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WORLD SLUMP DEEPENS

Banking crisis hitting Tory policy

RIISING American interest rates have begun to deepen the slump in western Europe throwing the Tory government's economic policies into chaos.

The pound dropped sharply against the dollar again yesterday and shares on the Stock Exchange took a hammering. The rise was later checked amid unconfirmed rumours that shares in a major US bank had been suspended because of 'difficulties'.

Dealers in London said Wednesday's increase in interest rates by the high street banks was insufficient. Another rise is expected shortly.

Interest rates in New York are rising sharply. Banks there raised their prime rate this week to 12.5 per cent, the third increase in two months.

Warned

Top Wall Street pundit Henry Kaufman warned yesterday that US rates could move spectacularly higher by next year.

The result already has been to push up the dollar against other currencies and push gold down to its lowest point in three months.

Argentine president Raul Alfonsin said the

BY JOHN SPENCER

rise was hitting debtor countries 'like a neutron bomb'. He added: 'We are not going to pay usury.'

This week's half-point rise in Wall Street interest rates is expected to add more than \$2 billion to Latin America's annual debt burden.

Alfonsin said the recent increase added \$600 million to Argentina's annual debt payments, 'equivalent to the total of beef exports foreseen for the present year'. Argentina, Mexico and Brazil owe some \$265 billion.

Europe will also be badly hit. West Germany is undergoing a panic flight of capital as employers dig in to face a major battle with engineering



THATCHER has called a meeting of economic ministers, including Nigel Lawson, but will not disclose what they will discuss

workers fighting for the 35-hour week.

Prime Minister Thatcher yesterday called an emergency meeting of key economic ministers, but Downing Street sources refused to disclose the topic under discussion.

Sacrificed

The Tories have sacrificed 4 million jobs on the altar of 'sound money'. Thatcher has boasted of cutting inflation and keeping interest rates down.

Now they are heading for double-digit interest rates with a falling pound, rising inflation



and worsening slump throughout Europe.

Chancellor Nigel Lawson confessed: 'Though we have succeeded in keeping UK rates below those rates of the US, we cannot be wholly immune to upward pressures generated from across the Atlantic.'

The danger was emphasised in London on Wednesday by the president of the West German Bundesbank, Karl Otto Poehl.

At a lunch for foreign bankers, he said it was doubtful whether the US could continue to attract inflows of money at a high enough rate to finance the current account deficit.

According to some estimates, the deficit will reach \$100 billion this year. Poehl warned of the danger of a dollar collapse. He said:

'The risk cannot be excluded that a change in capital flows could lead not only to a normalisation of the dollar exchange rate, which would certainly be welcome, but to an overshooting in the other direction as well, as we saw in 1977-78.'

Recession

The recent rise in US interest rates might produce not the desired 'soft landing', but a recession, he said.

The dollar fell back late yesterday amid signs that European central banks were making a concerted intervention to sell dollars from their reserves.

Central banks from West Germany, France, Holland and Italy are believed to have taken part. The Bank of Japan may have joined in too.

The pound ended the day at \$1.3830. At one point during the day it was being sold at \$1.3762, a new low.



ARTHUR SCARGILL . . . Ready for talks, but not about job or pit cuts

NUM gets offer of new talks

NUM PRESIDENT Arthur Scargill said yesterday that the miners' executive had received an informal approach to resume talks with the National Coal Board.

He would not name the people involved, but said they were not from the government arbitration body ACAS. Scargill said the union was ready to re-open talks at any time, either formally or informally, but added:

'We are not prepared to negotiate with the Coal Board on the question of pit closures or a reduction in manpower levels. . . . Those matters are not negotiable.'

Speaking after yesterday's NUM executive meeting, Scargill said the executive was pleased with the effect of the strike.

It had left the Central Electricity Generating Board with about eight weeks' supply of coal.

'Things are going very well indeed, and we are convinced we are winning this dispute.'

NUM leaders will today approach transport union leaders and officials from foreign embassies in an effort to increase the effect of the nine-week strike.

But Scargill would not say what assistance will be sought at this afternoon's meeting with other unions.

Asked whether he would request a formal approach to the TUC, he sidestepped the issue, saying: 'We shall be discussing those measures which we feel will make our dispute that much more effective.'

He said earlier that

BY BEN RUDDER

these measures were 'essential and important'.

The union's executive also decided that the wages of every official will be contributed to strike funds and hardship funds and the union's annual conference — set for early July in Tenby — has been cancelled.

Scargill said that executive members reported difficulties for the Electricity Board in all the areas.

He claimed that the government was worried and that unless they took emergency measures, there was only eight weeks' supply of coal at power stations.

There are still about 20 million tonnes on Coal Board property, but the Tories would be forced to take emergency regulations to move and unload such coal without transport union co-operation.

Scargill said that he had accurate production figures from Nottinghamshire where only 35 per cent of normal production was taking place in the north of the county with 61 per cent in the southern part.

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'I PUSHED HIM OVER WITH MY FOOT'

Policeman tells court

A POLICEMAN accused of kicking a demonstrator in the face told a court yesterday that he was trying to shove the man out of the way to protect himself.

Pc Karl Kneale, 23, denies assaulting Michael O'Brien during a 'Free

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

Dennis Kelly' demonstration outside Walton Prison, Liverpool, last July.

He said that he felt he had been tried and convicted in a photograph taken by a press photographer and published the day after the incident.

Mr Michael Wolfe, pro-

secuting at Preston Crown Court, has alleged that Kneale was photographed the instant he deliberately kicked O'Brien, Kelly's cousin.

Kneale, of Walton, a member of the city's operation support division, said that as a coach carrying Kelly came out of

the prison demonstrators were making 'desperate attempts' to throw themselves in its path.

He had been briefed to get them out of the way and shouted at them to get off the road when he came face to face with O'Brien who deliberately punched him in the chest.

'My reactions were twofold. I wanted to pro-

tect myself and remove him from the roadway. I pushed him with open palms in the chest area. I remember pushing him to the floor,' he said.

He heard someone shouting: 'Kick the pig' and felt O'Brien kicking the outside of his left leg three or four times.

'I stepped back out of his way. I pushed him over on to his back with the sole of my foot to stop him kicking me again and to protect myself from him.'

He would have arrested O'Brien but after a violent struggle he got away into the crowd, the policeman said.

The trial was adjourned until today.

Strikes hit BL plants

WORKERS at both the Cowley Assembly plant in Oxford and the Longbridge works in Birmingham are fiercely resisting BL management's latest drive for speed-up.

Strikes hit production at both plants yesterday, with day-shift workers taking action over low bonus payments and manning levels.

A dispute at Cowley broke out on Wednesday's night-shift over manning levels, which led to hundreds of workers being laid off.

Production workers are angry over what they consider to be an intolerable work-load placed on them in manufacturing the new Montego model.

On the day shift about 40 men working on the Montego took action in protest over the low bonus levels. Average bonus payments are currently £14 a week, well below the maximum of £30.

Shop stewards spent all day yesterday in talks with management, who refused to negotiate on the grievances of the men and simply insisted that they return to work because they were acting 'unconstitutionally'.

At Longbridge a brief stoppage was provoked when workers in the Trim section, returning to work after their strike over speed-up, discovered that the company had moved men in the works without consultation.

Kinnock angry at absent MPs

EDWARD HEATH, with sacked Cabinet minister Francis Pym and Sir Ian Gilmour, last night renewed the Tory rebellion on the government's bill paving the way for the abolition of the Greater London Council and the six metropolitan councils.

And as they joined Labour MPs in the lobby during the committee stage debate on the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill, Labour leader Neil Kinnock ordered a high-powered inquiry into the absence of Labour MPs at Wednesday night's marathon session.

He is furious that division results show that some opposition backbenchers had left Westminster long before the end of the 15-hour session — and abdicated their attacking role to rebel Tories.

Ministers were openly jubilant about the course of the debate, brushing aside the Bill's unpopularity in the country at large and pointing in-

stead to the 130-odd majorities recorded in Wednesday's divisions.

Kinnock feels that this margin could have been notably slimmer — nearer the 103 majority scored by the government in the first of last night's votes.

He has ordered his whips to mount an investigation into the behaviour of the Labour absentees.

Late on Wednesday night former-premier Heath accused Labour of incompetence in its opposition to the paving Bill.

He said Labour had pressed for the line-by-line committee stage to be on the floor of the Commons. The government had agreed.

But, said Heath, there were so few Labour MPs present that the debate could have been held in a small committee room. Labour had shown themselves to be 'the most incompetent opposition for a century', he said.



NGA pickets outside the American Can plant yesterday

Printworkers fight for jobs

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL Graphical Association (NGA) members at American Can in Rhymney, South Wales, have been picketing their plant 24 hours a day for four weeks in a fight for their jobs.

The 24 NGA members were sacked over a dispute with management on the introduction of the 37½-hour week, nationally agreed by the NGA.

A 39-hour week was being worked while negotiations took place. Sticking also to the NGA

agreement on overtime, three of six men manning the printing machines were unable to work because they had already put in their quota of hours.

Management sent the other half of the team home, which led to solidarity action by the NGA members on the following shift who refused to go into work.

Following this, the en-

tire NGA membership was sacked and their jobs filled.

Alan Newton, Father of the Chapel, said to News Line: 'It's more deep-rooted than the 37½-hour week. For over two-and-a-half years every negotiation we've had has ended up in threats.'

'Either we do it American Can's way or we're out. Even negotiating with our branch secret-

ary present they have issued the same threats.

'To me the sackings were planned, we were forced into the situation. There's no way we could have done anything else. We're on the edge of a cliff and we either go over or we fight.'

'I think it's a deliberate ploy to undermine the NGA not only here, but all the NGA members in tinplate factories and if it's us now, it will be the AUEW next.'

Policy

'It's American policy to have no union at all and that's the government's policy as well now.'

'We've got the official backing of the Transport and General Workers Union but we want the support of the AUEW to refuse to work with the labour they've employed to do our jobs.'

'We're waiting for a letter from the national office of the AUEW to direct its members not to work with them.'

'The feeling of the boys is very strong. We can hold our heads up. We've done everything we can to defend our jobs.'

Resist abolition — TSSA conference told

THE Thatcher government should not be allowed to pursue the policies of a totalitarian state, the leader of a white-collar rail union said yesterday.

Bert Lyons, general secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association (TSSA), told his union's annual conference in Scarborough that it should resist the abolition of the Greater London Council (GLC) and metropolitan counties.

'It is only in totalitarian states that you resort to the policy of abolishing the body with which you disagree.'

Thatcher had made it clear that Tory policies would not be tested in elections in London and the metropolitan councils. 'The Iron Lady is rapidly becoming a tin-pot dictator,' he said.

Lyons, who was introducing the union's transport debate, said that the abolition of the councils would fragment responsibility for transport policy, increase fares and damage services.

The future of many local rail services was also in doubt, and the prospect for transport users and staff was bleak.

Basnett's appeal

DAVID BASNETT, chairman of the TUC economic committee, yesterday repeated his appeal for greater corporatist collaboration between unions and employers to secure new investment.

The general secretary

of the General and Municipal Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union (GMBATU) told his union's South West regional committee that North Sea oil revenues were the basis for rebuilding the economy.

Officials' pay rise

ENGINEERING union president Terry Duffy and 200 other AUEW full-time officials were awarded a 6-per-cent pay rise yesterday by the union's Rules Revision committee at Eastbourne.

It takes the salaries of Duffy and union general secretary Gavin Laird to £14,976, those of the seven national executive members to £13,130 and those of the other officers to £11,218.

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MEMBERS of City of London Anti Apartheid picketed the 'Daily Mail' building off Fleet Street yesterday. The 'Mail' has spent up to £250,000 so far in bringing young South African athlete Zola Budd to this country, where she has been given immediate citizenship. 'While Zola Budd runs free,' says an AA leaflet, 'the political and trade union leaders of the black majority are detained, tortured, imprisoned and murdered because they oppose apartheid.'

GLC looking for YTS alternative Training can't be done 'on the cheap'

BY PENNY BLOOR

Top groups for jobs festival

WELL-KNOWN bands head the line-up at a 'Jobs for a Change' festival being held by the Greater London Council on June 10.

Five stages in the County Hall car park and Jubilee Gardens will feature a variety of bands, headed by The Smiths, Misty in Roots, Mari Wilson with the Wilsations and Billy Bragg.

The festival aims to present the GLC's alternatives to unemployment, and will include exhibitions of hundreds of groups supported by the GLC and the Greater London Enterprise Board, including women's and black employment projects and unemployed centres.

'We think the GLC policy of job creation and the defence of jobs is one of the most vital functions the

GLC should develop,' GLC leader Ken Livingstone said yesterday.

Morrissy, lead singer with the Smiths, said: 'We are taking part because we feel Ken is one of the most sensible people in the country and we agree with him.'

'I was unemployed for many years and it isn't a bit pleasant.'

Mari Wilson said: 'I think the GLC is very important.

Whether it is abolished or not, London people should be able to vote on it. We are the people and it's up to us.'

Clarence of Misty in Roots said: 'We are very pleased to be performing in the festival because what the GLC is doing on job creation is needed so much.'

Jazz, folk and brass bands will feature at the festival.

There will be a program-

me of dance, theatre and poetry in the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Purcell Room.

Films will be on show at the National Film Theatre and film directors Ken Loach, Barry Hines and Jan Worth will give talks.

Puppet shows, cabaret, street theatre, river trips to the docklands, mural painting and children's events are also planned. All events will be free.



MARI WILSON... support GLC

OVER 200 people involved in education and training took part in a conference to discuss developing alternatives to the Manpower Services Commission.

The 'Crisis in Training' conference was called by the Greater London Training Board (GLTB), the GLC department in charge of training. 'It is very easy to pay lip service to the need to have a skilled labour force,' said GLTB chairman Gareth Daniel.

'We don't have any illusions that the GLC on its own is going to be able to bring about a dramatic reverse. But we are living evidence of an alternative to the policies of the government.'

Training could not be done 'on the cheap', said Daniel. It could not be separated from the economic needs and jobs available in local areas and it had

to consider the needs of women, ethnic minorities and the disabled.

The MSC and the GLTB had clashed over funding powers and over the MSC decision to shut down a GLC-run residential YTS scheme, Denham Court. The MSC was 'ill-considered' and 'almost reckless' in its lack of concern for the consistency and content of schemes.

The GLTB rejected the 'narrow, stunted view of training' contained in the Tory White Paper 'Training for Jobs'.

Former vice-president of the AUEW and now Lord Scanlon condemned the way that the Tory government had abolished 20 out of 26 Industrial Training Boards. Scanlon said he did not want to 'knock YTS' because, he claimed, 'it's better than having nothing at all'.

Professor Goesta Rehn, a professor of economics from Stockholm University, outlined the system of training in Sweden, and Bernd Georg Spies described the system in West Germany.

Eric Winterbottom, former deputy general secretary of the AUEW (TASS), and chairman of the Research Committee of the Engineering Industry Training Board, said the public was being conned into believing there was something called 'training' which was being handed out like cod liver oil.

'I am frightened that the consequence of training through YTS is that a large number of young people find after their first year that it is a waste of time.'

Unlike YTS, training had to be job specific and built towards a future. 'You don't put down the foundations of a house without any idea of the building you are going to construct,' he said.

The TUC supported YTS despite his opposition at the time, and he believed it was time to reflect on its motives and purposes.

EEC milk cuts protest



ABOUT 30 Worcestershire dairy farmers, carrying coffins with bottles of milk on top, paraded through London yesterday in protest at the decision to slash milk production.

They claimed that both their livelihoods and milk supplies were threatened by the Common Market's decision to reduce the milk quotas.

To help make their point they brought along two Jersey cows, wearing wreaths and placards reading 'Sentenced to death' round their necks.

Farmers' wives handed out free cartons of milk to passers-by as they headed for Downing Street.

For years, dairy farmers have been receiving heavy subsidies for their produce, but have now created a huge Euro milk lake,

West German engineers prepare strike wave

FRANKFURT — About 250,000 key West German industrial workers were told to prepare for a regional strike starting on Monday in support of a 35-hour-week.

The decision was taken by the executive board of the 2.5 million-member metalworkers' union IG

Metall, the country's largest trade union.

The executive board's decision calls on engineering and automobile workers in the North Baden region, embracing the major industrial city of Stuttgart, to stop work as from midnight on Sunday.

Union officials declined to say

how many workers would be involved, but said they would keep disruptions to a minimum in order to give employers 'a last chance' to return to the negotiating table.

They said the strikes would initially be selective, aimed at a few key companies.

The union's chairman, Hans Mayr, has said he reserves the right to call strike ballots in every area of West Germany, which could eventually cause all its members to down tools.

The workers in North Baden and the Hesse region surrounding Frankfurt have already taken votes giving the more than 75-per-cent minimum support necessary under West German law for a strike to be legal.

The union has apparently decided that its Frankfurt-area members should not immediately join the strike on Monday.

The strike would be expected to hit such world-renowned firms as car-makers Mercedes Benz and Porsche, and electrical giant Bosch.

The union believes that a five-hour reduction in the current 40-hour week, excluding meal breaks, is the most effective way of lowering the country's 2.25 million unemployment.

Teachers start pay actions

SCHOOLS in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, were affected yesterday as the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers began indefinite strike action in support of the teachers' bid to force employers to improve their 4.5-per-cent pay offer.

The union plans to build up the campaign by pulling teachers out of schools in different authorities each day. Action will begin on Monday in Leeds — Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph's constituency.

In London, the schoolmasters and the National Union of Teachers met under the auspices of the TUC to try to co-ordinate their separate campaigns.

Teachers at a fee-paying public school have contributed half a day's salary to pay for a newspaper advert expressing their concern at the inadequacy of the present pay offer.

Hampton School, formerly Hampton Grammar School, reverted to independent status in 1975, rather than risk losing its sixth form in the London Borough of Richmond's plans for comprehensive reorganisation.

The teachers say that, although they work in an independent school and are not directly involved in the dispute, they share the concern of state school colleagues about the 'staggering decline' in the real value of teachers' pay.

LECTURERS FEAR FOR TENURE

THE Association of University Teachers has accused Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph of launching a new attack on the universities and job security for lecturers.

It reacted angrily to a letter from Joseph to the chairman of the Committee of vice-Chancellors and Principals threatening to introduce legislation to abandon tenure — which guarantees a job for life — for new recruits to the academic profession.

Diana Warwick, general secretary of the AUT, warned yesterday: 'Academic freedom will be the victim of these proposals, and Sir Keith's assurances that it can be protected in the absence of tenure are worthless.'

WORLD SUMMARY

Reunion of Nazis called off

BAD HARZBURG, West Germany — Veterans of an elite Nazi SS Division are expected to call off plans for a reunion because no one will rent them an assembly hall.

Extradite

MADRID — Spain will ask West Germany to extradite fugitive financier Jose Maria Ruiz Mateos, founder and former president of the Rumasa business empire.

Visit

NEW YORK — Secretary-general Javier de Cuellar will arrive in Cairo on June 5, to begin a five-nation fact-finding tour, his first visit to the Middle East since he took office.

Treasure

KUALA LUMPUR — The Malaysian government laid claim today to \$30 million-worth of sunken treasure said to include gold, silver and ivory found recently off its coast.

Guest

ATHENS — Vladimir Dolgikh, a candidate Soviet Politburo member, has arrived for the ruling Greek Pasok party's first congress.

Apartheid

CHRISTCHURCH — The Anglican church in New Zealand has declared South Africa's apartheid policy a heresy.

World News Line

REAGAN WHIPS UP WAR HYSTERIA

WASHINGTON — President Reagan went on national television yesterday to whip up an outrageous witchhunt against the national liberation struggles.

The speech was a virtual declaration by his government that the US is planning openly to commit US troops and equipment in Central America.

Among Reagan's hysterical allegations were that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Libya and Cuba were part of a 'terror network' sending Nicaragua 'manpower support' as part of a Soviet plan to 'aid and abet subversion in our hemisphere'.

The anti-Soviet speech has one eye fixed on Congress approval for the undeclared war the Pentagon and CIA are already waging in Central America to try to crush the nationalist Sandinist regime of Nicaragua and the struggles of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) of El Salvador.

It was also a plea to obtain millions of more dollars to carry out the counter-revolutionary plan of the butcher of Vietnam, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Kissinger is chairman of a war plan to send US troops to Central America and to provide unlimited military aid to the Central American stooge regimes.

It was put together after a visit he made to the Latin American countries last year and is known euphemistically as the National Bipartisan Commission on Central America.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Reagan warned Congress that communist military bases would spread in the region unless the US provided enough aid to overcome subversion.

'To avoid these risks requires long-term American support for democratic development, economic and security assistance and strong-willed diplomacy,' he said.

'We can and must help Central America. It's in our long-term interest to do so and, morally, it's the only right thing to do.'

'The Sandinista rule is a communist reign of terror. The role that Cuba has performed for the

Soviet Union is now being played by the Sandinistas. They have become Cuba's Cubans.

'Weapons, supplies and funds are shipped from the Soviet block to Cuba, from Cuba to Nicaragua, from Nicaragua to the Salvadorean guerrillas.'

'Manpower support (to Nicaragua) is also coming from other parts of the terror network.'

'The PLO has sent men and so has Libya's dictator Gaddafi.'

'Communist countries are providing new military assistance, including tanks, artillery, rocket launchers and help in the construction of military

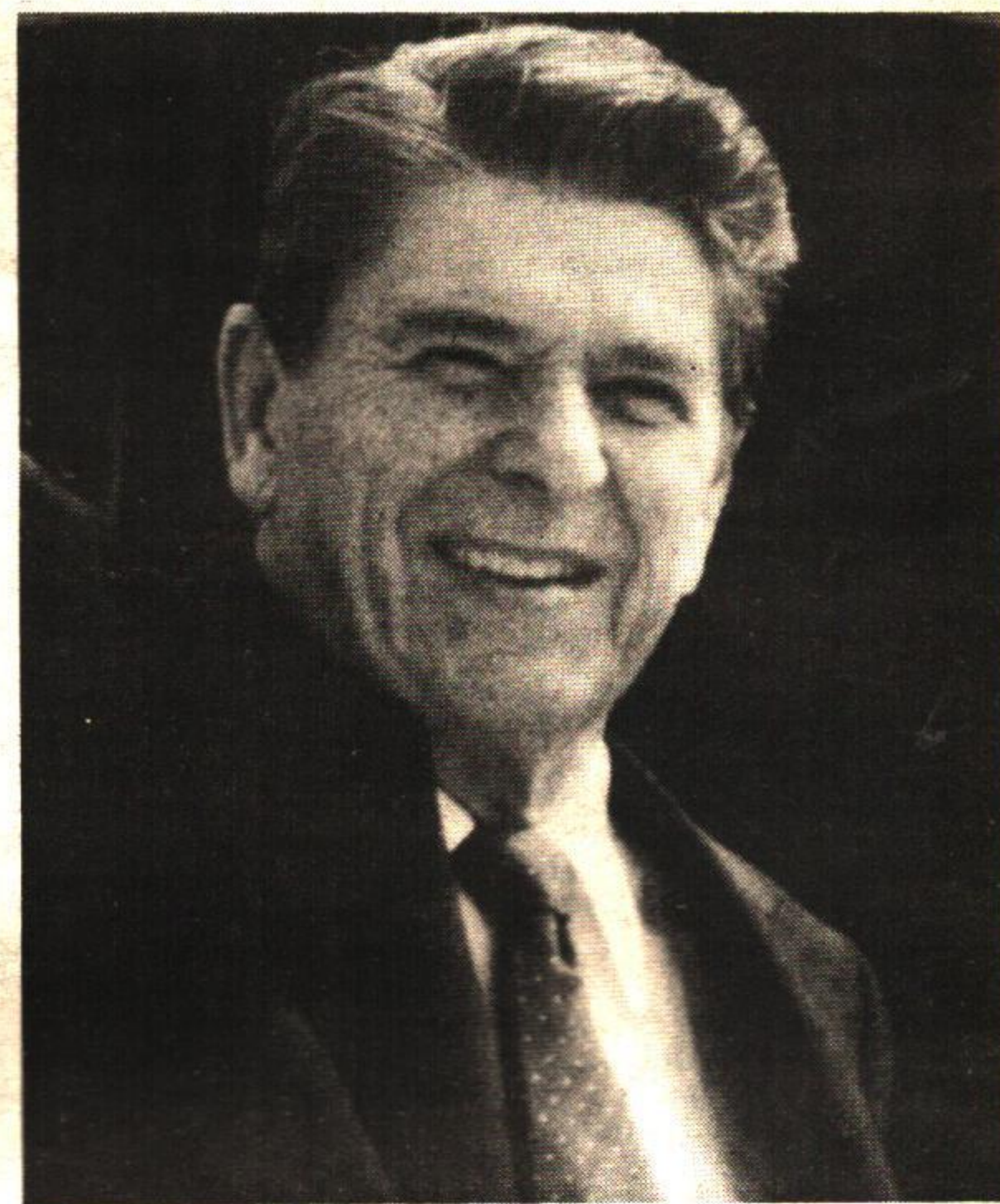
bases and support facilities.

'Why does Nicaragua need all this power?' Reagan asked.

The Senate has approved \$62 million in so-called emergency military aid for El Salvador but the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Thomas O'Neill, has delayed some of the funds.

Reagan had demanded \$92 million to finance the undeclared war, in addition to \$240 million he wants to pay for what he calls arms aid for the financial year ending September 30.

He defied Congress last month by dipping into a special contingency fund



REAGAN

D'Aubisson claims victory

SAN SALVADOR — Robert d'Aubisson, the candidate of the extreme right-wing Nationalist Republican Party (ARENA) yesterday accused his opponents in the presidential elections last Sunday of trying to cheat him of victory.

D'Aubisson insisted he had won 52 per cent of the vote at the elections.

He made the claim at a press conference yesterday; his first reaction to Christian Democratic Party candidate Jose Napoleon Duarte, who declared himself president-elect early in the week.

Duarte said he had won 55 per cent of the vote.

D'Aubisson said Duarte had caused confusion by claiming victory but 'it was a lie'.

Duarte, who served as civilian stooge president for two years after the military coup of 1980, is President Reagan's favoured candidate, and the White House has made plans for his visit to Washington.

D'Aubisson is closely associated with a reactionary elite in the armed forces that operates the notorious death squads.

US told stop mining Nicaragua's ports

THE HAGUE — The International Court of Justice yesterday called on the US government to ease any support for military activity aimed against the government of Nicaragua.

In an interim judgement over a case against Washington brought by the Nicaraguan government, the 15-judge court asked the US to stop immediately hindering access to Nicaraguan ports through mining them.

The judgement by the court, set up by the Un-

ited Nations in 1945, does not have any binding force, the US has said it will not recognise its judgement in the issue.

But the court's decision is a propaganda blow to US support for counter-revolutionaries in Latin America and Reagan's aggression there.

The court's decision that the US should cease mining Nicaraguan ports was unanimous. A second key decision that the right of political independence of Nicaragua should not

in any way be prejudiced by any military or paramilitary activities or the threat of force was passed by 14 votes to one.

The court also called on the US and Nicaragua to take no action which would expand the dispute in central America.

The Nicaraguan government, which came to power in a revolution in 1979, told the court that the US had recruited and trained a 10,000-strong mercenary army dedicated to overthrowing it by force.

Nuclear test in South Pacific

WELLINGTON — The French government has carried out another underground nuclear test in the South Pacific, this time a 20 kilotonne blast near the Mururoa Atoll.

New Zealand government seismologist Warwick Smith said the test, the first recorded this year, was the largest since June last year.

It was the 60th recorded since France began underground nuclear testing at the Mururoa Atoll in 1975.

On Tuesday, the day the test took place, the Pope heard of the fears and anger over the blasts during his visit to the Solomon Islands.

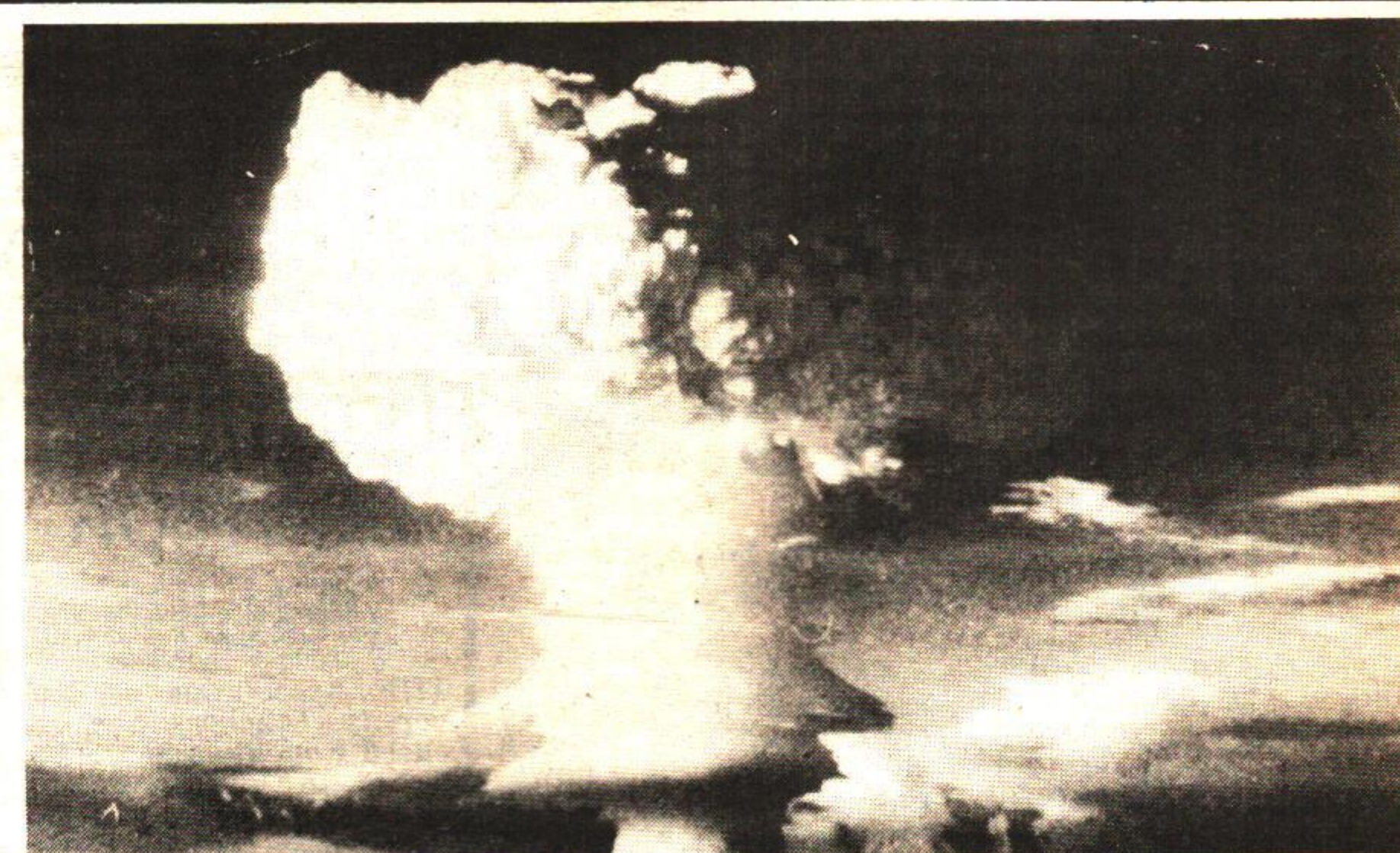
Governor-general Sir Baddeley Devesi said in a welcome address that the South Pacific nations had already agreed on a concerted effort to keep their region free from nuclear pollution.

He said his government strongly condemned the tests which have continued despite protests from countries in the region, including Australia and New Zealand.

French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said on a visit to the region

last November that his government would continue the tests indefinitely.

Hiroshima Mayor Takeshi Araki yesterday sent a cable of protest to the French ambassador to Japan, Andre Ross.



Atomic test in the South Pacific

Press clampdown in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani newspapers appeared yesterday without political news after the military regime banned all reporting on outlawed political parties.

The Information Ministry issued the ban after the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) condemned the government's plan for elections by next March.

The indefinite ban covers all news and comments by or about politicians both inside and outside Pakistan. Not even the names of parties, which were banned in 1979, can be mentioned.

Press coverage of opposition activities had been rising in recent weeks as politicians arrested before or during the MRD's two months of anti-government

protests last Autumn were freed and resumed their activities.

Papers here have also begun printing interviews with political figures abroad like Benazir Bhutto of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

The press ban comes just six days before US vice-president George Bush is due to visit Pakistan.

The MRD met in Lahore on Monday and Tuesday and declared in a resolution that the country was faced with a 'crisis of unprecedented magnitude'.

It said the election plan presented by martial law President Mohammad Zia ul Haq 'does not merit any consideration as it is only a prescription for the perpetuation of military rule.'

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Namibia talks in Zambia

LUSAKA — South Africa's administrator-general for Namibia Willie Van Niekerk, arrived in Lusaka yesterday to co-chair Namibian peace talks with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda.

Six Namibian internal parties and the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), which has been fighting South Africa for nearly 18 years for Namibian independence, will also attend the talks.

Discussions are expected to focus on a ceasefire in the territory. The main meeting is due to start on Friday, but preliminary talks began yesterday.

A group of 67 Namibia-based SWAPO supporters and officials arrived in Lusaka on Wednesday, after being held up for seven hours while South African officials prepared travel documents for them.

After welcoming the delegation at the airport, SWAPO President Sam Nujoma told reporters his organisation would press for a ceasefire in its bush war against South African forces. 'We hope the South African delegation will also be ready to sign a ceasefire,' he added.

Resolution

A ceasefire is the first phase of United Nations security council resolution 435 on Namibia. The 1978 resolution also envisages independence elections for the territory.

Until now, SWAPO has repeatedly refused to talk to the internal parties which comprise the Multi-Party Conference (MPC) grouping.

In Washington, President Quett Masire of Botswana has hinted that the US government may have softened its demand that Namibian independence be linked to a withdrawal of Cuban forces from neighbouring Angola.

He told Reuters in an interview after a two-hour meeting with President Reagan that the so-called 'Linkage' issue had not been raised during three days of Washington talks.

Asked if the United States was still linking independence with a withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola, he said: 'There was no indication that they are still as adamant.'

'Now that South Africa is pulling out of Angola we are all hoping that the Namibian question will soon be resolved and the Americans expressed the same hope,' he said.

Masire said South Africa had approached Botswana to sign a security agreement similar to the one reached with Mozambique.

'We told them we didn't think it was necessary,' he said.

IMF PUTS MEXICO ON A STARVATION DIET

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) has placed Mexico, the world's second most indebted nation, on a starvation diet.

Street riots erupted after a price increase recently on the tortilla, the heavily subsidised flat cornbread.

The revolt forced the Miguel de la Madrid government to reinstate subsidies on this basic diet of 70 million Mexicans.

Restraints and subsidies on more than 300 basic commodity prices, however, were abolished on April 27 as the price for readmission into the club of internationally bankrupt bankers to qualify for a loan of \$3.8 billion.

The government has merely bought in-built inflation despite the

'favourable' five-year grace and the 0.7 per cent lower interest over a \$5 billion loan negotiated in 1982.

Each new loan results in an increase in the prime lending rate in Mexico, which in turn is affected by increases in the US interest rate.

Costs

The result is a cumulative rise in production and retail costs, exacerbated by IMF demands that subsidies be abolished and public expenditure slashed.

It means the destruction of basic manufacturing industry to facilitate US exports to these markets.

Prices are, therefore,

kept high and the Mexican working class and peasantry can never close the gap between their meagre earnings and the high inflationary ceiling. In fact, the IMF makes sure the gap widens.

Prices of basic commodities, including cooking oil, beans, corn, sugar, eggs and petrol, have soared in the past few weeks by 20 and 40 per cent as a result of the latest deal.

Meat, already a luxury item, has been driven past the £2.50 a pound mark, whereas the minimum wage a day is about £2.80.

About 65 per cent of Mexicans do not eat meat as a result and about 80 per cent have given up

eggs, according to a recent survey.

More than 70 per cent cannot afford fish in a country bounded by several thousand miles of the rich Pacific and Atlantic coastlines.

Last year Mexico, once a major exporter of food to Europe and the US, imported food worth \$1.5 billion.

Price

Outraged, 50,000 farmers marched on Mexico City last month, demanding a rise of 150 per cent in crop price guarantees.

They turned the demonstration into a commemoration of Emiliano Zapata, the peasant leader of Mexico's 1910 revolution and in whose name the Party of the

Institutionalised Revolution (PRI) has ruled for 50 years.

Wages have been cut by 30 per cent in the past two years to help repay the regime's debts.

Fifty per cent of the working class is unemployed and the Gross Domestic Product fell 4.7 per cent last year.

The economy is so bankrupt that the Mexican ruling class has stopped investing.

The available money is being sunk into speculative quick-turnover ventures, mostly overseas, while the Central Bank is occupied full-time trying to co-ordinate the colossal repayments on the \$86 billion debt that is soaking up the earnings of one of the world's largest oil producers.

Investment fell 22.6 per cent last year and the spot market by 35 per cent, as a result of this parasitism.

Faced with the eruption of social revolt, former President Jose Lopez Portillo nationalised the banks in 1982.

Upheaval

Two years later and threatened by a revolutionary social upheaval inspired by a series of uninterrupted mass demonstrations against some of Latin America's harshest dictatorships, de la Madrid has one desperate alternative: default.

It will lead to a catastrophic banking crash in the US and Europe.

Call for protest against Botha

The Anti-Apartheid Movement yesterday urged all opponents of apartheid to start mobilising for a massive turn-out on June 2 to protest at the South African Prime Minister's visit.

Supporters are being urged to gather at Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, at 11.45a.m. from where there will be a march on Whitehall and Downing Street.

Mike Terry, executive secretary, said a special executive committee meeting at the House of Commons had decided to issue the call.

An emergency mobilising meeting is to take place in the council chamber at Camden Town hall next Saturday morning.

● KEKE, the chief repre-

sentative of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania in the UK, has condemned next month's visit to London by South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha.

He said the PAC leadership 'viewed with disgust' the visit by the racist premier.

'Does the British government not take into serious consideration the fact that the white racists of South Africa are ready to plunge the whole world into another world war rather than accept the indigenous African majority as fellow human beings who have a right to shape their own destiny?'

'Was it not Britain, as a colonial power, which came to terms with the demands of African nationalism, in her former colonies, when the indigenous people of Africa demanded to shape their own destiny?'

'Is continued flirtation with the South African white settler minority compatible with the granting of independence to former colonies by Britain?'



PAC representative KEKE

Military boost for South Korea

SEOUL — The puppet dictatorship of President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea will receive a boost in foreign military sales (FMS) from the United States this year.

US Secretary of State Caspar Weinberger said after two days of talks yesterday the FMS would be increased to \$230 million, from \$185 million last year.

The Weinberger-Hwan communique reaffirmed the counter-revolutionary 1954 deal that split Korea

at the 39th parallel and evolved the so-called Mutual Defence Treaty.

It said the US and South Korea had renewed a 'nuclear umbrella' agreement against 'aggression from the North'.

Weinberger said the 'North Korean military build-up' was a threat not only to the security of South Korea but to peace

and stability in north-east Asia.

He failed to explain how North Korea had undertaken this 'military build-up'.

South Korean Defence Minister Yoon Sung-Min played the key role in the discussions.

The South Korean regime has recently been shaken up by student revolts

Priest shot dead

NEW DELHI — A former head priest of the Sikh religion was shot dead in the holy city of Amritsar in the north Indian state of Punjab yesterday. He was Giani Partap Singh, former head of the Sikhs' highest order of priests, the Akal Takhat.

Two Sikhs were killed in a clash with para-military troops of the central reserve police force in Firozpur early yesterday. Troops fired in self-defence when attacked by a group of Nihangs or Sikh temple guards travelling on a bus, the government radio said.

Police break up protest

PRETORIA — Police wielding sjamboks (whips) broke up a crowd of 400 black pupils refusing to attend classes at a high school in the township of Atteridgeville near here yesterday.

Pupils locked them-

selves in classrooms and the toilets of a nearby railway station to escape police blows.

The pupils, who have been staging a boycott since February, have been attending school each day but refusing to

enter classrooms.

They are protesting over excessive corporal punishment, a bar on the readmission of over-age pupils who have failed exams and a demand for more student representation.

King Carlos in USSR

MOSCOW — King Juan Carlos of Spain arrived in the Soviet Union yesterday for a visit that sets the seal on ties re-established after the death of fascist dictator Francisco Franco in 1975.

The king is only the fourth West European monarch to visit Moscow under Soviet government. He will confer with President Konstantin Chernenko and tour Tashkent, Samarkand and Leningrad over the next six days.



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Miners from many parts of France demonstrated in Paris on March 2

French workers battle for jobs

PARIS — Unemployment in France has increased by 126,000 since the beginning of 1984 and is likely to reach 2,500,000 by the end of the year, according to official estimates.

Figures published last week by the National Institute of Statistics show that there were already 2,244,000 out of work at the end of March and that the rate of increase in unemployment took a dramatic leap in February.

In January, 17,000 workers were added to the unemployment lists, followed by 58,000 in February and 51,000 in March.

The publication of these figures provides a damning indictment of the policies of the Mitterrand government, which has spearheaded the attack on jobs since the beginning of the year.

BY NICOLE VERNIER

In a series of dramatic moves affecting the nationalised sector, the Socialist Party-Communist Party coalition government has:

- Announced plans to destroy 30,000 jobs in the mining industry;

- Adopted a steel plan which the CGT union says will mean the suppression of 30,000 jobs in steel and related industries;

- Given the green light for 7,250 jobs to go throughout the Renault network.

Private employers have been quick to follow the government lead with 4,884 jobs being wiped out at Michelin and 6,081 at Citroën.

On his return from a recent visit to the United States, President Mitterrand declared himself firmly in favour of 'supply side' economic policy as pursued by Reagan and Thatcher, saying his government was still

committed to a policy of economic growth but that this was to be achieved by boosting profitability rather than by maintaining buying power. The next day the axe fell on the steel industry.

Government spokesmen have explained that the massive programme of job destruction has been necessitated because of the failure of previous governments to tackle the problem over the last ten years.

What they don't say is that former President Giscard did attempt to tackle the task in 1979 and in fact began the destruction of the steel industry.

And in spite of the refusal of the trade union bureaucracy to lead a fight in defence of jobs whole steel valleys were occupied by workers, forcing Giscard to back down.

But for Mitterrand, the task is unpostponable. In its latest report, the Bank of France has revealed that France's balance of payments deficit has gone to F 15 billion for the first quarter of 1984 and that the balance of trade deficit will exceed F20 billion at the end of the year, despite the fact that the French franc was devalued 11 per cent in relation to the currencies of its major trading partners in the OECD in 1983.

Swift

The response of the working class to the government onslaught on jobs and living standards has been swift and dramatic.

The first national miners' strike in more than 20 years took place in April, followed by a march of 15,000 in Paris on March 2.

Slogans on the march called on Prime Minister Mauroy to 'remember the miners in 1963', when miners closed the pits for five weeks.

On March 8, public servants, who had previously provided Mitterrand with his main electoral base, engaged in a general strike over pay and conditions.

On April 4, a general strike of all workers was held throughout the province of Lorraine in the north east, in a categorical rejection of the steel plan.

And on April 13, 50,000



French miners are determined to defend their jobs

steelworkers from the north, north-east and south converged on Paris for the biggest demonstration seen in years.

But the defence of jobs in France, as in every capitalist country, is a revolutionary question, necessitating the overthrow of capitalism and the implementation of a planned economy internationally.

The struggles of French miners, steelworkers and carworkers require above all revolutionary leadership to unite the whole working class in fight to defend jobs, by occupying factories threatened with closure and job destruction, and for the withdrawal of France from the European Economic Community, at whose behest the annihilation of the steel industry is being carried out.

But workers throughout the country expressing their desire to go into battle against the monetarist policies of the government immediately encounter the treacherous policies of the French Communist Party and the Stalinist-dominated leadership of the CGT.

According to the Communist Party, workers should exert pressure on the government to secure a 'modification' of the steel plan.

The Stalinists are not in a position to repeat their performance at the Talbot car factory in December where they opposed the calling of a strike in defence of jobs and, when the strike broke out in spite of them, fought tooth and nail to get the Talbot workers to accept the plan for the sacking of 1,905 workers, a plan devised by Communist Party Minister for Employment Jack Ralite.

Tactic

But their tactic of isolating the Talbot workers is being used again. The question of the steel industry is being presented as a problem for workers in Lorraine, one of the central slogans being 'Lorraine will live'.

And the same reactionary nationalism and protectionist policies advanced in the Talbot dispute were resurrected by the Stalinists on the min-

ers' march when they tried to start up chants of 'French coal, French coal' — this despite the fact that Belgian coalminers had crossed the border and come down to Paris to participate in the demonstration with placards expressing 'Solidarity with French coalminers'.

But the famous 'accords of 1981' expressed clearly the determination of the SP-CP coalition to maintain capitalist property relations in France at whatever cost, and implement the reforms 'to the extent made possible by the economic crisis'.

The Stalinists, with their policy of pressure and protest, are making Mitterrand's job possible, which is why he has kept them in the Cabinet up till now.

It is at this point, when the question of leadership is decisive, that the various revisionist groups in France come forward to endorse the Stalinist policy of syndicalism.

'Rouge', the weekly paper of the misnamed Ligue Communiste Révolutionnaire, appeared on the day of the steelwor-

kers' march with the headline: 'Withdraw the steel plan' and called for 'a national debate to define needs and to allow, where necessary, the discussion of retraining and reconversion under the control of the workers.'

This is a straight-out cover-up for the cynical claims of the government that sacked workers will be 'retrained' and 'reconverted'.

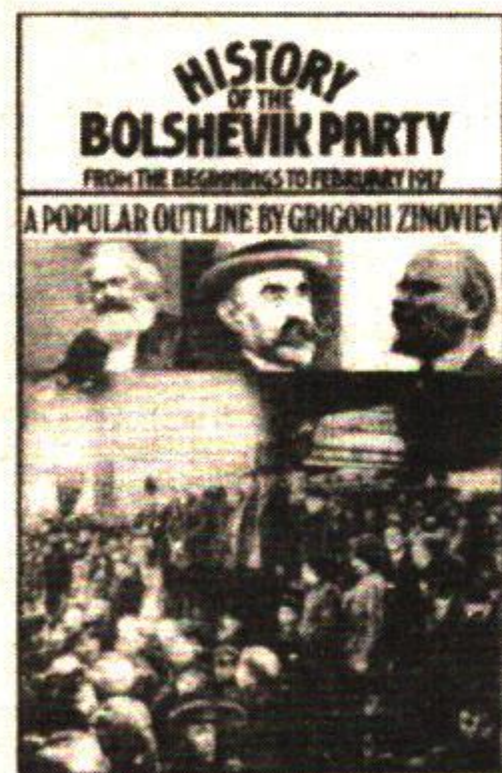
What the revisionists are essentially calling for here are sackings under workers' control!

Efforts

However, in spite of the efforts of the Stalinists and revisionists to tie the working class to bourgeois democracy and in this way open the door for the right-wing, now regrouping around a programme of complete denationalisation and savage cuts in public spending at the expense of social welfare, the battle has been engaged between the working class and Mitterrand's reactionary coalition and no amount of revisionist antics will alter that.

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This was strictly for t war propagandists.

Morale

By February 14, 194 an Air Ministry directiv sent to Bomber Coma was openly declarin

sixty women in the Sut-ton Manor Labour club on the outskirts of St Helen's, Merseyside, on Wednesday.

Opening the meeting, Christine Sullivan said: 'It's time the women got organised instead of sit-ting in the house'.

She explained that the Committee was planning to work on:

● Nursery facilities for miners' children so that the wives can participate actively in the strike.

Provision

● The provision of wel-fare rights for miners' families and preventing vital services like gas and electricity from being cut off.

● Obtaining and distri-buting food for miners and their families

● Organising a big turn-out for the miners' march in St Helen's on Saturday and sending a delegation to the NUM national demon-stration in Mansfield on Monday.

The wives have already taken over all the arrangements for the refreshments and entertainments in the Sutton High Sports Centre fol-lowing Saturday's march.

A big issue for all the wives at the meeting was how to fight the hardships arising from the strike.

Food has been a prob-lem since the strike started, but now clothing, especially for the chil-dren is starting to be a big problem.

A team of council wel-



Committee and their supporters

The women organised'

Miner's wife

fare rights officers and a community development officer were at the meet-ing to offer help and advice to the women.

Although St Helen's Labour council backs the miners' struggle and has held meetings with wives' representatives to arrange help, they are tightly bound by govern-ment regulations when it comes to using resources.

For example, one woman told how she had gone to the educational welfare department to get a pair of shoes so that her son could go to school. When she told them she had bought the last pair eight weeks ago, they told her she could not have a new pair until 13 weeks had passed.

When she told them the old pair was beyond re-pair and she couldn't send her son to school bare-foot, they told her to keep him off school.

Some of the women raised that the teachers' industrial action was pre-venting their children from getting the free school meals provided by the council. In many cases, this is the only cooked meal the children get.

Miner's sister Helena Morris, herself an AUEW and Labour Party mem-ber, said:

'We don't want to break the teachers' dispute. That's the last thing we want to do, especially in

this situation. We should notify the local authority so that the mothers can supervise the meals.'

It was decided to invite a representative of the NUT to the next commit-tee meeting.

Applause

Tommy Keefe of the Toxteth Community Council in Liverpool won a round of applause when he told the meeting to appeal to the working class in every city for help and support.

A delegation came to the meeting from the nearby Bold colliery. They plan to hold the first meeting of the Bold Min-ers' Wives Support Com-mittee at the Bold Min-ers' Institute, Fleet Lane, St Helen's at 1.30p.m. today.

Lancs miners call for union support

LANCASHIRE miners will hold a march and rally in St Helens this Satur-day to build up support for the strike.

Miners at the three local pits — Bold, Sutton Manor and Parkside — are in the forefront of the Lancashire area strike action and are hoping for big contin-gents from the whole trade union move-ment.

Trade unionists and community orga-nisations in Liverpool have been urged to organise the biggest possible turn-out.

Speakers at the rally in Sherdley

Park will include NUM general secret-ary Peter Heathfield and MPs Dennis Skinner and Terry Fields.

The miners' wives support commit-tee are organising refreshments, a creche and children's entertainment at the Sutton High Sports Centre in Sherd-ley Park during the march and rally. Demonstrators are specially invited to bring their families.

The march will assemble at 11a.m. in Birchley Street, near St Helens Town Hall. From there the march will go through the town to Sherdley Park.

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 Commu-nity 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 estab-lishing 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. Commu-nity 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 opera-tion directed by the Home Office through Scotland Yard and the organised harass-ment 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 foot-wear 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 pre-scribed.

● Arrange for the care of the elderly dependent on support from miners' fami-lies, 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 trans-port 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 strik-ers 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 indepen-dent strength to defeat the class enemy and provide the basis for the successful struggle for power which has now been joined.

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Halt retreat

IT is high time that Liverpool Labour councillors recognised that the Tory government does not want a compromise over the city's financial crisis, and took the initiative in involving the whole community in the fight.

They fought last week's local elections on a no-cuts policy based on fighting the Tory government, and won a vastly increased majority.

But now councillors have postponed their budget meeting from next Tuesday until the middle of June; this avoids the confrontation which is inevitable, creates political confusion and plays into Thatcher's hands.

Moreover, if this time is allowed to pass it will mean that the struggle in Liverpool and that of the miners are kept apart when conditions exist to rouse the working class to unite in action on both questions.

The Tories have made it abundantly clear, on numerous occasions, that Liverpool Council will receive not a penny more than already allocated to the hard-pressed city.

Councillors who have defiantly resisted attempts to impose cuts in jobs and services and/or a huge rate rise will get no favourable treatment from a government which has slashed grants to the cities by over £5,000 million since 1979.

On Wednesday Environment Secretary Patrick Jenkin told the Commons: 'There is no question but that it remains the duty of the Liverpool City Council to make a lawful budget and a lawful rate and I hope they will do this as swiftly as possible.'

Talking about a trip to the city on June 7, he added: 'I must make it clear that this visit had no connection with the council's budget making and rate fixing proposals and there must be no misunderstanding.'

He has ready an emergency Bill to install commissioners to slash services and throw out the councillors who vote for a budget which does not balance according to Tory dictates.

The Bonapartist state has made its preparations; it is not bluffing and shows scant concern for election results in Liverpool or anywhere else.

The destruction of Labour authorities is a central feature of the consolidation of the Thatcher dictatorship. Majorities in the Commons and the Lords are rubber-stamping abolition of seven major councils and laws to impose direct Treasury control over budgets.

It is nonsense, therefore, for Liverpool, Broadgreen, MP Terry Fields, a supporter of 'Militant', to urge Jenkin not to visit the city with 'any preconceived rigid ideas'. There are no 'open-minded' Tories around Thatcher, or among the so-called parliamentary 'wets' around Heath.

Jenkin has told Liverpool councillors over and over again that there is no deal on the spending target he has set or the grant he is prepared to allocate.

There is no compromise possible with the Thatcher regime — either on the question of miners' jobs or the rights of local councils. The Tories demand abject surrender and only a strategy based on this understanding can take the movement forward.

Delaying the confrontation by six weeks allows the Tories to build up their preparations to send in Whitehall officials; it allows the initiative to remain with Thatcher.

Refusal to pass on Tory policies in the form of job cuts or rate rises is correct. What it signifies, however, is that there is no solution to the crisis through the mechanism of the capitalist state, either at central or local level.

That is the case for the building of a Community Council type of soviet in Liverpool and all other localities resisting the Tories. It will embrace representatives of every section in the anti-Tory struggle and allow the working class to begin to exercise its own power and authority.

A Community Council will prepare to take over and run services threatened by commissioners and rouse the whole of the working class behind Liverpool. It is to these questions that the Liverpool Labour Group should address themselves immediately.

BACK THE MINERS

MASS ARRESTS AT MOTORWAY SIT-DOWN

General Strike scares right wing

FEAR that action in support of the miners will build up into a General Strike is expressed in a letter sent by EETPU union leaders to electricians and plumbers in Scotland.

Anger over the letter was voiced by members who defied a recommendation from the union's right-wing leadership not to join the Scottish day-of-action on Wednesday.

A banner from the EETPU Glasgow plumbers' branch was carried on Wednesday's march through Glasgow in front of a sizeable delegation.

One EETPU member showed News Line a let-

ter dated April 30 sent to all the union's branches, lodges, shop stewards and officials in Scotland. It is signed by general secretary-elect E A Hammond.

Under the reference 'Coal Mining Industry,' the letter states:

Policy

'At the last Executive Council meeting, our Union agreed to pay lock-out pay to our members employed in the NCB who are unable to work.'

'However, in line with the consistent policy of this union, we do not support a general day of action. We query whether this is an appropriate way to conduct ourselves in a

democracy.

'Is the day of action intended to extend the NUM dispute with the NCB into a wider action to bring down the Government? If they do not change course as a result we will have more "days of action" until they do, resulting ultimately in a General Strike not just in Scotland, but the whole United Kingdom.'

The letter adds: 'The EC will not support such a serious development without the consent of all trade unionists involved through a ballot vote. Accordingly, whilst recognising that the decision is an individual one, the EC are not recommending our members to participate in the Scottish day of action.'

for jobs



The North-East Miners March for Jobs on its way to the Wearmouth miners' welfare hall last week

Massive police budget

POLICE forces involved in the massive policing operation against NUM pickets could run out of cash by Christmas, according to a leader of a Midlands police authority.

Edwin Shore, Labour chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities Police Panel has told the Home Office that police authorities could

end up fighting each other in the courts to decide who should pick up the bills.

Shore added: 'Police forces are spending money on a scale that was never dreamed off when their budgets were made.'

NUM gets 'tal

● FROM PAGE ONE

He said that oil burning at power stations had increased from 5 per cent to 27 per cent of the total burn at a cost of up to £20 million a week.

And he said that the unions had reliable information that three nuclear power stations are being run at well over the normal level and close to the 'fail safe' level.

He added that the total

costs to the government in the dispute so far through lost production, oil burning and policing was £1,350 million. This was six times the amount required to keep all 20 threatened pits working for the next decade.

WITH A GENERAL STRIKE



FTER OWN

IN the United Kingdom were killed by German bombers — a city of Hamburg — a city of RAF raid in the east.

The concentration of about a horrific firestorm reached the peak of terror. Middlebrook calls the 'Hamburg'.

He estimates that, out of 100,000 people, 10 per cent were children.

Harris and other commanders of the firestorm raid on Hamburg.

'The only other example of Hamburg' writes Middlebrook, 'the night of March 9-10, 1945, the Battle of Hamburg'.

He begins his book with a survey of the idea of the 'strategic bombing'.

At the beginning of the war the House of Commons had been told by Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain: 'Whatever the lengths to which others may go, His Majesty's government will never resort to deliberate attack on women and children or other civilians for purposes of mere terrorism'.

This was strictly for war propagandists.



Mass arrests continued in Scotland yesterday. These miners were among 65 taken away from the Hunterston gates on Tuesday. While one miner (left) struggles, a young miner (partially obscured, centre) is grabbed by the hair to make him face a police photographer on the right.

Miners are welcomed in North Yorks

THE North-East Miners' March for Jobs was welcomed to the North Yorkshire coalfield yesterday by local NUM leaders.

Addressing the marchers, who began their campaign in Northumberland 10 days ago, NUM delegate Ken Capstick stressed that the miners were not fighting for themselves, but for the whole trade union movement which had to be mobilised behind them.

Last night the marchers stayed at Kellingley Social Centre. They

plan to march right through the Yorkshire coalfield and reach Mansfield in time for next Monday's national demonstration in the Nottinghamshire town.

Demand

● Stockton-on-Tees trades council has voted to demand that the TUC call a General Strike to back the miners. The council took the decision on Wednesday night after an intervention by the north-east marchers.

ks' offer

● A national miners' demonstration will be held in Mansfield, Notts, on Monday. It will begin at the town's leisure centre at 11a.m., and go to the union's Notts headquarters at Berry Hill. The NUM has called upon all miners and

other trade unionists throughout Britain to take part.

Yorkshire miners told News Line that coach companies in their area had been warned by police not to transport miners to the march.



Wives of strikers at Silverwood colliery marching through Rotherham on Monday. They will be at a rally in Barnsley on Saturday when NUM president Arthur Scargill is due to address women's support groups from all over the country.

Miner's son questioned by police

THE wife of a striking Nottinghamshire miner has accused police of interrogating her 11-year-old son Paul about his father as he played with friends outside a colliery.

Jacqueline Naylor said: 'They asked him his name and address and if his father was a miner and if he was on strike. They also asked him if his father was picketing.'

At least 35 pickets were arrested outside collieries in Nottinghamshire yesterday as large numbers of police continued their scab-herding operation to maintain some production at pits in the area.

More than 2,500 strikers — mainly from South Yorkshire — dodged the web of police road-blocks strung across Nottinghamshire to reach Bevercotes Colliery.

But no sooner had they arrived than hundreds of police reinforcements were brought in. A number of miners were reported to have been arrested during the lunch-time mass picket.

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE ABERDEEN SCHOOL

THE Grampian regional council meeting last week voted 25-24 against the Tory majority to keep an Aberdeen secondary school open.

Jim Murphy is chairman of the Hilton Parents' Action Committee, which led a community-wide campaign to prevent the closure of Hilton Academy.

He believes that the scale of their campaign forced the Tories to retreat.

'It's difficult to grasp that success,' said a cautious Murphy, wary that central government pressures on local council budgets are growing.

This is the second time

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

the Tories have been defeated.

Last spring an intense campaign by parents succeeded in preventing the closure of local nursery schools used by working mothers.

In September, the Tory council called for a review of all educational facilities in the working class area of North Aberdeen, because of alleged falling school rolls, over-capacity and the need for cuts in the education budget.

The area is served by four secondary schools, Hilton, Powers, Northfield and Linksfield.

Residents immediately

began organising parents' meetings. So, too, did school staff in the Educational Institute of Scotland — teachers' union — NALGO, and the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association.

Joint meetings were held between the unions, parents and other community representatives.

'The announced "review" was followed up by the education committee's recommendation to proceed with "consultation" over the closure of Hilton Academy,' said Murphy.

The closure announcement threatened school

rolls more than anything, he pointed out.

'In August 1983 our roll was 722. It has "lost" 113 since then. We hope they will consider returning — their school friends are here, and we know some have been unhappy moving away.'

'It was clearly evident the consultation process was a sham; the directorate and the Tory-controlled council had made up its mind to close Hilton because the budget had already been made up and was operating before the May 2 decision, which upset the plan.'

'No wonder the education committee was at a loss to say where the expenditure necessary to continue oper-

ating Hilton (£600,000) was coming from, never mind the £1 million needed to upgrade and extend the school as promised on different occasions over the last decade.'

'All consultations returned were opposed to closure. There were 275 letters of objection from parents, full case statements of objection from Hilton staff, EIS, NALGO, the SSTA, and Hilton school council. The local church also protested, as did some neighbouring school councils.'

Other actions were organised, including two local petitions, which collected more than 3,000 signatures each, more than 3,000 letters to the Secretary of State, lobbies and marches.



Scarman, left, during his inquiry into Lambeth September 1981

Scarman back in Brixton

LORD SCARMAN, who conducted an inquiry into the 1981 Brixton riots in South London, returned yesterday to the area to assess conditions.

The visit was one of a series being filmed for a television documentary scheduled for screening in September.

Scarman was touring Brixton council estates, having already visited

Railton Road, the so-called 'front line' of clashes three

'Unlawful killing' says inquest jury

POLICEWOMAN Yvonne Fletcher was unlawfully killed by a bullet fired from inside the Libyan People's Bureau, an inquest jury decided yesterday.

The 25-year-old officer was hit in a three-second burst from one of two Sterling submachine guns fired from the Embassy on a group of anti-Gaddafi demonstrators.

After retiring for 91 minutes at Westminster Coroner's Court, the jury of nine men and nine women returned to tell Coroner Dr Paul Knapman of their decision.

The foreman handed the Coroner their written verdict.

He read: 'I record on behalf of the jury that Yvonne Joyce Fletcher died from a firearm wound to the abdomen at around 10.20p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 1984, near the north-east corner of St James's

Square, London SW1.

'She was killed by a bullet coming from one of two windows on the west side of the front on the first floor of the Libyan People's Bureau at No 5 St James's Square, London, SW1 and the conclusion of the jury as to the death is that she was unlawfully killed.'

Dr Knapman then discharged the jury.

When the jury left to consider its verdict, commander William Huckleby, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, told reporters that police had 400 lines of inquiry to investigate.

'The matter is still very sensitive but the inquiry will continue. We have a lot of hard work to do,' he said.

One 'vital' line being followed was an attempt to trace the origin of the guns found when the Libyan authorities searched the British Embassy in Tripoli.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS PUBLIC MEETINGS

• Full support for the miners!
back against Tory dictatorship m
• Build revolutionary leaders

SCOTLAND

ABERDEEN: Wednesday May 30, 7.30p.m. Music Hall, Union Street.
Speakers: Barry Huyton (Aberdeen YS); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee); an NUM speaker

DUNFERMLINE: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Woodmill Miners' Welfare Club, Woodmill Road.
Speakers: Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Bob Young (NUM Woodmill strike committee)
Plus film: 'The General Strike 1926'

CAMBUSLANG: Wednesday May 23, 7.30p.m. Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road, Cambuslang.
Speakers: Mick Thompson (Cambuslang YS); Chris Corrigan (WRP Central Committee); Maxie Campbell (TGWU, in personal capacity)

DUNDEE: Wednesday June 6, 7.30p.m. Conference Room, Central Library, Wellgate.
Speakers: Colin Yackimini (YS National Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); an NUM speaker

NORTH EAST

SOUTH SHIELDS: Tuesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Miners Welfare, Armstrong Hall, Stanhope Road.
Speakers: Kevin Townsend (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary)

NORTH WEST

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 Kirby 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)

RUNCORN: Thursday May 31, 7.30p.m. Auditorium, Runcorn Library, Shopping City.
Speakers: Steve Perry (Runcorn YS); Dave Latchford (WRP Central Committee); Brian Fagan (AUEW No.2 branch secretary, in personal capacity)

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

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

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)

NOTTINGHAM: Thursday May 24, 7.30p.m. Forest Folk Hotel, Blidworth.

Speakers: Ian Evans (Chesterfield YS); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee); Annette Holroyd (Blidworth Community Council); Dave Nuttall (Markham NUM, in personal capacity)

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); Nevin Bell (Keresley NUM, in personal capacity)

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); Nevin Bell (Keresley NUM, in personal capacity)

EASTERN

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.

PETERBOROUGH: Tuesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Heltwater Community Centre, North Bretton.
Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Pat Brookes (Peterborough WRP)

NORWICH: Tuesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Angel Road First School, Angel Road.
Speakers: Melita Attard (YS Regional Committee); Roberta Colling (WRP District Committee)

CAMBRIDGE: Wednesday May 23, 7.30p.m. Good Shepherd Hall, Mansell Way, Arbury.
Speakers: Linda Mee (YS Regional Committee); Chris Bailey (Cambridge WRP)

COLCHESTER: Wednesday May 30, 7.30p.m. Flying Fox, Harwich Road.
Speakers: Melita Attard (YS Regional Committee); Steve Hambling (Ipswich WRP)

NORTHAMPTON: Wednesday May 30, 7.30p.m. Town Hall.
Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Ray Athow (WRP Central Committee)

WESTERN

SWINDON: Monday May 14, 7.30p.m. St John's Ambulance Hall, Corporation Street.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

BRISTOL: Monday May 21, 7.30p.m. Standard of England, Greystoke Avenue, Southmead.
Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); Matthew Robertson (WRP Central Committee)

SOUTH WALES

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. Tree Estate Tenants Hall, Tree Estate.
Speakers: Richard Murphy (YS Regional Committee); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Kent NUM

ERITH: Wednesday June 13, 7.30p.m. Erith Town Hall, Erith.
Speakers: Richard Murphy (YS Regional Committee); Peter Farrell (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Kent NUM

SURREY

BRIGHTON: Tuesday May 15, 7.30p.m. Coombe Community Hall, Coombe.
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Committee); Speaker from WRP Central Committee

HERTS

LUTON: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Town Recreation Centre, Town Recreation Centre.
Speakers: Gerald Bolton (Luton YS); Speaker from WRP Central Committee

WATFORD: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Hall, (opp junction station).
Speakers: Richard Bolton (Watford YS); Speaker from WRP Central Committee

LONDON

BOW: Monday May 14, 7.30p.m. Vernon Hall, Roman Road, E3. (next to Presto)
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Richard Goldstein (WRP District Committee)

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

ISLEWORTH: Wednesday May 16, 7.30p.m. Room 3, Public Hall, South Street.
Speakers: Leo Phelan (YS editorial board); Richard Lugg (WRP District Committee); Lynne Roberts (NUPE West Middlesex hospital, in personal capacity); Speaker from Kent NUM

WOOD GREEN: Thursday May 17, 7.30p.m. Haringay Trade Union Community Hall, Brabant Road, N22.
Speakers: Gary Ryder (YS National Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP District Committee)

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

HACKNEY: Tuesday May 22, 7.30p.m. Hackney Trades and Labour Hall, Dalston Lane, E8.
Speakers: Marion Kane (YS Regional Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP District Committee); Speaker from Kent NUM

TOOTING: Thursday May 24, 7.30p.m. Lola Jones Hall, Tooting Baths, Garrett Lane, SW16.
Speakers: Boris Gerreyne (YS Editorial Board); Simon Vevers (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)

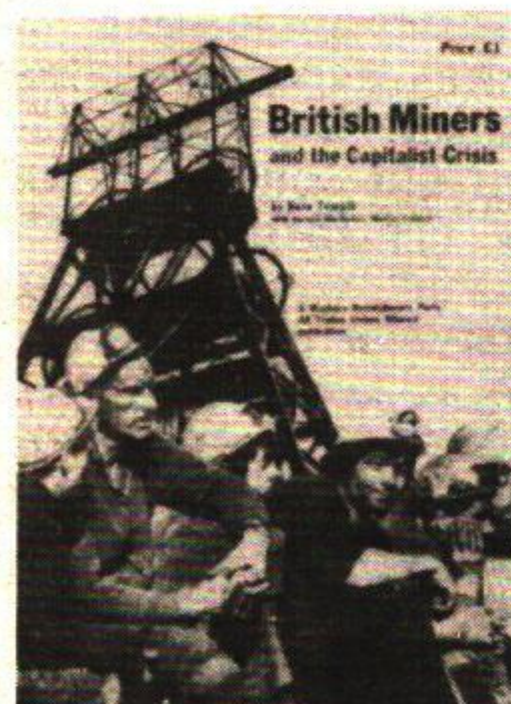
MANOR PARK: Wednesday May 25, 7.30p.m. Earl of Essex, Romford Road, E12 (Manor Park Broadway).
Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

WOOLWICH: Wednesday May 30, 7.30p.m. Glyndon Tenants Hall, Glyndon Estate, Raglan Road, SE18.
Speakers: Eric Morgan (YS Regional Committee); Alan Clarke (WRP District Committee); Speaker from Kent NUM

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)

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FIRESTORM RAID ON HAMBURG

IN the United Kingdom during the whole of World War II, 51,509 civilians were killed by German bombing. Forty thousand civilians died in Hamburg — a city of one and a half million inhabitants — during a single RAF raid in the early hours of Wednesday, July 28, 1943.

The concentration of high explosives and incendiaries on Eastern Hamburg brought about a horrific firestorm. The 'bomber-barons' directing the British air force had reached the peak of terror bombing which they had been striving for.

Middlebrook calls the six raids which took place in June and July, 1943, the 'Battle of Hamburg'.

He estimates that, out of the 45,000 deaths in these raids, 50 per cent were women and 12 per cent were children.

Harris and other commanders of the British Air Force, only excelled this slaughter in the firestorm raid on Dresden in February 1945.

'The only other example of conventional bombing to produce more deaths than Hamburg' writes Middlebrook, 'was the USAAF incendiary attack on Tokyo during the night of March 9-10, 1945, which killed nearly twice as many people as did the six raids of the Battle of Hamburg'.

He begins his book with a survey of the ideas of the 'strategic bomber men'.

At the beginning of the war the House of Commons had been told by the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain: 'Whatever the lengths to which others may go, His Majesty's government will never resort to the deliberate attack on women and children and other civilians for purposes of mere terrorism.'

This was strictly for the war propagandists.

Morale

By February 14, 1942, an Air Ministry directive, sent to Bomber Command was openly declaring:

... it has been decided that the primary object of your operations should now be focussed on the morale of the enemy civilian population, and, in particular, of the industrial workers. With this aim in view a list of selected area targets is attached.

This was described as 'Area Bombing'.

Middlebrook comments: 'In some ways, area bombing was a three year period of deceit practised upon the British public and on world opinion. It was felt to be necessary that the exact nature of RAF bombing could not be revealed'.

Charges of indiscriminate bombing were consistently denied. The deceit lay in the fact that the areas being most heavily bombed were nearly always either city centres or densely populated residential areas, which rarely contained any industry.

Terror

Middlebrook says that Hamburg was never a pro-Nazi city. In the forced referendum of 1934, under Nazi terror, Hamburg gave the highest 'No' vote in Germany.

'Inhabitants of Hamburg often comment' he writes, 'that the RAF bombed the most anti-Nazi areas in the city and spared the most pro-Nazi ones. This comment is partially true ...'

'The sad fact is that

The Battle of Hamburg — The Firestorm Raid
by Martin Middlebrook — Penguin,
£4.95

densely populated working-class areas like Hammerbrook, Billwarder Ausschlag, Barmbek and Altona, which had shown little support for the Nazis, burned particularly well when hit by concentrations of incendiary bombs sometimes intended for other districts.'

In fact, in the burning, choking and disintegrating of working class men, women and children, accidental circumstances played very little role.

Policy

The policy of 'Area Bombing', more correctly terror bombing, had the same reasons as the policy of 'unconditional surrender'. Terror and destruction were meant to keep the German working class atomised and ensure that the imperialist allies (and the Stalinist bureaucracy) were not met with a revolutionary Germany.

Washington's empire-building

WITHIN thirty years of the American Declaration of Independence in 1776 the Latin American wars of liberation had begun.

Thomas Jefferson and the other founding fathers of America, who had shot to power against British imperialist rule, took a very different stance in Latin America, according to a new history of relations between the United States and Central America by Cornell University professor Walter LaFeber.

He takes as his starting point the birth of this 'continuing contradiction in North American policy between the principle of self-determination, whose value has been self-evident to the US mind, and the expansion of their own nation's power, whose value has also been self-evident to North Americans.'



Some of those who left their shelters in the firestorm

Inevitable Revolutions by Walter LaFeber (Norton, £14.95)

It is an ugly history: of domination and the marines until the 1920s, a period of 'good neighbor' economic leverage, and from the 1950s, increasing US military commitment as American economic hegemony was challenged.

The chapters are broadly chronological, and interspersed with maps which chart the major revolutionary movements and American repressions.

One early map shows 'US conquers Cuba and Puerto Rico 1898' and 'Mexican revolution, 1911 and US military intervention, 1914 and 1916'. It also says 'US banana companies control Honduras after 1900'.

LaFeber explains the genesis of the 'banana republic' — a derogatory label implying that the instability of economy and government is somehow indigenous.

LaFeber's detailed and readable book shows how America itself created that instability in the case of Honduras. Decisions about supporting or suppressing revolutions were made in the interests of the companies which had come to dominate the country.

Since the Nicaraguan revolution, America has used Honduras as a base for aggression against Nicaragua and El Salvador. But this is a country which has had 126 governments, 16 constitutions and 385 coups since 'independence.' It looks, says

'Inevitable Revolutions', very like Nicaragua just before the successful Sandinista revolution.

This book adds no new information to Jenny Pearce's 'Under The Eagle' (Latin American Bureau, 2nd edition 1983), but it confirms her conclusions.

With academic detachment LaFeber criticises government policy as blunders, but the implication is clear in his title.

For he shows how while successive American administrations have taken different lines, in every case they ended, like Reagan, trying to 'fight the fire by pouring on gasoline.'

Denying self-determination so long has meant that they are not fighting guerrillas, but the people.

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This scene may be typical of the conditions in Hamburg streets immediately after the firestorm raid

Inside story of The Beatles

DURING the last ten years, the story of the Beatles has been told and retold more often than any other 20th-century myth. Everyone who can claim to have known the Fab Four has tried (and is still trying) his luck.

'The Love You Make'
by Peter Brown and Steven Gaines
(Pan, £2.95)

'The Love You Make' is indeed an 'insider's story of the Beatles'. Peter Brown was a director of NEMS enterprises (the Beatles' management company) and he was closely associated with them in their business dealings from the Epstein years, and with their per-

sonal lives. He was best man at John Lennon's wedding to Yoko Ono.

Laced with personal memories, this faithful reconstruction of the incredible rise of the Beatles is not sensational, but simply a marvellous read and very hard to put down.

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Patrick Macnee and his staff in 'Empire' on 2 at 9



Tina Turner — Nice 'n' Rough' on 4 at 6



Gayle Hunnicutt appears in this week's episode of 'Marlowe - Private Eye: Finger Man' on ITV at 9

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 MacLeod in Japan. 9.25 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.55 Pages from Ceefax. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 Regional News for England. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Heads and Tails. 2.00 Racing from Lingfield (2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45 races). 3.53 Regional News for England (except London). 3.55 Play School: It's Friday. 4.15 Six Classic Fairy Tales. 4.25 The Record Breakers. 4.50 So You Want To Be Top. 5.05 Codename Icarus.

5.40 SIXTY MINUTES Current events, topical features, including News, Regional Magazines, Weather and Closing Headlines

6.40 THE PINK PANTHER SHOW *Toro Pink, Winterblunderland and Pink in the Woods*

7.00 ODD ONE OUT Paul Daniels quiz show

7.30 FAME *Bottle of Blues* Music student Sandy Bailey is readmitted

8.20 THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS; Weather

9.25 STARKY AND HUTCH *The Bait* Starky and Hutch go undercover posing as wealthy heroin dealers

10.15 PINKERTON'S PROGRESS by Charles McKeown. Lyttleton Old School is a public boys school which is dedicated to the comfort of its staff!

10.45 NEWS HEADLINES; Weather

10.50 THE LATE FILM: *The Boss's Son* (1978) with Asher Braun, Rudy Solari, Rita Moreno, James Darren. A boss's son finds life on the shop floor of his father's factory pretty tough in this independently made American film. Written and directed by Bobby Roth

12.25 Closedown

BBC WALES: 10.15 Week in Week Out. 11.05 News Headlines. 11.06 The Late Film: *Two People* (1972) with Peter Fonda and Lindsay Wagner.

BBC2

6.05-8.10 OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.05 Maths Modelling. 6.30 Introduction to Sociology. 6.55 Images. 7.20 Chemical Reaction. 7.45 Pathways in the Brain. 9.08-2.50 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.08 Update USA. 9.28 Pages from Ceefax. 9.52 Sex Education. 10.15 Home Economics. 10.40 Mindstretchers. 10.45 Pages from Ceefax. 11.00 Look, Look and Look Again. 11.22 Subtitles. 11.42 Pages from Ceefax. 12.05 Computer Studies. 12.30 Pages from Ceefax. 2.01 Scene. 2.30-2.50 English File. 3.00 Pages from Ceefax.

5.05 WEEKEND OUTLOOK Preview of forthcoming Open University programmes

5.10 BROADCAST RITUALS

5.35 NEWS SUMMARY With subtitles; Weather

5.40 CARTOON TWO

5.45 THE FRIDAY WESTERN: *West of the Pecos* A young Robert Mitchum and Barbara Hale in a Zane Grey story. A cowhand rescues a meat-packer's daughter from bandits in this enjoyable Western (1945)

6.50 EIGHT DAYS A WEEK A critical look at this week's main rock and pop events, new releases, films, concerts, books and videos

7.20 AMERICA A *Personal History of the United States* Written and narrated by Alistair Cooke. 3. *Home from Home*: The colonists who went out from 17th century England

8.10 MY MUSIC

8.35 GARDENER'S WORLD

9.00 EMPIRE (new series) First of a six-part comedy serial that takes the lid off the executive suite of a multinational corporation

9.25 ALL OUR WORKING LIVES An 11-part history of Britain at work in the 20th century. *Planemakers* shows a highly-skilled workforce pioneering technical advances in the aircraft industry — from pure jets to supersonic airliners

10.25 JAZZ AT THE LEADMILL John Brown introduces American blues singer Jimmy Witherspoon with Danny Moss and his Quartet

10.55 NEWSNIGHT

11.40 FOXWATCH

12.05 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

5.00 WAYNE AND SHUSTER *World of Food*

5.30 THE ADDAMS FAMILY *Uncle Fester's Illness* When his electrical output abruptly leaves Uncle Fester, Morticia and Gomez aren't sure whether to call a doctor or an electrician!

6.00 HIGH BAND *Tina Turner — Nice 'n' Rough* Tina Turner performs many of her hit songs including *River Deep*, *Mountain High* and *Nutbush City Limits* in this live recording from 1982

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS followed by Weather

7.30 RIGHT TO REPLY Gus MacDonald chairs the programme which gives viewers a chance to air their views

8.00 A WEEK IN POLITICS With Peter Jay

8.40 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

9.00 AGONY *Forever and Never* Jane and Laurence are together again, but Jane is so busy sorting out other people's problems that the lonely Laurence wonders whether he should return to his girlfriend for company

9.30 IT TAKES A WORRIED MAN *At First The Infant* At Roath's home, there are signs of the feminine touch, as Liz becomes a regular visitor. And at the office, the Old Man is on the warpath — but finds Roath rather difficult to pin down

10.00 CHEERS *Fortunes and Men's Weights*

10.30 SEX MATTERS *What You Want, What You Need, What You Get* A new six-part series where people speak openly about the subject and their relationships

11.15 THE LATE CLIVE JAMES

12.15 JAZZ AT THE GATEWAY Oscar Peterson introduces his guests Mike Westbrook and Francois Jeanneau in the Gateway Theatre, Edinburgh

1.00 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Look Who's Talking. 2.30 Return of the Saint. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 The Young Doctors. 5.45 News.

6.00 THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW

7.00 THE PYRAMID GAME

7.30 HARDCASTLE and McCORMICK *School for Scandal*

8.30 THAT'S MY BOY *The Big Night Out*

9.00 MARLOWE — PRIVATE EYE *Finger Man* Corruption in City Hall and the sudden death of a high official combine to make Marlowe a hunted man

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *London News Headlines*

10.30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME Tonight's programme presents the findings of a long-term investigation into private homes for old people. The report indicates that many old people are at risk in privately-run homes, while government cuts mean there are too few places for them in council homes

11.00 SHOOT POOL!

12.00 SOUTH OF WATFORD A look behind the make-up — and the headlines — to discover whether the Boy George/Marilyn look is anything more than a superficial and short-lived pop star's style

12.30 HIGHWAY PATROL *Machine Story* Two criminals ingeniously kidnap a giant computer and demand a ransom of \$100,000; followed by *Night Thoughts* and Closedown

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 At Ease. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 On the Market. 2.00 Film: *Carry On Matron* With Sidney James and Kenneth Williams. 3.30 Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Gambit. 5.45 News.

6.00 GRANADA REPORTS NEWS The latest news and reports from around the North West

6.05 WEEKEND With guest Spike Milligan

7.00 THE PYRAMID GAME With Steve Jones

7.30 THE FALL GUY Stuntman Colt Seavers and his sidekick Howie take on another case

8.30 THAT'S MY BOY *The Big Night Out* An invitation to a gala dinner and dance leads to more than a little dissension

9.00 MARLOWE — PRIVATE EYE *Finger Man* Corruption at City Hall and the sudden death of a high official make Private Eye Philip Marlowe a hunted man

10.00 NEWS AT TEN

10.30 9 TO 5 *Pillow Talk* Hart goes under to seduce the competition's president in the hope of learning her trade secrets

11.00 THE LATE FILM *King Rat* The war in the east is nearing its conclusion. But, to the prisoners-of-war in Changi Gaol, Singapore, the end seems as far away as ever. With George Segal and James Fox (1965)

1.30 Closedown

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2.00 Yn Eu Cynefin. 2.20 Stori Sbrî. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Old Country. 3.20 Today's History. 3.50 Everybody Here. 4.15 Countdown. 4.45 Lan Lloft. 5.00 Anturiaethau Syr Wynff A Plwm. 5.30 The Addams Family. 6.00 High Band. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Taro Tant. 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le; News Headlines. 9.15 Cheers. 9.45 Kingfisher. 11.10 Soap. 11.40 Here and Now. 12.25 Close.

RADIO

1 6.00 Mark Page. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.00 Adrian John. 4.30 Select-A-Disc with Janice Long. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 9.00-12.00 The Friday Rock Show (S).

2 4.00 Bill Rennells (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Russell Harty (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05, 2.02 Sport). 2.05 Gloria Hunniford (S) (3.02 Sport). 3.15 Racing from Lingfield. 3.30 Music All the Way (S) (4.02 Sport). 4.05 David Hamilton (S) (5.05, 6.02 Sport). 6.05 John Dunn (S) (6.45 Sport and Classified Results). 7.30 Cricket Scores: Friday Night is Music Night (S) (8.20-8.40 Tony Barnfield reports). 9.30 The Organist Entertains (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Best of Bentine. 10.30 Sounds of Wales. 11.00 Stuart Hall. 1.00 Jean Challis (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky.

Liszt, Dvorak, Wieniawski, Sibelius; records (8.00 News) Nielsen, Howells, Enesco, Gershwin; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Smetana; records. 10.00 Beethoven and Dussek (S). 10.50 Northern Sinfonia (S) Cimarosa, Haydn, Lalo, Falla. 11.45 Strauss and Schubert (S). 12.05 Midday Concert (S) : Britten, Haydn (1.00 News). 1.05-1.20 Six Continents) Dvorak. 2.00 University of Wales Recital (S) Beethoven, Tippett (2.50-2.55 Interval Reading) Haydn. 3.30 Dutch Music (S). 4.00 Choral Evensong. 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S). 7.00 Marc-Antoine Charpentier (S). 7.30 Endellion String Quartet (S) Haydn, Bartok (8.15-8.35 Smollett at Large) Mozart. 9.15 The Ghost in the Atom. 10.00 Bach (S). 10.30 Seven Poems of Robert Bridges. 11.15-11.18 News.

4 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Prayer for the Day; 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament; 8.50 Your Letters). 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs (S). 9.45 Feedback. 10.00 News; International Assignment (S). 10.30 Morning Story: *You Just Don't Know*. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; Analysis: *The Pit and the Pendulum*. 11.48 Natural Selection. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My Music (S). 12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; Our Mutual Friend (S). 4.00 News; Time for Verse (S). 4.10 The Sporting Life. 4.40 Story Time: *Time After Time*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Going Places. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week (S). 8.20 Profile. 8.45 Any Questions? 9.30 Letter from America. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Against the Stream*. 10.30 The World Tonight. 11.00 Today in Parliament. 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Week Ending. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close Shipping Forecast.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Rockets Galore*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Different Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Vintage Quiz. 6.30 Northern Life. 7.00 The Pyramid Game. 7.30 The Fall Guy. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Friday Live. 12.00 Film: *The One Eyed Soldier*. 1.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Film: *The Little Foxes*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Different Strokes. 5.45 News. 6.00 Central News. 7.00 The Pyramid Game. 7.30 The Fall Guy. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News Headlines. 10.35 The Sweeney. 11.35 Film: *The Hunting Party*. 1.20 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00

Hear Here. 2.15 Film: *Escort for Hire*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Gambit. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 7.00 The Pyramid Game. 7.30 The Fall Guy. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Pro-celebrity Snooker. 11.15 Film: *Nightmare*. 12.40 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Night Rider*. 3.20 Cartoonline. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 3.57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.00 The Pyramid Game. 7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.34 Concert at Killerton. 11.05 Film: *Family Secrets*. 12.45 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Falcon Crest. 3.00 In Loving Memory. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Take the High Road. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 The Friday Sportshow. 7.00 The Pyramid Game. 7.30 The Fall Guy. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private

Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Just Williams. 11.00 Film: *Breaking Out*. 12.50 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Wonder Bar*. HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Joanie Loves Chachi. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.30 In the Garden. 7.00 The Pyramid Game. 7.30 The Fall Guy. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 The West This Week. 11.00 The Flowers Dartsathon 1984. 11.30 Lou Grant. 12.30 Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30 Elinor. 11.15 Snooker. 11.45 Lou Grant. 12.45 Weather; Closedown.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 On the Market. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *John and Julie*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Aubrey. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 The Pyramid Game. 7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Cycling. 11.00 Cross Question. 11.35 Film: *Straight on Till Morning*. 1.20 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

Overtrump to start Harwood lay-down

BY A RACING CORRESPONDENT

WITH Guy Harwood's army of two-year-olds about to get on the move, success for Overtrump (2.15), in the Tender King Maiden Stakes at LINGFIELD today should pave the way for further Pulborough winners in the coming weeks.

The \$375,000 dollar son of 1978 champion youngster J O Tobin is out of a mare who won five times as a juvenile in the States. He should follow in the footsteps of stable

companions Old Bailey and Solo Native, both impressive winners in recent weeks.

His trainer has wisely avoided a possible clash with both Lady Deschamps and Stamping Ground at Bath on Saturday for these easier pickings, and it will be a surprise if Overtrump is beaten.

Rustic Lace misses the Esal Bookmakers Oaks trial after being found cast in her box on Thursday morning, and her absence has left the way clear for last week's 'Pretty Polly' third Rowa (3.15). Michael Stoute's filly was previously unluikly beaten at Salisbury, and has easily the best form of the eight runners.

The Warners Holidays Handicap may be fought out

by Miami Prince (2.45), and Canif.

Miami Prince, a short head winner from Saturnian at Newmarket last week, is still handily treated, despite an 8lb penalty. He should be just too good for Canif, who put up a good effort to finish second to Don Martino on the same course last month.

In the Tender Heart Handicap it is almost impossible to oppose Serheed, who hacked up at Kempton last weekend.

In front three furlongs out, Serheed was clear throughout the final quarter mile, and only had to be pushed out to hold Kurosawa by four lengths, with Jimjams and Sikorsky well behind in sixth and seventh respectively.

Sir Mark Prescott had good prospects of a double at HAMILTON with Baby Boy

(2.30), in the Levy Board Maiden Apprentice Stakes and Herradura (5.00), the Scottish Rifles Maiden Stakes.

Baby Boy, well backed in both his races this season, gets his first chance in a mile, so has a fine chance of recouping losses, while Herradura ran well enough in handicap company on his reappearance to suggest he should pay a first visit to the winners' circle soon.

Camden Lad will be a popular choice for the Barbican Handicap. Reg Hollinshead's colt should run well, but he may not be able to cope with Sempster (3.30), who will have the services of the apprentice 'find' of the season, Willie Ryan. Sempster needs only to improve a little on his only race this season in which he finished second, to go close here.

LINGFIELD BBC1 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45

SIX-YEAR-RECORD

JOCKEYS: G Starkey 40, Pat Eddery 38, B Rouse 35, W Carson 29, P Waldron 25, L Piggott 24, P Cook 22, J Mercer 22, J Reid 15, B Taylor 13, G Baxter 13, B Raymond 13, R Fox 12.

TRAINERS: G Harwood 38, J Dunlop 37, P Cole 24, P Walwyn 20, J Sutcliffe 19, I Balding 13, C Benstead 13, B Swift 12, H Cecil 11, G Prichard-Gordon 11, C Brittain 10, J Winter 10.

DRAW: The higher numbers on the 7 furlongs straight (and shorter) course has an advantage.

2.15 TENDER KING MAIDEN STAKES £3,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (11 runners)

2 (6)	4	ANDI ALJA P Mitchell 90	R McGhin
3 (11)	0	DOUBLE LIMIT A Jarvis 90	T Jarvis (5)
6 (1)	0	FULL OF ALE R Howe 90	T Quinn (3)
9 (9)	0	JUST JONES G Hunter 90	P Cook
12 (3)	0	MONTANIC W Wightman 90	G Baxter
13 (4)	0	NAJI P Butler 90	
14 (10)	0	NO REBATE M Ryan 90	P Robinson
15 (7)	0	OVERTRUMP (USA) G Harwood 90	B Rouse
18 (2)	0	SUPER REGAL G Lewis 90	P Waldron
20 (5)	0	VAIGLY OH J Sutcliffe 90	Pat Eddery
21 (8)	0	LINGFIELD LADY C Brittain 811	W Carson

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Overtrump, 4-1 Andi Alja, 11-2 Super Regal, 8-1 No Rebate, 10-1 Vaigly Oh, 14-1 Montanic, 20-1 others.

2.45 WARNERS HOLIDAYS HANDICAP £6,000 (3-Y-O) 6f (8 runners)

1 (5)	330230-	SPRING PASTURES J Winter 97	A Murray
2 (5)	002-000	ANY BUSINESS (D) G Lewis 90	P Waldron
6 (8)	23133-0	LALA (D) D Laing 811	J Reid
10 (4)	0110-01	MIAMI PRINCE (D) P Cole 85 (8 ex)	T Quinn (3)
12 (7)	033-2	CANIF M Ryan 83	P Robinson
14 (6)	31000-	PICHINCHA R Armstrong 713	W Carson
16 (1)	3400-10	NATIVE HERO (BF) P Mitchell 711	A McGlone
18 (3)	D14300-	AMIGO LOCO K Brassey 710	M Hills

BLINKERS: 18
PROBABLE SP: 1-1 Miami Prince, 3-1 Canif, 9-2 Native Hero, 11-2 Spring Pastures, 8-1 Amigo Loco, 14-1 Lala, 16-1 others.

3.15 ESAL BOOKMAKERS OAKS TRIAL (Group 3) £20,000 (3-Y-O fillies) 1m 4f (8 runners)

1 (2)	130	MEDIA LUNA P Kelleway 90	P Cook
2 (5)	00110-0	MY TOOTSIE M Ryan 90	P Robinson
3 (6)	144-	OUT OF SHOT J Dunlop 90	Pat Eddery
4 (3)	120-24	RUSTIC LACE J Bolger (IRE) 90	NON-RUNNER
5 (7)	10-	SECRET WAY W Hern 90	W Carson
6 (1)	0	BIG NIGHT OUT G Hunter 89	P Waldron
9 (8)	0-23	ROWA M Stoute 89	W R Swinburn
10 (4)	4-40	SPINELLE G Harwood 89	B Rouse

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 Rowa, 7-2 Secret Way, 5-1 Media Luna, 8-1 Out of Shot, 12-1 Spinelle, 16-1 others.

3.45 TENDER HEART HANDICAP £4,000 1m 4f (10 runners)

2 (3)	3101-03	NEORION C Brittain 497	P Robinson
4 (7)	023-000	JIMJAMS R Hannon 489	P Cook
5 (5)	3213-00	SIKORSKY (USA) (D) J Sutcliffe 488	Pat Eddery
6 (4)	001000-	YELED (P) Kelleway 688	Gay Kelleway (5)
7 (8)	3410-21	SERHEED (USA) (C-D) P Cole 488 (4 ex)	T Quinn (3)
8 (6)	01321-4	NO-U-TURN (C-D) S Mellor 687	M Wigham

RESULTS

SALISBURY

2.00 (1m): PROMISED ISLE B Rouse (11-8 on fav); Imperial Salute (16-1); Top of the Stretch (4-1); Nashwah (33-1); 11 ran. 2, 10 (J Dunlop) T: £1.60; £1.20, £2.70, £1.40, CSF: £12.41.
2.30 (7f): REMORSELESS G Baxter (4-1 fav); Grand Harbour (16-1); Portogon (8-1); Ballnacarn (5-1); 11 ran. 1, 1/2 (J Ciechanowski) T: £4; £1.40, £3.80, £2.30, CSF: £55.66.
3.00 (5f): TANA MIST Paul Eddery (9-2); Tyrolite (11-2); Fleur Rouge (4-1 fav); Ghizian (9-2); 8 ran. 1/2, 3/4 (R Voorspuys) T: £4.40; £1.20, £1.70, £2, CSF: £26.33, NR: Tavistock.
3.30 (5f): JACKIE BLAIR T Williams (9-4 fav); Fremont Boy (16-1); Mango May

Sing (6-1); Hopi (6-1); 13 ran. 3/4, 2 1/2 (P Haynes) T: £3.40; £1.50, £9.60, £4.70, CSF: £40.75.
4.00 (1m 2f): SERGEANT DRUMMER B Rouse (7-4 ft fav); Eliaso (14-1); Nearly A Nose (7-4 ft fav); Park Parade (20-1); 18 ran. 5, 3 (G Harwood) T: £3; £2.20, £3.10, £1.50, CSF: £26.40.
4.30 (1m 2f): TROPICAL WAY J Mercer (7-2 ft fav); High Morale (4-1); Geovale (12-1); August (7-2 fav); 15 ran. 1 1/2, 4 (P Walwyn) T: £3.10; £1.30, £2, £3.80, CSF: £19.20, NR: Cambridge Circus. Withdrawn: Shihab.
5.00 (1m 6f): FITZPATRICK J Mercer (9-2 fav); Macmillan (13-2); Minshaanshu Amad (6-1); Al Nasr (10-1); 11 ran. nk, 4 (P Walwyn) T: £5.20; £2.10, £2.70, £2.40, CSF: £33.96.

CHESTER

2.15 (5f): MAVAHRA M Birch (4-1); Marching Moor (6-1); Miss Octavian (3-1 ft fav); Brochure Hotpot (12-1); 8 ran. 3/4, 10 (P Rohan) T: £4.80; £1.70, £2.10, £1.20, CSF: £23.92.
2.45 (1m 5f): TENOSO Pat Eddery (11-8 fav); Khairpour (100-30); Trakady (7-4); Regal Steel (33-1); 5 ran. 1 1/2, 3 (G Wragg) T: £2; £1.50, £1, CSF: £5.58.
3.15 (7f): ELECTRIFYING J Lowe (5-1); Young Knight (9-2); Master Driver (12-1); Taygetus (10-1); 12 ran. 3/4, 3 (P Calver) T: £5.40; £2.10, £2, £2.80, CSF: £28.36.

3.45 (1m 2f): TRIAL BY ERROR D McHargue (9-2); Ministerial (5-1); Seismic Wave (3-1); Knoxville (14-1); 8 ran. 1/2, nk, (L Cumani) T: £5.90; £1.80, £2.20, £1.60, CSF: £26.08.
4.15 (5f): ALL IS FORGIVEN P Robinson (9-1); Bernard Sunley (6-1); Mummy's Treasure (7-2 fav); Pergoda (10-1); 10 ran. sh hd, 2 1/2 (D Thom) T: £6.80; £2.20, £2.80, £1.30, CSF: £56.67.
4.45 (1m 4f): WAGONER Pat Eddery (7-4 fav); Dodgy Future (8-1); Rivers Edge (4-1); Masked Ball (8-1); 7 ran. 1 1/2, 4 (P Walwyn) T: £2.60; £1.90, £2, CSF: £14.41.

SELECTIONS

LINGFIELD

2.15 Overtrump (nap)
2.45 Miami Prince
3.15 Rowa
3.45 Serheed (n.b.)
4.15 Hajes
4.45 Bold Realm

HAMILTON

2.30 Baby Boy
3.00 Roman Quest
3.30 Sempster
4.00 Foreigner
4.30 Sandy Reef
5.00 Herradura
5.30 Higham Grey

HAMILTON

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: G Duffield 52, J Lowe 40, M Birch 26, E Hide 23, J Bleasdale 22, S Webster 20, K Darley 17, N Carlisle 13, L Charnock 13, C Dwyer 13, A Mercer 12, B Raymond 12, B Jago 11.

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

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

2.30 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN APP'T'CE STAKES £900 (3-Y-O) 1m (7 runners)

1 (2)	2-0	AESCLAPIUS P Haslam 87	J Scally
2 (3)	02-22	BABY BOY (BF) M Prescott 87	A P O'Reilly
4 (1)	02420-2	DOMANUS (BF) C Spares 87	S P Griffiths
8 (7)	0-2	KHACHATURIAN (USA) S Norton 87	A Whitehall (5)
11 (4)	00-	ROYAL CRAFTSMAN W Eley 87	R Fahey
12 (5)	300330	THA (USA) M Jarvis 87	V Smith (5)
17 (6)	3	NODOUBLE'S DANCER (USA) J W Watts 84	A Gorman (5)

BLINKERS: 12
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Khachaturian, 7-4 Baby Boy, 6-1 Nodoubles Dancer, 12-1 Tha and Domanus, 16-1 others.

3.00 BLENHEIM HANDICAP £1,500 6f (11 runners)

2 (9)	02310-0	KAREN'S STAR (C) (D) D Chapman 797	D Nicholls
4 (7)	002-010	EASY STAR (D) B Hanbury 493	A Weiss (5)
6 (4)	023030	CENTRAL CARPETS (BF) R Stubbs 592	K Darley
8 (11)	134-000	ROMAN QUEST (C-D) P Rohan 5813	E Hide
11 (10)	400040	ADJUSTED (D) R Hollinshead 5810	S Perks
12 (1)	010-240	MEL MIRA T Craig 489	C Dwyer
13 (3)	3000-00	ROSSETT T Craig 589	N Carlisle
15 (8)	00-0210	BLACKPOOL BELLE (C) (D) J Berry 385	
19 (2)	0-00	GUITELL (D) D Plant 382	B Coogan
20 (6)	42004-0	PRIONSA W H Williams 680	L Charnock
25 (5)	000-000	LINANHOT J Parkes 477	S P Griffiths (7)

BLINKERS: 4
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Roman Quest, 5-2 Karens Star, 7-2 Central Carpets, 5-1 Easy Star, 8-1 Blackpool Belle, 12-1 others.

3.30 BARBICAN HANDICAP £2,500 (3-Y-O) 1m(9 runners)

2 (8)	0001-00	SHARP REMARK (USA) B Hanbury 97	P Hamblett
3 (7)	001-000	K-BATTERY W Eley 97	G Duffield
7 (6)	041	MUSIC WONDER D Plant 93	B Coogan
8 (1)	33300-0	YOUR CHOICE (C) W H Williams 91	C Dwyer
9 (9)	0100-00	INDIAN DAWN (C) (BF) S Norton 90	J Lowe
11 (5)	000-000	CAMDEN LAD R Hollinshead 810	S Perks
12 (3)	000-2	SEMPSTER W Holden 810	W Ryan (5)
15 (4)	000-04	WHAT'S IN STORE C Nelson 85	R Hills
17 (2)	000-00	MARINERS DREAM R Morris 84	

BLINKERS: 8, 9
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Camden Lad, 100-30 Indian Dawn, 4-1 What's In Store, 7-1 Sharp Remark, 8-1 Music Wonder and Sempster, 10-1 K-Battery, 16-1 others.

4.00 EARL OF ANGUS SELLING STAKES £700 (2-Y-O) 5f (8 runners)

1 (2)	0	BANTEL BUCCANEER C H Bell 811	
2 (8)	U	DUBOVSKY R Allan 811	S Webster
3 (1)	0	FOREIGNER P Haslam 811	G Duffield
4 (7)	03304	IVAN-JO R Stubbs 811	D Nicholls
6 (3)	00	MALOWSKI D Plant 811	B Coogan
8 (5)	0	WANDERING WALTER J Berry 811	K Darley
9 (6)	0	ANTHESTA J Berry 88	
12 (4)	00	IMOGEN P Rohan 88	E Hide

BLINKERS: 4, 6
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Ivan-Jo, 5-2 Anthesta, 4-1 Bantel Buccaneer, 5-1 Foreigner, 7-1 Malowski, 10-1 others.

4.30 MANDORA MAIDEN STAKES £1,000 (2-Y-O) 5f (8 runners)

3 (4)	0	BANTEL BONDMAN C H Bell 90	N Carlisle
4 (5)	0	IMPECUNIOISTY J S Wilson 90	C Dwyer
5 (3)	0	KING'S BADGE T Craig 90	N Connorton
6 (6)	0	LAKE HAMILTON D Hanley 90	S Keightley
9 (7)	0002	PHILIP N Tinkler 90	E Hide
11 (2)	22	SANDY REEF (BF) J Berry 90	K Darley
12 (8)	4	BEG-TO-DIFFER W H Williams 811	O Gray
13 (10)	00	CAROUSEL NOUGAT J S Wilson 811	

BLINKERS: 9
PROBABLE SP: 11-8 on Sandy Reef, 3-1 Philip, 6-1 Beg-to-differ, 10-1 Bantel Bondman and Lake Hamilton, 14-1 others.

5.00 SCOTTISH RIFLES MAIDEN STAKES £700 1m 3f (10 runners)

2 (5)	0D400-0	CORSTON LAD J Winter 497	E Hide
3 (6)	0	PONDERONIT D Chapman 497	D Nicholls
4 (8)	320-	RULER ON A LARK (USA) J Edwards 497	W Ryan (5)
8 (9)	0-4	ASH FAIR A Bailey 388	P Bloomfield (5)
10 (2)	000-44	FIRST BANQUET (USA) M Jarvis 388	B Raymond
13 (4)	003-0	HERRADURA M Prescott 388	G Duffield
15 (3)	00-00	LOTTEVILLE (FR) C Austin 388	M Birch
17 (7)	000-	NORTHGATE VENTURE D Plant 388	B Coogan
19 (1)	002-00	SERGIADIS V Thompson 388	M Fry
23 (10)	0-00	ELECTRIFIED W Eley 385	C Dwyer

PROBABLE SP: 6-4 First Banquet, 3-1 Herradura, 5-1 Ash Fair, 8-1 Ruler On A Lark, 10-1 Corston Lad and Lotteville, 16-1 others.

5.30 CAMERONIANS HANDICAP £2,500 1m 4f (8 runners)

3 (2)	1040-02	WANG FEIHOONG (D) (BF) P Haslam 498	G Duffield
4 (6)	000320	CARTER'S WAY (C-D) T Craig 498	C Dwyer
7 (1)	0/01103-	JENDOR V Thompson 491	M Fry
9 (4)	202120-	PURNS MILL A Stewart 4813	W Ryan (5)
12 (8)	00000-0	HIGHAM GREY (D) D Chapman 885	D Nicholls
13 (3)	0400-02	PORTER (C) E Carter 585	J Carr (7)
14 (5)	0000-00	BRIGADIER HAWK (D) C Austin 684	M Birch
15 (7)	00/104-0	HAZEL BANK R Allan 583	S Webster

BLINKERS: 13
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Wang Feihoong, 7-2 Hazel Bank, 9-2 Higham Grey, 6-1 Jendor and Purns Mill, 8-1 Carters Way, 12-1 others.

Sports Line

Fight for fitness

BY OUR OWN STAFF

OSSIE ARDILES and Glenn Hoddle have begun a two-week battle to help Tottenham complete the UEFA Cup Final eclipse of holders Anderlecht.

Argentine Ardiles and England's Hoddle, recovering from injury, were spectators at the Parc Astrid, Brussels, last night when Spurs fought their way to a superb first leg 1-1 draw.

The Spurs after-match euphoria was tempered by the realisation that they must continue their clash against the Belgians without captain Steve Perryman.

Midfield inspiration Perryman was cautioned after 67 minutes for a foot up. It was his second booking of the competition this season — and that cruelly excludes him from Keith Burkinshaw's last match as manager.

Burkinshaw ends his nine years Spurs' association after the Anderlecht

Hoddle, Ardiles hope to make second-leg

return — and Perryman is desperately upset that he must miss leading the club on what should prove a memorable occasion. 'It's as though I've been sent off at half-time,' said Perryman yesterday.

Burkinshaw now hopes that one of his absent stars will regain full fitness in time to replace Perryman, with Ardiles rated the best prospect.

'We might be able to get Ossie fit,' said Burkinshaw. 'He is running quite well, but he must have a few games. If he makes it will be a bonus.'

Ardiles has made only

12 appearances this season because of injury, the last in the quarter final, second leg against FK Austria. Hoddle, recovering from Achilles tendon trouble, has been sidelined since the end of February. 'He is a little bit behind in his recovery,' said Burkinshaw.

Perryman is the only survivor from Tottenham's last UEFA Cup triumph against Wolves in 1972, and Burkinshaw admitted: 'It has really upset me that he is ruled out. He is such a tremendous influence.'

Wednesday night was particularly rewarding

for Danny Thomas and Gary Stevens, who finally showed their true potential. 'They have struggled at times this season, but were tremendous against Anderlecht,' added Burkinshaw. 'But everybody played their part. It was a great team performance.'

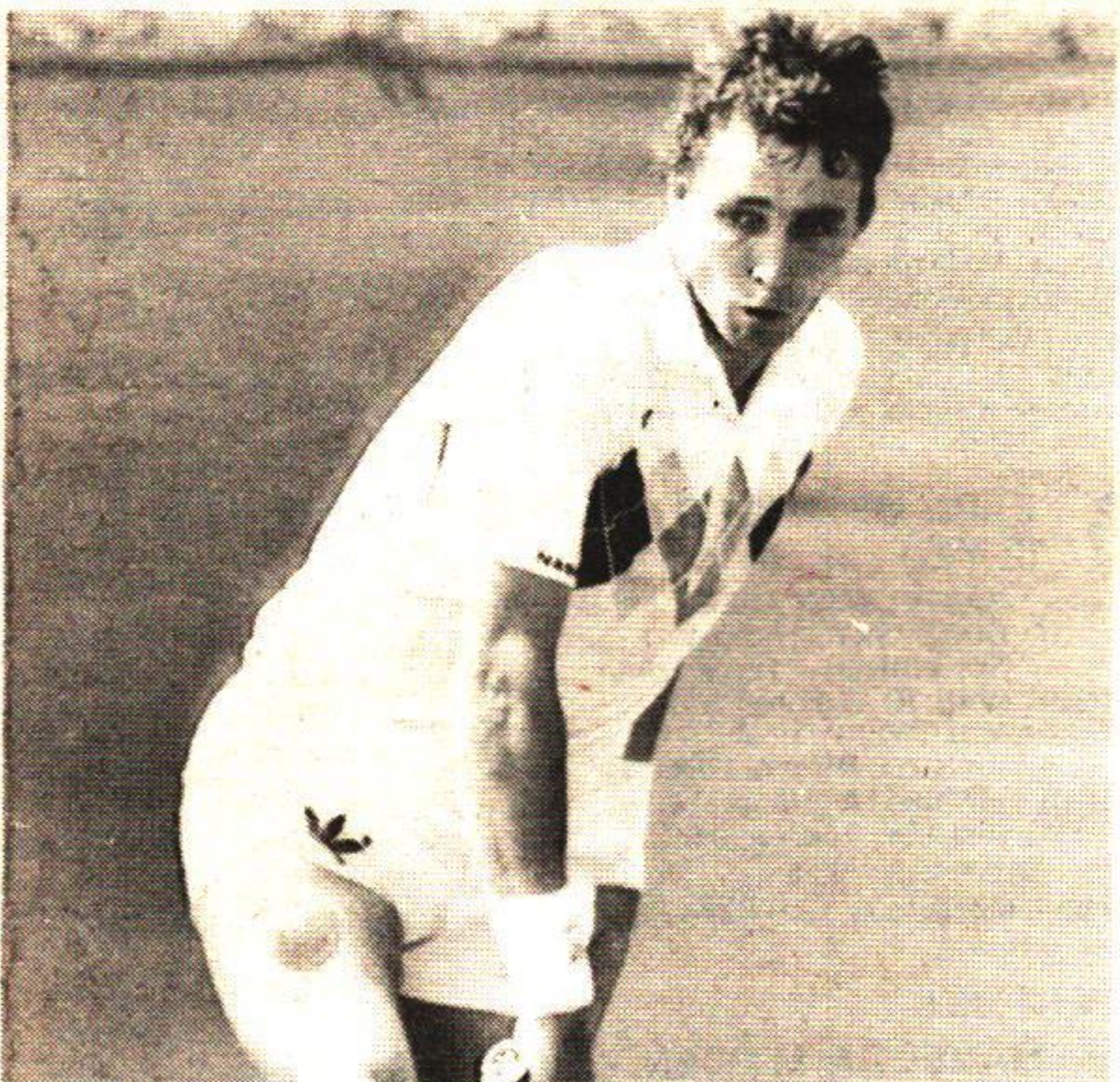
Spurs' goal came after 62 minutes, a powerful header by central defender Paul Miller.

But Spurs' hopes of breaking Anderlecht's 31-match unbeaten home run in European competition were shattered when Morten Olsen snatched an 85th minute equaliser.



OSVALDO ARDILES . . . Fighting to be fit for another Cup final

TOP PLAYERS BEAT THE WEATHER



IVAN LENDL . . . Beat the wind — and his opponent — in New York

CZECHOSLOVAK star Ivan Lendl, Wimbledon Champion John McEnroe and US Open defender Jimmy Connors had more trouble beating strong winds than their second round opponents in the \$500,000 Tournament Of Tennis Champions at Forest Hills, New York, on Wednesday.

Lendl, seeded third in the race for the \$100,000 Championship prize, scored a 6-1 6-4 victory over American John Sadri.

The 1982 tournament winner, but an upset loser last year to Henri Leconte of France, Lendl dominated play throughout and never lost his service game.

Lendl, who faced Ramesh Krishnan of India in yesterday's third round, allowed Sadri only 14 points in the opening set.

'The winds were going in all different directions and I didn't know what to do at times,' admitted Lendl. 'I

just wanted to win and get off the stadium court.'

Connors followed Lendl onto the centre court and scored a 6-4 6-3 victory over Danie Visser of South Africa.

He lost serve once when Visser broke to tie at 4-4 in the opening set but the 31-year-old American took control after that with punishing drives from the baseline.

'The wind was pretty rough,' said Connors, who plans to complete a heavy schedule this year before

tapering off to the minimum number of tournaments allowed on the professional circuit.

'If you can play in these conditions, then you can play in anything,' he added. 'It didn't make for good tennis.'

McEnroe echoed the same sentiments after a 6-3 6-4 night victory over Derek Tarr of South Africa. The fans cheered the underdog after Tarr earned his second service break to pull into a 4-4 tie in the second set.

But McEnroe then took charge to win eight of the final nine points, including two aces in the tenth game.

'It was hard to concentrate because it was so windy and cold,' said McEnroe, who plans to play the World Team Cup in Dusseldorf, West Germany, next before heading to Paris for the French Open.

● UNSEEDER Eric Korita of the United States scored an upset 6-7 7-6 6-3 victory over compatriot Tim Mayotte, seeded second, in the opening round of a \$200,000 Exhibition Tennis Tournament in

Tokyo on Wednesday.

Korita, 21, who turned professional last September, blasted Mayotte with a string of powerful serves on an indoor court before a crowd of 3,000.

After winning the first set tie-breaker 7-4 and losing the second 7-3, Mayotte committed a series of errors in the third set for his first tournament defeat by Korita.

Sweden's Bjorn Borg, last on court, in the eight-man and eight-woman exhibition tournament, beat Japan's Shozo Shiraishi 6-3 6-0.

NEWTON ABBOT (NH)

2.30 M&W TORBAY 4-Y-O NOVICE HURDLE £650

1	0001	PRODEST DIANA (USA) D R Tucker 10 12	S McNeill
2	300332	WHENEVER D H Barons 10 12	J Frost
3	FP0002	CELTIC STORY (BF) J R Jenkins 10 10	
5	03	LITTLE BEN N Kernick 10 10	M Yeoman (7)
6	000	SPARKY R T Jukes 10 10	P Carvill
8	00	BIRDS OF A FEATHER Mrs J Fraser 10 5	J Sutherland
9	40	CELTIC HARMONY R J Holder 10 5	P Murphy

BLINKERS: 1
PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Whenever, 5-2 Celtic Stormy, 7-2 Prouddest Diana, 6-1 Little Ben, 10-1 Celtic Harmony, 12-1 others.

3.00 MISSELBROOK & WESTON NOVICE H'CAP CHASE £3,000 2m (14 runners)

2	022113	WING VELVET J S Wright 6 12 3	K Mooney
3	11P001	KYOTO J R Jenkins 6 11 10 (5 ex)	
7	342201	PRESCENA WOOD P A Taylor 10 11 0	P Warner
8	F020F1	SPANISH STREAK J C Fox 7 10 11	S Moore (4)
10	334B13	SIR LESTER J D Thomas 8 10 10	A Griffiths (4)
11	400311	GRAGARA LAD R J Hodges 9 10 5	R Linley
12	0-00P0F	CAPTAIN PAT J H Baker 8 10 4	G Ripa (7)
13	00000/1	LINPAC NORTH E Retter 9 10 0	
14	204033	OWEN GLENDOWER R J Holder 7 10 0	P Richards
15	0PF34F	WALTZER I Wardle 13 10 0	Michelle Sherren (4)
17	200042	TINKER'S TRIP O O'Neill 9 10 0	P Stone (7)
19	0-0FP-P0F	GOLLYNO Mrs E Kennard 7 10 0	R Hoare
21	0000P0	BRIANKA W R Williams 7 10 0	C Gray
22	230P04	SILENT FLIER W R Williams 10 10 0	C Brown

BLINKERS: 22
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Prescena Wood, 4-1 Gragara Lad, 9-2 Kyoto, 11-2 Linpac North, 6-1 Wing Velvet, 8-1 Spanish Streak, 12-1 others.

3.30 M & W CASH & CARRY H'CAP HDLE £2,000 2m (12 runners)

2	04P201	CROWN LAND J R Jenkins 9 12 0 (7 ex)	
5	032/034	MANSTON MARAUDER J C Fox 8 10 12	N Hunter (7)

4.00 M&W CATERING CHASE & CARRY HUNTER CHASE £1,000 3m 2f (13 runners)

1	P0003F	LEONSTAR W L Powell 9 13 0	Miss A Dare (7)
2	PRP4RP	PIPING REED J M Salter 12 13 0	Mr M Williams (7)
3	113	DICKY BLOB J Nicholls 9 12 10	Mr W Nicholls (7)
6	000	CHARLIES GREETING A E Nuttall 8 12 0	
7	20/0P0U	CRISPINIAN Mrs M Rimmell 10 12 0	Mr M Bell (7)
8	F	FILSNORD B G Searle 8 12 0	Mr W Turner (7)
10	F	JONKS BUBBLE A W Congdon 10 12 0	Mr G Edwards (7)
11	P4F/P0-2	RICHARD G G Chambers 11 12 0	Mr P Hosegood (7)
12	P000-00	ROBBERS BRIDGE (C-D) J F Cann 10 12 0	Mr G Cann
13	130P00	THE ESCAPER (USA) J F Symes 8 12 0	
14		FORGOTTEN S T Hurst 12 11 9	NON-RUNNER
15	2	ROSE D'AMOUR (BF) M D Mayne 9 11 9	Mr A Tizzard (7)
16	0P	STED MONEY J J Wyatt 9 11 9	Mr J Wyatt (7)

BLINKERS: 2, 10
PROBABLE SP: 6-4 on Dicky Blob, 4-1 Leonstar, 7-1 Richard G, 9-1 Rose d'Amour, 12-1 Robbers Bridge, 14-1 others.

4.30 M & W 'OUR' BRAND NOVICE SELLING HDLE £500 2m (16 runners)

2	31	LORD CHANTICLEER M C Pipe 4 11 2	
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3	00U302	CHOCOLATE IMP D C Tucker 11 11 0	
5	00000	MARCH SPARK C James 8 11 0	C Brown
7	0P0/P00	MIDNIGHT ROCKET R G Brazington 8 11 0	C Jones
8	P2P0-20	PARK JET M B James 8 11 0	L Wallace (7)
9		PEPPA FASHION B H Langley 11 11 0	
12	002000	TARMON BUCK R A Atkins 7 11 0	M Caswell (7)
13	P-P3P00	TIPTOE LOVER M Delahooke 8 11 0	W O'Callaghan (7)
14	000100	UNCLE DAI J D Thomas 5 11 0	R Atkins
15	023000	FLORI WONDER R A Atkins 4 10 11	M Richards (4)
18	PP-00F0	GO PERSIAN B Venn 7 10 9	
19	0/00P-0	HANA BAKO O J Carter 9 10 9	J Frost
21	P0044	MAGGIE DEE R G Frost 7 10 9	Miss S Waterman
23	0F0P00	MONTULA Miss S Waterman 10 10 9	P Richards
25	F40	TIA GIRL R J Holder 6 10 9	M Nuttall (4)
26	0F/PF0R	WAYWARD COTTAGE B Forsey 8 10 9	

BLINKERS: 26
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Lord Chanticleer, 7-2 Chocolate Imp, 9-2 Flori Wonder, 6-1 Maggie Dee, 8-1 Uncle Dai, 10-1 Park Jet, 12-1 others.

5.00 M & W CONSORT BRAND NOVICE HDLE £650 2m 5f (16 runners)

4	00U0U1	BENI M C Pipe 8 11 3	P Nicholls
5	03030P	BOLT THE GATE (BF) D Williams 5 11 3	Mr P Schofield (4)
7	313	DEADLY GOING (C) (BF) I P Wardle 6 11 3	
9	00U002	MAJOR GAMBLE A Barrow 10 11 3	Lorna Vincent
10	000000	NORFOLK STORM (C) L G Kennard 6 11 3	C Brown
11	213132	THE TOTM J R Jenkins 7 11 3	
12	321P30	WILD CORN W E Fisher 5 10 12	E Waite
13	00042	AFRICAN STAR R Keenor 6 10 10	R Hoare
14	200004	ALANGROVE SOUND (CAN) N Brookes 6 10 10	Mr N Brookes
16	POFP0F	HULDA (FR) J R Jenkins 9 10 10	
18	420-003	KING BURG (FR) R J Hodges 5 10 10	S Earle (7)
19		LAUGHTER LINES K Bishop 5 10 10	P Richards
20		MUMMYS SWIFT L L Gibbons 5 10 10	R Muggeridge (7)
21		BRIDLE LANE L L Gibbons 11 10 5	B Wright
38	P-00	MY FLYAWAY N Kernick 6 10 5	M Yeoman (7)
40		RANDAM JEST Mrs E Kennard 5 10 5	

BLINKERS: 10, 16
PROBABLE SP: 9-4 Deadly Going, 11-4 Beni, 100-30 The Totm, 5-1 African Star, 8-1 Wild Corn, 12-1 others.

Sports Line

OLYMPIC SHAME!

DICK PALMER has served the British Olympic movement loyally for many years.

He's an outspoken Welshman, he believes he is a socialist at heart — and a figure who has often upset our sporting establishment.

In May 1980 the Thatcher government were applying pressure to stop our athletes going to the Moscow Olympics. Palmer spoke out against the government's veiled blackmail attempts.

There was talk that sporting bodies might lose much-needed grants. Palmer fought on.

His principled stand — 'The Olympics belong to the people, not the Tory government' — met with tremendous support from the working class.

The News Line played a part in sending that team to Moscow. Editorials in this paper urged trade unions and their members to send donations to the British Olympic Association.

They dug deep into their pockets and the money rolled in. The Moscow team was sent by the British people and not on a hand-out from the Thatcher government.

So what has Dick Palmer got to do with the present Olympic problem?

Dick has been in Los Angeles for the past week or so. He's been traipsing around the Olympic site — which stretches over 300 miles, but that's another story — examining the conditions under which athletes will live and compete this summer.

'Boycott or no boycott, the British team will be in Los Angeles for the Olympics,' he said yesterday. 'We have always remained true to the Olympic cause and I believe we are one of only two or three countries that have attended every Olympics since 1896.'

But later remarks by Palmer in sunny California yesterday will have upset the Reagan administration and the Thatcher government.

Standing in Los Angeles yesterday morning, Pal-



mer had the 'cheek AND audacity' to say he realised why the Soviets had decided not to come to the home of Hollywood and Walt Disney.

'They have every reason to be wary,' Palmer told an incredulous television reporter.

'I have been to Moscow many times. The city is full of party and political posters, huge political hoardings and other Communist propaganda. But for the Moscow Olympics all of these were taken down, the Soviets did not want to upset anybody,' Palmer stressed.

Littered

'But here in Los Angeles it is quite the opposite. There are anti-Soviet posters everywhere, the main highways have been littered with huge billboards with much the same material, and others with the telephone numbers of organisations that will help Eastern bloc athletes to defect.

'I think the Los Angeles Olympic Committee could have distanced themselves from such goings on and the government could, if they wanted to, put a stop to it.'

Palmer, like the Soviet Union and many other na-

ON APRIL 24, in Lausanne, Marat Gramov, chairman of the Soviet National Olympic Council (NOC) said his country would participate in July's Los Angeles Games if the US observed the Olympic charter.

On Tuesday last the Soviet Union finally pulled out after weeks of non-cooperation from the US and the growing anti-Soviet hysteria being whipped up in America over the past six months.

This morning News Line's Matthew Nugent tries to analyse the problems that have led to the Soviet pull-out — and that of East Germany and Bulgaria since.

tions, abhors the out-and-out commercialisation of the Games.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) have stood by while the Los Angeles organising committee have prostituted the Olympic ideal.

The Soviets, as long ago as 1981, have protested about the whole sick spectacle. Their protests were waved aside in the West as just another Soviet plot to spike the Los Angeles Games.

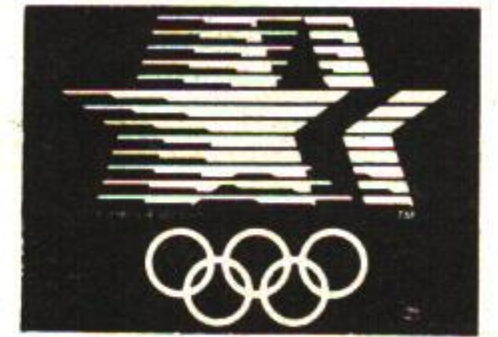
The IOC were embarrassed by what was going on. But they knew that the Los Angeles Games organiser Peter Ueberoth and his committee had them in a corner. Nobody wanted to host the 1984 summer games. Only California's big businessmen stepped in with an offer.

Since January, the problems have mounted. The decision to have the Olympic flame 'sponsored' on its trek across the US from New York to Los Angeles inflamed many countries besides the Soviet Union.

At one stage the Greek government were considering the abandonment of the traditional lighting of the torch at ancient Olympia.

The townspeople of the villages surrounding the

The story behind the Soviet pull-out



THE Olympic flame in Moscow. The US has used it to earn cash through sponsorship

Olympic site did stay away from the event.

But for the Soviets — and other Eastern European countries — there was an even more powerful reason for initially protesting and then deciding to stay away from Los Angeles.

Anti-Soviet and anti-communist groups have been coming out of the woodwork every week over the past few months.

Provoke

Their aims are simple — to provoke as much anti-Soviet hysteria as possible. The Reagan administration has stood idly by and watched these groups play their dirty war of words. It's a 'free country', they claimed. Many outside observers now believe that the US State Department are directly involved in the whole affair.

The Soviet Union and their Eastern Bloc neighbours have every reason to stay away from the Games. The US government have refused to guarantee their safety.

Reagan's men have even gone as far as provoking anti-Soviet feeling by banning the Soviet Olympic team's diplomatic attaché by claiming that he was a leading KGB man.

They followed that by asking for a full list of Soviet athletes so that they could vet them before issuing entry visas. This was a direct contravention of the Olympic charter, and when the

Soviet Union protested to the IOC, the US had to back down on that one.

A suggestion from Greece this week that a permanent Olympic home should be built close to the original site at Olympia may, in the near future, lead to the a

re-evaluation of the Olympic ideals.

These games would be free from commercialisation. They will be a games where the best of the Olympic ideals will shine through, a games where the only struggle will be between athletes in an effort to attain their goals

on the running track, in the swimming pool and on the gymnastics floor.

The present Olympics have outgrown their usefulness in many ways. Pierre Courbetin's Olympic dreams were utopian. It has taken many people over a century to realise that.

Price gets second chance

JIMMY Price has the chance to rebuild his boxing career at Frank Warren's Bloomsbury Crest venue on May 13 after his shattering first round defeat against former world champion Ayub Kalule last month.

Price, unbeaten in his first 12 professional bouts, was being tipped for a shot at the British middleweight title before being stopped inside 90 seconds by the African, Kalule.

Price is being brought quickly back into action against Stacy McSwain in a joint top-of-the-bill contest.

McSwain was also in action on the same night as Price in April when he was stopped in the fifth round by one of Price's main British rivals Errol Christie.

Unbeaten Norwegian heavyweight Stefan Tangstad, who is based in Chicago, also takes top billing.

He is unbeaten in 23 fights and meets Stan Butler from Boston, Massachusetts.

Christie has jumped ahead of Price in the race for titles but may turn down the chance of a final eliminator for Mark Kaylor's British crown.

The brilliant unbeaten Coventry fighter has been nominated to meet Sheffield's world-rated light-middleweight Herol Graham.

Graham, another who has been carefully cultivated in his career of 25 unbeaten contests, has relinquished his European and Commonwealth titles and moved up to the middleweight division.

Croydon's Clinton

McKenzie will defend his British light-welterweight championship against Liverpool's Terry Marsh and his younger brother Duke could also be on the title trail.

Flyweight Duke will challenge Edinburgh's Davey Flynn if the Scot beats holder Hugh Russell.

But if Russell, from Belfast, retains the crown he will be given six months' grace before being asked to defend.

Charlie Magri, the former world flyweight champion from Stepney, has told the British Boxing Board of Control that he is not interested in the domestic title and is likely to concentrate on regaining the European championship.

Wilkins' Italian job



RAY WILKINS

RAY Wilkins finally signed a contract with AC Milan at breakfast-time yesterday to play for the club for three years starting next season a club spokesman announced.

Wilkins, the Manchester United and England midfielder, signed a letter of intent at Old Trafford last week but the signature to the contract only came after further bargaining in Italy on Wednesday night.

Wilkins, 28, will receive around £200,000 a year for the three years he is there.

Italian press reports said that Wednesday night's

bargaining had centred on a demand by Wilkins for a percentage of the £1.5 million Milan paid United for him, but that he had agreed to negotiate with his former club about his demands.

'It's a question which concerns the player and Manchester, not Milan,' spokesman Renato Ferrari said yesterday.

Wilkins was mobbed by about 1,000 Milan supporters when he flew in to the city's Linate airport on Wednesday afternoon. He left shortly after concluding the signing yesterday morning for a flight back to Manchester.



ZOLA BUDD... Norway set to ban her from Oslo and the Bislett Games

Budd faces Norway ban

ZOLA BUDD, the South African athlete who was granted a British passport last month, could be barred from a return to Norway next month for the Bislett Games.

Budd ran in Oslo last weekend in a 10 kilometre road race and the Norwegian Athletics Federation are now investigating a claim that Budd has retained her South African nationality and as such should not be allowed to compete in Norway.

News Line reported yesterday that leading government officials in South Africa had announced in Pretoria that Budd would be allowed to keep her citizenship for 'service to South African athletics'.

Abdul Minty, executive secretary of the British Anti-Apartheid movement, has informed Norwegian athletic officials that Budd has not renounced her South African citizenship, which as a minor under 21 she is required to do to assume complete British nationality.

'The Norwegian authorities would not have allowed her to compete in Sunday's race if they had understood that she had not surrendered South African nationality,' Minty said yesterday.

'I am assured that they will ask the British Board for clarification of her status and, if they are not satisfied she is now a British national, they will not allow her to compete again in Norway, which means she will not be able to run in the Bislett Games.'

'And it could also mean that Norwegians would be barred from competing against her in events outside their country, such as the Olympic Games,' Minty added.

WRECKER REAGAN

US President linked with anti-Soviet Olympic group

BY MARTY MORAN
IN NEW YORK AND
MATTHEW NUGENT
IN LONDON

LEADERS of the 'Ban The Soviets Coalition', labelled by the organiser of the Los Angeles Olympics as a 'group of nuts', claimed yesterday that they were responsible for triggering the Soviet Union's decision to pull out of the Games.

And it also came to light yesterday that President Reagan has close connections with one of the ultra right-wing groups that make up the coalition.

'We were the moving force behind them dropping out,' David Balsiger, the group's national executive director, announced yesterday.

'We never stopped hammering away.'

The group, based in Orange County, a wealthy suburban area south of Los Angeles, long known for the political prominence of members of the John Birch Society, were formed after the shooting down of Korean Airlines flight KAL 007 last year.

The coalition is the umbrella organisation for ultra right-wing groups and anti-Soviet collectives throughout the US.

They include the anti-Castro Cuban terrorists, Alpha-66, the Lithuanian Information Centre, the

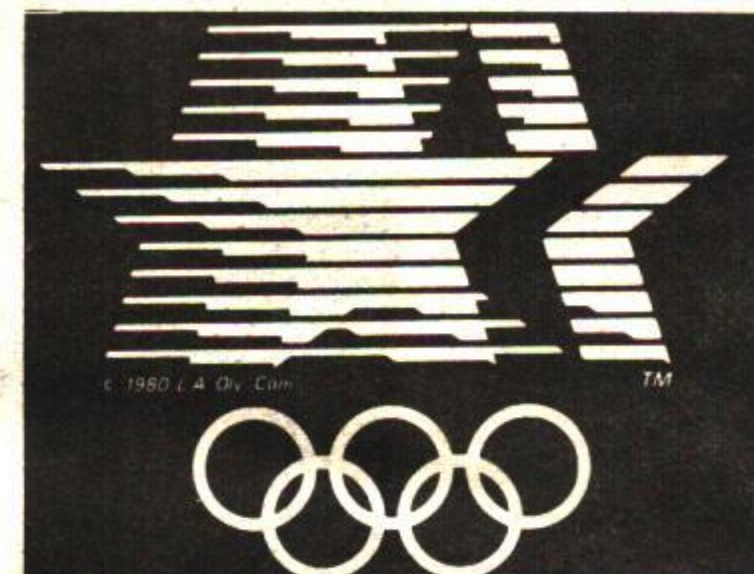
Estonians of Los Angeles, the Czechoslovak Freedom Federation, the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation, and the Baltic American Freedom League.

The coalition launched a \$50,000 campaign to harass Soviet athletes last month with the open sanction of the Reagan administration.

Group

Administration officials insisted that no measures would be taken against the anti-communist group except to bar demonstrations inside Olympic facilities.

The US President has close ties with another ultra right-wing association involved in the anti-Soviet slander campaign.



The group, the Young Americans for Freedom (YAF), is a right-wing student organisation whose ex-leaders hold many positions in the Reagan administration and the national leadership of the Republican Party.

Reagan has been a frequent speaker at YAF functions and was supported by the organisation in both 1976 and 1980 presidential campaigns.

● THE chairman of the Los Angeles Olympics Organising Committee, Paul Ziffren, acknowledged that the Soviet withdrawal would have a devastating impact on the quality of competition at the 1984 games.

He said far more world-class athletes would be absent than were missing from the 1980 Moscow

Olympics boycotted by the United States.

The almost universal reaction among prominent US Olympic athletes and coaches has been to express their regrets at the Soviet withdrawal, while levelling their main fire at former-President Jimmy Carter, who boycotted the 1980 Olympics, and at the Reagan administration itself.

Many athletes expressed the view that the Olympic Games themselves were now in danger.

They said any medals would be tainted by the absence of their fellow athletes from the Soviet bloc countries.

George Raveling, the assistant coach of the US basketball team, said: 'I'm not naive enough to think there is no need for security. There is a grave need for security, but when you have two nations which come up with creativity to put men on the moon, I can't see why they can't find adequate security.'

● PRESIDENTIAL candidate Jesse Jackson yesterday called on Reagan to personally intervene and make concessions to Soviet demands for proper security.

Blow

Jackson said that only assurances from the White House would have any impact in allaying Soviet fears, and instigating a possible re-think by the Soviet National Olympic Committee (NOC).

● THE Games received another blow yesterday when the East Germans, the world's top athletics nation, decided to follow the Soviets and Bulgarians and opt out of the Los Angeles event.

The East German NOC, in a prepared statement, cited the same protest voiced from Moscow on Tuesday.

The United States had given no guarantees of the safety of communist athletes and the International Olympic Committee had 'declared itself unable to guarantee protection against political and criminal attacks', the East German NOC statement said.

And the Czechoslovak NOC announced last night that they would hold a meeting 'within the next few days' to see if they could go ahead with their planned participation in the Games.

Fans accuse Belgian police

AS THE last group of Tottenham supporters trekked home yesterday, the full extent of police and para-military gendarme provocation in Brussels on Tuesday and Wednesday night became known.

It was a tragic two days with one young supporter shot dead and another two wounded after they had travelled to the Belgian capital for Tottenham's UEFA Cup final, first-leg tie with Anderlecht.

The Belgian authorities admitted on Tuesday that the huge police and para-military presence in Brussels was the biggest ever assembled.

The capital's shop owners had been fed scaremongering stories in the local press in the days prior to the game and many of the fans believed that by the time they arrived they had already been branded as 'animals and thugs'.

Kevin Flanagan, an 18-year-old Irish fan from Finsbury, north London, was shot dead on Tuesday night.

He had arrived with friends earlier that morning and after a day of pre-match celebrations was murdered after a fracas outside a bar in the city's red-light district.

The two other fans were shot — but not seriously injured — in separate incidents in the vicinity of Anderlecht's stadium after the game.

Brussels police said one supporter was hit in the hand immediately after the match, while the other fan was found with a leg wound close to the stadium in the early hours of Thursday morning.

Neither had been named up to late last night, but police said that they were searching for their attackers.

Goaded

Fans arriving back yesterday told of how they were spat upon by the paramilitary force and goaded into retaliating.

Such actions — many of the fans did get involved with the police, incensed when they heard about Flanagan's death — led to them receiving terrible beatings while their friends were kept at a safe distance by alsanians.

Yesterday afternoon a Brussels bar owner admitted shooting Flanagan after a row over payment for drinks. He was later charged with manslaughter.



Wary but happy Tottenham supporters arriving back at London's Victoria station yesterday afternoon