.

They abandoned their vehicles and walked over the county boundary and across open fields to reach the pit, avoiding roadblocks and checkpoints.

In the wake of over 100 arrests on the miners' picket line at the Essex port of Wivenhoe this week, Kent miners' leader Jack Collins said:

'The police are arresting people on any flimsy excuse. They obviously hope that by mass arrests and no doubt fines, that they will kill the Kent miners' determination. They will not succeed. Miners are not criminals, we are people demanding the right to work and produce the coal that this nation needs.'

'The police are now escalating the struggle by systematically photographing every person on or near the east coast picket line. The horrific scenario that they are developing seems to have no limit.'

'I appeal to the labour movement to condemn the tactics of those who wish to force the miners back to work and to join our miners on the picket lines. The sooner that is done, the sooner this struggle will be ended.'



Lorry drivers, backed up by large numbers of police, took coal from Holditch colliery, near Stoke on Trent, yesterday to supply the Ravenscraig steelworks in Scotland

Day two in NUT action

THE TEACHERS' pay fight sharpened up yesterday as union members took industrial action in thousands of schools for the second day of running.

The unions reacted strongly to warning notices sent by some local authorities to teachers saying that pay would be deducted if teachers resorted to strike action, or refused to cover for absent colleagues.

The National Union of Teachers, the largest teachers union, warned Cambridgeshire and Cumbria authorities that if they carried out their threat to deduct pay for staff who refused to cover, it could affect the teachers' guarantee that examinations would not be affected by action.

The union said Sir Keith Joseph's remark in the House of Commons on Tuesday, when he accused teachers of acting irresponsibly, had also hardened the attitude of many members.

USDAW CONFERENCE IN EASTBOURNE SHOP WORKERS VOTE TO BACK MINERS

SHOP workers at their annual conference in Eastbourne yesterday passed a resolution supporting the striking miners.

BY OUR OWN STAFF

The motion from Edinburgh and Leith Millers stated: 'USDAW recognises that a defeat for the NUM means not only a substantial loss of jobs within the mining industry but as bitter experience shows, we will face shop closures and drastic job loss in the retail and manufacturing industries.'

'Support for the miners in the present dispute means support for our own members now and in the future.'

Ann Hillman from Sheffield, supporting an unsuccessful resolution calling for the TUC to organise a General Strike in support of the miners,

said: 'I am a miner's wife and proud of it... we need every union to unite and fight so we can win.'

Arthur Hamilton said: 'Have a look at Consett, closed by the same man... every other shop has its boards up.'

Resolution

Delegates earlier supported a resolution totally opposing the new Police and Criminal Evidence Bill.

Speaking against 'community' policing, Julie Hyland, Booksellers and

Stationers, pointed out: 'In Thatcher's terms we are trade unionists and therefore criminals and subversives now.'

Conference supported her against executive recommendation and threw out support for 'community' policing and 'neighbourhood watch' schemes.

Describing his experiences as a van driver in the Nottinghamshire area, Mick Bazzant from Wakefield Empire Stores told delegates of the five roadblocks he had to pass each day on his rounds.

Earlier conference passed a resolution congratulating the Liverpool city

council on 'seeking to ensure that proper socialist policies are carried out in their borough'.

It pledged to give full support 'in particular in their fight to protect jobs and services and calls on the executive council to sanction industrial action if necessary, should members involved wish to do so in order to demonstrate their support for the council'.

Passed

A second resolution supporting the GLC and other metropolitan councils was also passed. In the debate, Bill Lewis

said: 'The only reason for abolition is political.'

The resolution said 'full support should be given to all actions, including occupation and the organising of local assemblies to defend services.'

'These services belong to the entire community. It is our duty in the trades unions to protect them in every way possible.'

The conference was sharply divided on the question of defence of those trade unions attacked under the anti-trade union legislation.

They passed a resolution deploring the attacks on the trade union movement with the enforce-

ment of anti-union legislation and gave full support to the TUC campaign against the 1983 White Paper on industrial relations.

Refused

But the president, Sid Tierney, refused to take a card vote on a resolution to mandate USDAW delegates to the TUC to 'uphold the decision of the Wembley conference' and to 'campaign for a policy to mobilise the entire trade union movement to defend the rights of trade unionists against the drive of the Tory government to establish judicial and police dictatorship'.

Murray plans to study nature of work

BY JOHN SPENCER

TUC general secretary Len Murray refused to discuss the political background to his resignation yesterday, but claimed he had been thinking about quitting for some time.

He told a press conference at Congress House that he had no particular plans for his retirement, though he was interested in investigating the changing nature of work.

He said: 'There are a number of things I have wanted to do for quite a long time. My wife and I just talked about it. My ideas are general, rather than special.'

'There are places to go,

Briefly ...

IRA MEMBERS shouted protests and gave clenched-fist salutes as they were jailed by a judge in Belfast today. Two were sentenced to life imprisonment, and one to 20 years, and one to 16 years at the end of a four-month 'supergrass' trial.

ALL 47 people on board a giant Chinook helicopter survived yesterday when it plunged into the North Sea off the Shetland Isles. The British Airways helicopter was ferrying oil workers to rigs.

books to read, flowers to smell and trees to look at. I would like to walk through Epping Forest.'

The job of TUC general secretary was not one that could be done in second gear, he said. If he stayed on to 65 he feared he would be too tired to enjoy all the things he wanted to.

He claimed the timing had been carefully chosen. 'I wanted to do it at a time when nobody would think, rightly, or wrongly, that I was doing it in a fit of pique or even worse that I was using it as a sort of threat, or as a means to get my own way on something. To me that would be absolute anathema.'

Denial

Despite Murray's denial, his retirement at 61, four years before his term expires, will be widely seen as a result of the rebuffs suffered by his policy of collaboration with the Tories.

Asked whether the fact that he had been in a

minority on the general council in several key decisions was a factor in his resignation, Murray replied:

'The general hassle of life does help you to reach decisions. But the pressure currently has been no greater than in some of the years of the Labour government.'

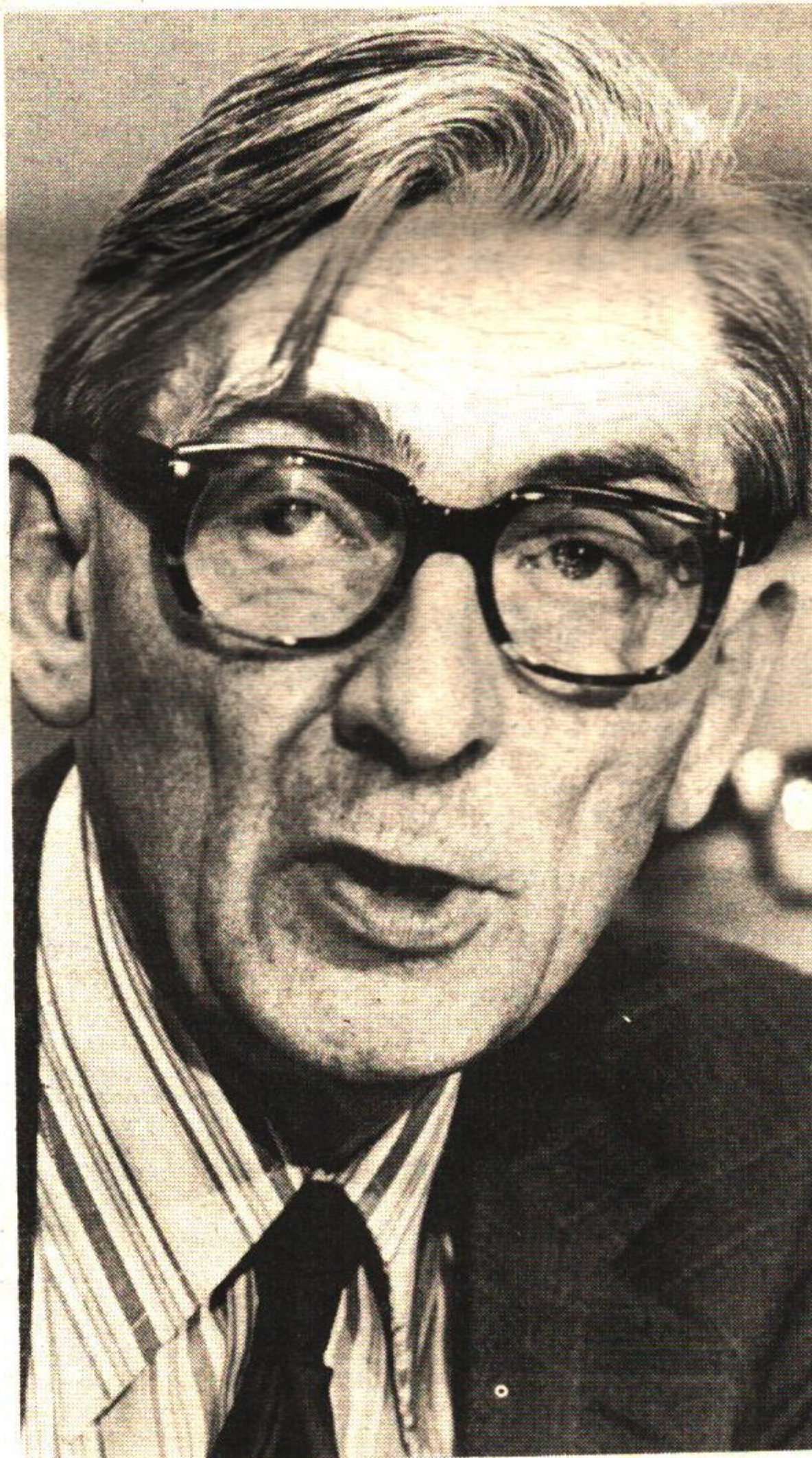
Pressure

'The physical and mental pressure we were under then — ask Jack Jones and Hughie Scanlon — meetings night after night, telephone calls, arguments with unions getting a bit out of line — was much worse.'

It was not a factor in his decision, he said 'but it's all cumulative'.

The next TUC general secretary will be elected by Congress in Brighton this autumn. Nominations close on July 16.

Murray said he did not want a full-time job and would reject one if offered. He was not so sure about a part-time occupation.



MURRAY

Speaker bans Dalyell

PRIME Minister Thatcher is lying about the sinking of the Argentine cruiser 'General Belgrano', Labour MP Tam Dalyell told the Commons yesterday.

His charge, made on the second anniversary of the 'Belgrano' sinking in which more than 300 Argentine sailors were killed, resulted in expulsion from the Commons until May 10.

He refused six requests from Speaker Bernard Weatherill to withdraw the 'unparliamentary' phrase, saying he had evidence to prove it.

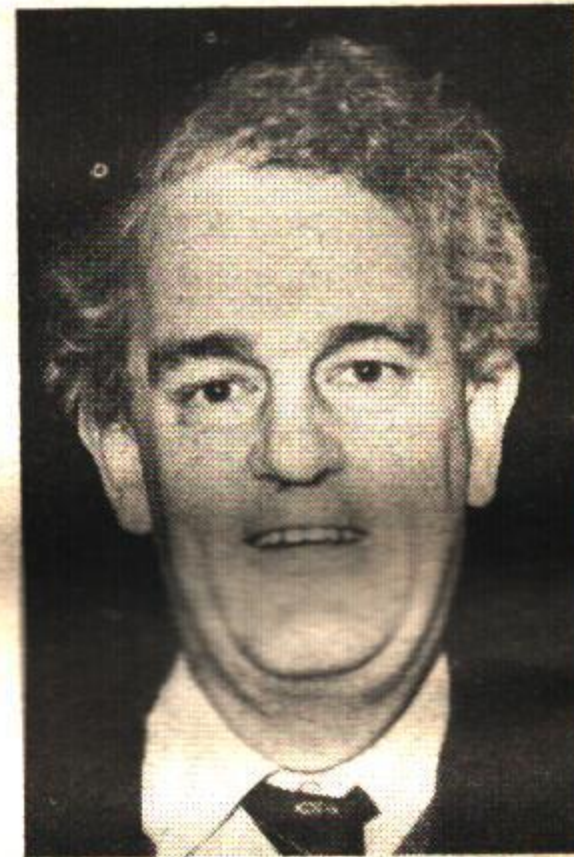
The Leader of the House, John Biffen moved that he be formally suspended, and some Labour MPs forced a division. Dalyell was expelled by 196 votes to 33, a majority of 163.

Vote

The figures show large numbers of Labour right-wingers voted with the Tories to expel Dalyell. The vote was greeted with cries of 'Shame' by Labour MPs and repeated shouts of 'Disgrace' from Cymru MP Dafydd Wigley.

It means Dalyell is expelled for five parliamentary days. But he will not lose his pay for the period.

The row broke out when



TAM DALYELL

Dalyell accused former Trade and Industry Secretary Cecil Parkinson of letting the cat out of the bag by saying he had known of the Peruvian peace initiative before the decision to sink the 'Belgrano'.

Dalyell said: 'The right honourable gentleman let the cat out of the bag on "Panorama" by revealing that he knew about President Belaunde's peace plans — with the clear implication that the Prime Minister is lying.'

Asked by the Speaker to withdraw, Dalyell said it was 'a matter of fact not of supposition'. Later he added: 'I said that by implication the Prime Minister had lied, and there is proof and evidence for it.'

After leaving the Palace of Westminster, Dalyell said last night that he was 'very, very sad' about being expelled. He said it was a coincidence that the question had come up on the second anniversary of the 'Belgrano' sinking.

Flowers and court repression

THE Queen yesterday opened the £30 million international garden festival in Liverpool — and then went on to open the huge new £35.5 million court complex.

Both events, and the fanfare in the Tory mass media, left the Liverpool working class bemused and angry.

The area suffers unemployment of more than 20 per cent with up to 30 and 40

per cent in the hardest-hit localities. What good is a flower show to them?

Aroma

But behind the aroma of the roses and dahlias, there stood the concrete fortress which is the new law building. It had more significance for the working class since it has been constructed to conduct the business of class repression.

The new law building will house the High Court, the Crown Court and County Courts. The former courts in Liverpool, Birkenhead and Bromborough will go out of business as the new premises come into operation.

Among dignitaries present were the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, and Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin who is in charge of slashing local

government spending and abolishing the metropolitan councils.

In future, their lordships will be able to send people down in air-conditioned comfort.

Seat

The Queen sat in the judge's seat in No.1 court on the fifth floor and pronounced it very comfortable.

Irish Forum divided

POLITICAL leaders in the Irish Republic split last night over a report from the New Ireland Forum, the Dublin government-backed talking-shop.

Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald said all three options listed by the Forum as possible ways of governing Ireland were open.

The options were a unitary state, a federal gov-

ernment or a system of joint sovereignty over the six counties of the north of Ireland by London and Dublin.

Decision

But opposition leader Charles Haughey insisted that the unitary state choice had been the only firm decision of the Forum's four participating parties.

'That is a conclusion agreed by the Forum — not an alternative,' he said. The other two alternatives 'could not produce peace and stability,' Haughey added.

Ulster Secretary James Prior was dismissive about the report's 'nationalist interpretation' of past events and said: 'The Forum's account of the British position is one-sided and unacceptable.'

Board evicts union officers

BOLD NUM officials and members who have been in the forefront of the struggle of Lancashire miners were evicted from their offices and headquarters at the pit yesterday on instructions of the NCB area director.

The men are convinced that this is the reaction of an NCB smarting under the successive blows received at the hands of militant miners when they struck work at Parkside and successfully picketed Bickershaw.

This in turn has forced production to a halt at Golborne and Parsonage, leaving just Agcroft to close.

Mal Gregory, Bold NUM branch secretary, told News Line: 'The NCB kicked me out of my office. It does not permit me to attend to our pensioners, widows, deaths in families of members, people who have social security claims, lads in hospital etc.'

'All my papers are in that office and inaccessible.'

'The strike has been on eight weeks and I am insisting I have access to my lads who are still attending to safety at the mine. This is required under the Health and Safety Act and the Mines and Quarries Act.'

The action has incensed miners who have hitherto maintained correct relations with local management.

It is probable that higher management, however, feared that the presence of the NUM at Bold was too close for comfort after what happened at Bolton when miners occupied their head office.



NUM leaders Peter Heathfield (left) and Arthur Scargill were in London yesterday to meet four transport union officials. They agreed to ask power industry workers to refuse to handle other fuels when coal supplies run out or are cut back because of the pit strike. At the two-hour meeting were seamen's leaders Jim Slater and Sam McCluskie, Ron Todd of the T&GWU, Jimmy Knapp of the NUR and Ray Buckton of ASLEF.

SAS 'hero' boasted of assassination

SAS 'hero' Captain Robert Nairac, awarded the George Cross posthumously, took part in a brutal assassination plot in the Irish Republic and other cross-border dirty tricks, it was reported last night.

He boasted about the killing and carried a photograph of the blood-soaked body of IRA North Armagh commander John Francis Green, says former military intelligence officer Captain Fred Holdroyd.

Nairac's 'dirty tricks' activities were reported by journalist Duncan Campbell on Channel 4's 'Diverse Reports' programme last night and appear in greater detail in the 'New Statesman' today.

Holdroyd has passed on details

of Nairac's activities to the RUC in Belfast.

Nairac, 29, was himself executed by the IRA in 1977 after being detected while on an undercover mission near Forkhill, close to the border. His body was never found.

Holdroyd, who served in army intelligence in Northern Ireland during 1974 and 1975, says Nairac crossed the border with two other men in a covert operation in January 1975.

Officially the killing of Green remains unsolved, but Campbell points out that details provided by Holdroyd match the official reports.

Holdroyd also says that British intelligence officers paid £500 a time on two occasions to ex-boxers to cross the border to kidnap Re-

publicans. Both attempts failed.

Another failure was an attempt by army intelligence to run a 'mole' inside the IRA. He was exposed and killed.

Holdroyd said he crossed the border himself on covert operations for MI6. He blamed rivalry between the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) and army intelligence for his departure from the army.

He says he was disciplined by the army after working for MI6 and sent to a mental institution in an effort to smear him.

He later worked for the RUC Special Branch and received a testimonial recommending his 'unquestionable loyalty, outstanding courage' and 'devotion to duty'.

NCB's coke plan rejected

MINERS' president Arthur Scargill yesterday rejected a plea from the Coal Board to allow the completion of a deal to supply coke to America.

A Chicago steelworks wants to buy 175,000 tonnes, but the coke — from Co Durham stockpiles — is blockaded by pickets.

Scargill said: 'The NCB decision to close pits and axe thousands of miners' jobs is responsible for the current dispute and for halting the movement of coal.'

'The NCB can quite easily fulfil this new export order or any other sales it negotiates.'

'All they have to do is withdraw the threat to close Britain's pits, including those in the north-

east — the area which the board claims will supply fuel for this new order — and, in line with the Plan for Coal, begin to expand, not contract, our industry.'

Decision

Bill Bartram, national president of the coke-men's branch of the NUM, said: 'The decision to release large stocks of coke for this order will have to be negotiated with the union at the highest level.'

'The cokemen are being very fairly treated by our fellow members in the NUM and we will abide by whatever decision is made regarding the release of this coke for America.'

Gaddafi hits at the police

TRIPOLI — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi yesterday accused the British government of 'unprecedented barbarism' and planting weapons in the London People's Bureau.

At a news conference in Tripoli, Gaddafi said: 'Britain is now harbouring Libyan terrorists wanted by Interpol.'

'Any government which harbours terrorists, and those hiding behind the British police, we shall have to treat in the same manner.'

'Whenever we can hurt them we will hurt them. Each country has its own problems and sensitive areas where we can put pressure, and this is what we will decide from now on.'



Honest

'If Britain is dealing with some masked terrorists and stray dogs, how can we not be expected to meet honest and honourable leaders of the IRA?'

He attacked the British police for blasting their way into the People's Bureau adding: 'From that moment, we do not accept responsibility for anything found in the bureau.'

'If there were any empty cartridges, who can decide if they are Libyan or British?'

GADDAFI

The Foreign Liaison Bureau issued a statement yesterday condemning the Reagan-Thatcher plan to get West European states to impose economic and political sanctions against the Libyan Jamahiriya.

This crazy campaign was tied up with President Reagan's re-election bid, the statement said.

Lefts back YTS 'con-trick'

THE Tory YTS schemes are a 'con-trick and a cosmetic exercise to cover Tory embarrassment over unemployment', the AUEW engineering union National Committee was told yesterday at its meeting in Eastbourne.

Alan Robson, from Tyneside, said the union should reject any attempt to smuggle in YTS to replace apprenticeships, and said the union's decision last year to permit YTS into factories was a move 'to ease our consciences and sell out these youngsters'.

Only the support of the Communist Party and the 'Broad Left' for the Tory YTS cheap labour schemes stopped the AUEW National Committee from pulling out of the schemes altogether.

Opposition to YTS in areas like Scotland and the north east is so intense that 11 of the 30 or so delegates who would normally support the right-wing dominated executive voted against a resolution accepting the schemes.

Without the 20 votes of the Communist Party Stalinists and the rest of the 'Broad Left', the union would have been committed to end co-operation with the corpor-

atist cheap labour programme.

John Dougherty, from Stockport, said: 'There is a lot of abuse of the schemes, which are degrading. It would not be a bad thing to pull out of them altogether.'

He added that while such a decision would create conflict in industry, he thought the union should be prepared to take that chance.

Jack Crystal, from Northumberland, said the YTS was a gangplank which young people were forced to walk until they dropped off at the end.

He had fought the introduction of the schemes in his area because they were 'a fundamental undercurrent detrimental to working class children'.

Maurice Collins, from Teeside, said the union must oppose the YTS where it was used to sub-

BY BEN RUDDER

stitute for apprenticeships. 'It's a con, and these schemes are not to the benefit of our children.'

Bill Goffin, from Plymouth, opposed the resolution accepting YTS, saying: 'If we dilute the concept of apprenticeships then they will disappear altogether.'

Clear

He said the opposition to YTS amongst youth was very clear, with half a million places left unfilled.

But Communist Party member and executive member, Jim Airlie, claimed that YTS had to be supported because the scheme 'would be meaningful under a Labour government'.

He added that the TUC

was right to support YTS because it would have been 'politically wrong' to be portrayed by the media as rejecting 'help' to young people.

He added that though the resolution supporting YTS called for improvements in pay and conditions — this did not commit the executive to winning such improvements in factories where organisation was weak.

This comment drew sharp criticism from Alan Robson, who said he did not accept that the National Committee should decide on a policy only to say that if it wasn't implemented it didn't matter.

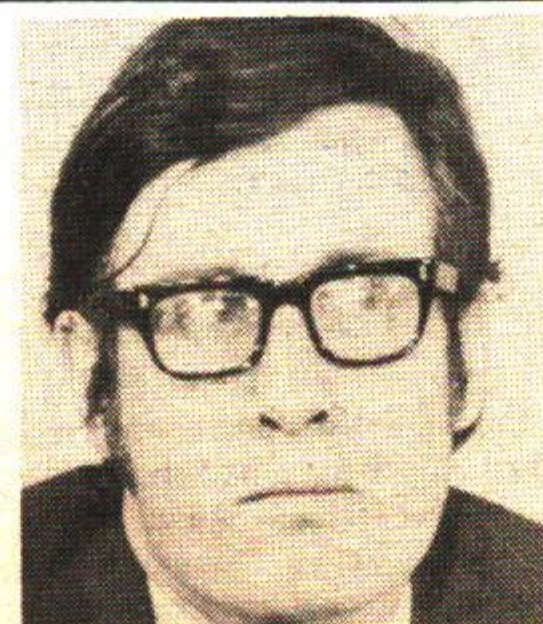
He said continued support for YTS meant the union only gave credibility to the Tory government which was trying to hide the real level of unemployment.

Airlie's position drew

Nurses 'picked on'

LABOUR health spokesman Michael Meacher yesterday accused the Tory government of 'picking on the nurses' and demanded that Health Secretary Norman Fowler implement their pay award in full.

In a letter to Fowler, Meacher said: 'There can be no question of the government cutting back the review body's proposals by 2 per cent or so, to save £60 million, when at the same time this year the government will be paying out £250 million in drug companies profits.' He described government plans to sell off nurses' homes to private developers as 'another jugular blow to the principle of comprehensive and effective National Health Service'.



MEACHER

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Frankly there is no time to waste. The Tories will do everything they can to break the miners' strike. Murray's decision to quit is to get out of the way of this growing confrontation between the classes.

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BACK THE MINERS WI

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.

Thatcher and the state are out to smash up pit communities, driving families into destitution and starving the miners back to work. Their aim is not only to destroy the miners' union, but all trade unions.

Miners are, therefore, fighting on behalf of the whole working class. They cannot be left to shoulder the burdens of the strike alone. All workers must ensure that the miners can continue the struggle under the best conditions, and that a common front is presented to the class enemy.

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.

At the very same time the Tories are attacking the miners, they are also establishing a central government dictatorship over local Labour councils, threatening cities like Liverpool with financial destruction and abolishing seven authorities covering the major industrial areas of England. Community Councils will take responsibility for the defence of local councils, jobs and services.

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.



Pickets at Holditch argue with the driver of the first lorry to move into the colliery

Staffs coal sent to Ravenscraig

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

COAL stocks are being moved by scab lorry drivers, backed up by large numbers of police, from Holditch colliery near Stoke on Trent.

There are strong rumours the supplies are bound for Ravenscraig steelworks. The Scottish steelworks was supplied with Holditch coal before the strike.

Pickets who walked along the road outside the pit gate to look at the 14 lorries waiting in a side road were herded back to the main gate into a 'corral' maintained by 100 police, who outnumbered the 70 or so pickets on duty.

They were threatened with arrest for obstruction if they crossed police lines.

Earlier in the morning Alan Sykes, an NUM committee member at Holditch, told News Line: 'At first this strike was for our own jobs, it was about pit closures, but now it is political.'

'Every 70,000 miners on the dole means 300,000 others, suppliers etc. 'There's no future at all for the young ones — and that's in every industry. 'We should have a General Strike and get everybody involved in this. 'This has been planned for a long, long time,' he said. 'We've had peaceful

pickets for weeks with no aggravation, and we've given none, but for the last fortnight police have been intimidating, threatening and shoving. 'If you swear you will be booked', they're saying. We had one arrested at Silverdale this morning. 'They threatened one man because he was carrying binoculars. 'This is now a police state,' he said angrily. 'I've been here for six years and in that time they must have spent £10 million but they've spent nothing on getting coal from the face to the pit bottom.'

Sykes told how one of the men had taken his

four children to the Newcastle police station.

'Is it illegal to starve children?' he asked at the desk. 'Yes', replied the policeman.

So the miner put his kids on the counter and said: 'Well, do the social security because they're starving mine.'

'They're trying to get at the miners through their children,' Sykes said.

When News Line reporters left Holditch they were questioned by the police and a man was assigned to 'see them off'.

Later seven pickets were arrested. Pickets believe the trouble was started by a provocateur and a police inspector with a snatch squad then intervened and made the arrests.

Pickets' disgust for Florence scabs

THERE were bitter confrontations between pickets and strike-breakers who gathered in groups before passing between ranks of police into Florence colliery in Staffordshire yesterday.

Pickets showed their disgust and contempt as about 400 scabs passed about 150 pickets, who included men from other local pits and pickets from South Wales.

Jim McMillan, branch secretary of nearby Hem Heath colliery, said that pickets were moving between Florence, Hem Heath and Silverdale pits but most of the scabs were at Florence.

He had no doubt that Florence pit was faced with

closure just as many others in the area had closed already.

He said: '£14 million has been invested in Hem Heath but it is only a cover-up.'

'I'm all in favour of a General Strike, this is not just about miners but for trade unionism.'

'We should be going into the areas where there is no mining and putting the miners' cause.'

David Lewis from the Ogmere washery, Ebbw

Vale, was one of a group of Welsh miners picketing at Florence.

He said that while the miners had been trying to keep a peaceful picket line the police were allowing cars to travel at speed through the lines.

Tremendous

He said that a group of the Welsh miners had been all over the country and they had had a tremendous response from the working class.

'We think Arthur Scargill is right,' he said. 'We shouldn't be selling our jobs.'

'I've been in mining for 25 years and I've never seen a soup kitchen. I never thought I'd see one in my time or my children's time.'

'It's a fight for the youth and the future.'

At Hem Heath colliery just a few miles away, one miner summed up his feelings when he said: 'What we need is an uprising in this country.'

'The police are now escalating the struggle by systematically photographing every person on or near the east coast picket line. The horrific scenario that they are developing seems to have no limit.'

'I appeal to the labour movement to condemn the tactics of those who wish to force the miners back to work and to join our miners on the picket lines. The sooner that is done, the sooner this struggle will be ended.'

IN the wake of over 100 arrests on the miners' picket line in Wivenhoe, Essex, Kent miners' leader Jack Collins issued the following statement:

'The police are arresting people on any flimsy excuse. They obviously hope that by mass arrests and no doubt fines, that they will kill the Kent miners' determination. They will not succeed. Miners are not criminals, we are people demanding the right to work and produce the coal that this nation needs.'

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THE GENERAL STRIKE

Call General Strike

Best way to back miners

THE TUC should mobilise the whole working class behind the miners in a general strike, a Tyneside shipyard union leader said last night.

As he welcomed the 'North East Miners' March for Jobs' to Wallsend, Consett convenor Bob Welford, said: 'Cash is OK, support is OK, but they are no substitute for action. There is no way this battle can be won by the miners on their own.'

'The TUC should now make a stand and fight. They should demand that every trade unionist comes out in support of the miners, they should call a General Strike.'

Slap-up

Shop stewards representing 5,000 shipyard workers on Tyneside provided the marchers with a slap-up meal last night, and are due to greet them when they march past the yards this morning, on the next stage of their three-week trek to Nottingham.

Welford said: 'I hope the march is successful in helping to win the battle against pit closures and in securing a substantial wage rise and a guaranteed future.'

'The miners have been used as an example by the Tory government which wants to see them

**RAVENS CRAIG
PROVOCATION
ON SUPPLIES**
— See page 1

FROM SIMON VEVERS

defeated, and it is Thatcher who is picking all the battlegrounds.

'The TUC has had its chances to lead a fight back with the NGA and GCHQ but in each case they wretched on those in struggle.'

A weekly levy is being raised in the yards to assist the miners from the workforce which has been cut by more than 50 per cent in recent years as a result of the capitalist slump.

Unity

Underlining the need for unity behind the miners, General and Municipal Workers' Union convenor Jimmy Allen said: 'It's a struggle for the trade union movement because Thatcher is trying to cripple us all.'

The marchers were able to take hot showers when they arrived at the Burradon miners' welfare hall after marching from Blyth. Their accommodation was organised by North Tyneside councillors.

Earlier in the day the marchers, who had set off from Ellington colliery on Tuesday, were given lunch at the Pioneer Club at Annitsford by workers from the Lonrho Textiles company.



THE NORTH EAST marchers leaving Blyth yesterday

'This fight is for all of us'

WORKERS from Lonrho Textiles — part of the multi-million pound empire of business tycoon Tony Rowland — provided the marchers with lunch at the Pioneer Club in Annitsford.



JOE WRIGHT... Lonrho convenor

Transport union convenor at the factory Joe Wright told News Line: 'This fight is for all of us because if Thatcher beats the miners, she'll screw every trade unionist to the floorboards.'

'It would be a further step to what she's always really wanted in this country — a one-party state. If the Tories kill the unions off, then they'll also be no finances for the Labour Party.'

Extreme

'People are always criticising the extreme left, but I don't think they have considered deeply enough what the extreme right is up to.'

'It's very sinister and very worrying. If we don't win this one, then we might as well hand our union cards in, because the Tories will walk all over us.'

Wright said that more than 100,000 textile jobs had been destroyed in the last seven years as employers had shut down their operations in Britain and ventured into the third world to exploit cheap labour.

'How can we compete with places like Taiwan and Hong Kong, where they work for a bowl of rice?'

Response

Wright said the NUM marchers' appeal had received an instant response from women workers at Lonrho who had provided all sorts of food.

'The ladies in that factory would do anything to help them. Of course many of them have husbands still working in the pits.'

He recalled that Bedlingtonshire — since renamed Wandsbeck — was once the biggest urban district council in Britain and a thriving centre of the mining industry.

'There used to be 11 pits there. When I left school there was just one avenue for a job and that was the pit. Now there are none left, and nowhere for the young lads to get jobs,' Wright said.

'This government is getting away with murder, it's just one thing after another, and no one has done anything to stop them.'

'Thatcher is ruling the country by fear — fear of being unemployed. When I was a young lad, there's no way a government could get away with that.'

Sailing

'Just look at what happened when the "Belgrano" was sunk. That ship went down even though it was 250 miles away and had been sailing home for two days.'

'I believe in preserving human life. No matter what creed or race. In this world there's too much being spent on ways to destroy human life.'

'It's time we all stood up and fought. As far as I'm concerned the best news in the paper today is that Len Murray is packing it in. I'm glad he is going because we need strong leadership.'



Jim Watson (left) and Dave Hughes (second from the right), who represent Herrington pit on the march with a delegation from the pit.

Guarantee us our future

JIM WATSON and Dave Hughes will be on the march all the way to Nottingham representing the closure-threatened Herrington colliery in County Durham. Herrington is known as 'the Cortonwood of the north east'.

Like the Yorkshire pit it was guaranteed a further five years' production. Then the Coal Board suddenly announced it would shut in seven months.

Like many young miners in the north east, Tom Watson is a 'transferee'. He told News Line: 'I worked at Boldon colliery but then moved to Herrington a year before it closed.'

'I think this march is important to show all other trade unionists how determined we are to win this battle. We're not going to go back without a guaranteed future for our pits and our jobs.'

'We've had a good response on the streets because this is a mining area. Shops, petrol stations and other businesses all depend on the mining community for their survival. If the pits die, they die.'

David Hughes has worked at the pit since he left school 12 years ago. 'I've no other trade, so I'm prepared to fight all the way to save my job,' he said.

'Our pit is due to close but

I've heard nothing from the NCB about a transfer. I'm going on all the marches and pickets that I can to get support for this strike. If Thatcher gets our union down the rest will follow, that's for sure.'

'Other unions should join us — come out and support us. They should stand behind us because everyone knows how Thatcher's gone through the steelmen.'

'If Herrington was to shut the place would be dead and there are no other jobs for us to go to.'

Appeal

Since the NUM lodged its appeal against the closure of Herrington on February 14, the workers there have heard nothing from the NCB.

Peter Conn, secretary of the Mechanics, said: 'Archibald, the board's area director, has already said that he cannot guarantee jobs for craftsmen.'

'What we're seeing is a policy to deskill craftsmen.'

Tom Watson, who joined the march for the first day to launch it on the road, said: 'This is a fight we've been forced into by the government and we've got no alternative but to fight to the last.'



Police lines protect scabs going into Florence in Staffordshire

WORLD SUMMARY

Farmers block road

METZ, France — About 400 French farmers used barbed wire, burning tyres and straw to cut off access to government offices in the northeastern city of Metz yesterday in protest at Common Market farm policies. The demonstrators set up their road blocks just before dawn on the four bridges leading to the offices.

Sanctions

MONTREAL — British Trade Minister Paul Channon ruled out economic sanctions against Libya following the London Embassy shooting, calling them 'a long, slow, ineffective and messy business'.

Resigned

HARARE — Geoff York, a Zimbabwean member of Parliament has resigned from former Prime Minister Ian Smith's dwindling all-white Republican Front (RF) party to become an independent.

Briefing

BANGKOK — A team of US air force specialists will visit Bangkok to brief officials about two types of advanced jet aircraft that Thailand might buy.

Arrested

MBABANE — Swazi police have arrested another five people suspected of belonging to the African National Congress (ANC) during a raid on a hostel.

World News Line

ZIONISTS ADMIT THEY KILLED ARABS

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

JERUSALEM — Two Jews suspected of plotting to blow up five Arab buses last week have confessed to killing Arabs in an attack last July on the Hebron Islamic college.

The 'Maariv' and 'Yediot Aharonot' newspapers and army radio said police took the two men to the college earlier this week where they reconstructed the attack.

Four students were killed and over 30 wounded when masked men burst into the college, in the heart of the occupied West Bank town, firing automatic weapons and throwing grenades.

According to police sources, about 20 suspects are being detained in connection with the bus bombs.

On Tuesday night, police again raided a West Bank Jewish settlement and arrested prominent members of the settlement movement.

The suspects have not been permitted to consult lawyers and seven of them have petitioned the Supreme Court to be allowed to do so.

Sacked

The abortive plot to blow up bus-loads of Arab civilians has renewed accusations that Israel's settlements serve as breeding ground for Zionist terrorism.

For the first time, police and officials find themselves using the

word 'terrorist' for Jews, a term that Israelis have hitherto reserved for Palestinians.

Avraham Ahituv, former head of the general security services, wrote last year that the government's policy of encouraging settlement throughout the occupied territories, including areas with large Arab populations, 'has served as a hothouse for the growth of this (Jewish) terror'.

Crisis

The newspaper 'Davar' said: 'Believers in a greater Israel can now be sure that their position will always mean terror, sabotage and an underground.'

Jonathan Kuttub, a Palestinian lawyer in Ramallah, said: 'The

Jews in the West Bank have already developed a kind of mini-state — their own public services, separate government administration, effectively segregated roads, water and sewage systems and an ambitious economic development programme.'

Jewish settlers are given the right to carry guns, but Arabs may be searched or detained if seen carrying sharp objects.

American-born Rabbi Meir Kahane, who heads the Kach (Thus) movement, says the only way to deal with Arabs in Israel is to expel them.

After booby-trapped grenades were planted at Moslem and Christian sites this year, Kahane said: 'I believe these acts are totally consistent with

Judaism but... The long-range ultimate answer must be not to place a few amateurish bombs at Arab doors but the expulsion of the Arabs of Eretz Yisrael (the biblical land of Israel).'

Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque was the site of an attempted bombing in January and a bus carrying Arab workers was raked by gunfire from Kahane supporters, some living in the West Bank.

Contempt

The recent terrorist violence led West Bank leaders to tell a Palestinian weekly recently that regardless of who won the July General election, the fate of the Palestinians was not likely to improve.

The deposed mayor of Nablus, Bassam Shaka put it this way: 'The chances of a just solution to the Palestinian cause are still remote'.



Israeli police attacking a young Arab women

Numeiry reshuffles Cabinet

KHARTOUM — President Jaafar Numeiry yesterday reshuffled his Cabinet, changing the holders of six key posts in a further move to tighten his grip on the country.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

The reshuffle, which included the foreign and interior portfolios, followed Numeiry's declaration last Sunday of a state of emergency.

The state of emergency was aimed at combating Sudan's 'internal and external enemies', he said.

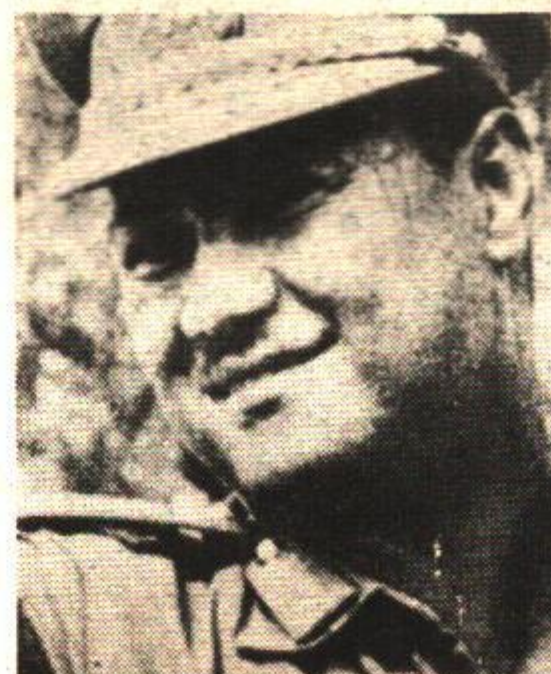
In the reshuffle, the information, health, labour and trade ministers were also replaced. An official statement said Hashem Osman was named Foreign Minister, replacing Mohamed Mirghani Mubarak.

Kamal Hassan Ahmed replaces Ahmed Abdel-

Rahman Mohamed as Interior Minister. Badr Eddin Soliman, first secretary-general of the Socialist Union (SSU), Sudan's sole political party, was replaced by Mohamed Abdel Gader.

The statement gave no reason for the changes but Numeiry, in proclaiming the emergency, spoke of inefficiency, dereliction and slackness in the political and executive structures.

The regime is almost universally hated by the



NUMEIRY

working class, the students and the intelligentsia. Its continued existence is based on the brutality of the US-

trained and financed armed forces.

The opposition organisation, the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM), said yesterday Numeiry's state of emergency was aimed at bringing the south of the country under the control of Khartoum.

Asked about possible sources of arms for the anti-regime revolt, Joseph Oduho, 54, SPLM's chairman, said in Geneva: 'We are going to defend ourselves, and if Libya offers us weapons we are going to take them.'

Crash plane Soviet-made

NEW YORK — A US air force general who died in a jet crash in Nevada last week was flying a Soviet-made MIG-23 flogger, according to CBS news.

Although the Pentagon would only describe the general's plane as a specially-modified test aircraft, CBS said it had learned that he was flying a MIG-23.

It said its sources reported that Lieutenant-General Robert Bond ejected after the jet went out of control. His parachute opened but he was dead when he reached the ground.

Bond was vice commander of the air force's systems command.

The 'Washington Post' reported on Monday that the crash occurred while Bond was testing top-secret 'stealth' technology meant to make US fighters and bombers invisible to enemy radar. It quoted informed sources as saying details of the crash were being guarded by top air force officials.

BELGRADE — One of a group of men detained by Yugoslav police in a raid on an informal meeting of dissidents in Belgrade nearly two weeks ago and later freed has been found dead.

The body of Radomir Radovic, a technician, was found by his aunt at his country cottage near Obrenovac, (18 miles) southwest of Belgrade. He had been missing for a week after being released.

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SHEIKH HASINA WAZED

New campaign against Ershad military rule

DACCA — Leaders of a Bangladesh opposition alliance will start a fresh campaign against military rule after the breakdown of talks with President Hossain Mohammad Ershad. Sheikh Hasina Wazed, head of the 15-party alliance, told reporters the talks foundered after Ershad rejected opposition proposals to transfer power to an elected parliament. 'We have no alternative but to go to the people again to bring down the military government through a movement,' she said.

Ershad's political adviser, A.R.Yousuf, blamed the breakdown on what he called the 'impossible demands' of the opposition to by-pass the constitution and introduce parliamentary government. But he told reporters the government was still willing to hold further talks to end martial law. 'Our doors are still open' he said. Another alliance, linking seven parties and headed by Begum Khaleda Zia, broke off talks with the military regime last week, calling such meetings useless and designed to buy time.

World News Line

Reagan
rejects
Klan
backing

WASHINGTON — President Reagan has repudiated an endorsement for his re-election from the Ku Klux Klan.

The rejection followed published reports of a statement two weeks ago by Bill Wilkinson, leader of the Louisiana-based invisible empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who urged his members to vote for Reagan.

The Klan endorsed Reagan in the 1980 election and he said at that time: 'I have no tolerance whatsoever for what the Klan represents... indeed I resent their even using my name.'

His response this time expressed distress 'that some individuals back home have questioned whether my views on the Ku Klux Klan have somehow changed since 1980'.

Feelings

He added: 'If anything my feelings on this subject have only grown stronger. The politics of racial hatred and religious bigotry practised by the Klan and others have no place in this country.'

Jesse Jackson has won his first US primary ballot by defeating former vice-president Mondale and Colorado Senator Gary Hart in Washington DC.

Voting officials said Jackson was taking about 63 per cent of the vote in the capital to about 30 per cent for Mondale and seven per cent for Hart.

The pressure is now all the more intense on Hart to win or come a very strong second in Texas this Saturday where 169 delegates will be at stake.

MOUNTING DEBTS FUEL
SOCIAL UNREST

WASHINGTON — Angry street protests in the Dominican Republic against food price rises imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have underlined the revolutionary implications of Latin America's mounting debt crisis.

More than 60 workers and youth were killed when the security forces opened fire on people demonstrating in Santo Domingo.

BY OUR OWN STAFF

The president of the Unified Workers' Centre told reporters: 'People are hungry. They can't take it any more unless prices go down.'

But none of this impresses the bankers of Wall Street or the City of London. They want their money back — plus interest. And they are goading governments all over the world to 'get tough' and make the working class pay.

The great continent to the south of the United States is saddled with a debt burden of \$336 billion and there is no way that the regimes of the region can repay.

The most recent scare came at the end of March when Argentina defaulted on a \$500 million interest repayment.

Ironically, four debtor nations who were fearful of the consequences of a default — Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia and Mexico — joined the Reagan administration in the frantic rescue operation.

The IMF's austerity programmes are now in force throughout the region, leading to a sharp drop in living standards for urban workers and peasants. In turn, these very measures are leading to social unrest on an uncontrollable scale.

In the past 12 months, poor workers have looted supermarkets in Brazil, the world's largest debtor, and taken to the streets of Chile demanding the overthrow of the Pinochet dictatorship.

More than 100 people were injured on Tuesday when baton-wielding police charged trade union demonstrators in Santiago who were taking part in their first May Day rally since the military regime seized power in 1973.

Argentina is passing through an intense period of political discussion as the politicians decide whether to batten down on the working class and the trade unions. The country is saddled with a \$43.6 billion debt and repayment of principal and interest means reimposing a fascist-type dictatorship.

Rights

But the country has just emerged from military rule and there is no way that the working class is going to peacefully surrender the basic democratic rights which it has recently regained.

The Peruvian government is burdened with a \$12.6 billion debt. Every attempt to pass the burden of the interest charges on to the backs of the working class has been met with fierce resistance and the deal with the IMF now hangs in the balance.

A despairing Vice-President Fernando Alba said recently: 'Paying the foreign debt is important but we have to attend to the internal debt Peru has to its people.'



Brazil's debts will mean more hunger and poverty for the Brazilian masses

In Bolivia the trade unions held a 72-hour general strike this week to protest against the government's latest austerity programme, which included a 75 per cent devaluation and price rises of up to 600 per cent for basic foodstuffs, transport fares and fuel.

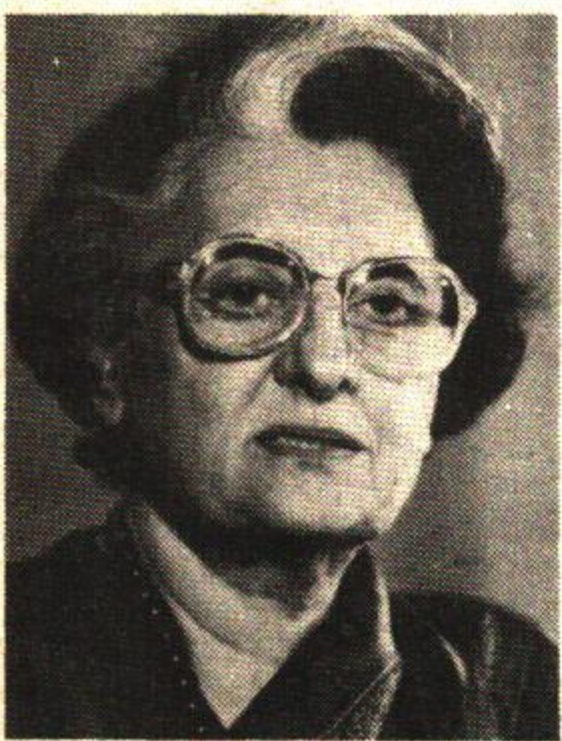
It is only five months since President Hernan Siles Zuazo's government devalued by 60 per cent and imposed a sweeping

set of price increases at the insistence of the IMF.

Meanwhile, last month's increase in US interest rates has added hundreds of millions of dollars to the region's debts bill.

The decision was a clear rebuff to the 27 countries that met in Quito in January and called for a reduction in interest rates and additional loans to help their embattled economies.

Gandhi orders arrests



GANDHI

NEW DELHI — The Indira Gandhi government yesterday ordered another round of arrests and set up a 'special task force to combat terrorism' after the killing of a Congress (I) Party district leader in the Punjab's Bhatinda district.

Three others were killed and at least eight wounded in renewed violence at Ferozepore on

the Punjab-Pakistan border.

Press Trust of India, the state-owned news agency, said unidentified gunmen opened fire on a crowd of people watching television in the open air.

A girl was wounded in the town of Patiala in another attack.

PTI said police were continuing two armed sieges, of a temple and a village, while thousands of trade unionists in New Delhi marched in protest

against the government's crackdown in the Punjab and Haryana.

More than 259 militant Hindus have been arrested, while the crack Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Haryana baton-charged a demonstration of Hindus in Chandigarh, the Punjab-Haryana capital.

Fought

There were similar charges against demonstrators at Ambala, south of Amritsar, and protesters fought back by hurling stones.

The demonstrations were in protest against the recent killings of Hindu leaders and priests.

Several CRPF troops and a journalist were injured.

Home Minister Prakash Chand Sethi announced the setting up of the task force comprising the hated CRPF during a visit to Chandigarh, the Punjab-Haryana capital.

The government said also it had extended for two years a ban imposed

in 1982 on the reactionary Dal Khalsa (Party of the Pure Ones) and the National Council of Khalistan, which seek the establishment of a separate Sikh state.

Both organisations operate from the Golden Temple of Amritsar, scene of ritual murders and political assassinations in the past month.

Nearly 200 people have died in the Punjab and Haryana in the past six months in the intensifying fight against the state in support of a 19-month campaign for greater religious and political freedom.

The north and north-west of the Punjab, especially the Ferozepore region, have become 'no-go' areas for the CRPF.

The troops were besieging a temple in the nearby town of Moga, a week after it was occupied after a state provocation.

Police are also holding siege in Mehta Nangal village, 25 miles from Amritsar, on the grounds that the killer of a former police chief was hiding out there.



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SS men to hold reunion

BRUNSWICK, West Germany — Former soldiers of an elite Nazi SS division have won a legal battle against a ban on their planned reunion in the north German town of Bad Harzburg, a court official said yesterday.

The Brunswick court ruled on Monday against a ban by Bad Harzburg city council on a meeting of veterans of the 'Leibstandarte (bodyguard) Adolf Hitler' SS Division,

which fought in key battles on both the eastern and western fronts.

The council immediately appealed against the decision.

'The veterans' association is not illegal... and the city failed to prove that protests would be on a scale the police couldn't handle,' the court spokesman said.

But a city official told Reuters yesterday: 'We don't want the meeting to

take place and we are still fighting against it... The appeal has been lodged and who knows which way it will go.'

The veterans face one further obstacle — owners of the assembly hall, where they want to meet from May 17 to May 20, have cancelled their contract.

'Our nightmare is that they win their appeal against that as well,' a city official commented.

This
morning...

THURSDAY
May 3, 1984

Filthy lies

THE FLEET STREET lie machine is rivalled by only one other ruling class institution — the Palace of Westminster.

Under the protection of parliamentary privilege, the members of the world's most exclusive club can say anything they like and get away with it.

Following the siege of the Libyan People's Bureau, MPs were bound to try and concoct a witch-hunt against the Workers Revolutionary Party because of its principled defence of the Libyan Jamahiriya from the attacks of world imperialism.

And it was equally predictable that those leading the witch-hunt would be from the Labour Party benches. Enter Mr Denis Healey, otherwise known as 'Mr America'.

Healey claimed: 'In 1983 Mr Sodami (sic), with three other members of the bureau, organised the 60 activist students living in this country to exercise surveillance over opponents of the regime among the Libyans living here. They established liaison with extremist groups such as the Workers Revolutionary Party for which they are thought to have provided money. No action was taken against Mr Sodami at that time by the government.'

There is not a shred of truth in any of this. It is a fantastic concoction by the former Defence Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

His allegations were so wild that Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said that Healey had 'lost every sense of proportion and is entirely at sea'. Howe added: 'His contribution to the exchange this afternoon has been wholly undistinguished save by its recklessness.'

For the record, let us state that the Workers Revolutionary Party never had any 'liaison' in 1983 with Mr Sodami who is, in fact, Dr Omar Soudani. In 1982, when he was a member of the People's Committee at the Libyan People's Bureau, we were proud to have him speak on our platform at anti-imperialist rallies. That is all.

Dr Soudani was arrested on the doorstep of the People's Bureau one hour before the shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher. He and two other Libyan diplomats were roughed up by the police and taken away on charges of 'obstruction'.

Within 24 hours, all three were acting as go-betweens for the Home Office and the Foreign Office. Indeed, it has been said that without the invaluable assistance of Dr Soudani and his colleagues there could have been more bloodshed. Doesn't sound like a 'Libyan terrorist'.

But Healey and the reformist politicians aren't interested in facts. They are interested only in witch-hunting the revolutionary socialists of the Workers Revolutionary Party.

In this dirty business, the Labourites are even more reprehensible than the Tories. If the capitalist state had wanted the SAS to storm the building, then Labour ministers would have faithfully adopted the plan with ex-Major Healey directing the troops.

We hope this point is not lost on the miners and their allies.

Fantasia

COMMANDER Bill Hucklesby, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, claims that his men found six guns in the Libyan People's Bureau on Tuesday as well as a spent cartridge.

We've no doubt that they did. We are also sure that he is telling the truth when he says: 'All these findings were witnessed by a diplomat from Saudi Arabia.'

But let us not forget that the backdoor of the bureau was blown off on MONDAY AFTER-NOON. This gave the SAS and the intelligence services all Monday night to roam around the inside of the building and plant what they liked.

So when Hucklesby and the Saudi envoy came snooping on Tuesday...

MAY DAY CALL

Miners struggle



Mike Banda, Workers Revolutionary Party general secretary, addressing the May Day meeting in Porchester Hall on Monday

A POWERFUL May Day demonstration of over 1,000 people through west London was held by the Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists. The lively march, headed by dozens of youth carrying red flags, marched from Wood Lane, White City Stadium, through Shepards Bush, Holland Park and Notting Hill Gate, chanting revolutionary slogans.

The youth led the enthusiastic chanting, followed by contingents from the Young Socialists and Workers Revolu-



The delegation of Snowdown miners who brought their banner on Monday's march

FOR GENERAL STRIKE

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tionary Party from London, the Midlands, the eastern and western regions. Then came the banners of the Kent National Union of Mineworkers and Snowdown Colliery.

Other banners on the march included Lambeth Trades Council, Greenwich Young People's Theatre, the USDAW Booksellers branch, Charing Cross Joint Shop Stewards' Committee, and Kent NALGO. The marchers chanted: 'Miners must not fight alone; call the General Strike!', 'Now is the time, now

is the hour; we shall fight for workers' power!', 'Defeat the Tory dictatorship; Bonapartism out!', 'Victory to the miners; kick the Tories out!' and 'Forward to the Socialist Revolution!'

At Porchester Hall a rally was addressed by WRP general secretary Mike Banda, Kent miner Wayne Richardson, YS National Secretary Julie Hyland and Rita Maxim, sacked shop steward from St Mary's Hospital. The film the 'Life of Karl Marx' had a great reception, and a collection for the News Line Monthly Fund raised £400.09.

BY A NEWS LINE
REPORTING TEAM

THE miners' strike involved the future of the working class as a whole and could not be resolved outside the struggle for power, Workers Revolutionary Party general secretary Mike Banda told the packed May Day rally.

The central question was to develop and deepen the struggle by demanding a General Strike against Thatcher's Tory dictatorship. This was the only way to prevent the attempted isolation of the miners by the Labour Party and TUC right wing.

'The miners' strike is a political and historical drama which will determine the future of the whole working class and not just the miners alone.'

Determined

The leadership of the WRP stood in a determined struggle to secure 'not another Labour government but a Workers Revolutionary Government which will put an end to this capitalist system, which will nationalise the banks, industries and introduce a planned, nationalised economy'.

He paid tribute to David Gareth Jones, the young Yorkshire miner killed on picket duty and to the four miners being held in Lincoln Jail, for their courageous refusal to be deterred by the heavy police presence at pickets.

'It is not simply a miners' struggle; it is not a struggle just for the defence of the mining industry.

'This is first and foremost a political struggle and it concerns not just the miners but the whole working class and above all the relations of this working class to the capitalist state,' said Banda.

Warning against the 'cheerful idiocy' of some in the trade union movement who claimed they could secure a Labour



Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialist members with their supporters on their way to the rally in Porchester Hall

government, Banda explained it was the actions of previous governments and NUM leaders that had created today's situation of 20 per cent scabbing against the strike.

'This did not just arise yesterday. It came out of the complete bankruptcy of trade union leadership,' he said.

The Labour government of 1974 and 1975 had betrayed every one of its election pledges.

It had hammered out a deal with the NUM leadership and the NCB for 'the most divisive, the most reactionary productivity deal that the working class has ever seen' in order to avoid a confrontation on the Social Contract.

These policies were proof of the Labourites' capitulation to the International Monetary Fund and to the world bankers.

'That was the betrayal and nobody, no miner, no class conscious worker, can avoid this question,' Banda said.

Defeat

'We defend the right of the miners to fight for their jobs. We don't see why any miner should have the right to decide on another miner's job through a ballot or any such thing.

A unique achievement of the strike, unprecedented in the history of the working class, was 'that the miners have

stood firm on the defence of basic democratic rights — an issue that our movement alone two years ago pointed out to the NUM leadership.

'They are not ballotable, they're not negotiable. They are inalienable and they're inseparable from the existence of the working class.'

The lessons must be drawn of the WRP's campaign, as early as 1980, against the closure of steel plants, in opposition to TUC backing for the 'carrot of redundancy payments'.

'This industrial vandalism is not the product of Thatcher's mind or MacGregor's mind,' he said. 'Everywhere, what we are seeing is contraction.

Capitalism is suffering from withdrawal symptoms; it's dying on its feet; it's bankrupt.

'Under the present system of capitalism there is no prospect for the expansion of any industry.

Foolish

'That's what the miners' struggle represents. It's foolish to think that eight weeks of the miners' strike and a one-day general strike is going to persuade Thatcher to back expansionary policies,' Banda said.

The full force of the state, in the form of the police, had been brought in to back up the closures.

The decision to close down pits had been taken

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MAY DAY CALL FOR GE

'We're determined to win this battle' — Kent miner tells meeting

WAYNE RICHARDSON from Tilmanstone colliery said the purpose of the Kent miners' march to Nottingham was to 'show our determination to win this battle in which the Tories have shown that they want to smash the trade union movement'.

The scale of the police operations against the miners showed how frightened the Tories were, he said.

Thatcher had spent £100 million on police operations, which could have been spent on schools, pensions, social services, health, and education.

'What gives Mrs Thatcher the right to spend that money on a personal battle against the miners? And it is a personal battle because she's never forgiven the miners for what they did to Ted Heath's government in 1974,' said Richardson.

In previous struggles the miners had always been able to return to their jobs.

'Well this battle's very different. If we lose now we're not going to have any jobs to go back to.'

Their grandparents had walked from all over the country to Kent to get jobs. 'We walked to Nottingham to keep the jobs they created for our children. We haven't got the right to lose this battle and with your support we'll win.'

Young Socialists National Secretary Julie Hyland paid tribute to the youth in the forefront of the fight against imperialism — to the youth of the PLO and to Sarah Tisdall.

She paid special tribute to Davey Jones, the 23-year-old Yorkshire miner who died 'fighting to defend jobs in local communities and ultimately for the future of the whole working class against the vicious and reactionary Thatcher government'.

The Young Socialists fully supported the call for a General Strike. 'It is the only way to defeat this Bonapartist dictatorship and fight for the struggle for power and we are confident of the support of all youth in this demand,' Hyland said.

The miners' struggle was echoed by millions of young people facing attacks on education and being used by the Tory government as cheap labour.

Hyland condemned the attitude of Labour leader

Neil Kinnock to the miners.

'This is the logic of reformism which desperately tries to prop up this capitalist system and must inevitably and does end up propping up Toryism and Thatcher.'

'Only the struggle for power under revolutionary leadership can solve the real issues facing the working class,' Hyland added, calling on all present to join the Workers Revolutionary Party and Young Socialists.

Rita Maxim, victimised shop steward, told of her struggle against privatisation at St Mary's Hospital in west London, for which she and three other ancillary workers had been sacked.

After working there 20 years and 7 months she had refused to sign a document on new privatisation terms.

Sacked

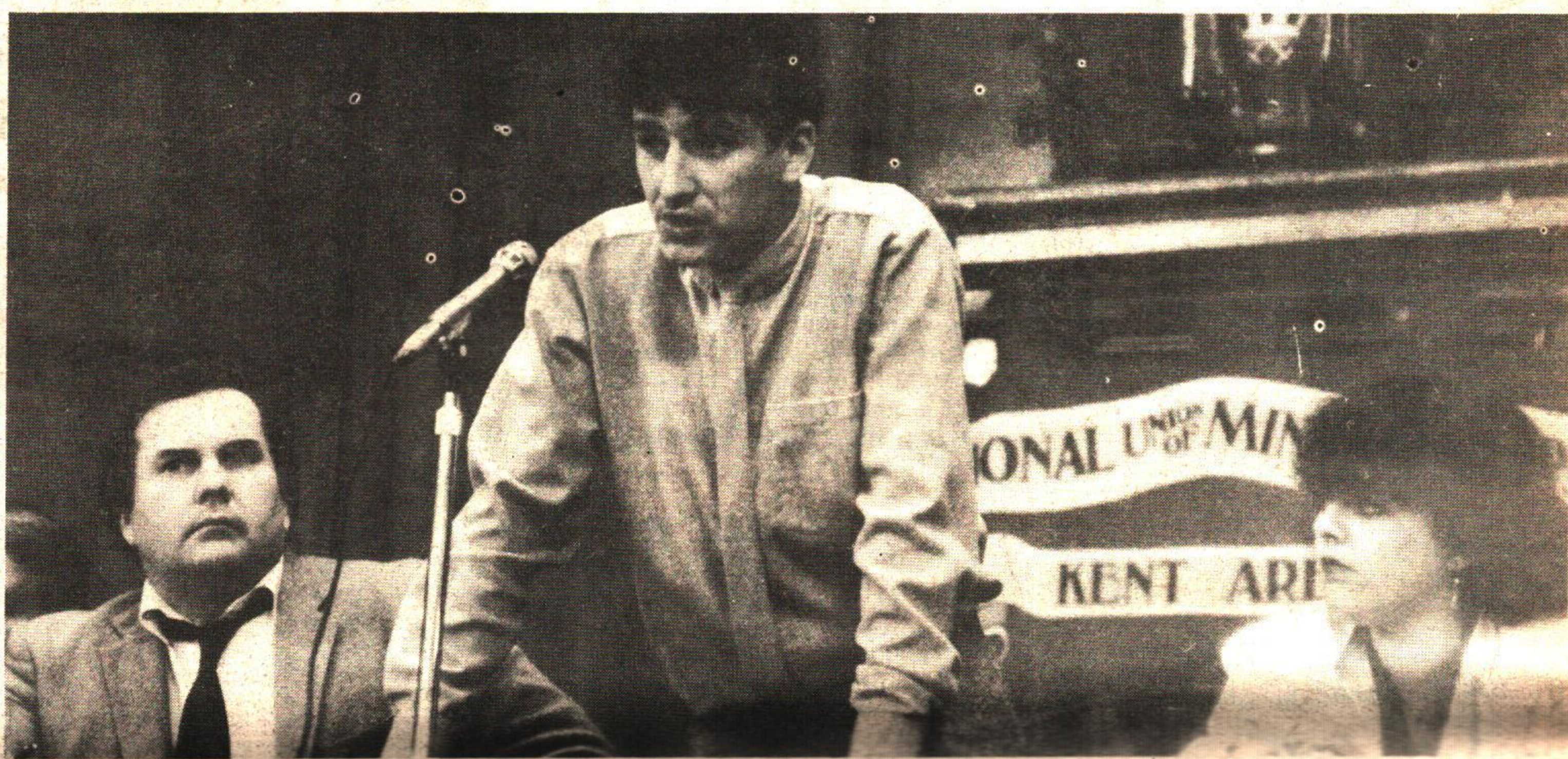
Maxim was sacked on February 22, and when she went to work the next day, 20 police had been called to make sure she left.

She warned: 'There will be no hospitals if we are sick, no hospitals for our children. There are no jobs for our school leavers. It is sickening. People haven't got a penny in their pockets. It is chaos. All our jobs are being destroyed.'

Maxim stressed: 'We should support each other, unite with each other and build policies to fight to save the health service.'

Sheila Torrance, Workers Revolutionary Party assistant general secretary, made a special appeal for the monthly fund of the News Line, which itself had been founded on May Day, she reminded the audience. The collection raised £400.09.

The film 'The Life of Karl Marx' was shown after the rally, which climaxed with the singing of 'The International'.



Kent miner Wayne Richardson addresses the rally. Also on the platform Alex Mitchell of the WRP Central Committee and Julie Hyland, Young Socialists national secretary



Rita Maxim victimised shop steward from St Mary's Hospital, west London speaking at the rally

Murray's departure welcomed

A ROAR of applause greeted the news that TUC general secretary Len Murray had announced his early retirement. And the meeting gave a special round of applause to the miners on strike.

Chairing the rally, Alex Mitchell, of the WRP Central Committee, said: 'We welcome to this historic May Day of 1984 the miners of Kent and give them and the National Union of Mineworkers our complete solidarity and support in their

struggle for jobs against the Tory government.'

'This May Day takes place under exceptional historical conditions. The miners' strike is in its eighth week and the Tory government and the state are hell-bent on defeating that strike and inflicting a blow against the whole trade union movement and working class.'

'But we have an undefeated working class which is challenging and resisting

this Bonapartist dictatorship.'

Those who claimed that the working class was going through a downturn had been completely unmasked and exposed.

The downturn was in imperialism as it suffered one defeat after another, and the upturn was in the working class in the underdeveloped and semi-colonial countries and in the metropolitan countries. It was an upturn against imperialism, capitalism, dictatorship and nuclear war.

Miners' strike means struggle for power

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by a parliamentary select committee, including Labour MPs. Parliament was at the centre of the operation.

'When Arthur Scargill raised the demand that the NUM should have the right to veto closures, this committee threw it out unceremoniously and said the miners had no right to interfere in management.'

'What they were telling the miners was that this is a capitalist enterprise run by the state on behalf of the rest of capitalism.'

There was no possibility of maintaining the 'profitability and the viability' of the industry in the face of the world economic crisis.

Every Labour government remained a capital-

ist government that ran the industry entirely on capitalist lines.

They had been able to obscure the insoluble contradictions of capitalism in the boom. In the 1950s and 1960s, Labour had closed down more than 400 pits but miners had been able to get jobs elsewhere.

'This time round, there is no such hope for any miner. He can't get a job anywhere. If they shut those pits in Yorkshire, they condemn the entire community to destitution, to poverty, to hunger.'

'There is no way for the miners: their backs are against the wall and they know it and that's why they're fighting.'

The task of the miners and the working class was to get rid of the state and replace it with the

conscious, planned operation of mines on behalf of the whole working class by the miners themselves.

'The only way forward for the miners today is to transform this struggle into the General Strike against the whole capitalist state.'

'We treat with contempt those people like George Bolton of the Scottish mineworkers, the Euro-Stalinist, who turned round to those Five miners and told them they should call off their march last week because it was wrong to call for a General Strike because the TUC would do an NGA on the NUM.'

That was the political cowardice of people who had no intention of taking on the capitalist state and Thatcher's Bonapartist government.

A message of thanks

A MESSAGE of greetings was read out from George Beever, of Snowdown colliery, Kent to the meeting.

'Thank you from all Kent miners for the assistance with the money and food collections,' he said. 'One of

the most important things to come out of this dispute is the friendship and links which are being formed.'

'The message I would like to give is, sorry I cannot be with you this evening. I feel truly humble to

yourselves and the unemployed.'

'We must and will strengthen the ties for this and the future generations of the human race. The people who are causing the misery and the suffering and who

are engaged in grabbing all the assets themselves will face the day of judgement.'

'Keep your heads up, be proud that you are fighting for your rights. Truth and good will prevail.'

GENERAL STRIKE



A section of the packed audience at Porchester Hall



The banners of Kent NALGO and Kent miners on the march

Wirral strikers vote to stay out

WIRRAL cleansing workers on strike for five weeks voted to stay out at a mass meeting in Birkenhead yesterday.

Their dispute is with Waste Management, a private employer which has reduced the workforce from 450 to 286, imposing an intolerable workload and harsh discipline on the men.

They are demanding consolidation of earnings i.e. the basic wage of £64-£75 a week, with bonus which could be as much as 33 per cent of total earnings; a proper sickness benefit which is presently only £10 per week; holiday pay to be based

on the consolidated earnings.

The men complain of being stripped of bonus payments without consultation, of being expected to take their dinner breaks only when the job allows and no washing facilities.

Today is local government polling day and dustmen are campaigning against the Tories who have only a majority of two on the Wirral council. Dustmen are leafletting all householders, advising them to claim 25p per day rate rebate under the 1936 Public Health Act and vote the Tories out today.

Reception boycotted

SOME National Committee members of the AUEW engineering union last night boycotted a civic reception in Eastbourne because of a dispute over cuts by local government workers in the town.

The Tory-controlled borough council have met with the united opposition of both manual and white-

collar unions at the town hall over a plan for a survey leading to cuts in staff.

Last month manual workers in the town boycotted the official study and last week, NALGO members voted by 125 to 11 to take industrial action against the cuts.

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YOUNG SOCIALISTS PUBLIC MEETINGS

• Miners must not fight alone! • Force TUC to call a General strike! • Build Community councils! • Build revolutionary leadership!

SCOTLAND

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 EAST

SOUTH SHIELDS: Wednesday May 16, 7.30p.m. Miners Welfare, Armstrong Hall, Stanhope Road.

Speakers: **Kevin Townsend** (YS National Committee); **Mike Banda** (WRP General Secretary)

NORTH WEST

BURNLEY: Thursday May 3, 7.30p.m. AUEW Rooms, Hargreaves Street (across from General Post Office).

Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS National Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

SKELMERSDALE: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Quarrybank Community Centre.

Speakers: **Cathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Evans** (WRP); **Syd Cameron** (NGA, in personal capacity); Chairman: **John Symons** (Skelmersdale WRP)

KIRKBY: Wednesday May 16, 7.30p.m. Tower Hill Community Centre, Tower Hill.

Speakers: **Dave Morris** (Skelmersdale YS); **Frank Singer** (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: **John Mullen** (Chairman Cairnryan Port Committee); **Frank Fitzmaurice** (AUEW Meccano); speaker from Kirkby Unemployed Centre Committee

SALFORD: Tuesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Broadwalk Library, Salford Precinct.

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

ECCLES: Monday June 4, 7.30p.m. Lecture Room, Eccles Central Library, Church Street.

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

STAFFS

STOKE ON TRENT: Tuesday May 8, 8p.m. Kidsgrove Community Centre, Whitehall Avenue, Kidsgrove.

Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS National Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee)

YORKSHIRE

ROTHERHAM: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. The Phoenix, College Road.

Speakers: **Tony Perkins** (YS Regional Committee); **Alex Mitchell** (WRP Central Committee); **Dave Smith** (Dinnington NUM, in personal capacity)

WAKEFIELD: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. Unity House, Westgate.

Speakers: **Chris Marsden** (YS National Committee); **Dave Hyland** (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: **Bob Johnson** (Branch secretary Bulcliffe Wood NUM); **Linda Turgoo** (Fitzwilliam and Kinsley Miners' wives Support Group); **Glynis Hall** (NUPE shop steward Sandal Day Nursery Occupation Committee)

LEEDS: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Arthur Greenwood School, Disraeli Terrace, Leeds 11.

Speakers: **Chris Marsden** (YS National Committee); **Dave Hyland** (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: **Jean Harrison** (Ledsdale Luck miners' wives support group); **Rita Hall** (Sandal nursery occupation)

EAST MIDLANDS

CHESTERFIELD: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Speedwell Rooms, Inkershill Road, Staveley.

Speakers: **Kevin Alcock** (YS National Committee); **Mike Banda** (WRP General Secretary); In personal capacity: **Dave Nuttall** (NUM); **Geoff Poulter** (Branch secretary Bolsover NUM)

DERBY: Thursday May 10, 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)

LOUGHBOROUGH: Tuesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Loughborough Library, Granby Street.

Speakers: **Anton Turgoo** (Leicester YS); **Brian Prangle** (Leicester WRP)

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); **Anton Turgoo** (Leicester YS)

WEST MIDLANDS

COVENTRY: Wednesday May 16, 7.30p.m. Weavers Arms, Bell Green Road.

Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee)

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Nechells Park Pub, Nechells Park Road.

Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Alex Mitchell** (WRP Central Committee); **Margaret Newbold** (Nechells Parents Action Committee)

EASTERN

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.

ST NEOTS: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. Kingshead Hotel, South Street.

Speakers: **Linda Mee** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Chris Bailey** (WRP District Committee)

IPSWICH: Saturday May 19, 7p.m. Caribbean Club, Woodbridge Road.

Speakers: **Melita Attard** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); Followed by Disco, 9p.m.

NORTHAMPTON: Wednesday May 30, 7.30p.m. Town Hall.

Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Ray Athow** (WRP Central Committee)

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. Devonport Inn, Fore Street.

Speakers: **Hollis Byrne** (YS National Committee); **Mick Byrne** (WRP District Committee)

BRACKNELL: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. Hanworth Community Centre.

Speakers: **Kieran O'Sullivan** (Bracknell YS); **Alan Cooper** (Bracknell WRP); **Matthew Robertson** (WRP Central Committee)

SWINDON: Monday May 14, 7.30p.m. St John's Ambulance Hall, Corporation Street.

Speakers: **Hollis Byrne** (YS National Committee); **Matthew Robertson** (WRP Central Committee)

BRISTOL: Monday May 21, 7.30p.m. Standard of England, Greystoke Avenue, Southmead.

Speakers: **Hollis Byrne** (YS National Committee); **Matthew Robertson** (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTH WALES

RHYMNEY: Wednesday May 9, 7.30p.m. Rhymney Workingmens Club.

Speakers: **Roy Coombes** (YS National Committee); **Matthew Robertson** (WRP Central Committee)

MAERDY: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Maerdy Church Hall, next to Welfare Hall.

Speakers: **Roy Coombes** (YS National Committee); **Mike Banda** (WRP General Secretary); **Jim Cheek** (Bristol busmen, in personal capacity)

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)

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON: Tuesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Moulescoombe Community Hall, Lewes Road.

Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); **Kent NUM speaker**

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)

LONDON

BRIXTON: Thursday May 3, 8p.m. Room 7, Brixton Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2.

Speakers: **Julie Williams** (YS National Committee); **Alex Mitchell** (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Kent NUM; In personal capacity: **George Codling** (London Region NGA); **Sylvester Smart** (AUEW shop steward, Lambeth direct works)

MERTON: Wednesday May 9, 7.30p.m. Sidney Black Hall, Durnford Road.

Speakers: **Frances Goldstein** (YS Regional Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); **George Grimes** (Sogat 82 Radio Times, in personal capacity)

ARNOS GROVE: Thursday May 10, 7.30p.m. The Turrets 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.

Speakers: **Elizabeth Ali** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: **Clr John Worker**

BOW: Monday May 14, 7.30p.m. Vernon Hall, Roman Road, E3. (next to Presto)

Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP District Committee)

DAGENHAM: Tuesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Seabrook Hall, Fiddlers Roundabout.

Speakers: **Derek Blackwood** (YS Regional Committee); **Keith Scotcher** (WRP District Committee)

WOOD GREEN: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Haringay Trade Union Community Hall, Brabant Road, N22.

Speakers: **Gary Ryder** (YS National Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (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)

PADDINGTON: Thursday May 24, 8p.m. Kensal Community Centre, Kensal Road, W10.

Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Barran Hulme** (Kensington WRP)

MANOR PARK: Wednesday May 25, 7.30p.m. Earl of Essex, Romford Road, E12 (Manor Park Broadway).

Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Richard Price** (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)

PHOTO: Tony Harper

Mark Wingett as Eddie and Elvis Payne as Winston in 'Fords On Water'

Witness to our times

BY A GUEST REVIEWER

A BOND of friendship between Winston — a black, and Eddie — a white youth, is the subject of 'Fords On Water' — Barry Bliss's first feature film co-written with Billy Colvill.

The British premiere run is at the Ritzy cinema in Brixton, south London until May 10.

In a vain attempt to escape the desolation of unemployment in London's East End the youth take off up north in a Ford Escort where they are confronted with greater and greater proof in the form of troop movements, police roadblocks etc, that they're in a no-win situation.

The two young workers' stumbling attempts to come to terms with their inevitable realisation that class conflict is all that lies ahead north or south, provides the story's important drama.

The British Film Institute Production Board and in particular Peter Sainsbury who is the film's producer, must be congratulated for supporting this entertaining effort which seeks in Bliss's words to 'combat the view of the working class in defeat... which prevails in certain liberal circles'.

'Fords On Water' doesn't make for comfortable viewing; it is by nature unresolved, even awkward. The filmmaker's intentions

of combatting middle-class pessimism are mirrored in the very confusion acted out in the film as Eddie and Winston slowly realise the very real dangers of being workers in this period of capitalist collapse.

This is not a stylish description of someone else's fight but an honest attempt to bear witness to how it feels to be in the shoes of two youth on the dole in a world pregnant with the dangers of pauperisation, nuclear war etc — that is the film's strength.

When the economic crisis causes the ground to shift, the swagger and cocksureness we associate with a capital city's working class youth, begins to falter.

Clumsy

The sullen bone-headed 'playing-it-cool act is no match to Territorial Army Saracens busily negotiating picturesque country bends.

Similarly, when the pair stage a clumsy hold-up in a village post-office, actual news bulletins heard over the car radio, reminding us of the raging economic crisis, pose the question whether this, and Eddie's constant looning about, isn't just fiddling while Britain burns.

The youth first met in the opening scene at night in a backstreet. The black Winston is set upon by a group of racist youth. Wandering

alone on the other side of the street, dressed in a red bomber jacket, the pale spindly figure of Eddie appears.

Driven inexplicably, almost against his better judgement, he pulls a length of timber from a nearby boarded up building and with one giant swipe, he sends the half-dozen attackers scattering for their lives.

With not so much as a thankyou, Winston gets to his feet and disappears into the darkness.

Exerting itself like a nightmare this surreal first scene powerfully describes the unbelievable isolation and mistrust that exists to divide worker from worker.

The audience follow sceptically Bliss's striving to build on the screen the solidarity which eventually culminates in the hilarious ending.

YOUTH TRAINING BENEFIT FILM SHOW

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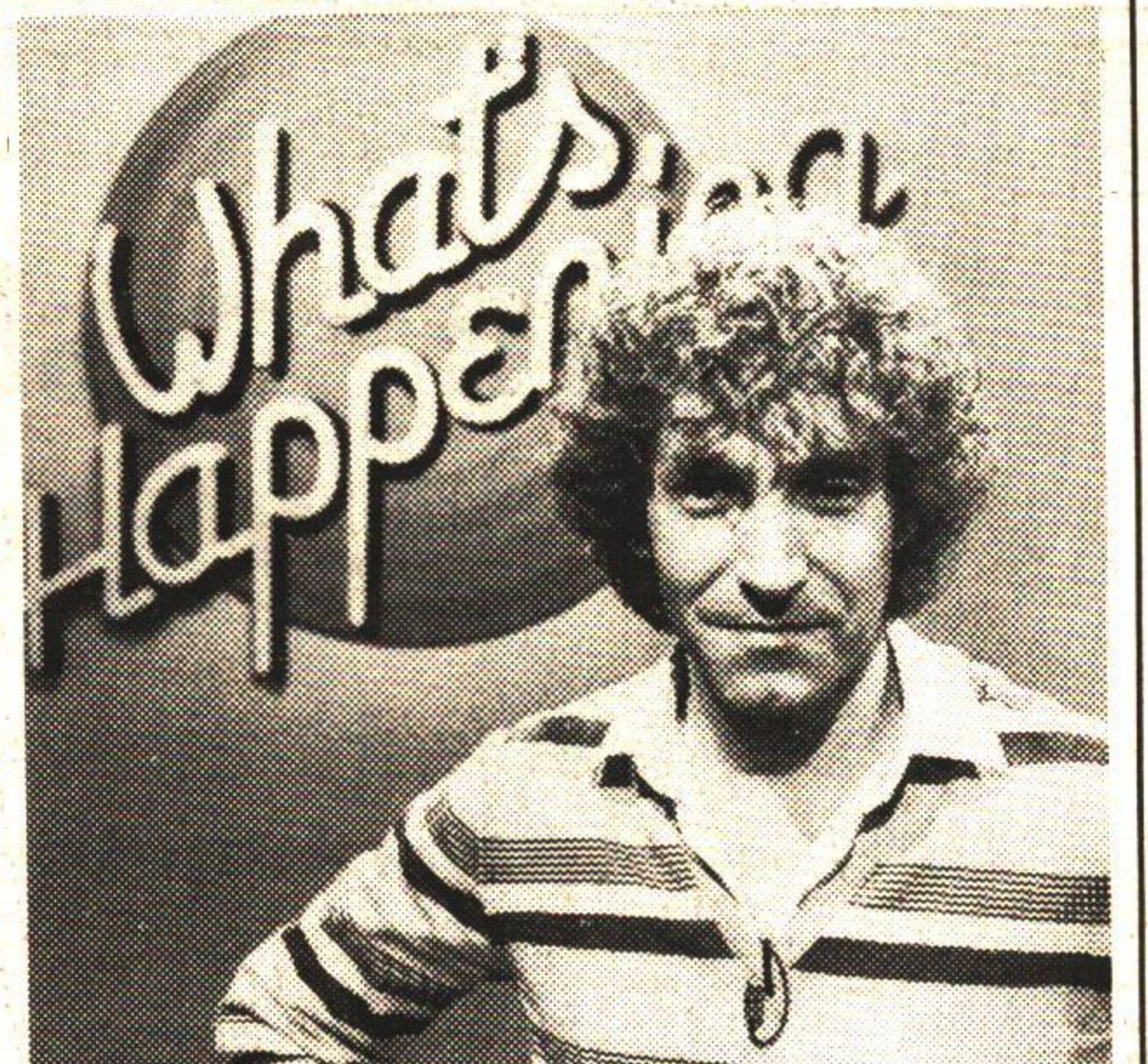
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5.40 **SIXTY MINUTES** Current events, topical features, including news, regional magazines, weather and closing headlines

6.40 **ROCK 'N' ROLL YEARS** A look at the year 1966 through its newsreels, headlines, broadcasts and popular music

7.10 **TOMORROW'S WORLD** Latest in science and technology

7.35 **TOP OF THE POPS** With Mike Read and Steve Wright

8.05 **PORRIDGE**

8.35 **WE GOT IT MADE** American comedy series with Teri Copley as Mickey in *Mickey Gets Married*

9.00 **NINE O'CLOCK NEWS** Weatherman

9.25 **MISSING FROM HOME**

10.15 **QUESTION TIME** Robin Day with MPs Nigel Lawson, Gerald Kaufman and David Owen and Brenda Maddox; from the Greenwood Theatre in London

11.15 **ELECTRONIC OFFICE** *Wiring Up the Organisation* Examination of the office technology of today and tomorrow continues with a look at the effects of linking up computers in offices

11.40 **News Headlines**; Weatherman; Closedown

BBC WALES: 11.44-11.50 Election Special.

BBC2

6.30-8.10 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.30 Machine Tools. 6.55 Ore Genesis. 7.20 England is the Place for Me. 7.45 Living with Cracks. 9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

2.30 **WORLD SNOOKER** Live commentary on the 13th day of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

5.10 **SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY** Can children tell right from wrong? (OU programme)

5.35 **NEWS SUMMARY** With subtitles; Weather

5.40 **CARLTON-BROWNE OF THE FO (1958)** Comedy with Peter Sellers and Terry-Thomas. Carlton Browne is sent to the forgotten British colony of Gaillardia to restore relations — with hilarious and chaotic results

7.10 **WORLD SNOOKER** *The Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship*

7.50 **THREE PAINTERS** By painter and critic Lawrence Gowing (2) *Vermeer: The Spell of a Woman* A look at the work of the 17th-century Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer (1632-1675)

8.30 **NATURE** Tony Soper and Brian Leith take another look at wildlife

9.00 **MIKE HARDING IN BELFAST**

9.30 **FORTY MINUTES** *Boycott*

10.10 **WORLD SNOOKER** Further coverage

10.50 **NEWSNIGHT** Including election results

11.35 **WORLD SNOOKER** Further coverage

12.10 **NEWSNIGHT ELECTION SPECIAL** Results from today's local government elections and three parliamentary by-elections at Cynon Valley, Stafford and Surrey South West. Latest news and results from John Tusa and Peter Snow

2.30 **Closedown**

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **CHANNEL 4 RACING — FROM NEWMARKET** (2.30, 3.00, 3.40, 4.15 races)

4.30 **CARTOON CARNIVAL**

5.00 **COUNTDOWN**

5.30 **EVERYBODY HERE** Children's programme. Laurie Bennett tells an Anansi story and Barry Heath relates some funny childhood stories

6.00 **BARRIERS** Billy arrives back in Salzburg and manages to find work at a cafe where he meets a young man who is in search of Jerri Toth. Billy does not realise who his friend Konrad Spetz is connected with

6.30 **GARDENERS' CALENDAR** May Hannah Gordon outlines basic garden tasks for the month and Harry Baker warns about late frost damage on fruit trees

7.00 **CHANNEL 4 NEWS**

7.50 **COMMENT** By economics lecturer and solicitor Catherine Blight; followed by Weather

8.00 **SURVIVE** *Torture and Interrogation* A South American woman who had nothing to hide tells of her gruelling experience; also accounts from a Soviet dissident and a US Special Forces officer imprisoned in the Vietnam war

9.00 **SOAP**

9.30 **EDWIN** Sir Alec Guinness stars as Sir Fennimore Truscott QC in John Mortimer's comedy about a retired judge who suspects his old chum of seducing his wife many years ago. Whose son was Edwin?

11.00 **ARLOTT IN CONVERSATION** With Mike Brearley John Arlott and Mike Brearley continue their conversation, which ranges over cricket, poetry, politics, food, wine and football, as well as other topics

11.55 **IAN BREAKWELL'S CONTINUOUS DIARY**

12.05 **Close**

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 The Young Doctors. 5.45 News.

6.00 **THAMES NEWS** With Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins

6.30 **THAMES SPORT**

7.00 **CARRY ON LAUGHING** The 'Carry On' team are again hilariously involved in historical situations at the Court of Henry VIII, on Safari, with the escapades of Big Dick and his gang

7.30 **JAYNE TORVILLE AND CHRISTOPHER DEAN A Gala Night at the Richmond Ice Rink, London**

8.45 **THE BENNY HILL SHOW** ITV's entry for this year's Montreux Television Festival. Whilst his Cupid's arrows have won the favour of the judges, will they do the same to the members of his cast?

9.30 **TV EYE**

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

10.30 **HILL STREET BLUES** A multiple killing in a gay bar has the homosexual community demanding protection

11.30 **MY BROTHER'S KEEPER** *The Johns of this World*

12.00 **ELECTION NIGHT SPECIAL** Report of election results in Surrey South West, Stafford and Cynon Valley; also a large number of local government seats, including Liverpool and Birmingham, have been contested

1.30 **Closedown**

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 Paint Along With Nancy. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Diff'rent Strokes. 5.45 News.

6.00 **THIS IS YOUR RIGHT** How changes in bank taxation affect investors

6.05 **CROSSROADS**

6.30 **GRANADA REPORTS** With the latest news and reports around the North West including *Talkback*

7.00 **EMMERDALE FARM**

7.30 **JAYNE TORVILLE AND CHRISTOPHER DEAN A Gala Night at Richmond Ice Rink Farewell** performance by the couple from Nottingham before they turn professional

8.45 **THE BENNY HILL SHOW** More risqué humour

9.30 **TV EYE**

10.00 **NEWS AT TEN**

10.30 **HILL STREET BLUES** Here's Adventure. Here's Romance. Murders take place in a gay bar and the homosexual community clamours for Funnio to give them more protection

11.30 **GRANADA REPORTS LOCAL** A Granada team led by Roger Blyth will analyse the results of the Liverpool City Council local elections. Plus reports from Manchester, Blackburn, and Chester

12.15 **ELECTION NIGHT SPECIAL** ITN coverage of the three by-elections and various local government elections that have taken place all over the country. Alistair Burnet interviews a studio panel of leading politicians

1.30 **Closedown**

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2.00 Ffalabalam. 2.15 Racing from Newmarket (2.30, 3.00, 3.40, 4.15) races. 4.55 Guto Goch A Malwen. 5.05 Y Gwylt. 5.35 Daley Thompson's Body-Shop. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Teulu Ffon. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Teulu Ffon. 8.00 Africa; News Headlines. 9.00 Coleg. 9.30 Credaf. 10.00 Snnwcer. 10.40 Film: *Nurse*. 12.25 Jazz at the Gateway. 1.10 Close.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.20 North East News and Lookaround. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Torvill and Dean Ice Gala. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Come In. 11.00 Coming Up. 11.10 The Sweeney. 12.10 Good News. 12.15 Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.25 European Folk Tales. 12.45 Contact. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 The Big Parade of Comedy Benny. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.30 Eco. 11.15 Central News Election Special. 12.15 By-Election Results. 1.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 That's Hollywood. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30

Calendar Thursday. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The John Briggs Music Show. 11.00 The Noble and the Savage. 11.30 Calendar Local Election Special. 1.30 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Sesame Street. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Happy Days. 3.00 University Challenge. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Gardens For All. 7.00 Carry On Laughing. 7.30 Torvill and Dean Ice Gala. 8.45 The Benny Hill Show. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.34 Bosom Buddies. 11.00 Quincy. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.25 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Miracles Take Longer. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Take the High Road. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00

Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Torvill and Dean Ice Gala. 8.45 The Benny Hill Show. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 An Englishman's Home. 11.15 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Ladykillers; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Gambit. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Torvill and Dean Ice Gala. 8.45 The Benny Hill Show. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Rock Alive. 11.15 HTV News; Local Election Special. 1.30 Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.45 Wales at Six. 10.30 Opportunity Wales 84. 11.00 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.00-1.30 Election Night Special.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Ladykillers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Aubrey. 4.20 Madabout. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Benson. 7.30 Torvill and Dean Ice Gala. 8.45 The Benny Hill Show. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Film: *The Deadly Triangle*. 12.00 Election Night Special. 1.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

RADIO

1 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies (12.00 Newsbeat). 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

2 4.00 Bill Rennells (S). 5.30 Colin Berry (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Russell Harty (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05 Sport). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sport; 3.01 Newmarket racing). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.05 David Hamilton (4.02, 5.05 Sport). 6.05 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sport, 6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 8.00 Wally Whyton (S) (9.55 Sports Desk). 10.00 The News Huddlines. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 B.A. Robertson presents Round Midnight (11.02, 12.05 Sport). 1.00 Charles Nove (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Marching and Waltzing (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Borodin. Mozart, Kodaly (8.00 News) Purcell, Gassmann, Cowell, Gershwin; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Com-

poser (S) Arnold Schoenberg; records. 10.00 Miklos Rozsa (S) Orchestral music. 10.35 Bach and Beethoven (S) Cello and piano recital. 11.20 Halle Orchestra (S) Weill, Mozart (12.00 Interval) Strauss. 1.00 News. 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert (S) Mozart, Puccini, Shostakovich. 2.00 Martha (S) Opera in four acts. Music by Friedrich von Flotow (3.20-3.25 Interval). 4.25 Szymanowski (S) Piano recital. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Bandstand (S) Wilfred Josephs, Eric Ball. 7.00 19th-century Flute Music (S) Beethoven, Hummel, Schubert arr Theobald, Bohm. 7.30 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (S) Strauss, Sibelius (8.25-8.45 Serenidipity in Research) 9.25 Wolf and Jensen (S) Song recital. 9.15 Rainier and Tippet (S). 9.55 Music in Our Time (S) Edward McGuire, Thomas Wilson, John Maxwell Geddes. 11.15-11.18 News.

4 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping forecast. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Prayer for the Day; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25,

8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament). 8.57 Weather; Travel; News; Rollercoaster (10.00, 11.00 News; 10.30 Morning Story: *All Together Now*). 10.45 An Act of Worship. 12.00 News; Checkpoint. 12.27 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C. Potter. 12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Elgar. 3.00 News; Afternoon Theatre (S) *Gothic Romances*. 4.00 News; Enquire Within. 4.10 Bookshelf. 4.40 Story Time: *Time After Time*. 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 Brain of Britain 1984 (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Any Answers? 7.40 Last Tales from the South China Seas. 8.25 Landscapes of a Night. 8.50 Actuality. 9.30 Glynn Worsnip in the BBC Sound Archives. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Naples*. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.

Winning Post

Belle to shine over Mahogany

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

LIFE has become a lot more serious for Charlie Nelson. Not that many years ago he was tipping his headmaster the occasional winner and in return no one seemed to notice when he missed lessons to go racing. But now, aged 29, he finds himself in charge of the likely odds-on favourite for the first classic of the season, the 1,000 Guineas.

Mahogany, who cost the Lambourn trainer a paltry 20,000 Irish guineas as a yearling, has more than fulfilled Nelson's ambitious plans for her.

As a two-year old, she won the 21-runner Stable Stud and Farms Stakes at Newbury despite looking in need of the race, and the £10,000 Rockfel Stakes in impressive style.

The Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes was chosen for Mahogany's reappearance this season and here she looked much more like the finished product. She had clearly thrived during the winter, and, after showing a tremendous burst of acceleration three furlongs out, needed only to be kept up to her work to beat highly-regarded Shoot Clear by two lengths.

However, although Mahogany seems certain to improve on Nelson's fourth in this race with Millingdale Lillie in 1980, it is hard to accept that her chance is quite as good as the book-makers would have us believe, and punters are reluctantly advised to look elsewhere for a value bet.

Seattle Siren, only half a length behind Mahogany at Newbury last September yet currently on offer at about 12-1, must enter calculations. Dick Hern, her trainer, has a proven record of producing horses to win without the benefit of a preparatory race and he must

be hopeful of saddling his first 1,000 Guineas winner since the Queen's Highclere in 1974.

Others to consider are Glowing With Pride and Pebbles, both of whom won impressively first time out this season, while Desirable would be a threat if she has trained on. But none of these make as much appeal as Luca Cumani's **Capricorn Belle** (3.40) who has been backed down from 40-1 last Friday to about 12-1 after a sparkling piece of work on the **NEWMARKET**.

Running

Admittedly, Capricorn Belle has three lengths to find with Mahogany on their running in the Rockfel Stakes, but the Nonoalco filly still looked very green on that occasion, and it would come as no surprise if she has improved enough to turn the tables. At present prices it certainly seems worth taking the chance.

Claude Monet's (3.00) half-length defeat of Coulee Queen in a minor Doncaster race last October was not the form of a two-year old likely to develop into a leading Derby contender. But the son of Affirmed is now as low as 12-1 for the Blue Riband after some highly enthusiastic reports from **NEWMARKET** work-watchers.

Henry Cecil's colt makes his long-awaited reappearance in the Heathorn Stakes 40 minutes before the Guineas, and it will be disappointing if this one doesn't prove himself much more than a 'talking horse'.

Hoist the Mainsail, one of two Barry Hills-trained newcomers in the May Maiden Stakes, should not be disregarded, and Tocave (2.30) should initiate a Cecil double in the Hastings Maiden Stakes.

SELECTIONS

NEWMARKET: 2.00 Hoist the Mainsail, 2.30 Tocave (n.b.), 3.00 Claude Monet, 3.40 Capricorn Belle (nap), 4.15 Remorseless, 4.50 Prince of Peace.

HEREFORD: 2.15 Hutton Glory, 2.45 Rainbow Springs, 3.15 Dance Master, 3.45 Rodney Parade, 4.15 Dawn Fox, 4.45 Owen Gail, 5.15 Face the Climate.

HEREFORD (NH)

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: S Morshead 16, P Scudamore 13, A Webber 9, S Smith Eccles 9, R Hyett 8, H Davies 8, R Linley 8, A Webb 7, Mr P Webber 7, E Brooke 6, J Burke 6, M Floyd 6, G Jones 6, M O'Halloran 6, Mr A J Wilson 6.
TRAINERS: L Kennard 10, M Oliver 10, Mrs M Rimell 10, J Edwards 9, T Forster 9, D Nicholson 8, M Scudamore 8, P Cundell 7, D Gandolfo 7, F A Smith 6, J Spearing 6.

2.15 DINMORE NOVICE HURDLE £500
(4-Y-O) 2m 4f (2 runners)
2 0000 CRAY R A Perkins 11.0 R Stronge
4 0U2P HUTTON GLORY D R Tucker 11.0 B Powell (7)
BLINKERS: 2

PROBABLE SP: 5-1 on Hutton Glory, 3-1 Cray.

2.45 HOLMER SELLING HURDLE £500
2m (8 runners)
2 000 GODS WILL O O'Neill 5.10.12 J Suthern
6 23-P000 HILAL SOVEREIGN W G Morris 5.10.7 W Morris (4)
8 PPOB MOOR BROOK Lady S Brooke 5.10.7 M Nuttall
11 104003 RAINBOW SPRINGS (D) D R Tucker 4.10.5 B Powell (7)
13 00F03 TREAGLE W Clay 4.10.5 Diane Clay (7)
14 00F00B BETSEY SHANNON H C Harper 4.10.0 George Knight
16 PPO DUSTY DORA R Keener 4.10.0
18 P Pernoic J N Dalton 4.10.0
BLINKERS: 8

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Rainbow Springs, 9-4 Treagle, 4-1 Moor Brook, 6-1 Gods Will, 12-1 Betsey Shannon, 14-1 others.

3.15 JOHN JONES NOVICE H'CAP CHASE £2,000
2m 4f (4 runners)
2 411P00 KYOTO J R Jenkins 6.11.8 S Smith-Eccles
11 00-24P OULART HILL M Oliver 8.10.6 Mr R Dunwoody (4)

Korypheos (4.15) ran on well in his opening race of the season behind Dawn's Delight at Salisbury on April 7 and will go to the gate much fitter today in the Bretby Handicap.

Phillip Mitchell's five-year-old will appreciate the weight allowances for that three length third-place but will find it hard work to get the better of Doc Marten and the early-type Remorseless.

Prince of Peace will be prohibitive odds in the March Handicap (4.50), and it could be as well to take a chance each-way on Guy Harwood's Karablake.

Running in only the second flat race of the season at Doncaster, Karablake ran on well without troubling the winner Regal Steel that day but it expected to strip much fitter on ground more to the liking here.

NEWMARKET Channel 4 2.30, 3.00, 4.15

SIX-YEAR-RECORD

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 Waleyn 13, J Dunlop 13, R Armstrong 12.
DRAW: Little significance.

2.00 MAY MAIDEN STAKES £4,000
(2-Y-O c&g) 5f (11 runners)

1 (5) 3 ANDRIOS B Hobbs 9.0 G Baxter
2 (7) FAIRSTEAD BOY E Eldin 9.0 A MacKay
4 (10) HOIST THE MAINSAIL (USA) B Hills 9.0 R Hills
5 (2) LYRIC WAY B Hills 9.0 S Cauthen
6 (3) MAC'S REEF M Ryan 9.0 P Robinson
7 (9) MASTER CROFTER W O'Gorman 9.0 T Ives
8 (4) REEL GUILT M Tompkins 9.0 R Curant
9 (8) SAKR N Callaghan 9.0 G Duffield
11 (6) SERGIUS R Boss 9.0 C Asmussen
12 (11) STANDING ORDER B Hanbury 9.0 B Raymond
13 (11) TENARON M Hinchliffe 9.0 L Piggott

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Andrios, 3-1 Lyric Way, 5-1 Master Crofter, 7-1 Mac's Reef, 10-1 Hoist the Mainsail, 12-1 Fairstead Boy, 16-1 others.

2.30 HASTING MAIDEN STAKES £4,000
(3-Y-O) Rowley mile (20 runners)

1 (12) 0 AL KHAWAANE (USA) Thomson Jones 9.0 R Hills
2 (5) 0 BASIE H Candy 9.0 J Matthias
3 (17) 000-2 CARO'S LAD (BF) G Wragg 9.0 J Reid
4 (3) 2 DOUBLETON P Waleyn 9.0 J Mercer
7 (19) 0 FAARIS Thomson Jones 9.0 A Murray
8 (6) 420-0 FAHDI J Dunlop 9.0 W R Swinburn
9 (9) 0 FLODABAY R Armstrong 9.0 P Tulk
10 (8) KARKAN (USA) G Harwood 9.0 A Clark
11 (11) 0 MIGHTY FLUTTER D Elsworth 9.0 B Rouse
13 (18) 000- QUICKSTEP C Brittain 9.0 C Asmussen
14 (20) ROYAL CHARGE (USA) G Wragg 9.0 B Crossley
15 (1) 0 ROYAL RECOURSE (USA) R Williams 9.0 T Ives
17 (10) STEPPING OUT E Eldin 9.0 A MacKay
19 (2) 030033 THA (USA) M Jarvis 9.0 B Raymond
20 (7) 0 THE VILLAIN R Armstrong 9.0 G Sexton
21 (4) 2 TOCAVE H Cecil 9.0 L Piggott
24 (13) 030-0 TROMEROS (BF) C Brittain 9.0 P Robinson

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Rodney Parade, 100-30 Galtrim, 4-1 The Fallen Knight, 6-1 Golden Cymbal, 8-1 Helton Tarn, 10-1 Gold Measure, 12-1 Jymario, 14-1 others.

3.45 MAY HILL LONG DISTANCE H'CAP HDLE £800
3m 1f (15 runners)

1 20400B GOLD MEASURE (D) J L Spearing 7.11.10 S Morshead
2 P02031 RODNEY PARADE J R Jenkins 9.11.8 (7 ex) Mr S Sherwood
4 301200 THE FALLEN KNIGHT (D) (BF) J D Roberts 8.11.6 C Brown
8 300200 FREE CHOICE M Oliver 6.11.1 Mr P Dunwoody (4)
12 120000 KAMAG D H Jones 6.10.9 C Seward
16 0P403P JYMARIO D J Wintle 6.10.5 R Hyett
18 210004 GALTRIM N A Gaselee 5.10.4 S Lawrence (7)
22 FFB0P4 HELTON TARN (C) P Butler 8.10.2 G Newman
24 0P00P0 GOLDEN CYMBAL I P Wardle 9.10.0 K Mooney
25 U30004 LAST OF THE FOXES N T-Davies 11.10.0 R Chapman (4)
27 P30012 RUSSELL UP R A Perkins 5.10.0 G Charles-Jones (7)
28 U00F00 GAELIC TOUCH K B White 7.10.0 P Carvill
30 00-0040 PERSIAN MANICOU R C Jones 6.10.0 Colin Price
32 PR0003 WHISTLE FOR JACK R T Jukes 9.10.0
33 4P0P00 EGGINGTON J Parfitt 6.10.0 Mr P MacEwan (7)
BLINKERS: 16, 24

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Rodney Parade, 100-30 Galtrim, 4-1 The Fallen Knight, 6-1 Golden Cymbal, 8-1 Helton Tarn, 10-1 Gold Measure, 12-1 Jymario, 14-1 others.

4.15 CANON PYON HANDICAP CHASE £2,000
3m 1f (3 runners)

8 0-0P0F1 DAWN FOX (C) (D) P H Duggins 11.12.0 (7 ex) A Webb
15 3100F3 FRENCH BOB W G M Turner 10.11.5 Mr A Sharpe
16 124P00 SWEET MANDY J Edmunds 8.11.4 R Mann
BLINKERS: 16

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Dawn Fox, 7-4 French Bob, 7-2 Sweet Mandy.

1,000 GUINEAS

NEWMARKET 3.40 — Channel 4

(3YO fillies) — 1m — 15 runners — £87,009 to winner

1 (8) 332111- BETSY BAY (FR) M Jarvis 9.0 B Raymond
(Dark blue, yellow sash, striped cap)
2 (1) 0-3 CAMBRIDGE LODGE K Stone 9.0 G Duffield
(White, black diamond and sleeves, white cap)
3 (11) 13- CAPRICORN BELLE (C) L Cumani 9.0 D McHargue
(Red, light blue chevrons on body)
4 (4) 11221- DESIRABLE (C) B Hills 9.0 S Cauthen
(Royal blue, silver striped sleeves, blue and red hooped cap)
6 (7) 3-1 GLOWING WITH PRIDE (C) G Wragg 9.0 J Reid
(Black and white halved, sleeves reversed, red cap)
8 (15) 11-1 MAHOGANY C Nelson 9.0 J Mercer
(Cerise, white cross-belts, black cap white star)
9 (9) 03124-0 MARUTHAYOOR P Cole 9.0 T Quinn
(Yellow, red hoop, striped sleeves, yellow cap)
10 (3) 011-13 MEIS EL-REEM O Douieb 9.0 A Lequeux
(Dark blue, white stars, white cap)
11 (12) 1-4 MISS BEAULIEU G Wragg 9.0 L Piggott
(Dark blue, white sleeves and cap)
12 (14) 0421- MISS SILCA KEY D Elsworth 9.0 C Asmussen
(Orange, brown seams, brown sleeves orange seams, orange cap)
13 (2) 0200-40 MYSTERY SHIP M Usher 9.0 P Waldron
(White, royal blue hooped sleeves, blue cap white star)
15 (10) 11402-1 PEBBLES (C) C Brittain 9.0 P Robinson
(Royal blue, white hoop on body, striped cap)
16 (5) 312210- ROCKET ALERT W O'Gorman 9.0 T Ives
(Dark and light blue stripes, dark blue sleeves, light blue and white quartered cap)
17 (6) 12- SEATTLE SIREN (USA) W Hern 9.0 B Rouse
(Maroon, white sleeves and star on cap)
18 (13) 21113-2 SHOOT CLEAR M Stoute 9.0 W R Swinburn
(Grey and maroon quartered, white sleeves)

1983: Ma Biche (USA) 9.0 F Head 5-2 fav Mme C Head (FR) 18 ran

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 on Mahogany, 8-1 Desirable, 10-1 Capricorn Belle, 11-1 Pebbles, 12-1 Seattle Siren, 14-1 Shoot Clear, 16-1 Miss Beaulieu, 20-1 others.

25 (15) WITH A LOT J Toller 9.0 S Cauthen
26 (14) 0- WOODCARVER H Cecil 9.0 Paul Eddery
29 (16) 40- SCYTHE G P-Gordon 8.11 G Duffield

BLINKERS: 25
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Tocave, 7-2 Caro's Lad, 9-2 Doubleton, 6-1 Karkan, 8-1 Woodcarver, 10-1 Scythe, 14-1 others.

3.00 HEATHORN STAKES £11,000
(3-Y-O colts) 1m 2f (8 runners)

1 (1) 2110-12 RAAMI W O'Gorman 9.2 T Ives
2 (3) 1114-41 SOUTHERN ARROW (USA) M Jarvis 9.2 B Raymond
3 (6) 1- CLAUDE MONET (USA) H Cecil 8.10 S Cauthen
5 (8) 1-0 LEADBURN G Harwood 8.10 A Clark
6 (7) 01- PIGWIDGEON (USA) G Harwood 8.10 L Piggott
8 (2) 0- BROTHERLY (USA) W Hern 8.5 J Mercer
11 (7) 23- ILIUM Thomson Jones 8.5 A Murray
12 (5) 23- LUMINATE J Dunlop 8.5 B Rouse

PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Claude Monet, 11-4 Ilium, 11-2 Luminare, 9-1 Pigwidgeon, 12-1 Southern Arrow and Raami, 16-1 others.

4.15 BRETBY HANDICAP £7,000
6f (7 runners)

2 (1) 01334-2 DOC MARTEN (D) A Hide 6.9.7 E Hide
3 (7) 00000-0 PENTLAND JAVELIN (C) (D) R Hollinshead 4.9.5 S Perks
5 (3) 22320-0 DJANGO K Brassey 4.9.3 T Ives
7 (2) 11000-4 MATOU G P-Gordon 4.9.1 G Duffield
8 (5) 00004-0 SHANLEYS STYLE Mrs C Reavey 4.8.13 G Ramshaw
11 (4) 030-11 REMORSELESS (USA) (D) J Ciechanowski 4.8.7 (7 ex) G Baxter
13 (6) 23430-3 KORYPHEOS P Mitchell 5.7.7 W Ryan (5)

BLINKERS: 5
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Remorseless, 3-1 Matou, 5-1 Doc Marten, 7-1 Korypheos, 8-1 Pentland Javelin, 12-1 Shanleys Style, 16-1 Django.

4.50 MARCH HANDICAP £6,000
2m (8 runners)

1 (5) 23140-0 TOP CREATOR (C) B Hills 5.10.0 S Cauthen
3 (8) 0D231-1 PRINCE OF PEACE (C) H Cecil 4.9.2 (4 ex) L Piggott
4 (2) 41101-0 PRETTY PICTURE (D) P Kelleway 5.8.8 Gay Kelleway (5)
5 (7) 34002-3 POPPI'S JOY (C-D) M Haynes 9.8.8 J Mercer
6 (4) 13320-0 CARBLAKE G Harwood 4.8.8 A Clark
7 (3) 03123-0 SHENTON WAY (USA) J Jenkins 4.8.1 T Williams (7)
8 (1) 0010-0 DARK PROPOSAL (USA) (D) (BF) B Hanbury 6.7.7 D McKay
9 (6) 000110- BELLAMUE (USA) (D) E Eldin 4.7.7 A MacKay

BLINKERS: 7
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Prince of Peace, 7-2 Karablake, 9-2 Popsi's Joy, 6-1 Top Creator, 8-1 Dark Proposal, 10-1 Pretty Picture, 14-1 others.

4.45 BROCKHAMPTON HUNTER CHASE £1,000
2m 4f (12 runners)

2 1P3P01 OWEN GAIL T J Parrott 8.12.10 Mr T Jackson (7)
5 11FP/PF BARADEN Mrs R Fell 11.2.0 Miss M Turner (7)
6 00300/F CHINA RUN C J Morgan 6.12.0 Mr S Shinton (4)
7 3/20-0PU CRESPIAN Mrs M Rimell 10.12.0 Mr M Bell (7)
8 100102/ EGBERT (FR) (D) C M Gee 8.12.0 Mr C Gee (7)
10 00P00-0 MR SINCLAIR M B Bent 6.12.0 Mr M Bent (7)
11 0F-FF00 NIGHT ATTACK Mrs F Burgess 8.12.0 Mrs C Elliott (7)
12 300040- PIPE BAND (C) R A Perkins 10.12.0 Mr B Price (7)
13 FP24/40- POINT ONE Mrs W Brown 10.12.0 Mr S Brookshaw (7)
15 2P00U-0 STRAIGHT LINE (C-D) S G Griffiths 11.12.0 Mr J Llewellyn (7)
16 UFU WELSH TREATY G E Ford 12.12.0 Mr A Denison (7)
18 00P0P4 ROSE LEE J L Needham 10.11.9 Mr A Hulburd (7)
BLINKERS: 12

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Owen Gail, 3-1 Crespinian, 5-1 Straight Line, 7-1 Pipe Band, 8-1 Rose Lee, 10-1 Egbert, 12-1 Mr Sinclair, 14-1 others.

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES (NH FLAT RACE) £600
2m (12 runners)

3 CAVESSON B L Lay 6.11.5 Mr L Lay (7)
5 0 DOUBTFUL PACT D J Wintle 5.11.5 J Wathen (7)
10 0 BEARCON (USA) A S Portman 4.11.0 Mr M Portman (7)
11 4 CELTIC BOB O O'Neill 4.11.0 M Caswell (7)
12 CHEEKY TICO R E Peacock 4.11.0 C Kellett (7)
14 02 FACE THE CLIMATE (BF) K C Bailey 5.11.0 Mr T Thomson-Jones
20 PINKS PENNY W G Morris 5.11.0 M Rowley (7)
21 0 PIRTON LAD Mrs M Rimell 4.11.0 Miss B Chipp (7)
23 SUN GLARE B Palling 4.11.0 W O'Callaghan (7)
27 HARTLEBURY GYPSY R D Griffiths 4.10.9 Mr M Wilding (7)
29 LEILAWAY T J Price 4.10.9
32 PAMAMINIMARSH R D Griffiths 4.10.9 A Carson (7)

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 on Face the Climate, 7-2 Pirton Lad, 5-1 Celtic Bob, 8-1 Doubtful Pact, 14-1 Cheeky Tico.

Sports Line

FAME ALMOST KILLED ME!

Yannick Noah is back at his best — after the worst six months of his life

A
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BY MATTHEW NUGENT

LAST NOVEMBER Yannick Noah took a walk through Paris — the city he had adopted as a youngster and loves dearly.

It was a cold, wet and windy day. The rain beat down on Noah, one of the world's top tennis players, and for one split second he seriously thought of ending it all by throwing himself into the Seine!

Unbelievable yes, but true.

The young man from Cameroun who had been taken to the hearts of every Frenchman after he had won the French Open title — the first national to do so in 37 years — just six months earlier wanted to end it all.

Ironically for Noah, that historic victory over defending champion Mats Wilander on June 6 last year, signalled the start of the amiable Noah's problems.

Elation

The elation of winning at Paris' famous Roland Garros stadium soon faded.

Noah could not put a foot outside his flat. There was always reporters and fans to badger him night and day. His private life vanished, moments of peace became a luxury.

Depression began to bite. Then, just 10 days after lifting his biggest ever prize, the International Tennis Federation and the Players Council banned him from playing tournaments for 48 days and fined him \$10,000 for walking out of an event in West Germany.

He was already feeling the effects of a long-standing ankle injury as well and Noah felt his world was caving in on him.

A matter of days after his walk along the Seine, Noah made up his mind to flee Paris for New York. There he hoped to find anonymity.

While many will say that the Big Apple was a strange choice, it did seem to work.

Noah became relaxed again, rediscovered his appetite for the game and for the first three months of 1984 has played some of the best tennis of his life.

'I'm happier because I'm playing — that's the most important thing,' he said recently in Monte Carlo.

'There have been many changes in my life in the past three or four months. It takes time to get ad-

justed to all of that.'

One big change was his marriage in February to Swedish model Cecilia Rhode.

It was in 1971 while touring Africa that top American player Arthur Ashe heard about the boy who was growing up in Cameroun. Ashe was immediately impressed by his prodigious talent.

The American's recommendations got Noah to a special tennis school in Nice. Ashe is also said to have left the boy a racket and a poster bearing the words 'see you at Wimbledon'.

Mentor

This is a message that Noah now wants to fulfil by copying his mentor and winning the title in London.

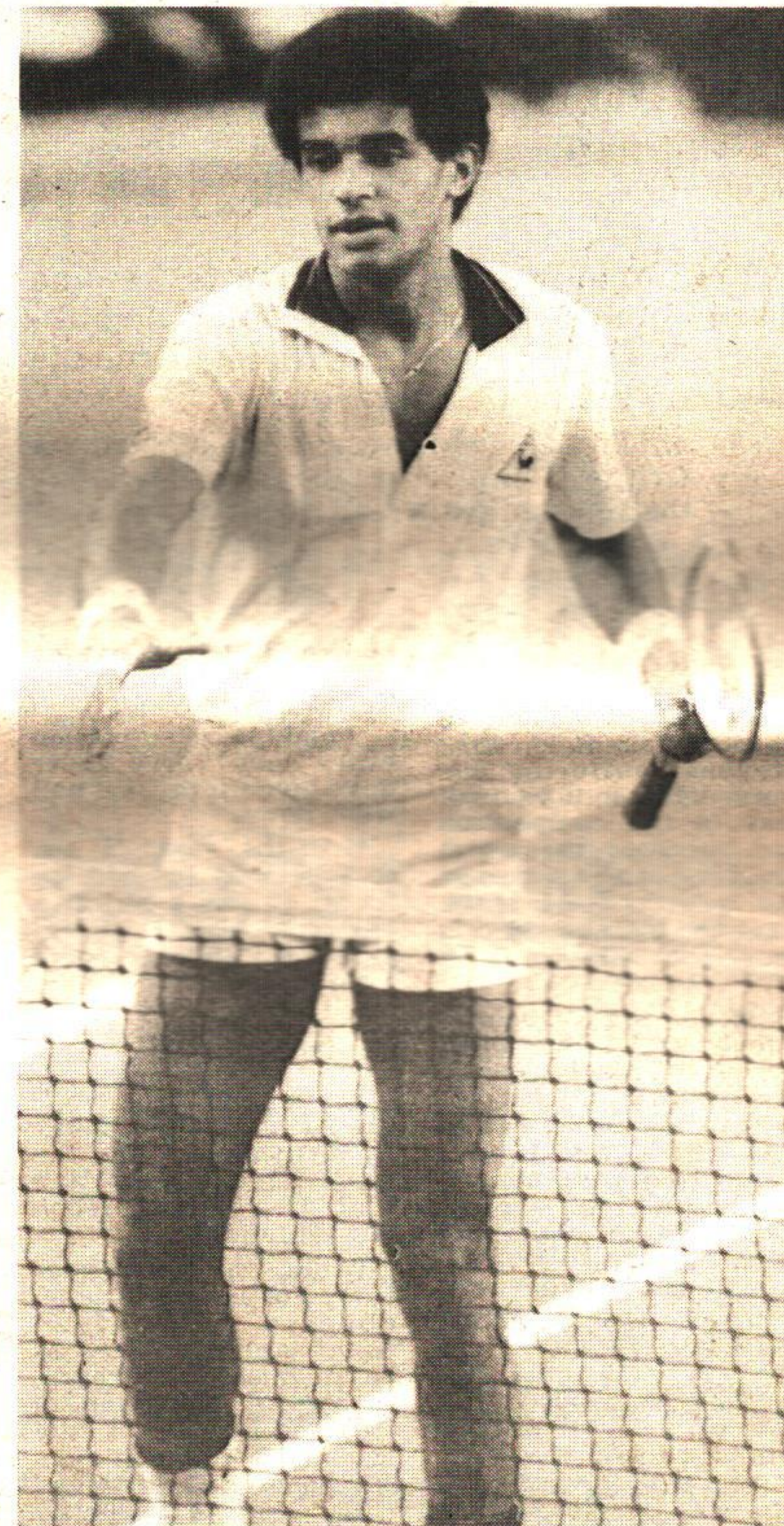
And Noah wants Ashe's help in reaching that goal.

'He's a busy man. I'm asking him at the most for three weeks of his time,' Noah explained.

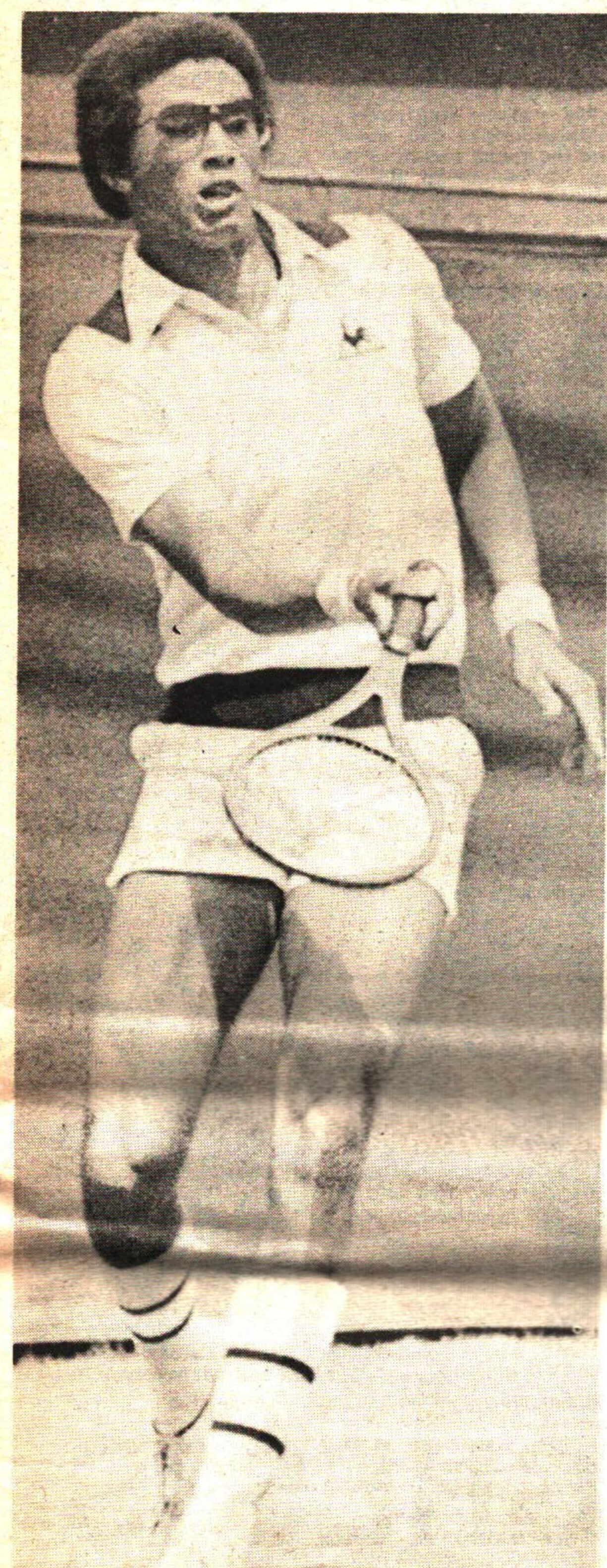
'Nothing has been decided yet, but he won Wimbledon and I have never done well there. Maybe I need someone to teach me how to play on grass. It's not practice but tactics — the right shots at the right time.'

'I thought I ought to have someone to advise me. He knows the game and if he can help me, it will be very useful.'

It would be quite a reunion if Ashe accepts the challenge — and Noah has the skill and talent to go all the way at Wimbledon.



YANNICK NOAH . . . Suicide nearly became a reality for the young tennis star



ARTHUR ASHE . . . Noah has asked him for help to win Wimbledon

Call for umpires panel

WEST Indies captain Clive Lloyd and his Australian counterpart Kim Hughes yesterday called for the formation of an umpires panel to supervise Test matches.

The two captains currently engaged in the final Test between the two countries added that they didn't mean to suggest the appointment of neutral umpires.

Lloyd, who was very critical of the umpiring standard during the West Indies tour of India last winter, said in Kingston, Jamaica, that the only way that problems of the kind encountered in India could be eliminated would be through an umpires panel selected by the players themselves.

'The system would minimise resentment when adverse decisions were given and, in fact mistakes would be minimised if we had the right panel,' Lloyd said.

Hughes agreed there was widespread dissatisfaction with umpiring in

Test matches. 'Every team that tours these days brings up the question of umpiring standards,' said Hughes.

'They could be improved if the less experienced umpires got the chance of standing with the best in the world. It would develop a certain degree of consistency,' he added.

Hughes proposed that an umpires panel could

have ten members, but stressed that the nationality of those on the panel would not matter.

'If it is felt that the six best umpires available all come from the West Indies let them be included. But one would like to think that every country would have at least one umpire of international standard,' Hughes said.

Lloyd said that two years ago, he recom-

mended the concept of an international panel to the West Indies Cricket Board, which had raised the matter at the Lord's based International Cricket Conference.

Hughes said: 'I will raise the point when I get back to Australia and argue very strongly that it is time to form an international panel. The players, public and sponsors deserve the best.'

CRICKET SHORTS

ENGLAND batsman David Gower was admitted to hospital on Tuesday night because of his badly-infected right hand.

The Leicestershire captain is believed to have picked up the injury from fertiliser or weedkiller spread on the grass at Lord's while playing for MCC against Essex last week.

The infection has spread towards Gower's elbow and he has been admitted to a Leicester clinic for treatment.

He was forced to miss the last two days of Leicestershire's Cham-

pionship game against Derbyshire at Chesterfield earlier this week and is not playing against Nottinghamshire in the match which started yesterday.

● AUSTRALIAN bowler Terry Alderman, who will play for Kent this season on a one-year contract, was flying in from the West Indies yesterday and could make his debut at the weekend.

Kent manager Brian Luckhurst said: 'He has been allowed to leave Jamaica two days earlier than planned. This gives us a much better chance of including him in our

side this weekend.'

● KAPIL DEV, Worcestershire's new overseas signing, is expected to be out of cricket for a further two weeks.

His debut has been delayed because of muscle wastage following a knee operation and he seems certain to miss the bulk of the county's Benson and Hedges Cup zonal matches.

Secretary Michael Vockins, said yesterday: 'We have not set a definite date for him to start playing but another two weeks is the sort of period the experts feel is necessary.'

RACING RESULTS

ASCOT

2.00 (1m) BROCADE A Clark (6-4 on fav)1; Sumaya (16-1)2; Travel Legend (6-1)3; No No Girl (10-1)4. 10 ran. 3/4. 8. (G Harwood) T: £1.80. £1.20, £2.40, £1.70. CSF: £13.03.
2.30 (2m) GILDORAN S Cauthen (11-1)1; Society Boy (20-1)2; Another Sam (7-2)3; His Honour (6-5 fav)4. 7 ran. 4, 2. (B Hills) T: £4.90. £1.70, £6.70. CSF: £71.76. NR: Ore & Fealty.
3.05 (7f) MUMMYS PLEASURE B Raymond (14-1)1; Milk Heart (7-2 fav)2; Wiki Wiki Wheels (11-2)3; El Mansour (20-1)4. 13 ran. 3/4. 1. (P Haslam) T: £13.60. £1.80, £2.20, £1.50. CSF: £55.45. NR: Sidab.
3.40 (1m 2f) KIRMAN S Cauthen (11-1)1; Bye Bye Birdie (33-1)2; Tocave Botta (11-2)3; Millbow (9-2 fav)4. 12 ran. Sh hd. 3. (R Johnson-Houghton) T: £19.90. £4.20, £6. £1.40. CSF: £256.67.
4.10 (5f) PRIMO DONNIE J Reid (6-5 on fav)1; Persian Pleasure (5-2)2; Saloom (10-1)3; Laurie Lorman (20-1)4. 7 ran. 3/4. (B Swift) T: £2.10. £1.60, £1.50. CSF: £3.40.
4.40 (1m 4f) PONTIN BOY T Hellier (20-1)1; Insular (9-4 fav)2x; Going Going (3-1)2x; Shutlar's Fling (12-1)4. 8 ran. Hd, dd-hl. (H Thomson Jones) T: £32.60. £5. Insular. £1.20. Going Going. £1.10. CSF: £13.03. Pontin Boy & Insular £30.46. Pontin Boy & Going Going £36.73.

CATTERICK

2.15 (5f) SUSANGUS T Ives (11-8 on fav)1; Navarro Secondo (4-1)2; Samantha Fox (5-1)3; Old Meg (20-1)4. 9 ran. Sh hd. 4. (W O'Gorman) T: £1.60. £1.10, £1.70, £2.30. CSF: £4.96. Northern Parade withdrawn NOT under starter's orders. Rule 4 does not apply.
2.45 (1m 4f) GAINVILLE LAD S Perks (7-2)1; Uncle Oliver (6-1)2; King Shara (5-1)3; Springtime Double (16-1)4. 11 ran. 3, 1/2. (R Whitaker) T: £5.30. £2.50, £1.00, £2.50. CSF: £23.08.
3.15 (1m 7f) VAL CLIMBER S Bridge (10-1)1; Secret Finale (7-1)2; Sweet Colleen (Evens fav)3; Hydrangea (20-1)4. 11 ran. Neck, Nk. (R Stubbs) T: £8.60. £1.60, £2.70, £1.30. CSF: £74.54.
3.45 (5f) PROVIDE T Ives (3-1 on fav)1; Phamond (11-2)2; Boardmans Glory (7-1)3; Palhaco (20-1)4. 7 ran. 4, 1/2. (W O'Gorman) T: £1.50. £1.10, £2.30. CSF: £3.55.
4.15 (6f) OVER THE RAINBOW P Hamblett (9-4 fav)1; Ferryby Hall (12-1)2; Mrs Buzby (7-2)3; Rapid Miss (16-1)4. 11 ran. Hd, 2. (J Winter) T: £2.80. £1.80, £4.00, £1.20. CSF: £28.10. NR: Ibolyan Sound & Royal Duty.
4.45 (7f) WISE CROWN R Guest (11-10)1; Rigidski (11-10)2; Dozario (20-1)3; Sambola (33-1)4. 7 ran. 5, Hd. (L Cumani) T: £1.90. £1.70, £1.90. CSF: £2.63. NR: Bob-Double.

KELSO

2.15 (2m) MARSH TRACK P A Charlton (4-1)1; Six O Six Auction (11-8 fav)2; Hubli (10-1)3; YDETSZKY (9-1)4. 6 ran. 2, 7. (M J Lambert) T: £3.00. £1.60, £1.60. CSF: £9.38.
2.45 (2m) FOGGY BUOY J J O'Neill (2-1 fav)1; Gold Invader (10-1)2; Saint-Munn (20-1)3; Rosewell Riever (5-1)4. 6 ran. Sh-hd, 4. (P Calver) T: £2.50. £1.40, £2.30. CSF: £16.97. 4. NR: Olive Press.
3.15 (2m) PAUSE FOR THOUGHT C Grant (5-4 fav)1; Laurence Parsons (9-1)2; Boy Sandford (3-1)3; Holly Buoy (100-30)4. 5 ran. 6, 2. (Densy Smith) T: £2.10. £1.10, £2.10. CSF: £10.15.
3.45 (3m 1f) PILTON Mr P J Dun (5-4 fav)1; Hasty Import (11-2)2; Telegraph Bush (7-1)3; Bush Wire (7-1)4. 12 ran. 6, 4. (W A Stephenson) T: £2.30. £1.20, £2.70, £3.10.
4.15 (3m) COLONEL HENRY Mrs R Drysdale (7-1)1; Cherrie Chief (7-4)2; Whiggle Geo (7-4)3; RATHERNE (25-1)4. 6 ran. 10, 5. (Mrs C Braithwaite) T: £6.90. £1.70, £1.40. CSF: £13.55. NR: Queensbury Lad.
4.45 (2m) MR COGGY Mr P J Dun (13-8)1; Hot Pretence (13-8)2; Trafalgar Bill (10-1)3; On Leave (7-2)4. 30, 25. (W A Stephenson) T: £2.70. CSF: £4.31. NR: Spar-tando.
5.15 (2m) OUR LOUISE (Mr R J Beggan (4-1)1; Ash Prince (12-1)2; Antarctic (7-1)3; Siberian Dancer (4-1)4. 8, 1 1/2. (A Scott) T: £3.20. £1.70, £2.30, £1.60. CSF: £46.67.

Langer starts favourite

REIGNING Champion Bernhard Langer's brilliant form in the United States makes him favourite to win the \$120,000 Italian golf championship starting in Milan today.

The 26-year-old West German will be making his appearance of the new European season after winning more than \$92,000 on the US circuit this year.

Langer, European No.1

in 1981, has a strong record in the Italian Open. He finished third behind Spain's Jose-Maria Canizares in Milan three years ago and fourth in 1982 in Sardinia, where Britain's Mark James won.

Last year in Florence, he won a play-off against another Briton, Ken Brown of Scotland, and Spain's Sevy Ballesteros.

Nick Faldo, who was ex-

pected to be among the favourites for the title this year, declined to take up his appointment here after winning the Heritage Classic in South Carolina last week and will stay in the United States for a follow-up Champions tournament this week.

James and Canizares, who was second to Britain's Howard Clark in last week's Madrid Open, are

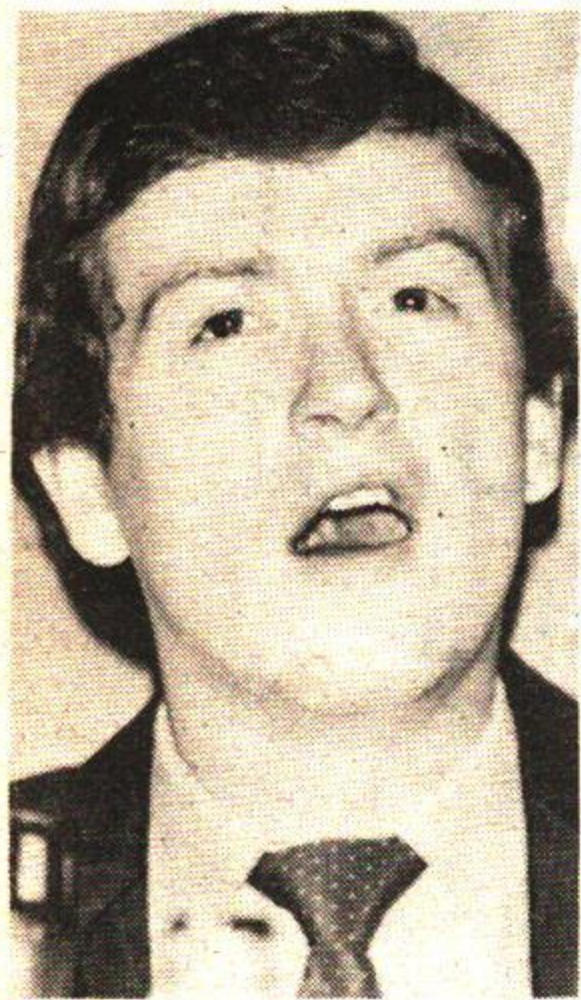
among the front-runners at the tree-lined par-72 course near the Monza motor racing circuit.

With the course at its full 6,954 yards, Canizares' eight-under-par 1981 score and the round record of 66 set by runner-up Bobby Clampett of the US the same year are unlikely to be bettered.

Another who could be a

major threat here is Ireland's Eamonn Darcy, who won Zambia's Mufulira Open, came third in the Tunisian Open and fourth in Spain.

Scotland's Sandy Lyle, who defied PGA European tour rules to play in last week's Houston Open in Texas, is also making his first appearance of the season in Europe.



STEVE DAVIS

DAVIS WINS THROUGH

But Griffiths puts up game battle

STEVE DAVIS kept on course to become the first man to defend the World Professional Snooker title at Sheffield's Crucible theatre yesterday afternoon.

The millionaire Londoner beat stablemate Terry Griffiths 13-10 after the Welshman had tested the tournament's No.1 seed all the way.

At the same time another Welshman, six-times world champion Ray Reardon, was making history for all the wrong reasons.

He crashed out 13-2 to Canadian champion Kirk Stevens, suffering his worst defeat in 16 years of play in the competition and received the worst drubbing of any player at the quarter-final stage since the tournament was moved to Sheffield in 1977.

After losing a tense 45-minute first frame when the quarter-final resumed yesterday morning, Davis won four in a row to stand 12-9 and just a frame away from a place in the semi-finals against either Welsh champion Doug Mountjoy or Irishman Dennis Taylor.

But Griffiths, whose gritty performance was a far cry from his 9-1 crushing by Davis in the final of the Irish Benson and Hedges Masters tournament three weeks ago, was not finished.

Frame

He took the 22nd frame 85-26 and fought back in the 23rd from 45-17 to 45-42, punishing two glaring misses by Davis.

But the world champion put things to right by sinking a brilliant pink and, rolling down the black, he said: 'That was the hardest match I have

ever had at the Crucible — which shows how well Terry was playing.

'I had to concentrate on every shot. Terry never gave up until the last ball went down.'

Griffiths said: 'I am disappointed but not too badly. It was a hell of a game, at least I am enjoying my snooker again even if I lost.'

Challenge

Jimmy White celebrated his 22nd birthday by brushing aside the challenge of Canadian Cliff Thorburn to reach the semi-finals.

White, the left-hander from Tooting in London, clinched a semi-final place against Stevens as he dismissed Thorburn, the world champion in 1980 and last year's runner-up, 13-8 to keep alive his hopes of overtaking Alex Higgins as the youngest ever world professional champion.

Thorburn, trailing 10-6 at the start of yesterday's final session, took the first frame 80-53 and the No.3 seed then came from way behind, after a break of 53 from White, to trail 57-53 in the next before missing the pink.

Three times No.11 seed, White escaped snookers before potting the elusive

pink and nudging down a difficult black.

In the next frame a break of 80 helped White to go 12-7 up and it looked all over as he sped to a 63-0 lead in frame 20. But Thorburn then made a clearance of 64.

Thorburn's hopes died in the next frame as White clipped in breaks of 36 and 51 to set up a repeat of his classic encounter with Stevens in last January's Benson and Hedges Masters semi-final at Wembley.

'This was a lovely birthday present but there will

be no big party tonight. I'm just going to have a few drinks and get to bed,' White said after his victory.

'I was the youngest ever world amateur champion and the youngest English champion. Now I really want to make snooker history by winning this one too.'



TERRY GRIFFITHS... A valiant attempt to topple Davis

'OLD BOY' HUGHES IS LANC'S HERO

LANCASHIRE manager Jack Bond has high hopes that his adventurous policy will begin to pay off this season, but it was the experienced old campaigner, David Hughes, who dominated their opening County Championship match against Derbyshire yesterday.

Hughes, who will be 37 this month, made a painstaking 72 in 71 overs, to help Lancashire total 269 on a pitch which seemed to restrict attacking strokes.

He also sent Derbyshire's Iain Anderson to hospital for a check-up after hitting him in the back with a powerful shot, as he fielded at forward short leg.

An eighth-wicket stand of 62 between Paul Elliott and Nasir Zaidi further improved Lancashire's score and Derbyshire were fought for no wicket after three overs at the close.

Impetus

Champions Essex could not maintain the impetus of their big opening win over Hampshire, being dismissed for 202 by Kent

at Canterbury. Kent replied with 116 for three in 43 overs.

Essex lost Graham Gooch and Chris Gladwin for 26 but Ken McEwan hit a fine 63 and helped Keith Pont add 98 for the third wicket. After that only Brian Hardie, with an unbeaten 49, showed much resistance.

Finished

Richard Ellison finished with four for 35 and Kevin Jarvis took three for 45.

Surrey's former captain Roger Knight and Guyana-born Monte Lynch put on 132 for the fourth wicket against Northamptonshire at the Oval.

Three wickets had gone for 47 when they joined forces. Knight hit 87 and Lynch 60.

Lancashire made one without loss in the final

over of a day curtailed by six overs by the weather, but still extended by 40 minutes.

CRICKET SUMMARIES

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire 269 (Hughes 72) Derbyshire 0 for no wkt.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire 291 for nine dec: Leicestershire 14 for one.

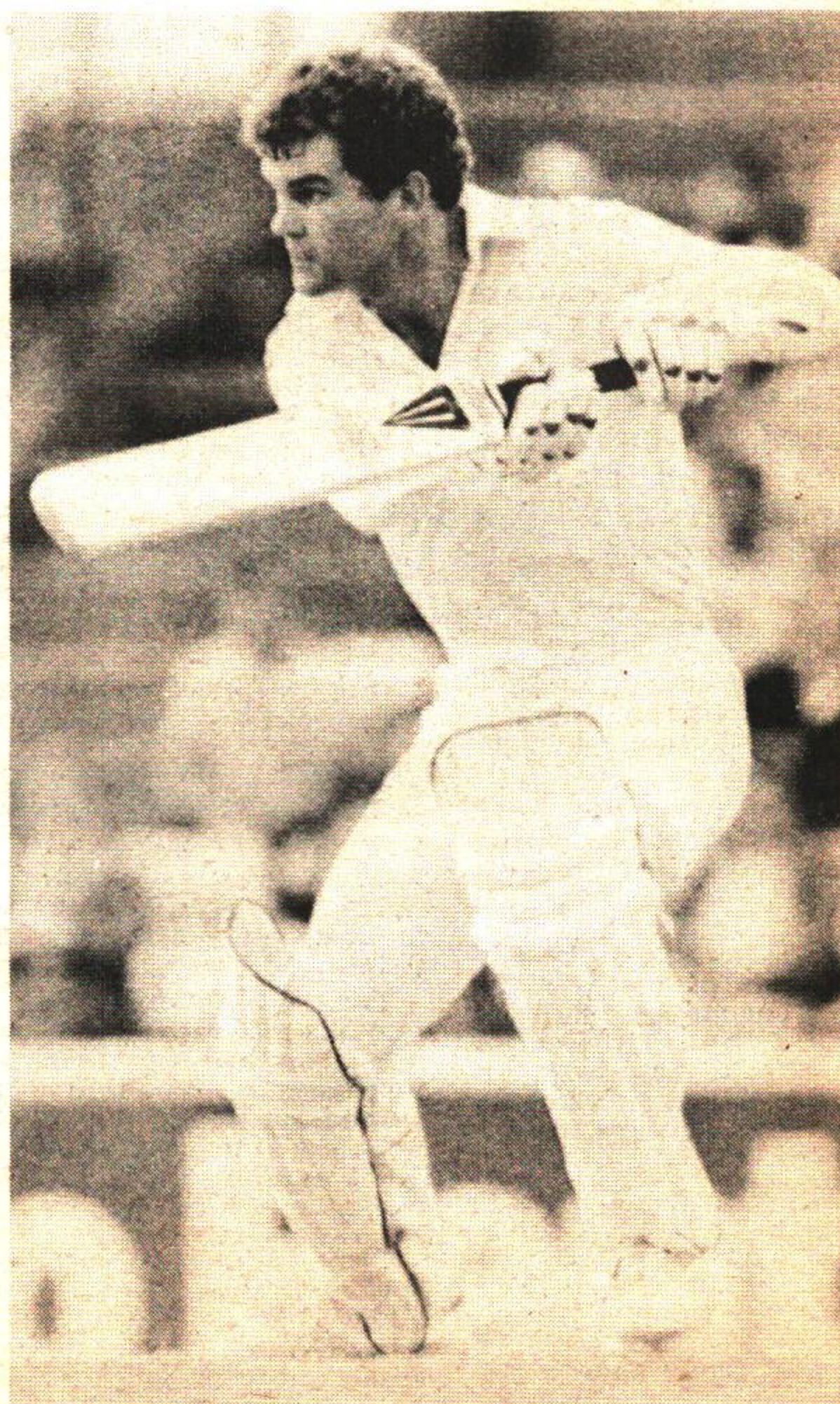
THE OVAL: Surrey 318 for seven dec (Knight 87, Lynch 60, Richards 56 n.o.), Northamptonshire 1 for no wkt.

WORCESTER: Glamorgan 309 for eight (Henderson 90) v Worcestershire.

CANTERBURY: Essex 202 (McEwan 63; Ellison four for 35); Kent 116 for three.

OXFORD: Somerset 365 for one dec (Roebuck 152 n.o., Wyatt 103, Crowe 100 n.o.) Oxford U 53 for two.

CAMBRIDGE: Sussex 359 for five dec (Greig 106 n.o., Parker 100 n.o., Mendis 69). Cambridge U 33 for one.



MARTIN CROWE... A century for Somerset on his debut

Aussies crash again

WEST INDIES completed a 10-wicket triumph over Australia in the fifth and final cricket Test in Kingston, Jamaica, yesterday to take the series 3-0.

After dismissing the tourists for 160 in their second innings, the West Indies hit off the required 55 runs just before lunch on the fourth day.

Australia, 135 for seven overnight, kept the West Indies in the field for only 68 minutes. With Steve Smith

injured and unable to bat, the hosts' task was even simpler.

Rodney Hogg stayed more than half an hour before being bowled by Malcolm Marshall for 14. The paceman finished with five for 51 and match figures of eight for 88.

The innings was ended by Joel Garner when he yorked Maguire for a duck.