

No takers for failing bank

FROM MARTY MORAN IN CHICAGO

TWO more major US banks have refused to bid for the crisis-ridden Continental Illinois Bank, which almost collapsed last month.

The Chemical Bank said yesterday after looking at the books that it was not interested in purchasing Continental. There was a similar refusal on Tuesday from First Chicago Bank.

Hans Angermuller, chairman of the largest US bank, City Corp, said after examining the accounts that Continental Illinois was too large for any US institution to absorb and it should be broken up and sold off in parts.

Continental is being kept going only by \$2 billion-worth of federal loans and time is running out. In an attempt to speed up the sale, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is holding up further injections of funds.

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The fear now is that Continental will lose its customer base — depositors will simply take their money elsewhere before any long-term solution can be found.

Continental Illinois chairman David Taylor said: 'Our employees are hanging by their thumbs', adding that borrowers and depositors were becoming edgy.

Option

Chemical Bank's refusal to bid was disappointing because it meant 'one less option'. Taylor has turned down several offers to buy the bank on the cheap.

Chemical Bank decided that Continental Illinois would be too risky to purchase. The crux of the problem is said to be funding.

MAC KNIFES PIT TALKS

BY SIMON VEVERS

TALKS between the Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers broke down after 90 minutes yesterday with NUM President Arthur Scargill insisting that the NCB's closure programme be withdrawn.

Scargill blamed the breakdown on NCB chairman Ian MacGregor's 'belligerent attitude' and said he was a 'puppet on a string'. 'Mr MacGregor said this meeting stands adjourned *sine die*. These are his terms, not ours,' he said.

In a television interview after the meeting in Rotherham, Yorkshire, Scargill added: 'It is obvious that the NCB are only prepared to talk about a new plan for coal or an amended plan for coal provided they are allowed to butcher 20,000 jobs and 20 pits as announced on March 6.'

'We have made it clear

we are not prepared to negotiate pit closures. We want an expanded and developing industry in line with the Plan for Coal.'

NUM general secretary Peter Heathfield described the outcome of the third meeting between the two sides as 'stalemate'.

Revealing that no further meetings are planned, the NCB said in a statement that discussions with the NUM 'proved unsuccessful as they started with Mr Scargill's repetition of his demand that the board withdraw totally its plans for the industry which were tabled on March 6.'

Scargill, Heathfield and union vice-president Mick



ARTHUR SCARGILL

McGahey presented the NCB with a 12-page document, saying that agreement on its contents must be reached 'in order to settle the strike and provide a framework for the industry in line with the Plan for Coal'.

The document called for the withdrawal of MacGregor's plans to butcher the industry and an extension, through new investment, of 'the lifespan of every existing colliery'.

The union called for an agreement to substantially increase wages and reverse the trend of the last nine years which had seen 'an erosion of wage rates in the mining industry'.

Other demands in the document included:

● A four-day working week

● An early retirement scheme for miners at 55 with the same terms and conditions as those accepting redundancy

● Consolidation of the incentive bonus payment

● Development of the full 40 million tonnes of new capacity from new pits outlined in the Plan for Coal

Scargill later said he would be telling today's NUM national executive meeting that the Coal Board had 'heavy responsibility for the breakdown be-

cause of their complete refusal to reconsider their decision to axe 20,000 jobs'.

He added: 'We have suggested that Mrs Thatcher is holding the strings and today's puppet on a string antics have emphasised the fact that the government are the ones who are determined to smash the coal-mining industry.'

'We have a very stark choice. We can either accept the Coal Board's butchering, or we can fight until we win the right to jobs and the right for our sons and daughters to have jobs. That is why my members are so solid.'

On his return to London last night NCB Industrial Relations chief Ned Smith said he was 'disappointed' at the outcome of the meeting and added that the NUM leaders put forward the same position 'that they put on March 7 the day after we announced our proposals'.

We'll defy anti-union laws

FROM PAUL FELDMAN IN BRIGHTON

BRITAIN's fourth-largest union yesterday threw down the gauntlet to the Tory government over the anti-union laws.

NALGO, at the centre of struggles against abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan counties and imposed cuts in spending, instructed its executive to defy what many delegates described as Tory class laws.

It came as Employment Secretary Tom King tabled three amendments to toughen up the trade union Bill now going through the House of Lords.

One makes legal immunity conditional on a majority decision in a strike ballot. Two others give individual union members the right to request a personal postal vote, or for a court to order a postal ballot.

Fighting off opposition from general secretary John Daly, the union's annual conference in Brighton endorsed the militant policy by 335,316 to 318,044 votes.

Conference went on to severely criticise Daly and NEC member Ada Madocks for voting against support for the National Graphical Association on the General Council last December.

It was the first time in the history of the 780,000-strong NALGO that its general secretary had been named

NALGO throws down gauntlet

in such a motion. Daly said later that he accepted the decisions of the conference.

TUC general secretary Len Murray was also criticised in a separate motion for repudiating a TUC committee's decision to recommend full support for the NGA.

The motion said that the conference 'realises that

effective trade union action has been rendered unlawful by Tory government legislation which will now be used to drive down wages and break trade union organisation'.

Delegates endorsed the eight points of the special TUC Wembley conference of 1982 as a basis for opposition to the anti-union laws.

The motion added: 'It accepts that support for the principles may involve unlawful activity by NALGO but this will not prevent this union from supporting any activities necessary to defeat any anti-trade union legislation.'

It went on: 'In order to defend our own membership and other trade un-

ionists against the effects of legislation and to achieve the defeat of this and any further legislation, NALGO and the trade union movement must be prepared to make positive breaches of the law and to defy court orders.'

Speaking at a press conference later, Daly admitted that the resolution left the executive 'no room for manoeuvre'.

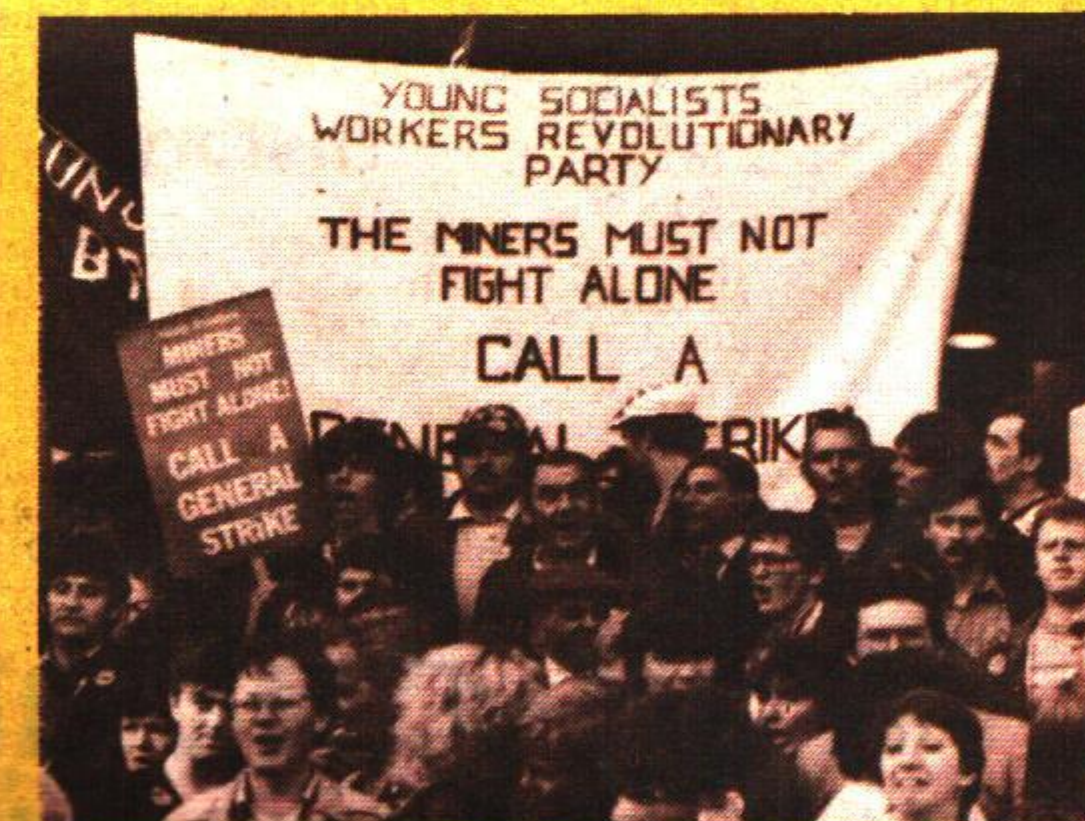
He added: 'Conference reflects the antagonisms to anti-trade-union legislation and what the government is doing to the GLC and the metropolitan counties.'

Daly said the experience of the abolition of trade unions at GCHQ, Cheltenham, was another factor behind the hard line taken by his union.

'The government is creating a civil war situation between the government on the one hand and the trade unions on the other.'



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LONG BUILD-UP TO BL 'RACE' STRIKE

ALMOST all car production at BL's Austin Rover plant at Longbridge, Birmingham, remained at a standstill yesterday because of the 'race row' strike.

The 300 men at Longbridge, who walked out demanding the reinstatement of black forklift truck driver Zedekiah Mills, 55, are due to meet again today.

The foreman swore at him and, Zedekiah alleges, made a racist remark. The foreman has since denied this.

More than 16,500 workers at six BL factories have been laid off because of the dispute. The

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only car model the company is still producing is the Rover saloon at Cowley, Oxford.

Zedekiah told News Line of the events leading up to his sacking: 'There were three incidents. The first occurred two or three months ago.

Track

'My foreman told me to take car bodies off the track and put them on the floor to be worked on. He told me I would be relieved by another man so that I could go for my teabreak.'

Thirty five minutes later he had still not been

relieved so he told the track foreman he would take his break as the floor was now full.

'He said to me: "Don't f...g argue with me here. I tell you what to do and if I had my way, you coloured people wouldn't be working here".'

'I went to see my foreman, who told me not to take any notice and that he was my foreman not him. He agreed to make an appointment for me to see the industrial board but this never happened.

On the second occasion early in May, Zedekiah was emptying pallets in one part of the plant. There was no production going on because of a dis-

pute in another department.

'A German contract worker told me to get out of the gangway and swore at me, calling me a black bastard and told me to get back to the jungle.

'When I answered back he spat at me. I couldn't get the management to do anything about it.'

Other German workers later said they were ashamed of what took place.

Parts

'On May 17 I was moving some parts which were needed urgently for Mini Metros. The gangway was blocked so I asked the foreman to move the Acclaim bodies

out of the gangway then I could get out of the way.

The foreman swore at him and, Zedekiah alleges, made a racist remark.

'When I asked him why he called me that he repeated it.

'I got off the truck and pushed him. He grabbed me by my collar so I did the same and he ripped a button off my donkey jacket.

'I reported the incident to management and as a result I was sacked.

'The local Birmingham paper is attempting to discredit me and make me the centre of the strike, but it is not just black people who are getting a bad deal at Leyland, it's all workers.'

Teachers want early talks

THE National Union of Teachers yesterday formally asked for pay talks with the employers to be brought forward to June 18 from June 22.

Deputy general secretary Doug McAvoy said an earlier meeting would mean 'considerable disruption of schools could be avoided'.

On Monday the local authorities agreed to a recall of the full Burnham pay committee on Friday, June 22.

Agreed

Yesterday, however, the NUT said the college lecturers' union had agreed to forego a pay meeting with the employers on Monday, June 18, so that the school teachers' talks could be brought forward.

McAvoy yesterday wrote to the employers

and Sir John Wordie, independent chairman of the Burnham Committee, formally asking that the talks be brought forward to June 18.

Terms

McAvoy said: 'If the employers' statement issued on Monday is for unconditional arbitration, I see no reason why the terms of reference cannot be speedily agreed at a meeting of Burnham.'

Next week the NUT will stage the fourth in its series of three-day selective strikes.

The action, which will close many schools is planned to begin on June 19.

At the same time the second largest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, will be carrying on with its half-day strikes in selected areas.

Sikh 'government-in-exile'

MONEY and stamps in the name of a state which does not exist were handed out at a press conference in London yesterday when a group of right-wing Sikh activists announced appointments to a Khalistan government-in-exile.

Their president is a doctor from Reading who says he doesn't need money and claims to live on an apple and a glass of milk a day.

Dr Jagjit Singh Chohan told pressmen crammed into the front room of his new headquarters in Kensington that from next Sunday all Sikhs would sleep on the floor

BY JOHN SPENCER

until the massacre at the Golden Temple in Amritsar was avenged.

He implied they would soon be back in their beds, because 'some young person will come forward and take the head of this Mrs Gandhi'. Any Sikh who dared to enter talks with the Gandhi government would suffer a similar fate.

History

Dr Chohan said he was not inciting anyone, but it was a fact of history that Sikhs did not spare their enemies.

His government-in-exile would pay compensation to the families

of Sikh troops and civilians massacred by the army. He called on Christians, Muslims and Sikhs (but significantly not Hindus) to contribute to a bank account in Ealing to finance 'this noble job'.

Dr Chohan said the real death toll in the massacres since June 3 was 10,000. And he demanded to know why the Indian government was refusing to allow foreign correspondents into the Punjab.

He denied that the leader of the occupation of the Golden Temple, Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, was encouraged by Mrs Gandhi's Congress (I) Party to create trouble for the main Sikh bourgeois party, Akali Dal.

Bhindranwale, whose body was found in the temple after the Indian army stormed it, was 'a spiritual man', said Dr Chohan.

Before the June 3 massacre his group represented 'a very small minority' among the Sikhs, Dr Chohan said. But last Sunday's 100,000-strong demonstration through London had unanimously backed the Khalistan slogan.

Reactionary

Sikh workers should be warned about the bigoted and reactionary nature of Dr Chohan's group. His newspaper 'Khalistan Times' is opposed to secularism and contains slighting references to Hindus. One passage states:

'Nobody can mistake a turbanned Sikh with his flowing beard and honest manly bearing for a clean-shaven, caste-ridden, tobacco-chewing, dhoti-clad Hindu gentleman.'

Clearly, Dr Chohan is in the reactionary business of whipping up anti-Hindu prejudice.



Dr JAGJIT SINGH CHOHAN at the press conference in London yesterday

Walk-out at Brel

THE VEHICLE and bodies section of British Rail Engineering in Doncaster, walked out yesterday in a dispute over demarcation.

Management have been trying to introduce work-sharing which the men

are opposed to and a mass meeting of 200 workers yesterday morning decided to go out on strike.

The dispute started last week when the men went on strike for 24-hours.

They returned to work for further talks with management and these broke down yesterday which led to the walkout.

The men will meet again this Friday which involves NUR and T&GWU members.

West German strike talks break down

STUTTGART — Talks on the six-week carworkers' strike broke down yesterday after employers refused to discuss a reduction of the 40-hour week.

More than 300,000 trade unionists who went on strike during the talks have made it clear they wanted the strike escalated.

They demanded the IG Metall engineering union leadership lifted a policy restricting the strike to Stuttgart, in the south.

Locked-out workers in Reutlingen yesterday defied security guards, marched into the Bosch plant and occupied it for several hours.

At the Opel plant in the

northern Ruhr industrial heartland, 18,000 Bochum workers met inside the plant and demanded to join the strike.

Ernst Eisenmann, Stuttgart regional chief of IG Metall, said after the talks 'unbridgeable differences' had emerged.

'I see no starting point for further negotiations as long as employers stick to their "no" to a 35-hour week,' he said.

A convenor at the Dehr factory, Stuttgart, said: 'We maintain the position that there should be no concessions in our strike.

'Otherwise we will be on the losers' side for a long time. All our gains will be reversed.'

More than 400,000 workers have been laid off or locked out although officially only about 58,000 workers in the Stuttgart region are on strike.

'Golly wog' row

THE HOUSE of Commons 'Gollywog' row continued yesterday with a motion from Leyton Labour MP Harry Cohen accusing the Tories of failing to condemn their own 'racist party members'.

On Monday Billericay Tory Harvey Proctor derided attempts by some councils to ban the character in advertising.

PRODUCTION at Fords Dagenham engine plant of the new 1.6 diesel engine is expected to cease this afternoon as the supply of Bosch diesel injection pumps runs out, due to the effects of the 35-hour strike in West Germany.

Fords management say they will maintain the workforce in 'gainful employment' for the time being.

It also called on race relations organisations to 'keep its sticky paws off a traditional, fictional nursery room character much loved by generations of true English children'.

The Greater London Council has banned all 'Golly' products and road safety posters bearing the character were removed last month from Islington Town Hall.

Toy jobs top go

MORE than 100 people are to lose their jobs at the Matchbox toy factory at Rochford, Essex.

The move will make way for a new range of plastic toys with which the Hong Kong-based parent company, International Toys, is hoping to become a brand-leader in Europe.

The company is aiming to challenge the top position for pre-school toys held by Fisher-Price.

There are 280 people working at the Rochford factory but no firm details have been given of the number of redundancies.

The jobs losses will be in die-cast production, which is being moved to another factory. Only the die-cast Yesteryear range will continue to be produced at Rochford.

Managing director at Rochford, George Carey, claimed that despite the redundancies the company was committed long-term to the area.

Carey said an outstanding increase in efficiency had also contributed to the loss of jobs.

Bakeries to close

MOTHER'S Pride bakeries at Chelmsford, Essex, and Rotherham are to be closed in October with the loss of 397 jobs.

British Bakeries, the breadmaking subsidiary of Ranks Hovis McDougall, said the plants were outdated and uneconomic.

Production will be transferred to other bakeries in the group.

And Allied Bakeries has announced that it is shutting its confectionery plant at Barton's bakery, Basildon, Essex. A chain of 59 shops with 327 full-time and 283 part-time jobs will be axed.

General secretary of the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Trade Union Joe Marino warned today that the closures could lead to nationwide industrial action by his members.

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Health workers' fight against privatisation

NUPE members join one day strike

HOSPITAL workers all over London yesterday joined strike action in support of the 90 cleaners at Barking Hospital, east London, who are on strike over wage and hour cuts due to privatisation.

Dozens of workers from different hospitals joined the picket line at Barking, as did Kent miners and their wives.

The women have been out for 13 weeks after private contractors Crothall's told them to accept pay and hour cuts of up to 60 per cent.

Hospitals where members of the health union NUPE came out included the Middlesex, Westminster, Hammersmith, Guys, Newham, Moorfields, Charing Cross and Barking itself.

Three people were arrested on the Barking picket line early in the morning.

From Guys Hospital, NUPE branch secretary Derek Palmer told News Line: 'We at Guys are prepared to fight all the cuts the district health authority are intent on implementing.'

Unions

'What needs to be done is for the unions nationally to get together. Today it's domestics, but tomorrow it will be porters, laboratory assistants, administration and clerical staff.'

'The nurses have just had a pay rise that in essence spells out very clearly what is happening to the NHS.'

'You can have 8 per cent but this is paid out of the authorities' funding, so the nurses will be subsidising their own increase by job losses.'

Annette Barratt, NUPE branch secretary for Greenwich Health Services, said that workers from Greenwich District Hospital had joined the action along with Dreadnought Seamen's hospital and Brook Park hospital.

'It's a danger both to staff and patients with contractors being moved in,' she said. 'There's more risk of infection.'

Decision

'In Greenwich we've got a decision by the district health authority not to comply with the government circular on privatisation — one of 11 — and we want our health authority to understand that the workers in Greenwich health services will not tolerate privatisation in any form.'

Terry Regan, NUPE steward at St Thomas's Hospital, said: 'I'm here to support these women because they've been here for 14 weeks. They've got their pay cut in half and the hospital is not being cleaned properly by the private firm.'

He said St Thomas's NUPE members will hold a meeting on June 19 to discuss more support for the Barking strike.

Mick Foster, NUPE No 1 branch chairman at St Thomas's, said: 'I've never seen so many

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police on a hospital picket line. It's like a walking police station here.

'You can see government policy — it's looking after the police and the interests of the little private contracting firms.'

Barking shop steward Sue Smith said: 'I think the support has been very good and we are going to build on that because it's not just today, it's all part of our rolling programme.'

Another Barking striker said: 'It's the first time I've ever been out on strike but for a cause like this it's necessary. Nobody can survive on the money they wanted to give us.'

Supporters who went into the hospital building said that the state of the toilets were clear evidence of the inadequacy of the standards of cleaning being done by strike breakers.



NUPE members from hospitals all over London yesterday joined the picket line at Barking, east London

Hammersmith faces same fight

HUNDREDS of members of NUPE, COHSE and other unions began an indefinite strike yesterday at West London's Hammersmith hospital over the introduction of privatisation into the hospital's cleaning services.

The strike is also in support of the 90 striking hospital cleaners at Barking hospital.

Tenders from six private companies, including Crothall's and Exclusive, were submitted last week to the Hammersmith Special Health Authority and a decision is expected on June 18.

'The in-house tender She explained that

submitted by the management is disgraceful,' said Lydia Frazer, NUPE branch secretary. 'The management are asking for a 44 per cent cut in pay.'

'Out of the present 123 full-time cleaners, only 15 are to remain on 40 hours per week. The rest are to be reduced to part-time hours.'

'Even with the present staffing numbers we find it virtually impossible to keep the hospital clean. Under the new scheme management want to reduce the numbers drastically.'

under the plan, the number of full-time cleaners would be reduced from 123 to 15. Another 55 cleaners would have their hours cut to 25 a week and a further 89 cleaners would be on 15 hours a week. Their hours will be spread over a seven-day, not a six-day week.

The plan involves an overall reduction of staff from 197 full and part time to 159, almost totally part time.

'Even with these numbers of hours, there is no guarantee they will be needed every day,' said Lydia.



Pickets outside Hammersmith hospital, where a second strike against privatisation began yesterday

'Lifers' spend longer in jail

BY SUE LAIRD

FEWER life sentence prisoners were recommended for early release from prison, last year the Parole Board reported yesterday.

During 1983, 110 'lifers' including 88 convicted of murder, nine of manslaughter, two of rape and six of arson, were recommended for parole, compared with 133 in 1982.

But Home Secretary Leon Brittan, who, last November, announced a get-tough prison policy for violent criminals, blocked release of 15 of those put forward.

It is likely that statistics for the current year will further reflect Brittan's tough stance against violent crime.

The Home Secretary has

said that murderers of police or prison officers, terrorist killers, sexual or sadistic murderers of children and armed robbers who kill, will now serve at least 20 years.

Also, killers outside these categories 'may merit no less punishment to mark the seriousness of the offence,' he told MPs last year.

In addition, Brittan announced a restriction of parole for prisoners serving more than five years for offences of violence or drug trafficking.

The Parole Board's annual report, published today, shows that 10,077 non-life sentence prisoners

were eligible for parole during 1983 compared with 5,180 the previous year.

The parole selection rate for 1983 was 56.1 per cent compared with the 1982 rate of 56.3 per cent.

The average length of parole granted in 1983 was eight months and two days, 21 days shorter than in the previous year.

During 1983, 512 breached parole, compared with 593 in 1982, and were sent back to prison.

This represented 9.5 per cent of those recommended for parole, compared with 11.5 per cent in 1982.

Of those recalled, 238 had been convicted of a further offence: the figure for 1982 was 294.

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DOORS OPEN 12 NOON

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Sydney Stringer
Community School
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to visit
Havana

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson plans to visit Panama, Nicaragua and Cuba from June 23-28 to 'Promote peace in the western hemisphere.'

Arrested

WASHINGTON — Two men, one carrying an air gun in a paper bag, were arrested outside vice-president George Bush's home where President Reagan was attending Bush's 60th birthday party.

Executed

OUAGADOUGOU — Seven people accused of plotting to overthrow Upper Volta leader Thomas Sankara have been executed.

Tour

MANAGUA — The political coordinator of Nicaragua's ruling national Sandinist liberation front, commander Bayardo Arce, has left for a European tour.

Missile

PEKING — The Chinese army has set up a strategic nuclear missile wing, according to Han Huaizhi, the assistant to the army's chief of general staff.

Future

PEKING — China and the British government yesterday announced they were setting up a full-time working group to help bring about an early agreement on the future of Hong Kong.

World News Line

IMF SET TO REJECT
ALFONSIN'S TERMS

WASHINGTON — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is expected to reject the Argentine government's Letter of Intent which refuses to submit to the harsh austerity plans of the Western bankers.

The stubborn approach of President Raul Alfonsin's government is causing dread in world banking circles.

It is now certain that no agreement will be reached before the deadline set for the end of this

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month for the repayment of \$500 million.

It means that outstanding loans to Argentina will have to be entered as 'non-performing' in bank ledgers.

Liquidity

The impact of this could crack the liquidity of a number of American and West European banks and start a run on the banks.

'It's evident we are

going to live in some tense times,' one banker said, while another commented: 'The situation is very delicate.'

Argentine Economy Minister Bernardo Grinspun confirmed that the Letter of Intent proposes a 5 per cent increase in Gross Domestic Product and 6 to 8 per cent real increase in pay.

This is anathema to the IMF which is demanding the savage implementation of cuts in government spending and real living standards.

Asked what Argentina would do if the IMF re-

jected the Letter of Intent, Grinspun replied: 'I like to act in accordance with reality, and the only real thing is that Argentina has submitted a Letter of Intent to the IMF.'

Programme

The Alfonsin government took the unprecedented step of sending its economic programme to the IMF without prior fund approval. In other words, it is laying down its own terms and not volunteering to climb into the IMF's straitjacket.

One official of the

Reagan administration complained: 'It isn't clear what the intent of Argentina is. But we're viewing it as a step in the negotiating process rather than a unilateral act.'

Even if the IMF rejects the Argentine package, Alfonsin's government is hoping to have direct talks with its commercial bank creditors.

Adolfo Canitrot, under-secretary for planning, said: 'We still want to pay our debts and if the banks are realistic they will agree to negotiate rather than risk confrontation.'

Mandela's
third
decade

JOHANNESBURG — Nelson Mandela and seven other leaders of the banned African National Congress this week began the third decade of life sentences for plotting the overthrow of the white minority regime.

The eight were sentenced 20 years ago on Tuesday on charges of sabotage and plotting violent revolution.

The group, which includes one white, Dennis Goldberg, led the high command of Umkhonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the armed wing of the ANC.

Mandela was jailed in 1961 for five years and sentenced to life imprisonment three years later together with the other seven — Walter Sisulu, Raymond Mhlaba, Ahmed Kathrada, Goldberg, Andrew Mlangeni, Govan Mbeki and Elias Motsoaledi.

Solidarity
leaders
face trial

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

WARSAW — Four of Poland's best-known political prisoners will stand trial next month accused of plotting to overthrow the state.

Jacek Kuron, Adam Michnik, Zbigniew Romaszewski and Henryk Wujec, all former advisers to the outlawed Solidarity trade union movement, will appear in Warsaw's district military court on July 13.

Government officials declined comment, but the trial date was confirmed by Kuron's son Maciek.

The four, who were also members of the disbanded KOR group of dissident intellectuals, are currently held at Warsaw's Rakowiec jail with seven solidarity leaders. No date for the trial of the seven has been set.

Prison

Most of the 11 have been in prison since Solidarity was suppressed under martial law in December 1981.

On Monday, Kuron, 50, began to refuse food, demanding either to go on trial or to be freed without conditions.

The decision to take the four KOR leaders to court follows a long series of abortive negotiations involving the church and the bureaucracy.

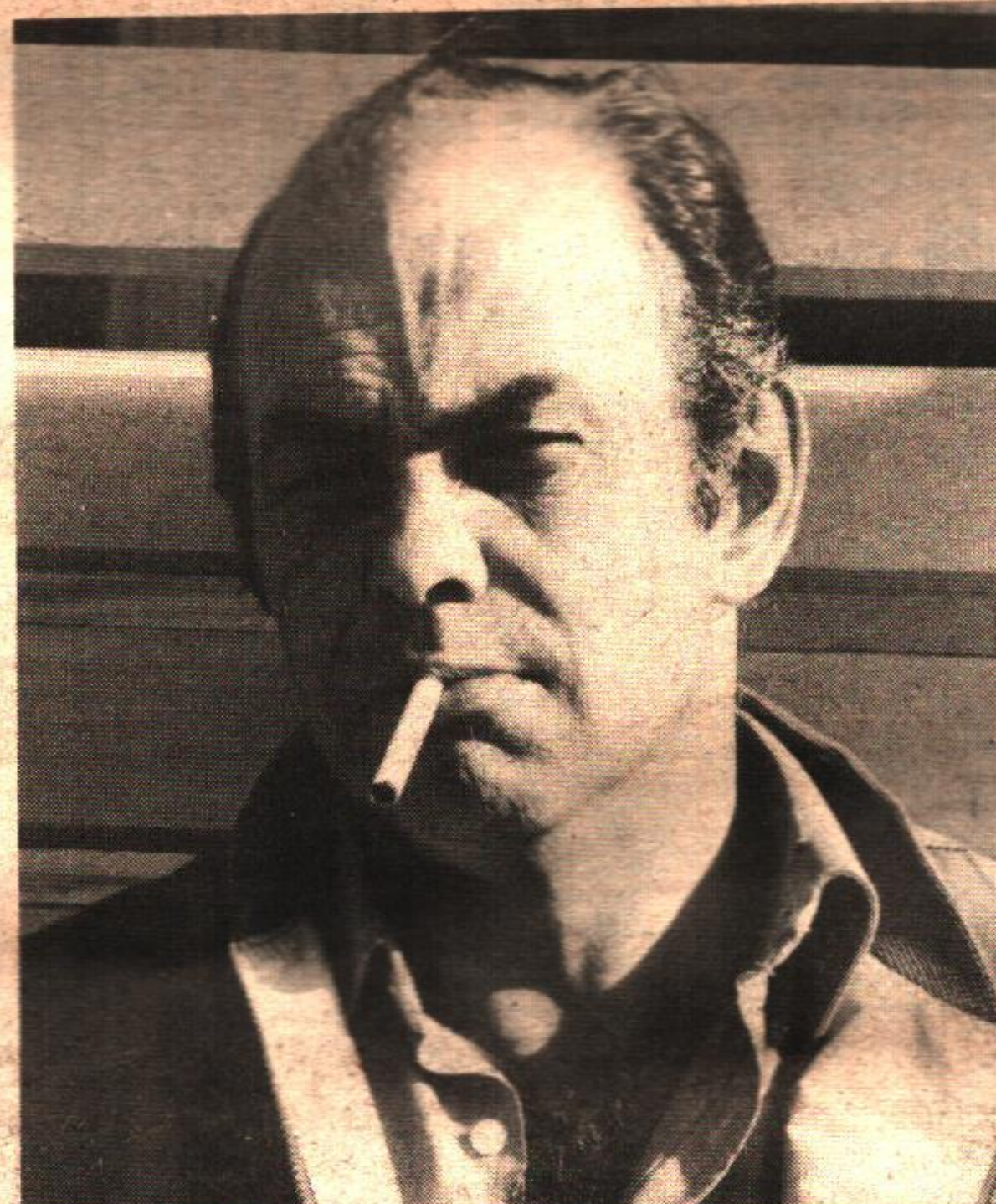
Kuron and Michnik, 37, have steadfastly opposed a deal which would involve renouncing political activities in Poland in return for their release.

Arrest

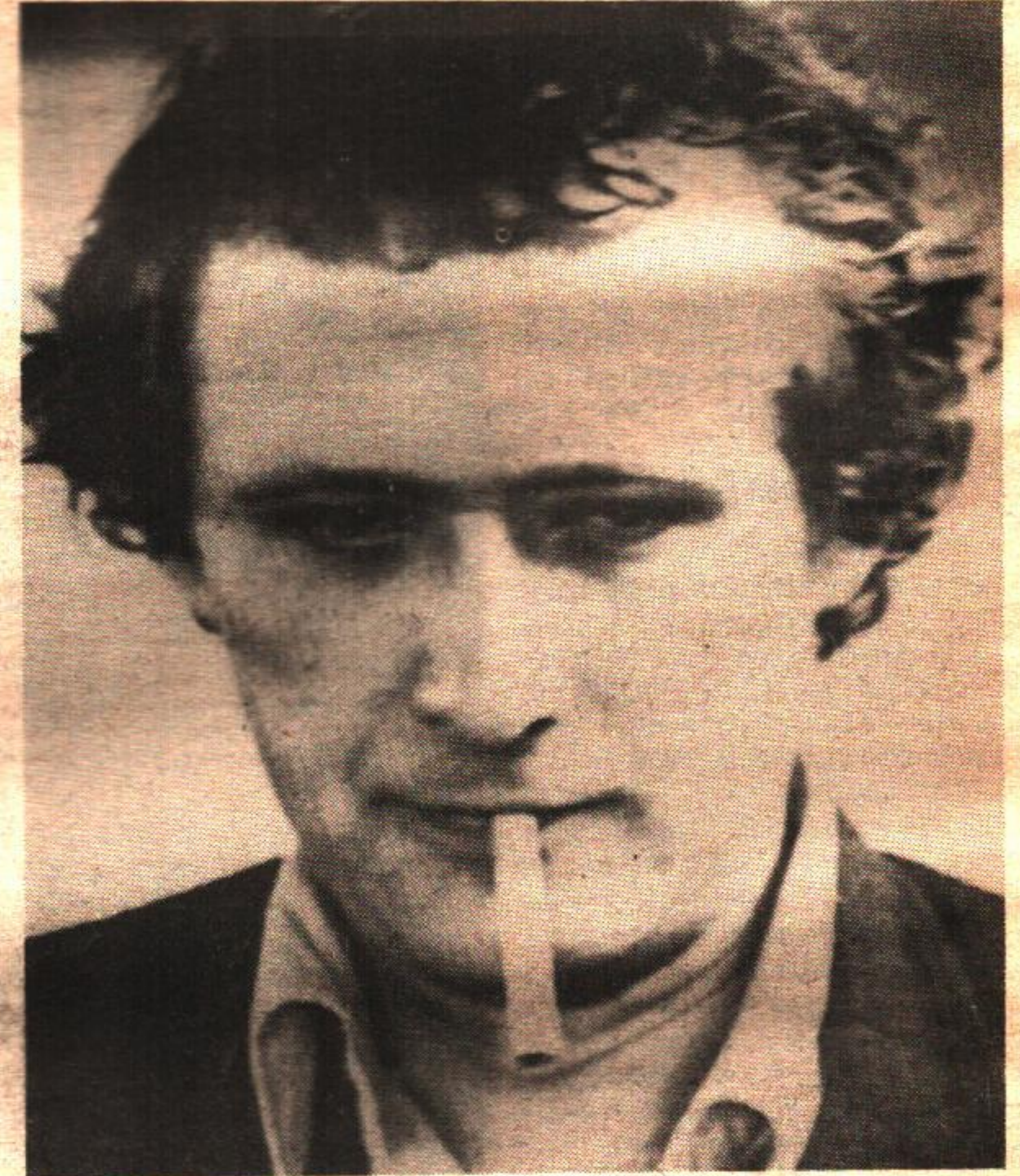
The government has also announced that a captured member of Solidarity's underground leadership, Bogdan Lis, is under investigative arrest for organising opposition to the state.

Lis, 32, was arrested on June 8. Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa described his capture as 'a great loss'.

Stalinist spokesman Jerzy Urban said one charge related to a tape-recorded speech Lis made in the early days of martial law 'calling on people to take part in a general strike and reduce the level of the country's military defence readiness'.



JACEK KURON



ADAM MICHNIK

SWAPO case
against Tories

THE SOUTH West African People's Organisation (SWAPO) will bring a law suit against the Thatcher government over uranium imports from Namibia's Rossing mine.

SWAPO officials said the imports, by the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB), were illegal under a United Nations decree covering the protection of Namibia's natural resources.

Namibia is ruled by South Africa in defiance of the UN, but SWAPO said

that when the territory became independent it would sue the CEGB. The Board's contract, for 7,500 tonnes of uranium oxide, expires at the end of this year.

SWAPO's statement is a background document in a major inquiry into the proposed new nuclear power station at Sizewell on the east coast of England.

It forms part of the case being brought against the proposed plant this week by independent researcher Rob Rosenthal.

Sri Lanka censorship

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka's government has imposed press censorship on reports dealing with Tamil nationalist organisations.

A government spokesman claimed the move was to prevent popular reaction against demonstrators protesting at the invitation to Israel to give expert advice on anti-guerrilla tactics.

President Jayewardene

said last weekend the invitation to Mossad would not be withdrawn despite protests in which more than 40 people were injured.

The spokesman said censorship would apply to foreign correspondents' despatches as well as to the local press.

It would cover matters relating to Tamil guerrillas, security operations

Support for
Peru strike

LIMA — Peru's civil servant stoppage, now in its tenth day, has been backed by railway and justice department workers who began 24-hour strikes despite an official crackdown on demonstrations.

Traffic

Rail traffic was paralysed throughout southern Peru and work at the Justice Ministry was suspended in sympathy strikes. The civil service stoppage has closed most

schools and several ministries.

Civil servants want a 150-per-cent pay rise bringing monthly salaries to the equivalent of £120. The government in reply decreed a 30-day state of emergency last weekend banning demonstrations and suspending constitutional rights.

Para-military police acting under government orders this week used tear gas to break up five strikers' rallies, the civil guard said. Eyewitnesses said at least 10 demonstrators were arrested.

Demand

In Peru's second city of Arequipa, industrial workers and some bus drivers struck to demand more than \$100 million in government aid for the region.

The strike was supported by the local mayor, who last Sunday led a takeover of nearby highway toll booths belonging to the Transport Ministry.

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SIKH MUTINEERS WILL BE HANGED

BOMBAY — Sikh soldiers who have revolted against the government's military atrocity at Punjab's Golden Temple of Amritsar will be hanged, an Indian army chief said yesterday.

Chief of Southern Command Lieutenant-General T.S. Oberoi said: 'The mutineers will be tried and, if found guilty, will be hanged.'

'They have learnt a bitter lesson. No-one dare revolt in the Indian army.'

The decision to hang the rebelling Sikh soldiers is certain to spark more revolts in an army that faces a crisis of confidence of unprecedented proportions.

Sikh soldiers have mutinied in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat Jammu and Kashmir and in the tiny north-eastern Himalayan state of Tripura.

The army said more than 42 rebelling Sikh soldiers had been killed, about 32 wounded and more than 500 rounded up.

Oberoi denied officers had joined the revolt and said the rebelling soldiers comprised 'a negligible fraction' of the 80,000 Sikhs under his command.

Sikhs comprise 10 per cent of India's army of one million.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said the latest revolt had occurred in Agartala, capital of Tripura, where Sikh troops incited by the Amritsar atrocity set off for the Punjab.

Most are reported to have been returned to barracks and are awaiting court martial.

More than 3,000 people have been rounded up in a statewide crackdown in Punjab and Chandigarh.

Savage

Thousands of rural workers, farmers and peasants are continuing to defy the savage repression and curfew laws of shoot on sight and flooding into Amritsar.

Clashes and running battles continue as Punjab hurls stones and fight Border Security Forces (BSF) and Central Reserve Police Forces (CRPF) everywhere in Punjab and neighbouring states.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has ordered the army to fly some reliable supporters of her regime to the Golden Temple to try to persuade people against imminent mass gatherings in the holy city.

The army claims the exercise is successful and that schools and offices have reopened in 'many parts of the state' but reports prove the reverse in the state which remains sealed off from the rest of the country.

Mrs Gandhi on Monday stepped up a propaganda barrage of lies, accusing

a 'foreign hand' of responsibility.

'Arms poured in from other countries were stored in the Golden Temple complex... our development is not tolerable to some other countries,' All-India Radio quoted her as telling an open-air meeting.

In Amritsar, a spokesman for the army said divers had uncovered a very high frequency transmitter, a teleprinter, four light machine guns and 110 other guns from the manmade lake around the temple.

They had also found a box of diamonds and cash worth \$150,000.

The 'foreign hand' accusation is a dirty lie. Places of worship traditionally store vast amounts of money collected in daily donations of cash and kind by the thousands of pilgrims who treat these shrines as places of refuge and solace.



Sikhs in London protest against the attack on the Golden Temple

French firm collapses

PARIS — About 29,000 workers will be made jobless because the Mitterrand government has decided to crash the bankrupt Creusot-Loire, the heavy-engineering company.

Company executives held two days of talks with the Socialist-Communist Party coalition government but announced yesterday they had failed to win new aid and had decided to place the company in receivership.

In April Creusot-Loire filed for court protection from its creditors and had until yesterday to present a 'recovery plan'.

Its chairman, Didier Pineau-Valencienne, obtained full powers from the board on Monday to apply for bankruptcy.

A government-bank rescue package of \$715 million last November failed to resolve the crisis of the nuclear, heavy materials and metals manufacturer.

Creusot-Loire's crisis reached breaking point when the government rejected its application in April for a further state hand-out of \$357 million.

Like all manufacturing industry, Creusot-Loire was badly hit by the slump in the steel industry.

Mitterrand has already faced industrial action by thousands of steelworkers in the industrial Lorraine basin and the car industry in the Paris region because of his programme of mass sackings.

Gaddafi denounces US arrogance

TRIPOLI — American imperialism will sustain further losses in the Arab homeland just as it did in Libya, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi told cheering crowds marking the 14th anniversary of the expulsion of US forces from Wheelus air base.

'We are confident, on the basis of the experiences of history, that the agents of America in the Arab homeland will inevitably fall as the No.1 agent (former King) Idris as-Sanussi fell,' Gaddafi said.

Revolution

The British and US-backed Sanussi throne was toppled by the popular revolution led by Gaddafi on September 1, 1969. The following year US forces in Libya were expelled.

He told cheering crowds: 'If America was capable of protecting its agents it would have protected Idris as-Sanussi.'

'Its bases in the Arab homeland will be demolished as its bases on Libyan soil were demolished. That is inevitable.'

'I say that as America was dreaming of staying on Libyan soil for dozens of years and was disappointed, she is now

dreaming of returning to this base.'

'And we, on our part, are determined to resist America, to foil America's attempt, to thwart America's will and to smash America's nose on Arab territory, which belongs to us, the land of our ancestors.'

'We shall fight from the Gulf to the (Indian) Ocean, and to hell with America a thousand times.'

Gaddafi said there was no possibility of reaching an understanding with the US government because it was 'afflicted by arrogance and megalomania'.

He scorned the Arab leaders who walked in the footsteps of the traitor Anwar Sadat, the executed Egyptian president.

'The Arab rulers who prevent Arab unity are agents of America, servants of America,' he said. 'They are placed by America to serve her interests.'

'They are America's donkeys upon which America rides in order to penetrate the Arab homeland, in every kingdom, republic and sultanate.'

He launched a scathing attack on a US congressional document attacking the Libyan Jamahiriyah and its foreign policy. 'Libya is not a state of the USA,' Gaddafi said.

'What business do they have in preparing a re-

port on Libya and debating it? We are a free country in North Africa and in the Arab world. What business have they got preparing a report about us?'

He said the 25-page report condemned Libya's close relations with the Soviet Union. 'They are angry about that,' he said. 'How about that?'

'They want us to con-

sult America about our relations with the Soviet Union or China or India — whether we should have relations with those countries or not.'

'This is what America wants us to do. You Americans — cowboys — what business is this of yours? We shall not abandon our principles even if the whole world is against us.'

He said that world imperialism through the capitalist press continuously showed its hatred of the Libyan revolution and called for its overthrow as well as his own assassination.

'Libya has become more dangerous than the Soviet Union as far as America is concerned,' he added.

Gaddafi continued:

'The cards in the hands of those Arab countries they call conservative or moderate are false and spent. They have been burned.'

'What remains then? The only card that remains is that of revolution. The card of revolution is the trump card.'

'Revolution is no longer a matter of choice. It is the only course.'

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TOMORROW: Ron Todd INTERVIEW

RON TODD, candidate for the post of general secretary of the T&GWU transport union, speaks about the role of the unions in the miners' fight in tomorrow's News Line.

Counter staff fight Post Office closures

BY PENNY BLOOR

COUNTER staff at 370 post offices in London will strike today against the threatened closure of 30 main post offices.

The Union of Communication Workers has called the three-hour official strike of counter staff in main post offices throughout London.

Counter staff in about 370 offices will walk out during the busy lunchtime period from 11.30a.m. to 2.30p.m.

Yesterday, staff in north and east London took unofficial action to coincide with the closure of the first post office, at

Knightsbridge.

About 240 jobs are at stake if the planned closures go ahead.

Union leader for the counter staff, Ernie Dudley, said that management was breaking a productivity agreement by going ahead with the closure of Knightsbridge.

He pointed out that the union had negotiated an agreement to save 600 jobs through productivity deals in order to keep

open all but 5 per cent of post offices in three years.

The union had asked for an extension when they heard about the closure of Knightsbridge in April.

Jobs

They had offered to save four jobs elsewhere to keep the Knightsbridge office open with eight jobs.

'They've reneged on a guarantee they gave us,' said Dudley.

Originally, in early May, a figure of 50 offices was mentioned. The post office has now indicated that 30 offices will go in London, probably over a period of two years. None of the post offices have been named.

Dudley said: 'It will have the effect of reducing the service to the public.'

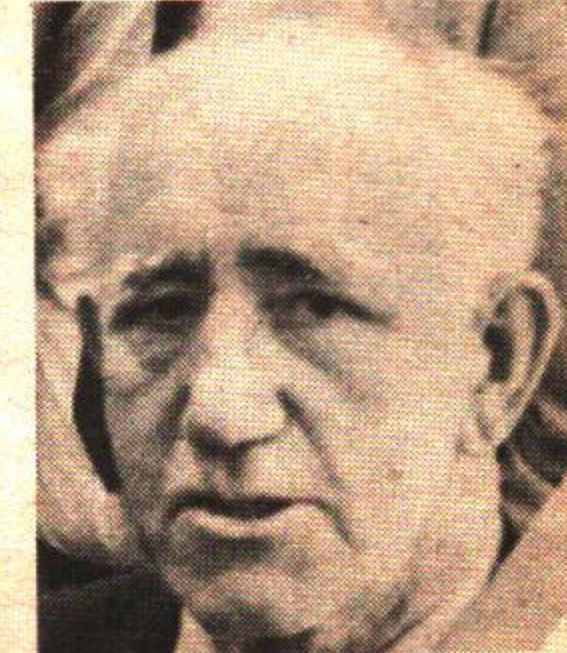
BILL DONOVAN'S FUNERAL TODAY

THE funeral of BILL DONOVAN will take place today, at 3.30p.m. at East London Cemetery, Grange Road, Plaistow, E13.

The procession will leave from the courtyard of Garford House, Milligan Street, Limehouse, E14, at 2.45p.m.

Bill died of cancer on Sunday June 3, in Ashbourne hospital, Derbyshire, aged 62. He was a member of the Millwall, east London, branch of the Workers Revolutionary Party for six years.

Bill was born and lived all his life in Poplar, in London's East End.



Before he became ill, he worked in Hackney college as a maintenance technician. He was well-known throughout Tower Hamlets as a seller of the News Line.

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STATEMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL

THE International Committee of the Fourth International (ICFI) demands the immediate and unconditional release of Comrade Ananda Wakkumbura, editor of 'Workers Path', twice-weekly paper of the Revolutionary Communist League (RCL), Sri Lankan Section of the International Committee of the Fourth International.

Comrade Ananda was arrested on Friday, May 18, by the Colombo police on a trumped-up charge of 'campaigning to divide the country'.

The police, acting on a complaint from a shopkeeper, have secured a detention order from the Defence Ministry to keep him in custody for three months.

This is the second time that the police have tried to arrest and frame our comrade.

After the July 1983 pogrom against Tamils in Colombo, Jaffna and

other towns, Comrade Ananda was falsely accused by the police and asked to present himself in the north of the country for arrest and trial.

The RCL successfully defied this order in court.

Now, after the recent massacres by the Sri Lankan air force and army in Jaffna, the Jayewardene regime is

desperately looking for a left-wing scapegoat for its own criminal activities against the terrorised Tamil minority.

This happens at a time when the regime has invited terror and torture experts from the Zionist Mossad secret service to train Sri Lankan troops in clear preparation for genocid-

al war against Tamils.

We call on European, American, Australian and Asian trade unionists and progressives to campaign for Comrade Ananda Wakkumbura's release and the cessation of all repression of the Tamils and the withdrawal of all armed forces from the Tamil areas.

- Down with the pro-imperialist UNP regime of Junius Jayewardene!
- Release all political prisoners!

June 13, 1984

Lothian private beds row

BY CHRIS CORRIGAN

AN investigation has begun at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary into excessive use of beds by private patients.

The inquiry by Lothian health board has started only after the leaking this week of a confidential memorandum stating that the law was being broken because of the numbers involved.

Headed 'Private Resident Patients', the memo was sent last March to all consultants at the Infirmary by Ian Puckering, the hospital administrator.

Breach

He wrote: 'Consistently since early summer 1983 the Royal Infirmary has been in breach of the NHS (Scotland) 1980 Act because of the insistence of certain consultant staff to admit private patients over the legally authorised limit.'

The memo also said: 'I am concerned that, following the recent publicity of police inquiries at a South Wales hospital, the continued breach of the law here may result in investigation of the situation should it ever become known.'



Scottish health service workers on the march against low pay and cuts

'You will know that the authorised limit is two beds, but frequently there are three or as many as five beds in use, even though the consultants concerned have been informed of the situation by the medical records officer.'

The memo was sent anonymously to the ASTMS trade union.

ASTMS Scottish divisional officer Gordon Craig pointed to the recent sacking of a hospital ancillary worker after he was accused of stealing two pints of milk.

A small minority of consultants were lining their own pockets and NHS patients were meanwhile having to wait longer for use of NHS facilities.

'It is obtaining financial gain illegally. It is as simple and as straightforward as that,' Craig continued. 'The vast majority of the 250 consultants at the Royal Infirmary who obeyed the law would be angry at being tarred with the same brush.'

'I want the consultants named and I want them dealt with,' he added.

Blackburn NHS cuts hit young and old

A GERIATRIC hospital in Blackburn will be closed and 24 NHS beds transferred to private nursing homes.

Assistant divisional officer of the health union NUPE in Lancashire, John Dempsey, condemned the plans along with proposals to shut the children's ward at Accrington Victoria Hospital.

Manipulated

He accused the Blackburn, Hyndburn and Ribbles Valley Health Authority of being 'manipulated by a small group of consultants into throwing elderly infirm patients into the private sector at a cost to the taxpayer of £150 per week per resident' in a 'deliberate calculated attempt to break up the NHS in Blackburn'.

'As for the closure of the children's ward at Accrington Victoria Hospital — anyone who feels it is right to deprive children the right to local treatment and a visit from Mum and Dad is sick themselves.'

Paul Feldman at the NALGO conference in Brighton

Delegates vote to defy Tory anti-union laws

**NALGO
condemn
Tories**

A STRONG motion condemning the anti-union laws and committing NALGO to defy them was carried against the wishes of the national executive at the union's annual conference in Brighton yesterday.

A card vote showed 335,316 votes in favour of the motion and 318,044 against — a majority of 17,000.

The motion arose out of the split by NALGO's General Council members when the TUC refused to support the National Graphical Association in its battle with Eddie Shah and the anti-picketing laws.

Anniversary

Moving the successful motion, Dennis Maginn, North Wales and North West District Council, said the labour movement had just commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

Now the Tory government was abusing power in an attempt to make the trade unions 'useless and impotent'.

He added: 'A just law should be obeyed, but a law placed on the statute books by a minority for minority interests to undermine democratic rights morally and justifiably must be disobeyed.'

He said to defy government policy over abolition for example was now an illegal act.

Defeat

Maginn said that existing TUC policy approved at the special conference at Wembley in 1982 would enable the movement to take on and defeat the government if the will was there.

John Grey, South West district, said that the union could not afford a 'negative and spineless response to the situation'.

Opposing the motion on behalf of the NEC Bill Gill said NALGO could not be

bound in advance, but each case had to be 'treated on its merits'.

The union had to fight on the battleground it chose instead of the one selected by the Thatcher government.

Raeburn McLuckie, Scottish District Council, said the NEC offered 'only an appearance of resolve to fight', adding: 'They are completely conscious that it is an illusion.'

Another motion was carried which severely criticised general secretary John Daly and NEC member Ada Maddocks for voting against support for the NGA on the General Council last December 14.

Failed

Seeking to explain away the position Daly talked of a problem with seating arrangements at the General Council meeting. The NALGO delegation sat in separate places.

This having failed to convince the majority of the conference, he then tried to prove that there had been a campaign of intimidation and abuse against him after the vote.

This had included late-night phonecalls and a demonstration by Kent social workers protesting at the vote at the General Council.

By this time Daly had clearly lost the delegates and the third request for an extension to his speech was rejected by the conference in an astounding move.



Part of the audience at the NALGO conference Brighton

'Time limit' on cheap labour scheme

NALGO may withdraw support from the cheap labour Youth Training Scheme by March 1985.

The union's annual conference meeting in Brighton yesterday heard repeated attacks on YTS with National Executive speakers admitting the time is approaching when NALGO would ask the TUC to pull out of the scheme.

There was particular condemnation of the stopping or reduction of supplementary benefit of those who refuse to join the YTS.

One of the several motions passed declared that the union opposed benefit lost in this way.

Attempt

In the event of the Tories not abandoning this 'fine', NALGO should attempt to persuade the TUC to withdraw recognition of YTS.

The conference agreed that careers staff would not complete any documentation or reveal information about young people refusing YTS, which could be used by government departments.

In moving the national executive motion David Stockford said that if the government would not do anything to raise the £25 a

week allowance or drop compulsion then 'on behalf of young people' the trade union movement must withdraw support.

He added: 'We would call through the TUC to tell the government we will have no more.'

He added: 'This government will not listen to reasoned argument.'

Some speakers supported another motion which sought 'improvements' in YTS and opposed withdrawal.

Claire McArthur, Scotland, said the NEC motion offered no campaign on YTS.

Judith Crabtree, a member of the NEC, but speaking against their motion, said withdrawal from YTS would play into the government's hands.

She added: 'YTS is not perfect, but it can be improved.'

Ian Harrison, Bloomsbury Health Branch, said: 'YTS is building a cheap labour front to smash trade unions and to complement the police attacks against picketing.'

He said: 'Neither the motion, nor a special report on YTS mentions the number of deaths of youth on the schemes, nor its

introduction into the schools.'

Harrison said: 'This government is aiming to produce a generation of youth who are de-skilled, de-classed and opposed to the trade unions.'

Youth would want to know why NALGO and the trade union leaders had collaborated with the government instead of fighting for full employment at full rates of pay.

Mike Scott, Nottinghamshire, said YTS was a 'con', adding: 'The answer is to refuse to give the YTS the seal of approval of NALGO.'

Dirty

'Let's not do the government's dirty work, however reluctantly we do it.'

Support for going to the TUC to demand an end to the backing for the YTS came from Steve Goodman, Leicestershire.

He said: 'If we want school leavers to fight alongside us, we must fight for them for jobs and against the exploitation by YTS.'

Attempts to amend the NEC motion to reaffirm last year's policy to non-acceptance of schemes at

local level, unless severe conditions were met was lost 3-2 on a show of hands.

The final motion adopted said: 'Conference calls on the TUC to

seek immediate improvements and if unsuccessful, to consult affiliated unions with a view to withdrawing support from the Youth Training Scheme.'

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Close down steel plants

MINERS' president Arthur Scargill is absolutely right to call for a halt to coal supplies to the steelworks because in the struggle for jobs the miners and steelmen are facing a common class enemy — the Tory government and the capitalist state.

For the last 14 weeks the Thatcher government has done everything it can to keep the miners isolated in a sectional dispute. So all those union leaders who secured a resumption of supplies to Llanwern steelworks are wrong because the miners and steelmen should be united in a common struggle.

Some union leaders said that they did not want to place Llanwern in jeopardy because this could lead to the closure of pits. The same argument was used to give dispensation at the Ravenscraig works in Scotland.

But there is a basic and fatal flaw in this policy. It will not save a single job in either the coal or steel industries because the threat to the future of Llanwern and Ravenscraig comes from the Tory government and the capitalist slump, not the miners.

The miners are on strike for a principle — the right to a job. Therefore they are fighting on behalf of the whole working class, particularly those workers in related industries such as steel and rail and the 4 million unemployed.

Of course the strike means that some pits may become unworkable. And of course the picketing of steelworks and the blacking of coal will lead to the closure of steelworks. But this is a life-and-death struggle between the working class and a ruthless Bonapartist dictatorship whose aim is to crush the miners' union and the basic democratic rights and living standards of the whole working class.

Therefore the miners cannot fight the capitalist state in the form of the Tory-run National Coal Board while collaborating and making deals with the Tory-run British Steel Corporation.

All steelworks must be shut down and steelworkers must come out on strike alongside the miners to confront their common class enemy.

But the mobilisation of support behind the miners must not stop there. It requires the organisation of the whole working class in a General Strike. This is the only way to overcome sectional divisions, end the isolation of the miners, and unite the working class to fight the Thatcher government and the capitalist state.

EEC poll fraud

POLLING takes place today in the European parliament elections. The poll is an expensive political fraud designed to legitimise British capitalism's membership of the Common Market.

Common Market membership has brought nothing for the working class except stepped-up exploitation, industrial devastation and sky-high prices, particularly for food. It is favoured only by the big monopolies, who have been able to expand their market on the Continent behind tariff barriers.

Thatcher's Bonapartist regime favours the closest ties with the west European states to allow a co-ordinated struggle against the working class throughout the EEC. The Labour Party under Neil Kinnock has abandoned the demand for British withdrawal from the EEC and tacitly bowed to the monopolists' demands.

Despite vast expenditure, much of it direct from Brussels, the parliamentary parties have never been able to persuade more than a minority of the electorate to turn out and vote.

All the indications are that the turn-out today will be equally low — an eloquent comment on how the majority of workers view this political charade.

The Workers Revolutionary Party is totally opposed to the Euro-elections. We stand for withdrawal from the Common Market. We urge workers to boycott the European election because its only purpose is to strengthen the conspiracy of the big monopolies against the European working class.

CALL A GENERAL STRIKE

Pickets arrested after police provocation

BY BEN RUDDER

SEVERAL striking miners were arrested yesterday after police provocations at Shirebrook and Harworth collieries in Nottinghamshire.

At Harworth, where 1,200 miners mounted a midday picket, police refused to allow men back to their cars and encircled them. The arrests were made as men tried to get to their vehicles.

Mounted police were also sent into a section of the pickets as blacklegs passed by.

A miner was also arrested at Markham colliery where over 300 pickets gathered. And another picket was arrested at the

Avenue coking works at Wingerworth.

Miners suspect that this coking plant may become a source for coke bound for Scunthorpe when reserves run short at Orgreave.

Two miners were also arrested at the Shirebrook rail depot, where another ten railmen were sent home for refusing to move scab coal.

Depot

The NUR rail union members at the depot who support the miners set up their own one-man picket yesterday.

Despite British Rail claims that most of the

coal being mined by blacklegs in Nottinghamshire is still being shifted, NUR members told News Line that coal traffic through the depot was down by over 50 per cent.

Meanwhile, the coke convoy is still running twice daily between the Orgreave coking plant and the Scunthorpe steel works.

And large amounts of Polish coal were being unloaded from the Flixborough wharf on the Trent yesterday, only a few miles from the steelworks.

A continuous shuttle of scab lorries were at work, with a truck leaving the wharf about every three minutes during the morning.

Miners last night set up

a picket at the wharf after hearing reports that the picket line had been neglected throughout the day.

A fire broke out in the Bentley colliery near Doncaster yesterday, and talks between the union and management to arrange a rescue team were taking place in the afternoon.

Close

The Coal Board have announced that they may close the entire colliery if the present fire proves uncontrollable.

Over 1,000 men work at the pit. One face has already been lost through fire damage early in the dispute, and the Board is claiming that every miner's job will have to go if the current fire is not put out.



Pickets at Harworth colliery



NUPE members and miners pose for a picture during the Wales day of action on Tuesday

LIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Confront strike-breakers yesterday



Pickets hemmed in by police at Shirebrook colliery yesterday

Hospital workers give full support

BY SIMON VEVERS

HOSPITAL workers and railwaymen were prominent on Tuesday's 12,000-strong march in Cardiff, which was the high point of a day of action in Wales in support of the NUM.

NUPE shop steward Rose Bowen came with a busload of workers from the Park Hospital in Bridgend and was adamant that the time had come for the TUC to call a General Strike to back the miners.

'Everyone should be out on strike. We should support the miners all the way because if Thatcher wins against them then other unions may as well give in.'

'We know about pit closures in our area because all the collieries have been shut down. What we're left with is dead valleys and no jobs for our youngsters, that's what the Tories have done.'

'The miners helped us during our dispute, many of them lost money for coming out for a few days, so we are returning that support.'

Rose felt that the TUC had 'not been militant enough' and had failed to give adequate backing to



Hospital ancillary workers were among the many trade unionists who joined the march through Cardiff

NHS staff during their pay dispute and to other workers in struggle.

'We are now facing privatisation and will need all the backing we can get. If it goes through it would mean half of us losing our jobs.'

'The government thinks

that by bringing in private contractors you can clean a hospital with half the number of workers, but you can't. Really they are after cheap labour.'

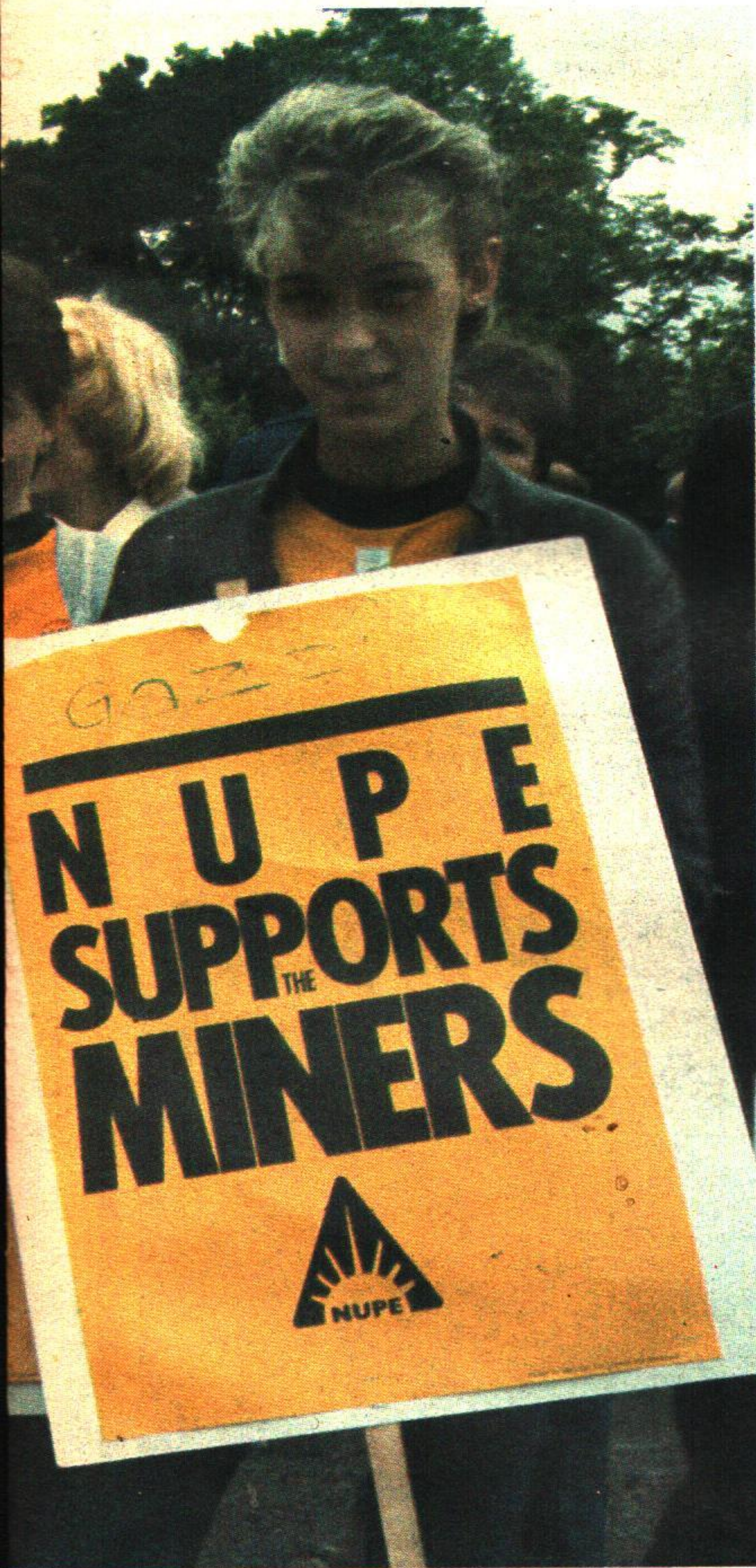
The confirmation in the 'Daily Mirror' that the Thatcher government intervened behind the

scenes to keep the railwaymen and miners apart came as no surprise to David Jenkins, vice-chairman of the Port Talbot branch of the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR).

He told News Line: 'We all knew it was happen-

ing, but it shouldn't stop railwaymen taking action in solidarity with the miners.'

'We are involved in this fight too whether we like it or not because if Thatcher and MacGregor close pits then that means jobs going on the railways.'





THE MINERS' STRUGGLE

WIVES ORGANISE THREE MEAL CENTRES FOR MINERS



Yorkshire miners wives now play a leading roll in the fight against pit closures

MINERS' wives from north Yorkshire are now involved in large-scale catering to make sure all their families are properly fed.

In a special interview with News Line, they explained their determination to win the strike.

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

'We are going to win if we have to stop out forever,' said Kim Young, from Airedale.

'There has never ever been a strike like this one, when the women stood up and said "Count us in as well",' she added.

Kim is a member of the Castleford Miners' Wives Action Group which runs three meal centres for striking miners and their families from six pits: Wheldale, Fryston, Glasshoughton, Prince of Wales, Kellingley and Allerton Bywater.

At Smawthorn Lane, committee member Mrs Sylvia Henshaw told News Line how they had organised. 'We go all over. We were at the Hull trades council meeting last week. It was marvelous.

'They are sending food hampers for single lads, doing street collections and collecting at local factories. Hull are twinning with Wheldale, Fryston and Glasshoughton and the other pits are also going to twin with other areas.

'The Salvation Army were going to do us a kitchen but they had to pull out on instruction from their national organisation — we were too

political. They weren't even allowed to lend us the saucepans.

'We have two committee members for each pit, and everyone is coming in to give a hand in the kitchens — miners' wives and everyone. When we started we served about 85 meals but now it is about 200 to 250 at Smawthorn Lane.

'We had a protest march a few weeks ago with councillors and the NUM about electricity payments. The Yorkshire Electricity Board agreed they would allow the bills to be split into 13 weeks but since then they've told one person to pay £80 at once.

Every pub landlord had donated a bottle for a fund-raising draw, Kim said. In general the support was great, though some of the shopkeepers were finding it hard as a lot of different organisations were collecting.

At Hightown two of the wives worked in school meals. 'They do wonders with the food,' Kim said proudly. 'The committee does the bulk shopping and if you get anything extra it goes into the stew.

'In the past, like in 1972, we cancelled our holidays, the TV went back, but a lot of this strike has been the women's support.

'You think you're on your own — there are ten of us here — then you go to the Barnsley demonstration and there are thousands of women.

'What's going to happen when the strike's over? A lot of us are going to find it hard going back to being a housewife. This is the start of something new.

Send donations and support to: Mrs S. Wyatt, Treasurer, Castleford Miners' Wives Action Group, 289 Fryston Road, Airedale, Castleford, Yorks.

Meters

'We went this morning to the YEB because they are now saying they will put prepaid meters in.

'My husband and son were in Orgreave all week. We are not going back till we have got what we want,' Sylvia insisted.

At Holy Cross, Airedale, about 400 meals are served each day, while at Hightown church hall, Kim Young told us they serve about 150.

Dockers pledge support

SOUTHAMPTON docks shop stewards pledged to picketing South Wales miners yesterday that they would help them halt the movement of scab coal supplies shipped into Portsmouth from West Germany at the weekend.

The transport union stewards agreed to recommend a total black on all coal yards and press for a halt to the movement of oil and other fuels.

T&GWU drivers have been crossing the official NUM picket line outside Corralls P and D Fuels — despite an instruction from their union leadership which explicitly states that the firm has not been given dispensation by the NUM.

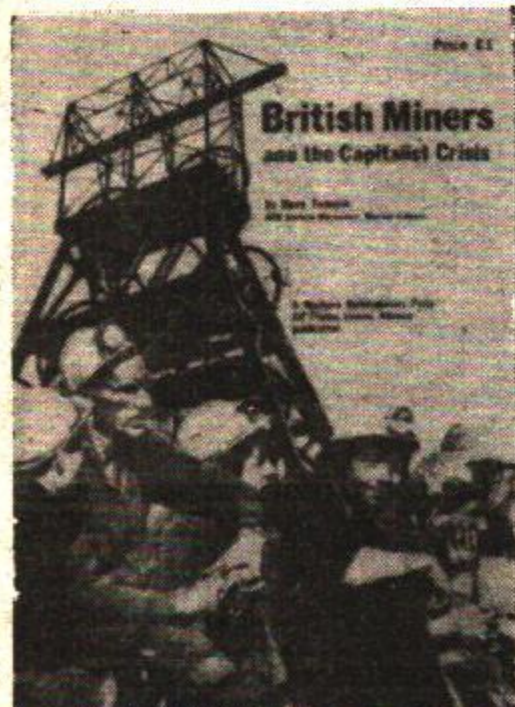
Apparently the consignment of 10,000 tonnes of blackleg coal was brought in in an unrecorded boat last Saturday.

The Welsh pickets tried to prevent it being moved and appealed to the transport union for support but were kept waiting for several hours until officials arrived.



South Wales pickets outside P and D in Portsmouth

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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.

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4. Why the need for revolutionary leadership. Why a Workers Revolutionary Government

Reading: Programme for Workers Revolutionary Government — Statement by Workers Revolutionary Party Central Committee

DUNFERMLINE

Dunfermline High School
St Leonards Place
Lecturer: **T. Brotherstone**
(Edinburgh WRP)

2. Thursday June 14
3. Thursday June 21 All at 7p.m.
4. Thursday June 28

GLASGOW

Young Socialists Youth Training Centre
Tobago Street
Lecturer: **Alex McLarty**
(WRP Central Committee)

3. Monday June 18
4. Monday June 25 All at 7.30p.m.

ST HELENS

St Helens Town Hall
Lecturer: **Tony Banda**
(WRP Central Committee)

3. Wednesday June 20
4. Wednesday June 27 All at 7.30p.m.

IPSWICH

Ipswich Town Hall
Lecturer: **Ray Athow**
(WRP Central Committee)

2. Monday June 18
3. Monday June 25 All at 7.30p.m.
4. Monday July 2

NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham Youth Training Centre
4 Commerce Square, Lace Market
Lecturer: **Peter Jones**
(WRP Central Committee)

1. Sunday June 17 3. Sunday July 1
2. Sunday June 24 4. Sunday July 8
All at 6p.m.

STOKE ON TRENT

Kidsgrove Community Centre
Whitehall Avenue, Kidsgrove
Lecturer: **Mike Banda**
(WRP General Secretary)

3. Tuesday June 19
4. Tuesday June 26 All at 8p.m.

MERTHYR TYDFIL

Merthyr Youth Training Centre
Wesley Hall, Pont Morlais
Lecturer: **Matthew Robertson**
(WRP Central Committee)

2. Sunday June 17
3. Sunday June 24 All at 7p.m.
4. Sunday July 1

DONCASTER

Edlington Community Centre
Stubbins Hill, Edlington
Lecturer: **Mike Banda**
(WRP General Secretary)

2. Wednesday June 20
3. Wednesday June 27 All at 7.30p.m.
4. Wednesday July 4

COVENTRY

Sydney Stringer School
Lime Street
Lecturer: **Corin Redgrave**
(WRP Central Committee)

2. Tuesday June 19
3. Tuesday June 26 All at 7.30p.m.
4. Tuesday July 3

MANCHESTER

Basement Theatre
Manchester Town Hall, Albert Square
Lecturer: **Geoff Pilling**
(WRP Central Committee)

2. Thursday June 14
3. Thursday June 21 All at 7.30p.m.
4. Thursday June 28

NORTHAMPTON

The Guildhall
Lecturer: **Alex Mitchell**
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4. Wednesday July 11

MURTON

Murton Miners Welfare
Lecturer: **Cliff Slaughter**
(WRP Central Committee)

2. Wednesday June 20
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4. Wednesday July 4

YOUNG SOCIALISTS

PUBLIC MEETINGS

● Miners must not fight alone! ● Force TUC to call a General Strike! ● Build Community Councils! ● Build revolutionary leadership!

SCOTLAND

GOVANHILL: Thursday June 28, 7.30p.m.
Langside Halls, Shawlands Cross.

Speakers: **Saul Judah** (YS Regional Committee); **Chris Corrigan** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Hugh Haran** (Secretary, joint shop stewards, Victoria Infirmary); **Charlie Fealy** (NALGO)

NORTH WEST

WIDNES: Thursday June 14, 7.30p.m.
Dutton Community Centre, Dundalk Road.

Speakers: **Steve Perry** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Evans** (Wigan WRP); *In personal capacity:* **Cliff Ken Farrell**; **Steve Hunt** (Sutton Manor NUM)

ST HELENS: Tuesday June 19, 8p.m.
Bold Miners Welfare, Fleet Lane.

Speakers: **Kathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); **Mal Gregory** (Secretary Bold NUM); **Larry Cavanagh** (Merseyside Docks shop stewards); *In personal capacity:* **Ray Williams** (Secretary Liverpool NGA); **John Mullen** (NUS)

WINSFORD: Wednesday June 20, 7.30p.m. Mount Pleasant Community Centre.

Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS National Committee); **Jim Collins** (Winsford WRP)

WIGAN: Thursday June 21, 7.30p.m. Market Tavern.

Speakers: **Kathy Flaherty** (YS Regional Committee); **Ray Evans** (Wigan WRP); **Steve Whittaker** (Bold NUM, in personal capacity)

BURNLEY: Sunday June 24, 6p.m. AUEW Rooms, Hargreaves Street, opp Burnley Central Post Office.

Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS Regional Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Stuart Caddy** (UCW branch secretary)

ASHTON-U-LYNE: Wednesday June 27, 7.30p.m. Pit & Nelson Pub, Market Street.

Speakers: **John Oldham** (YS Regional Committee); **Stuart Carter** (WRP Central Committee)

CREWE: Thursday June 28, 8p.m. Room 04, Oakley Centre.

Speakers: **Wayne Chand** (YS National Committee); **Tony Banda** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Danny Anderson** (Woolstanton NUM)

YORKSHIRE

BRADFORD: Wednesday June 20, 7.30p.m. Bradford Central Library, Princes Way.

Speakers: **Chris Marsden** (YS National Committee); **Cliff Slaughter** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Betty Elie** (Thornton View occupation); **Ernest Fairburn** (Emley Moor NUM)

EAST MIDLANDS

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

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

WEST MIDLANDS

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday June 21, 7.30p.m. Red Fort Social Club, Smethwick High Street.

Speakers: **Clive Andrews** (YS National Committee); **Corin Redgrave** (WRP Central Committee); *Speaker from W. Midlands NUM, in personal capacity*

EASTERN

CAMBRIDGE: Thursday June 14, 7.30p.m. The Bath House, Gwydir Street.

Speakers: **Tony Hyland** (YS National Committee); **Martin Booth** (Cambridge WRP); *In personal capacity:* **Haddu Mohammed** (COHSE National Executive); *Speaker from Nottingham NUM*

WESTERN

READING: Sunday June 24, 7.30p.m. Southcote Hall, Southcote Lane.

Speakers: **Brendan O'Sullivan** (Bracknell YS); **Tom White** (WRP Central Committee); **Dave Good** (Bracknell WRP)

SOUTH WALES

MOUNTAIN ASH: Wednesday June 27, 7.30p.m. Penrhweiber Workingmen's Institute, Penrhweiber.

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

KENT

DEAL: Tuesday June 19, 7.30p.m. Landmark Community Centre.

Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Lynn Francis** (Ramsgate Wives support Group); **Dai West** (Snowdown NUM)

AYLESHAM: Wednesday July 4, 7.30p.m. Aylesham Miners Welfare Hall.

Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Maxine Kane** (Aylesham YS); **Alex Mitchell** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Jack Collins** (Kent NUM); **Caroline Sweeney** (Elvington Womens Support Group)

RAMSGATE: Thursday July 19, 7.30p.m. Oddfellows Hall.

Speakers: **Dolly Short** (YS Editor); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Graham Young** (Thanet strike co-ordinating committee); **Lynn Francis** (Ramsgate Wives Support Group)

SURREY

HORLEY: Thursday June 21, 7.30p.m. Strawson Hall, Albert Road.

Speakers: **Claire Dixon** (YS National Committee); **Joe Kierney** (Crawley WRP)

ESSEX

ROMFORD: Thursday June 28, 7.30p.m. Dolphin Centre, Main Road.

Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Peter Farrell** (WRP Central Committee)

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON: Thursday June 28, 7.30p.m. White Hawk Centre, White Hawk Road.

Speakers: **Grahame Fenwick** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

LONDON

PUTNEY: Tuesday June 19, 7.30p.m. Roehampton Library, Danebury Avenue.

Speakers: **Frances Goldstein** (YS Regional Committee); **Simon Vevors** (WRP Central Committee)

BRIXTON: Wednesday June 20, 7.30p.m. Stockwell Hall, Buckmaster House, Stockwell Park Estate, SW9.

Speakers: **Maxine McDermott** (Brixton YS); **Ida Turner** (Brixton WRP); **Alex Mitchell** (WRP Central Committee)

CAMDEN: Thursday June 21, 7.30p.m. Hampden Community Centre, Ossulton Street, NW1.

Speakers: **Rufus Boulting** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Price** (WRP Central Committee)

HOXTON: Thursday June 21, 7.30p.m. Duke of York pub, Downham Road, N1.

Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS Regional Committee); **Bill Rogers** (Stoke Newington WRP)

NORTH KENSINGTON: Thursday June 21, 7.30p.m. Kensal Community Centre.

Speakers: **Frankie Gould** (North Kensington YS); **Peter Farrell** (WRP Central Committee)

BOW: Tuesday June 26, 7.30p.m. Bow Baths Community Centre, Sutherland Road, off Roman Road, E3.

Speakers: **Julie Hyland** (YS National Secretary); **Martin Westwood** (WRP London District Committee); *In personal capacity:* **Danny Gribbon** (COHSE shop steward, St Clements hospital); **Tommy Finn** (UCATT)

MARYLEBONE: Tuesday June 26, 7.30p.m. The Four Feathers Club, 12 Rossmore Road, NW1.

Speakers: **Dolly Short** (YS editor); **Peter Farrell** (WRP Central Committee); **Rita Maxim** (Sacked St Mary's hospital worker)

STOKE NEWINGTON: Wednesday June 27, 7.30p.m. Hall of Remembrance, Clissold Road, off Church Street, N16.

Speakers: **Marianne Kane** (YS Regional Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP Area Committee); *Speaker from Kent NUM*

EDMONTON: Thursday June 28, 7.30p.m. Angel Community Centre, Raynham Road.

Speakers: **Gary Ryder** (YS National Committee); **Richard Goldstein** (WRP Area Committee, Gestetters convenor in personal capacity)

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Mary Ryan is Maura in 'The Outcasts' on 4 at 9.30



'Pushing the Limits' on 4 at 8

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Quilting. 9.25 Pages from Ceefax. 10.30 Play School. 10.55 Cricket: First Test England v The West Indies. 1.05 News After Noon. 1.20 Weather. 1.22 Regional News (London & SE: Financial Report and News Headlines). 1.25 Fingerbobs. 1.40 Cricket: First Test. 3.53 Regional News. 3.55 Play School. 4.20 Yogi Bear. 4.25 Jigsaw. 4.40 Huckleberry Finn and His Friends. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Blue Peter.

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

6.40 **TOM AND JERRY**

6.50 **POT THE QUESTION** Quiz game in which showbiz and snooker personalities answer questions while playing a frame

7.20 **TOMORROW'S WORLD** Eight finalists for the Industrial Innovation and Production award line up to demonstrate their original ideas and to receive certificates

7.50 **TOP OF THE POPS** With Peter Powell and Mike Read

8.30 **PORRIDGE** Ronnie Barker as Fletcher in *Men without Women*

9.00 **NINE O'CLOCK NEWS** Weatherman

9.25 **THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW** from The National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham

10.25 **QUESTION TIME** Sir Robin Day talks to Tony Benn, Arts Minister Lord Gowrie, British Youth Council chairman, Donny O'Rourke, and director of the Milk Marketing Board Detta O'Cathain

11.23 **NEWS HEADLINES**

11.25 **INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL** The 1984 European Championship. Jimmy introduces highlights of today's matches

12.10 **Holiday Weatherman**; Closedown

BBC2

6.05-8.10 **OPEN UNIVERSITY**: 6.05 Maths. 6.30 Rural Land Use. 6.55 Pine Point Mine. 7.20 Questioning Theories. 7.45 Engineering.

9.00 Pages from Ceefax. 9.15-3.00 **DAYTIME ON TWO**: 9.15 Tout Compris. 9.15 La Maree et ses Secrets. 9.52 Capricorn Game. 10.09 Pages from Ceefax. 10.34 Scene. 11.05 Near and Far. 11.25 Pages from Ceefax. 11.55 Appuntamento in Italia. 12.10 Pages from Ceefax. 12.45 Polymer Engineering. 1.10 Pages from Ceefax. 2.00 You and Me. 2.15 Music Time. 2.40 Computer Club. 3.00 Cricket and Tennis: Cricket First Test — England v West Indies; International Tennis: Reports from the Queen's Club, London, on the Stella Artois Championships.

6.45 **NEWS SUMMARY** with subtitles; Weather

6.50 **ON PARADE** *Trooping The Colour*

7.15 **OPEN SPACE** *Suitable for Viewing in the Home?* A debate on video censorship

8.00 **JUST ANOTHER DAY** *Sotheby's* Fifth of six films which go behind the scenes of places which have become part of the British way of life. *Sotheby's*

8.30 **NATURE** Tonight's subjects under discussion are: Electric Fishing, The Largest Shrimp Cocktail in the World, Urban Renewal, The Royal Bird

9.00 **PAUL NEWMAN IN The Long Hot Summer** (1958) William Faulkner's drama is brought to the screen with conviction in this story set in Mississippi. Varner, an ageing, tyrannical family head, wants a son before he dies. With Joanne Woodward, Anthony Franciosa, Orson Welles, Lee Remick and Angela Lansbury

10.55 **NEWSNIGHT**

11.40 **CRICKET: First Test: England v West Indies**

12.10-1.30 **OPEN UNIVERSITY**: 12.10 Data. 12.35 Man's Experience of the World. 1.00 Instrumentation.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 **COUNTDOWN**

5.30 **EVERYBODY HERE 10/10** More fun for children when Henry Livings tells a story about a ferocious dog and Juan Martin talks about Spanish guitar

6.00 **WHAT A PICTURE! Faces and Figures** Professor John Hedgcoe speaks to professional photographers in Europe and America about the best use of light

6.30 **TODAY'S HISTORY** *The French Resistance (1940-1944)* Roger Opie and Rod Kedward talks to Harry Ree, Yvonne Corneau and Frida Knight, who were all agents in occupied France during the war; also archive film of the blowing up of trains, the Maquis fighting in the hills and the liberation of Paris in 1944

7.00 **CHANNEL 4 NEWS**

7.50 **COMMENT** by Lindsay Duckworth, a nurse; followed by Weather

8.00 **PUSHING THE LIMITS** *A Breath of White Water* Demonstration of kayaking (white water canoeing) in the rapids of the rivers of Idaho

8.30 **AMERICAN CAESAR** *The Way Back* Continues the story of the US imperialist General MacArthur

9.00 **SOAP**

9.30 **FILM ON FOUR** *The Outcasts* (1983) Shot in Ireland, Robert Wynne Simmon's award-winning film is the tragic story of Maura, a shy and awkward girl, whose life is changed through an encounter with Scarf Michael, 'a wild ungodly man'. With Mary Ryan, Mick Lally and Cyril Cusack

11.20 **LIFERS 4/7** Eddie, John and Chris tell stories of robbery, murder and rape, for which they are serving life sentences

11.50 **Close**

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Plus Revisited. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Strangers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Dangermouse. 4.20 Ragdolly Anna. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 The Young Doctors. 5.45 News.

6.00 **THAMES NEWS**

6.30 **DATABASE** From Japan, a preview of the MSX range of home computers, and from the Computer Fair at Earls Court a demonstration of the new Sinclair QL

7.00 **WHOSE BABY?**

7.30 **THE STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO** Karl Malden, Michael Douglas in *Inferno*

8.30 **MINDER** Dennis Waterman and George Cole in *A Tethered Goat* Terry has to mind an Arab banker who is worried that Terry hasn't got a gun

9.30 **TV EYE** *The Death of a Pope* An investigation of the claim in a book published today that the last Pope — John Paul I — was murdered. David Yallop, author of 'In God's Name', claims the principal motive was to protect a network of financial corruption involving the Vatican bank

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

10.30 **HILL STREET BLUES** *Good-bye Mr Scripps*

11.30 **KIDS FROM THE FLATS** A film about the likes, dislikes and hopes of a group of kids living on a council estate near London's Kings Road

12.00 **NEWHART** *I Enjoy Being a Guy*

12.25 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** and **Closedown**

S4C

2.00 Cymru A'r Mor. 2.20 Ffalabalam; Interval. 3.05 Coping. 3.30 Whose Town is it Anyway? 4.00 Passage to Britain. 4.25 Countdown; Clwb S4C. 4.55 Bys A Bawd. 5.05 Y Gwyllt. 5.35 Wheels, Wings and Water. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Teulu-Ffon. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Teulu-Ffon. 8.00 Africa: The Magnificent African Cake; News Headlines. 9.00 Coleg. 9.30 Credaf. 10.00 World Cinema: *When Joseph Returns*. 11.35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents *Breakdown*. 12.00 Close.

RADIO

6.00 Bruno Brookes. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

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 Wally Whyton (S) with Country Club (9.55 Sports Desk). 10.00 Roy Castle in *Castle's Corner*. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthew with Round Midnight (12.05 Sports Desk). 1.00 Patrick Lunt (S) presents Nightride. 3.00-4.00 Marching and Waltzing (S).

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert (S) Lyadov, Litoff, Berlioz, Dvorak (8.00 News) Max Keller, Corrette.

Ravel, Stravinsky, Honegger; records. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Monteverdi: records. 10.00 Shakespearean Portraits (S) Dvorak, Kabelac, Prokofiev: records. 10.45 Tippett and Vaughan Williams (S). 11.25 Bournemouth Sinfonietta (S) Stravinsky, Haydn (12.10-12.15 Interval) Wolf, Mendelssohn. 1.00 News. 1.05 Manchester Summer Recital: Schubert (S). 2.00 Giustino (S) Opera by Handel (3.00-3.05, 3.45-3.50 Interval). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Bandstand (S) Walton, Bourgeois, Bliss. 7.00 Mendelssohn and Patrick Piggott (S). 7.45 Verdi: Requiem (S). 9.20 Against Odds. 9.40 Coull String Quartet (S). Beethoven, Mendelssohn. 10.35 Music in our Time (S) Mauricio Kagel, Maurice Ohana. 11.15-11.18 News.

VHF: 10.45am-6.30pm Cricket: England v West Indies. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary; 6.45 Prayer for the Day; 6.55,

7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 Today's News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel: Rollercoaster (9.00, 10.00, 11.00 News; 10.30 Morning Story Viewer; 10.45 An Act of Worship). 12.00 News; Checkpoint. 12.27 Good Timing (S). 12.55 Weather; Programme News. 1.00 The World at One; News. 1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 News; Woman's Hour. 3.00 News; Afternoon Theatre (S) *Midstream*. 4.00 News; Enquire Within. 4.10 Bookshelf. 4.40 Story Time: *Laughing Gas*. 5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Brain of Britain 1984 (S). 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Any Answers? 7.40 You Want to Jump and Scream. 8.25 1884. 8.45 Pride of Place. 9.30 John Ebdon in the BBC Sound Archives. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: *Far Away and Long Ago*. 10.30 The World Tonight (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close Shipping Forecast.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; North East News; Lookaround. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Strangers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Dangermouse. 4.20 Ragdolly Anna. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 8.30 Airline. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Database. 11.00 The Sweeney. 12.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.25 European Folk Tales. 12.40 Contact. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Father Murphy. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Dangermouse. 4.20 Ragdolly Anna. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Gambit. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30 Airline. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Central Lobby. 11.00 Database. 11.30 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.35 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather Forecast; For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 Country Calendar. 1.00 News at

One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Calendar Thursday. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Strangers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Ragdolly Anna. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Happy Days. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30 Airline. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Mr Airs' Dream. 11.00 Database. 11.30 Session. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Happy Days. 3.00 Vintage Quiz. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Ragdolly Anna. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Gardens For All. 7.00 Film: *Amsterdam Affair*. 8.30 Airline. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.35 Bosom Buddies. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 An Canker Seth. 12.10 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Farming Brief. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Glenroe. 2.30 Strangers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Cartoon Time. 4.20 Ragdolly Anna. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Take the High Road. 5.45 News. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35

Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Magnum. 8.30 Airline. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 An Englishman's Home. 11.15 Database. 11.45 Profiles in Rock. 12.15 Company; Closedown.

HTV WEST

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go! 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Strangers; HTV News. 3.30 The Young Doctors. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Dangermouse. 4.20 Ragdolly Anna. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Gambit. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 8.30 Airline. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Rock Alive. 11.00 Database. 11.30 The Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.30 Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Benny. 12.10 Get Up and Go. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Plus. 2.00 Take the High Road. 2.30 Strangers. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Benny. 4.15 Dangermouse. 4.20 Ragdolly Anna. 4.30 First Post. 4.45 What's Happening. 5.15 Animals in Action. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Benson. 7.30 Quincy. 8.30 Airline. 9.30 TV Eye. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 The World Stunt Championships. 11.15 Database. 11.30 The Gangster Chronicles. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Shernazar to call-up family magic

of runs when seven lengths runner-up to Comanche Run. Shernazar will strip fitter as a result of that outing and can open his account.

be able to defy top-weight in this moderate company, despite the fact that he has 25lb more to carry than when winning this race last season.

SIX-YEAR RECORD

DRAW: Little significance.

2 00 POLAR JEST APP'TICE H'CAP £2,000
1m (12 runners)

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Bond Dealer, 4-1 Swift Palm, 9-2 Doussard, 6-1 Kwa Zulu, 8-1 Rubabav, 10-1 Blowing Bubbles and The Game's Up, 12-1 Vain Deb, 20-1 others.

2.30 KENNETT MAIDEN STAKES £2,500
(2-Y-O c&q) 6f (19 runners)

1 (16)	AL-YABIR C Benstead 90.....	B Rouse
3 (6)	COMEDY ACE N Vigors 90.....	J Reld
4 (8)	0 DARING ACE R Houghton 90.....	S Cauthen
5 (17)	DREYFUS D Sasse 90.....	D McKay
6 (9)	FARLEY HILL R Hannon 90.....	J Mercer

BEVERLEY

SIX-YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: M Birch 39, E Hide 26, J Bleasdale 21, J Lowe 21, G Duffield 21, T Ives 18, P Cook 16, J Seagrave 13, M Wigham 12, E Johnson 12, S Perks 11, W Carson 10, W Scahill 10.

TRAINERS: M H Esterby 27, M Stoute 19, M W Easterby 17, R Hollinshead 17, C Thornton 14, E Wymes 12, J Dunlop 11, J Hardy 11, W O'Gorman 11, J Etherington 11, H Cecil 10, G Prichard-Gordon 10.

DRAW: The higher numbers appear to have an advantage over 5 furlongs, although last season this didn't work out consistently.

2.15 **ETTON SELLING STAKES** £1,000
5f (2-Y-O) (12 runners)

PROBABLE SP: 11-4 Blakedale, 4-1 Parade Girl, 5-1 Malowski, 6-1 John Fresh and Path Over The Moor, 8-1 Stevejan, 12-1 Free Go, 16-1 others.

2.45 LONDESBOROUGH HANDICAP £1,500
1m (8 runners)

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Rapid Lad, 4-1 Elarim, 9-2 Melowen, 11-2 Bullom, 7-1 Gay Meadow, 10-1 Final Cast, 14-1 others.

3.15 MASSEY EUROPOWER 2-Y-O TROPHY £5,000
5f (3 runners)

1 (2) 112232 **PERSIAN PLEASURE** (C-D) R Boss 94..... E Guest

PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Lidhame, 9-2 Limbo, 5-1 Daring Ace, 6-1 Mr McGregor, 8-1 Magic Eye, 10-1 Intrepid Lad, 12-1 Montanic and Lira Lover, 14-1 Wide Boy, 20-1 others.

3.00 NEWBURY SUMMER CUP (H'CAP) £6,000
1m 4f (7 runners)

PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Dodgy Future, 9-4 Forward, 4-1 Free Press, 6-1 Moon Jester, 10-1 Going Going. 16-1 others.

3.30 KINGSCLERE STAKES £6,000
(2-Y-O fillies) 6f (4 runners)

1	(2)	411	CAMEROUN (D) Laing 8 12.....	P Cooke
2	(3)	1	CHEPSTOW VALE (USA) W HERN 8 12.....	W Carson
3	(4)	022010	GWIFFINA (D) Mrs J Reavey 8 8.....	A Bond
6	(1)		THEVETIA J Dunlop 8 5.....	Pat Eddery

PROBABLE SP: 11-10 on Chestow Vale, 5-2 Cameroun, 4-1 Thevetia, 12-1 Gwiffina

4.00 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP £3,500
(3-Y-O) 1m 3f (9 runners)

1 (1) 033-100 **LITTLE NIECE** J Dunlop 97 W Carson

2 (3) 111211 PROVIDEO (D) W O'Gorman 9 4
4 (1) 1 MAVAHRA (D) P Rohan 8 12

BLINKERS: 1, 2
PROBABLE SP: Evens Provided. 7-4 Mavahra. 100-30 Persian Pleasure.

3.45 WATT MEMORIAL STAKES £4,000
1m 4f (7 runners)

BLINKERS: 2
PROBABLE SP: 13-8 on Millside, 9-2 Rabirius, 6-1 The Sun God, 10-1 Current Raiser, 12-1

1-15 BRANTINGHAM HANDICAP \$1,500

4.15

BRANTINGHAM HANDICAP £1,500

2m (12 runners)

1 (4)	030100	DARK PROPOSAL (USA) (C-D)	B Hanbury	6 9 10		M Birch
3 (1)	224243	TIVIAN	Mrs C Davey	4 9 6		J Johnson
4 (8)	022011	SADDAM	Miss A King	4 9 9		T Livesey
6 (10)	110-000	BELLAMMA (USA) (D)	E Eldin	4 9 1	(5 ex)	D Nicholls
9 (5)	0-00114	HIGHAM GREY (C) D W	Chapman	8 8 11	(5 ex)	N Adams (7)
10 (7)	230-434	MINSHAANSU AHAD (USA)	J Ciechanowski	5 6 10		R Howe
11 (9)	0-000	CHARTFIELD	S Mellor	4 8 9		N Street
12 (11)	4040-34	MILLIE GREY	T Barron	4 8 7		R Stowe

RESULTS

NEWBURY

2.00 (5f): SWIFT AND SURE S Cauthen (5-4 fav); **Cerise Bouquet** (7-2); **Will** (16-13); **Rigilla** (11-2), 7 ran. 1, 3. (B Hills) T: £2.10; £1.10; £1.20. CSF: £5.55.

2.30 (1m): MACARTHURS HEAD B Rouse (7-11); **On Path** (10-12); **Welsh Idol** (6-13) **Garment** (evens fav); 4 ran. 1½; 2 (J Dunlop) T: £7.10; £2.10; £2.10; £1.80. CSF: £66.43.

2.30 (1m 5f): HIS HONOUR W Carson (5-2 fav); **Voyant** (12-12); **Dancing Admiral** (5-13); **Weavers Plin** (12-14), 9 ran. 4, 3. (W Hearn) T: £2.80; £1.20; £3.20; £1.90. CSF: £27.34.

3.30 (5f): BASSENTHWAITE S Cauther

(9-4)1; **Lucky Ring** (6-4 on fav)2; **Yet**
 (5-1)3; **Son** (5-1)3, 3 ran. 6, 8. (J Tree) T: £2.70
 CSF: £3.89.
 4.00 (6f): **MY SON MY SON** R Fox (8-1)1
Glen Kalla Manx (20-1)2; **Speak Nobly**
 (10-1)3; **Sylvan Barnum** (16-1)14, 1 ran. 4
 sh hd. (K Brasse) T: £5.20; £1.60, £9.10
 £7. CSF: £125.87.
 4.30 (1m 2f): **BALLINDERRY** S Cauther
 (15-8 fav)1; **Silent Son** (9-4)2; **Dawn Star**
 (12-1)3; **La Noblesse** (20-1)4, 8 ran. 1/2
 1/2. (J Tree) T: £2.20; £1.10, £1.50, £2.90
 CSF: £6.19. NR: Esna.

YARMOUTH

2.15 (6f): FULL OF ALE T Quinn (11-10 on fav); **Ireland Girl** (6-12); **Dolly's Pet** (13-8); **Benny's Eyes** (25-14, 4 ran, 6, 1. R Howe) T: £1.90, CSF: £5.66.

2.45 (5f): MELODY PARK Robinson (3-1 fav); **Corrals Lady** (1-2); **Leadam Loving** (1-3); **Missall** (5-1); 15 ran, 4. M Ryan) T: £5.40, £3.20, £2.40, £5.40, CSF: £41.26, NR: Siba.

3.15 (1m 2f): INSET LADY P Robinson (6-11); **Master Wit** (7-4 fav)2; **Noble Tramp** (15-23); **Fel Loong** (33-14, 8 ran, Hd, 1. M Ryan) T: £9.80; £2.30, £1.70, £1.70.

£2.10. CSF: £16.41.
3.45 (1m fl): **HANNAH LIGHTFOOT** G
Duffell (12-11); **Al Nasr** W R Swinburn
(7-2); **Westway Lad** (6-1); **Gold Broke**
(5-4 on fav) 4. ran, 2½. 2. Hd. (J Winter)
T: £12. £1.90. £1.10. £1.70. CSF: £53.25.
4.15 (1m 3): **AXIOS** G Duffell (10-11);
Geovale (10-12); **Babacotte** (7-4 on fav);
Tirwadda (7-14). 10. ran, ½. 2. (B Hobbs)
T: £9.90. £1.60. £2.20. £1.20. CSF: £96.80.
4.45 (7f): **WORLINGWORTH** M Fozzard
(11-21); **Jeckel** (16-12); **Monticelli** (5-2
fav); **Sidab** (7-14). 10 ran, 1½. 1½. (M
Ryan) T: £4.30. £1.60. £3.00. £1.60. CSF:
£81.78.

Sports Line

U.S. OPEN GOLF PREVIEW

AN unsolicited tip from a television viewer has helped Jack Nicklaus to the top of the list of the dozen or so players favoured to win the 84th US Open golf championship at Winged Foot, New York this week.

Nicklaus, who will be seeking his fifth US Open triumph, scored his first victory in nearly two years when he won the Memorial tournament two weeks ago on the course he created at Muirfield, Ohio.

To do so, he had to learn how to relax again over the ball, something he achieved after getting a letter from 'a California physiotherapist whose name I can't remember,' advising him to stop clenching his teeth.

'I was having bad tension problems and hit two iron shots at Bay Hill (in Florida last March), that were the worst I've ever seen by a professional,' Nicklaus said.

At the same time he received a letter from the doctor who 'was watching me on television and noticed I was clenching my teeth and building up tremendous tension.

'He said that when I clenched my teeth, two things happened automatically. My fists and solar plexus also tightened up, and this was restricting my swing.'

Nicklaus said he doesn't think about it all the time, but when he is having swing problems he follows the doctor's simple prescription — 'keep the lips closed and open the teeth.'

Victory

Now Nicklaus, whose 70th career victory in the Memorial once again scotched the attempts of some observers to write him off as a major force in the game, is right up there again at the top of the list of favourites for a major golfing title.

Nicklaus, who at 44, has built a powerful following around his 'Golden exacting West Course of the Winged Foot golf club and he is the solid choice

of the club's host professional, Tom Nieporte.

Nicklaus has finished 10th or better in 17 of the 27 consecutive Opens he has played since 1957. He has been second four times and third once.

Practice

In successive practice rounds over an admittedly easier layout than he will face in competition, Nicklaus shot a six-under-par 64 and a 69, putting



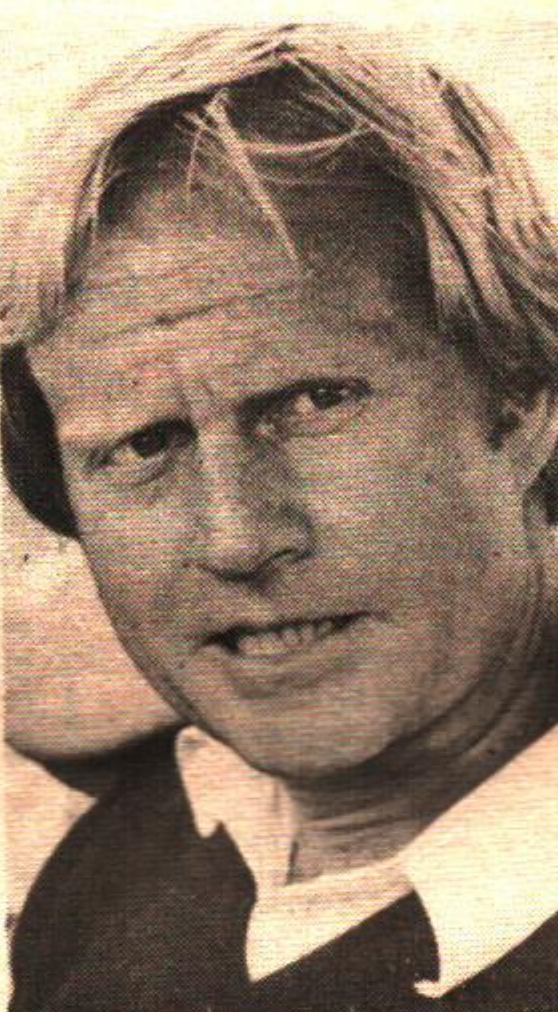
NICK FALDO

deftly on the 'West Course's sloping, highly contoured greens.

'Great round,' Nieporte told him after the 64. 'I wasted it,' Nicklaus answered with a grin, 'the course won't be anything like this on Thursday.'

'I'm playing well, and knowing you're playing

NICKLAUS—FAVOURITE AGAIN



JACK SMILING AGAIN

well makes it a different game,' Nicklaus told a small band of reporters who followed him round the lush, 6,930-yard links.

Duel

In 1980, Nicklaus set the Open record for 72 holes at 272 in a thrilling duel with Japan's Isao Aoki at Baltusrol in New Jersey. That two-stroke victory followed another long slump in which many had all but retired him.

Of his present slumping triumph two weeks ago, Nicklaus said: 'While my win at Baltusrol was probably my most satisfying, I can't think of a place I'd rather see a slump or bad streak end than in the Memorial.'

Hale Irwin, who won the last Open at Winged

Foot 10 years ago with a seven-over-par 287, is the only other player in the 156-strong field who has won more than one Open, with his second coming in 1979.

Choices

He, along with this year's leading moneywinner Tom Watson, defending champion Larry Nelson, masters champion Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite are among the logical choices to stop Nicklaus collecting his 18th major tournament victory.

Severiano Ballesteros of Spain, former US Open Champion David Graham of Australia, and 1984 US tour winners Nick Faldo of Britain and Greg Norman of Australia are seen as the biggest threats among the 14 overseas competitors.

'This week is no different than any other. It doesn't matter whether we are at Hartford or Winged Foot,' said Kite, one of the most consistent players on the American tour.

'The Watsons, Nicklaus, Crenshaws, Ballesteroses, Nelsons and Kites are the players who should perform well simply because they are the best players out here week after week.'



JACK NICKLAUS . . . Learned not to 'bite the bullet' and win



TOM WATSON . . . Top money winner again this year

Coe set-back for 1,500 metres

SEBASTIAN COE, the Olympic 1500 metres champion, has pulled a muscle in his right leg and is battling to be fit for the AAA Championships next weekend.

If Coe wants to defend his Olympic title he needs to win the 1500 metres at Crystal Palace to book the final place in the team alongside Steve Cram and Steve Ovett.

Originally Coe planned to run the 1500 metres in the match between Loughborough University and the AAA this Sunday, an event which he organises.

But that now seems very much in doubt although he is having treatment twice a day on

the injured muscle at the top of his leg.

'Sunday must be in doubt, but I will make a last minute decision and will run if it is at all possible,' he said.

'But obviously being first past the post in the AAA 1500 metres has to be uppermost in my mind if I am to defend my Olympic title.'



Coe was injured while running 1,000 metre repetitions in training at Haringey on Sunday. He said: 'I felt the leg pull on the last run.'

He joins fellow world record holders Steve Ovett and Dave Moorcroft on the casualty list.

Ovett is recovering from bronchitis and battling back to full fitness while Moorcroft has just undergone a bone scan on a pelvic injury.

● MARTIN GIRVAN, the British Olympic trials winner, who has beaten the Commonwealth hammer throwing record three times this season, competes for Wolverhampton in the GRE British Athletics League division one match at Crystal Palace on Sunday.

Girvan broke the record for the third time in last month's open British League match at Wolverhampton.

Colin Reitz, winner of the bronze medal in the steeplechase in last year's World Championships and Daly

Thompson, the World and Olympic decathlon champion, who have both been preselected for Los Angeles, are included in Newham and Essex Reagles team.

● ALBERTO COVA, the World, and European 10,000 metres champion, is 'gate crashing' the AAA championships at Crystal Palace in a fortnight.



The brilliant Italian will compete in the 10,000 metres, which gives Britain's top middle distance men their final chance to gain Olympic selection.

Mike McLeod, who was sent crashing in the official Olympic trial at Cwmbran last month, Ju-

lian Goather and Steve Jones probably thought it would be an exclusive British party.

But Cova, who produced sensational sprint finishes to win his two major titles in Athens and Helsinki, needs a warm up race before the Olympics.

So the British runners will have the added incentive of not only booking a place in the team but grabbing a notable scalp at the same time.

Spain's Domingo Ramon will also add spice to the 3000m steeplechase battle between Graeme Fell and Paul Davies-Hale.

Ramon's best is 8mins 15secs — faster than both his rivals who are fighting for the last place in Los Angeles.

Sports Line

A DAUNTING TEST TASK

*We need hero's
innings from
Botham — May*

ENGLAND are 5-1 outsiders to upset the West Indies in the first Test starting at Edgbaston today and new captain David Gower can only hope the Caribbean tourists have slumped along similar lines to the Brazilian soccer team.

That would be asking for a bit too much though, as Clive Lloyd's men haven't shown any recent propensity to gift matches.

The miserable winter tour to New Zealand and Pakistan still lingers in the recent memory of most of the current England side and particularly Test selector chairman Peter May.

By contrast, West Indies arrived in Birmingham this week with six winter Test victories over India and Australia under their belts and no defeats in 11 outings — besides their envious one-day game record.

BY A CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

Consequently England face a daunting task in Birmingham but, despite losing the recent one-day series to Viv Richards and Co, chairman May isn't totally despondent.

'Well, we won in Rio,' said May. 'Cricket is an unpredictable game and who knows what might happen over the next few days.'

'I know we have got to play jolly well in all departments to win. It can be done but we are going to need all the luck we can get,' he added.

Stitches

Ian Botham, recovered from a stomach bug but still with five stitches in his left hand from a weekend accident with a beer glass, remains a key figure.

While two innings from the mighty Richards crushed England in the Texaco contest, Botham,

England's sole potential match-winner, has yet to find top form.

History doesn't point to a change in Botham's fortunes, however.

While he has acquired 286 Test wickets and 13 international centuries, his record against the West Indies is consistently mediocre.

His 28 wickets against the Caribbean cavaliers have cost 31 runs apiece and in 16 innings he has averaged a measly 15 runs, top-scoring with 57.

But May declined to savage Botham in particular last night, saying: 'We need a big innings from him . . . but in fact we need it from everybody and it's not going to be easy against the West Indian attack.'

Another aspect of the Edgbaston arena could also provide for problems with home batsmen.

The wicket has been closely shaved and it will

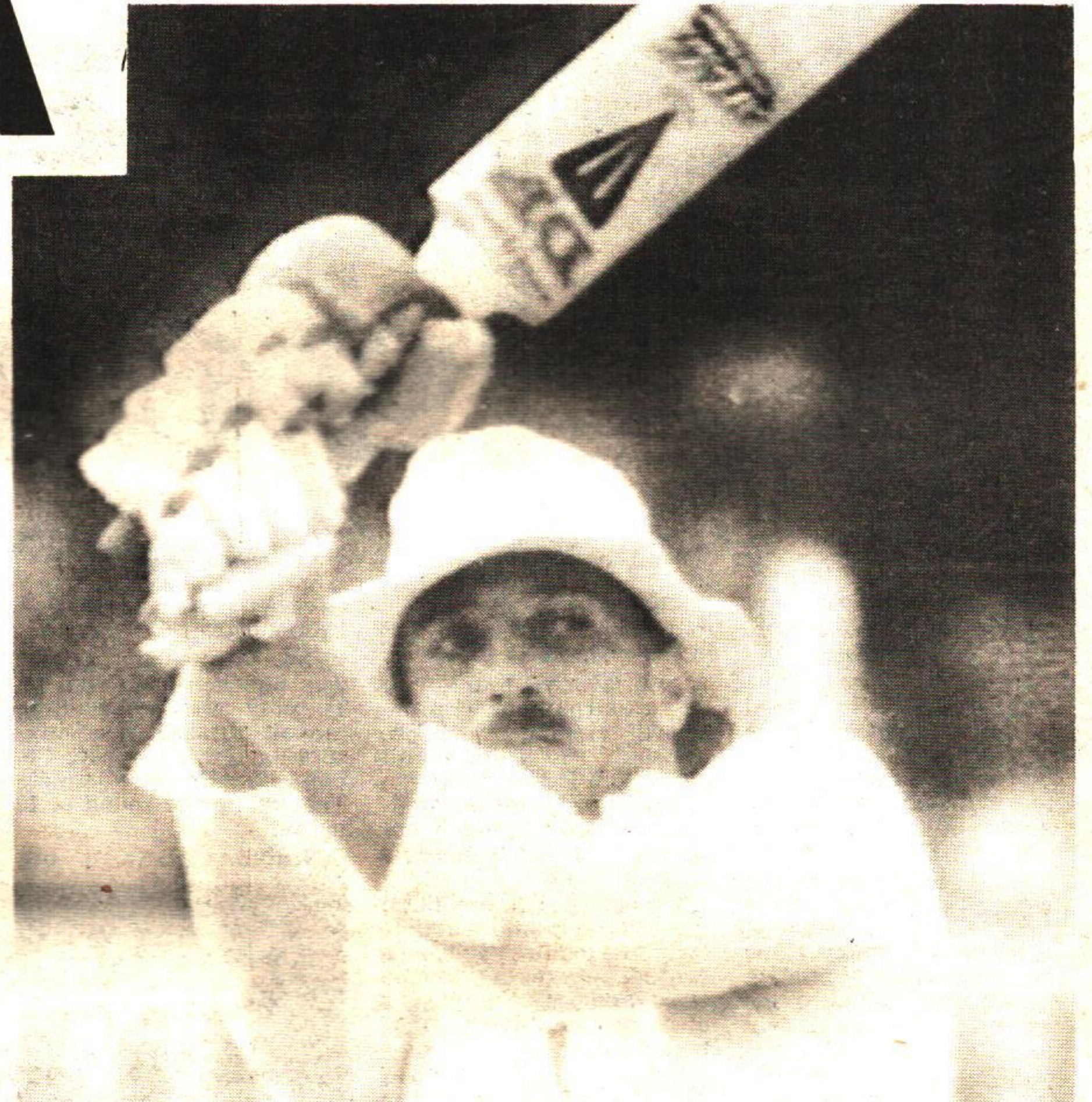
be cropped even further before play starts this morning making for a super-fast wicket on which the renowned West Indies pace battery can enhance their reputations.

Late in the match it should also help spinners Geoff Miller and Nick Cook as they attempt the so-called 'weakness' of Lloyd's batsmen against spin.

Included

The West Indies named 12 for the match last night. Despite his lack of runs, Richie Richardson is included in the middle-order and will contest the final team place with paceman Eldine Baptiste.

Spinner Roger Harper looks certain to play and the final choice may depend on whether Lloyd decides the Edgbaston wicket holds enough runs for him to discard Richardson's strokeplay at the expense of holding another fastie, Baptiste, with which to skittle England.



IAN BOTHAM . . . Miserable averages against West Indies

Budd: apartheid agent, UN told

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

ZOLA BUDD was described as an 'agent of apartheid' by Sam Ramsamy, the chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SANROC) when he gave testimony to a United Nations Committee on Segregated Sports in New York this week.

Ramsamy said that the racist regime in South Africa had manoeuvred to infiltrate the Olympic Games under 'flags of convenience'.

Budd, 18, was bought to Britain by the right-wing 'Daily Mail' newspaper and given a quick 'nationality' acceptance by Tory Home Secretary, Leon Brittan.

Father

South Africa is barred from Olympic competition. She claimed British citizenship because her father was born in Britain. The so-called 'wonder-girl' studied politics in South Africa but has refused to publicly condemn apartheid in accordance with SANROC's request.

Chief Abraham Ordia, former president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSIA), one of a number of witnesses before the UN Committee against



SAM RAMSAMY

apartheid, said the Budd case was a pointer of things to come.

He said it was difficult to reconcile the activities of Tory prime minister Margaret Thatcher, who received the South African premier P W Botha in London 11 days ago, with UN and Commonwealth

declarations against apartheid.

Committee chairman Joseph Garba, the principal delegate of Nigeria, said the Budd case gave cause for concern.

He asked African representatives of sports organisations to recommend appropriate steps to deal with the matter.

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McCrory wants Jones fight

says manager

BY A BOXING CORRESPONDENT

WORLD Boxing Council (WBC) welterweight champion Milton McCrory is considering a third fight with Welshman Colin Jones, his manager, Emanuel Seward, said in Las Vegas yesterday.

'There is a good chance the fight will be held in the fall,' Seward said. 'But we won't fight him in Britain.'

McCrory won the vacant title after Sugar Ray Leonard retired two years ago. The tall Detroit-based McCrory scored a unanimous points decision over Jones in the sweltering heat of Las Vegas last August after they had fought to a draw in Reno three months earlier.

'We're ready to fight Colin again,' Seward said. 'The question is whether Colin is ready for Milton. He's (Jones) been fighting easy opponents, and that can't help him,' the manager added.

Despite Seward's talk,

McCrory hasn't met any one of note himself. Although Jones has been the No.1 contender for the past six months his shrewd American handlers have sought to keep McCrory out of Jones' reach — especially in Britain.

● VETERAN Panamanian Roberto Duran has been fighting the flab to grab an upset win against Tommy Hearns, the champion who has failed to find a knockout punch for two years.

Ring

The bustling Duran, who will be 33 on Saturday, the day after he steps into the ring attempting to seize Hearns' world title, has lost about 30lbs since he started training seriously two months ago.

In the last few years, Duran has had almost as much trouble shedding excess weight as oppo-

nents. But he weighed a trim 11 stones on Tuesday after ballooning to almost 14 stones last winter.

Hearns, 25, a 2-5 favourite to retain his title, scaled a quarter-of-a-pound more than his opponent after his final sparring session, two rounds with fellow Kronk-gym based Milton McCrory, the world welterweight champion.

'Some people say I don't have a punch anymore,' Hearns said. 'It's not true. It's just that I've become a better all-round fighter.'

Asked about his fight plans against Hearns, who enjoys an 11-inch reach advantage, Duran said: 'I'm ready for anything. He says so many things — that he's going to knock me out in two rounds, that he's going to out-box me, well let's see what happens. I don't care if he runs, jumps, swims or dances. I'll be ready.'

Duran is expected to

try and crowd Hearns and remain inside, where the champion is believed to be most vulnerable, and try to blunt his reach and long-range punching power.

'If he tries to fight me inside, he's going to pay for it,' said Hearns, who has won 38 out of 39 bouts, losing the only one to Sugar Ray Leonard in a 14th-round knockout in September, 1981.

Punch

Thirty-two of Hearns' victories have been by knockout. But he has not found a knockout punch in two years.

Emanuel Seward, his manager, quashed suggestions from the press that his man had lost a lot of his punching power.

'Thomas hurt his right hand twice in the last two years,' he said. 'It's been a psychological thing with him.'

'Also, he's been fighting durable guys who have been just trying to survive. But there's nothing wrong with his right any more.'

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McEnroe shakes off French Open defeat

Paris

nightmare

JOHN McENROE and Jimmy Connors, the two big names remaining after the shocks of the first two days, reached the third round of the £137,000 Stella Artois grass court championships at Queen's Club yesterday.

is over

FROM MATTHEW NUGENT AT QUEEN'S

Both of these Americans went through in straight sets — but in highly contrasting circumstances.

Connors, the No.3 seed and due to meet McEnroe in Saturday's semi-finals, took just 49 minutes — the day's shortest match — to dispatch Ricardo Acuna of Chile, 6-1, 6-3.

McEnroe, however, struggled through the first set — he was 2-5 down at one stage — against fellow American, Van Winitsky, before finding a little of his form in the second to win 7-5, 6-0.

After the match, McEnroe admitted that at times on court yesterday his mind was on other things — the main occupier of his thoughts being his defeat in the French Open final on Sunday.

This most gifted of players still hasn't fathomed how he lost on Sunday. It would have been his first French Open title and he admitted yesterday that it would have meant a lot to him.



STEVEN SHAW

'Knowing that I should have won the match got to me,' he said. 'Losing there was probably the lowest moment of my career.'

McEnroe certainly didn't seem too worried when he found himself 2-5 down in yesterday's first set. 'I wasn't really thinking about the match,' he was to say afterward. And then, returning to the nightmare in Paris, he added: 'It took a lot out of me, mentally and physically.'

At this stage it would appear that the French Open will certainly be one of McEnroe's preoccupations next year.

And if he does decide to make an all-out assault on

it then the Stella Artois tournament may not figure in his post-Paris plans.

'You always like to go into a tournament with the idea of winning it,' McEnroe said. 'But if you go all the way in Paris it takes so much out of you that making the adjustment from clay to the grass here is very difficult.'

It's not a tournament that the player would particularly like to miss. 'I've been coming here for eight years or so, and they always look after me well at Queen's,' he added.

Steve Meister now faces McEnroe today. The American defeated his compatriot — and the tournament's No.10 seed — Mel Purcell 7-6, 7-6.

Connors will face the big-serving American Steve Denton in the last 16.

Denton yesterday overcame the No.11 seed, American Scott Davis, 7-6, 7-6.

Yesterday's most impressive winner was the 19-year-old Australian Pat Cash.

He overcame the useful Brazilian Cassio Motta 6-3, 6-3 in just 55 minutes.

Disappear

The Australian's powerful serve-and-volley game overwhelmed the Brazilian whose usually reliable touch play seemed to disappear completely yesterday.

The other match scheduled in the top half of the draw for today pits the seventh seed, Tim Mayotte against his compatriot Greg Holmes.

Mayotte overcame one of the two remaining British players in the tournament — Jonathan Smith.

Britain's No.5 did manage to take a set off his opponent, but still went down 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Holmes overcame the Australian John Fitzgerald, the No.16 seed, 7-6, 5-7, 6-1.

The bottom half of the draw, already bereft of its two top names, Ivan Lendl and Yannick Noah, managed to avoid any more shocks yesterday.

Kevin Curren — at No.9 the highest seed remaining in this end of the draw — came through in straight sets against Steven Shaw, 6-4, 6-2, thus ending British participation in the singles competition.

The American Brian Teacher, seeded 15, also advanced when he defeated

the Australian Mark Edmondson 7-6, 7-6.

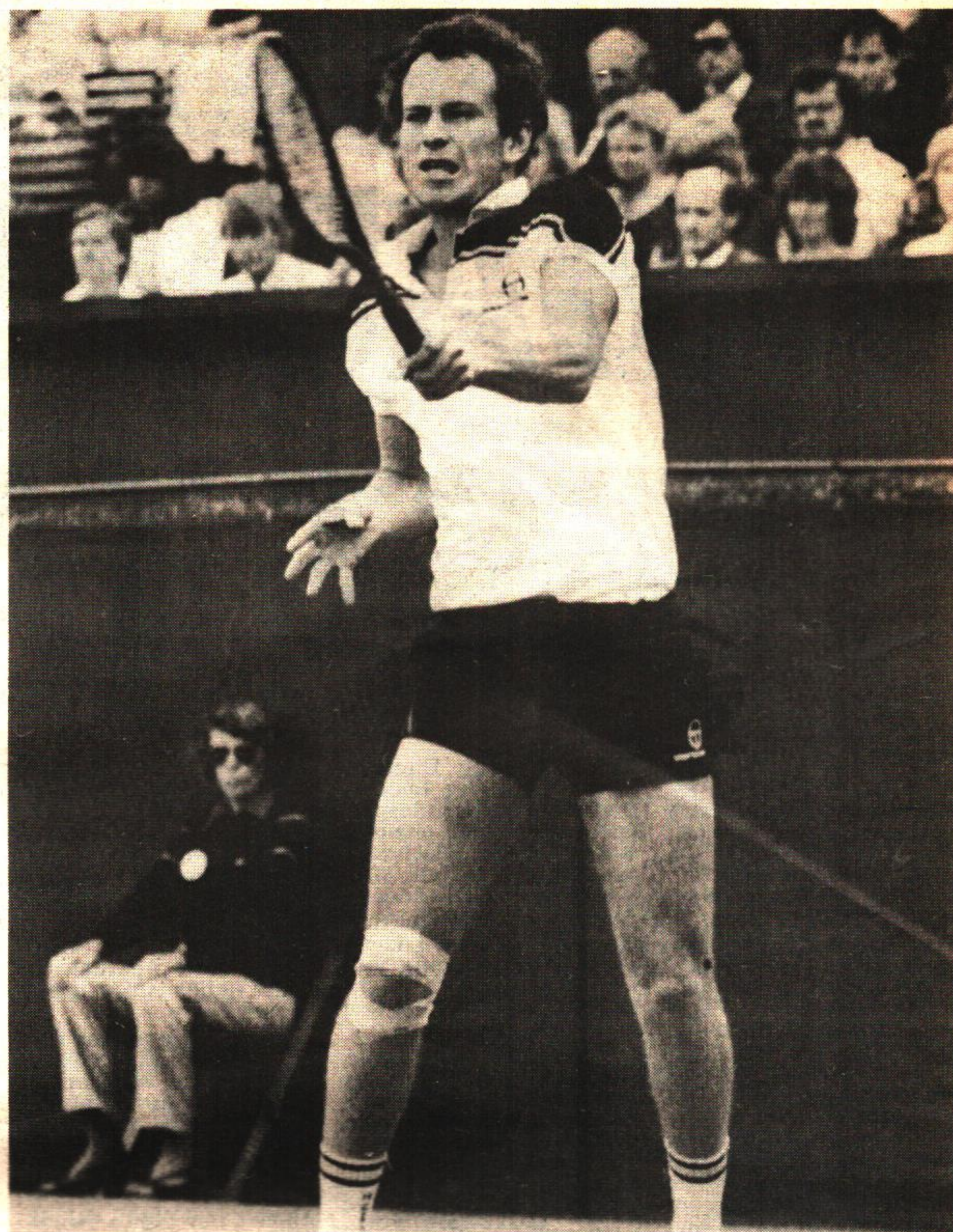
Leif Shiras, the player who knocked out Lendl on Tuesday, won a gruelling match against the big-serving Chips Hooper, 4-6, 7-6, 7-5. He now meets Teacher in the round of 16 today.

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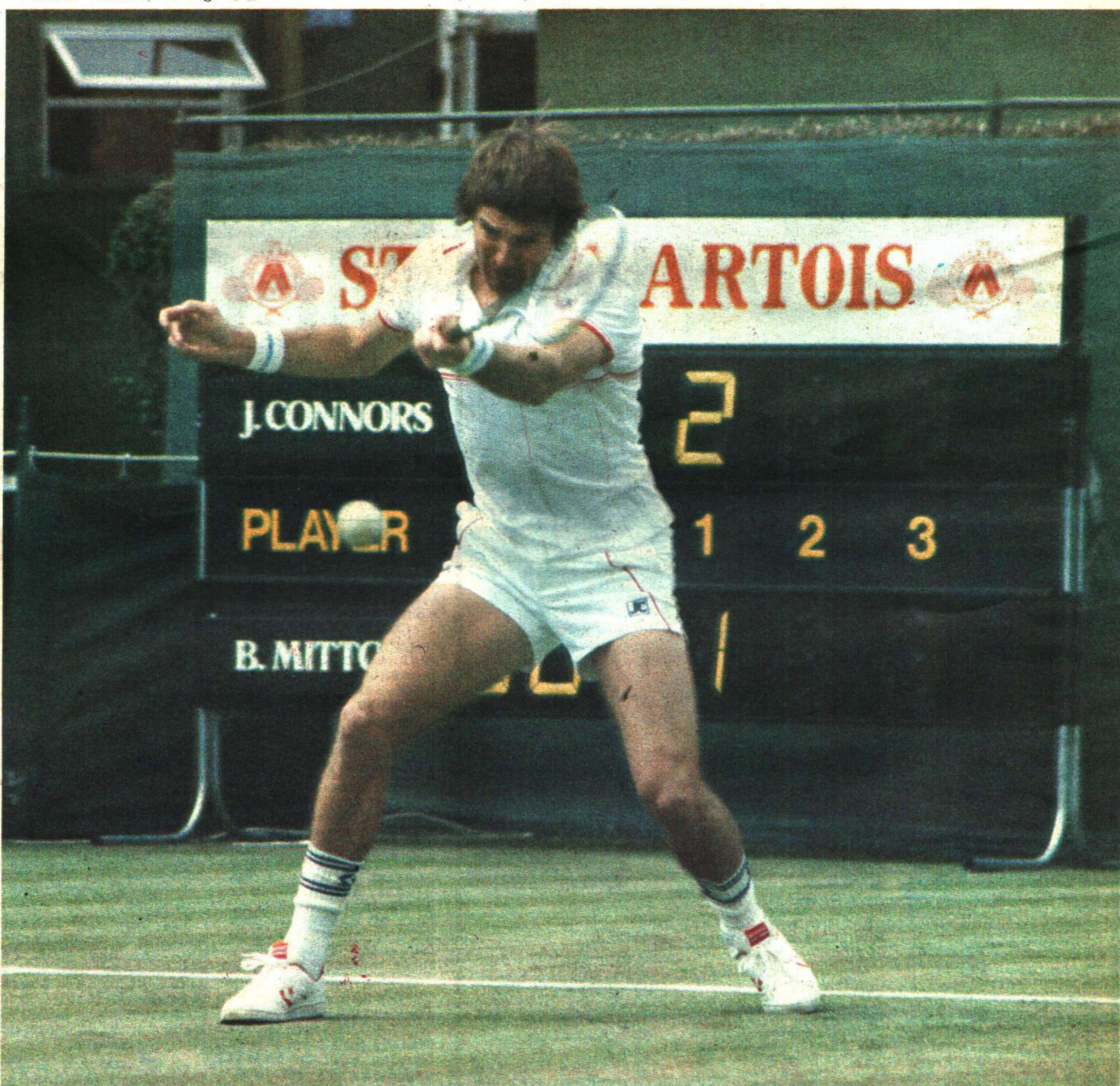
favourite with British tennis fans, accounted for American Robert Van't Hof yesterday morning.

Van't Hof made the second round here after the No.4 seed, Noah, had conceded their match in the third set on Tuesday.

Odizor, a Nigerian now living in the US, hadn't too many problems yesterday, winning in straight sets 6-4, 6-4.



JOHN McENROE . . . Overcame his own preoccupations with Paris to blast fellow American Van Winitsky, 7-5, 6-0, in the second round on centre court at Queen's yesterday



LOOKING FOR HIS HAT-TRICK AT QUEEN'S . . . Jimmy Connors, who successfully negotiated his second match in the Stella Artois tournament yesterday, beating Ricardo Acuna, 6-1, 6-3, is due to meet John McEnroe in the semi-finals this Saturday