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Notts demo next week

BY BEN RUDDER

MINERS' union leaders are expected to stage a major demonstration in Nottinghamshire next week prior to the executive meeting on Thursday.

NUM President Arthur Scargill last week called for a three-day national demonstration for striking miners to bring the Nottinghamshire coalfield to a complete halt.

He is already planning to address several thousand miners in the Nottinghamshire town of Mansfield on Monday's bank holiday rally, and further demonstrations may be called in the run-up to Thursday's meeting.

The effect of the picketing is still continuing to win support among miners going to work, but the process is slow and many miners are now keen that an approach should be made to the TUC to extend industrial action.

It was also reported yesterday that a second letter from NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield has been sent to the Coal Board.

No conditions

Unlike last week's letter offering talks without stating any preconditions, the second letter emphasised that pit closures and job losses were 'not negotiable'.

The National Coal Board issued a statement after its meeting yesterday which said it 'learned with regret that the NUM are unwilling to join discussions unless the Board unconditionally withdraw proposals for colliery closures and a reduction in manpower'.

The statement added: 'The formal arrangements agreed between all the unions and the Board which deal with colliery closures continue to operate, but the NUM have refused to attend recent meetings and have rejected proposals for a special meeting to resume discussions.'

The statement indicates that the original Heathfield letter was in reply to a Coal Board invitation to special talks, to which the union's general secretary apparently warmed.

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MINERS ON THE MARCH . . . North-east strikers have been on the road for a week campaigning for support — See miners' news pull-out starting on page 9

**Statement by the All Trades Unions Alliance,
industrial department of the Workers Revolutionary Party**

General Strike to back miners

THE MINERS are on strike for a principle — the basic democratic right to a job.

This is not only a miner's principle, but one that must belong to the whole of the working class.

The miners aren't striking to demand higher wages. Money is not the issue; it is about jobs.

It is not only about defending miners' jobs, but jobs in every other industry as well — steelmaking, shipbuilding, railways, car manufacturing, engineering etc.

The miners are fighting for a future — for themselves, their families and their communities.

The strike is therefore being

waged on behalf of the whole of the working class, including the 4 million unemployed and the hundreds of thousands of school-leavers who are being lined up for the dole queue this summer.

Financial support for the miners and food for their families is very welcome. But it can only be counted as a small compensation for the hardship suffered after two months on strike.

Conditions

As the strike enters its ninth week, the conditions under which it is being fought become ever more harsh and difficult.

Trade and Industry Secretary Tebbit yesterday dismissed the economic impact of

the strike so far and said it might be considered more serious 'if it went on till Christmas'.

The Thatcher dictatorship has unleashed the full power of the capitalist state against the strikers. A military-style, nationally-coordinated police operation and brutality against pickets is aimed at smashing the NUM as the bedrock of the British trade union movement.

There is not the slightest room for compromise; MacGregor is prepared to see pits closed for good from flooding and collapse rather than concede.

What is needed is the mobilisation of the whole working class in a General Strike until the miners win.

Make the principle of the

strike for jobs spearheaded by the miners, the principle of the whole working class.

Len Murray, OBE, and the TUC right wing do not want a General Strike. They want to leave the miners in isolation hoping that a combination of state brutality and deprivation will drive them back to work.

Deeds

These right-wing class traitors must be exposed and driven out of the working-class movement.

It is also high time that those trade union leaders who say they support the miners turned their words into deeds. They must stand up and be counted.

It is up to the National Union

of Mineworkers executive to call upon the TUC to organise the General Strike. This is the only way to halt the split between steelworkers and the miners. And it is the only way to overcome the state scabbering which is under way in the Nottinghamshire collieries.

The miners have put the struggle for jobs on the line. The entire trade union movement must put the struggle for jobs on the line.

Only a General Strike will defeat the Tory Bonapartist government.

Murray and the right wing will allow Thatcher to starve the miners back to work.

The call for the General Strike is the only answer.

May 4, 1984

This
SATURDAY
May 5, 1984
morning...

Thatcher's poodle

NEIL KINNOCK, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, was busy yesterday peddling illusions on behalf of the capitalist state, which pays his not inconsiderable salary.

He told the Wales TUC at Llandudno that if yesterday's council polls had been a general election 'I would not have been able to make it this morning, because I would have been moving into 10 Downing Street.'

These opening remarks were a fair reflection of Kinnock's priorities, which are completely dominated by the thought that one day he will step into the shoes of Ramsay MacDonald, Clement Attlee, Harold Wilson and James Callaghan.

If the great day had really dawned, the miners would be able to go back to work 'because by next Monday we would have solved this dispute,' he said, though he didn't say how.

From this flatulent fantasy the Labour leader turned to a more immediate and much less agreeable obsession. Thatcher, he said, 'has tried every way she knows, using every trick that she can deploy, to make political capital out of the miners' dispute'.

She had even — horror of horrors — accused him of being the strikers' friend. Kinnock said it was very difficult for a miner's son to be anything else. Difficult perhaps, but for Kinnock nothing is impossible.

That's why he has openly interfered in the internal affairs of the NUM to advocate the holding of a national ballot — a move rejected by the vast majority of strikers and by the union's national delegate conference. It makes him not the strikers' friend, but the blacklegs' friend.

He went on to give the quite false impression that Thatcher could be induced to settle the miners' dispute. The holder of the powerful office of Prime Minister had the means to prompt solutions to industrial crises and conflicts, he said.

Far from being outside the strike, as Kinnock suggests, Thatcher provoked it in the first place, invoked the full force of the state against the pickets at a cost of over £100 million to date, and has dictated every step taken by the Coal Board.

Kinnock said he had been asking Thatcher for weeks to use her power 'to get Mr MacGregor to turn up new plans'. They have been doing that all right: new plans for strikebreaking came into operation this week at Ravenscraig steelworks.

Kinnock combined his reactionary pleas to Thatcher with a sneering chauvinist attack on the Libyan Jamahiriya and the Iranian revolution. Oil supplies from these areas could be cut, he said, but coal was produced by British people 'and is not going to be cut off at anybody's whim'.

This is a crude attempt to set the miners against the national liberation movement and place them in the role of 'loyal servants' to British capitalism for evermore.

This is certainly Kinnock's own role as was heavily underlined by his reaction to the Labour victory in Liverpool, where the council's refusal to pass on cuts in the form of job losses or massive rate rises has been resoundingly endorsed by the electorate.

In Kinnock's view, the councillors' chief duty is not to represent the electors, but to uphold Tory class law which victimises the electorate. He said the Labour councillors 'would do best by the people of Liverpool to stay in the positions to which they have been elected so that they can mitigate, protect and dilute the effect of central government cuts.'

Or, in plain English, become the butchers on behalf of the Tory Bonapartist regime. Kinnock tells the Liverpool councillors to adopt this course because that is the role he has chosen for himself. We have been warned.

LABOUR WINS BIRMINGHAM

LABOUR won control in Birmingham, Southampton and Edinburgh from the Tories, but failed to take over in inner-city authorities like Bradford, Bristol and Grimsby after Thursday's elections.

The Tories lost overall control of Cheltenham, Eastleigh, Eastbourne, Dudley West Oxfordshire, Stockport and St Albans.

Although Labour made 182 gains, the party also lost 137 seats, while the SDP/Alliance between them gained 206 seats and

only lost 63. Other Labour gains were at Dumbarton and Inverclyde in Scotland.

In the three parliamentary by-elections, the Tories held Surrey South West and Stafford — but with dramatically reduced majorities.

Share

The SDP increased its share of the poll, picking up the middle-class protest vote.

In the stockbroker land

of Surrey, the Tories saw their majority plummet from 14,000 last June to just 2,600; in Stafford solicitor Bill Cash crept home with a majority of less than 4,000 — down 10,000 on the general election.

In the third by-election, Labour comfortably held on to its stronghold of Cynon Valley with Mrs Ann Clywd becoming the South Wales valley's first woman MP. The Tory candidate lost his deposit.

The three by-elections

together showed the Tories with 36.2 per cent of the vote, Liberal/SDP 34.1 per cent and Labour 29.7 per cent.

Labour Party general secretary Jim Mortimer said the results showed that Labour has 'begun the long climb back to government'.

Seats

Tory Party chairman John Gummer commented: 'The fact is that

we held on so widely at a time we were defending seats we had won in a very good year for us.'

Liberal leader David Steel claimed the Labour Party had 'cause for real worry', adding: 'Taking control of a few town halls will prove a hollow victory.'

GLC leader Ken Livingstone said: 'If the local election results were repeated in London, Labour would be returned to the GLC with a massive majority.'

Liverpool council heads for clash

BY PAUL FELDMAN

WITH its majority increased from three to 17, the Liverpool Labour Group is confident it can win support for its deficit budget plans at the annual meeting of the city council on May 15.

This would result in an immediate financial and political confrontation with the Tory government and the City of London.

Tory plans include an emergency Bill to impose government commissioners with orders to make cuts and balance the budget.

Councillors who voted for the unlawful budget would be removed from office just weeks after winning an endorsement of their policies from the electorate.

The deficit budget, which ignores in rating terms the effects of Tory grant cuts, has twice been defeated by an alliance of Liberals, Tories and six Labour right wingers.

Liverpool is the only authority in Britain without a rate or a budget, more than five weeks into a new financial year.

But Labour took six seats off the Tories and one from the Liberals on Thursday night after fighting the election on a no-cuts policy which declared that no enormous rate rise would be imposed to balance the books.

Every council is obliged by law to make a budget which balances; Liverpool's proposed

budget incorporates a deficit of £160 million.

The authority needs to borrow money throughout the year to finance existing debts and to meet short-term requirements.

Default

City financiers are concerned that debts would be at risk of default, sending a shock wave through the money markets.

But there is no sign that the government is willing to compromise with the council.

Yesterday Environ-



DEREK HATTON

for the great majority of Labour supporters who have always supported the law.'

Speaking on the same radio programme as the Labour leader, Jenkin said it had been described as a confrontation with the government. 'But Neil Kinnock got it right.'

'It is a confrontation with the law — you cannot claim a mandate for breaking the law.'

Jenkin obviously expects Kinnock and Labour's front bench to back emergency legislation to deal with Liverpool.

Defy

Liverpool council leader John Hamilton admitted that Jenkin could throw his party out of office, saying: 'Knowing that man, I don't think he will have any compunction about doing just that.'

'But if Mr Jenkin is going to defy what the people of Liverpool voted for, it is he who is placing himself in a confrontation, not us.'

'The people of Liverpool have given him a clear message. The only thing that will stop us now from voting through this budget is if he is prepared to come up with an acceptable alternative.'

'We don't want to see any loss of jobs or services and we are keeping to a minimum rate increase.'

Racist PM to visit Britain

THERE was widespread condemnation last night of the planned visit to Britain by South African Prime Minister Botha.

The leader of the racist state has been invited by Prime Minister Thatcher for a 'short working visit' starting June 2.

Robert Hughes, chairman of Anti-Apartheid and Labour MP for Aberdeen North, said:

'It is quite disgraceful that he should be invited. We shall do what we can to make his visit as memorable as possible.'

'There is no doubt that the South African government has been involved in quite improper activities in this country against legitimate public organisations such as Anti-Apartheid, and we shall take every opportunity to show him how a democracy works.'

Botha's visit comes hard on the heels of the England Rugby Union's decision to send a touring party to South Africa. Both events could spark off a black African boycott of this summer's Olympics in Los Angeles.

An Anti-Apartheid statement said Botha 'will be the Ambassador of the world's most evil system'.

Spokesman Mike Terry said: 'We are particularly anxious that although this visit will be presented as an effort to produce progress over Namibia, it will in fact be aimed at reducing South Africa's international isolation and in particular to consolidate South African power in the region — the new Pax Pretoria — and the apartheid regime itself.'

'Mrs Thatcher said on December 18 1979 that she looked forward to the "ending of the isolation of South Africa in world affairs"'. She is now trying to put this into practice. She will pay a heavy price both in Britain and internationally and she will not succeed.'

EDINBURGH psychiatrist Dr Norman Kreitman yesterday called for an inquiry into the 'short, sharp shock' regime at the Glenochil prison complex, near Alloa, Scotland, where four youths have been found hanged in less than two years.

Teachers step up pay action

THE EXECUTIVE of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers last night announced the union's plans to escalate industrial action in the teachers' pay dispute.

All 120,000 members will be instructed to refuse to cover absent colleagues as from next week. Selective strike action in 'a number of authorities' is likely to begin on May 14.

Members will hold 'walk-outs' from schools lasting up to one hour on May 24. Meanwhile schools con-

tinued to be hit yesterday by the refusal of teachers to cover for absent colleagues and their withdrawal from all voluntary duties, including meals supervision.

Thousands of children were sent home for the lunch break and some schools have changed their working day to send pupils home early.

The largest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, has sent out 1.5 million leaflets to parents setting out the teachers' case and the NAS/UWT is sending out 2 million leaflets.

Home Office says Afia must go

AFIA BEGUM, the young Bangladeshi widow arrested after living in hiding for more than a year to avoid deportation, must leave Britain, the Home Office said yesterday.

Her arrest with her two-year-old daughter Asma prompted immediate protests from Labour MPs who have backed her application to stay in Britain since her arrival two years ago.

Two MPs, Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North) and Harry Cohen (Leyton) met Home Office Minister David Waddington on Thursday

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Wales TUC's full backing for miners

A MOTION supporting the miners in their struggle for jobs was passed unanimously at the Welsh TUC yesterday in Llandudno. Delegates called on the labour movement to rally behind the miners and give financial support. The motion also called for action in support of miners in a Day of Action.

David Jenkins, general secretary of the Welsh TUC, said: 'The miners are right. If the Coal Board's proposals for the industry were put into effect, we would see a

reduction of pits in Wales by three-quarters.

'The ripple effect of the NCB proposals will end what is left of the industrial heartland of Wales,' he said.

Alex Kitson, deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said those few lucrative pits remaining after the planned closures would be handed back to private industry.

'We will go back to before 1926 when the coal owners were calling the tune,' he warned.

Wage-cut warning

LEN MURRAY in his first major speech since announcing his retirement, told delegates at the Wales TUC that the Tories intend to introduce wage-cutting.

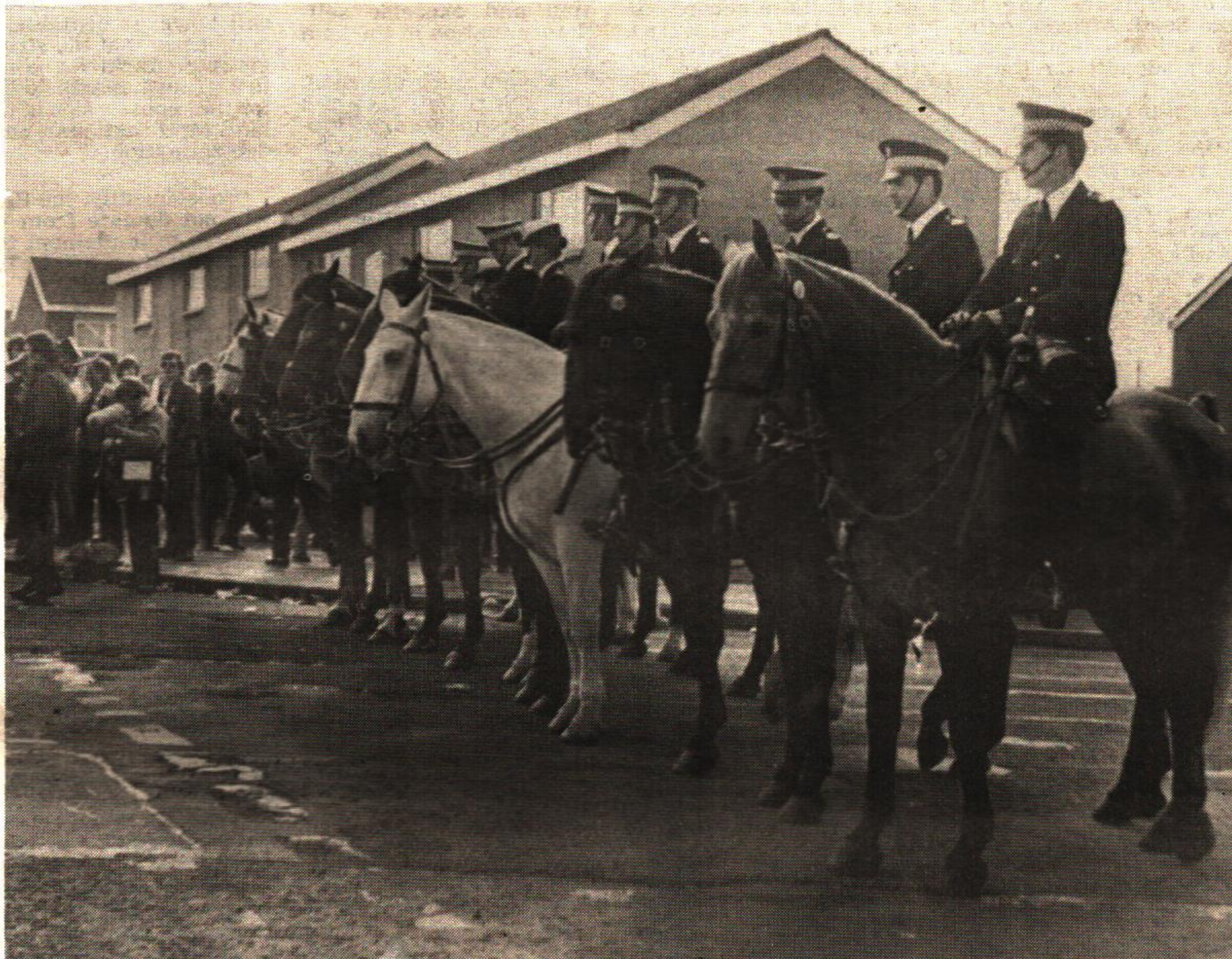
He said the plans for cuts in wages were to be found in the new Tory jargon of 'wage flexibility'.

The plans were spelt out in the government's White Paper on regional policy, he said, which claimed that if wages came down in the regions, then unemployment would also fall.

But Murray said that TUC research showed that wages had already fallen behind the national average in the regions, and that these areas showed a relatively higher level of unemployment.

Despite this evidence, said Murray, 'the government is carrying on with its wage-cutting campaign, regardless of the fact that it has no basis in economics or in morality'.

But confirming his view that change can only come through parliament, Murray added: 'We don't see the unions as challenging parliamentary democracy but quite the reverse'.



Mounted police ready to go into action at Ravenscraig yesterday

MASS PICKET PLANNED FOR MONDAY

Grip tightens on Ravenscraig

RAVENSCRAIG steelworks could be starved of coal from this weekend following talks between miners and rail and road transport unions in Glasgow.

Transport and General Workers Union officials and shop stewards, whose members have been driving lorry convoys into the steel plant, are advising drivers not to cross the NUM picket lines.

The advice, drawn up at a three-and-a-half hour meeting, is being relayed directly to the drivers at the three haulage firms involved — all of which are union organised.

A statement from the T&GWU road haulage section in Glasgow yesterday said: 'It was decided that as from today, the union members would adhere to T&GWU policy in support of the NUM dispute and would respect pickets at Ravenscraig or elsewhere.'

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

still going into the steel-plant last night however. It was not known whether this was because the advice had not yet reached the drivers, or whether BSC were bringing in non-union drivers.

On Thursday night, rail unions agreed to cut all coal supplies by train to the plant in response to an NUM request issued after the road convoys began and steel unions had agreed to use the coal from this source.

One trainload of coal a day was being permitted until miners protested that steel production was continuing.

Tommy Brennan, ISTC convenor at Ravenscraig, said: 'Never in my most awful nightmares did I dream the day would come when miners pickets would be outside Ravenscraig.'

Talks

Steel union representatives walked away from yesterday's talks between the T&GWU and NUM after being told the discussions would only cover the transportation question.

NUM Scottish agent Jimmy Young commented: 'I made it clear (to the steelmen) that I

was coming here to discuss the problem with the transport workers, and not to rehash what was discussed at the Triple Alliance.'

Young objected to a letter circulated by the steel union officials to other unions without discussion with the NUM or the Scottish TUC.

'I am for stopping production throughout Britain, never mind Ravenscraig,' Young added.

Convoys carrying hundreds of tons of coal were

Supplies

The steel unions' acceptance of scab supplies of coal arranged by BSC management has temporarily halted Triple Alliance meetings in Scotland. Scottish TUC officials are working behind the scenes to get the NUM and ISTC talking to each other again.

● Scottish NUM strike centres are being organised to send extra pickets to Ravenscraig from Monday.

PAPER BELONGS TO THE WHOLE MOVEMENT — MP CLAIMS

Benn backs 'Morning Star'

break away

BY ALEX MITCHELL

TONY BENN, the Labour MP for Chesterfield, has given his support to the hi-jacking of the 'Morning Star' from the Communist Party.

He was speaking at a public meeting at the Fulham Town Hall on Thursday night alongside leaders of the two main wings of the deeply-divided Stalinist party — general secretary Gordon McLennan and 'Morning Star' editor Tony Chater.

Benn told the 200-odd in the audience: 'The Morning Star' is the only daily newspaper which consistently supports the labour movement, gives fair coverage to its activities, its policies, its members, and I learned that yet again in Chesterfield not so long ago.

'And in that sense, it now belongs to the whole movement and not just to one party and its future should be shared.'

His support for the Chater group's plan to break the Stalinist daily from the Communist Party after 54 years was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Later in the same speech Benn said: 'We must be ready to listen to all sorts of socialists, and others, with something useful to say to us.'

'The time has come, dare I say it from this platform, to bury once and for all some of the traditional animosities that still exist between various schools of social-

ist thought that scarred our early history and still plague us now.'

'We need a genuinely new international socialist ecumenical movement which brings us together to discuss our rich and diverse traditions in a spirit of comradeship.'

'What we need is a mosaic of socialist opinion.'

'We also need a completely free socialist press,' Benn said, which was answerable to its readers and its employees. And such socialist papers can't be subject to the control of any one party, he added.

But Benn's position was completely opposed by

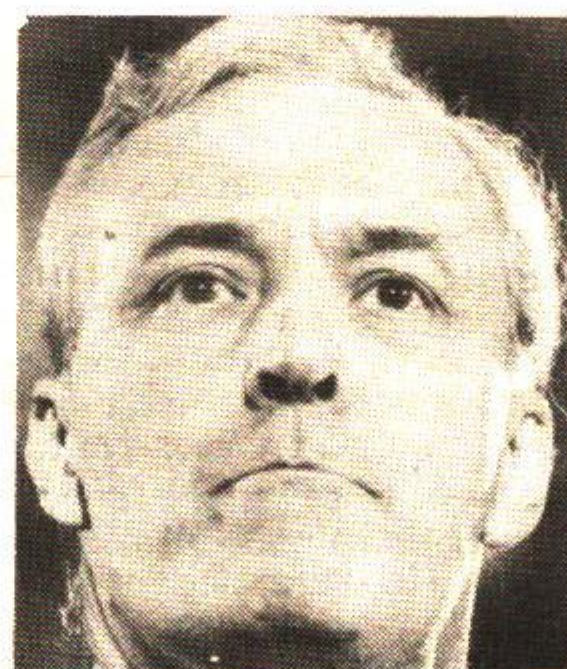
George Bolton, the chairman of the Communist Party's executive, who was speaking in his capacity as vice-president of the Scottish NUM.

Paper

Bolton said: 'I'm proud to say that the Scottish miners have been for many, many years not only sellers and supporters of the "Daily Worker" and the "Morning Star", but for very many years shareholders in that paper.'

'We recognise the importance of that paper and its daily political clarity.'

'And our union always



BENN

recognised that the guarantee of that daily political clarity was that special relationship between the "Morning Star" and the Communist Party.

'That was our view then, it's our view now.'

With Benn frowning and smoking his pipe, McLennan also stressed the political relationship between the Communist Party and the 'Morning Star'.

'I think you all agree that it is the Communist Party and its members that have made it possible for the working class and the progressive movement to have a daily paper to voice its aspirations and report its activities,' he said.

'Without the sacrifice and efforts of tens of

thousands of communists the paper would long ago have gone the way of the "Daily Herald".'

In an uninspiring speech, Chater gave listeners a catalogue of woes. 'I've got to tell you that this weapon we have in our hands could disappear before the end of this year.'

'This is the fact that has got to be faced. It is not crying wolf. The financial crisis that we now face could close it down.'

'We warned of this coming crisis for a number of years. We've managed to keep going, but there is a limit and that limit is now upon us.'

'That is why the PPPS management committee has been developing its survival plan and is now engaged in implementing it with the utmost possible speed and vigour.'

'We're asking for your help and support in doing this. There really is no alternative if we are going to save this paper.'

He said the root cause of the paper's crisis was the low circulation. 'To balance our books we would need 7,000 extra daily copies. Not in the next year or the next two years. We would need it, or we would have needed it, on January 1 of this year.'

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WORLD SUMMARY

Call to block elections

LAHORE — Pakistan's main opposition political alliance will block any non-party national elections held by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq. Khwaja Khairuddin, secretary-general of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), said the MRD would have to organise itself 'to obstruct party-less elections'.

Massacre

MAPUTO — Anti-government terrorists massacred 37 civilians in an attack ten days ago in the northwestern province of Tete, the official Mozambican news agency said.

Spacewalk

MOSCOW — Two Soviet cosmonauts on board the orbiting space station Salyut-7 carried out their fourth spacewalk to continue maintenance on the craft's propulsion unit.

Visit

PEKING — China's Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang was welcomed by North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung when he arrived in Pyongyang yesterday aboard a special train from Peking.

Denial

ANKARA — The Turkish government has denied responsibility for bomb attacks, apparently aimed at Armenians, which injured 13 people in the Paris suburb of Alfortville on Thursday night.

World News Line

TREATY WITH RACIST PRETORORIA CONDEMNED

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

TANZANIA — The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC of South Africa) has criticised the Mozambique-South African security treaty and reaffirmed its commitment to the armed struggle.

A statement by PAC chairman John Nyati Pokela was issued following the summit by African front line heads of state at Arusha, Tanzania's provincial capital, last weekend.

The African presidents endorsed the agreements reached between the Mozambican, Angolan and South African regimes and also emphasised their support for the ending of apartheid by peaceful means.

Pokela was apparently prevented from attending the meeting although Oliver Tambo, the president of the African National Congress (ANC), was in attendance and he did not dissent from the final communiqué.

Pokela's statement said: 'The PAC main-

tained from the very outset that these accords or any other similar arrangements now or in the future can never resolve the fundamental problem in South Africa, namely, the inalienable right of the African people to exercise self-determination.

'Moreover, the PAC has consistently pointed out that the exploited and dispossessed people of Azania have tried, over a long period, all peaceful means of struggle to

achieve national liberation and exercise self-determination in the land of their birth.

'But on each occasion, the oppressor replied with reactionary violence.

'Under these concrete conditions the PAC, following the Sharpeville massacre and in response to the just demands of the Azanian masses, adopted armed struggle as the principal method of struggle.

'The PAC, as the custo-

dian of the legitimate aspirations of the oppressed, exploited and dispossessed people of Azania, will however continue to emphasise that the struggle in South Africa is not just against apartheid but for the repossession of the land and national self-determination.

'Consequently, the PAC will not deviate from its resolve to implement the mandate given to it by the masses of Azania.

'Furthermore, the PAC, as the recognised national liberation movement of the people of Azania, has expressed itself to be against the Nkomati accords (between Maputo and Pretoria).'

Potkelo concluded by reiterating the PAC's total condemnation of the destabilisation policy pursued by the Pretoria regime against independent African states and noted that this policy was being carried out with the assistance of the Reagan administration.

● The Frelimo government in Mozambique has opened negotiations to join the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

Arafat arrives in China

PEKING — Palestinian leader Yassir Arafat today starts a three-day visit to China to discuss the Middle East crisis and Chinese support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Arafat is expected to meet China's top leaders, including Deng Xiaoping, Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang and Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian.

In an interview in Amman with the official New China News Agency, the PLO chairman said he was visiting on the 20th anniversary of his first trip to China.

'China stood by us and supported us from the very beginning of the Palestinian revolution. We will never forget the consistent support from the Chinese leadership and the Chinese people to the Palestinian people.'

Arafat is also likely to discuss the outcome of talks Chinese leaders had with President Reagan during his visit here last week.

During talks with Chinese leaders, Reagan rejected a suggestion by the Premier that the US government should hold talks with the PLO aimed at finding a peaceful settlement in the Middle East.

Peking, which does not have diplomatic relations with Israel, provides military training to some PLO officers and has also given military equipment.



ARAFAT

The PLO spokesman said further military support could be discussed during the visit.

Arafat said in Amman before leaving that US support to Israel threatened an explosion in the Middle East.

He accused the US of total bias towards Israel, a criticism also made by King Hussein recently.

'There must be an Arab stand against the American administration, which has proven to be not respectful of any charters, rights or principles and sees the Middle East problem only through Israeli eyes,' he declared.

'The Arabs have material, financial, trade, human, political and military resources which must be used. Military resources should be used against America's puppet (Israel).'

He added: 'I have the right to ask the one billion Moslems (in the world) what stand they are taking to confront the extreme American-Zionist position in the holy city of Jerusalem.'

Arafat accused the US government of scorning the Arab and Moslem world. He said he did not think a new US administration would mean a change in US Middle East policy. All American

administrations were 'bad, biased and stand against Arabs and Palestinians'.

He stated: 'What goes on in our occupied land is due to unlimited American aid to Israel. For example, all settlements are built with American money.'

'The US administration must understand that its unlimited support to Israel will result in an explosion in the region.'

Arafat said Israel had rejected numerous peace initiatives. 'Therefore our people have no alternative but to continue their struggle by all available means, including armed struggle.'

Numeiry under pressure

KHARTOUM — President Jaafar Numeiry has dismissed 15 security officers for inefficiency in a fresh move to appease the widespread revolt against his regime.

Five colonels, two lieutenant-colonels, five majors, one captain and two lieutenants were pensioned off 'to improve the performance of the country's security apparatus'.

Numeiry proclaimed a state of emergency last Sunday and then reshuffled his cabinet, switching the foreign, interior, health, trade, labour and information ministers.

Under the state of emergency, strikes and demonstrations are banned. Numeiry has also given the army and police special powers to detain suspects, impose curfews and search homes.

About 1,700 government accountants and cashiers have ended a strike. They walked out to support demands for better pay and working conditions, but it was not known whether their demands were met.

Widespread strikes by professional groups including doctors and university professors were among Numeiry's reasons for imposing the state of emergency.

Special courts headed by civilian judges assisted by army and police officers will try people accused of taking part in strikes, demonstrations and unauthorised meetings as well as those suspected of corruption and hoarding food supplies.

First vice-President Omar Mohamed El-Tayeb claimed that the Sudanese people had responded 'positively' to the emergency and that the security situation was 'stable' throughout the country.

In Paris, the Paris Club of western creditor countries has agreed to give Sudan 16 years to repay nearly \$300 million of debts falling due this year.

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Spy has a criminal record

THE HAGUE — The Canadian who spied on the peace movement for the US National Security Agency and the Dutch police has a criminal record, the Dutch government said yesterday.

Interior Minister Koos Rietkerk told a closed session of parliament's security committee that John Gardiner has convictions in several countries, including Britain,

Sweden and West Germany.

The offences included theft, fraud and threatening behaviour, Rietkerk said.

The summary of the closed discussion was later made public by the security committee chairman, Joop den Uyl.

But den Uyl admitted that Rietkerk had still to answer questions about

whether Gardiner was employed by the Dutch government.

Gardiner, 42, told newspaper reporters that he had been employed as a spy during a five-month stay at a peace camp near an air base in southern Holland which is due to receive US cruise nuclear missiles.

Anti-nuclear campaigners at the site became

suspicious of Gardiner when the police arrived at demonstrations which had been discussed only by those at the camp.

Then, on April 20, Gardiner confessed to the campaigners that he had spied on them for the Dutch and US governments.

He has since disappeared after speaking of fears for his life.

World News Line

GADDAFI IN ANGRY ATTACK ON TORIES

TRIPOLI — Libyan leader Colonel Gaddafi yesterday accused the British government of planting weapons in the London office of the Libyan Arab People's Bureau.

He said that the use of weapons and explosives by the British police to enter the building without any independent escort at first, was proof that the weapons were planted.

And commenting on the discovery of weapons in the British Embassy in Tripoli, Italian Ambassador Alessandro Quaroni said it would have been 'very difficult' for Libyan officials to have planted them.

'The building is kept locked when it is not being searched and I have the keys,' he said.

'The guns were found in a safe in the cypher room on the first floor of the Embassy. It had to be opened with force — mechanically — because there was no key or combination.

'It was opened in the presence of two observers from my Embassy. There were five pistols — three Smith and Wessons, a Webley and a Walther P38. There was also a reasonable amount of ammunition.

'In another part of the same room were found about 20 canisters of noxious gas and in another part of the chancery there were two gas masks.'

The Italian Ambassador's testimony proves that the Foreign Office in London is lying — and that the British Embassy in Tripoli was stocked with weapons.

The Libyan authorities later released details of the guns, including their serial numbers. None of the serial numbers were listed among weapons registered with the Libyan police for personal protection.

The search of the British Embassy in Tripoli was started only after the British police had entered the People's Bureau in London.

After refuting the British police 'discovery' of

weapons at the bureau, Colonel Gaddafi told reporters yesterday that the formal severing of relations by the British government would remain one-sided until the Basic People's Congresses met and discussed Libya's response.

Gaddafi said he was confident that the Jamahiriya would not take a tit-for-tat attitude to British citizens in Libya by subjecting them to arrest and harassment — as the Tory government had treated Libyan subjects.

Civilised

'To start with, there is no comparison whatsoever between our behaviour and that of Britain. We are a civilised people, whereas Britain is a savage, barbaric state.'

He added: 'Britain is like all other colonialist countries, which are responsible for the disasters inflicted on African and Latin American countries. The fact that these countries colonised other nations for centuries is evidence that they do not respect others' borders and freedom.'

'In fact, throughout our history we have been struggling to preserve our independence against these evil invaders. Thus our conduct will never be like that of barbaric Britain.'

'Our conduct is characterised by responsibility, civilisation and respect for international convention.'

'I do not think that in their People's Congresses the Libyan people would behave as Britain has done to the Libyans.'



Libyan women training for the Peoples militia

Army out in force for fraud election

SAN SALVADOR — More than 4,000 armed civil guards have been mobilised for the second round of presidential elections tomorrow.

In Washington, the conservative Senator Jesse Helms accused US Ambassador Thomas Pickering of 'leading the death squad against democracy' by 'rigging' the elections.

The El Salvador regime's mobilisation of forces

is a response to threats by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) yesterday to plant mines on major roads to disrupt the elections.

Radio Venceremos, the FMLN's clandestine station, said the elections were a farce and that the guerrillas would step up fighting during the balloting.

The two main candidates are the Social Democrat Party's former military president, Jose Napoleon Duarte, and the

extreme right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA) candidate, Roberto D'Aubisson.

Neither candidate's parties won a clear majority in the first round of elections on March 25.

FMLN forces seriously disrupted the first by engaging the Civil Guard in heavy fighting in the north and by seizing thousands of identity cards without which nobody can cast a vote.

Colonel Domingo Monterrosa, commander of an infantry brigade, confirmed yesterday FMLN fighters had combed towns in the east in a new attempt to confiscate the cards.

The military regime has made it mandatory for those eligible to vote to go to the polls and Salvadorans without a 'voted' stamp on their cards are liable to detention.

The army, meanwhile, is scheming to reassert its authority against whoever is elected president.

A special armed forces commission last week drafted a letter as a warning to the next president to 'keep out of military affairs'.

It is clear proof that the elections are a farce and that President Reagan will continue its bloody, reactionary campaign against the revolutionary forces.

Pentagon arms Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — The Reagan administration is supplying the Costa Rican regime with 80 transport vehicles, as well as coastal speed boats, ammunition and uniforms.

It forms part of continued US provocations against the Sandinist Nicaraguan revolution.

Helicopters will be delivered later to the regime which has no army — only a paramilitary arm funded and directed by the CIA.

US Ambassador to Costa Rica, Curtin Winsor, made the disclosure yesterday, vowing direct military intervention if Costa Rica was 'invaded from Nicaragua', according to Reuters news-agency.

Dismissed

In Guatemala, General Oscar Mejia Victores, the military dictator, dismissed Supreme Court President Ricardo Sagastume for refusing to co-operate with military leaders.

Sagastume, who served for 25 months under two successive military governments, accused the military and police of flagrant violations of civil rights as well as fundamental statutes of the judicial system.

US alarm over debts

PARIS — President Reagan's chief economic adviser Martin Feldstein said that talks between governments, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), banks and debtor countries are under way to secure a prompt intermediate solution to the global debt crisis.

He told reporters: 'A lot is being done, and it happens in a subterranean way.'

Feldstein said the sensitivity of the issue prevented him from going into details, but added: 'My hope is that some progress will be made in the near-term.'

Short-term rescue packages for an increasing number of developing countries, especially in Latin America, have pre-

vented any major disruption to the financial system.

But the risk of United States short-term interest rates rising further, increasing debt-service costs, has added an urgent dimension to the need for a longer-term solution.

Feldstein was briefing reporters before returning to Washington following a two-day meeting of the 24-nation Organisation for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD) economic policy committee.

Pressed by reporters Feldstein said: 'It's all under the table, negotiations are going on, there's lots of machinery.'

He described the timing

of an agreement as a 'serious problem'.

Feldstein said here two days ago that there is a risk US short-term interest rates will go higher despite Reagan administration efforts to cut future high US budget deficits.

Consensus

This increases the chances that debtor countries will have to reschedule their debt repayments again, and a consensus appears to be emerging that refinancing needs to be spread out over a longer period than the present one-year deals.

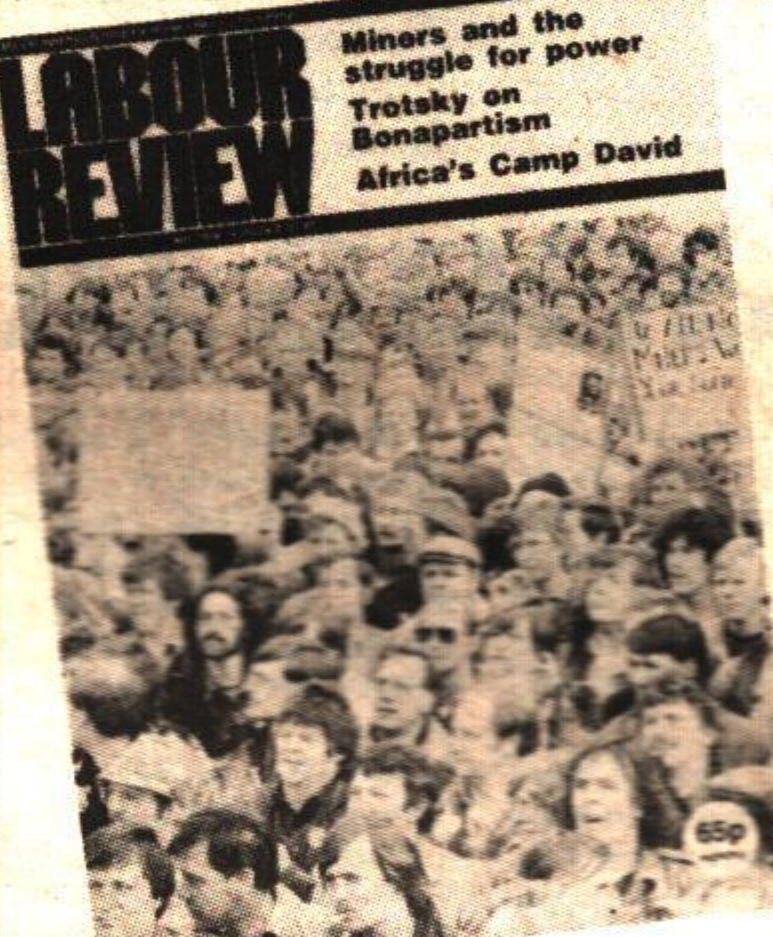
Feldstein said current talks were aimed at an intermediate solution.

'There is a need to buy time, if the time is well used it would enable countries to develop their export earnings,' he said.

Senior officials from major central banks will meet in New York next week for a three-day seminar on the international debt crisis arranged by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Issues covered by the negotiations range from a five-year debt moratorium sought by some debtor countries to demands by creditors for payment of all interest on existing loans, with no new money being given to pay that interest.

Latin American countries have foreign debts totalling \$336 billion.



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THIRTY YEARS SINCE THE

A tribute to the army of the people



Ho Chi Minh (centre) planning the Dien Bien Phu attack in 1954. Second from left is Phan Van Dong and right is Vo Nguyen Giap

ON MAY 7, 1954, the victorious People's Army of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) overran the 'impregnable fortress' of Dien Bien Phu after a siege of 55 days and nights and inspired workers and the national liberation struggles throughout the world.

In the words of Vo Nguyen Giap, the military genius who led the army at Dien Bien Phu, that victory stands as a tribute to 'the true army of the people, of toilers, the army of workers and peasants, led by the Party of the working class'.

The People's Army put out of action at Dien Bien Phu 16,200 imperialist troops, including one general, 16 colonels, 1,749 officers and warrant officers, brought down or destroyed 62 aircraft and seized armaments, ammunition and equipment and more than 30,000 parachutes.

At this time the revolutionary forces had established government in five provinces in the remote north-east: Ha Giang, Cao Bang, Tuyen Quang, Bac Thai and Lang Son.

The rest of the country was occupied by French troops although a militia of hundreds of thousands of armed and semi-armed peasants loyal to the People's Army was active in these areas.

The critical turn came with the signing of armistice in Korea in 1953. The French appointed General Henri-Eugene Navarre to command the badly shaken Expeditionary Corps, after replacing in quick succession General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny and General Salan.

US and French military experts flew in forces from France, West Germany, North Africa and Korea under the 'Navarre plan', to regroup mobile, mechanised corps in key areas in an ambitious plan to smash the Vietnamese liberation movement in 18 months.

Not one of the military strategists, however, appears to have thought about how this wild dream would be achieved.

The French concentrated more than 50 per cent of their so-called mobile forces on Vietnam's right shoulder, in the Red River delta, and planned overnight to build a puppet force of 54 battalions, to be double the next year, to hold 'liberated' areas.

De Lattre had employed the plan and failed miserably but the French and US military experts went about brutalising the civilian population, fooled by their own propaganda of alleged re-occupations and defeats of the enemy.

The bloody campaign, in fact, affected very little of the liberation forces.

The French began air-dropping supplies on mountainous Dien Bien Phu, on Vietnam's left shoulder close to the Laos border, from November 20, 1953 in a grand plan to outflank the People's Army in the course of a sweep to the delta. But a crucial obstacle to this plan was that the only supply line was by air.

BY SAM PILAY

The counter-assault by the Vietnamese liberation forces was a masterpiece in military strategy, co-ordinated by Giap through the party's Central Committee slogan of 'Dynamism, initiative, mobility, and rapidity of decision in the face of new situations'.

They stayed their power when and where the enemy expected to be attacked. The aim was to pin them down, while the People's Army struck out in a multi-pronged offensive throughout the country, scattering the imperialist forces.

It combined all the ingenuity of hundreds of years of fighting oppression and modern guerrilla technique, largely modelled on Mao Tse-tung's writings on guerrilla warfare, and enabled the People's Army to be at the right place at the right time; to advance not swiftly but surely.

Factors

Giap understood that time and timing were the objective factors that dictated the subjective factor of the amount of space the People's Army would occupy.

As Giap put it in 'The Military Art Of People's War', after the recapture of Lai Chau, north of Dien Bien Phu: 'In other words, the Navarre plan of active regroupment of forces had in fact been turned into a forced dispersal of these same forces. The much-vaunted "Navarre mobile corps" in the delta had been reduced from 44 to 20 battalions. It was the beginning of the end of the Navarre plan.'

It was not only the beginning of the end of the Navarre plan, but the beginning of the end of the French empire in Algeria, where the national liberation struggle led by the FLN, inspired by the Vietnamese victory, erupted the following year.

The People's Army began the siege of Dien Bien Phu, a plain about 11 miles long and three to five miles wide, on March 13.

It was to be taken in three phases. The first phase was the destruction of the northern sub-sector, the second the occupation of the hills in the east and encirclement of the central sub-sector and the third was code-named simply: 'Annihilation of the Enemy'.

Hundreds of thousands were mobilised for the

Hands tied by Stalinism

THE Vietnamese revolutionary forces won their war of national liberation with one hand tied behind their backs by the treacherous Kremlin and Peking Stalinist bureaucracies.

In France, the Communist Party that Ho Chi Minh had helped found in 1920 joined the Bonapartist post-war imperialist government of General Charles de Gaulle and voted for escalation of the imperialist war.

On May 8, the very day after the victory of Dien Bien Phu, the wheeling and dealing began at Geneva and culminated in the Geneva Agreement that divided Vietnam from Hue, halfway along the Vietnam panhandle.

Chain

The treaty was one more link in a chain of Stalinist counter-revolutions; an extension of the Yalta and Potsdam treaties which returned Europe to the capitalist class in exchange for Stalin's reactionary theory of 'peaceful co-existence'.

Pentagon advisers told the White House the 'Vietnam were thwarted, not so much by western resistance or treachery, as by Sino-Soviet pressures on them to co-operate', according to the 'Pentagon Papers'.

'Together and separately, Moscow and Peking pressed concessions on the Vietminh. Invariably, the two principal communist delegates, Chou En-lai and Molotov, played major roles in breaking deadlocks with conciliatory initiatives. "Peaceful co-existence" was the hallmark of their diplomacy.'

Chou and Molotov also betrayed the Laotian people by dropping their demand for an autonomous Pathet Lao regime, enraging Vietnam's chief negotiator, Pham Van Dong.

He told a Vietnamese associate immediately after the treaty was signed on July 20, 1954: 'You know as well as I do that there won't be any elections.'

The United States put on the cap of world policeman and the nailed boots of international terrorism, and dug its own grave in Vietnam, because 'important raw materials and markets in this vast region' were at stake, in the words of one of its admirals.

The French Stalinists' policy immediately after the war is a lesson the international working class and the oppressed colonial and semi-colonial masses cannot forget.

Stalinist Defence Minister Francois Billoux set

aside 100 billion old francs out of a total defence budget of 193 billion old francs to finance General Leclerc's war in Vietnam.

Communist Party chief Maurice Thorez's chauvinism and unabashed commitment to French imperialism was explicit.

He betrayed the Indo-Chinese Communist Party's trust by declaring, according to the French writer Jean Lacoutre, that he 'ardently hoped to see the French flag flying high over every territory in the French Union' and did not have the 'slightest intention of being held responsible for a sell-out of France's positions in Indo-China'.

Hostile

The Geneva treaty was given a hostile reception by the Vietnamese masses. Ho Chi Minh responded: 'Fellow countrymen throughout the land! Impelled by love of peace, we have made concessions. But the more we make, the more the French colonialists take advantage of them in order to trample our rights... No! It would be better to sacrifice everything than to forfeit our country and sink back into slavery. Compatriots arise!'

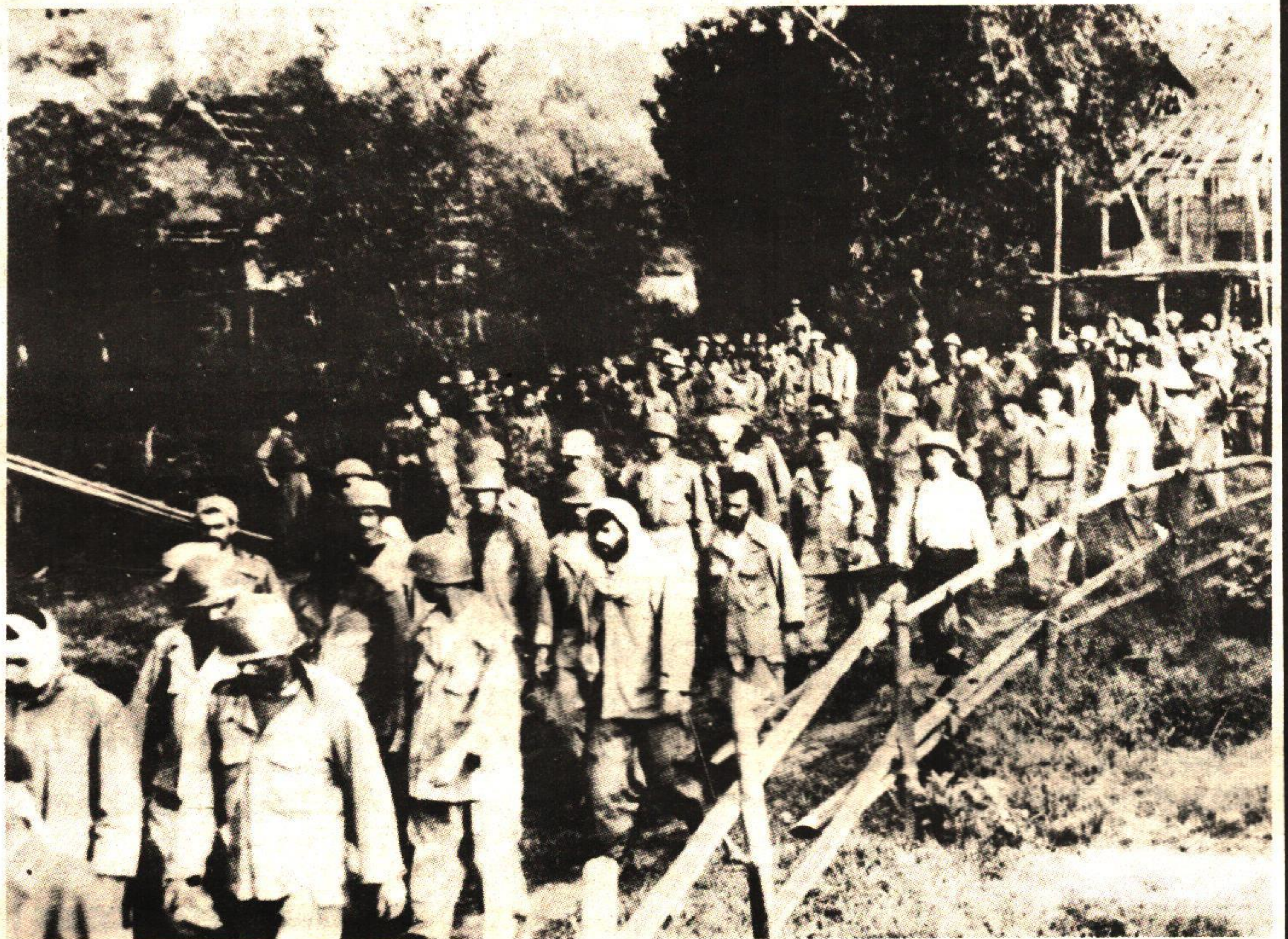


Phan Van Dong (centre) headed Vietminh delegation at 1954 Geneva talks. With him are Chou En-lai of the People's Republic of China (right) and Andrei Gromyko of the Soviet Union (left)

VICTORY AT DIEN BIEN PHU



The only way in for the French was by air. The accuracy of the People's Army anti-aircraft guns so rattled the French pilots that they often dropped supplies short of target and they fell into the hands of the revolutionary forces



The defeated French troops after Dien Bien Phu

effort; to build roads, clear tracks, haul with their bare hands artillery pieces up over 3,300 feet of mountains, to build casemates for the artillery and to literally transform the relief of the hilly terrain into a battlefield.

Giap says: 'We overcame very great difficulties. We called upon our local compatriots to supply food, to set up supply lines hundreds of miles long from Thanh Hoa or Phu Tho to the northwest, crossing hundreds of very dangerous areas and very high hills.'

They fought without any air power or the heavy armaments of the imperialist forces but in a matter of weeks the foot-soldiers turned the valley into a labyrinthine network of underground tunnels and trenches.

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The opening of the battle stunned the French troops. Giap had succeeded in installing his 155mm guns on the inside of the mountain basin around the French camp.

Battle

When Giap's gunners opened up, the French artillery commander retired to his cabin and blew out his own brain, realising the battle had already been lost.

The revolutionary

forces completed the first phase of the Dien Bien Phu operation in four days.

The second phase was the crucial one and the most bloody, and constitutes the main part of the campaign; yet in four days, from March 30, the terrain was occupied equally by both forces.

The murderous fighting was to continue for a month. Heavy airdrops of the deadly 'butterfly' bomb, designed to explode only when trodden upon, failed to deter the revolutionary forces.

Their supply lines held fast and the bloody siege continued until victory on May 1, with Giap's forces pouring the enemy's own shells into their lines.

Between May 1 and 7 the liberation fighters encircled the imperialist

troops within a one square mile area and exposed them to withering fire, culminating on the afternoon of May 7 with a combined attack upon the headquarters at Muong Thanh to the south.

Finale

White French flags fluttered all over the encircled area in the devastated valley.

Bernard Fall describes the victorious finale for the People's Army in the essay 'Dien Bien Phu — a battle to remember': 'As a French colonel looked out over the battlefield from a slit trench near his command post, a small white flag, probably a handkerchief, appeared on top of a rifle hardly 50 feet away from him, fol-

lowed by the flat-helmeted head of a Vietminh soldier.

'You're not going to shoot any more?' said the Vietminh in French.

'No, I'm not going to shoot any more,' said the colonel.

'C'est fini?' said the Vietminh.

'C'est fini,' said the colonel.

The secret of the victory was that the liberation fighters of a colonial country had, as Giap puts it in his book, adopted 'the strategy of a people's war and of a revolutionary army'.

The thorough understanding of the contradictions and general laws of the aggressive war enabled us to detect the enemy's great weakness

arising from the concentration of his forces.

'Always convinced that the essential thing was to destroy the enemy's manpower, the Central Committee worked out its plan of action on the basis of scientific analysis: to concentrate our forces to move to the offensive against important strategic points where the enemy's forces were relatively weak in order to wipe out a part of his manpower, at the same time compelling him to scatter his forces to cope with us at vital points which he had to defend at all costs.

Directives

'Our strategic directives were: dynamism, initiative, mobility, and

rapidity of decision in the face of new situations.'

Dien Bien Phu is the most decisive battle of the 20th century. It paved the way for the greatest defeat of imperialism and the liberation of a land colonised for almost 2,000 years.

General Giap, 71, visited the scene of his finest accomplishment last week. 'Their mistake was that they underestimated us,' he said.

He laughed, recalling France's boast that the Vietminh would be destroyed if they attacked the garrison. 'The future belongs to nations who struggle to be masters of their destiny.'

News Line salutes the 30th anniversary of this great victory and the Vietnamese revolution of April 30, 1975.

A contribution to the world revolution

Edited text of speech delivered by Dang Nghiem Bai, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, London, April 30

THE Dien Bien Phu battle, the crown of a vast campaign throughout Indochina, the strategic offensive of 1953-1954, brought a glorious end to the war of resistance of our people against the French colonialists aided by the US imperialists.

With the great victory of the Spring 1975 General Offensive and Uprising which climaxed in the historic Ho Chi Minh Campaign, our people accomplished their sacred mission by finally concluding the imperialist domina-

tion of our country, making our homeland permanently independent and unified, and advancing on the road to socialism.

Obligations

At the same time, we fulfilled our noble international obligations to the fraternal peoples of Laos and Kampuchea, made a worthy contribution to the world revolution.

In the eyes of the world, if the Vietnamese people's victory in the resist-

ance war against the French had marked the beginning of the end of old-style colonialism, their victory in the resistance war against the Americans proved to the world that the complete bankruptcy of neo-colonialism was inevitable.

It shattered the biggest counter-offensive of the imperialist ring-leader against the revolutionary forces since World War II.

It weakened the imperialist system, boosted

the strength and the offensive position of the three revolutionary currents of our time, brought faith and enthusiasm to hundreds of millions of people on the earth struggling for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism.

Struggle

During their long and hard struggle, the Vietnamese people had to deal also with the reactionary forces in the rul-

ing circles in Beijing (Peking).

Early this year, Pol Pot remnants and other Khmer reactionary forces got out of their sanctuaries in Thai territory and carried out many attacks against the populous areas along the Thai-Kampuchean border.

Rushing to their help on April 2, China opened artillery fire on six provinces of our northern border. Up till now, Chinese artillery had fired more than 30,000 shells on our territory.

However, China, Thailand and Pol Pot's dark design has failed completely. The Beijing reactionaries' biggest betrayal of the world revolution is their betrayal to the people of Vietnam as well as the peoples of Laos and Kampuchea. Vietnam is for dialogue not confrontation, for peace not war.

Demand

We strongly condemn steps of military escalation and threat of aggression of the US imperialists, and resolutely demand that the US stop at

once all plots and acts of aggression against Nicaragua and other countries in the region and withdraw immediately their troops and war means from Central America.

In commemorating the great victories of Dien Bien Phu and of the total liberation of South Vietnam, please allow me, on behalf of the Vietnamese people once again to express our profound and sincere gratitude to all friends and comrades, to the British peace-loving people who have extended valuable support to the Vietnamese people in the past as well as at the present.

Civil servants say no to YTS

CIVIL service union members in Customs and Excise have totally rejected the introduction of the cheap labour Tory Youth Training Scheme.

Meeting in Bournemouth, the members of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, the majority union in Customs and Excise, defied their union executive's recommendation in throwing out the scheme.

The motion read: 'This conference is opposed to the government's Youth Training Scheme. The group executive committee are therefore instructed to oppose any attempt to introduce the YTS into HM Customs and Excise.'

● A MINER from South Wales spoke at a fringe meeting of the conference on Thursday night and over £500 was raised in a collection for the miners' strike.

RAIL UNIONS PLAN ACTION OVER PAY

INDUSTRIAL action by railwaymen in support of their pay claim is 'almost certain', trade union leaders said yesterday.

Speaking to reporters in London, NUR general secretary Jim Knapp, and ASLEF train drivers' leader Ray Buckton said their unions both 'totally rejected' the latest British Rail pay offer.

A final decision on industrial action will be taken on Thursday, giving the management one week to respond, they said.

Provisional plans for the industrial action in-

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clude an overtime ban, a ban on rest day working and a policy of non-cooperation with management.

British Rail has offered a mere 4 per cent on pay — and then only if the unions agree to cut more jobs through single-manning on trains.

Knapp said: 'There has been a total rejection of the Board's latest offer, which in our eyes is not an offer because it is still linked to the implementation of productivity items.'

He added that over

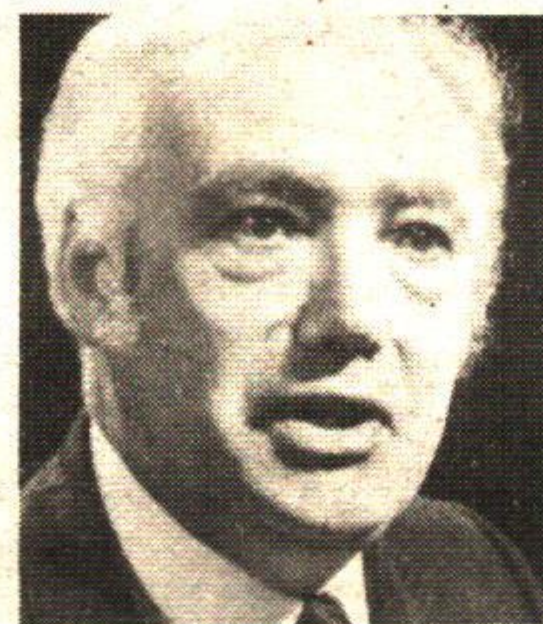
27,000 railway jobs have been destroyed in the last five years. 'Railway workers have delivered enough in the last five years on productivity.'

'Some men are on a basic wage of £72, and four per cent of £72 is nothing,' he said.

Buckton said that his union had made it very clear to employers that the questions of pay and productivity must be negotiated separately.

'BR have adopted a blackmail type of attitude,' he said.

'Industrial democracy has gone out of the window. It is a case of accept what we say or else. BR won't say what sort of pay



JIMMY KNAPP

offer they are prepared to make if we don't agree to the productivity items.'

Both union leaders said that the low pay of their members meant that many hours of overtime



RAY BUCKTON

are being worked in the industry and that an overtime ban would be particularly effective.

It was possible that the rail network would be completely shut down on Sundays, they said.

University unions to strike

UNIONS representing 70,000 university staff in the eight non-teaching unions decided last night on a programme of disruptive action culminating in a half-day strike on May 31 in an attempt to improve their 3 per cent pay offer.

The unions — NALGO, ASTMS, AUEW, CSEU, GMBATU, NUPE, T&GWU and UCATT — are claiming a 10 per cent rise with improvements in holidays and hours.

Earlier Jack Dromey, the T&GWU national officer for the universities, had hit out at the 'hard line' being taken by the management side in relation to manual and ancillary workers' pay.

He said that in the next few weeks union representatives would seek clear statements of support from individual universities on the claim to end low pay.

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

SKELMERSDALE: Tuesday May 8, 7.30p.m. Quarry-bank 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

DINGLE: Wednesday May 16, 7.30p.m. Pineapple Public House, Park Road.
Speakers: Cathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central 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)

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 Turgoose (Fitzwilliam and Kinsley Miners Wives Support Group); Glynnis 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 (Ledstone 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 Turgoose (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 Turgoose (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)

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); In personal capacity: John Lockett (president Wolstanton NUM); Mick Nettleship (Derbyshire NUM); John Taylor (Secretary Staffs County FBU)

EASTERN

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

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, Greyhound Avenue, Southmead.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTH WALES

RHYMNEY: Wednesday May 9, 7.30p.m. Rhymney Workmen's 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

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. Moules-coombe 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

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 Turretts Pub, Friern Barnet Lane, N11, (opp New Southgate station).
Speakers: Gary Ryder (YS National Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP District Committee)

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

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

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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)

MILLWALL: Wednesday June 6, 7.30p.m. Glengall Grove Community Centre, 37-43 Glengall Grove, Cubitt Town.
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

Carworkers to stay out

CAR WORKERS at the Longbridge trim shop voted yesterday to continue their strike against speed-up and a cut in manning levels.

The four-day strike has already halted production of BL's Austin Metro, and workers said yesterday they were ready to mount pickets to bring other sections of the plant out on strike.

There are 700 workers on strike on both day and night shifts. They walked out when six workers in

the trim section were disciplined by management for allegedly not working fast enough.

The Metro trim workers walked out in sympathy and were later joined by workers who man the Mini lines.

Yesterday's decision to continue strike action was unanimous, and workers voted in support of proposals to mount pickets at other parts of the plant from next Tuesday.

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We want to unite with steelworkers

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coming now and we are going to have to unite against it,' said McKinstry, pointing to hundreds of police who 'overwhelmed' pickets outside Ravenscraig's main gate. 'We are going to end up with a national police force.'

McKinstry also called for the TUC to back the miners, and said the one-day strike called for next Wednesday in Scotland was quite insufficient.

'We know that workers are being blackmailed to stop them supporting the day of action. In some factories in our area, they are being told they will lose a week's pay if they take the day off,' he said.

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The Zionist state's financial industry was South Africa's main market for diamonds — and now they are taking a million and a half tons of foreign coal a year through Hunterston docks for Ravenscraig.

Stewart called on the steelworkers to support the miners. 'We never took steel for girders in the pits, during the steel strike. We gave them moral and financial support. If they had asked, we would have come out on strike. Now we are asking them to back us.'

'We are hitting at MacGregor's policy of privatisation, which affects both coal and steel.'

Among a large contingent of Mid and East Lothian miners who ar-

steelworks yesterday the Tory enemy.

handle scab coal,' said Bellshill and Viewpark

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rived at Ravenscraig yesterday to back the Polkemmet men was Jackie Aitchison.

'There is no split between miners and steelworkers,' he stressed. 'The government wants a contracted steel industry; we want it to expand. We want Ravenscraig booming.'

Aitchison said Wednesday's one-day strike in Scotland should be a powerful demonstration of support for the miners — but would not be adequate in itself.

Silence

'Hopefully, the TUC General Council will take action now. They have been conspicuous by their silence until now.'

'If the coal industry trade unions are beat in this dispute, bearing in mind that we are in the vanguard of the movement, the writing will be on the wall for the rest.'

Steelworkers walking in to Ravenscraig yesterday morning showed not a trace of hostility to the miners and most of them



Miners from the Bellshill miners' welfare at Ravenscraig yesterday

wanted the Triple Alliance union leaders to find an answer to the Ravenscraig problem.

'We have to get our alliance going again,' one

told News Line. 'We support the miners strike — but at the same time we are worried about our own jobs.'

Another said: 'We are

over a barrel. If we don't complete our orders they will close us: we are earmarked for it. You tell me the best way to support the miners.'

An older worker pointed out: 'They are fighting for their jobs. So are we fighting for ours. I was a miner: I know what pit closures are all about.'

Mass picket in Stoke

ABOUT 100 pickets were out at Holditch colliery near Stoke-on-Trent yesterday morning. Inside the colliery a line of lorries was being filled with coal while two ranks of police blocked the road.

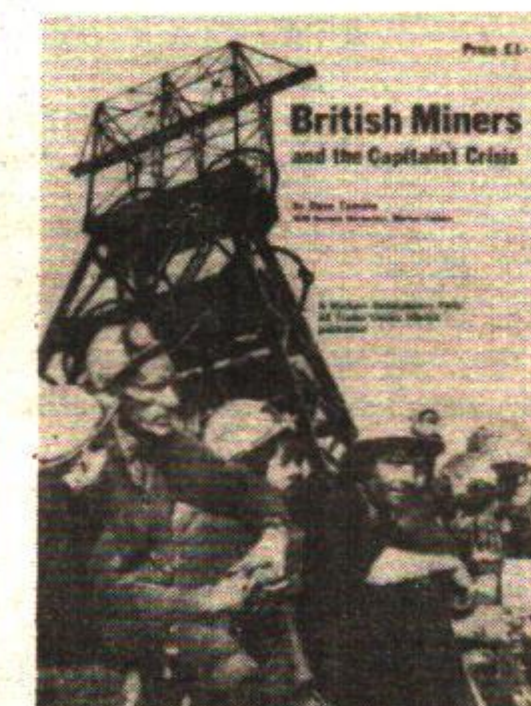
More police reserves stood by in their vans and a police wagon with cells was also present. Pickets told of their experiences when the lorries started carrying coal out.

One young miner said: 'On Wednesday one lad swore, then the police came at us. We were shaking after it,' he said. 'You see it up and down the country and you see it on television but you never expect it in Stoke-on-Trent 1984.'



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Snatch out in



Mounted police were among the huge force mobilised to face pickets outside Hucknall colliery, near Nottingham, yesterday

Welbeck supports families



Lynn Newburn, who has formed a Wives' Support Group for the striking miners, seen with husband Mick and sons Simon and Mark at their Welbeck home yesterday

WELBECK miner's wife Lynn Newburn has formed a Women's Action Group to provide food parcels for families facing severe hardship after eight weeks on strike. She told News Line yesterday: 'If you'd asked me three or four weeks ago whether I would be doing this now, I'd have said definitely no.'

But from an initial uncertainty over the strike, Lynn is absolutely adamant now. 'I'm prepared for them to stop out as long as it takes. There's no way we'll give in to them,' she said.

Lynn decided to set up a wives' action committee after hearing how other communities were responding to the attempts of Thatcher and MacGregor to starve the miners into submission.

'For three days solid I went round this village looking for people to set up the committee. It wasn't easy. But the first

donations of food came in before we even got our committee of 12 and it hasn't stopped since.'

Lynn said the first priority of the Welbeck Women's Action Group is to provide food for families in Warsop Vale and other nearby communities where miners have been out for two months.

She said: 'A lot of the food we've had has come in fact from the wives of strikers in Welbeck who have been totally unselfish. They are donating now because they know they have not been hit the hardest so far.'

Mayor welcomes marchers

THE NORTH East Miners' March for Jobs set off yesterday morning for the Jarrow Albert Club. At South Shields town hall, the last stop, they were welcomed at a civic reception laid on by the Labour council.

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Mayor Hugh Carling and his wife, along with the leader of South Tyneside Labour Council, Vincent Fitzpatrick, greeted the marchers.

Today the march sets off

from South Shields to Sunderland, where NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield is due to address a rally.

Malcolm Turner, a young striker from the Philadelphia General Stores in Durham, is pleased by the support that the miners are picking up on the march, 'especially from the proper working people'.

'Pit village support was great, too,' he said. 'I can't wait to get to my own territory near Sunderland.'

If the pits close, 50 per cent of the Philadelphia workshops would also close, Malcolm has been told, 'because we would lose orders'.

'We only came out officially two weeks ago and I feel the strike is growing stronger.'

'We have a few scabs who we have tried to stop getting in from the COSA union. They have no soul or class consciousness.'

'When we held a mass picket outside the Philadelphia stores, the NCB gave them a week's holiday in advance and three of our lads were arrested on the picket line.'

'The NCB say they are losing money, but I know of a case of them burning 6,000 overalls and boiler-suits.'

'When we asked if we could buy them they said no because they were soiled. But they weren't because they were still in their plastic bags and worth a tanner a pair.'

'We have youth on YTS in the stores and they are just cheap labour.'

'Our fight is not only our fight but is the fight of the TUC. If we can get the support from the TUC for a General Strike we should go for it because it would frighten the government.'

'While I'm on strike, the wife and the bairn are staying at their mother's because I am only on £6 a week strike pay.'

Wrong

'Our work is important and we want more support because everybody gets the wrong idea, that Notts men are all working, and that there is no hardship here. I can tell you that's not so.'

Lynn said the group had decided to distribute food parcels from the union strike headquarters rather than set up a canteen for pickets, because they wanted to ensure that the families of strikers were being adequately fed.

She added: 'But just as important an aspect as the food is the need for wives to discuss. They need each others' moral support.'



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Shirebrook pickets, in yellow, inflicted a 3-1 defeat on the wives' action group in a match to raise funds for the wives' action group

Community b

THE MINERS have the support of the whole community in their fight to defend jobs, publicans Pauline and Al Sammons of the Victoria Hotel in Shirebrook, told News Line.

The couple have laid on free food for striking miners at the pub, and said that everyone in the village recognises that if the miners lose their fight to save Shirebrook, the village will be doomed.

'What have the kids got if the colliery closes? We come from Yorkshire, and we have seen what MacGregor did to the steel industry in Sheffield — so we know what is at stake,' said Pauline.

The effects of the closures had forced them to leave Sheffield, Albert explained. 'It's all right for Tebbit to say "get on your bike", but where do you ride it to?'

At a recent football match in aid of the wives' action group, Shirebrook miners played Warsop Main pickets from the colliery a few miles away.

Members of the community turned out to watch the match, and Barbara Foster and Christine Cooper

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The Zionist state's first industry was South African-funded diamond cutting in Tel Aviv.



Toxteth community in Liverpool has collected a whole vanload of supplies for miners and their families from the Lancashire coalfield

Toxteth hand over the first soviet load of food

ON MARCH 26 1871, the masses of Paris elected the Commune to organise the city's defence against the attacks of the bourgeois government of Thiers.

But the Commune was much more than a mere committee of defence — in its method and organisation, it developed into the prototype of a workers' state. The Commune was the model on which the Soviets were built.

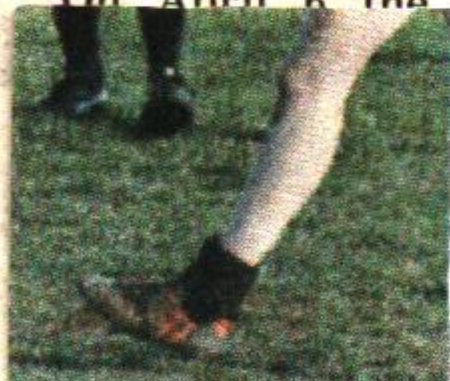
On 30 March the Commune abolished conscription and the standing army, forming the National Guard into the sole armed force in Paris. On April 1 a maximum salary of 6000 francs (the equivalent of the wages of a manual worker) was introduced for all members of the Commune and the total separation of Church and State was not

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THERE are now more biographies of Michael Jackson than he has made albums. Each book has been a sell-out, as his fans of all ages clamour for facts and photos.

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The food had been collected from working-class families on the Menzies Street estate — most of them unemployed. Help also came from the cleaning ladies at Liverpool Polytechnic.

A delegation of miners and miners' wives from Sutton Manor colliery, St Helen's, travelled down to Menzies Street to receive the food.

Cheques

They were also met by representatives of the UCW postmen and the GMBATU council workers, who brought cheques from collections amongst their members.

The whole estate, including children, turned out to take part in handing the supplies over.

Local people were still jubilant over Labour election successes in the previous night's council elections and brand new Labour councillor Peter Ferguson was at the presentation.

Tony Jones, of the Toxteth Community Council, explained how the collec-

in the air permeates his whole work. In other words, his approach is rooted in philosophical idealism and he rejects the rigorous materialist analysis of Marx and Engels.

His thesis is that the 19th century witnessed the domination of the Then people started coming to the door and emptying their larders.

'And there's 80 per cent unemployment on this estate. That heartened us. A lot of the people we went to see on Friday night still hadn't had their giros and said we should come back on Saturday.

'When we went back, there it was. They had bought it from their giros.'

Bernie Smith, also from the Community Council, said: 'It was brilliant. People were very good. The response from pen-

RESPONDENT

sioners was especially antastic. People here were sympathising with the miners.'

Celia Jones said: 'It's very bad unemployment here, but people are still giving. You could tell that people had planned what they gave us so that you could make up meals. They know what it is like themselves.'

Delegation

Pat O'Hara, UCW postmen's indoor assistant secretary at Copperas Hill sorting office, came to the presentation with a delegation of postmen.

He said: 'We got together £203 from a quick whizz-around. As

far as we are concerned, mining is a nationalised industry and we're in the same boat as them.

'When they have finished with them, they'll come on to us. We have the BT privatisation ongoing. We've got jobs on the line.

'We're discussing industrial action over pay, but with this government everyone is scared for their jobs. With the miners making their stand, it's an example to all trade unions.'

Bernie Moore, GMBATU convenor, Liverpool Corporation, also brought a sizeable cheque for the miners.

He told News Line: 'We helped with the collection and it's still going ahead. The men are solid behind the miners. Liverpool is

solid. We know the score.' Sutton Manor miner Frank Gill urged support for the miners' march in St Helen's next Saturday (May 12).

Miner's wife Lorraine Smith said: 'We are setting up a wives' support group at Sutton Manor welfare at 10.30a.m. Monday morning.

Cost

'So far five of us have been coping, using outside caterers, but it has cost a bomb. Now we are looking for an electric stove to set up in the welfare.'

● THE miners' demonstration and gala on Saturday May 12 assemblies at 11a.m. by the town hall on Birchley Street, St Helen's.

Good local support

ROY Jackson, NUM branch secretary at Sutton Manor pit in St Helens, told News Line that striking miners were getting good support from the local working class.

'We go out every night speaking at docks, universities, labour clubs

and trades councils,' he said.

'Every shop stewards' committee we talk to has given us support. We've just received six cheques through the post this morning.'

Jackson said that he did not expect that any talks with the government

would be able to solve the dispute.

'As Len Murray found out when he went to negotiate over the unions at GCHQ, Thatcher's only words were "I have decided".'

'If we get a good leader now in place of Len Mur-

ray, the TUC may realise its strength and fight with dignity.

'People have got to realise that the right wing of the Tories are fascists. The men that go to work in Nottinghamshire and Lancashire must see that they are helping them.'

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



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.



KENT miners' wives were welcomed in north London yesterday by the Camden Labour group, which organised two days of events in support of the strike. The Camden Women's Bus took the Kent women to a reception attended by representatives from the Camden Labour Group, trade unions and other local organisations.

They went on to and addressed a lunchtime meeting called by the NALGO women's section for town hall

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Tough conditions for bailed miners

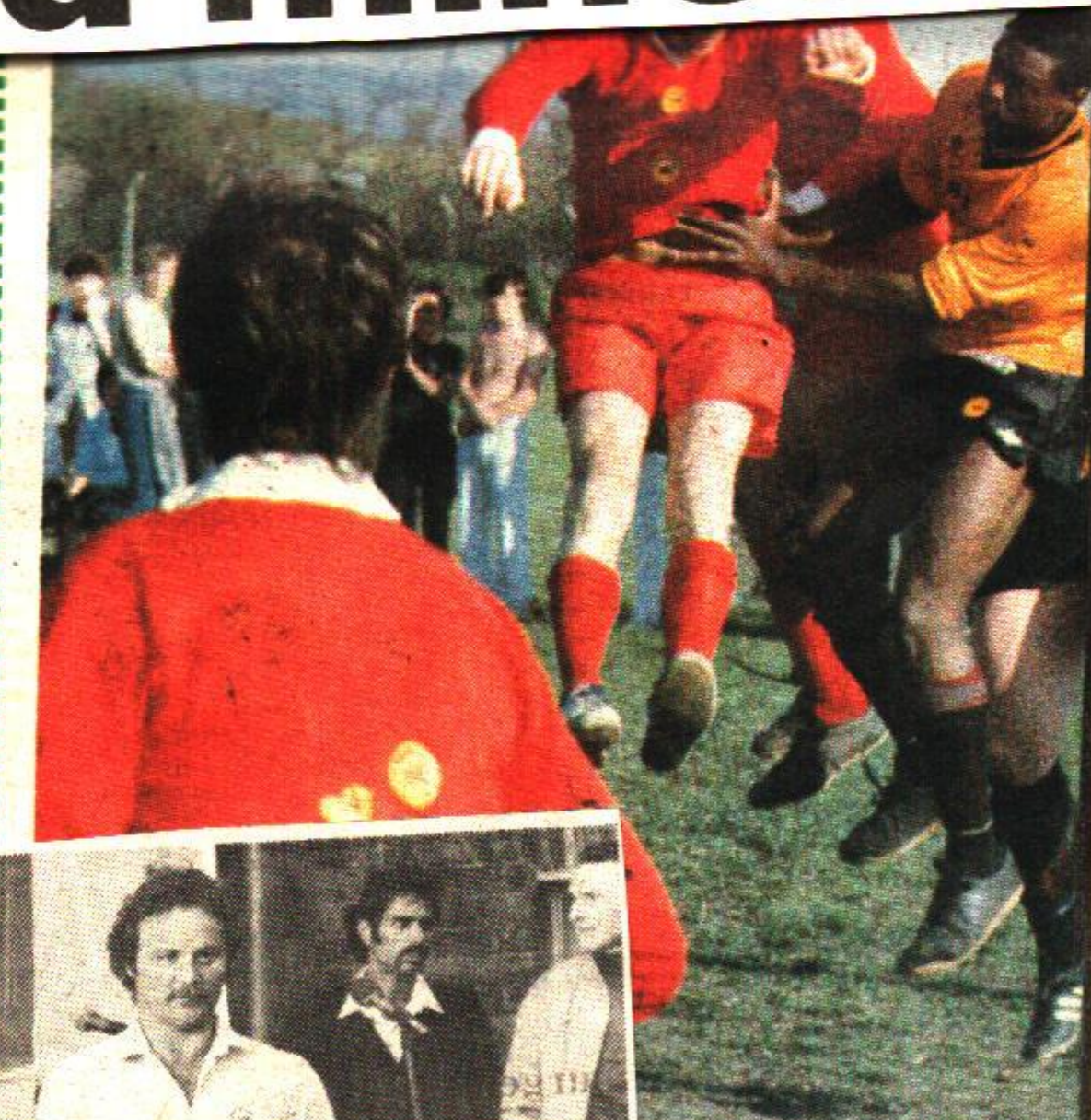
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Lynn said the first priority of the Welbeck Women's Action Group is to provide food for families in Warsop Vale and other nearby communities where miners have been out



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Jackie Perry with some of the children from Neshell's school and the food collection

Street party for miners

PARENTS occupying the Neshells school in Birmingham invited striking miner Paul Perry and his wife, Jackie, from Keresley village near Coventry, to their street party as a demonstration of solidarity and to draw out the unity of their struggles.

Margaret Newbold, chairman of the Neshells Action Committee, introduced Jackie, who addressed the party by drawing the parallel between Keresley in Coventry and Neshells in Birmingham.

'We are both fighting for the freedom to choose and

we will never be defeated,' she said.

A large donation of food was handed over, collected at the initiative of the Young Socialists. The Neshells parents have now designated their sit-in at Christine Cooper - the school as a weekly collection point for food to be-

sent up to Keresley.

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A very natural alliance

THE CLOSE and ever-closer relationship between Israel and South Africa is a thoroughly natural alliance between two racist, anti-communist states.

James Adams's account of the growth of political, financial and military connections between the two countries is therefore mistitled. The United Nations itself condemned in 1975 the racism of the Zionist state, whose denial of rights to the Palestinians is paralleled only by the apartheid state.

Adams traces the alliance back to the friendship between the Zionist Chaim Weizmann and Jan Smuts, who helped secure the Balfour Declaration in 1917 which promised to establish a Zionist state in Palestine.

But the marriage was made in 1948 when the

'The Unnatural Alliance' by James Adams — Quartet, £9.95

BY BRIDGET DIXON

Zionist state was founded and South Africa became the first country to recognise it and the first to send its head of state on a visit. In South Africa the Nationalist Party came to power and legalised the racist 'separate development' policy.

The two states have the same enemy — the masses. And as the revolutionary tide has turned in favour of the masses, the two racist regimes have become increasingly isolated. The book gives details of the financial deals which make Israel probably South Africa's biggest trading partner — although the exclusion of diamonds and arms from the official figures obscures this fact.

The Zionist state's first industry was South African-funded diamond cutting in Tel Aviv. South Africa sells semi-finished steel to Israel to finish and sell to the EEC and the USA who give prefer-

ence to Israeli imports. Israel invests in and recognises the Bantustans.

But it is in the arms industry that the collaboration has been most advanced, sharing knowledge as well as equipment. Both countries are ringed with Israeli-built electronic fences and microwave detection devices as well as mines; they learn from each other's experiences of fighting a majority enemy.

The intelligence services, Israel's Mossad and South Africa's BOSS (Now NIS), share knowledge and dirty tricks, although Adams points out their exchanges with the American CIA and Britain's MI5.

Israeli intelligence often through police and military training, has spread across Africa. CIA documents found in the American Embassy in Tehran mentioned particularly Kenya, Zaire, Liberia and Ghana as places where Israeli intelligence liaison is strong.

They have also shared the technology of nuclear weapons; on September 22, 1979, a small fleet



The then South African Prime Minister John Vorster, second left, with South African Foreign Minister Hilgard Muuler, left, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, second right, and Foreign Minister Vigal Allon meet in Israel 1976

sailed out of Simonstown and fired a nuclear device to explode five miles above the Indian Ocean.

Whether it was Israeli or South African is irrelevant, argues Adams, so

close is their work in this field, although he chronicles their independent endeavours to obtain the technology, and in Israel's case, the fuel.

Adams concludes from

all this a growing strength and 'new-found feeling of security' for the racist states. But in his opening paragraph he describes them, more accurately, as 'more and

more isolated and surrounded by enemies'. For their equipment and intelligence-gathering is a sign of their growing weakness, not, as Adams thinks, of their strength.

The Paris Commune — the first soviet

ON MARCH 26 1871, the masses of Paris elected the Commune to organise the city's defence against the attacks of the bourgeois government of Thiers.

But the Commune was much more than a mere committee of defence — in its method and organisation, it developed into the prototype of a workers' state. The Commune was the model on which the Soviets were built.

On 30 March the Commune abolished conscription and the standing army, forming the National Guard into the sole armed force in Paris. On April 1 a maximum salary of 6000 francs (the equivalent of the wages of a manual worker) was introduced for all members of the Commune and the total separation of Church and State was not

France 1815-1914: The Bourgeois Century by Roger Magraw Fontana, £4.95

BY JOE EYRE

only decreed, but imposed.

On April 6 the Commune abolished capital punishment while on April 16, plans were put in train to reopen factories abandoned by the bourgeoisie under communal control. On April 30 pawnshops (which permanently held thousands of working-class families in hock) were ordered to close.

All of this, together with the direct and continuing form of democracy practised by the Commune immediately caused Marx and Engels

to conclude that the Commune must provide the organisational basis for the working class in its struggle to overthrow the capitalist system and establish socialism.

Sceptical

When Roger Magraw comes to discuss the Commune, his conclusions are extremely tentative and he is sceptical as to whether it really represented a new form of political organisation.

This tendency of Magraw to leave conclusions half-formed and floating

in the air permeates his whole work. In other words, his approach is rooted in philosophical idealism and he rejects the rigorous materialist analysis of Marx and Engels.

His thesis is that the 19th century witnessed the domination of the whole of French society by the bourgeoisie. He has written a very bourgeois history of 19th century France.

And yet, there are useful aspects to this book. In particular, Magraw deploys the results of much recent research to present us with a much clearer picture of economic development in France under the Orleanist monarchy (1830-1848) and the Empire (1851-1870).

He catalogues the pressures exerted by the

bourgeoisie upon the countryside and the resistance of the peasantry to it. He discusses the antagonisms within the bourgeoisie itself and he examines the role of the monarchists and the Church in French society.

Magraw does attempt to examine the development of the working class and its organisations. He quotes Marx from time to time — agreeing with the Marxist analysis here, criticising it there.

Pose

That the development of French society and of the French working-class movement in the 19th century was extremely contradictory is not in doubt. But Magraw is largely content to pose the contradictions and leave it at that.

Engels recognised these contradictions, too. But he analysed the various political tendencies from the standpoint of scientific materialism, exposing the material roots of Proudhon, Blanc, Blanqui and the rest.

Engels' conclusion was that although no one in Paris in 1871 actually knew how to overthrow capitalism it was generally understood that this was what needed to be done.

Such a conclusion is, I am afraid, much too bold for Mr Magraw.

SHORTS

'Gorilla, My Love' by Toni Cade Bambara — Women's Press, £3.95

A COLLECTION of short stories written during the 1960s and set mostly in Harlem, New York, where Toni Cade Bambara was born and grew up. The book bursts with life, and you need only read her short, witty introduction to be completely hooked.

Most of the stories are written as through the eyes of a child, and mercilessly pillory sanctimonious adults, teachers, the church — and even the black power movement.

TOO RICH for everyone's taste, a second novel from a writer living in Glasgow who has won some fulsome praise from the critics.

The book is devoted to one night in the life of a Scottish travelling salesman in a hotel in Greenock, where he tries to push back painful memories of the past.

Very introspective, but at the same time a powerful comment on the distortion of social and personal relations under capitalism.

The Michael Jackson phenomenon

THERE are now more biographies of Michael Jackson than he has made albums. Each book has been a sell-out, as his fans of all ages clamour for facts and photos.

'Michael! The Michael Jackson Story' by Mark Bego (Zomba, £3.95) is fully illustrated and good value, and has already sold its way through a first printing. Also reasonably priced is the glossy hardback with 91 photographs, 69 in full

colour, just called 'Michael Jackson' by Stewart Regan (Greenwich House, £5.95).

'The Magic of Michael Jackson' (Omnibus Press, £3.95) comes in slim magazine format. It has facts, pictures and interviews, but it is certainly overpriced. The poster magazine which is adorning many teenagers' walls is 'Michael Jackson' by Independent Publications at 75p.

Omnibus Press also

publish 'Michael Jackson in his Own Words' (£2.95) which is quotes around a sequence of pictures, all in inexplicably pink tones. The words and music of the million-selling 'Thriller' are available from Wise Publications at £3.95.

And for the background on the early years and Michael Jackson's four brothers, there is the poorly-produced 'Papa Joe's Boys: the Jacksons' by Leonard Pitts Jr (Columbus, £3.95).



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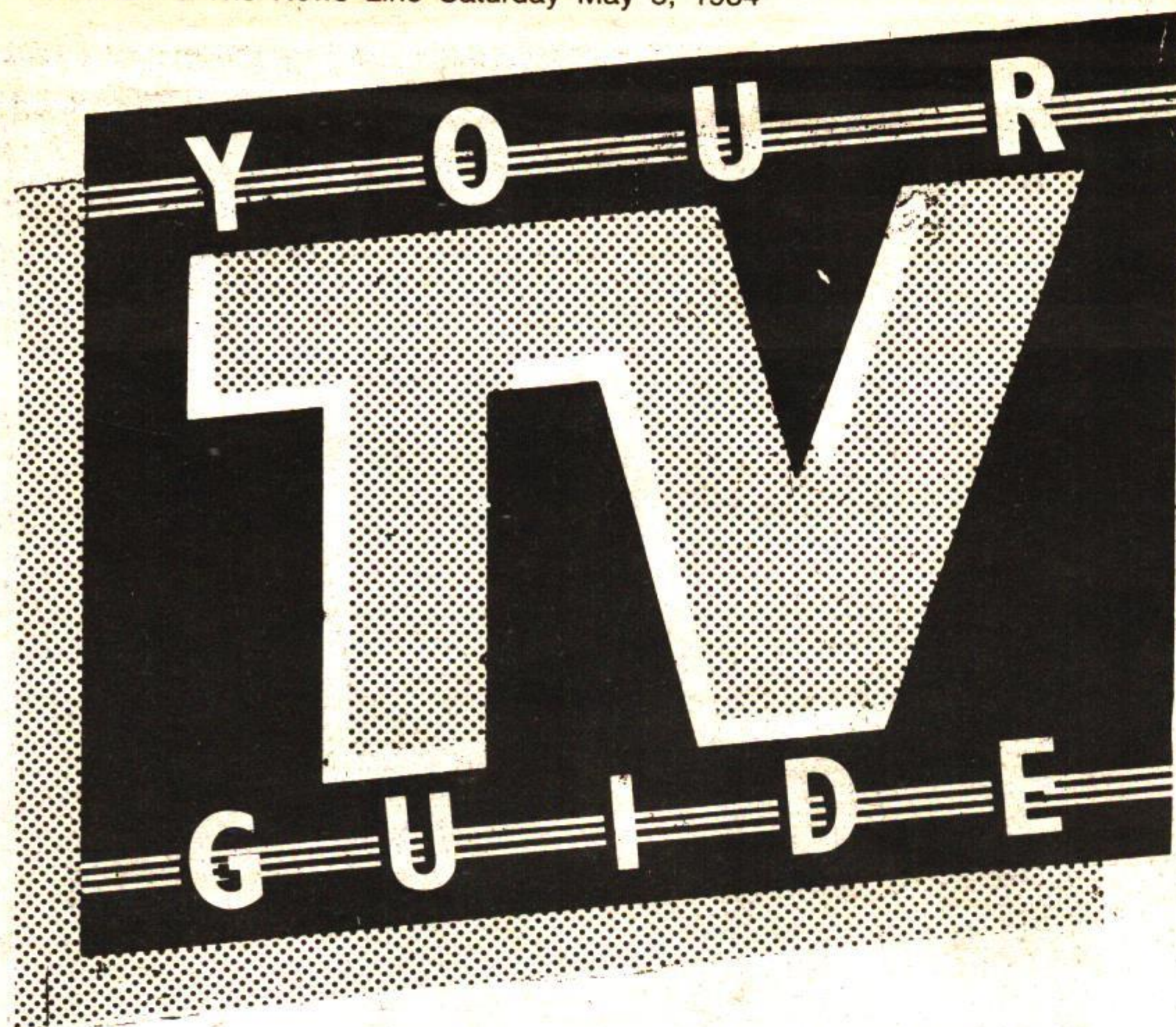
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SATURDAY



Barbara Kellerman as Queen Guenevere in 'The Morte D'Arthur' on BBC2 at 8



'UB40 — A Musical Profile' on 4 at 9.55pm

BBC1

OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.20 Physics: Painting Potentials. 6.45 Latin Squares. 7.10 Oceanography. 7.35 Handicapped in the Community. 8.00 Properties of Enzymes.

8.45 The Saturday Picture Show. 10.55 Film: *Barnaby and Me* (1977) with Sid Caesar and Juliet Mills. 12.27 Weather.

12.30 GRANDSTAND (including 12.55 News) Football Focus (12.35); Snooker (1.00, 4.25); Racing from Haydock (1.25, 1.55, 2.25); Synchronised Swimming (1.40) from Crystal Palace; Judo (2.10) from Belgium; Rugby League (2.40) Wigan v Widnes from Wembley; Final Score (4.50)

5.05 THE DUKES OF HAZZARD *Lulu's Gone Away* With Tom Wopat and John Schneider

5.55 NEWS; Weatherman

6.05 SPORT

6.10 THE ACTION FILM: Airport 77 With Jack Lemmon, Lee Grant, Brenda Vaccaro, Olivia de Havilland, Darren McGavin, Christopher Lee, James Stewart. An airplane is hijacked and as its new owners fly off, they hit an oil platform. Those on board have to make their own escape (1977)

8.00 EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 1984 From the Theatre Municipal, in Luxembourg with Terry Wogan. British entry is Belle and the Devotions, 'Love Games'

10.30 NEWS AND SPORT Weatherman

10.45 SATURDAY LATE FILM: The Bounty Hunters (1970) Dead bodies are plentiful, but this is an inventive spaghetti Western directed by Frank Kramer (Gianfranco Parolini). In Mexico, 1867, revolutionaries join up with a gunslinger called Sabata to get their hands on a gold shipment. With Yul Brynner, Dean Reed, Pedro Sanchez and Gerard Herter

12.30 Weather; Closedown

BBC2

OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.25 Tectonics and the Red Sea. 6.50 How Electricity is Generated. 7.15 Maths. 7.40 Michelangelo. 8.05 Classical Greece. 8.30 Mendelsohn's Dream. 8.55 Introductory Electronics. 9.20 The Promised Land. 9.45 A Sample Story of Country Folk. 10.10 The National Interest. 10.35 Calculus. 11.00 Geology. 11.25 Einstein's Belief. 11.50 School Closures in Berkshire. 12.15 Maths Across the Curriculum. 12.40 Chancellor's School. 1.05 Polymer Engineering. 1.30 History of Mathematics. 1.55 The Management of Advancement. 2.20 The Plough and the Hoe. 2.45 Modern Art: Picasso.

3.10 SATURDAY CINEMA Paco (1975) A Colombian country urchin comes to the city in search of his uncle and finds his hopes and ideals are destroyed. With Jose Ferrer, Pernell Roberts, Allen Garfield, Andre Marquis, Panchito Gomez

4.45 THE SKY AT NIGHT New Life for Solar Max

5.05 WORLD SNOOKER The semi-finals of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

6.35 THE MILLION DOLLAR MOTOR CAR An Open University programme

7.00 NEWS AND SPORT; Weather

7.15 WORLD SNOOKER Further coverage of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

8.00 THE MORTE D'ARTHUR By Sir Thomas Malory; with Jeremy Brett, Barbara Kellermann, David Robb, Nickolas Grace, Anton Dolin, John Barton. The legends of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table as depicted by Malory in 1470

9.25 WORLD SNOOKER Further coverage from the Semi Finals

10.30 RUGBY SPECIAL The Mid-dlesex Sevens Commentary from Twickenham on the final Saturday of the rugby season

11.33 NEWS SUMMARY Weather

11.35 WORLD SNOOKER Further coverage

12.40 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

1.50 MANSCAPE A Cut Above the Rest Neil Cossons visits the Kennet and Avon canal, which is now being restored

2.15 ACTION IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC (1943) World War II propaganda movie directed by Lloyd Bacon with Humphrey Bogart and Raymond Massey. The Liberty ship 'Sea Witch' makes a perilous journey in a convoy to Murmansk, under attack from German submarines and aircraft

4.35 MAMA MALONE

5.05 BROOKSIDE

6.00 EAR SAY News, interviews, videos and music with Nicky Horne, Gary Crowley and Lesley-Ann Jones

7.00 NEWS SUMMARY and weather; followed by **SEVEN DAYS**

7.30 WOMEN IN NICARAGUA At the time of the revolution, women made up 30 per cent of the Nicaraguan guerilla forces. This film explores the history of women's involvement

8.00 ENTERPRISE SPECIAL Robert Maxwell Profile of the industrialist, publisher and printer presented by John Swinfield

8.55 THE AVENGERS Stay Tuned

9.55 UB40 — A MUSICAL PROFILE This documentary by a young Nigerian director Faith Isiakpere catches the internationally successful reggae band from Birmingham with songs from their 'Labour of Love' album

10.40 CELEBRATION One-hour version of the music, comedy and dance spectacular shown to mark the opening of Limehouse Studios last November

11.45 MYSTERIOUS MR MOTO (1938) Peter Lorre as the Japanese detective who gets the better of all his enemies — here on the trail of an international gang of killers

12.55 Closedown

LWT

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 No.73.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT: 12.20 Judo — The European Championships from Liege; 12.45 News from ITN; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.20 The ITV Six: Racing from Newmarket (1.45, 2.15, 3.00 races) and Kempton (1.30, 2.00, 2.30 races); 3.10 Speedway; 3.45 Half-Time Soccer Round-Up; 4.00 Wrestling from Nottingham; 4.45 Results.

5.00 NEWS FROM ITN

5.05 WHIZ KIDS The Network Electronics wizard Richie and his pals are arrested by the FBI after accidentally gaining information on a top-secret intelligence network

6.00 THE GRUMBLEWEEDS RADIO SHOW

6.30 ROBIN OF SHERWOOD The Witch of Emsdon With Michael Praed, Angharad Rees, Nicholas Grace

7.30 JUST AMAZING!

8.15 T.J. HOOKER Chinatown

9.15 NEWS AND SPORT FROM ITN

9.30 79 PARK AVENUE Part one of this dramatisation of the Harold Robbins novel, with Lesley Ann Warren, Polly Bergen and Raymond Burr

11.15 ALFRESCO Shizzer's Strike Return of this comedy series with Robbie Coltrane. Shizzer goes on strike in the Pretend Pub

11.45 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES; followed by

THE IRISH RM The Boat's Share With Peter Bowles

12.45 ROCK CONCERT Bob Marley and the Wailers Followed by

Night Thoughts and

Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.25 Sesame Street. 10.20 Cartoon. 10.30 No.73.

12.15 WORLD OF SPORT: 12.20 Judo — The European Championships; 12.45 ITN News; 12.50 On the Ball; 1.20 The ITV Six: Racing from Kempton (1.30, 2.00, 2.30 races) and Newmarket (1.45, 2.15, 3.00 races); 3.10 Speedway; 4.00 Wrestling; 4.45 Results.

5.00 ITN NEWS

5.05 WHIZ KIDS The Network

6.00 ROBIN OF SHERWOOD The Witch of Emsdon Jennet of Emsdon and her husband, Thomas, are accused of witchcraft and sentenced to death by Abbot Hugo

7.00 THE GRUMBLEWEEDS RADIO SHOW The Grumbleweeds feature in their own television series with a manic mixture of rapid-fire sketches, songs and impressions

8.15 T.J. HOOKER Chinatown Another case for Hooker, who is on the trail of smugglers in Los Angeles's Chinatown

9.15 ITN NEWS and sport

9.30 BESTSELLERS 79 Park Avenue The story of a girl's slide from an innocent teenager to an infamous madam facing a charge for murder. First of a three-part dramatisation of the Harold Robbins novel, with Lesley Ann Warren, Polly Bergen, Raymond Burr

11.15 ALFRESCO More laughs from The Pretend Pub

11.45 SHAFT IN AFRICA (1973) With Richard Roundtree and Frank Finlay. Shaft flies to Addis Ababa to track down a gang illegally shipping Africans to France as cheap labour

1.30 Closedown

S4C

1.50 A Week in Politics. 2.30 Henry Cooper's Golden Belt. 3.25 Film: *Smilin' Through*. 5.05 Yr Awr Fawr. 6.05 The Good Food Show. 6.30 Gardener's Calendar. 7.00 Where in the World! 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Mento! Mento! 8.15 Sidni. 8.45 Arolwg. 9.15 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.15 Cynhadledd 84. 10.25 It Takes a Worried Man. 10.55 Film: *Katherine*. 12.35 Close.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 The Little House on the Prairie. 10.25 TT Time. 10.30 No.73. 12.13 North East News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; North East News. 5.10 Whiz Kids. 6.00 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show. 6.30 Robin of Sherwood. 7.30 Just Amazing. 8.15 T.J. Hooker. 9.15 News. 9.30 Best Sellers. 11.15 Alfresco. 11.45 Film: *The Dynamite Man* from *Glory Goal*. 1.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.25 The Wonderful World of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 No.73. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Whiz Kids. 6.00 Robin of Sherwood. 7.00 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show. 7.30 Just Amazing. 8.15 T.J. Hooker. 9.15 News; Sport. 9.30 Best Sellers. 11.15 Alfresco. 11.45 Johnny Mathis in Concert in Germany. 12.45 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.25

Regional Weather; followed by Cartoon. 9.35 Joe 90. 10.00 University Challenge. 10.30 No.73. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News. 5.05 Whiz Kids. 6.00 Robin of Sherwood. 7.00 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show. 7.30 Just Amazing. 8.15 T.J. Hooker. 9.15 News. 9.30 Best Sellers. 11.15 Alfresco. 11.45 Lou Grant. 12.45 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.25 The Wonderful World of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Freeze Frame. 10.27 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 10.30 No.73. 12.12 TSW Regional News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; Weather. 5.05 Newsport. 5.10 Whiz Kids. 6.00 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show. 6.30 Robin of Sherwood. 7.30 Just Amazing. 8.15 T.J. Hooker. 9.15 News; Sport; Weather. 9.30 Best Sellers. 11.15 Alfresco. 11.45 Music Special. 12.45 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.25 Snooper and Blabber. 9.35 The Smurfs. 10.00 Batman. 10.30 No.73. 12.12 TVS Weather. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; TVS

News. 5.05 Whiz Kids. 6.00 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show. 6.30 Robin of Sherwood. 7.30 Just Amazing. 8.15 T.J. Hooker. 9.15 News; Sport. 9.30 Best Sellers. 11.15 Alfresco. 11.45 A Tribute to Count Basie. 12.15 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.25 The Wonderful World of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 No.73. 12.13 HTV News. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; HTV News. 5.05 Whiz Kids. 6.00 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show. 6.30 Robin of Sherwood. 7.30 Just Amazing. 8.15 T.J. Hooker. 9.15 News and Sport. 9.30 Best Sellers. 11.15 Alfresco. 11.45 The Sweeney. 12.45 Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 8.40 Data Run. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30 No.73. 12.15 World of Sport (12.45 News). 5.00 News; Sport; Weather. 5.05 Whiz Kids. 6.00 The Grumbleweeds Radio Show. 6.30 Robin of Sherwood. 7.30 Just Amazing. 8.15 T.J. Hooker. 9.15 News and Sport; Weather. 9.30 Best Sellers. 11.15 Alfresco. 11.45 Chris Barber and Dr John at the Marquee. 12.40 Epilogue; Closedown.

RADIO

1 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Saturday Show. 10.00 Dave Lee Travis. 1.00 Who's That Girl (S). 2.00 Paul Gambaccini (S). 4.00 Saturday Live (S). 6.30 In Concert (S). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Dixie Peach.

2 4.00 Martin Kelner (S). 6.00 George Ferguson (S) (7.50 Racing Bulletin). 8.05 David Jacobs (S). 10.00 Sounds of the 60s (S). 11.00 Album Time (S) (11.02 Sports Desk). 1.00 The News Huddlines. 1.30 Sport on 2: Rugby League; Racing from Newmarket (2.15, 3.00, 3.35 races); Snooker; Cricket; Football; 5.00 Sports Report; 5.45 Racing Results; 5.50 Pools news and results. 6.00 Folk On 2. 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 Cricket Scores; More Melodies for You (S). 9.30 Big Band Special (S). 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Saturday Rendezvous (S). 11.00 Ken Bruce (S). 1.00 Peter Dickson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Wally Whyton (S).

3 7.55 Weather. 8.00 News. 8.05 Aubade (S). Ethel Smyth. Dohnanyi. Elgar; records. 9.00

News. 9.05 Record Review (S) Strauss, Ravel. 10.15 Stereo Release (S) Magnard, Rachmaninov; records. 11.15 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Alun Hoddinott, Grieg (12.05-12.10 Rural Rhymes) Dvorak. 1.00 News. 1.05 French and Italian Baroque Music (S) Couperin, Alessandro Scarlatti, Boismortier, Rameau. 2.00 Dreamers of Dreams (S) Elgar, Ireland, Delius, Holst, Vaughan Williams. 4.00 Beethoven and Brahms Trios (S). 5.00 Jazz Record Requests (S). 5.45 Critics' Forum. 6.35 Cesar Franck (S). 7.15 Haydn and Kodaly (S). 8.00 Brighton Festival (S) Part 1: Ravel, Poulenc. 8.35 Harry S. Truman — 1884-1972. 8.55 Brighton Festival (S) Part 2: Gounod. 9.55 Schumann and Janacek (S). 10.30 Mozart's Posthorn Serenade (S). 11.15-11.18 News.

4 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.50 In Perspective. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News. 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. 7.55 Weather.

er; Travel; Programme News. 8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers. 8.15 Sport on 4. 8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Breakaway. 9.50 News Stand. 10.05 The Week in Westminster. 10.30 Pick of the Week (S). 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 News; Money Box. 12.27 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (S). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News. 2.05 Thirty Minute Theatre (S) *A Moth in the Closet*. 2.35 Medicine Now. 3.05 Wildlife. 3.30 Groundswell. 4.00 News; International Assignment. 4.30 Does He Take Sugar? 5.00 The Chip Shop (S). 5.25 Week Ending (S). 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News. 6.00 News; Sports Round-up. 6.25 Desert Island Discs (S). 7.05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (S). 7.45 Baker's Dozen. 8.30 Saturday Night Theatre (S) *Maigret and the Millionaires*. 9.45 Songs of Initiation. 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 The Buck Stops Here! 11.00 Evening Service (S). 11.15 Coast to Coast. 11.30 Earwig (S). 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.

SUNDAY



Julia McKenzie is Polly when she has 'Guilt on the Gingerbread' on 2 at 7.15pm



Terence Rigby (left) is Dr Watson and Tom Baker is Sherlock Holmes in 'Hound of the Baskervilles' on BBC1 at 4.45pm



Robert Preston, Ray Milland and Gary Cooper star in 'Beau Geste' on 4 at 2.25pm

BBC1

6.45-8.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.45 Hotel and Catering Industry. 7.35 The Objector. 8.00 Velocity Diagrams. 8.25 Chemistry. 9.00 Hokey Cokey. 9.15 Sunday Worship. 10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Tele-Montage. 10.55 Working for Safety. 11.20 Technical Studies. 11.45 Delia Smith's Cookery Course. 12.10 Use Your Head. 12.35 Electronic Office. 1.00 Farming; Weather for Farmers. 1.25 Sparks. 1.50 News Headlines. 1.55 Film Matinee: *The Corn is Green* With Katharine Hepburn, Ian Saynor, Toyah Wilcox (1978). 3.25 Bonanza. 4.15 It Ain't Half Hot Mum. 4.45 The Hound of the Baskervilles. 5.15 The Rock Gospel Show. 5.50 News; Weatherman.

6.00 ANTIQUES ROADSHOW Hugh Scully is joined by leading experts from the world of art and antiques. This week they visit Eastbourne

6.40 PRAISE BE!

7.15 LAST OF THE SUMMER WINE By Roy Clarke. With Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde in *Cheering up Gordon*

7.45 MASTERMIND With Magnus Magnusson at the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts at the University of East Anglia

8.15 DYNASTY With John Forsythe as Blake Carrington in *La Mirage*

9.05 NEWS; Weatherman

9.20 LOVE ON THE RUN: *Sugarland Express* With Goldie Hawn, William Atherton (1974); directed by Steven Spielberg. Lou persuades her husband to break out of jail so she can keep their baby son. They steal a car from a cop, taking him hostage, and find that everybody is after them

11.05 GRAND PRIX Commentary on the 1984 Formula One World Championship — San Marino Grand Prix

11.40 Weather; Close

BBC WALES: 11.05 Conference Report — Wales TUC. 11.30 Phil Silvers at Sgt Bilko. 11.55 San Marino Grand Prix. 12.30 Weather; Closedown.

BBC2

OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.25 Pathways in the Brain. 6.50 Images. 7.15 Evolution. 7.40 The Black English Case. 8.05 Does Fiscal Policy Stabilise? 8.30 Science. 8.55 Is Social Science Really Necessary? 9.20 Learning and Doing Maths. 9.45 Broadcast Rituals. 10.10 The Chateau and the Cottage. 10.35 Sikhs in Britain. 11.00 Open Forum. 11.25 Introduction to Sociology. 11.50 Biology. 12.15 Chemical Reactions. 12.40 The Romantic Poets in the Alps. 1.05 Crashing with Safety. 1.30 Maths Modelling.

1.55 SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: Motor Racing (2.00) San Marino Grand Prix; Snooker (3.30) Final of the Embassy World Professional Championship; Gymnastics (4.30) Nadia Comaneci's receipt of the Silver Order for achievement by the president of the IOC in Bucharest; Rugby League Cup Final highlights

6.50 NEWS REVIEW with subtitles

7.15 SHARING TIME The first of nine stories set in a time-share flat. *Guilt on the Gingerbread* By Jill Hyem; with Julia McKenzie. Luke borrows his brother's flat and Polly is due to come and spend the week — but then she gets doubtful

8.10 NEWS ON TWO

8.15 THE NATURAL WORLD *Plight of the Bumble-bee* A close-up view of an undisturbed bee colony at work, narrated by Barry Paine, with photography by Stephen Bolwell

9.05 ARENA *My Dinner with Louis* Arena takes French film director Louis Malle and his friend, playwright and actor Wallace Shawn, to Atlantic City to talk about Malle's career

10.05 WORLD SNOOKER *The Final* (frames 8-16) of the Embassy World Professional Championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

12.40 Close

CHANNEL 4

1.30 SCOTTISH VIEW Regular new programme looking at topical Scottish affairs

1.55 A SEAT AMONG THE STARS — *The Cinema in Ireland The Silent Classics* The American movie industry captured the screens across the world after World War I — including in Ireland

2.25 BEAU GESTE (1939) Film version of P.C. Wren's novel, with Gary Cooper, Ray Milland and Robert Preston as three brothers who join the French Foreign Legion and run into trouble

4.30 ANYTHING WE CAN DO I've Got A Problem

5.00 NEWS SUMMARY AND WEATHER; followed by

BOOK FOUR A look at 'The Weaker Vessel' by Antonia Fraser, plays in paperback and the poetry of Geoffrey Hill

5.45 WHERE IN THE WORLD Travel quiz

6.15 BASKETBALL *Great Britain v Channel 4 All Stars*

7.15 THE SIXTIES *Queen Victoria Died in 1960* First of six programmes about the 1960s

8.15 UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS *A House Divided*

9.15 TOP C'S AND TIARAS *Best of All Possible Worlds* More entertainment from the world of operetta, musicals and light music.

10.15 THE SUPERMILERS *The Four Minute Barrier and Beyond* On the 30th anniversary of Roger Bannister running the first sub-four minute mile, this looks at those who have lowered the mile world record since, including Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe

11.30 ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS *Breakdown* TV thriller with Joseph Cotten as a ruthless businessman

12.00 Close

LWT

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Dub. 8.30 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Writers on Writing. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Star Fleet. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Police 5. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 London News Headlines; followed by Film: *Floods of Fear* (1958) with Howard Keel, Anne Heywood and Cyril Cusack. 4.00 The Smurfs. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Survival Special.

6.30 NEWS FROM ITN

6.40 APPEAL

6.45 HIGHWAY *Winborne Minster*

7.15 KNEES-UP Introduced by Jeff Stevenson with Showaddywaddy, Rose-Marie, Tom Pepper, Dave Wolfe and Terri Rogers

7.45 SURPRISE, SURPRISE! Presented by Cilla Black and Christopher Biggins. New family entertainment show

8.45 NEWS FROM ITN

9.00 79 PARK AVENUE Part 2

10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW presented by Melvyn Bragg. In 1954 Rock 'n' Roll burst on to the scenes with Bill Haley and the Comets recording the soundtrack for 'Blackboard Jungle', written by Evan Hunter. Hunter later changed his name to Ed McBain. Tonight's programme follows McBain on a night-time journey through the streets and bars of New York

11.30 LONDON NEWS HEADLINES followed by

AMERICAN DOCUMENTARY *For Better for Worse: The American Family* The typical marriage in the US and why divorce has become an easy and acceptable way out; followed by

NIGHT THOUGHTS and Closedown

GRANADA

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 8.30 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.35 Portraits of Power *Mao: Organised Chaos*. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Writers on Writing: *Peter Nicholls*. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30 Down to Earth. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Metal Mickey. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Cartoon Time. 3.30 Return of The Saint. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye.

5.30 SURVIVAL SPECIAL *Tumbler in the Sky* In this case 'tumbler' means acrobat. And that's exactly the way the bateleur eagle behaves

6.30 ITN NEWS

6.40 APPEAL On behalf of Arthritis Care

6.45 HIGHWAY *Wimborne Minister* With Harry Secombe

7.15 KNEES-UP Cockney comedy programme from your friendly London 'local'

7.45 SURPRISE, SURPRISE! First of six new programmes of family entertainment, introduced by Cilla Black

8.45 NEWS FROM ITN

9.00 BEST SELLERS *79 Park Avenue* Continuation of the dramatisation of Harold Robbins's novel. Marja slides deeper into a life of vice and crime

10.30 THE SOUTH BANK SHOW Melvyn Bragg talks to Ed McBain, the detective novelist who first made his name as Evan Hunter with the novel 'Blackboard Jungle' which scandalised America in the 1950s

11.30 THE IRISH RM *Trinket's Colt* Major Yeates thinks that he's coming to grips with his new job as resident magistrate in Ireland

12.30 Closedown

S4C

1.00 Six Centuries of English Verse. 1.30 Eastern Eye. 2.25 A Seat Among the Stars. 2.55 Film: *Young Cassidy*. 4.50 Mamá Malone. 5.20 Cromakey Follies. 6.15 Basketball. 7.15 Ffermyr. 7.20 Newyddion. 7.30 Swyn Y Jiwblili. 8.00 Joni Jones. 8.35 Byd Cerdd. 9.25 Snwcer. 10.05 Top C's and Tiaras. 11.00 Film: *The Mysterious Mr Moto*. 12.10 Close.

RADIO

1 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Tony Blackburn's Sunday Show. 10.00 Adrian Juste. 12.00 Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.00 Paul Gambaccini. 5.00 Top 40 (S). 7.00 Anne Nightingale (S). 9.00 Robbie Vincent (S). 11.00-12.00 Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations (S).

2 4.00 Martin Kelner (S). 6.00 George Fergusson (S). 7.30 Paul McDowell (S). 7.45 Bishop Bill Westwood. 9.00 David Jacobs (S). 11.00 Desmond Carrington (S). 12.30 The Best of Bentine (S). 12.59 Sports Desk. 1.00 Steve Jones with Two's Best (S). 2.00 Summer Sounds: Snooker, Cricket, Motoring. 6.00 Charlie Chester. 7.00 Maryetta and Veron Midgley. 7.30 Cricket Scores; Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes. 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Marching and Waltzing. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz. 1.00 Peter Dickson (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Steve Jones with Two's Best (S).

3 7.55 Weather. 8.00 News. 8.05 London Symphonies (S) F.X. Richter, Haydn; records. 9.00

News. 9.05 Your Concert Choice (S) Durufle, Lili Boulanger, Brahms; records. 10.30 Music Weekly (S). 11.20 The Mask of Time (S). 1.00 18th-Century Cello Music (S). 1.40 Elisabeth Soderstrom (S) Liszt, Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov. 2.40 Shostakovich (S). 4.00 Faure and Franck (S). 4.40 Mozart (S) record. 5.15 Twelve Identical Grey Velvet Suits. 6.15 Sounds of Sweden (S) Johan Nepomuk David, Reger, Holst, Vaughan Williams, Britten, Sven-David Sandstrom, Sibelius, Erik Bergman, Alfvén. 7.00 Valmouth (S). 9.00 Louis Spohr (S) (1784-1859). 9.55 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Brahms, Strauss. 11.15-11.18 News.

4 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News. 7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Aona Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News. 8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday

Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Week's Good Cause. 8.55 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Morning Service. 10.15 The Archers. 11.15 The Food Programme. 11.40 Smash of the Day; Steptoe and Son. 12.10 It's Your World: 01-580 4411 (phone-in this week to Caspar Weinberger, US Secretary of Defence). 12.55 Weather; Programmes News. 1.00 The World This Weekend: News. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30 Afternoon Theatre (S) *Going On*. 3.45 Dyslexia Need Not Be A Disaster. 4.00 News; Heritage. 4.30 Spring Across Europe. 5.00 News; Travel. 5.05 Down Your Way. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 News. 6.15 Soundings. 6.45 Persona Grata. 7.00 Travel; Curlew in Autumn. 7.30 Bookshelf. 8.00 Letter from the Pyrenees. 8.15 The Plant Hunter. 9.00 News; Our Mutual Friend (S). 9.58 Weather. 10.00 News. 10.15 The World's Debate (S). 11.00 Discoveries in Healing. 11.15 Inside Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15-Close Shipping Forecast.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 8.30 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Morning Glory. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Writers on Writing. 11.28 Lookaround. 11.30 Jason and Star Command. 11.58 North East News. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Extra Time. 3.45 Cartoon. 4.00 The Beverley Hillbillies. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 North East News. 5.32 Survival Special. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Knees-up. 7.45 Surprise, Surprise. 8.45 News. 9.00 Best Sellers. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Jazz Life. 12.00 Ice Hockey. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 8.30 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Wonderful World of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Farming '84. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Writers on Writing. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Film: *Go West, Young Girl*. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Survival Special. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Knees-up. 7.45 Surprise, Surprise. 8.45 News. 9.00 Best Sellers. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Irish RM. 12.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 8.30 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather

Forecast; followed by Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Writers on Writing. 11.30 Farming Diary. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Cartoon. 1.15 The Big Match. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 The Smurfs. 2.45 Film: *Raising Daisy Rothschild*. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Survival Special. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Knees-up. 7.45 Surprise, Surprise. 8.45 News. 9.00 Best Sellers. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Irish RM. 12.30 Five Minutes. 12.35 Closedown.

TSW

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 8.30-9.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Getting On. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Writers on Writing. 11.25 Look and See. 11.30 The South West Week. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Gardens for All. 1.30 Farming News. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Cartoon. 3.30 Battestart Galactica. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Survival Special. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Knees-up. 7.45 Surprise, Surprise. 8.45 News; Weather. 9.00 Best Sellers. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 Comedy Tonight. 12.00 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 8.30 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.30 Writers on Writing. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 The Intruders. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Chips. 4.15 Cartoon. 5.25 TVS News. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Survival Spe-

cial. 6.30 News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Knees-up. 7.45 Surprise, Surprise. 8.45 News. 9.00 Best Sellers. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Protectors. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 8.30 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Vicky the Viking. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Writers on Writing. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 West Country Farming. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 The Irish RM. 4.15 Action and Reaction. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Survival Special. 6.30 News; HTV News. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Knees-up. 7.45 Surprise, Surprise. 8.45 News. 9.00 Best Sellers. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Protectors. 12.00 Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

7.25 Good Morning Britain. 7.30 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 8.30 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 Once Upon a Time. 10.00 Morning Worship. 11.00 Getting On. 11.30 Writers on Writing. 12.00 Weekend World. 1.00 Laurel and Hardy. 1.25 Weather Trends. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 Credo. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 Film: *An Honourable Murder*. 4.30 Murphy's Mob. 5.00 Bullseye. 5.30 Survival Special. 6.30 News; Weather. 6.40 Appeal. 6.45 Highway. 7.15 Knees-up. 7.45 Surprise, Surprise. 8.45 News. 9.00 Best Sellers. 10.30 The South Bank Show. 11.30 The Devil Connection. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

2,000 GUINEAS

NEWMARKET 3.00 — ITV

(3YO colts) — 1m — 9 runners — £87,408 to winner

- 1 (1) 1200-01 **BOUNTIFUL (FR)** J Fellows (FR) 90.....Y Saint-Martin
(Light and dark green check, light green sleeves, white cap)
- 2 (2) 10-2 **CHIEF SINGER** R Sheather 90.....R Cochrane
(Purple, light blue chevron and cap)
- 3 (6) 41241-1 **CREAG-AN-SGOR (C)** C Nelson 90.....J Mercer
(Cerule, white cross-belts, black cap white star)
- 4 (7) 1111-1 **EL GRAN SENOR (USA)(C)** M V O'Brien (IRE) 90.....Pat Eddery
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, white cap green spots)
- 5 (8) 1-1 **KEEN (D)** H Cecil 90.....L Piggott
(Apricot)
- 6 (9) 3024-00 **KINGS ISLAND** C Brittain 90.....P Robinson
(Red, white diamond, yellow sleeves, red cap white diamond)
- 7 (3) 111-1 **LEAR FAN (USA)(C-D)** G Harwood 90.....B Rouse
(Yellow, blue diamonds on body, yellow cap blue spots)
- 8 (5) 0221-01 **NATIVE CHARMER (C)** R Hollinshead 90.....S Perks
(Light blue and white check, white sleeves and cap)
- 9 (4) 112-2 **RAINBOW QUEST (USA)** J Tree 90.....S Cauthen
(Green, link sash and cap, white sleeves)

1983: Lomond (USA) 9 0 Pat Eddery 9-1 M V O'Brien (IRE) 16 ran

BLINKERS: 6

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Lear Fan and El Gran Senor, 5-1 Keen, 13-2 Rainbow Quest, 20-1 Creag-An-Sgor and Chief Singer, 33-1 Bountiful, 66-1 Kings Island and Native Charmer.

Keen to tie-up Buckle's wins for Piggott

LESTER Piggott can equal Frank Buckle's 150-year record of 27 classic winners by riding Keen (3.00) to victory in today's General Accident 2000 Guineas at NEWMARKET.

This year's race seems fully entitled to its billing as one of the best ever, with four outstanding horses virtually inseparable on form.

Keen would have to improve a little to be rated on a

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par with El Gran Senor, Lear Fan and Rainbow Quest, but such was the ease of his victory in the Bonus-print Easter Stakes at Kempton that his current position as third favourite seems totally justified.

His four-length defeat of Raami was made to look even more meritorious when the runner-up ran Derby Hope Claude Monet to a head in the Heathorn Stakes on Thursday.

The Craven Stakes at Newmarket, for instance, looked a much more difficult race to win, and there is no doubting the merit of Lear Fan's performance in giving Rainbow Quest 5lb and a short-head beating.

To complicate matters further, it cannot be taken for granted that even on these better weight terms Lear Fan will confirm form with Rainbow Quest. Jeremy Tree's colt might have been the more backward of the pair; he pulled hard early in the race, and was not given a hard time at the finish.

But in what looks certain to be a thrilling race, Keen is selected to give Henry Cecil his third 2,000 Guineas victory and Lester Piggott yet another entry in the record books. El Gran Senor, Rainbow Quest and Lear Fan may follow him home in that order.

Superlative (3.35) will be a popular choice for the Palace House Stakes after a fine second to Cutting Wind in the Ladbroke European Free Handicap.

Bill O'Gorman's colt showed as a two-year-old that he has the speed to win over five furlongs, and should win this at the chief expense of the other three-year-olds, his stablemate Reesh and Pretorius.

Impressive

El Gran Senor, officially the top two-year-old of 1983, made his reappearance in the Gladness Stakes at the Curragh last month coming through the trial in impressive style.

The fact that Vincent O'Brien rates El Gran Senor among the best horses he has trained should leave no one in doubt about the colt's ability, but this year the 2,000 Guineas seems an exceptionally good race and it is hard to escape the feeling that the Gladness Stakes, in which El Gran Senor beat his stablemate Saddlers Wells, lacked the competitiveness of one or two of the English trials.

SELECTIONS

NEWMARKET

1.45 Pennine Walk, 2.15 Innamorato, 3.00 Keen (nap), 3.35 Superlative, 4.05 Inlander, 4.35 General Anders.

HAYDOCK

1.30 Regal Steel, 2.00 Hidden Destiny, 2.30 Condillac, 3.00 Kayus, 3.30 Dramacon, 4.00 Rivals Choice.

KEMPTON

1.30 Torrey, 2.00 Assail, 2.30 Kathred, 3.00 Sharp Ascent, 3.30 Serheed, 4.00 Albany Lad.

NEWMARKET ITV 1.45, 2.15

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 Walwyn 13, J Dunlop 13, R Armstrong 12.

DRAW: Little significance.

1.45 PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS MDN STKS (Q'FIER) £4,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (10 runners)

- 2 (5) **CROONERS GRAND** W Musson 90.....M Miller
- 4 (2) **EMPERDORI** M Hinchliffe 90.....L Piggott
- 5 (4) **EMPTY CHEST** G P-Gordon 90.....A Murray
- 6 (6) **KIESERITSKY (USA)** R Armstrong 90.....J Mercer
- 8 (7) **NO REBATE** M Ryan 90.....P Robinson
- 9 (8) **PENNINE WALK** J Tree 90.....Pat Eddery
- 10 (9) **REVEILLE** M Jarvis 90.....B Raymond
- 12 (3) **SOLO NATIVE (USA)** G Harwood 90.....B Rouse
- 14 (11) **THE HOWARD** Mrs C Reavey 8 11.....G Baxter
- 15 (10) **GWIFFINA (BF)** Mrs C Reavey 8 11.....T Ives

PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Pennine Walk, 2-1 Solo Native, 9-2 Emperdori, 10-1 Kieseritsky, 14-1 Empty Chest, 16-1 others.

2.15 WARD HILL HANDICAP £10,000 (3-Y-O) 7f (9 runners)

- 2 (6) 211-0 **INNAMORATO (USA) (BF)** H Cecil 97.....L Piggott
- 3 (3) 241-00 **SAM M (USA)** J Dunlop 95.....B Rouse
- 5 (4) 01112-0 **ALPINE STRINGS** R Armstrong 92.....P Robinson
- 7 (7) 411-0 **VISIBLE FORM** L Cumani 91.....J Blake (7)
- 10 (5) 1100-1 **SARAB** P Cole 88 (5 ex).....Pat Eddery
- 11 (9) 04133 **PERSIS (D)** J W Watts 84.....N Connorton
- 12 (8) 1-3 **MISS KUTA BEACH (BF)** M Stoute 82.....C Rodrigues
- 15 (1) 000-34 **FREE AS AIR** B Hobbs 77.....
- 16 (2) 00-2 **MARSHALDIRECTORY** A Jarvis 77.....

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Miss Kuta Beach, 11-4 Sam M, 4-1 Innamorato, 11-2 Alpine Strings, 8-1 Visible Form, 10-1 Sarab, 14-1 others.

3.35 PALACE HOUSE STAKES (Group 3) £20,000 5f (10 runners)

- 2 (3) 00100-0 **SYLVAN BARBAROSA** P Mitchell 5 90.....B Rouse

KEMPTON ITV 1.30, 2.00, 2.30

SIX-YEAR-RECORD

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 39, W Carson 34, P Eddery 30, G Starkey 22, J Mercer 19, B Rouse 18, S Cauthen 15, P Cook 12, W Swinburn 12, G Baxter 11, P Waldron 11, B Taylor 10, J Reid 9, B Raymond 9.

TRAINERS: G Harwood 20, J Dunlop 19, P Walwyn 15, H Cecil 15, R Armstrong 14, M Stoute 14, B Hills 12, P Cole 12, R Hannon 11, C Brittain 10, B Hobbs 9, I Balding 8, J Winter 8.

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

1.30 POLYCELL-W. CARSON APPRENTICE CH'ENGE (H'CAP) £3,000 1m (14 runners)

- 1 (11) 3111-00 **MAILMAN (D)** I Balding 5 9 10.....D Harrap
- 2 (13) 21404-0 **TORREY (USA)** W Hern 5 9 5.....A Bacon
- 3 (3) 4323-00 **CABALLO (D)** K Brassey 5 9 4.....J Bray
- 4 (9) 04030-0 **HAWKLEY (D)** P Haslam 4 9 4.....J Scally
- 6 (12) 02100-0 **FORT NAYEF** J Dunlop 4 9 0.....Carol Heath
- 7 (14) 00000-1 **AQABA PRINCE** R E Howe 4 8 8.....P Matthews (7)
- 8 (8) 0-00020 **CARRIAGE WAY (D)** R Stubbs 10 8 7.....G King
- 9 (10) 02120-2 **MOUSLAT (USA)** P Cole 4 8 7.....D Ramage
- 11 (4) 1002-01 **EASY STAR** B Hanbury 4 8 3.....C Rate
- 13 (7) 00130-0 **SOME SUNNY DAY (D)** C Benstead 4 7 12.....M Worrall
- 14 (6) 3000-00 **TROPICAL RED (D)** C Wildman 4 7 12.....C Rutter
- 15 (5) 21000-0 **EIGHTH WONDER** M J Haynes 4 7 7.....C Scott
- 17 (2) 042000-0 **SARAH'S VENTURE** C Horgan 5 7 7.....David Eddery
- 18 (1) 00000-0 **ESSAM (D)** D A Wilson 6 7 7.....J Martin

BLINKERS: 18

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Mailman, 7-2 Easy Star, 9-2 Mouslat, 6-1 Hawkley, 7-1 Caballo, 8-1 Fort Nayef, 10-1 Some Sunny Day, 12-1 Sarah's Venture, 20-1 others.

2.00 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS MAIDEN STAKES (QU'FIER) £3,000 (3-Y-O) 1m (25 runners)

- 1 (12) 322002-0 **ADAM'S PEAK (USA)** D Elsworth 90.....R Fox
- 2 (25) 0-0 **ALSUFUUAH** C Benstead 90.....T Rogers
- 3 (11) 3 **ASSAIL (USA)(BF)** G Harwood 90.....A Clark
- 4 (16) 00-0 **BLACK SPOUT** C Brittain 90.....P Bradwell
- 5 (19) 0 **BULAWAYO PRINCE** C Benstead 90.....T Rogers
- 6 (3) 4-0 **CAMDEN LOCK** G Lewis 90.....NON-RUNNER
- 7 (5) 201321-0 **NO-U-TURN** S Mellor 6 8 5.....M Wigham

- 3 (8) 4200-02 **BOLD BOB (D)** C Brittain 4 8 10.....P Robinson
- 4 (6) 210020-0 **BOY TRUMPETER (D)** B Hobbs 4 8 10.....E Hide
- 5 (5) 00030-0 **JONACRIS (D)** P Felgate 4 8 10.....M Miller
- 6 (1) 0003-02 **PIENCOURT** C Austin 6 8 10.....Y Saint-Martin
- 7 (7) 311120-0 **SHARPISH (D)** B Hobbs 4 8 10.....G Baxter
- 8 (2) 11310-1 **SPARK CHIEF (USA) (D)** F Durr 5 8 10.....Pat Eddery
- 10 (9) 12124-2 **SUPERLATIVE (D)** W O'Gorman 3 8 6.....T Ives
- 11 (10) 01111-1 **PETORIUS (D)** M Stoute 3 8 2.....P Cook
- 14 (4) 203-021 **REESH (C)** W O'Gorman 3 7 12.....M L Thomas

BLINKERS: 3, 14

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Superlative, 9-4 Petorius, 9-2 Reesh, 10-1 Spark Chief and Jonacris, 14-1 Sylvan Barbarosa, 16-1 others.

4.05 CULFORD STAKES £4,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 4f (15 runners)

- 1 (13) 3-1 **BAYNOUN (C-D)** R Houghton 97.....S Cauthen
- 4 (12) 322-21 **JERRY CAN (USA) (D)** Thomson Jones 97.....A Murray
- 6 (3) 000-21 **MERDON MONARCH** R Sheather 97.....R Cochrane
- 7 (6) 0-0 **ASH FAIR** A Bailey 90.....P Bloomfield
- 9 (8) 00-0 **BE MY WINGS** G Lewis 90.....NON-RUNNER
- 11 (2) 4- **FACE FACTS (USA)** H Cecil 90.....L Piggott
- 13 (15) 04 **INLANDER** H Candy 90.....Pat Eddery
- 14 (5) 02- **JOLI WASFI (USA)** M Haynes 90.....
- 15 (11) 0- **LUCIETES** F Durr 90.....P Cook
- 16 (7) 0- **NORTHERN LAKES** B Hills 90.....R Hills
- 17 (10) 0- **OCEANUS** F Durr 90.....P Robinson
- 19 (9) 0 **PRIVITY (USA)** J Hindley 90.....M Hills
- 20 (4) 0 **PUGET (USA)** J Dunlop 90.....B Rouse
- 21 (1) 0 **PUKKA MAJOR (USA)** J Hindley 90.....A Kimberley
- 25 (14) 04- **TRADE LINE** H Candy 90.....A Bond

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Baynoun, 9-2 Privity, 11-2 Jerry Can and Inlander, 6-1 Face Facts, 10-1 Trade Line, 14-1 Northern Lakes and Puget, 16-1 others.

4.35 TURN OF THE LANDS HANDICAP £6,000 1m 2f (6 runners)

- 1 (5) 11111-1 **BAHOOR (USA)** G Harwood 4 10 5 (5 ex).....G Landau (7)
- 2 (3) 0000-00 **STAY SHARP** P Kelleway 4 9 0.....S McCrystal (7)
- 4 (6) 004300-0 **GENERAL ANDERS** J Tree 5 8 8.....Pat Eddery
- 7 (4) 2341-03 **BARRA HEAD** J Dunlop 4 8 3.....B Rouse
- 8 (2) 043-001 **MY TONY (D)** G Lewis 4 8 1 (5 ex).....NON-RUNNER
- 12 (1) 1-00100 **QUALITAIR PRINCE** M Ryan 5 7 7.....T Williams (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Barra Head, 5-2 Bahoar, 7-2 General Anders, 5-1 Qualitair Prince, 10-1 Stay Sharp.

- 8 (7) 0-0 **DUST CONQUERER (USA)** R Armstrong 90.....P Tulk
- 9 (1) 00000-0 **EWELL PLACE** A Ingham 90.....D McKay
- 13 (8) 0 **FUMBO JUMBO (USA)(BF)** H Cecil 90.....P Waldron
- 14 (2) 0-0 **HAD TO BE YOU** H Candy 90.....J Matthias
- 15 (14) 00-0 **HARRY FLASHMAN (USA)** J Sutcliffe 90.....G Sexton
- 16 (17) 020040 **HATAL BOY** P Mitchell 90.....A McGlone
- 18 (5) 300202-0 **HELLO GYPSY** G P-Gordon 90.....D Gibson
- 19 (13) 00-0 **HONOURS OF WAR** D Laing 90.....M Malham
- 20 (20) 00-0 **IL SARACENO** P Burgoyne 90.....T Quinn (3)
- 21 (18) 00-0 **KARNATAK** J Spearing 90.....J Reid
- 22 (23) 00-0 **MIRANOL** R Akehurst 90.....R Street
- 23 (10) 0-0 **MOHAR** P Makin 90.....R Wernham
- 24 (4) 00-0 **ROVINGO** H Candy 90.....R Curant
- 26 (9) 03-0 **SEYL (USA)** J Dunlop 90.....N Dawe (5)
- 30 (22) 00-0 **YOU CHEEKY** Pat Mitchell 90.....Gay Kelleway (5)
- 31 (21) 000-0 **ARBOR LANE** M J Haynes 8 11.....K Woolnough (7)
- 33 (6) 0 **PUGET SOUND** J Dunlop 8 11.....W R Swinburn
- 36 (15) 0040-00 **TENTRACO LADY** R E Howe 8 11.....

BLINKERS: 16

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Assail, 9-4 Fumbo Jumbo, 6-1 Seyl, 8-1 Careen, 10-1 Harry Flashman, 12-1 Hello Gypsy, 16-1 others.

2.30 HAWKINS OF HARROW HANDICAP £6,000 6f (12 runners)

- 1 (12) 21-4343 **SINGING SAILOR** R Hannon 5 10 0.....A McGlone
- 4 (8) 0000-01 **PUSEY STREET (C-D)** J Bosley 7 9 0.....R Wernham
- 5 (1) 0300-04 **SYLVAN NAVARRO (D)** P Mitchell 4 8 12.....S Dawson (5)
- 6 (4) 01000-0 **DEPUTY HEAD (D)** L Holt 4 8 12.....P Waldron
- 7 (3) 111004-0 **ROYSLA BOY (D)** G P-Gordon 4 8 11.....D Gibson
- 9 (10) 00-00 **KATHRED (D)** R Hollinshead 6 8 9 (7 ex).....W R Swinburn
- 10 (7) 0030-00 **PALLAVICINA** C Brittain 4 8 3.....R Curant
- 11 (11) 3040-00 **BARNET HEIR (C-D)** B Swift 6 8 1.....
- 13 (2) 0004-21 **DAWN'S DELIGHT (D)** K Ivory 6 7 11.....A Clark
- 14 (6) 0000-00 **IN TOP FORM** K Brassey 5 7 10.....T Quinn (3)
- 15 (9) 000000-0 **LANDSEER (D)** D Sasse 4 7 10.....D McKay
- 16 (5) 10000-0 **SIR BUTCH (D)** P D Haynes 4 7 7.....R Fox

BLINKERS: 5

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Dawn's Delight, 7-2 Singing Sailor, 5-1 Kathred, 6-1 Pusey Street, 7-1 Sylvan Navarro, 10-1 Roysla Boy, 12-1 Barnet Heir, 20-1 others.

3.00 MENTMORE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES £2,500 (2-Y-O) 5f (7 runners)

- 2 (5) **CELTIC IMAGE** C Benstead 8 11.....J Matthias
- 3 (3) 43 **MELODIUS MISS** D Laing 8 11.....J Reid
- 4 (1) 3 **MISS OCTAVIAN** P Makin 8 11.....
- 5 (4) **MUSING** B Swift 8 11.....R Fox
- 6 (7) 0 **SANTO STAR** R Hannon 8 11.....A McGlone
- 7 (6) **SHARP ASCENT (USA)** M Stoute 8 11.....W R Swinburn
- 8 (2) **WHAT A LOVE** G Lewis 8 11.....P Waldron

PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Santo Star, 3-1 Musing, 4-1 Sharp Ascent, 6-1 Miss Octavian, 10-1 What A Love and Celtic Image, 12-1 Melodius Miss.

3.30 PRIX HIPPODROME D'EVRY (H'CAP) £5,000 1m 4f (8 runners)

- 1 (1) 02/321-0 **SHANIPOUR (D)** G Harwood 4 9 11.....A Clark
- 4 (2) 4412-31 **FREE PRESS (D)** I Balding 5 9 5 (4 ex).....J H Brown (5)
- 5 (7) 4023-00 **JIMJAMS** R Hannon 4 8 7.....A McGlone
- 6 (3) 13213-0 **SIKORSKY (USA)(D)** J Sutcliffe 4 8 6.....J Matthias
- 7 (5) 201321-0 **NO-U-TURN** S Mellor 6 8 5.....
- 8 (4) 4030-13 **ABERFIELD (C)(D)(BF)** P Kelleway 7 8 5.....Gaye Kelleway (5)
- 10 (8) 03410-2 **SERHEED (USA)(D)** P Cole 4 8 0.....T Quinn (3)
- 12 (6) 4103-30 **KUROSAWA (USA)(D)** R Sheather 4 7 10.....R Street

BLINKERS: 12

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Free Press, 7-2 Serheed, 9-2 Aberfield, 6-1 Shanipour, 8-1 Sikorsky, 10-1 No-U-Turn, 12-1 Jimjams and Kurosawa.

4.00 WATERLOO MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES £2,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (12 runners)

- 1 (5) 02 **ALBANY LAD** R Hannon 8 9.....A McGlone
- 2 (8) 0 **HAWKINS TENDER** J Bosley 8 9.....I Johnson
- 3 (4) 04 **INTREPID LAD** M McCourt 8 9.....W Hayes (7)
- 4 (2) 0 **WESTGATE FLYER** P D Haynes 8 9.....R McGhin
- 5 (11) 0 **JUST BLAIR** Pat Mitchell 8 8.....Gay Kelleway (5)
- 6 (9) 0 **LADY WILDE** R Hannon 8 6.....R Wernham
- 7 (7) 0 **TANTIVY ROSE** P Cole 8 6.....T Quinn (3)
- 11 (12) 0 **LILY OF FRANCE** D Laing 8 4.....J Reid
- 12 (1) 00 **FRENCH EMPEROR** M J Haynes 8 3.....I Jenkinson
- 13 (3) **HALLAND PARK BOY** A Pitt 8 3.....A Clark
- 14 (6) **IRELAND GIRL** K Ivory 8 0.....D McKay
- 15 (10) **MISS MAGNETISM** G Blum 8 0.....R Fox

BLINKERS: 11

PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Albany Lad, 11-4 Intrepid Lad, 6-1 Tantivy Rose, 8-1 Lily of France, 10-1 Halland Park Boy, 12-1 Lady Wilde and French Emperor, 20-1 others.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FINAL PREVIEW

David takes on Goliath

BY OUR OWN
CORRESPONDENT

THIS AFTERNOON'S Rugby League Challenge Cup final at Wembley has all the makings of being one of the greatest clashes in the history of the competition.

Any Derby match between Widnes and Wigan is something special.

But with the game 'transferred' to Wembley and the reward being the game's finest piece of silverware it should be one of the hardest-fought finals for years.

And with old friends — and enemies — Vince Karalius and Alex Murphy, on opposing sides, not an inch will be asked or given.

Widnes will be odds-on favourites and the team's records over the past decade couldn't be in sharper contrast.

But Wembley is traditionally a graveyard for favourites and with 'Sproul' in charge Wigan will not go down without a fight.

It's 14 years, though, since Wigan were at Wembley and Murphy will need his enormous experience to prepare his team to do battle with a Widnes side for whom Wembley has become something of a second home.

Visit

For Widnes it will be their seventh visit to London in the last ten years, and three Widnes players, captain Eric Hughes, and forwards Mick Adams and Keith Elwell, will be playing in their seventh final.

Widnes will have three wingers in their line-up, Andy Gregory, Keiron O'Loughlin and Joe Lydon — all aiming to take the trophy back to Naughton Park and not their home town of Wigan.

Cup kings Widnes meet their neighbours Wigan at Wembley

Wigan coach Murphy's decision to bring back Australian prop Kerry Hemsley from Balmain to play has been the subject for hot debate locally but although Hemsley hasn't played in any of the previous rounds there is no doubt that his presence will be an enormous boost for Wigan.

There is also another fascinating confrontation in the front row, with the Kiwi Tamati cousins, Kevin and Howie, on opposing sides.

It is ten years since Widnes failed to win a major trophy, and this season they have already been odds-on favourites in the Lancashire and John Player Cup finals.

On both occasions, however, they were surprisingly beaten.

Karalius, whose nickname 'the wild bull of the Pampas' will live forever in rugby history, will be doing everything possible to make sure he is not the first Widnes boss in that period not to bring silver back to Naughton Park.

Bosses

The result of the game could hinge on the two bosses.

They are, without doubt, two of the all-time greats of Rugby League. Both learnt their trade at Wigan under the legendary Jim Sullivan and

went on to become Great Britain teammates.

Now they are probably the two most charismatic bosses in the game.

An intense rivalry exists between them and how they motivate the teams could determine the result.

Wigan's Shaun Edwards will make history today by becoming the youngest-ever player in a Challenge Cup final.

Alex Murphy paid £35,000 for the youngster three months after his 17th birthday and he plays at Wembley having only been a professional for seven months.

The last meeting between the clubs was in April at Naughton Park,

Widnes winning by 21-14.

Since then Widnes have slumped to fifth place in the table, and their erratic form culminated in a 30-4 battering last Sunday in the first round of the Premiership Trophy at Castleford.

So the scene is set for a classic. Wigan, on their first visit to the famous twin towers in 14 years but with vast experience and Murphy's will to win, versus cup kings Widnes led by Karalius; and the experience of Hughes, Elwell and Adams versus the youth and enthusiasm of Edwards.

On form Widnes should win easily. But at Wembley the form book goes out of the window, and the side that performs the best on the day will collect the rewards.

In the end that could all be down to Karalius versus Murphy for Rugby League's most famous trophy.



Widnes captain Eric Hughes holds aloft the Challenge Trophy at Wembley on the club's last visit to the stadium



ANDY GREGORY on his way to a try and Wembley glory for Widnes. Can he repeat it this afternoon?

HAYDOCK BBC1 1.30, 2.00, 2.30

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: W Carson 51, M Birch 26, B Raymond 23, J Lowe 20, J Ives 19, J Reid 17, Pat Eddery 16, P Cook 15, E Hide 15, S Cauthen 14, J Bleasdale 14, K Darley 13, G Duffield 12.
TRAINERS: W Hern 25, R Hollinshead 22, R Houghton 19, M H Easterby 18, B Hills 16, M Jarvis 15, M Stoute 14, J Dunlop 13, W O'Gorman 12, H Cecil 11, P Cole 11.
DRAW: Little significance.

1.30 ORDSALL LANE HANDICAP £4,000
1m4f (5 runners)

1 (5) 231010-0 NEORION (C) C Brittain 4 9 10..... Paul Eddery
3 (4) 030-103 REGAL STEEL (C-D) R Hollinshead 6 8 13..... W Ryan (5)
4 (3) 311143- CLANRALLIER J W Watts 4 8 7..... G Duffield
6 (1) 1032/12 TAFFY JONES (D)(BF) M McCormack 5 8 5..... M Birch
10 (2) 00-0240 APPLE WINE (D) D Chapman 7 7 7..... S P Griffiths (7)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Regal Steel, 5-2 Neorion, 7-2 Taffy Jones, 11-2 Clanrallier, 11-1 Apple Wine.

2.00 SIR RICHARD FAIREY MEM. H'CAP £3,000
1m 2f (7 runners)

2 (1) 403200- RICCA GIRL J Etherington 9 7..... M Wood
4 (6) 040100- SPRINGLE R Hollinshead 9 5..... R Lappin (7)
5 (2) 41-3 SIGNORINA ODONE C Gray 9 4..... O Gray
7 (4) 031-03 HIDDEN DESTINY J Dunlop 9 3..... M Birch
8 (7) 0023410- MAJOR'S REQUEST (C) E Weymes 9 3..... K Hodgson
10 (5) 12320-0 GREED D Morley 8 13..... G Duffield
13 (3) 420-001 MOODY GIRL R Hollinshead 7 8..... W Ryan (5)

PROBABLE SP: 13-8 Hidden Destiny, 11-4 Moody Girl, 9-2 Signorina Odone, 6-1 Greed, 8-1 Major's Request, 12-1 others.

2.30 FAIREY SPRING TROPHY £10,000
7f (8 runners)

3 (8) 00 FIRST QUADRANT (USA) D Hanley 6 8 12..... S Keightley

4 (7) 10-0 WATER GIRL (FR) O Douieb 4 8 11..... R Machado
7 (3) 0000-00 KAMIR (FR) A Jarvis 4 8 10..... D Nicholls
9 (2) 0000-04 WELSH IDOL P Kelleway 4 8 10..... G Duffield
10 (4) 40- BALLY J Toller 4 8 7..... K Hodgson
11 (5) 2210- BELDALE LEAR (USA) M Jarvis 3 8 4..... M Birch
12 (1) 1- CONDRILLAC (USA) H Cecil 3 8 0..... Paul Eddery
14 (6) 1211-40 MR MEEKA (USA) S Norton 3 7 10..... J Lowe

BLINKERS: 9, 14
PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Condrillac, 4-1 Beldale Lear, 6-1 Mr Meeka, 10-1 Water Girl, 14-1 Welsh Idol, 20-1 others.

3.00 BOTANY BAY STAKES £2,000
1m (5 runners)

3 (3) 3110-24 BOLD PATRIARCH (CAN) J Dunlop 9 12..... Mr T Easterby
5 (2) 43110-0 KAYUS G Hunter 9 12..... Mr T Thomson Jones
6 (5) 044314- MALISTRANO S Mellor 9 12..... Elaine Mellor
8 (1) ADMIRAL'S DANCE M McCormack 9 7..... Mr J Bennett (4)
12 (4) 00000- BELLEKINO R Hollinshead 9 4..... Jane Hughes (4)

BLINKERS: 5
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Bold Patriarch, 9-4 Kayus, 6-1 Malistrano, 8-1 Bellekino, 12-1 Admiral's Dance.

NEWMARKET

2.00 (5f): LADY DONNA Pat Eddery (3-1 jt fav); Top Socialite (3-1 jt fav); Fraulein Tobin (3-1 jt fav); Rocket Royale (25-1); 12 ran. 3/4, 4. (R Boss) T: £4; £1.40, £1.70, £1.50. CSF: £12.30.
2.35 (5f): CHANTACO W R Swinburn (2-1); Ahona (10-1); Que Sera (6-5 fav); Hi-Tech Girl (7-1); 5 ran. 2, nk. (M Stoute) T: £3; £1.40, £4.30. CSF: £15.83.
3.05 (6f): MIAMI PRINCE T Quinn (9-1); Saturnian (11-1); Much Blest (12-1); Pharliou (3-1); 16 ran. sh hd, 4. (P Cole) T: £8.10; £2, £2.20, £1.90, £10.90. CSF: £95.09.
3.40 (1m 4f): GAY LEMUR G Baxter (8-1); Jupiter Island (5-1); Band (9-2); Salmon Leap (11-8 fav); 6 ran. hd, 3. (B Hobbs) T: £10.50; £3.90, £1.20. CSF: £39.56. NR: Carlingford Castle and Simply Great.
4.10 (1m 2f): SANDY ISLAND L Piggott (15-8 fav); Cassandra (7-1); Rowa (7-2); Triagonal (5-1); 11 ran. 2 1/2, 1. (H Cecil) T: £2.70; £1.40, £2.90, £1.30. CSF: £15.93. NR: Mpani.
4.40 (1m): TEST OF TIME S Cauthen (9-1); Barry Sheene (14-1); Plebiscite (7-2 fav); Sams Wood (20-1); 17 ran. nk, 3. (H Candy) T: £14.30; £3.20, £3.70, £2.10, £3.80. CSF: £115.30. NR: Pendori.
5.10 (1m): ZAYTOON W R Swinburn (5-4 fav); Respite (9-2); Gullfand (10-1); Dundy (4-1); 6 ran. 1 1/2, 3. (J Cienchowski) T: £2.30; £1.40, £1.70. CSF: £26.35. NR: Vieille Femme.

3.30 SALFORD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES £1,500
5f (6 runners)

1 (5) 4 DRAMACON D Morley 9 0..... G Duffield
3 (1) 0 ALANCAR K Stone 8 11..... C Dwyer
8 (4) 0 LONDON LEADER D Plant 8 5..... B Coogan
9 (3) 0 OUR SIMMIE R Hollinshead 8 5..... W Ryan (5)
11 (6) 04 POKEY M W Easterby 8 2..... K Hodgson
14 (2) 30 NORTHERN PARADE M W Easterby 7 13..... M Fry

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Dramacon, 11-4 London Leader, 7-2 Our Simmie, 6-1 Pokey, 10-1 Northern Parade, 14-1 Alancar.

4.00 MULBERRY HANDICAP £3,000
5f (7 runners)

1 (5) 003-000 SAINT CRESPIAN BAY (D) R Hannon 5 9 10..... L Jones (7)
3 (1) 04300-0 BOCA RATON (D) J Berry 3 9 1..... J Carroll (7)
4 (6) 00000-0 DURANDAL D Wilson 7 8 11..... W Ryan (5)
5 (3) 102310- KAREN'S STAR (D) D Chapman 7 8 10..... S Webster
7 (7) 30-0200 SPOILT FOR CHOICE D Chapman 7 8 5..... D Nicholls
9 (4) 0200-01 RIDALS CHOICE (D) R Hobson 3 7 13..... A Proud
11 (2) 00-0000 RUSSIAN WINTER (C-D) A W Jones 9 7 12..... Paul Eddery

BLINKERS: 9, 11
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Ridals Choice, 5-2 Boca Ratón, 7-2 Karen's Star, 11-2 Saint Crespián Bay, 8-1 Russian Winter, 12-1 others.

RESULTS

CARLISLE

2.30 (5f): AKUNA MATATA K Darley (2-1 fav); Colsterdale (9-2); Sweet Salora (7-1); Valgly Whisper (11-2); 4 ran. nk, 1/2. (J Berry) T: £2.60; £1.10, £1.0. CSF: £10.60. NR: Pokey's Pet.
3.00 (5f): DARK MYSTIQUE J Scully (6-1); Carpenter's Boy (16-1); Blochairn Skolar (5-1 jt fav); Just Wilbur (5-1); 15 ran. 1/2, 2. (P Haslam) T: £3.90; £1.10, £25.80, £1.50. CSF: £97.67.
3.30 (6f): PYTHAGORIAN D Nicholls (14-1); Stylogram (7-1); Acka's Gem (6-1); Nicky Nick (3-1); 8 ran. 2 1/2, 2. (R W Stubbs) T: £10.50; £2.00, £5.40, £2.70. CSF: £92.18.

4.00 (1m): LINPAC LEAF C Dwyer (12-1); Dear Laura (3-1 jt fav); Singalong Lass (6-1); Tizzy (3-1); 11 ran. 1, 3/4. (W Elsey) T: £16.70; £4.70, £1.00, £2.70. CSF: £46.66.
4.30 (1m 1f): RABIRIUS M Wood (2-1 fav); Video Boom (5-1); Sky Mariner (10-1); Chrisal (5-1); 8 ran. 7. Sh hd. (W Bentley) T: £2.90; £1.70, £1.40, £3.30. CSF: £11.59.
5.00 (1m 4f): RIVER LINNET N Carlisle (5-1); Harlyn Bay (11-4 jt fav); Banna's Retreat (11-1); 9 ran. Sh hd, 4. (M Lambert) T: £3.70; £1.00, £1.90, £3.00. CSF: £18.40. After steward's inquiry, Harlyn Bay was disqualified and placed second although first past winning post.

WOMEN'S CUP FINAL

DOUBLE-UP DONCASTER

But Howbury could spring surprise



Howbury's Dana McDonald could, if chosen, play a big part in a possible victory for the Kent club

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE WFA CUP

- 1971: Southampton
- 1972: Southampton
- 1973: Southampton
- 1974: Fodens
- 1975: Southampton
- 1976: Southampton
- 1977: Q.P.R.
- 1978: Southampton
- 1979: Southampton
- 1980: St Helens
- 1981: Southampton
- 1982: Lowestoft
- 1983: Doncaster Belles

LAST September 120 football teams set out to reach one goal — the Women's Football Association (WFA) Cup Final at Lincoln City's Sincil Bank ground tomorrow afternoon.

Lincoln's neat and homely little stadium might be a far cry from Wembley, but for the finalists, Doncaster Belles and Howbury Grange, it won't make any difference.

They have come through six rounds of sudden-death football to get there. Their travels have taken them from Devon in the south to Cleveland in the north and now the final confrontation, which promises to be one of the trophy's best-ever finals.

'I think the WFA like the idea of a north v south

confrontation, it's good for the game,' said Howbury manager Albert Bampton this week as the Kent club put the final touches to their preparations.

'The Grange', as their supporters call them, are appearing in their first final — and this is only their second season together.

Doncaster, on the other hand, are a well established club who lifted the trophy last season, beating the fancied St Helens. Manager Richard Han-

sen, however, doesn't like the 'favourite' tag.

'We are sticking to the very same routine in our build-up to the final as last year,' he told me this week.

Travel

'The girls will gather on Friday evening, stay in a local hotel, and then travel to Lincoln on Saturday. After a late breakfast on Sunday morning, we will have a chat about the game and then travel to the ground.

'I think our preparation played a big part in last season's success when we started the final as underdogs.

'I really don't know too much about Howbury, our paths don't usually cross, so in that respect they are something of a mystery to me. But they have to be a good side to reach this stage of the competition.'

Bampton is in much the same position.

'We haven't seen Doncaster play, but they must be a good side to have won it last season,' he added.

Playing in a Cup Final is every players' dream. But for Elaine Cozens (left) that ambition will have to wait until next year at least. Elaine, a regular Welsh international, has had to drop out of Howbury's WFA Cup plans with a bad knee injury.

But she was still on hand on Thursday night to wish her teammate Debbie Bampton the very best for the final

DONCASTER PATH DONCASTER BELLES

Formed back in 1969, Doncaster Belles joined the Sheffield Women's League and had quite a lot of success before switching to the Notts Ladies League some years ago.

Indeed, for the last three seasons they have captured the League title and only last weekend made it four in a row.

They reached the quarter-final stage of the WFA Cup in 1982 and then went one step further last year before beating St Helens to lift the trophy. They are current-

ly one of the strongest teams in the north of England, and will start favourites to retain the Cup at Lincoln tomorrow.

Their path to the final:

- 1st Round: Bt Cleveland (h) 2-0
- 2nd Round: Bt Broadoak (a) 4-0
- 3rd Round: Bt Bronte (a) 3-2
- 4th Round: Bt Tiverton (a) 2-1
- 5th Round: Bt Birmingham City (h) 7-0
- Semi-Final: Bt Southampton (h) 2-0
- 6 matches: for 20; against 3.



Connors — favourite for WCT title

UNITED States Open tennis champion Jimmy Connors has been seeded No.1 ahead of Wimbledon champion John McEnroe (2) and Ivan Lendl (3), in the World Championship Tennis (WCT) tournament of champions which starts at Forest Hills tomorrow.

The tournament, which

will run until May 13, will start with \$300,000 direct prize money as well as a \$200,000 bonus pool.

Rounding off the eight seeds are Americans Jimmy Arias, Johan Kriek, Vitas Gerulaitis, Brad Drewett of Australia and Pedro Rebelledo of Chile.

The 64-man field includes only players who have won at least one tournament valuing at least \$10,000 in prize money during the last 12 months.

● LONDON'S Queen's tennis club will feature six of the world's top ten players when the Stella Artois

Grand Prix tournament starts on June 11, it was announced yesterday.

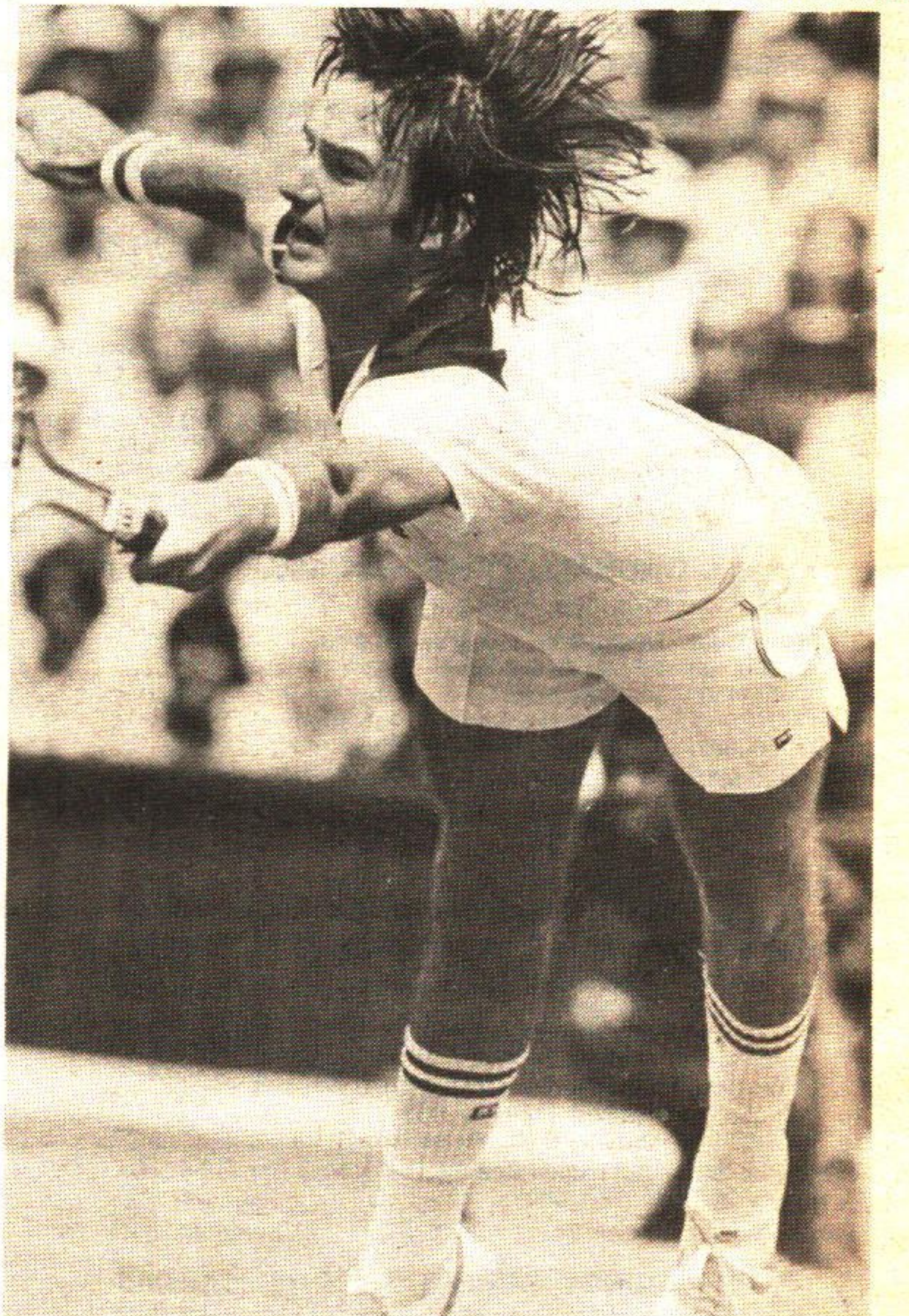
Ivan Lendl will return for his second successive year on the grass courts to join previous winners John McEnroe and current champion Jimmy Connors battling for the £160,000-

worth of prize money and cup at the Bar on's Court venue.

The 'big three' will be chased for the £21,500 first prize by Kevin Curren, ranked No.10, Andres Gomez, at No.8 and Yannick Noah, the French Open champion who has never played the tournament before.

There is good news too for two British players. John Lloyd's improved form of late has taken him to No.62 in the world rankings which guarantees him direct entry.

Jeremy Bates, the 21-year-old British No.4, although ranked outside the world top 200, has been nominated by British manager Paul Hutchings as the player of the month for March, and has taken the 'wild card' entry offered by Stella Artois through Hutchings' selection.



JIMMY CONNORS... Top seed in the WCT Tournament of Champions

Olympic flame — US bound

THE Olympic flame, which has been the subject of continuing controversy between Greek officials and the American organisers of this year's Olympic games in Los Angeles, will leave Athens by plane on Monday, a Greek official said yesterday.

Nikos Filaretos, a member of the Greek and

International Olympic Committees, said there had been technical problems in installing electronic equipment for the proposed transfer of the flame to New York by laser beam.

The latest turn-around over this year's flame follows allegations by groups in Greece that the

Los Angeles organisers are commercialising the symbol by having its run across the United States sponsored for charity at around £2,000 a mile.

Filaretos told Reuters there would be a 'short, small ceremony' in Olympia on Monday morning, with students from the Lyceum of Greek

Women, an Athens school of music and dance, acting as priestesses.

The flame would then be taken by helicopter to Athens from where Los Angeles Olympics Organising Committee officials would take it to New York on a jet they had chartered in time for the controversial relay to start on Tuesday.

WOMEN'S CUP FINAL



**Matthew Nugent
previews tomorrow's
WFA Cup Final**

DID YOU KNOW . . .

BOTH managers involved in tomorrow's WFA Cup final have family ties with the two teams. Albert Bampton, Howbury Grange's manager, will be hoping that his daughter Debbie can cause the opposition problems in midfield while Richard Hansen, his opposite number at Doncaster, is relying on Gill Hansen, his sister and Lorraine Hansen, his wife, to score the goals that will keep the trophy up north.

However, both teams possess players who know each other very well.

Howbury's Terry Wiseman and Debbie Bampton, and Doncaster's Lorraine Hansen are all current England internationals.

Indeed, all three played a big part in helping the national side reach the final of the UEFA Women's Cup final later this month.

Jackie Sherrard and Lorraine Hunt of Doncaster also have experience of the game at international level while Howbury's Debbie Fox is a current Welsh international.

While Doncaster put an end to another successful League campaign last weekend by lifting the title for the fourth year in a row, Howbury's form in recent weeks has been a little bit worrying for Bampton.

However, a victory over C&C last Sunday, which keeps them in

second place in the First Division of the Home Counties League, left him in a much better frame of mind.

'After we had beaten Rowntrees to reach the WFA final, our game seemed to go off the boil for a while,' he said this week, 'but last Sunday everything went right — and if we play like that then I think Doncaster could be in for a surprise.'

Bampton believes that his front line — Tracy Doe, Terry Springett and Yvonne Baldeo — are a match for any defence on their day.

'They are exciting players,' he stressed, 'and if they play up to their full potential then things may just go our way.' But he added: 'Cup football is all about producing the goods on the day; if you do that then you are always in with a chance.'

Hansen's 'low profile' before the final seems to be the right approach. He feels it's worked before

and it could work again. His preparations have gone according to plan and he was able to name an unchanged team earlier this week.

Women's football is still trying to break down chauvinist barriers — and both managers agree that no matter who wins, all 22 players will be out to prove that their game is just as skilful and as entertaining as the men's game.

Who's going to win? I'm having a small wager on Howbury and Doncaster to prove all their critics wrong.

DONCASTER BELLES: Val Blake, Wendy Hardisty, Jackie Sherrard, Lorraine Hunt, Doreen Jones, Toni Youd, Sheila Stocks, Carol Carr, Gill Hansen, Lorraine Hansen, Karen Skillcorn. Subs: Julie Sutcliffe, Ruth Derrick. Manager: Richard Hansen. Colours: Yellow shirts, Blue shorts and stockings.

HOWBURY GRANGE (from): Terry Wiseman, Jackie Harper, Hannah Davidson, Sally Jackson, Maddy Makarab, Debbie Bampton, Debbie Fox, Lorraine Everard, Shirley Stewart, Tracy Doe, Terry Springett, Yvonne Baldeo, Dana McDonald. Manager: Albert Bampton. Colours: All Red.



COME AND GET IT . . . Doncaster Belles (left to right) Wendy Hardisty, Sheila Stocks and Carol Carr, proudly display the WFA Cup they won last season. They will be hoping to retain it tomorrow at Lincoln

HOWBURY PATH HOWBURY GRANGE

Howbury Grange are one of the youngest clubs to reach a WFA Cup final. Formed just last season, they entered the Home Counties Second Division and won promotion to Division One at their first attempt.

Before that some of the girls had played with Maidstone WFC, but lack of competition forced the club to move nearer to London — Bexley, Kent — in an attempt to join a better League.

Deciding on their name was easy. A local school, called Howbury Grange, allowed them to use their facilities while

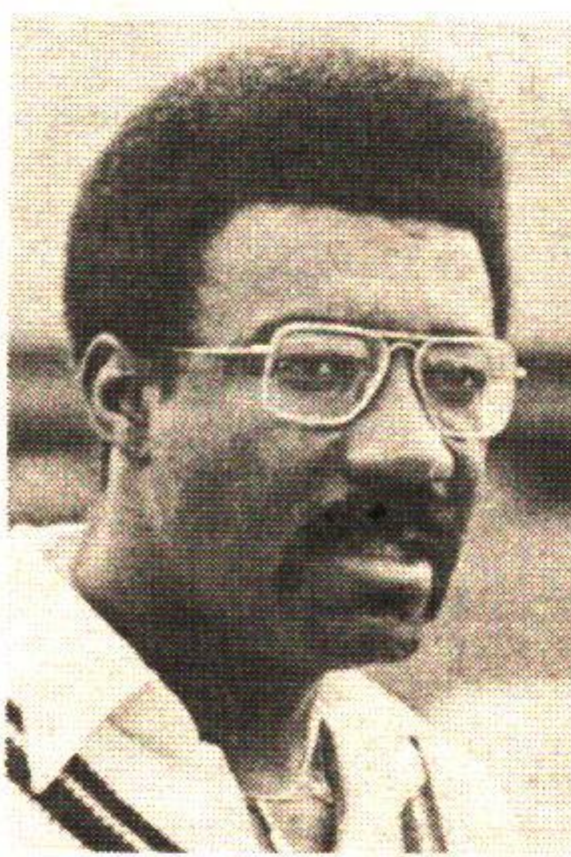
they looked around for their own ground.

The club are currently second in the Home Counties League Division One.

Their path to the final:

1st Round: Bt Gillingham (h) 10-1
2nd Round: Bt Southwick Giants (h) 10-1
3rd Round: Bt Shoreham (a) 2-0
4th Round: Bt Ashford (a) 6-0
5th Round: Bt St Helens (a) 4-0
Semi-Final: Bt Rowntrees (a) 1-1
Replay: Bt Rowntrees (h) 3-1
7 matches: for 36; against 4.

Lloyd set to retire!



CLIVE LLOYD

WEST Indies cricket captain Clive Lloyd said yesterday he would like to retire at the end of the 1984-1985 tour of Australia but had not made a firm decision yet.

'I would love to call it a day after Australia . . . but I have not made a final decision,' Lloyd told the Caribbean news agency CANA.

He has led the West Indies toward continued Test successes in India and at home against Australia during the last six months, as well as taking the World Series Cricket one-day tournament in Australia, between Pakistan, Australia and themselves.

Cricket sources said that at private celebra-

tions friends and well-wishers urged Lloyd, who will be 40 years old in August, to carry on at least until after the New Zealand tour of the Caribbean next year.

Asked if he would be persuaded to stay on for the Kiwis visit, Lloyd replied: 'I hope not.'

JIMMY White and Kirk Stevens both left their sick beds to hustle in century breaks apiece in a scintillating display of snooker during the second session of the first half of their Embassy World Professional Championship semi-final yesterday.

But it was tonsillitis-sufferer Stevens, the 25-year-old Canadian, who just edged the scoreline after making a 115 clear-up to lead for the first time in the 15th frame of the best-of-thirty-one-frames match, 8-7.

Two frames earlier stomach-bug-victim White, the 22-year-old left-hander from Tooting, London, had made his first ton of the tournament, exactly 100, to underline his nickname

'the whirlwind'. He took the frame in just eight minutes, 100-10.

In all, the pair played blow for blow in seven dazzling frames lasting only 90 minutes. The pair of them make fellow-youngster Steve Davis, the defending champion,

look a positive old-age pensioner in contrast.

Stevens, in taking the lead after the final cue-off, achieved a personal triumph after trailing White 5-1 during Thursday night's opening encounter.

He blew a fuse after

trying to frustrate White with safety play but returned to his best form yesterday when he reverted to his usual style.

After changing tactics, Stevens pulled back to go to bed 3-5 down but was also helped when White was struck down by a

mystery ailment that saw him leave the hall for three minutes to be sick.

The two remaining sessions today could well take the match to the full 31-frames distance and with both men in superb form, who's to tell which side it will fall.

STEVENS TAKES LEAD

Piquet in pole position

DRIVERS' champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil, still without a point this season, drove superbly round the slippery Imola track in Italy yesterday to record the fastest official practice time of one minute 35.493 seconds for tomorrow's San Marino Motor Racing Grand Prix.

Drivers steadily clip-

ped seconds away as the five-kilometre Imola circuit dried out after heavy rain, but Piquet, in a Brabham, could not be caught.

Piquet said: 'I feel good at Imola. I won here in 1980 and 1981 and now I have the best practice time.'

Alain Prost of France,

driving a McLaren, was only fractionally behind Piquet in his bid to stay top of the Drivers' Championship standings which he leads with 15 points. Prost clocked 1:35.689.

Renault driver Patrick Tambay of France was third fastest in 1:36.250, ahead of Italian Andrea de Cesaris,

Moore for manager

SOUTHBEND shareholders yesterday called on Bobby Moore to become the club's permanent manager at their annual meeting.

Moore, a director and chief executive, took over as caretaker manager

ROBSON BACK FOR UNITED



BRYAN ROBSON . . . He will make a welcome return for Manchester United today

BRYAN ROBSON is back in Manchester United's line-up today as the Old Trafford club make a final four-match to overhaul Liverpool for the League Championship.

Robson, missing from United's line-up for the past month, said last night: 'We need maximum points from our remaining games — and hope that Liverpool drop some.'

However, Everton, who provide the opposition at Goodison Park this afternoon, will be hoping to put paid to United's chase for League honours.

Everton, FA Cup finalists, will be hoping for a Merseyside takeover of the domestic scene this season for Liverpool are the Milk Cup holders — they beat Everton in the final — and both clubs now have a real chance to make sure that all the domestic silverware ends up in the northwest city.

The return of Robson will add steel to a United side that has badly missed his skill and leadership recently.

Manager Ron Atkinson said yesterday: 'It's no secret that we have missed Robson. His absence came when we had a perfect blend — and it cost us a break in a good rhythm.'

BY OUR OWN STAFF

'We cannot affect Liverpool's results but we have dropped 10 points out of the last 14 and we know that with any sort of average form we would have been favourites for the title.'

The return of the United skipper leaves Arthur Graham, Paul McGrath and Alan Davies scrambling for one place, while Welsh hero Mark Hughes keeps Norman Whiteside on the sidelines.

Everton will be without the injured Kevin Ratcliffe and winger Terry Curran, while Adrian Heath is suspended.

Jim Arnold stands by in case Neville Southall is ruled out in goal, while Ian Bishop and Robbie Wakenshaw will gain debuts if injury rules out Peter Reid.

Liverpool, fortunate that United have danced in step over the last couple of inconsistent weeks, seem certain to plunge

Birmingham further into relegation trouble, especially with captain Graeme Souness back from suspension to dislodge Craig Johnston.

QPR, who can secure a place in Europe next season, have Jeremy Charles in contention for a return at Notts County. But with the home side desperate for points, it will not be straightforward. Former Rangers midfielder Rachid Harkouk returns with defender David Clark suspended.

Southampton, another side heading for a UEFA Cup place, also visit a relegation-haunted side, at Stoke.

While the Saints have doubts about Alan Curtis and Mark Dennis, Stoke hope to have England winger Mark Chamberlain fit after missing the international at Wrexham in midweek.

Sunderland visit Ipswich, knowing that

their fate could be decided in the next three days. After tackling Bobby Ferguson's fellow strugglers, they entertain Notts County in Monday's Bank Holiday programme.

Manager Len Ashurst, his side hit by a virus, said: 'We have not previously been in a position to set targets but if we can win one of these games we should have something to celebrate by Monday evening.'

Ipswich will be unchanged and continue a late run that has brought them eight points from four games.

Tottenham, who begin a five-day countdown to the first leg of the UEFA Cup final against Anderlecht with games at home to Norwich and at Southampton, will be without the injured Mick Hazard today.

He is replaced by Richard Cooke, while Norwich come to White Hart Lane determined to attack — with four strikers.

CRICKET SUMMARIES

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire 269 (Hughes 72) and 190 for two (Fowler 70) Derbyshire 394 (Miller 130, Finney 52, Moir 51; McFarlane four for 65). Lancashire (4 pts) and Derbyshire (5 pts) drew.

CANTERBURY: Essex 202 (McEwan 63; Ellison four for 35) and 113 (Gooch 84; Ellison five for 27). Kent 183 (Pringle seven for 53) and 136 for seven. Kent (21 pts) bt Essex (6 pts) by three wickets.

WORCESTER: Glamorgan 309 for eight dec (Henderson 90) and 134 (Henderson 56, Warner five for 27, Elcock four for 34) Worcestershire 209 (Neale 73, Davis four for 59) and 168 (Patel 59, Barwick seven for 55). Glamorgan (24 pts) bt Worcestershire (5 pts) by 66 runs.

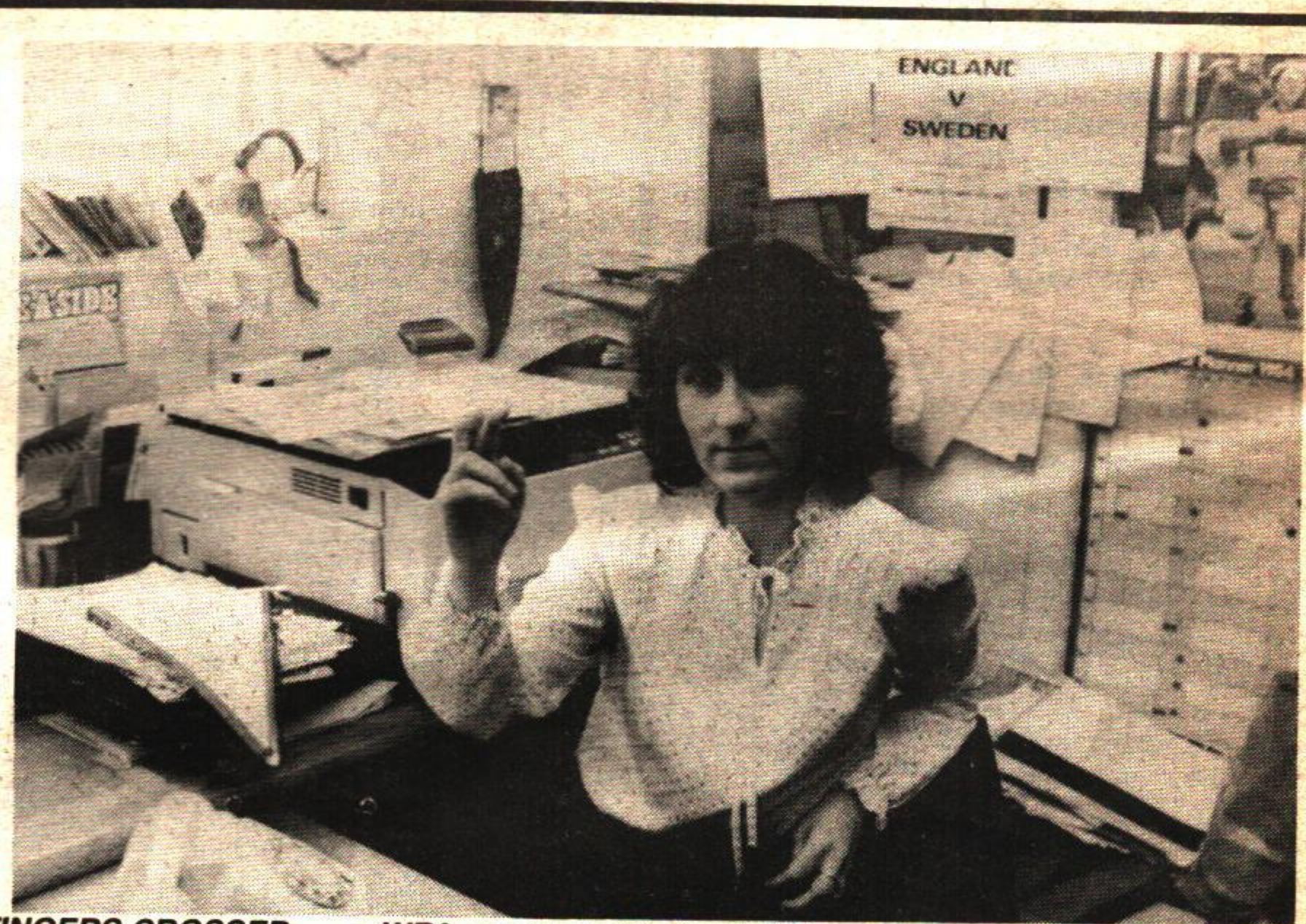
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire 291 for nine dec. and 188 for five dec. (Randall 75 n.o.) Leicestershire 196 and 219 for six (Butcher 62, Parsons 54 n.o.). Nottinghamshire (7 pts) and Leicestershire (4 pts) drew.

THE OVAL: Surrey 318 for seven dec. (Knight 87, Lynch 60, Richards 56 n.o.), and 225 for nine dec. (Lynch 66, Pauline 65; Capel five for 28). Northamptonshire 300 (Lamb 74, Bailey 65) and 244 for four (Boyd-Moss 79). Northamptonshire (23 pts) bt Surrey (8 pts) by six wickets.

OTHER MATCHES

CAMBRIDGE: Sussex 359 for five dec (Greig 106 n.o., Parker 100 n.o., Mendis 69) and 141 for two dec (Wells 61 n.o., Wells 53 n.o.). Cambridge University 156 (Andrew 51; Reeve five for 22) and 132 for four (Siddiqui 52). Match drawn.

OXFORD: Somerset 365 for one dec. (Roebuck 152 n.o., Wyatt 103, Crow 100 n.o.) and 186 for four. (Poplewell 50). Oxford University 171 (Cullinan 59; Davis six for 82) and 241 (Carr 100). Somerset won by 139 runs.



FINGERS CROSSED . . . WFA secretary Linda Whitehead waits by her telephone for a favourable reply

London snubs WFA

THE England women's football team's success at reaching the UEFA final hasn't impressed the Football Association or any of London's 13 Football League clubs one bit.

The Women's Football Association (WFA), who play Sweden in the final — the tournament is officially sanctioned and run by UEFA — over a two-legged final this month, had hoped that they could hold the second leg in the capital.

But, after requests, made through the Football Association, all of London's clubs have either flatly refused or made excuses to refuse their plea for help.

'The clubs were either not interested or said their pitches were going to be dug up in preparation for next season,' Linda Whitehead, the WFA secretary said yesterday from her London office.

'I just can't believe it,' she added. 'We've struggled all the way to get to such a prestigious final and we haven't even got the incentive of a good ground to play on.'

Facilities

While some of the capital's non-League sides have fine facilities and reasonably good playing surfaces, Whitehead is also afraid that if the game is scheduled for such a venue, the Swedes might complain and England could end up forfeiting the tie.

'While these non-League clubs would probably help, you have got to remember the Swedes

have arranged to have the first leg of the final played at the national Ullevi stadium in Gothenburg on May 12,' Whitehead explained to News Line last night.

'They have gone out of their way to motivate their girls by playing the match in such a splendid stadium, the least we can do here is try to offer them the same kind of atmosphere at one of our big clubs.'

The Football Association have seemingly dragged their feet in the matter. One would have thought that they could have put pressure on one of London's League clubs to stage the match.

Whitehead has still not ruled a last-minute change of heart by one of the big clubs, but time is running out as the Swedes have to be informed in a matter of days where the venue will be.

POOLS CHECK



ALLIANCE PREMIER

- 39 Altrincham v Wealdstone
- 40 Barnet v Bath
- 41 Boston v Yeovil
- 42 Enfield v Gateshead

SCOTTISH PREMIER

- 43 Aberdeen v Hibernian
- 44 Dundee U v St Mirren
- 45 Hearts v Celtic
- 46 Rangers v Dundee
- 47 St J'stne v Motherwell

SCOTTISH DIV I

- 48 Airdrie v Dumbarton
- 49 Clyde v Falkirk
- 50 Hamilton v Meadowbank
- 51 Kilmarnock v Ayr
- 52 Morton v Alloa
- 53 Partick v Clydebank
- 54 Raith v Brechin

SCOTTISH DIV II

- 55 Albion R v E Stirling
- Cowdenbeath v Farfar
- E Fife v Queen's Park
- Montrose v Berwick
- Queen o' Sth v Stranraer
- Stenhousemuir v Dunfermline
- Stirling A v Arbroath

DIVISION I

- 1 Birmingham v Liverpool
- 2 Coventry v Luton
- Everton v Man Utd
- 3 Ipswich v Sunderland
- 4 Leicester v Nottm Forest
- 5 Notts Co v QPR
- 6 Stoke v Southampton
- 7 Tottenham v Norwich
- 8 Watford v Wolves
- 9 West Brom v Arsenal
- 10 West Ham v A Villa

DIVISION II

- 11 Barnsley v Oldham
- 12 Cardiff v Brighton
- 13 C Palace v Swansea
- Fulham v Cambridge
- 14 Grimsby v Blackburn
- 15 Leeds v Carlisle
- Middlesbro v Charlton
- Newcastle v Derby
- 16 Portsmouth v Huddersf'd
- 17 Shrewsbury v Sheff Wed

DIVISION III

- 18 Bournemouth v Port Vale
- 19 Brentford v Scunthorpe

- 20 Burnley v Orient
- 21 Gillingham v Newport
- 22 Hull v Southend
- 23 Lincoln v Rotherham
- 24 Millwall v Bolton
- 25 Oxford v Exeter
- 26 Plymouth v Walsall
- 27 Preston v Bradford
- 28 Sheff Utd v Wimbledon
- Wigan v Bristol R

DIVISION IV

- 30 Aldershot v Blackpool
- 31 Bristol C v Swindon
- 32 Bury v Northampton
- 33 Doncaster v Rochdale
- 34 H'lepool v Stockport
- 35 Hereford v Reading
- 36 Mansfield v York
- 37 Peterboro v Darlington
- Torquay v Crewe (7.30)
- Tranmere v Chester (3.15)
- 38 Wrexham v Colchester