

New pit talks move by NCB

INVITATION WELCOMED BY SCARGILL

BY SIMON VEVERS

MINERS' President Arthur Scargill yesterday welcomed a new offer of talks with the National Coal Board, but again insisted on the withdrawal of the unilateral decision to axe 20,000 jobs and close pits.

The NCB issued its invitation to the NUM, only hours after the break-up of Wednesday's talks at Hobart House in London. It was contained in a letter from NCB deputy chairman James Cowan to NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield.

Scargill claimed that the letter was 'a completely new departure from the Coal Board's intransigent attitude'.

He added: 'It suggests for the very first time that these talks might offer the prospect of finding a solution to the present problem. In view of that we welcome the letter from the NCB.'

Reply

Scargill said the union's reply to the NCB letter emphasised that there can be no settlement of the strike unless Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor withdraws the closure programme which sparked off the strike.

Meanwhile Heathfield told the annual conference of the engineering union's white-collar section, TASS, that the NUM would 'in the course of the next few days, try to start serious negotiations'.

He added: 'We have one precondition that led us to come out on strike — we are not prepared to negotiate our men out of work.'

'It is not our right to sell jobs or to nullify or renege on the sacrifices our predecessors made.'

Heathfield said he had been given to understand that the talks would be held on neutral ground



Notts miners and teachers were at Westminster yesterday lobbying MPs — see Houghton champions teachers' claim on page 3

but, from information he had received from senior NCB officials, he said: 'Mr MacGregor has exercised his veto and is not willing to meet under those circumstances.'

MacGregor had said his door was always open. 'It is not his door I am worried about. It is his mind. He is not willing to listen to the views of others,' Heathfield said.

A Coal Board spokesman said: 'We look forward to constructive talks with the NUM. A time and venue still have to be agreed.'

The TASS conference in Birmingham decided to

contribute £10,000 towards the miners' struggle.

● PICKETS were outside the Scunthorpe steelworks yesterday after an agreement on supplies of coke to the plant between coal, rail and steel unions broke down.

A convoy of coal lorries went into the steel plant to supplement the nineteen trainloads of coke already allowed in each week to keep the works 'ticking over'.

Yorkshire NUM President Jack Taylor condemned steel union officials for breaking the deal.

Iraqi planes hit more Gulf ships

IRAN FACING WAR ATTACK

GULF shipping came under renewed air attack yesterday as US imperialism and its regional allies escalated their drive towards open military intervention against the Iranian revolution.

The aim is to cut off Iran's vital oil exports, provoke economic and political instability and then to invade.

Vice President George Bush, the former CIA director, secured the sup-

port of Pakistan's military ruler, President Zia-ul-Haq, for the invasion plan when he visited Islamabad last week.

Yesterday's escalation began when Iraqi warplanes hit two ships in the Gulf south of Iran's giant Kharg oil terminal. This report went almost unreported in the Tory media.

But later in the day when Iran retaliated with a strike against the Liberator oil tanker 'Chemical Venture' off the Saudi Arabian coast, it made headline news.

Reagan's war mania is fuelled by the catastrophic plight of the US banks which are cracking under the weight of the

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world's total debt of something like \$800 billion.

A US war intervention could ignite the whole area and result in a crippling global oil shortage.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, imperialism's gangster in the region, yesterday claimed that Iraq will 'shortly possess weapons capable of destroying Kharg Island'.

'The new weapon is designed for maximum strike power and will be aimed at ruining the economy of Iran,' he said. 'It will be used to destroy the

Iranian economy on land as well as at sea.'

This threat has been made with the full agreement of Washington. Iraqi warplanes are operating under the guidance of American AWACs surveillance aircraft which are based in Saudi Arabia while Reagan's Rapid Deployment Force is now on standby in Oman at the mouth of the Gulf.

As part of the war conspiracy, Israeli fighter-bombers yesterday attacked Syrian-held territory in eastern Lebanon. The purpose is to warn the Damascus regime of President Hafez Assad not to go to the aid of the Iranians or to make any move against the Iraqi regime.

A Tehran government spokesman spotlighted the large number of visits to the area by US officials in recent weeks, including Bush, Defence Secretary Weinberger and State Department envoy Richard Murphy.

Links

'These trips are aimed at strengthening the links between some of the regions' governments, creating fear and panic among them and spreading rumours and false information to exacerbate tension,' said the spokesman.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, while it believes in safeguarding stability and tranquility in the region, is always prepared to respond by dealing crushing blows at any

provocative or adventurist move as well as moves instigated by global arrogance to intervene in the Persian Gulf region.'

A Tehran Radio commentary said that Iran was endowed with 'non-oil resources' as well as oil wealth, and that it was prepared for sacrifices.

'Therefore, it is the other countries in the region which would suffer most from the latest plots. It is to their advantage not to fall into the Iraqi regime's trap by continuing their support for it.'

Expand

In an appeal to the Arab Gulf states to stay clear of war provocations, the radio said: 'The Ba'athist rulers of Baghdad are trying to expand the war and involve the other countries in the Persian Gulf region in their aggression in order to find an escape route from the trouble which they have created.'

'This is a false hope. The internationalisation of the war will not only result in the more rapid destruction of the idolatrous regime ruling Iraq, but will also send the mini-idols of the region to the cemetery of the pharaohs of history with Saddam.'

'It is the governments of the region who have been immersed in ignorance and pampered who will suffer and dissolve when the first ill-winds blow from an unwanted war.'

Shock share price fall

NEW YORK — Share prices of two major United States bank holding companies, Manufacturers Hanover Trust and Chase Manhattan, fell sharply under strong selling pressure on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

The upheaval, two weeks after the biggest and most unprecedented rescue of a bank in US banking history, has stunned bankers and share market traders.

Spokesmen and analysts for the two banks said they knew of no reason for the falls, which drove down the Dow Jones industrial

average nearly seven points, to 1,106.89 in early trading.

Manufacturers Hanover Trust shares fell \$2.75 to \$28.25 and Chase Manhattan fell \$2.25 to \$39.5.

Rumours began on London and New York financial markets yesterday that Manufacturers Hanover was unable to find overnight financing but spokesmen at Manufacturers Hanover and Chase Manhattan denied having any funding problems.

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TUC: Stand up and be counted

ON December 14, 1983, Len Murray and the right wing of the TUC turned their backs on the National Graphical Association (NGA) and by 29 votes to 21 repudiated its Wembley conference decisions. Despite what happened at GCHQ, where trade unions were abolished by parliamentary decree, Murray and company still accept the Tory anti-union laws implicit in their vote of December 14.

On Monday, May 21, a statement was issued by the TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee which reads: 'The TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee at its meeting this morning expressed its deep concern at the attempts of the NCB, abetted by the government, to force through a programme of pit closures, that would cause permanent damage to an industry which is crucial to the nation and destroy jobs and communities.'

On Wednesday, May 23, the TUC General Council, including Murray, 'fully endorsed the Liaison Committee's concern about the attempt by the NCB, abetted by the government, to force through a programme of pit closures, that would cause permanent damage to an industry which is crucial to the nation and destroy jobs and communities.'

Murray and the TUC right wing refuse to use the industrial and political strength of the trade unions to fight the Tory anti-union laws. They implicitly accept the Tory right to transform the trade unions into corporate dependencies of the capitalist state.

It was on this basis that Murray voted for the Liaison Committee's statement on support for the miners' strike. It was a unanimous vote, unlike December 14, because those who voted against him then are supporting him now.

Such is the dangerous retreat being made by the TUC, when the miners are in a life-and-death struggle with MacGregor and the Tory Bonapartist government. All that the NGA and GCHQ unions fought for has been whittled away and lost.

The Liaison Committee statement, endorsed by the TUC General Council, does not commit the TUC to the slightest industrial action in support of the miners' strike. It simply confines its responsibility to raising money and food. In the long run, it threatens to wear down the strike and allow Thatcher to starve them back to work.

A report from the TUC Finance and General Purposes Committee was also endorsed by Wednesday's General Council meeting. This reads as follows:

'The committee also received a report on the TUC general secretary's correspondence with TUC regional councils over recent weeks informing them of the position of the TUC General Council on the mining dispute and the clear limits on the authority of regional councils. The committee affirmed that the general secretary had followed the correct and necessary procedure and deplored the sensationalised press reporting.'

Thus, the General Council endorsed Murray's ban on regional Days of Action in support of the miners' strike. They united in backing Murray's strike-breaking role and his deliberate move on Thatcher's behalf to keep the strike isolated from the rest of the trade union movement.

Meanwhile, the situation can be changed because support for the miners' struggle throughout all the trade unions and the entire working-class movement is building up by the hour. The retreat of the TUC can be halted if the NUM calls for industrial support from the TUC and proceeds to organise the General Strike.

The time has come when all those who support the miners on the TUC must stand up and be counted. A resolution calling for the organisation of the General Strike will be entirely successful here.

Those who voted for the organisation of the General Strike, even though in a minority, should prepare to take their places alongside the miners in an indefinite industrial action. Those who vote against should be the subject of a campaign to change their minds and join the General Strike.

The miners cannot win on their own in the fight against the Tory Bonapartist government and the state.

We must organise the General Strike in the same way as the miners organised their strike. The trade unions who want to fight must declare for a General Strike to be called by the TUC and join the miners immediately.

THATCHER WANTS TO STARVE OUT MINERS

PRIME Minister Thatcher made it clear yesterday that she intends to continue her attempt to starve the miners into submission.

In a brutal intervention at question time she dismissed the suffering of miners' families and claimed the government was merely upholding the law by withholding benefits.

She was answering an appeal from Labour leader Neil Kinnock to show 'conciliation and humanity' in the light of the NCB-NUM talks.

Kinnock and his energy spokesman Stan Orme have been pressing the

miners to go into talks on the basis of the Plan for Coal agreed in 1981 between the board, the union and the government.

They have been trying behind the scenes to sell the idea of talks to the NUM on the basis that the closure programme can be stretched over a longer period within the terms of the 1981 plan.

Opposed

Kinnock has opposed the strike from the start and wants it settled at virtually any price. Privately he is at pains to stress the hardship being caused by the strike, and point to the 'very substantial' stocks of coal still above ground.

BY JOHN SPENCER
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Kinnock asked her to instruct the DHSS not to inhibit support of miners' families.

But she replied that supplementary benefit rules were set out in legislation and dissatisfied claimants could appeal.

The Labour leader replied this was 'a very stiff answer of extraordinary insensitivity' and made a second appeal which fell on equally deaf ears.

He told her: 'You sound like a bureaucratic tape recorder' and asked: 'Will you act like a human being and say you want that discretion to be exer-

cised so that people in need can be helped?'

Thatcher replied: 'Shouting at the dispatch box will not alter the law. The law is not my law. It is the law which is passed by this house as it applies to supplementary benefit.'

Earlier Thatcher had said it was 'good news' that the miners' union had taken up the board's offer of a further meeting. She wished it 'every success'.

Welcomed

Her words were fulsomely welcomed by Kinnock, and by Bolsover MP Dennis Skinner, who shouted: 'It's victory.'

Thatcher claimed that

during Wednesday's talks with Coal Board chairman Ian MacGregor the NCB had made presentations on four topics: progress with Plan for Coal; market prospects for coal; deterioration of coal pits and faces resulting from the strike; and financial prospects.

The NUM side had made no comment on any of the four presentations.

Privately Tory ministers made it clear they are still hoping NUM president Arthur Scargill will be pushed out of his current role as leader of the NUM negotiating team.

Union general secretary Peter Heathfield is regarded as a far more malleable official.

Race slur cop quits executive

INSPECTOR Peter Johnson, a community relations expert, yesterday resigned from the Police Federation's executive 24 hours after referring to black people as 'niggers'.

He also resigned his position as chairman of the inspectors' section of the federation.

Johnson, who had spent

18 months on a Home Office working party into race relations, made his racist remark in front of 2,000 delegates at the federation's annual conference in Scarborough.

The inspector from Durham was addressing the conference on police training when he said: 'I was on a working party that was dealing with our

coloured brethren or niggers.'

When he realised what he had said, he immediately sat down. He later told reporters that it had been 'a slip of the tongue'.

If this was a public slip of the tongue, what do Johnson and his friends say privately? Or when they are on Home Office working parties together?

Walkout on NF man

NATIONAL Front official Patrick Harrington yesterday sat through a philosophy lecture alone after other students at the North London Polytechnic walked out in protest.

More than 100 student filed out of the Kentish

Town building when he arrived yesterday. They joined other chanting students on the other side of the pavement.

Harrington, a second-year philosophy student, left the college an hour later by a side door.

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The miners remain firm and determined to fight back against Thatcher's and MacGregor's ruthless plans. They remain resolute in the face of the vacillation of their leadership and in hypocritical 'support' from the TUC.

The issue today is to build the revolutionary

leadership throughout the working class. We must mobilise and force the trade union leaders to take action against the Tories, make them call a General Strike and confront the government head-on.

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NUJ court challenge

A CHALLENGE by the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) against a judicial ban on the publication of the name of a witness in a kidnapping trial in January is due to be heard at the High Court today.

The NUJ will be represented by Barbara Cohen, legal officer of the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL).

Judge Lymbery, QC, banned for a period of indefinite duration the publication of the name of 'Miss X', who gave evidence at the Old Bailey trial.

MSC PLAN TO BE PUSHED THROUGH

THE TORY plan for the Manpower Services Commission to control 25 per cent of 'non advanced' further education in colleges still has no support from either Tory or Labour local authorities.

But MSC chairman David Young made it clear yesterday after the MSC's monthly commission meeting that the MSC would go ahead with the plan anyway at a certain point.

He said: 'If the worst

WORKERS from the closure-threatened Belgrave Children's hospital/Wilfred Sheldon Centre in south London are to set up a picket outside the hospital to prevent equipment, files or furniture being taken out.

The decision to mount the picket next week when the hospital reopens after the holiday was taken at a meeting yesterday where trade union and community organisation representatives voted unanimously to help with the manning of such a picket.

Those present at the meeting pledged their support for the fight against the hospital's closure. This would include help in organising an occupation if the hospital staff asked for this.

A representative of Camberwell Community Health Council (CHC) said the closure plans had been made behind everybody's backs. The CHC had never been consulted about them.

The CHC had only found out what was going on through a leaflet which was handed out at Kings College hospital.

In 1981 there had been a draft consultation paper, but this had never been passed on to the CHC for discussion as a consultation document, she said.

comes to the worst one day we might just be given the money, after all it is a government White Paper.'

He added: 'Remember, it's not us, it's the ministers that are asking to do this.'

The proposals will rob local authorities of a large portion of their rate support grants, passing the control of how the money is spent over to the corporatist government-controlled MSC instead.

Hospital blockade

A representative from the Lambeth Assembly pledged its full support for the fight at the Belgrave.

The fight against the closure of the children's hospital would be discussed at its meeting on June 2, she said.

'The Assembly aims to bring together different sections of the community and those organised in trade unions to take action to defend services, jobs and democratic rights,' the representative explained.

Meeting

A large cross section of the local community came to the meeting, with representatives from the Kings College hospital trade unions, St Thomas's workers, Lambeth Trades Council, NALGO, COHSE, Vassall Neighbourhood Centre, Lambeth Assembly, Vauxhall Labour Party, MP Stuart Holland and Lambeth Councillor Gordon Ley.

● A SPECIAL meeting of the Camberwell District Health Authority will discuss health cuts throughout the whole district next Friday morning.

A lobby of health workers and all those who oppose the cuts will be mounted outside the meeting, which is to take place at St Francis hospital, in Dulwich, next Friday at 11a.m.

Ferry strike

A TWO-DAY strike in protest against Tory plans to privatise Sealink will halt all ferry services on May 30 and 31, leaders of the National Union Seamen decided yesterday.

The NUS executive has called on all its 7,000 members working on ferries to strike. And it has warned that bidders for Sealink could be the next targets for industrial action.

REPRIEVE FOR DAVID MARTIN'S GIRLFRIEND

MODEL Sue Stephens, facing a six-month sentence for helping her boyfriend David Martin, had the threat lifted yesterday by Appeal Court judges. They ruled that Stephens, shot when police opened fire on a car in a London street in the hunt for wanted man Martin, should not have received an immediate jail sentence.

Stephens, who served 18 days of her six-month sentence before being released on bail pending appeal, had the whole of her sentence suspended for two years.

Nine-month jail terms on co-accused Peter Enter and Lester Purdy were cut to six months and suspended.

Martin, who had escaped from police custody while on remand, eventually received a 25-year jail sentence. He was found hanging in his cell at Parkhurst prison in March and a suicide verdict was recorded this week.

Stephen Waldorf, shot with Stephens in a car in Earls Court, received £120,000 compensation for his injuries.

'Chartist' cart delivers GLC petition

BY PAUL FELDMAN

OVER a million signatures were on the petition opposing abolition taken to parliament yesterday by the Greater London Council.

The petition demanded the withdrawal of the Bill to cancel next year's elections in London and the metropolitan counties also due to be axed.

Thousands of Londoners saw GLC leader Ken Livingstone leave County Hall for the short trip across the river to Westminster on top of a horse-drawn cart carrying real and mock ballot boxes.

It was a symbolic recreation of the events 136 years ago today when the Chartists delivered by the same mode of transport a mass petition calling for the vote for all adults.

Livingstone said: 'It is a magnificent response from the people of London.'

'We have been overwhelmed by people's enthusiasm to sign. I am convinced that if we had longer we could have doubled or trebled the number of signatures.'

Opinion

'The weight of public opinion in London and the country as a whole against the government's undemocratic plans is massive.'

He added: 'No government can possibly ignore such a massive expression of opinion without putting itself in grave danger of earning the contempt of the majority of Londoners.'

The government 'must be stopped and will be stopped'.

Livingstone was met at the Commons by the leader of the Labour Party, Neil Kinnock, whose parliamentary manoeuvres with the Tories had ensured that the Bill had already gone to the Lords by the time the GLC leader arrived.

A backstage deal with the Tories was exploited by the Liberals on Wednesday, enabling the government to abandon parliamentary convention and complete two stages of the Bill on the same day.

The Bill was introduced into the Lords yesterday and will be given a second reading on June 11.

Opposition leader Lord Cledwyn said: 'I think there is more opposition to this than even the Rates Bill.'

'But we have to be realistic... there is no doubt, the figures prove the government has an in-built majority in this House.'

'It remains to be seen how many Conservatives back us on this issue.'



Bathgate occupation wins miners backing

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

AS workers sealed the gates of the BL truck and engine plant at Bathgate yesterday, support built up from the National Union of Mineworkers.

Factory convenor Jim Swan said miners from two NUM strike centres had already visited the occupation to pledge backing.

'Mick McGahey has also told us we have the unqualified support of the mineworkers' union and that we only need to ask for assistance,' Swan stated.

Yesterday's mass meeting at the 1,800 workers voted overwhelmingly to seize control of the plant.

Padlocks were placed on the gates by groups of workers. And one shouted: 'That's it. No-

thing else gets through. That's it, finished!'

The worker told reporters to convey this bitter message to BL bosses: 'We don't tell lies. We are keeping these gates locked. We don't go back on promises — and we're promising them that we are keeping our factory.'

Questions

Speaking after the mass meeting, convenor Swan rejected Press questions suggesting a big minority had opposed extending the sit-in, which began on Monday when Tory industry minister Norman Tebbit confirmed Bathgate's closure.

Swan stated: 'You never get a unanimous decision in a situation like this. People have to do a

Lobby on Houghton's anniversary

Pay rise champion backs teachers

LORD HOUGHTON, architect of the major report which gave teachers a big wage rise ten years ago, yesterday called for a new inquiry into teachers' pay.

Over 1,000 teachers lobbied parliament yesterday, on the tenth anniversary of his report, to present their case to MPs and show their anger at the refusal of management to budge.

The lobby took place on the final day of three-day strikes in schools all over England affecting 70,000 children a day.

National Union of Teachers leaders yesterday said the strike action was likely to escalate if no agreement was reached.

Houghton, a former Labour minister, told an NUT press conference that it was time new machinery was devised to tackle the problem of public sector pay.

In the present dispute, the unions say that since 1974 teachers' wage levels have slipped by more than 31 per cent in relation to other comparable groups.

Houghton said: 'There has been a failure on the part of all governments to stabilise that important element in the relationship between government employees and the state.'

NEIL MILLIGAN, a Scottish miner's son, has been elected assistant general secretary of the train driver's union, ASLEF. In a ballot of the union's 25,000 members he defeated Bill Rankley, a member of the Communist Party. Milligan, who describes himself as a Labour 'left', has been the union's London Transport and Southern Region district secretary since 1972. He will succeed secretary Ray Buckton, 62 in October, who has three years to go before he retires.

Houghton would not express support for the strike, saying it was not for him to comment. When pressed, he added: 'There must be some better process of settling this kind of dispute in the public services.'

But NUT leaders said that strike action was likely to escalate and described an overwhelming response from teachers in the areas.

Pressure

Gordon Green, NUT vice president and executive member in the Midlands, said: 'The pressure on national executive officers is quite staggering. People are prepared to go beyond anything we have in mind.'

'No way can you underestimate the level of support from people who traditionally voted Conservative.'

Don Winters, former NUT president, added: 'There is no chance that this campaign is going to weaken. If the employers believe that, then they are making a dangerous mistake.'

'Teachers' traditional reluctance to involve themselves in industrial action has constantly been regarded as a weakness to be exploited and they are no longer going to be exploited in that way.'

NUT president Peter Griffin said it was the first time in 14 years the union had called industrial action.

The AMA said yesterday that they believed the dispute should go to arbitration, and its education committee chairman Nicky Harrison is now to seek a recall of the management side of the Burnham pay negotiating committee.

● MORE than 13,000 teachers staged a half-day strike in the north of Ireland yesterday, organised by members of the Irish National Teachers' organisation and National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

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LILLE, France — Several hundred youths throwing stones, bottles of acid and Molotov cocktails tried to storm a European parliament election campaign meeting being addressed by ultra-rightist National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen.

Crash

MADRID — Two US Air Force pilots parachuted to safety when their phantom F-4 fighter plane crashed while on a training flight in eastern Spain.

Meeting

PARIS — Socialist Party leaders from several West European countries will meet in Paris today to prepare for a formal meeting in Brussels on June 1.

Refuge

SANTIAGO — A leader of Chile's opposition Socialist Democrat party, Jorge Quinzio, has taken refuge in the Venezuelan Embassy.

Bailed

NEW YORK — Joseph Cahill, the co-chairman of Sinn Féin, has been freed from federal jail after his supporters raised \$150,000.

Protest

PANAMA CITY — Panama's opposition leader, Arnulfo Arias, led 4,000 people in a march through Panama City to protest at the result of the country's first presidential election in 16 years.

STRIKES SPREAD AS
NEGOTIATIONS START

STUTTGART — IG Metall trade union leaders and employers began negotiating yesterday in Stuttgart in the wake of an all trades union sympathy strike by more than 100,000 workers who brought the city to a standstill at intervals the previous day.

More than 250,000 workers are on strike or have been laid off, as employers continue a provocative course that has involved police violence, the use of scabs and the halting of social security benefits.

There was no sign the negotiations would resolve the strike, completing its second week.

Metall's chief wage negotiator and executive committee member Hans Janssen said before the meeting began that a settlement was inconceivable without 'substantial progress' towards a 35-hour, fully paid week.

News Line's correspondent reports:

At 1p.m. this afternoon (Wednesday), work in the Stuttgart area stopped as trade unionists took solidarity action with striking and locked-out workers.

The Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (DGB, West German TUC) called for a solidarity strike for the first time since the beginning of the struggle and all 17 unions took part in one to two-hour stoppages.

Twenty thousand workers assembled in open meetings in the city centre, and trams stopped for ten minutes.

The textile union also called short warning strikes and protest actions, in protest against a low pay and early retirement offer.

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All the regional negotiations have broken down.

The attempt by employers and the Kohl government to try to split workers fighting for the 35-hour, fully paid week and those fighting for earlier retirement has collapsed.

Chemical union workers, whose leadership only recently had agreed the 40-hour week be retained until 1988, took part today in the solidarity action in Stuttgart.

Ruhr district workers took part in giant demonstrations on Tuesday and Wednesday and laid idle most factories in the large industrial region.

Marches

In Bochum more than 11,000 workers demonstrated and, joined by Opel and Krupp workers and other trade unionists, held two marches.

In Duisburg, 12,000 took to the streets, mainly Thyssen steel workers.

Hans Preiss, an IG Metall executive member, told cheering workers in Bochum and Duisburg: 'Helmut Kohl is not the chancellor of the whole people. He is the chancellor of the employers and the privileged who have bought off this government with bribes.'

The decision of the Department of Social Security to stop unemployment benefit for laid-off workers (is) a 'coup against the welfare state and (is) a destruction of the right to strike'.

Preiss was wildly applauded when he demanded nationalisation of key industries: 'Stop man's rule over man, stop the autocratic control of employers over men and things.'

Employers who locked out workers should be locked in and anyone who used his property to blackmail others did not have the right to own property, he said.

He reminded the assembled workers of the events of 1933: 'If we don't fight now, our enemies will create a scorched earth.'

'If we don't fight now, we will have in the end another fascist republic.'

MOSCOW — The official Soviet News Agency TASS has reported the appointment of an Ambassador to New Zealand, the first since 1980, when his predecessor was expelled.



IG Metall workers demonstrating for 35 hour week

Killer cleared of
criminal charges

JOHANNESBURG — A white man who killed a black man outside his house as he stole 25p of milk money has been cleared of criminal charges and praised by a South African judge for performing a civic deed.

Francisco Quintino, 56, was acquitted of charges of murder and negligence in the shooting by Rand Supreme Court. Judge Irving Steyn said he 'deserved a medal for what he did'.

Trap

Steyn said Quintino performed a public service since a rash of thefts of milk money in the white suburban neighbourhood had stopped since the killing of the man, Macks Lerutia.

According to trial testimony, Quintino said he decided to set a trap since milk money had been

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stolen several times from his windowsill. He tied a string to the front gate and attached it to a tin can in his bedroom so he would be awakened.

He added that last October 23, he was awakened by the tin rattling, saw an arm reach through burglar bars for the envelope containing his 25p and fired twice. Police later found Lerutia dead of a gunshot wound in the chest.

● In New York the African group at the United Nations urged a number of West European countries to cancel proposed visits next month by South African Prime Minister Pieter Botha.

A statement issued by the group said it had learned of the impending

visits by the 'racist premier' with grave concern and indignation.

It said the aim of the trip was to undermine international campaign to isolate the apartheid regime and to earn a stamp of approval for its policies.

Visits

Botha's itinerary was said to include Britain, West Germany, Belgium, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland.

'The African group calls on these western countries to cancel the proposed visits and join in the international campaign to rid the world of the diabolic system of apartheid which has been universally condemned as a crime against humanity and a threat to world peace,' the statement said.

Rail
strike
hits
Paris

PARIS — A railwaymen's 48-hour strike paralysed more than three-quarters of the rail service in the city region yesterday.

Railway officials said suburban traffic was seriously affected, with only one train in five running in the Paris area and none in Marseilles.

The railwaymen are fighting the proposal to implement a 35-hour week because it will not help train drivers, whose work often keeps them far from home.

Hours

Unions have proposed grouping the extra hours to provide days off, instead of having hours cut off each working day.

Management are opposed to this counter-proposal because it will need an extra 8,000 men, while only 4,000 are needed under their proposal.

The railwaymen have rejected also an offer to increase wages by 1.75 per cent from June 1 and 2 per cent from December 1.

It falls far short of the inflation rate of 8 per cent, they say.

Grenada spending cut

ST GEORGES — Grenada's stooge government has cut expenditure by 17 per cent to \$78 million in its budget for the 1984/1985 financial year.

The Caribbean Island's New Jewel government, overthrown by a US invasion last October, planned government spending of

\$94.2 million in 1983/1984.

The largest single item in the budget is \$33.3 million to build Grenada's new international airport, the statement said.

President Reagan described the airport project as a 'strategic threat' to the US before the invasion.

But US Secretary of State George Shultz said in February the airport was necessary and would be used for tourism rather than military operations.

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Sandinists
sink
assault
craft

MANAGUA — The Sandinist air force has sunk a light assault craft supplying United States-backed counter-revolutionaries in south-east Nicaragua, the third sunk this week.

A Defence Ministry statement said the craft had been destroyed early on Wednesday morning, south of the Atlantic port of Bluefields, 150 miles east of Managua.

It described the vessel as a 'pirana' launch.

The new US ambassador to Nicaragua, Harry Bergold, took up his post the same day, saying he hoped for dialogue between the two regimes.

Envoy

Bergold, a former envoy to Bulgaria, replaced Anthony Quainton.

Quainton had been removed because he had not taken a hard enough line against the Sandinist regime, diplomats said.

While the Reagan government still seeks full support for counter-revolutionaries in Nicaragua, its democratic party opponents are debating whether they should get only enough funds to end US backing.

House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill said he was working on a plan to 'set the guerrillas down gently'.

Covert

His compromise would provide \$2 million to wind up their covert war and \$4 million to help them 'find new lives'.

'Many are not in favour of any more funding whatsoever,' O'Neill said.

Secretary of State George Shultz called on congressmen to approve Reagan's full \$24 million request for aid to back the counter-revolutionaries.

State Department spokesman John Hughes said Shultz had told about 70 House members they should approve the package, in addition to the \$24 million Congress already has approved.

Guardsmen
guilty

ZACATECOLUCA, El Salvador — Five former National Guardsmen were found guilty of the murder of four churchwomen from the United States in 1980.

United States officials connected with the case hailed the verdict as a 'triumph of justice'.

A five-man jury was unanimous in its verdict, after deliberating for an hour.

Trial

'El Salvador has embarked on a new era, and justice has been done,' a US Justice Department official connected with the trial, Carlos Correa, said.

The Reagan government, under pressure from a Democrat-dominated House of Rep-

NEW YORK — Wall Street bankers are growing increasingly alarmed about the huge dangers that the US financial system will face if Latin American nations default on payments of their \$400 billion debt mountain.

Fears that the billions of dollars in US loans to Latin America could go sour have been fanned by the recent rise in interest rates and signs that some of the region's debtors, especially Argentina, are taking a tougher line with the banks.

In a significant hardening of the Latin American position, the presidents of Mexico, Brazil, Argentina and Colombia are planning an early high-

level meeting of debtor nations, to seek better repayment terms and trade access for their goods.

'If you isolate Argentina, I wouldn't worry,' a senior New York banker told Reuters. 'But if simultaneously Brazil and Ecuador stopped paying, then I'd have a hard time measuring the impact. People would get scared.'

Loans

On paper the big US banks would be wiped out if the loans go bad. Their loans to Latin America are about double shareholders' equity — the capital and reserves which would have to be called on in the event of major write-offs.

West European banks are less exposed, but they would not escape the im-

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

pact of a Wall Street banking collapse. For instance, the exposure of Swiss and West German banks to Latin America is about half of equity.

Fritz Leutwiler, the president of the Basle-based Bank for International Settlements, acknowledged this week that some banks will face losses on their foreign lending.

'Losses will emerge. A proportion of these debts will not be paid back,' Leutwiler told an international management symposium in St Gallen, Switzerland.

William Isaac, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which insures US bank depositors, said banking regulations are aware of the vulner-

ability of American banks but are confident that the problems can be contained.

Bankers worry most about Argentina, which has arrears of more than \$2 billion on its \$43.6 billion debt and has yet to agree with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on an economic austerity programme.

US banks narrowly escaped a sharp loss of earnings for 1984's first quarter when Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia lent Argentina \$300 million at the end of March so it could pay interest before an accounting deadline.

Bankers had steered themselves for the losses. In the case of the Manufacturers Hanover Corporation, for instance, the

largest lender to Argentina with \$1.32 billion of loans, net earnings would have been slashed by 23 per cent.

Losses of this magnitude, although serious, could be absorbed. But the real fireworks will come when several borrowers stop paying interest, hitting the banks' earnings and dashing confidence.

Rumours

Just how quickly confidence can evaporate was illustrated by Chicago's Continental Illinois, the eighth-largest bank in the country, which recently lost billions of dollars in deposits within days amid rumours that it was in financial difficulties.

The Federal Reserve Board, the US central bank, responded to Con-

tinental Illinois's liquidity crisis by lending it \$4 billion, while the FDIC gave an assurance that all depositors in the bank would be fully protected.

But these measures are purely cosmetic. They merely paper over the gaping holes in the banking crisis; they will be blown away by the next eruption in the crisis.

Another increase in US interest rates is likely to be the straw that breaks the camel's back. Each one per cent increase in interest rates adds \$4 billion to the overall annual debts of the colonial and semi-colonial countries.

'There has to come a point when rising interest rates provoke some sort of rebellion,' said John Williamson of the Institute for International Economics in Washington.



Workers protest against the Marcos regime

Marcos majority in
bloodiest elections

MANILA — Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos is assured of a 183-seat majority in the Assembly after the bloodiest 'free' elections in the country's history, on May 14.

Marcos will appoint another 17 members, boosting his majority, in line with provisions of the constitution the Marcos regime has extensively redrawn in 18 years of mainly martial law rule.

The agriculture-based country, blighted by the world economic crisis and a commodities-producing industry set up with concessionary measures dictated by the International Monetary

Fund (IMF) to help speculative exploitation, faces the catastrophic crisis of repaying \$26 billion in debts.

One of Marcos's first post-election statements emphasised the regime's preparedness to undertake 'odious and unpalatable' measures need to deal with this crisis.

The first of the measures was an 8 per cent increase in prices of oil products.

More 'austerities' are expected, to meet the IMF's conditions for approval of a \$650 million standby credit package.

Opposition leaders oppose the measures and are lodging complaints

with the Elections Commission, accusing Marcos's New Society Movement (KBL) of electoral 'irregularities'.

The charges include interference with voting, theft of ballot boxes and rigging of results.

More than 50 people were killed on the day the elections opened and several hundred are believed to have been killed, maimed or injured in widespread state violence in the outlying provinces.

The United National Democratic Organisation (UNIDO), led by Salvador Laurel, was the only opposition party to take part in the elections. The rest boycotted it.

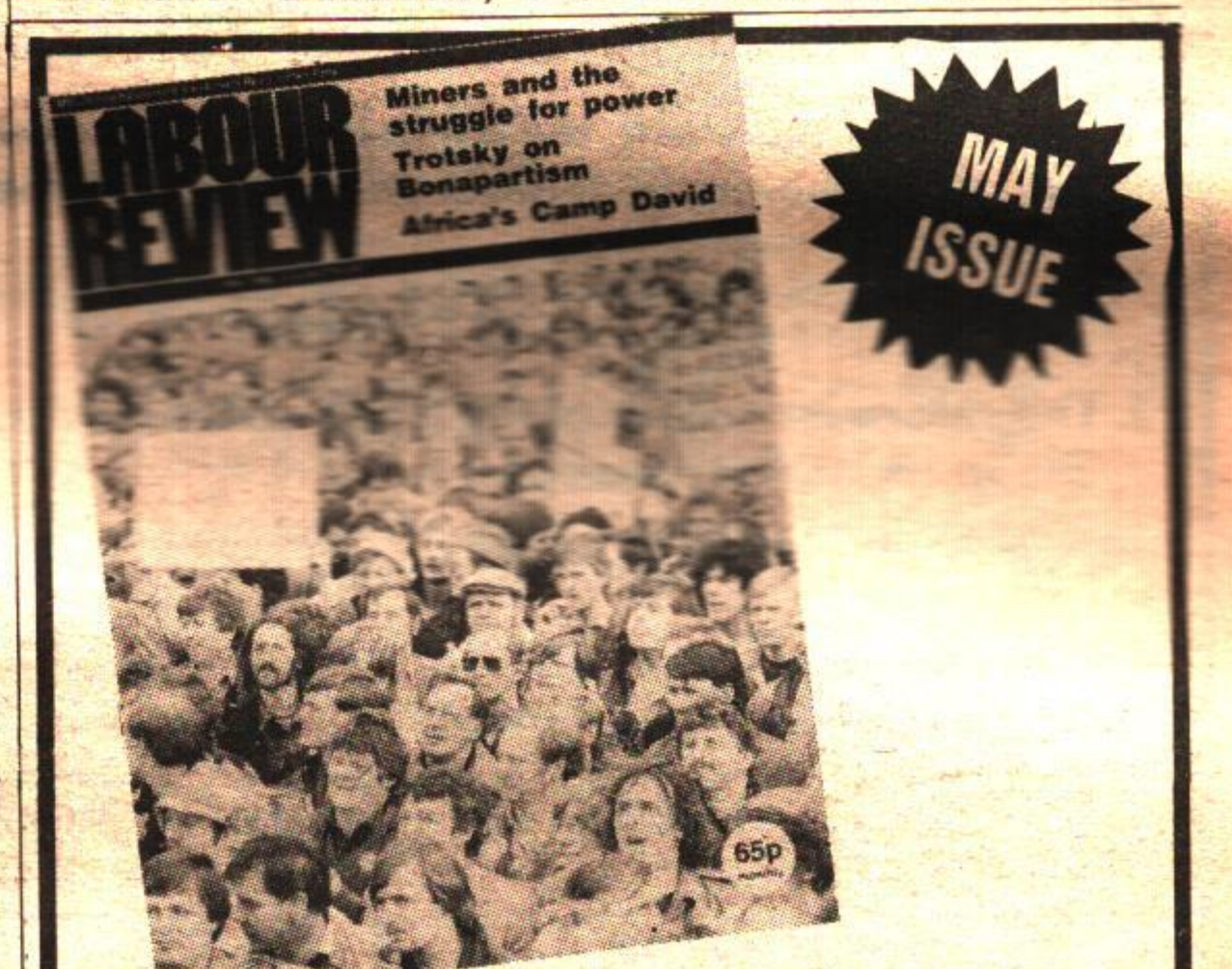
Yugoslav arrests

BELGRADE — Three Yugoslav dissidents were detained by police in the wake of last month's political crackdown on dissidents.

Pavle Imsirovic, 35, a freelance translator, and

sociologist Vladimir Mijanjovic, 39, were detained by police who called at Imsirovic's Belgrade apartment.

Milan Nikolic, also a sociologist, was picked up at about the same time



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Devastation from the blast on Wednesday night

'VISION OF HELL' IN LANCS BLAST

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

9 die in explosion at water works

OVER 100 tonnes of concrete girders and earth were lifted into the air by the blast which killed nine people and injured 36 at the Abbeystead water plant in Lancashire.

The explosion happened on Wednesday as a group of councillors from the village of St Michael's on Wyre, 10 miles away, were touring the plant along with two groups of water authority workers seeking assurances following warnings of floods.

The victims were thought to have been in an underground flood chamber when a ball of fire ripped through the plant creating a vision of hell. It blew the roof off and sent water cascading into the concrete cavern.

David Savile, a leading fireman, said when he arrived on the scene 'bodies were littered about all over the place'.

Royal Preston Hospital, compared some of the injuries sustained in the blast to those suffered by troops during the bomb attack on the ship 'Sir Galahad' during the Malvinas (Falklands) war.

The North West Water Authority said they had no firm ideas about the cause of the blast.

The water, which is pumped into the River

Wyre, is normally very clean, and no gases would normally build up, said Ian Ritchie, divisional manager.

The party of 40 visiting the pumping station might have set off gas with a cigarette, said Ritchie, but this was still pure speculation.

Ritchie said the station was checked twice a

week, though it was normally unmanned.

'The only safety precaution we would normally take is to warn visitors to watch their footing. We have never had any experience of inflammable gases and there is no ban on smoking.'

Firemen worked through the night, using a mobile crane to haul the concrete beams out of the 60-foot deep pumping chamber.

The beams, over two foot square in cross-section, which had been overlain with two foot of earth and turf, were shattered and cracked by the strength of the explosion.



100 tonnes of concrete of concrete girders and earth were lifted into the air

Trapped

'The blast was so intense that the concrete girders, each weighing 2½ tonnes, must have been lifted into the air with the victims thrown out on to the surrounding ground before the girders fell back into the pumping chamber.'

His team, the first on the scene, freed two men trapped in the chamber, but the rest were all blown clear.

Andrew Howcroft, a plastic surgeon at the

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Speakers: John McHugh (YS); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee).
Plus film 'Eleven Years of the News Line'

ABERDEEN: Wednesday May 30, 7.30p.m.
Music Hall, Union Street.

Speakers: Barry Huyton (Aberdeen YS); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee); An NUM speaker

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 WEST

RUNCORN: Thursday May 31, 7.30p.m.
Auditorium, Runcorn Library, Shopping City.

Speakers: Steve Perry (Runcorn YS); Dave Latchford (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Brian Fagan (AUEW No.2 branch secretary); Bob Hill (Sutton Manor NUM)

LIVERPOOL: Thursday May 31, 7.30p.m.
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Speakers: Brendan Gaffney (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

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BANGOR: Wednesday June 6, 7.30p.m.
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Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); In personal capacity: Billy Lawley and Steve Whitaker (Bold NUM); Dafydd Llewelyn Jones (Wales Divisional Council, NUPE); Chairman: Alwyn ap Iew (NUPE District Committee secretary)

NORTH EAST

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Speakers: Kevin Townsend (YS National Committee); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary); Dave Temple (Durham WRP)

YORKSHIRE

BARNLEY: Wednesday May 30, 7.30p.m.
Civic Hall.

Speakers: Chris Marsden (YS National Committee); Dave Hyland (WRP Central Committee); Mick Nettleship (Chesterfield NUM, in personal capacity)

EAST MIDLANDS

NOTTINGHAM: Thursday June 14, 7.30p.m.
Albert Hall Institute.

Speakers: Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary)

EASTERN

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)

KENT

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

HERTS & BEDS

WATFORD: Thursday May 31, 7.30p.m. Trade Union Hall, (opp Junction station), Woodford Road.

Speakers: Richard Bolton (Hemel YS); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP); In personal capacity: Bob Halsey (NGA Sun printers); Ken Evans (Kent NUM)

LONDON

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

ACTION: 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.

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THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

46 pickets arrested at Warsop Main

POLICE arrested at least 46 pickets, including NUM branch secretary Peter Elliott, at Warsop Main colliery, North Derbyshire, yesterday.

Pickets watched in shock as Elliott was arrested after he tried to stop one of four blacklegs going to work on the day shift.

Miners and residents protested against the arrests and tensions ran high over police action in moving pickets and even residents from their own backyards.

The 45 men were bundled into vans and taken to Mansfield, where they were held for several hours.

In the afternoon, the four blacklegs were given an escort of at least 50 police in five vans as they walked out of the colliery.

The fifteen-year-old son of an arrested miner was threatened by the police when he asked if he could travel to the police station with his father.

Break

The teenager said the police told him: 'Stop panicking, or you'll be going to the same place but under arrest.'

A second policeman had told him: 'If you don't shut up, I'll break your arm.'



There were a large number of arrests at Warsop Main colliery yesterday when police tried to escort miners into the pit to work

TUC should have acted by now

EVERY trade unionist's jobs was at stake in the miners' struggle and victory depended on an all-out strike, NUM Whitwell, North Derbyshire, treasurer Dave Pressley said.

'The pickets at Whitwell think that every trade unionist should come out on strike now, even if it's only for one day,' he said.

'The TUC should have acted on its own by now and I don't see why those Nottinghamshire men still working should stand in the way of the TUC.'

'At first the strike was just about pit closures but now almost every trade unionist we speak to can see that it's everybody's job at stake.'

Miners had to win the fight against the government; otherwise they would face abolition, as at GCHQ, Cheltenham.

'There's no doubt they intend to smash the unions altogether if they can,' he said.

Young miners and the women in his village had shown the most determined support for the strike and deserved to be praised.

The young miners had vowed not to return to work until they had won. 'We're talking about months if necessary,' Pressley said.

Miners at the pit had been out for so long that they were talking about all the other hardships they faced when at work.

The men wanted an end to the system of lowering wages when men were taken off the face because it affected the pension scheme.

Bonus money should be included in holiday pay, and the men wanted staff

status, giving them pay when they were sick or to compensate for illnesses at home.

Miners also wanted a much bigger role in the running of the industry.

'There is no consultation at all with the ordinary miner, and yet we know as much if not more than most of the management.'

The Whitwell miners have travelled to all the coalfields, joining picket lines and supporting the Thornton View hospital occupation many miles away, in Yorkshire.

Support

'Any time that Len Murray (TUC general secretary) has called on the miners, we have always responded; and that's why we feel he should act in our support now.'

'But we don't have much faith in him and we've already sent resolutions condemning him over the National Graphical Association struggle at Warrington and GCHQ.'

Pressley said the men were determined and were planning to join a demonstration in Cannock, Staffordshire, this weekend and to picket haulage firms still shifting stockpiled coal.

— NUM treasurer

DAVE PRESSLEY,
branch treasurer
at Whitwell colliery



Wives from Askern pit have been attempting to stop miners going into Creswell colliery in Nottinghamshire

'The trade unions should get up and fight'

ASKERN miners' wives were harassed and turned back twice by police when they tried to join picket lines in Nottinghamshire yesterday.

They later joined pickets at Creswell colliery, near the North Derbyshire county boundary.

Angry

Canteen worker Joyce Curtis, angry at the police harassment, said: 'Anybody is supposed to be able to travel on the roads: we pay taxes for it.'

She said workers had to visit the picket lines to see for themselves how the police behaved on the

picket lines and the huge forces arrayed against the striking men.

Workers should also realise what effect the miners' sacrifice was having on the rest of the community.

'My 12-year-old son had a little pocket money after doing some baby-sitting and we could not stop him giving it to us because he said we needed it,' she said.

'This is the state that things have come to because of MacGregor's threat to close pits.'

Eileen Carr, a single mother, supported the All Trades Union Alliance lobby outside the TUC headquarters, calling for

a General Strike.

'The help we are getting from the rest of the trade union movement is welcome but it isn't enough.'

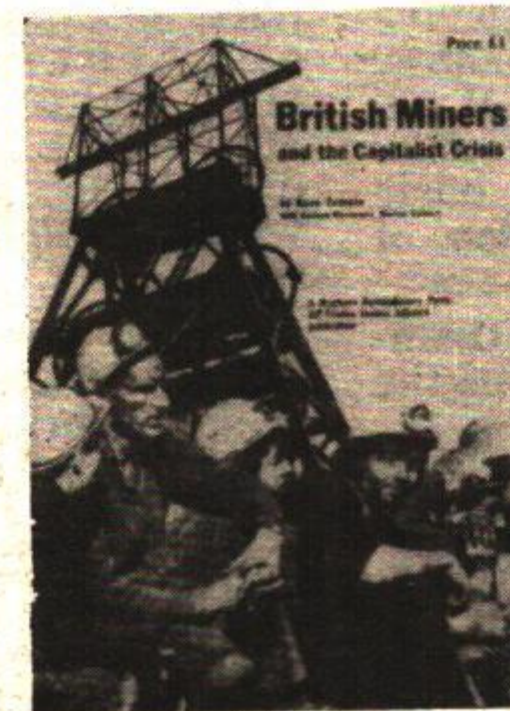
'They should get up and start fighting because it isn't just the miners' fight: it's a fight for all working people.'

Political

'I don't think the miners should have had to go there to call for the General Strike. The TUC should have organised it already.'

'This is a political fight and people who say it's not are wrong.'

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On the other side, the ruling class is of course asking the opposite question: after ten weeks of using over

20,000 police in national operations, and spending £30 million after killing one miner, maiming hundreds and arresting over 1,000, how can the miners be starved and beaten back to work, the programme of pit closures implemented, and the NUM smashed? No miner believes that the class enemy has any other aims than these.

If the ruling class led by Thatcher were to achieve these aims, they would of course proceed to try and inflict a similar defeat on every section of workers.

This is shown by the chain of events leading up to the deliberate provocation of the closure of Cortonwood colliery: the setting up of a case at the 'Stockport Messenger' to defeat the NGA and the closed shop and the subsequent confiscation of NGA funds for picketing and the imposition of a massive fine; the banning of civil service unions at GCHQ; the decision to abolish the metropolitan counties, abolish elections to these councils and appoint Tory councils to replace them.

Behind all this stand the years of arming the police and co-ordinating army and national police operations for use against workers — all done behind the back of parliament, which is only used (sometimes) as a rubber stamp.

Thatcher has built up a Bonapartist, dictatorial form of rule within the 'constitutional', 'parliamentary', 'democratic' British state. She has done this not because of some 'personality' characteristics, but because the British ruling class requires such a dictatorship in order to smash the organised working class and survive the raging world economic crisis, with all that it involves in mass unemployment, destruction of basic rights, and preparation of nuclear war.

The miners thus find themselves — one section of the whole working class — against the fully-mobilised repressive force of the Bonapartist state power: police, courts, army, jail.

After ten weeks, the TUC stands by, refusing to make any call for the organised trade union movement to act together with the miners. Not only that! The miners' own leaders have not called upon the TUC to organise a General Strike in solidarity.

This is what every miner knows is needed, but McGahey and Scargill don't do it. Why?

The miners' strike certainly proves that the class enemy will use all the armed forces of the state to try and smash the working class.

But the miners' strike shows also that there are trade union leaders — Murray and all who support him — who are prepared to stand by and let the ruling class do just that.

And they do this very con-

sciously: listen to the words of one of Murray's most faithful right-wing supporters, Eric Hammond, secretary-elect of the electricians and plumbers' union, at a meeting of the union:

'We in this union are not prepared to use our strength to bring down elected governments. We will not placidly accept the escalation from one day of action to another resulting in a nationwide strike.'

Hammond and all those like him in the trade union bureaucracy identify their own interests with the capitalist system and not with the working class. It is necessary to defeat such 'leaders' and drive them out of the working-class movement.

Labour treachery

The right-wing trade union leaders are no different politically from the Labour Party parliamentary leaders. Kinnock makes pathetic and crawling appeals to Thatcher to intervene.

He and Hattersley are reported to have said that 'if they were Notts miners, they would be on strike'. This is nothing but a deliberate and shameful evasion. They are not (and of course never were and never will be) miners. They are Labour Party leaders and they have a political responsibility.

The workers who still support them, including miners, who pay the political levy and vote Labour, expect that party to support them politically by leading the working class against Thatcher. Kinnock covers up his refusal to do this by shouting about what he would do if he was a miner.

One of the great positive features of the miners' strike is that it brings out and exposes these traitors, so that thousands of workers can learn political lessons in direct experience.

There is no doubt that the conditions of the struggle — one section, the miners, facing the whole capitalist state — and the record of events since last November necessitate a General Strike. And just as little doubt that the right-wing TUC and Labour leaders are fighting to prevent it.

The question remains: why does not the NUM leadership call upon the TUC to call a General Strike?

To do this would mean an open challenge to the right wing on the most vital political question of all: the question of defeating the Tory government and the capitalist state and winning working-class power.

That is why Kinnock was quick to echo the words of Hammond, declaring on May 16 that he was opposed

to any form of industrial action to bring down the government — only the ballot box can do that, he said. Both Kinnock and Hammond, of course, echo the TUC itself. On January 25 last the TUC published its 'strategy' declaring:

'Congress itself has drawn a clear distinction between the use of industrial action for industrial purposes and its use for political purposes, insisting that governments, however distasteful their policies, are to be changed by the ballot box, not by the use of industrial action.' (See WRP general secretary Michael Banda's 'Open Letter to All Trade Unionists', News Line, March 1984, and published separately as a leaflet.)

Even before the TUC published these words, of course, the government had used its 'political strength' to smash the 'industrial rights' of civil service workers at GCHQ, the TUC itself was forced to call a day of action — purely political — against that measure.

In the months since, the miners, defending jobs, have faced the full weight of the state machine.

Why then do Kinnock, Hammond and all their right-wing supporters now join in a unanimous chorus against any extension of the strike and against any action to remove the government?

It is precisely because the very question of 'who shall be master of the house' arises as soon as the General Strike is in existence. As the WRP has insisted all along, it is the question of state power that is at issue in this strike and how to win it.

Now the ex-'left' Stan Orme of the Labour Shadow Cabinet, has set himself up as a go-between to bring MacGregor and the NUM together. All these reformists, parliamentarians, and trade union bureaucrats who are tied to the system are rushing to its defence in its hour of need. And they do it in the name of 'democracy', of course.

Having failed to sabotage the strike by their campaign for a national ballot, they now place the preservation of their treasured 'parliamentary democracy' (they mean their own petty privileges under the existing system) before the life-and-death struggle of the miners, who fight for the whole working class. (Engels, 100 years ago, declared that when the revolutionary struggle for power opened up, the enemy would be 'pure democracy').

If the NUM leadership gave in to this pressure they would take the road of defeat. Everything now depends on decisive leadership and a clear strategy for victory for working-class power.

It is highly dangerous to continue as if the aims and

THE GENERAL STRIKE AND THE UNITED FRONT



Miners' wives from Yorkshire Main colliery outside Congress House on Wednesday

strategy of the present struggle were to 'change the policy of the Thatcher government', as the NUM leaders and the Communist Party keep saying. That is not going to happen.

Enter Stalinism

Such a policy assumes that the old relationships of 'free' trade unions putting pressure on elected governments will continue for ever and that the capitalist system will be able to afford the necessary concessions. That is a criminally dangerous deception.

As we have always emphasised: the attack on the miners is a historic necessity for the crisis-ridden and bankrupt British capitalists and their state.

To achieve their aims, they must abandon the old reformist relations and impose Bonapartist forms of rule. This they have already done. That is the meaning of the GCHQ ban, Thatcher's rejection of a deal with Mur-

ray on the issue, the abolition of local elections and the police mobilisation against the miners.

To refuse to call on the TUC for a General Strike is to leave the TUC and parliamentary Labourite right-wing free to carry out its betrayal and inflict a defeat on the NUM. They prefer such a defeat to a miners' victory.

The Communist Party opposes by every means at its disposal the General Strike demand. It is committed, as a Stalinist party, to 'peaceful' parliamentary roads to socialism', just as Kinnock is.

It puts forward the myth of 'unity from below' in order only to avoid any clash with the right-wing bureaucracy, and Labour leadership, because its whole strategy is to make a permanent alliance with these reformists.

The NUM, to win, will have to break with this line of the Stalinists. The best elements of the left in the NUM, all those who are determined to find a way to victory, will have to learn the necessity of this break in

the course of the struggle to force the TUC to call a General Strike.

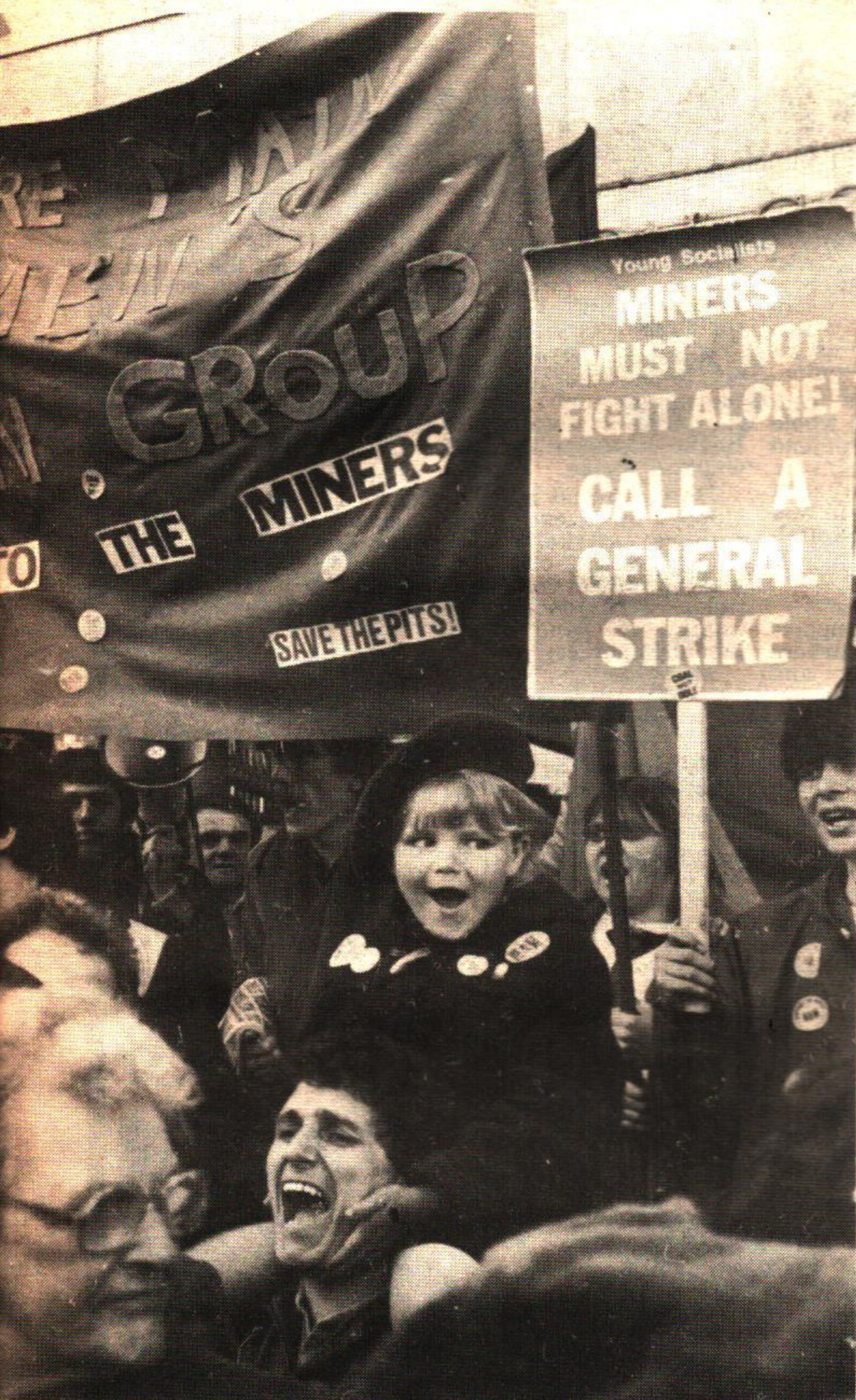
This whole treacherous idea of 'united front from below' goes back to the days of the rise of Nazism in Germany. Then, the Stalinists used a lot of left talk to denounce the Labour and trade union leaders as right-wingers, even calling them 'social-fascists' to justify their refusal to advocate a united front of socialist and communist parties against the Nazis.

Everyone knows the result. The reformist leaders were thus left off the hook and left free to carry out their betrayals.

General Strike and United Front

The Workers Revolutionary Party incorporates these lessons of history in its struggle and tactics and organisation today. That is why we reject the idea that unity can only be built from below, and

RAL STRIKE TED FRONT



Miners and trades unionists outside the TUC on Wednesday demanding the TUC call a General Strike

lead the fight to make the TUC call a General Strike.

Without a direct confrontation with the Labour and TUC traitors on this issue, the necessary lessons of the struggle for workers' power cannot be learned by the hundreds of thousands of men, women and youth who have now entered the struggle against the state.

This, above all, is what the right wing reformists and Stalinists fear: the power of the masses! They are scared out of their lives by the unrelenting determination of thousands of working men and women to turn out day after day, against every form of repression, to do battle against the state.

They fear, with all their basic instincts, that these are the circumstances in which many, many thousands can and will be attracted to revolutionary Marxism.

This is exactly where the role of the Workers Revolutionary Party comes in. Any party calling itself Marxist which pursues a non-revolutionary policy in the midst of these revolutionary

developments would itself be contributing to a defeat for the working class so that a revolutionary situation turns into a counter revolution.

That is what the Communist Party did in the General Strike of 1926, lulling the workers with the illusion that the strike could be won because of the presence of a few 'lefts' on the TUC General Council. These 'lefts' then voted to capitulate and the advanced workers were left shattered, unable to learn the lessons of this great experience.

The WRP pursues its independent revolutionary work. We have from the very beginning worked for the setting up of Community Councils, especially in the mining areas. These are organs of united working-class struggle which will become organs of working-class rule, as the Soviets did in Russia.

They (and not some 'Parliament') will be the basis of a national Workers Revolutionary Government.

But we do not stop at this point of essential preparation for 'soviets'. We fight on

the demand that poses the great question of a united working-class struggle against the state and for power: the demand that the organised strength of the working class in its trade unions be mobilised alongside the miners — make the TUC call a General Strike!

That is the real united front demand today. It is what Trotsky meant when he said, at the beginning of the Spanish Revolution:

'The tasks of the Communists (today, the Workers Revolutionary Party) in the present period is to win the majority of the workers, the majority of the peasants. How can this be done? By carrying on agitation, by training cadres, by 'explaining patiently' (to use Lenin's expression), by organising all this on the basis of the experience of the masses and with the active participation of the Communists (today, the WRP) in the experience: a broad and audacious united front policy.' (April 15, 1931)

The split in the TUC has developed a great deal since the 29-31 General Council

vote for Murray against supporting the NGA in January. It has to be brought out into the open and the domination of the right-wing and its policies must be broken.

That is something that must be done along the road to working-class power in Britain. The strike must be called — as it was in the NUM — regardless of who has a majority on the General Council.

Hammer or Anvil

If the miners are left to fight alone while all kinds of manoeuvres are conducted by the Labour and TUC leaders, supported by the right wing in the NUM and connived at by the Stalinists, then these lessons cannot be learned as quickly as they must be, and setbacks and defeats will ensue. This must not be allowed to happen.

One section after another of the working class is being drawn into struggle: on

wages, on trade union rights, on local government democracy, on basic democratic rights, on the police-state regimentation of the youth onto 'training' schemes.

These are not separate battles, sectional issues. In every one of them, the ruling capitalist class unites in the repressive force of the state machine to suppress first one section, then another.

The ruling class will undoubtedly accelerate its counter-revolutionary preparations because of its experience of the determination and fighting capacity of the mining communities. They recognise as well as do the Marxists, that the coming forward of the youth and women workers in this strike is a sure sign of the gathering force of the proletarian revolution.

In such a situation, pre-revolutionary without a shadow of a doubt, every political element takes sides: EITHER work to engineer a defeat for the working class (Kinnoch, Murray, Hammond, Orme, Duffy and all who support them or let

them off the hook) and ensure that a counter-revolutionary situation comes next; OR work, with correct united front policies and prepare for the working class to take power in its own Community Councils of a Workers Revolutionary Government.

That is the meaning of the Workers Revolutionary Party's policy of forcing the TUC to call a General Strike. That is the decisive significance of the lobby of the TUC General Council held on Wednesday.

What emerges with irresistible logic from this analysis is the conclusion that today everything depends on this building of the independent working-class revolutionary leadership: the Workers Revolutionary Party.

At every point in this struggle, the WRP, while putting forward the correct united front policies, has very consciously laid the principal emphasis on this necessity:

Join and build the independent leadership, the Workers Revolutionary Party!

THE MINERS' STRUGGLE



The case for Community Councils

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LABOUR COUNCILS must be asked to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE Call a General Strike! Miners must not fight alone

MORE than 500 miners, other trade unionists and youth pledged unconditional support for the 12-week miners' struggle at an All Trades Union Alliance meeting in London on Wednesday after a lobby at the TUC's Congress House, London, where they called for a General Strike.

This is the nine-point resolution carried unanimously:

1. This meeting of trade unionists pledges full and unconditional support to the National Union of Mineworkers in its struggle to defend the industry from closures and privatisation.

Magnificent

2. Reaffirms support for the NUM Executive Committee's opposition to a national ballot and demands that all scabs be expelled from the NUM and condemns the government for the use of police and medieval riot laws against pickets.

3. Calls on all trade unionists and housewives to continue supporting the miners' strike with money, food, clothes and expresses its appreciation at the magnificent effort of the miners' wives committees in raising support and popularising the case of the miners.

We pay special tribute to the strikers and their wives from Nottinghamshire who have borne the brunt of police terror, state-organised deprivation of benefits, witch-hunting of the media and attacks by scabs.

4. We urge the NEC of the NUM to stand firm in its opposition to all talks with the National Coal Board about pit closures and to reject the advice of Labour leaders Kinnoch, Orme and Hattersley who want to subordinate the miners' struggle to their unprincipled political manoeuvres with the SDP-Liberal alliance and the 'wets' in the Tory party for a coalition.

Political

5. This meeting recognises that the miners' strike is a political battle against Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship and is an integral part of the struggle of the National Graphical Association, GCHQ workers and the National Union of Journalists for the independence of trade unions from the capitalist state.

The Tory government and National Coal Board's aim of butchering the coal industry can only be achieved by destroying the NUM as an independent trade union.

It is inseparable from the struggle of the whole working class to defend its basic democratic rights from the threat of the corporatist state and the attempt of the capitalist class to throw the burden of the slump on to the backs of workers.

6. This meeting supports every action of workers against Thatcherism and believes that the recent one-day stoppages — though inadequate to stop the Tory offensive — have revealed the growing tide of mass opposition against the Tories and the right-wing of the TUC led by Murray.

7. This meeting denounces Murray and Co as agents of Toryism in the working class who

must be driven out of the trade union movement before they perpetrate another defeat worse than 1926.

Murray, Graham and Hammond want to isolate the miners and drag out the strike as Citrine and Bevin did after the 1926 General Strike.

They can and must be stopped by extending the miners' strike into a General Strike of all unions who reject collaboration with Thatcher's anti-union laws and cheap labour schemes.

Example

We call on the TUC to follow the example of the miners. Do not waste time waiting for national ballots or formal majorities on the General Council. Real democracy is the organised action to defend basic democratic rights from the consistent

attacks of the capitalist state. Support the miners now with an indefinite General Strike action.

8. We call on all trade unionists immediately to campaign for this policy in their union branches, shop stewards' committees and trades councils, to organise meetings and lobbies of union executive committees and demonstrations to demand that a General Strike be organised by all unions opposed to Murray's anti-strike, pro-Tory policies.

Say no to class collaboration and the betrayal of basic democratic rights! Smash Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship!

9. This meeting pledges its support for all those arrested by the police and demands all restrictions on arrested pickets like Malcolm Pitt, be lifted unconditionally.

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France: the roots of Stalinist betrayal

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FRENCH steelworkers, miners and carworkers are in open revolt against the capitalist policies of President Francois Mitterrand, whose government is carrying through the anti-working class policies dictated by the banks and the big monopolies.

Yet the French Communist Party holds important ministerial posts in a coalition government with Mitterrand's Socialist Party and votes in the National Assembly to keep it in power.

Tom Kemp's book traces the historical roots of the betrayals inflicted by the Communist Party on the French working class and demolishes the myths and lies peddled by its apologists.

This first volume fills out the background to the foundation of the French Communist Party and its early revolutionary struggles, and shows how it became a pliable instrument of the Soviet Stalinist bureaucracy against the working class.

Throughout its history the French working class came under the enormous social pressure of the middle class and the peasantry. It arose under the shadow of the bourgeois revolution of 1789, whose slogans were frequently invoked to deceive the workers.

Uprisings

Its own revolutionary uprisings against the bourgeoisie, in 1848 and the Commune of 1871 which established workers' rule for the first time in history, were drowned in blood.

Large-scale industry was slow to develop in France and the predominant type of production was by skilled artisans working in small units. This helped retard the development of trade unions

Stalinism in France, Vol 1: The first 20 years of the French Communist Party, by Tom Kemp. New Park Publications, £4.50

BY JOHN SPENCER



STALIN

and mould the predominantly individualist character of the French Section of the Second International (SFIO) which was formed in 1905 by a fusion of various socialist trends.

Like the other sections of the Second International, the SFIO disintegrated under the impact of World War I. Its deputies

voted war credits and became recruiting sergeants for the imperialist butchery.

The experience of the war and the victory of the Russian revolution produced a powerful support for Bolshevism within the French working class. It was under these conditions that the SFIO split at its 1920 convention in Tours and the majority formed the Communist Party.

Name

For many of the leaders, however, the change of name and the adhesion to the new Communist International was simply a means of maintaining credibility in the eyes of the working class.

Kemp deals in some detail with the struggle waged by Lenin and Trotsky against these tendencies, combining a firm principled stand against opportunism with great tactical flexibility.

The author says in his introduction that one of his aims is to 'illustrate the difficulties involved in building a revolutionary



In June 1920 talks were held with the leaders of the Third International. Cachin between Frossard and Zinoviev being greeted in Moscow

party in an advanced capitalist country'. His account of this struggle is particularly interesting from this standpoint.

The French Communist Party had only a minority of convinced communists, men like Alfred Rosmer who had been in contact with Trotsky and the Bolsheviks before and during the war and who understood what the

Communist International was fighting for.

The majority of the new party were centrists, among them the first party leader, Louis-Oscar Frossard, and other who were later to become pillars of French Stalinism, like Marcel Cachin.

The latter had distinguished himself during the war as a virulent social-patriot, and is said to have handed over government subsidies to Mussolini for pro-French propaganda.

He was to become the right-hand man of Maurice Thorez, the ultra-Stalinist general secretary whose reign spanned more than 30 years.

Crises

Frossard had no more intention of subordinating himself to the Third International than his predecessors had of honouring the anti-war resolutions of the second.

His party's relations with Moscow were punctuated by a series of crises culminating in a breach between Cachin and Frossard, who resigned at the beginning of 1923.

Far from resolving the crisis, however, this coincided with the opening of the struggle inside the Soviet Communist party between Stalin and Trotsky.

The book tells in detail how the Communist Party was transformed into a Stalinist party, the most 'monolithic' outside the Soviet bloc.

It traces the twists and turns of the Third Period and the effects of the rise of fascism in Germany. The climax of the book is an extensive and detailed

discussion of the Popular Front period which demolishes the official myths and shows how the Stalinists strangled the revolutionary movement of the working class.

'The real significance of the events of 1936 is quite different, therefore, from the Stalinist legend,' Kemp writes. 'It was not a victory for the working

class but a signal betrayal of an unprecedented revolutionary upsurge carried out skillfully by Thorez and the Communist Party.'

'Stalinism in France' is essential reading for anyone who wishes to understand the history of the French working class and the crisis of Stalinism today.

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Boyle had been transferred to the Unit from Peterhead, where he had undergone a savage beating at the hands of the prison staff after taking part in a revolt against solitary confinement in the notorious 'cages'.

Freedom

'Until the point that I entered the Special Unit,' he writes, 'I was considered a product of a failed social and penal system. From the age of twelve I had been in and out of institutions, some of which were considered the harshest and toughest in the country.'

'Since that age I had spent twelve and a half months on the outside, never sustaining freedom for more than three months at any one time.'

At first he finds it hard to adjust to his new surroundings in the Unit, which was run on a system of trust between staff

and prisoners and where the inmates were given a certain 'freedom'.

He is amazed to see kitchen knives lying unguarded in a drawer and finds he does not know how to make conversation with his family, who are now allowed to visit him with far fewer restrictions.

But the experimental unit was constantly under attack from right-wing politicians (both Tory and Labour), police chiefs, the media (the Glasgow Daily Record peddled stories of wild orgies taking place in the Unit) and, with several notable exceptions, from the Unit staff themselves.

Friend

When Boyle's close friend and fellow prisoner Larry Winters dies as a result of his drug addiction, one of the screws remarks as his coffin is taken away: 'The only good thing to come out of

the Unit was Winters in a box.'

Boyle deplores this attitude as though it is possible to develop a humane system of rehabilitating criminals under the capitalist system, which is based on the violent oppression of one class by another.

Facilities

The limited freedom he was granted in the Special Unit, especially his access to facilities which developed his artistic talent, undoubtedly played a part in transforming him from the notorious Gorbals 'hard man' of the 1960s.

But his hope that this kind of reform will be extended clearly has no basis when the capitalist state is intent on making the prison system even harsher — with the aim of using it against a working class which will not sacrifice its basic rights.

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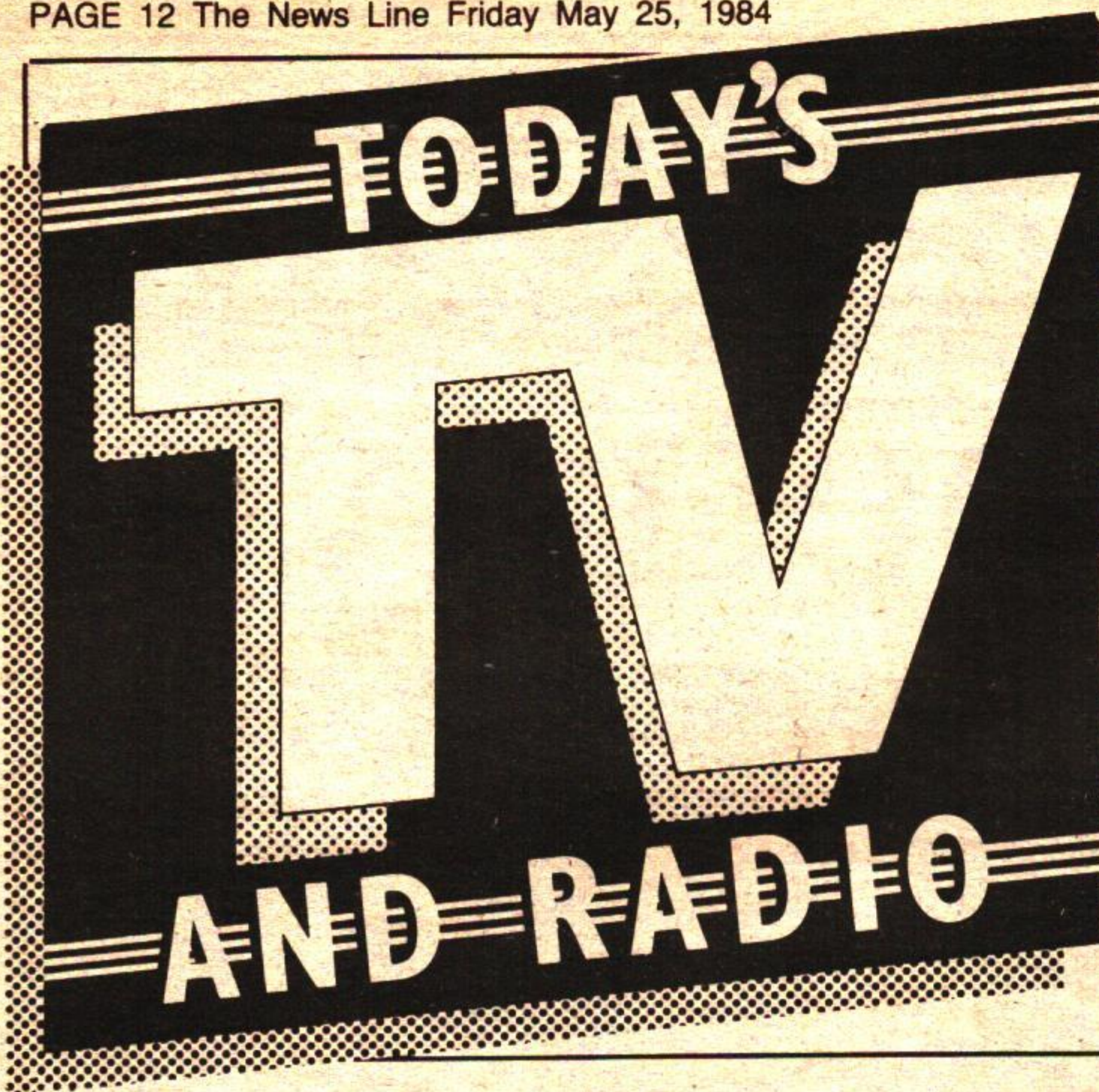
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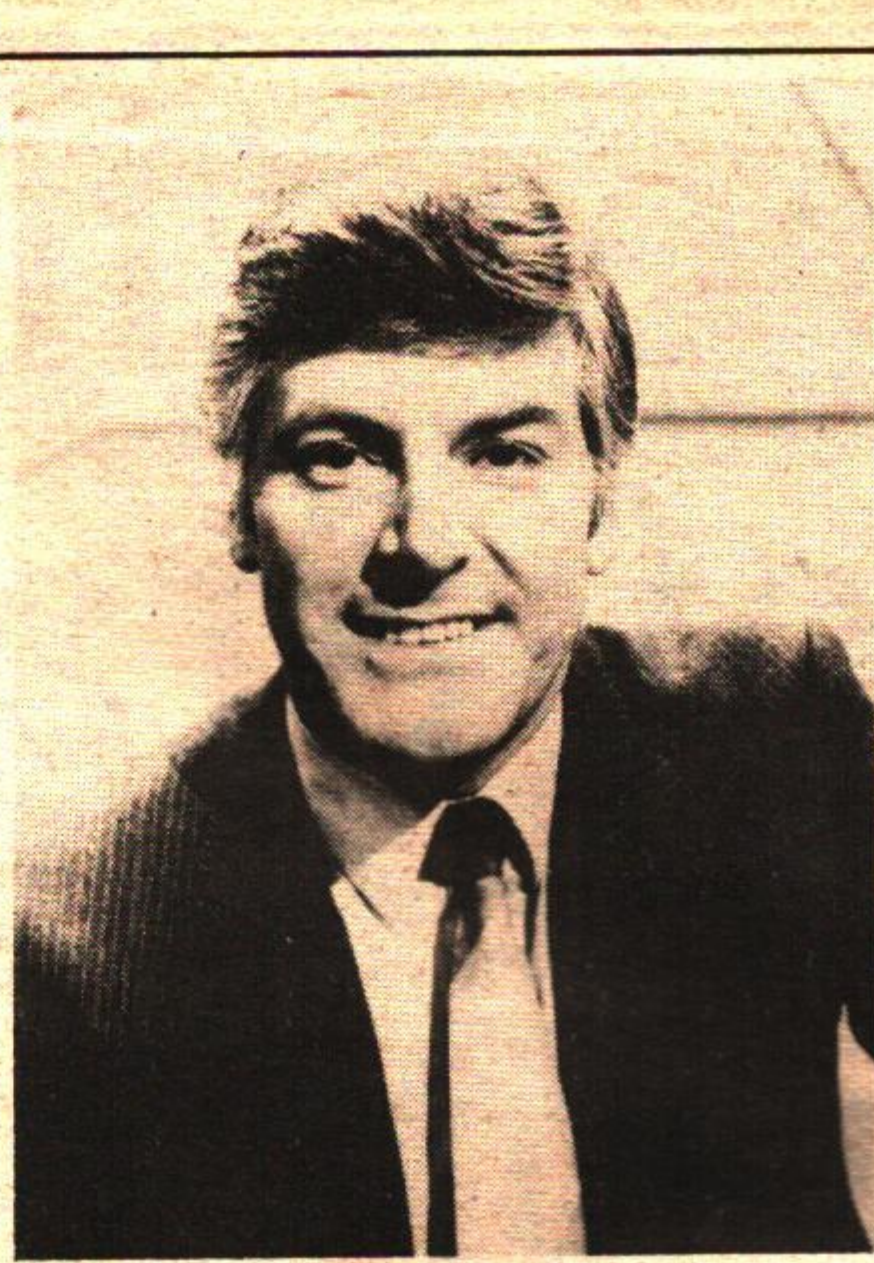
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One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Subway in the Sky*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 Gambit. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 7.00 Winner Takes All. 7.30 Survival Special. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 The Sweeney. 11.30 The Timeless Land. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The English Garden. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Watch Your Stern*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 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 Winner Takes All. 7.30 Survival Special. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.34 Benson. 11.05 Film: *Gone to Ground*. 12.25 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The English Garden. 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 Cartoon Time. 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 University Challenge. 7.00 Winner Takes All. 7.30 Survival Special. 8.30 That's My

CHANNEL 4

5.00 **WKRP IN CINCINNATI An Explosive Affair** The local radio station in Cincinnati, USA

5.30 **THE ADDAMS FAMILY Cousin Itt Visits the Addams Family**

6.00 **HIGH BAND Blondie — Eat To The Beat** Debbie Harry and Blondie in the complete video of their top-selling album, including the Singles 'Dreaming', 'Atomic' and 'Union City Blue'

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**

8.40 **WHAT THE PAPERS SAY**

9.00 **BABBLE** The return of the panel game in which Peter Purves tries to keep the peace as two celebrity teams engage in a witty war of words. With Lynda Bellingham, David Hamilton, Jenny Hanley, Christopher Matthews, Richard O'Sullivan and Willie Rushton

9.30 **IT TAKES A WORRIED MAN** Listening In Poor old Roath (Peter Tilbury), all he wants is to tell other people about his worries, but he just can't get a word in edgewise

10.00 **CHEERS** A Grief-stricken coach plans a wake for an old baseball buddy, but sadness turns to anger when he learns that his pal once propositioned his wife

10.30 **SEX MATTERS The Same Sex**

11.15 **THE LATE CLIVE JAMES**

12.20 **IAN BREAKWELL'S CONTINUOUS DIARY**

12.25 **JAZZ AT THE GATEWAY** In the final programme of this series from the Gateway Theatre in Edinburgh, Oscar Peterson looks at the piano style of Errol Garner and introduces his guests, the Stan Tracey Sextet and the Arild Anderson Quartet

1.05 **Close**

Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 The Boat Show. 11.00 The Irish R.M. 12.00 Marie Gordon Price in Concert. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The English Garden. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Watusi*; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 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 Winner Takes All. 7.30 Survival Special. 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 The English Garden. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 About Britain. 2.00 Film: *Subway in the Sky*. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Cartoon Time. 4.25 The Wind in the Willows. 4.50 Freetime. 5.15 University Challenge. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 7.00 Gambit. 7.30 Survival Special. 8.30 That's My Boy. 9.00 Marlowe — Private Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Cross Question. 11.05 Magnum. 12.45 Epilogue; Closedown.

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 The English Garden. 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 Tweety Pie. 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 **WINNER TAKES ALL** Presented by Jimmy Tarbuck

7.30 **SURVIVAL SPECIAL The Mysterious Journey** In the early 1980s, a great migration of antelope was reported in the Southern Sudan

8.30 **THAT'S MY BOY Unfair Dismissal** Comedy intrigue with Ida and her son Robert

9.00 **MARLOWE — PRIVATE EYE Smart-Aleck Kill** In this last episode of the series a movie star is found dead on the day of his greatest premiere. Three hours later his director dies too

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

10.30 **THE LONDON PROGRAMME** Nearly half of London's council tenants are in rent arrears with over £92 million owed in back rent. Tonight's programme looks at this problem and the methods of eviction and seizure used by some councils

11.00 **SHOOT POOL!**

12.00 **SOUTH OF WATFORD** Tonight's programme looks at what remains of the 1950s London sketched in Colin McInnes' novel 'Absolute Beginners'

12.30 **HIGHWAY PATROL Lookout** followed by **NIGHT THOUGHTS** and **Closedown**

2.00 Yn Eu Cynefin. 2.20 Stori Sbrí. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Old Country. 3.20 The Good Food Show. 3.50 Everybody Here. 4.15 Countdown. 4.45 Lan Lofft. 5.00 Fflach Heulyn; Dino Bach. 5.30 The Addams Family. 6.00 High Band. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Taro Tant. 8.00 Pushing The Limits. 8.30 Cheers; News Headlines. 9.00 Glas Y Dorlan. 9.30 Y Byd Yn Ei Le. 10.15 Film: *Sharma and Beyond*. 12.00 Soap. 12.30 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.

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4.00 Colin Berry (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S) (8.31 Racing Bulletin). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S). 12.00 Steve Jones (S) (1.05, 2.02 Sports Desk). 2.05 Gloria Hunniford (S) (3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S) (4.02 Sports Desk). 4.05 David Hamilton (S) (5.05, 6.02 Sports Desk). 6.05 John Dunn (S) (6.45 Sport and Classified Results; 7.30 Cricket Scores). 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night (S). 9.15 The Organist Entertains (S). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Best of Bentine. 10.30 Sounds of Wales. 11.00 Jeremy Beattie's Nightcap. 1.00 Jean Challis (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Night Owls (S).

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6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Weber, Chopin, Rimsky-Korsakov

(8.00 News) Couperin, Brahms, Berlioz, Babel; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Dallapiccola; records. 10.00 Bournemouth Sinfonietta (S) Rossini, Tchaikovsky, Berkeley, Mozart. 11.10 Anthony Rolfe Johnson, David Willison (S) Schubert, Britten, Hahn. 12.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Sibelius (1.00 News; 1.05-1.20 Six Continents) Mendelssohn. 2.00 University of Wales Recital (S) Beethoven, Prokofiev (2.50-2.55 Interval Reading) Brahms, Chopin. 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Music for Guitar (S) Sor, Radames Gnattali, Luis Gonzaga arr. Santos. 7.00 Holst Father and Daughter (S). 7.30 Christian Blackshaw (S) Mozart, Brahms (8.15-8.35 Scenes from the Life of A.C. Benson) Liszt. 9.15 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (S) Copland, Finzi, Martinu. 10.35 Beethoven (S). 11.15-11.18 News.

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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

GRANADA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Alfie Atkins. 12.10 Rainbow. 12.30 The English Garden. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 On the Market. 2.00 Film: *Street Killing* with Andy Griffiths and Bradford Dillman. Detective Gus Brenner investigates the death of a man who at first appears to be a victim of a mugging. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Rainbow. 4.20 Tweety Pie. 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**

7.00 **WINNER TAKES ALL** The gambling quiz show hosted by Jimmy Tarbuck

7.30 **SURVIVAL SPECIAL The Mysterious Journey** In the early 1980s a great migration of antelope was reported in the Southern Sudan. Survival sent its own camera team to investigate

8.30 **THAT'S MY BOY Unfair Dismissal** Ida Willis is intrigued to find out why the neighbours are ignoring her

9.00 **MARLOWE — PRIVATE EYE Smart-Aleck Kill** Behind a facade of respectability lurks the spectre of narcotic dependence — and ruthless murder

10.00 **NEWS AT TEN**

10.30 **THE BIG FILM Once Upon A Time in the West** (1969) With Charles Bronson and Henry Fonda. A lonely old woman has to protect her homestead from a band of marauding gunmen. Directed by Sergio Leone

1.40 **Closedown**

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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 My Kind of Music (S). 9.45 Feedback. 10.00 News; International Assignment. 10.30 Morning Story: *Winning*. 10.45 Daily Service. 11.00 News; Travel; Analysis. 11.48 Natural Selection. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 My Music (S). 12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.40 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 Plato to NATO. 4.40 Story Time: *The Old Nurse's Story*. 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 Iaj Demando? 9.30 Letter from America. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Falls the Shadow*. 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.

Winning Post

Karkan is unopposed at Haydock

IT IS NOT suprising that there is a very modest challenge to Karkan (3.00), in the Willows Stakes at HAYDOCK today, as the 100,000-dollar colt could hardly have been more impressive than when winning

SELECTIONS

HAYDOCK

2.00 Balqis
2.30 Lady Ever-So-Sure
3.00 Karkan
3.30 Royaber
4.00 Maldoror (nap)
4.30 Melaura Belle
AYR
6.45 My Anniversary
7.15 Holt Row
7.45 Over Your Shoulder (n.b.)
8.15 Warplane
8.45 Top Ranker
9.15 Trickshot
PONTEFRAC
6.45 Purns Mill
7.10 Kelly Bay
7.35 Shuteye
8.05 Adelphai
8.35 The Sun God
9.05 Lady Tippins

at Newmarket earlier this month.

Guy Harwood's colt, making his racecourse debut, revealed a fine burst of acceleration to take him clear of the three-length runner-up and subsequent winner, Tocave, and as a result will start at virtually unbackable odds.

Cambridge Lodge could be the one for forecasts, judged on her third to Prince Ragusa at Thirsk in April, but it is most unlikely that she or any of the other six runners will trouble Karkan, who should go on to much better things.

A more realistic betting proposition is Royaber (3.30), in the following John Davies Handicap. He was disqualified after winning a handicap here last August, but looks well enough handicapped to make amends.

Tom Jones has a growing reputation for being able to produce two-year-olds to win first time out and Balqis

(2.00), who makes her bow in the St Helens Maiden Fillies' Stakes, can join Albarg and Sorayah, as successful debutants this season.

A 230,000-dollar purchase as a yearling, Balqis is a full sister to high class American Sprinter, and miler Amazing Love, and she should not be unduly pressed to account for the opposition, best of which might be Mick Ryan's Arran Bay, a half-brother to an Italian Derby winner.

Maldoror (4.00), Henry Cecil's highly regarded Ashmore colt, was slightly disappointing when, at 6-4 on, he could finish only second to Wylfa in a maiden

race at Redcar this month.

But the pair finished well ahead of the other 11 runners, and Maldoror is expected to recoup losses and land the nap in the Newton Maiden Stakes.

At PONTEFRAC, Bill O'Gorman's Adelphai (8.05), a winner at Windsor on Monday night, bids for a quick follow-up in the Yorkshire Racing Club Stakes.

The two year old wore blinkers for the first time that day, and they seemed to do the trick, as she overcame a poor draw for a comfortable victory over Miss Loving.

Willie Hastings-Bass has made a slow start since returning from Australia to train again in Britain, but he should land the G A Farndon Racing Ltd Handicap through Shuteye (7.35).

The three year old, trained last season by Dick Hern, has the class to defy top-weight.

Jeremy Hindley can land an AYR double with his only runners at the meeting, Over Your Shoulder (7.45) and Top Ranker (8.45).

Over Your Shoulder, a well-bred daughter of Graustark, ran well enough on her

debut when seventh behind Glowing With Pride at York last week to suggest she can outclass her seven rivals in the Chevalier Maiden Stakes.

Top Ranker caught the eye on his re-appearance at Pontefract last month, fading in the closing stages to finish a sixth length fourth of 12 to Ashley Rocket.

Ashley Rocket let the form down when a warm favourite at Newbury last week, but Top Ranker should improve enough from that comeback to win the Prestwick Selling Stakes.

HAYDOCK

SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: W Carson 51, M Birch 26, B Raymond 23, J Lowe 20, T Ives 19, J Reid 17, Pat Eddery 16, P Cook 15, E Hide 15, S Cauthen 14, J Bleasdale 14, K Darley 13, G Duffield 12.
TRAINERS: W Hern 25, R Hollinshead 22, R Houghton 19, M H Easterby 18, B Hills 16, M Jarvis 15, M Stoute 14, J Dunlop 13, W O'Gorman 12, H Cecil 11, P Cole 11.
DRAW: Little significance.

2.00 ST HELENS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES £1,500 (2-Y-O) 5f (5 runners)

1 (2) ARRAN BAY M Ryan 8.11 W Carson
2 (1) BALQIS (USA) Thomson Jones 8.11 A Murray
3 (3) BOLD KELLY H Collingridge 8.11 A Barclay
11 (5) MISS JOANNE H Wharton 8.11 D Nicholls
14 (4) RAHASH R Sheather 8.11 R Cochrane
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Balqis, 3-1 Arran Bay, 5-1 Rahash, 12-1 Bold Kelly, 14-1 Miss Joanne.

2.30 LOWTON SELLING HANDICAP £1,500 1m 2f (13 runners)

1 (5) 230000- AIRSHIP J Bradley 6.10 W Morris (4)
2 (9) 4-33032 SAFFRON POSER J Berry 4.90 S Horsfall (5)
4 (1) 000-100 MR MUSIC MAN (C-D) Mrs C Reavey 10.8.13 S Webster
5 (11) 20024- LADY BOUNTY R Hollinshead 5.8.13 S Perkins
6 (12) 0000-00 WAHED F Watson 9.8.13 M Fry
9 (13) 401-000 LADY EVER-SO-SURE (C) J Etherington 6.8.11 B Raymond
12 (2) 40210-0 SOME JET C Crossley 6.8.8 S Webster
14 (3) 000-000 POLEMISTIS M James 5.8.4 M Fozzard (7)
15 (8) 000-000 MATTS MUSIC K Cunningham-Brown 4.8.4 T Quinn (3)
16 (10) 0330-40 FORESTERS BOY W Haigh 7.8.3 B Crossley
17 (7) 00000-0 SHARP STAR G Blum 6.8.2 G Duffield
21 (4) 10000-0 ACUSHA MACREE R Houghton 7.8.2 Sherry Cooper (7)
22 (6) 000-000 HAVEN'S PRIDE (USA) (C-D) M James 5.8.2 W Carson
BLINKERS: 8, 14, 21, 22
PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Lady Ever-So-Sure, 4-1 Saffron Poser, 5-1 Acusha Macree and Matts Music, 6-1 Some Jet, 8-1 Mr Music Man and Lady Bount, 12-1 others.

3.00 WILLOWS STAKES £2,500 (3-Y-O) 1m (8 runners)

2 (5) 1 KARKAN (USA) G Harwood 9.10 A Clark
8 (7) 0-0 BLAZE AHEAD M Jarvis 9.0 B Raymond
9 (8) 0-0 CATCH THE THATCH D H Jones 9.0 A Barclay
13 (1) 23204-0 FENCHURCH COLONY M H Easterby 9.0 M Birch
19 (4) 00-0 SILVER PROSPECT R Hollinshead 9.0 S Perkins
20 (6) 040-0 TIMURS DOUBLE R Houghton 9.0 J Reid
24 (3) 0-0 CAMBRIDGE LODGE K Stone 8.11 C Dwyer
25 (2) 040-030 LAXAY M Leach 8.11 D Nicholls
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 on Karkan, 7-1 Cambridge Lodge, 8-1 Blaze Ahead, 10-1 Fenchurch

PONTEFRAC

SIX-YEAR-RECORD

JOCKEYS: M Birch 27, G Duffield 21, E Hide 21, J Lowe 21, Pat Eddery 19, J Bleasdale 13, B Raymond 13, W Swinburn 11, M Wigham 11, S Cauthen 10, P Cook 10, K Hodgson 9, L Pigott.
TRAINERS: M H Easterby 20, M Stoute 18, B Hills 13, I Balding 12, R Hollinshead 11, M Prescott 11, H Cecil 10, J W Watts 10, B Hobbs 10, B McMahon 9, S Norton 9, P Walwyn 9.
DRAW: Little significance.

6.45 POPLAR HANDICAP £2,000 1m 4f (8 runners)

3 (2) 20/000-1 PONTIN BOY (D) Thomson Jones 6.9.7 A Murray
7 (3) 000-001 HIGHAM GREY (C-D) D Chapman 8.8.13 (8 ex) D Nicholls
8 (4) 02120-3 PURNS MILL A Stewart 4.8.12 W R Swinburn
9 (7) 0040-01 TIMSAH (C-D) J Ciechanowski 4.8.11 NON-RUNNER
13 (8) 22300/0 PRICE OF PEACE J C M Doyle 6.8.4 G Duffield
16 (6) 410-002 KITTY COME HOME D Dale 4.8.1 R Curant
19 (1) 10302-3 ALFIE DICKINS (D) R Hollinshead 6.7.10 W Ryan (5)
22 (5) 0003-00 BELLE VUE R Hollinshead 11.7.7 C Ashby (7)
BLINKERS: 13
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Pontin Boy, 5-2 Purns Mill, 7-2 Higham Grey, 6-1 Alfie Dickins, 8-1 Kitty Come Home, 14-1 others.

7.10 BEECH SELLING HANDICAP £800 1m (9 runners)

1 (1) 100P-00 KYROOTA (D) M Tompkins 4.9.10 R Curant
8 (4) 0-21000 KELLY BAY S Norton 3.8.12 C Oliver (5)
9 (3) 0/00000- MIDWEEK SPECIAL T Kersey 4.8.7
10 (5) 00-0003 FREEDOM GLORY T Fairhurst 4.8.7 R P Elliott
11 (6) 0000-00 HAGEN'S BARGAIN F Yardley 4.8.7 S Kaighley
13 (9) 000-000 LINANHOT J Parks 4.8.6 S Webster
17 (8) 4000-00 GET WISE K Stone 3.7.13 J Lowe
18 (7) 00000- SHINY BARN G Blum 3.7.12 G Duffield
19 (2) 0000-00 SAFFRON LADY D Ringer 3.7.7 A Mackay
BLINKERS: 1, 9, 13, 19
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Kelly Bay, 11-4 Kyroota, 7-2 Freedom Glory, 6-1 Get Wise, 8-1 Saffron Lady, 12-1 others.

7.55 G A FARNDON RACING LTD H'CAP £3,000 (3-Y-O) 1 (9 runners)

2 (4) 010-0 SHUTEYE (D) W H Bass 9.7 T Ives
3 (7) 10-0400 ALL FAIR R Whitaker 9.6 S Perks
5 (3) 430-040 SAMS WOOD T Fairhurst 9.5 R P Elliott
10 (2) 0034-0 BLAKESWARE GIF M Tompkins 8.11 R Curant
11 (5) 00-0314 RABIRUS (BF) W Bentley 8.11 M Wood
12 (6) 00003- FEI LOONG E Eldin 8.11 A Mackay

Colony, 16-1 Timurs Double and Laxay, 33-1 others.

3.30 JOHN DAVIES HANDICAP £4,000 7f (9 runners)

6 (7) 030-120 JOYFUL DANCER (BF) P Cole 4.9.7 T Quinn (3)
8 (4) 0-00002 ISMORE (USA) W Guest 4.9.5 G Dickie (7)
10 (2) 30002-0 HOLLOWAY WONDER B McMahon 4.9.4 R Cochrane
14 (9) 1-04100 TOP O'TH' LANE (C-D) N Bycroft 7.9.1 P Cook
15 (6) 200-000 SKYBOOT C A Bell 5.9.1 W R Swinburn
16 (3) 4320-00 FAIR MADAME C Booth 4.8.12 B McGiff (7)
18 (8) 02403-0 TREE FELLA C Crossley 7.8.9 T Ives
19 (1) 4000-40 ROYABER D H Jones 8.8.5 A Barclay
21 (5) 000400 ADJUSTED R Hollinshead 5.8.0 W Ryan (5)
BLINKERS: 16
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Joyful Dancer, 3-1 Ismore, 4-1 Royaber, 5-1 Holloway Wonder, 8-1 Top O'Th' Lane and Skyboot, 12-1 others.

4.00 NEWTON MAIDEN STAKES £1,500 (3-Y-O) 1m 4f (13 runners)

1 (3) ARGES R Hollinshead 9.0 S Perks
2 (10) 0-44 ASH FAIR (BF) A Bailey 9.0 P Bloomfield (5)
4 (12) 0 BRADFORD (USA) A Stewart 9.0 W R Swinburn
5 (1) 40020-4 CONNAUGHT PRINCE W Hastings-Bass 9.0 T Ives
7 (11) 00-0 DANCING GUY (FR) M Jarvis 9.0 B Raymond
9 (4) GALLOIS BOSQUET S Norton 9.0 J Reid
12 (2) 30-340 HODNET R Houghton 9.0 J Lowe
14 (6) 322-030 LITTLE LOOK (USA) (BF) G Harwood 9.0 A Clark
15 (8) 2 MALDOROR (BF) H Cecil 9.0 Paul Eddery
16 (9) 0-00 MALIBU BEACH E Eldin 9.0 A Mackay
18 (5) REED PLAYER (USA) W Elsey 9.0 C Dwyer
26 (13) 3 DAWNING L Cumani 8.11 D McGiff
32 (7) 04-42 SILENT DANCER (BF) N Vigors 8.11 P Cook
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Maldoror, 7-2 Dawning and Little Look, 15-2 Silent Dancer, 10-1 Connaught Prince, Hodnet and Reed Player, 16-1 Ash Fair, 20-1 others.

4.30 CLUB HANDICAP £3,000 (3-Y-O) 6f (11 runners)

2 (8) 4120- ALDHABIYH Thomson Jones 9.7 A Murray
3 (5) 0233-00 RAILROAD LADY R Hollinshead 9.6 S Perks
4 (11) 02131- MELAURA BELLE (D) T Barron 9.4 B Raymond
5 (7) 00-0100 SUPER TRIP (D) G Hunter 9.4 P Cook
6 (1) 122-004 KNIGHTS SECRET (D) M H Easterby 9.2 M Birch
10 (3) 41010- ITALIAN SECRET B McMahon 8.12 R Cochrane
13 (4) 00002-2 STYLOGRAM J Etherington 8.11 M Wood
14 (2) 20010-0 JACORAN (D) E Eldin 8.10 A Mackay
15 (9) 0-1 INDIAN SIGN (D) J W Watts 8.8 W Carson
16 (10) 000-30 WALTER-KOHRING M Ryan 8.8 A Bond
20 (6) 000-0 MY SON MY SON K Brassey 8.2 G Duffield
BLINKERS: 20
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Indian Sign, 100-30 Knights Secret, 9-2 Stylogram, 7-1 Aldhabyh, 8-1 Melaura Belle and Jacoran, 10-1 Italian Secret, 12-1 others.

8.05 YORKSHIRE RACING CLUB STAKES £2,500 (2-Y-O fillies) 5f (10 runners)

1 (1) 1 STUBBLE (D) R Boss 9.0 I Johnson
2 (7) 14 DOPPIO (D) G Blum 8.8 G Duffield
3 (6) 23 ADELPHAI (USA) W O'Gorman 8.8 T Ives
4 (4) BUNGE BELLE P Felgate 8.4 M Miller
5 (2) 4 DRAGAPUSS W Haigh 8.4 S Webster
6 (8) ITS MY TURN R Hollinshead 8.4 W Ryan (5)
7 (9) MRS DANVERS J Winter 8.4 P Hamblett
8 (3) SAFFRON SCANDAL J Berry 8.4 A Geran (7)
10 (5) 40 SISTER RACINE T Fairhurst 8.4 R P Elliott
12 (10) 00 TAYLORS RENOVATION D Leslie 8.4 M Rimmer
BLINKERS: 3
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Adelphai, 11-4 Stubble, 4-1 Doppio, 8-1 Mrs Danvers, 9-1 Saffron Scandal, 12-1 others.

8.35 WALNUT STAKES £2,000 1m 2f (7 runners)

1 (7) 020-004 ALAWIR (FR) Thomson Jones 4.9.6 A Murray
6 (2) 10-00 WATER GIRL (FR) O Douieb 4.9.3 R Machado (4)
8 (5) 1103-00 GARDEN ROUTE F Durr 4.8.11 G Duffield
12 (6) 3000/0-3 THE SUN GOD (FR) J Ciechanowski 5.8.11 J McLean (7)
16 (4) 0 BEAUTIFUL SUN E Eldin 4.8.3 A Mackay
20 (1) 0/0 MICHAEL'S REVENGE D Thom 5.8.3 M Birch
21 (3) 0400/0 PETE THE MEAT P Felgate 4.8.3 M Miller
PROBABLE SP: 6-4 Alawir, 5-2 Water Girl, 9-2 The Sun God, 6-1 Garden Route, 10-1 Michael's Revenge, 14-1 others.

9.05 CEDAR MAIDEN STAKES £700 (3-Y-O) 6f (11 runners)

2 (2) 0-20 BOB-DOUBLE R Whitaker 9.0 S Perks
6 (7) 303000- MONINSKY N Bycroft 9.0 T Ives
7 (6) 30- MR SHOOT J Etherington 9.0 M Wood
8 (9) 0303- OAKWOOD PARK B Hobbs 9.0 G Baxter
9 (4) 2- TANFEN M H Easterby 9.0 S Donkin (7)
10 (5) 30-3 AL BAYAN (USA) Thomson Jones 8.11 A Murray
11 (3) 32000-0 C B M GIRL K Stone 8.11 D Nicholls
12 (11) 0-40 CLUNK CLICK J Hindley 8.11 M Hills
13 (1) 3224-23 CONRARA M H Easterby 8.11 M Birch
15 (10) 02- LADY TIPPINS (USA) H Cecil 8.11 Paul Eddery
20 (8) 44300-3 NEVER TURN BACK C Tinkler 8.11 J Lowe
PROBABLE SP: 11-8 Lady Tippins, 7-2 Al Bayan, 5-1 Conrara, 6-1 Clunk Click, 9-1 Never Turn Back, 10-1 Tanfen, 14-1 others.

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SIX YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: J Lowe 40, E Hide 39, M Birch 33, J Bleasdale 29, G Duffield 28, B Taylor 26, E Johnson 19, S Cauthen 18, Pat Eddery 15, L Charnock 15, M Wigham 14, K Darley 14, A Kimberley 13.
TRAINERS: J W Watts 40, M H Easterby 37, C Thornton 29, J Hindley 29, D Smith 21, G Prichard-Gordon 21, J Dunlop 16, B Hills 14, E Wymes 14, J Berry 14, E Carr 12.
DRAW: The higher numbers have a little advantage over the 5 furlong course when there is give in the ground.

6.45 ARRAN STAKES £1,000 (2-Y-O fillies) 5f (9 runners)

1 (3) 210 MY ANNIVERSARY (D) R J Williams 9.4 E Hide
2 (2) 40 BEG-TO-DIFFER W H Williams 8.8 L Charnock
4 (8) 3 CLOTILDA P Calver 8.8 M Beecroft
5 (7) 0220 DENEUE J S Wilson 8.8 M L Thomas
8 (5) PAPPELWICK LADY J Berry 8.8 K Darley
9 (9) 0 REESETTE J Wilson 8.8 J Bleasdale
10 (4) SHIRLY ANN N Tinkler 8.8 P Robinson
11 (1) SUNWOOD W Elsey 8.8 G Sexton
13 (6) 3 SWEET SALORA E Wymes 8.8 K Hodgson
PROBABLE SP: 11-10 My Anniversary, 9-4 Clotilda, 11-2 Pappelwick Lady, 10-1 Deneuve, 12-1 Sweet Salora and Sunwood, 16-1 others.

7.15 AYR SPRINT HANDICAP £3,000 6f (7 runners)

5 (5) 0040-23 HOLT ROW M McCormack 3.9.7 P Robinson
8 (4) 20300-3 OYSTONS ESTATES (D) J S Wilson 8.8.12 E Turner (7)
11 (3) 230300 CENTRAL CARPETS R Stubbs 5.8.10 K Hodgson
14 (7) 020032 SPOILT FOR CHOICE (C-D) D Chapman 6.8.7 A Proud
15 (6) 20-0031 WELSH NOBLE (C-D) A Balding 6.8.5 (4 ex) N Carlisle
16 (1) 2004-01 PRIONSAA (C-D) W H Williams 6.7.12 (4 ex)
17 (2) 000000 RUSSIAN WINTER (C) A W Jones 9.7.10 M Fozzard (7)
BLINKERS: 17
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Holt Row, 11-4 Welsh Noble, 4-1 Spoilt For Choice, 6-1 Oystons Estates, 8-1 Prionsaa, 14-1 others.

7.45 CHEVALIER MAIDEN STAKES £1,250 (3-Y-O) 1m 3f (8 runners)

3 (6) 0- COOL JAMIE J Wilson 9.0 K Darley
6 (5) 003-0 HAYASHI C Booth 9.0 G Oldroyd
9 (4) 00-02 OLD HUBERT (BF) A Bailey 9.0 P Bloomfield (5)
11 (8) 000-4 TOCKALA E Wymes 9.0 R Fahey (7)
14 (7) 0220-4 INNOCENT MAID P Rohan 8.11 M Fry
15 (1) 002-0 LADY SEVILLE Denys Smith 8.11 J Bleasdale
16 (2) 040-0 LILY OF LAGUNA C Thornton 8.11 B Thomson
17 (3) 0 OVER YOUR SHOULDER (USA) J Hindley 8.11
PROBABLE SP: 5-4 Over Your Shoulder, 7-2 Old Hubert, 5-1 Tockala, 13-2 Lady Seville, 10-1 Innocent Maid, 14-1 Hayashi, 20-1 Lily of Laguna, 50-1 Cool Jamie.

8.15 MILLBRAE HANDICAP £2,500 1m (8 runners)

1 (5) 00314-0 WARPLANE C Thornton 4.9.10 J Bleasdale
4 (2) 000-000 AFRICAN PEARL J S Wilson 9.6 B Wardrope (7)
5 (1) 000200 CARRIAGE WAY (D) R Stubbs 10.9.5 S Bridle (7)
6 (4) 000-024 FOOLISH WAYS A Balding 5.9.3 J Balding
7 (7) 12440-2 HANDSOME BLAZE (C-D) C Booth 9.8.13 M Hindley (7)
8 (3) 300-103 TRAA-DY-LOOAR (C-D) W H Williams 4.8.7 C Dwyer
9 (6) 01000-0 CAMERONIAN LAD J S Wilson 5.8.2 M L Thomas
11 (8) 0000-00 HIGH PORT (D) A W Jones 5.8.1 L Charnock
PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Warplane, 100-30 Carriage Way, 9-2 Handsome Blaze, 6-1 Traa-Dy-Looar, 15-2 Foolish Ways, 10-1 African Pearl, 14-1 others.

8.45 PRESTWICK SELLING STAKES £1,000 1m (9 runners)

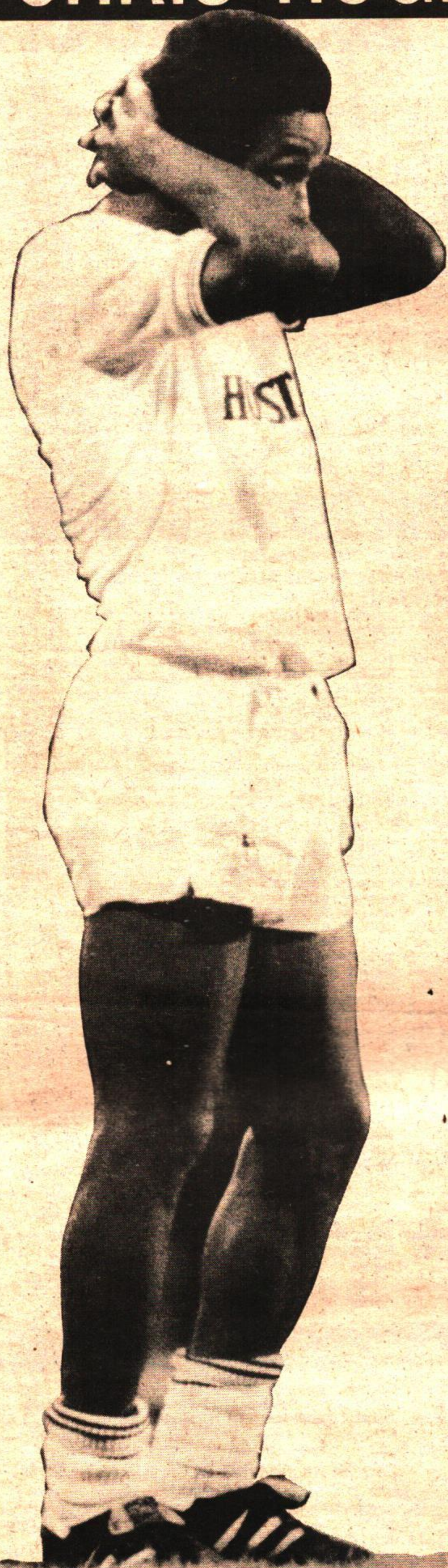
1 (5) 41300-0 RUSTIC TRACK (D) E Carr 4.9.8 E Hide
2 (9) 1300-40 SINGLE HAND D Chapman 4.9.8 A Proud
5 (4) 300-100 JOLIE COURTSANE (C) J S Wilson 4.9.5 D Leadbitter (7)
6 (7) 120-104 LADY DONARO (D) J Berry 4.9.5 K Darley
8 (3) 04442-0 DAME PEGGY J Old 4.9.0 NON-RUNNER
9 (6) 4001-4 TOP RANKER (USA) J Hindley 3.8.7 B Thomson
11 (8) 00-0000 DANCING ORANGE A Balding 3.8.4 A Weiss (5)
13 (1) 010030- TROPICAL STORM (D) A Bailey 3.8.4 P Bloomfield (5)
18 (2) 0- RECEPTIVE W H Williams 3.7.13 O Gray
PROBABLE SP: 15-8 Top Ranker, 11-4 Lady Donaro, 4-1 Dame Peggy, 13-2 Jolie Courtsane, 10-1 Single Hand, 16-1 others.

9.15 AUCHINCUIVE HANDICAP £2,500 1m 7f (8 runners)

3 (7) 33-0130 TEMPLE BAR C Brittain 4.9.7 G Sexton
5 (6) 03322-1 BEAN BOY (D) Denys Smith 6.9.3 D Leadbitter (7)
7 (8) 3440-12 TRICKSHOT C Tinkler 5.8.10 L Charnock
10 (3) 3410-00 AULD LANG SYNE (C) Mrs M Nesbitt 5.8.6 A Crook
11 (4) 44113-4 LUXURY E Carr 5.8.6 N Carlisle
16 (2) 00/000-0 SOME SPARE R Smyly 5.7.10 M L Thomas
17 (1) 000-043 HYDRANGAEA D Chapman 5.7.9 A Proud
19 (5) 03-0000 JOY OF MUSIC P Rohan 4.7.7 J Quinn (7)
BLINKERS: 7, 10
PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Bean Boy, 11-4 Trickshot, 7-2 Luxury, 11-2 Temple Bar, 12-1 Auld Lang Syne, 14-1 others.

CHRIS HUGHTON'S UEFA CUP FINAL REVIEW

NEVER AGAIN



KEITH BURKINSHAW got the going-away 'present' we had promised him, the fans were treated to probably the most exciting finish to a match ever seen at White Hart Lane — and I got my third cup winners' medal.

That, in a nutshell, sums up Wednesday night's UEFA Cup final triumph over Anderlecht of Belgium.

Anderlecht are, without doubt, the best club side I have ever played against. Individually they are all talented, highly skilful players, but they also play so well as a team.

It's a pity a team has to lose such a prestigious final on penalties — but I'm certainly not complaining this morning.

Actually, I sat down on Thursday morning — in between the News Line telephoning me! — and watched the match with a well-earned drink (strictly orange juice) and was even more impressed by just how good Anderlecht really were.

But I think we played them the right way. They possibly showed the more skilful touches on the night, but the aggression and determination to do well was always Tottenham's.

Our plan was never to let them settle on the ball. Continental sides like to have room and spend a lot more time in their build-ups. We hustled them all the time and tried to throw them off their rhythm.

Vincenzo Scifo, their mercurial midfielder, was, we believed, the man we had to cut out of the game as much as possible. The 18-year-old Belgian of Italian extract

never got the chance to settle on the ball and our 'physical' approach was certainly not to his liking.

Scifo, however, looks like a real find for the Belgians. He's got great vision, is confident on the ball and he could become a major name in Europe in the next few seasons.

While I don't like isolating any of our lads for particular praise, the general feeling in the dressing rooms afterwards was that Tony Galvin was our best player.

Problems

'TG' ran himself into the ground and caused the Belgians all sorts of problems with his foraging runs down both flanks.

And what of those penalties?

Well, after scoring the equaliser and then lifting us through extra-time, stand-in skipper Graham Roberts gave us the lead again by shooting home the first one.

In years to come, however, the final might very well be remembered for the saves that Tony Parks made.

'Parksy' hasn't had it too easy at the club living in the shadow of Ray Clemence, but on Wednesday

'Penalties were too much for my nerves'



WELL DONE KEITH . . . A proud moment for the boss as he holds up the beautiful UEFA trophy

night he proved just how good a 'keeper he really is.

Ironically, I didn't worry that much when Parksy went in for our penalties. He's a great stopper in such situations.

My heart went out Danny Thomas when he mis-

Parksy failed at the last one — and then it would possibly be down to yours truly to win — or lose — the trophy!

But it was a fairytale ending and a very emotional night for the manager.

There can't be many managers around who have ended their careers with one club by winning a major European trophy. Everybody, the fans, the players, and a lot of other people involved with the game, are all very happy for him.

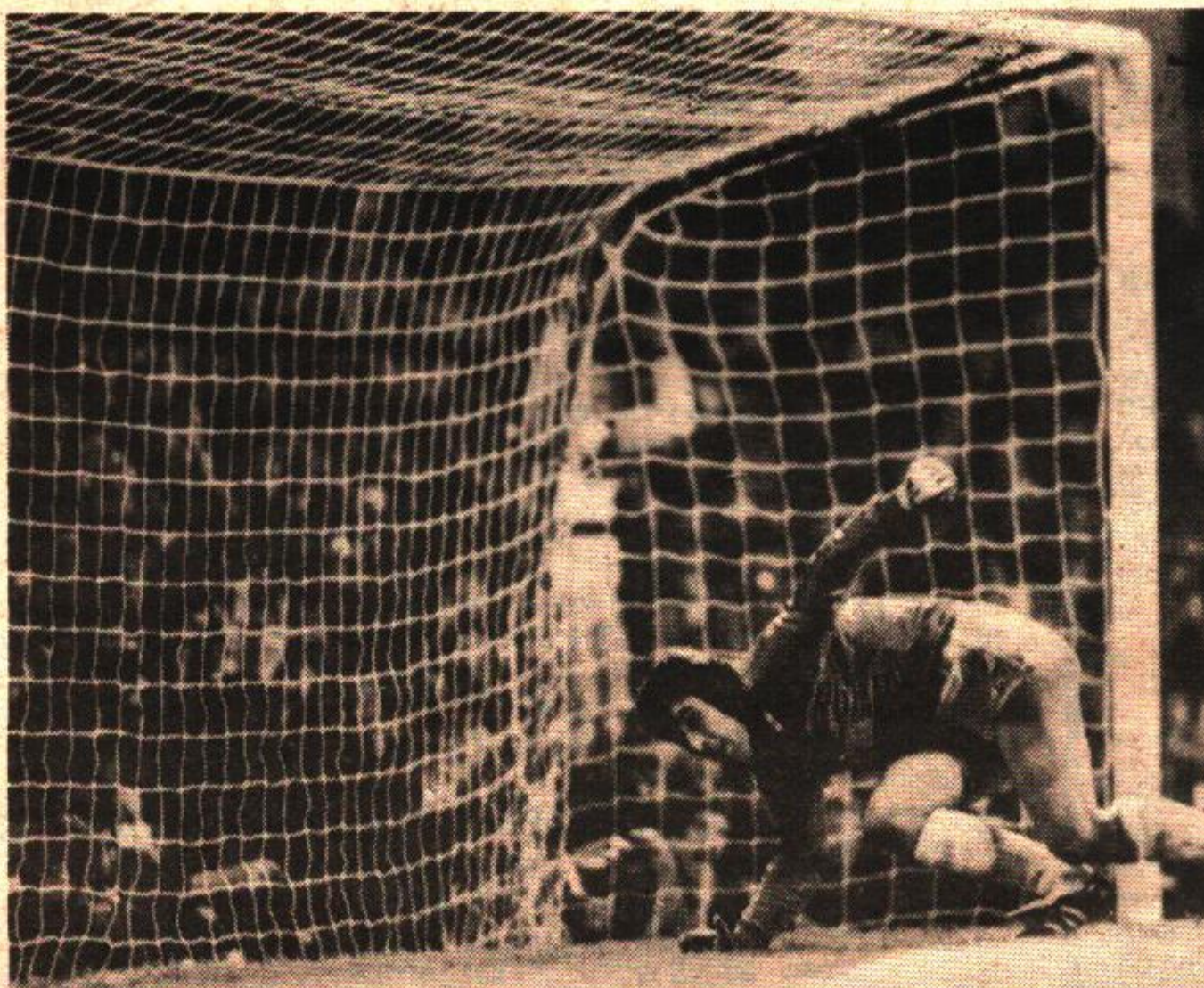
Thrilling

It's not a night I will remember too quickly either. It has to be the most thrilling of the four finals I have played in. But I don't know what would have happened if I had to take a penalty — it just doesn't bear thinking about!

That's it, so, another little bit of Tottenham history.

I'm off back to the video to make sure the score is still the same — and I'll watch it with another large orange juice while relaxing in the armchair!

POOR DANNY . . . He really thought his penalty miss spelt the end for Tottenham



GOOD ON YEH PARKSY . . . Tony pushes away Arnor Gudjohnsen's penalty before setting off on his victory run. I was well pleased for him

CHRIS HUGHTON'S UEFA CUP FINAL REVIEW



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GRAHAM ROBERTS (above far left) stumbles on through to score. His victory salute after giving us a lifeline (middle above), and a proud captain with the trophy (right). THIS is me (left) taking on Wim Hofkens with their brilliant young midfielder, Vincenzo Scifo, in tow.

Cuba pulls out of Olympics

CUBA joined the Los Angeles summer Olympics on Wednesday, citing 'the violation of the Olympic principles and norms, trampled on by the LA organisers.'

The Cuban National Olympic Committee (NOC), announced the decision after a brief meeting in Havana.

'We were concerned particularly about the lack of security, the counter-revolutionary groups and terrorist organisations, and the development of a virulent propaganda campaign against the presence of socialist and revolutionary countries,' a statement said.

The Cubans, decided sometime ago to pull out of the Games, but decided to withhold their decision until the completion of a regional Olympic basketball qualifying tournament held there over the past fortnight.

The Cuban NOC also complained that despite an extensive visit to Los Angeles by a Cuban delegation, technical problems seemed even farther from being resolved.

'They tried to apply humiliating measures to



Cuba in particular, such as the imposition of limited access to Los Angeles and the non-authorisation of charter flights from Havana,' said the statement read by committee president Manuel Gonzalez Guerra.

Most Cubans interviewed after the announcement said the Los Angeles Games

appeared to be too commercialised and that the American authorities were not doing enough to clamp down on the many anti-Castro Cuban groups based in the US.

The Cubans will be most missed in the boxing competition where they had medal chances in all divisions.

Their star heavyweight, Teofilo Stevenson, had hoped to win a record-breaking fourth Olympic gold medal but his Olympic career now looks over.



WILLIE CARSON

Carson's two-day ban

CHAMPION jockey Willie Carson was suspended for two days by the Italian stewards at San Siro, Milan, last Sunday, for failing to partner one of his booked rides, Realma Lady.

The ban means that on Tuesday and Wednesday (May 29 and 30) next week, Carson can only ride for his own employer, Dick Hern.

JIMMY CABLE seeks to ease the painful memory of last month's lightning and humiliating defeat by American Buster Drayton when he meets Frenchman Said Skouma for the vacant European light-middleweight title in Toulouse tonight.

Cable knocked out in just 85 seconds by Drayton on April 11, is chasing the title vacated by Herol Graham, who was unable to maintain the weight limit.

Skouma has waited a long time for his title shot. He was to have

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fought Graham in January, after the latter retained the crown against another Frenchman, Germain Le Maitre, last December. But Graham postponed the bout twice because of flu before finally abandoning the title last month.

Fights

Skouma, who is the oldest of nine children in a family which came to France from Casablanca, has won 12 of his 13 pro-

fessional fights inside the distance.

● NICK Wilshire, the Bristol light-middleweight, will fight an American opponent in an extra bout on the June 5 Royal Albert Hall bill on which Barry McGuigan defends the European featherweight title against Estaban Equia of Spain.

Fight promoter Mike Barrett yesterday reported an 'astounding' response to McGuigan's first major contest in London, saying: 'It is certain to be a sell-out.'

McGuigan hasn't boxed

outside of Belfast since 1982.

● WORLD Boxing Council (WBC) super-welterweight champion Tommy Hearn of Detroit, predicted this week that he would knock out Roberto Duran in their title fight in Las Vegas on June 15 and then go on to meet world middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

Hitman

'Tell him (Duran) the 'hitman' is back,' Hearn said. 'I'm going to knock Duran out and then take care of Hagler.'

RACING RESULTS

GOODWOOD

2.00 (5f): MISS GLITTERS R Wer-nham (11-1); Samantha Fox (9-4); Linaria (20-1); Steel Cavalier (8-1); 8 ran. 3/4, 4. (R Hannon) T: £12.60; £2.40, £1.30, £6.90. CSF: £35.84. NR: Can U Afford It.
2.30 (6f): CANIF M Fozzard (8-1); Hatching (11-2) (fav); Run Riot (8-1); Lotus Princess (12-1); 4. 11 ran. 1 1/2, 1. (M Ryan) T: £9; £2.80, £2.30, £2.60. CSF: £46.15.
3.00 (7f): KINGSFOLD SWIFT B Rouse (20-1); Royal Yacht (14-1); Sweep On (8-1); Confetti Copse (6-1) (fav); 4. 20 ran. Sh hd, 1. (C Benstead) T: £20.60; £4, £3.10, £2.80. CSF: £265.31.
3.30 (1m 2f): MISS BEAULIEU L Piggott (4-1); Celtic Assembly (12-1); Troyanna (9-1); Rappa Tap Tap (100-30) (fav); 4. 15 ran. 3/4, same. (G

Wragg) T: £4.80; £1.90, £2.10, £2.40. CSF: £50.16.
4.00 (2m 3f): MISTER LORD M Wigham (9-2); Ack Ack Regiment (8-1); Contester (9-2); The Owls (33-1); 4. 15 ran. Nk, 2 1/2. (S Mellor) T: £5.90; £2.40, £1.60, £1.60. CSF: £34.46. NR: The Pawn.
4.30 (1m): TOWAR (D McHargue (8-1); Royal Recourse (20-1); Maysara (6-5) (fav); Lyphane (20-1); 4. 24 ran. 2 3/4. (L Cumani) T: £19.40; £1.60, £5, £2. CSF: £150.94.

PERTH

2.15 (2m): GRID D Dutton (8-1); Raby (5-2) (fav); Beau Blondel (8-1); Willerby (4-1); 4 ran. 10, 1/2. (C Alexander) T: £3.40. CSF: £12.07.
2.45 (2m 4f): RAGABURY J J O'Neill (6-4) (fav); 1. Aqua Verde (2-1); Beau Lyon (16-1); Golden Ty (12-

1/4. 5 ran. 3/4, 6. (R Fisher) T: £2.10; £1.60, £3.60. CSF: £2.41. NR: Air Space & King Ketchup.
3.15 (2m 4f): FATHER DELANEY C Grant (5-4) (fav); Ronan-Paul (5-2); Hazy Glen (11-3); Vimy Ridge (50-1); 4 ran. 1, nk. (Denys Smith) T: £2.70. CSF: £3.20. NR: Only Money.
3.45 (2m): RUMASA M Barnes (10-1); Mr Marshall (16-1); Primrose Wood (7-4) (fav); Czernin (6-1); 5 ran. 6, 2 1/2. (T Barnes) T: £11.50; £3.70, £2.30. CSF: £86.93. NR: Flarey Sark & Another Joyful.
4.15 (3m): LA BOEUF C Grant (11-4) (fav); Gold Camp (9-1); Northern Man (11-4); 3 ran. 8, dist. (D Lamb) T: £1.40. CSF: £3.23. NR: Indian Maize.
4.45 (3m): GOOD TO SEE YOU Mr M Meagher (5-2); Silebmore (11-10) (fav); Maracas Bay (7-1); Border Minstrel (16-1); 4. 7 ran. 4, 8. (R Fisher) T: £5.40; £1.90, £2.30. CSF: £5.42.

THE FRENCH OPEN tennis championships, beginning in Paris on Monday, signal the lift-off for News Line's exciting, non-stop summer coverage of the sport. Our comprehensive results service, match reports from all the tournaments that count and interviews with the THE big names in the sport means we score points while other papers are still trying to get their serve together.

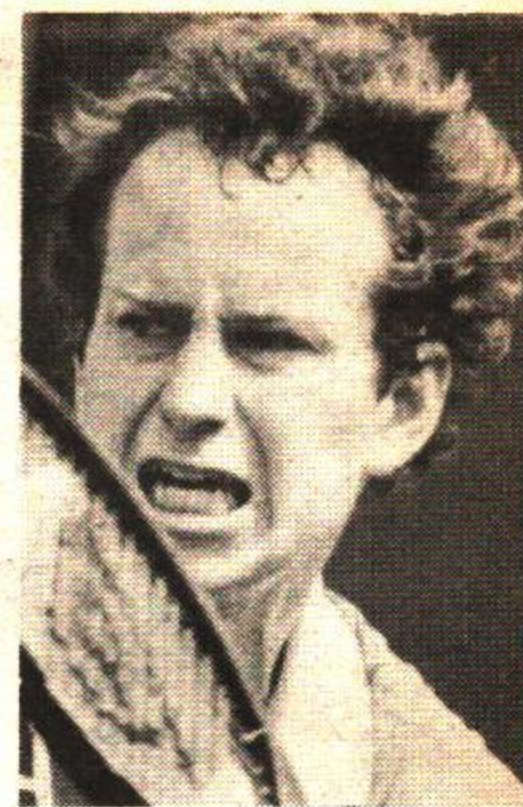
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TOMORROW we bring you an exclusive interview with the biggest name in the sport, Wimbledon champion and world No.1 JOHN MCENROE. Just 48 hours before he steps out on the famous red clay courts of Roland Garros, Paris, he talks about his hopes for this summer and who he thinks will be the main challengers for the honours in Paris, at

Queen's Club in the Stella Artois event — and at Wimbledon itself in June.

McEnroe also talks about the changes in his life in recent months that have made him a better player. 'I've never been happier, and I believe I am playing the best tennis of my life right now.'

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Blisset joins long injury list

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

AN INCREASINGLY steady toll of injuries to his squad means that Bobby Robson's England could end up with the wooden spoon in the final British Home Championship at Hampden Park on Saturday evening.

Luther Blissett became the latest casualty yesterday morning in training, forcing an anguished Robson to utter: 'Everything is crumbling in front of us. If we were playing today, I wouldn't be able to field a team.'

With Trevor Francis already missing from his attack, the fitness of Arsenal's Tony Woodcock is now even more important.

Blissett pulled a muscle in his back during training in Scotland yesterday and is now very doubtful, but Woodcock is making good progress from a hamstring strain and last night his prospects of facing the Scots looked much brighter.

However, Robson was last night still considering whether to call up extra cover.

The most likely candidate then was Portsmouth's Under-21 international Mark Hateley, who was in action in the UEFA Under-21 Championship final against Spain at Bramall Lane last night.

The England manager had planned — despite the importance of a clash with the 'auld enemy' — to leave out his Manchester United trio of Ray Wilkins, international skip-

per Bryan Robson and Mike Duxbury.

'They have played four matches in nine days and when I heard that they were going to Hong Kong for a friendly last weekend I was not going to consider them at all,' Robson said.

'But we are absolutely at full stretch and I had no option but to include them. They were shattered after their long trip, but they are improving and

should be ready by Saturday.'

Queen's Park Rangers' Terry Fenwick looks set to make his international debut alongside Tottenham's Graham Roberts at the heart of the defence. But there is every possibility now that England will go into the last British Home Championship match with the least experienced side ever fielded.

● SCOTTISH manager

Jock Stein cancelled an afternoon training session yesterday because Tottenham striker Steve Archibald had failed to turn up.

Stein spent a restless day at the Scottish headquarters on the Ayrshire coast waiting for Archibald. He was clearly disappointed that the striker had not turned up, but stressed there would be no reprimands.



LUTHER BLISSETT . . . The latest to join the queue for the treatment room

GLORY, GLORY, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR



Our night of UEFA Cup magic

EXCLUSIVE

Our columnist Chris Hughton re-lives Wednesday night's thrilling Cup Final

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Cox resigns

Derby looking to Newcastle boss

NEWCASTLE UNITED manager Arthur Cox resigned yesterday afternoon — and looks set to take over at Third Division Derby County later today.

Cox, who steered Newcastle back into Division One this season, turned down the offer of a new two-year deal offered to him by the St James' Park board.

'Mr Cox has turned down the offer of a new contract because he was not satisfied with the length of it. We have had no alternative but to regretfully accept his resignation,' Russell Cushing, the club's general manager, said last night.

Signed

Cox had been with the club for four years, signed Kevin Keegan and Terry McDermott, and fashioned an attacking side which scored more than 80 goals to clinch the third promotion spot a fortnight ago.

Last night Derby chairman, Stuart Webb, announced that Cox had

always been the club's first choice as new manager following the departure of Peter Taylor six weeks ago and they would be seeing him later today in the hope of clinching his services.

Cox was looking for a four-year deal at Newcastle, but was also greatly concerned that the club would not build on the Keegan platform and buy four quality players for the new season in Division One.

List

The north-east club is expected to act quickly in appointing a new manager. Among the leading men on the list will be Jack Charlton, presently caretaker boss at nearby Middlesbrough, and former favourite with the fans, Malcolm Macdonald, who resigned as manager of Fulham some months back.

However, another likely candidate now could be Keith Burkinshaw, who has just finished eight successful years with Tottenham and was a coach at Newcastle for five years.