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Home Secretary Leon Brittan conferring with his leader at the Tory Party conference in Brighton yesterday after making it clear the Tories will finance the national police terror in coalfield communities

HOME Secretary Leon Brittan yesterday announced unlimited cash aid to finance police operations to break the 30-week miners' strike.

All additional costs of busting picket lines and scab-herding will be borne entirely by the Treasury 'for however long it lasts', Brittan told the Tory Party conference in Brighton.

'Central government has never provided financial help on this scale before, but it is right that we should do so now,' he said.

To rapturous cheers, Brittan also promised legislation to prevent local councils sacking their chief constables.

'South Yorkshire has tried to do that twice now,' he said. 'I will continue to take every action neces-

From JOHN SPENCER, Our political correspondent

sary to ensure that the Chief Constable's independent position is not jeopardised, so that he can keep his dogs and horses and so that left-wing politicians do not undermine his force.'

Brittan's pledges were given during the opening day of the Tory conference which was marked by hatred of the miners, violent abuse of their president Arthur Scargill and calls for more repression including the return of the hangman.

Baying

The Home Secretary's speech was timed to ring in the ears of Mr Justice Nicholls, who will consider Scargill's contempt of court in the High Court today.

He told baying Tory delegates from the shires and the City of London: 'If

everyone could pick and choose when to observe the law, we would be abandoning civilisation and returning to the jungle.'

Underlining the fact that the police are a direct instrument of Thatcher's Bonapartist political rule, Brittan opened his speech with 'warmest appreciation and thanks' to the police.

He said: 'In great areas of the country they are all that stand between freedom and the rule of the mob'.

The police had the government's total support and would not be allowed to 'buckle' — a classic statement of the Bonapartist nature of the Tory regime.

They had been strengthened under the Tories and given wider powers, the Home Secretary said. He boasted: 'The prison building programme has not just gone ahead; I have

accelerated it. Fourteen new prisons are now either being built or planned.'

He foreshadowed the introduction of new public order laws saying, 'New laws may well have a part to play in the future.' And he also announced the appointment of additional 'flying magistrates' because, 'Slow justice is bad justice.'

Attack

He went on to make a sustained attack on the right to picket. 'The presence of thousands of people on a picket line can only have one purpose,' he said. 'It is not to communicate or persuade. It is to intimidate and coerce. It is to stop people going about their lawful business. It is to use fear to smash freedom.'

The police were not there

to enforce the orders of the Home Secretary, he claimed hypocritically.

'They are not a party to the dispute. They are not in the coalfields to defeat the NUM or force miners back to work. They are simply enforcing the law of the land.'

And in a move aimed against Derbyshire council whose police committee is threatening to remove Chief Constable Alf Parrish, Brittan announced that the Police Complaints Authority would have to agree before a chief constable, his deputy or assistants could be removed.

Brittan also announced that the government would be setting a limit on the period of time allowed between charge and trial, along similar lines to those existing in Scottish law.

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Fire threat to American nuclear submarine

FROM CHRIS CORRIGAN

A US nuclear missile-carrying submarine was threatened by a fire while in the Royal Navy's dry dock at Faslane, on the Clyde, says a Scottish anti-nuclear protest group.

The latest newsletter published by SCRAM claims the fire broke out on Saturday, August 18, close to the American submarine 'Nathaniel Greene', which carries 16 Poseidon missiles.

System

She had lost her propeller a week earlier in the Irish Sea. After using its secondary propulsion system to limp into Holy Loch, it found that the 'Los Alamos' — the US Navy's floating dry dock there — is out of commission due to serious structural faults caused by corrosion.

The 'Nathaniel Greene' was then towed to the dry dock at Faslane, on Gareloch.

William Peden, a Faslane peace camper, stated: 'We saw the American submarine with a huge pall of thick, black smoke hanging over it.'

Dr Jeremy Adler, of SCRAM, commented: 'According to our information, the fire broke out after a small explosion on the dry dock.' Had the blaze got out of control and reached the vessel, the consequences would have been 'too frightening to contemplate.'

Strathclyde firemen wearing breathing apparatus and Royal navy firefighters brought it under control. SCRAM says it believes the submarine was still carrying its missiles at the time.



Ravenscraig's mountain of coal

SCAB coal everywhere ... Yesterday's picture taken from the top of a 25-foot high coal mound at Ravenscraig steel works in Scotland. In the background can just be seen part of a truck and the roof of a one-storey weighbridge building. The supplies are the legacy of a rotten deal struck by leading Communist Party Stalinists in the area.

But if the steelmen feel their futures are secure producing more steel than before the beginning of the miners' strike seven months ago, they will soon have to think again. At least a quarter of the workforce are likely to lose their jobs because of new EEC rules.

TOMORROW Chris Corrigan reports from Scotland on this new threat to the steelworks and thousands of jobs.

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PONTING SENT FOR TRIAL

DEFENCE ministry civil servant Clive Ponting was sent for trial at the Old Bailey yesterday accused of leaking two documents on the sinking of the Argentine cruiser 'General Belgrano'.

Ponting, 38, an assistant secretary at the MoD, is charged under the 1911 Official Secrets Act.

Prosecuting counsel told Bow Street Magistrates that the material sent to Labour MP Tam Dalyell was not a breach of national security but did breach the confidence expected of a government employee.

Afterwards, his solicitor Brian Raymond, issued a statement, which said:

'This afternoon's proceedings have made clear the motive of the prosecution case against Clive Ponting, the evidence which is to be called against him and the way

in which the evidence is to be used.

'Mr Ponting's determination to contest these charges fully is, if anything, strengthened by today's events, and I can confirm once again that he will be pleading not guilty at his trial.'

In a statement said to have been made by Ponting, which was read in court, he admitted photocopying the documents and sending them to Dalyell.

BY PAUL FELDMAN

'I did it because I believe ministers in this department are not prepared to answer questions from an MP on a matter of legitimate public interest to protect their own political positions.'

'I copied the documents on a machine in my department, and typed the envelopes on a friend's typewriter. I regret my action, and any embarrassment it may have caused to the department.'

Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said the two documents were an internal memo regarding the rules of engagement for the Task Force during the war and a letter drawn up by Ponting for Defence Secretary Heseltine on how he might handle questions from Dalyell.

Dalyell sent the documents to a Commons committee which sent them back to the MoD.

Further examination of punchmarks in the memo showed it had come from a 'float file' which was held only by Ponting and his secretary.

Ponting allegedly told the police on the 'Belgrano' affair: 'This country has nothing to hide, so why hide it?'

Lord Lewin, Chief of Defence Staff during the 1982 war, said yesterday that even if ministers had cancelled their decision to attack the 'Belgrano', it would still have been sunk.

Once the order to attack had been received, the submarine 'Conqueror' would have been unable to receive any further messages until the completion of the operation.

Surge in money supply

PRESSURE on interest rates will be maintained, City experts forecast yesterday after figures were published showing a surge in money supply.

Bank of England figures revealed that money supply grew twice as fast as expected in September.

City analysts had expected a rise in money supply — the amount of cash and lending in the economy — of less than 3/4 per cent.

But the figures showed a provisional surge between 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 per cent, plus a sharp increase in lending by the high street banks.

Brokers Simon Coates said the figures were 'disappointing'.

Phillips and Drew chief economist, Dr Paul Neild, said: 'The prospects of a cut in interest rates have been put back, especially as the miners' strike is continuing.'

In three of the past four years the banks have obliged the Tory government with a cut in interest rates during the Conservative conference.

The surge in money supply with the weakness of sterling and the miners' strike make such a move very risky, said one analyst.

The main factor behind the rise was that bank lending totalled £1,500 million — twice as high as in August.

Government borrowing also boosted money supply by a net £700 million in the month.

While the banks go on lending out as fast as they can, the capital base for such operations continues to be eroded.

Provisions for loan losses, together with sharp declines in book values, are fundamental problems from which the banks cannot escape.

Capital

● Barclays Bank is trying to overcome the problem of depleted capital by raising \$600 million in the Eurobond markets.

It has been done with an issue of what is called perpetual floating rate notes.

They are variable rate loans which never have to be repaid, and Barclays want to treat the bond as a new tier of capital.

But the Bank of England is reluctant to allow this because although it is a bond, it is a hybrid with some of the characteristics of a bank loan.

WEATHER

SOUTHERN England will be rather cloudy with rain or drizzle at times. Wales and remaining districts of England will start dry with sunny intervals but it will become cloudy, with rain spreading from the west. Cloudy weather with occasional rain over western Scotland will extend to northern Ireland and remaining areas of Scotland, followed later by brighter weather with showers, especially in the west. Near-normal temperatures but rather warm in the south east.

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Changeable with rain at times but also drier, brighter intervals. Near-normal temperatures.

Services couldn't cope

— Sizewell inquiry told

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

EMERGENCY services would be unable to cope with a serious nuclear power station accident, the public service union NUPE said yesterday.

The union, along with the Fire Brigades Union, was presenting its evidence to the Sizewell B public inquiry.

The inquiry, which began in January 1983, is into Central Electricity Generating Board plans to build a Pressurised Water Reactor (PWR) nuclear power station at Sizewell, Suffolk.

A degraded core accident with a major release of radioactivity from the containment building would, in certain weather conditions, lead to a radioactive plume being blown towards Ipswich within three hours and London within five hours, NUPE told the inquiry.

The evidence follows research by the Political Ecology Research Group in Oxford, commissioned by the union.

'With the very best will

in the world the emergency services, the local authorities, the health service, all working together, could not possibly deal with an accident of that sort,' Roger Poole, NUPE national officer, said yesterday.

Evidence

'We believe that the evidence that we're giving here today to the inquiry is evidence that the inspectorate must put a great deal of store upon

because if he were to go ahead and recommend the building of this reactor, then he must do that with the full knowledge that we couldn't deal with a major release of radioactivity from that plant.'

The union believes that a PWR which could bring about such an accident should not be built. If it is, it must be recognised that people could not dial 999 and expect to be dug out of the problem.

Jaguar reject £5 increase

UNION representatives have rejected a £5 a week increase offered to Jaguar carworkers which is binding over a two-year period.

The company, which was privatised only two months ago, made £55 million profits last year, and has made an operating surplus of £40 million in the first half of the current year.

Bob Ainsworth, secretary of the joint shop stewards committee at the Coventry car plant, said management had arrived at its figure of 21 per cent spread over two years by consolidating bonus payments into basic rates.

He said the two-year deal would be worth only £5 a week in extra money, after deductions.

'There is no way that our people working in a highly profitable company are going to be prepared to accept that.'

FOUR hours of talks between the pit deputies union NACODS and the government's arbitration service ACAS in Coventry yesterday appear to have provided more excuses for the union to avoid the 82.5 per cent vote of its members for strike action.

Speaking after the meeting NACODS general secretary Peter McNestry said: 'We are now encouraged that ACAS are involved and talks will continue to seek a satisfactory settlement to the dispute with the NCB.'

NACODS are due to be on hand for discussions during tomorrow's talks between the Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers at ACAS headquarters in London.

Their presence has led to speculation that the talks will centre on a NACODS proposal for an independent tribunal with binding powers to rule on pit closures.

But both the government and the Coal Board have said the proposal is unacceptable because it removes their so-called 'right to manage'.

NUM leaders have said the proposal does not address itself to the central question of the pit closure programme, and the union's firm demand that it should be withdrawn before any return to work.

● BALLOT papers have been sent out to 43,500

members of the EETPU electricians' union urging them to oppose the call by the TUC for a blacking of coal shipments to power stations.

The ballot paper includes a long preamble by national officer Fred Franks, who says it is wrong for EETPU members to 'be used to further the political objectives of some miners' leaders'.

● STEEL union leaders reported to TUC headquarters

in London yesterday on the state of the industry, ISTC steel union leader Bill Sirs said. He told reporters only that union representatives had held talks with TUC general secretary Norman Willis about the TUC statement last month promising to black coal supplies to industry and power stations.

● MINERS' leaders at Wearmouth pit in Sunderland have told management they will not carry

out safety work unless both scabs and police are removed from the premises. The management have said that they will shut down pumps and switch of electricity supplies to the three shafts unless the safety work is carried out by Thursday.

The Durham miners are to stage a mass picket outside the pit on Thursday if the management decide to allow the scabs to determine the closure of the pit.

NACODS avoid strike action call

Tobacco workers occupy

WORKERS at British American Tobacco, Liverpool, have occupied the factory since Monday night in a fight against sackings.

They have evicted the management and are set to follow the lead set by their counterparts at Merseyside's Cammell Laird shipyard.

Only 800 workers are left at the factory from an original workforce of several thousand.

The workers are also protesting that the company has backed down on previously agreed terms of severance pay.

They said yesterday they would not put up with the reduction and would refuse to accept termination of employment except under mutually-agreed terms.

The workers are planning to spread the action to the Southampton plant. BAT management has

sealed off access to the plant and is refusing entry to union representatives.

They fear that the company intends to impose more sackings and forced redundancies.

● WIGGINS Teape, the papermaking arm of BAT Industries, are negotiating for a £40 million share in a Portuguese wood pulp-producing company.

Negotiations are under way for BAT to take a

'substantial' minority stake in Soporcel, whose products are suitable for business papers, including carbonless copying paper.

STRIKING National Express workers have won the support of Crosville bus workers from the Merseyside, Cheshire and North Wales.

A black has been imposed on all Express coaches in those areas

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WE HAVE £217.75 in and we are into the second week of October. Frankly it is very, very slow at a time when we should be into action driving our fund forward.

In this political situation, our paper plays its most decisive role. Every day the miners experience the onslaught from the state with the huge police presence against the pickets and the vicious sentences from the courts.

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back is to organise the whole of the trade union movement into an all-out confrontation with the government. Now is the time to mobilise for the General Strike and the News Line must be at the centre of campaigning for this action.

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MINERS JOIN LAIRD PICKET

NEARLY 100 pickets massed round the South Gate to Cammell Laird shipyard on Merseyside yesterday to try and stop scabs entering the yard.

The pickets included two coachloads of miners, one from Bold and the other from Parkside colliery.

Despite the company's

scab-herding operation, no work is being done inside the yard. There are no new orders for ships, and there are no skilled workers able to finish the two remaining jobs — the gas rig and the warship which were occupied by the 37 men now imprisoned in Walton jail.

The GMBATU national

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executive, who have issued only one statement since the jailing of their members, have called a demonstration and a rally for Friday.

It will assemble at 12 noon at Shaw Street and

march to the Pier Head for a mass meeting.

The main speakers will be Norman Willis, TUC general secretary and David Basnett, general secretary of GMBATU. Liverpool Corporation

workers who met yesterday morning, most of them GMBATU members, have called a one-day strike for next Wednesday, October 17.

The meeting passed a resolution condemning the jailings. It says the imprisonment of the 37 workers for carrying out 'union policy in defence of

jobs' is an attack on the fundamental rights of all trade unionists.

The meeting also condemned GMBATU members at Laird's for crossing picket lines and calls upon the shipyard workers to 'take immediate strike action to secure the release and reinstatement of those jailed'.

Seamen urge boycott

THE National Union of Seamen is urging seamen throughout the world to join in a boycott of arms and oil shipped to the apartheid regime in South Africa.

A spokesman for the union said the decision was in support of the African National Congress and its struggle against the racist regime.

He added that a series of meetings had already been held with seamen and dockers in Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

The NUS spokesman said the unions hoped to extend their action to other commodities, although they could not yet judge whether arms and oil supplies had been affected.

The NUS was mentioned in the 'Sunday Express' in Johannesburg last weekend, and accused of being one of the 'prime-movers' in a campaign to supply information to an Anti-Apartheid shipping research bureau based in the Netherlands.

The South African newspaper declared that 'the network threatens major disruptions to South Africa's oil trade'.

No apologies from jailed yard workers

THE 37 jailed trade unionists from Cammell Laird shipyard on Merseyside yesterday gave the High Court a unanimous 'no' to requests that they apologise for occupying the yard in defiance of a court order.

After six days of their 28-day sentence for contempt, the 37 men told a representative of the Official Solicitor that none of them were prepared to apologise for fighting for their jobs.

In court yesterday, John McDonnell, appearing for the Official Solicitor, said a representative had met the 37 men in a room in Walton Jail on Monday night.

McDonnell said: 'A reply was made on behalf of the men to the effect that they were unwilling to purge their contempt by apologising to the court.'

Lord Justice Lawton said in reply: 'So be it. We gave them the opportunity to purge their contempt and they have not taken advantage of it.'

Lord Justice Lawton also replied to the appeal by the Official Solicitor that jailing was not an appropriate punishment, and even if it was, the sentence was too long.

Commenting on the occupation, he said: 'This is about as bad a bit of behaviour as I have come across in 50 years of administration of justice. It was near anarchy in this shipyard.'

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recognising their campaign.'

● A MOTION in support of the Cammell Laird men was passed at Monday's meeting of SOGAT print workers in Bristol. The resolution, adopted overwhelmingly, read as follows:

Salutes

'This Bristol and West of England branch of SOGAT salutes the principled and fighting determination of the 37 trade unionists who have been locked up in Walton Jail, Merseyside.'

'They are there because they have struggled to defend their jobs at Cammell Laird's shipyard. Under Thatcher's Bonapartist dictatorship this is a crime punishable by imprisonment.'

'We have seen physical and judicial attacks on the miners and now attempts to jail NUM leader Arthur Scargill. We understand the nature of these attacks from battles fought by our own and other print unions against sequestration and redundancy.'

'We therefore, in line with our branch's established policy of calling for the General Strike in support of the miners, demand that the National Executive Council calls upon the TUC and labour movement to mobilise all its forces in a campaign to gain the immediate release of these trades unionists.'



Pickets at Cammell Laird's yesterday

Arts Council disturbed by abolition plans

THE ARTS Council, which is headed by Tory-government appointees, has expressed concern in a confidential document about the abolition of the Greater London Council and the effect it will have on the arts.

A confidential paper signed by the Arts Council's regional director, David Pratley, says that abolition will not only affect the South Bank

complex, which includes the Royal Festival Hall and the Hayward Gallery.

'A substantial programme of grant aid, direct promotions, research and policy (quantitatively as great as all the other arts put together) will fall to other agencies on abolition,' it states, pointing out: 'The future of these activities has yet to be properly debated.'

That the Arts Council would want to take on direct responsibility for most of these activities 'would seem inconceivable', says the document.

Other bodies likely to take them on would be the Greater London Arts Association (GLAA) and the 32 London boroughs.

'At present formal discussion with the GLC and Association of London Au-

thorities (representing, primarily, Labour-controlled inner boroughs) is prevented; and discussion with the London Boroughs Association and individual outer boroughs would be necessarily tentative,' the document continues.

'The extent to which they would be able and willing to take over all responsibilities thus re-

mains a matter of conjecture.'

Individual boroughs would take over some of the activities but a regional body would still need to deal with the rest, most likely to be the Greater London Arts Association.

Burden

But, the document asks: 'Can the GLAA take this burden?'

The document is critical of the way the GLAA is run. It says the Arts Council would need to spend time and effort to achieve a 'strong and credible' organisation capable of taking over, time 'which ought to be devoted to the council's primary development outside London'.

Strike action

STRIKING members of the local government union NALGO in St Helens voted yesterday to continue their indefinite industrial action.

They are protesting over the suspension of eight colleagues following a policy of non-cooperation with the

Labour-controlled council's reorganisation plans.

Last Wednesday the eight computer operators were suspended when they refused to be relocated and all council departments walked out in their support.

NALGO pay goes to arbitration

DELEGATES representing 500,000 NALGO white-collar local government workers yesterday decided to submit their 7 per cent pay claim to arbitration.

The move, in line with a recommendation from the union's national executive, was carried by a

large majority on a show of hands at a re-called conference in London.

The pay claim has been the subject of five months of negotiations already, and the management have refused to increase their original 4.5 per cent offer.

Despite calls from the

conference floor for a campaign of industrial action in support of the claim, national officer Keith Sonnet argued against the proposal on the grounds that a survey of branches had shown there would not be enough support.

The meeting also voted

narrowly against a national committee recommendation to allow separate pay negotiations for nursery nurses.

Today, a special conference is to discuss whether the union should continue to make further contributions to the National Union of Mineworkers.

WORLD SUMMARY

British embassy re-opens

BEIRUT — The British embassy in mainly-Muslim West Beirut re-opened yesterday behind new steel and concrete barricades after a four-day shutdown following the recent bombing of the US embassy.

P-2 lodge

MONTEVIDEO — Uruguayan police said they had arrested a man, Lombardi Gabrielli, 46, accused of helping Italian P-2 masonic lodge leader Licio Gelli to escape from Switzerland.

Contadora

TEGUCIGALPA — Honduras has invited Central American foreign ministers to a meeting on October 19 on a Contadora peace proposal to reduce foreign military presence in the region.

Blackout

CAPE CANAVERAL — Space officials said they were baffled by the cause of a 14-hour blackout of the shuttle 'Challenger's' main communication link.

Tremors

ATHENS — Two strong earth tremors shook south Peloponnese, causing panic but no casualties.

Yemen

MOSCOW — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived yesterday on an official visit, the day after South Yemen's leader left the Soviet Union.

World News Line

FATAH LEADERS CONDEMN ARAB STATES' TREACHERY

TUNIS — The Central Committee of Fatah has issued a bitter statement condemning the Arab regimes who want to usurp the independent decision-making of the Palestinian revolution.

A statement issued by the Fatah leadership accused American imperialism of being behind the conspiracy to prevent the holding of the Palestine National Council (PNC).

The angry communique from Tunis coincides with reports that pro-Arafat personnel are being arrested and tortured by Syrian intelligence in Damascus.

Wafa, the Palestinian news agency, said: 'The Syrian regime has arrested scores of Fatah movement cadres in Syria and northern Lebanon, and these cadres are now exposed to the most hideous kinds of torture.'

Concern

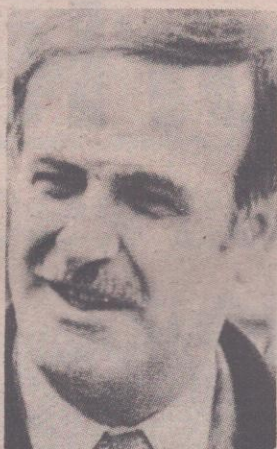
'The Palestinian revolution is following with extreme concern the Syrian regime's measures, with the help of its tools and agents, against the Fatah cadres in Syria and northern Lebanon.'

The Fatah Central Committee statement said: 'We are undergoing a stage of financial and political siege. This siege is more dangerous to us than the sieges of Beirut and Tripoli.'

'It is aimed at forcing us to hold up our hands and to surrender and bow before the US decision which said no to the organisation (PLO) and no to the convening of the PNC.'

Commenting on the necessity of convening the PNC, the statement said that each of the Arab states fears the United States. 'We say to them that if all Arab capitals

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SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD

reject us, we shall hold the PNC on board a ship in the Mediterranean.

'But this will be a sign of shame in the face of the Arabs who watched us being butchered during 81 days of the bloody Beirut siege.'

Majority

'We clearly announce that we are supported by a majority of two-thirds of the PNC members. He who attends is a Palestinian and he who does not attend the PNC is not a Palestinian.'

The Fatah leaders point out that they have attempted every form of

mediation to unify all the groups within the PLO. This included mediation efforts sponsored by the Soviet Union, Cuba, South Yemen and Algeria.

It added: 'We are not selling our decision-making right to any Arab party. The history of our revolution which has been subjected to setbacks has taught us this difficult lesson.'

Parties

'This happened in 1936, 1939 and 1948 when the revolution surrendered its decision-making right to some Arab parties.'

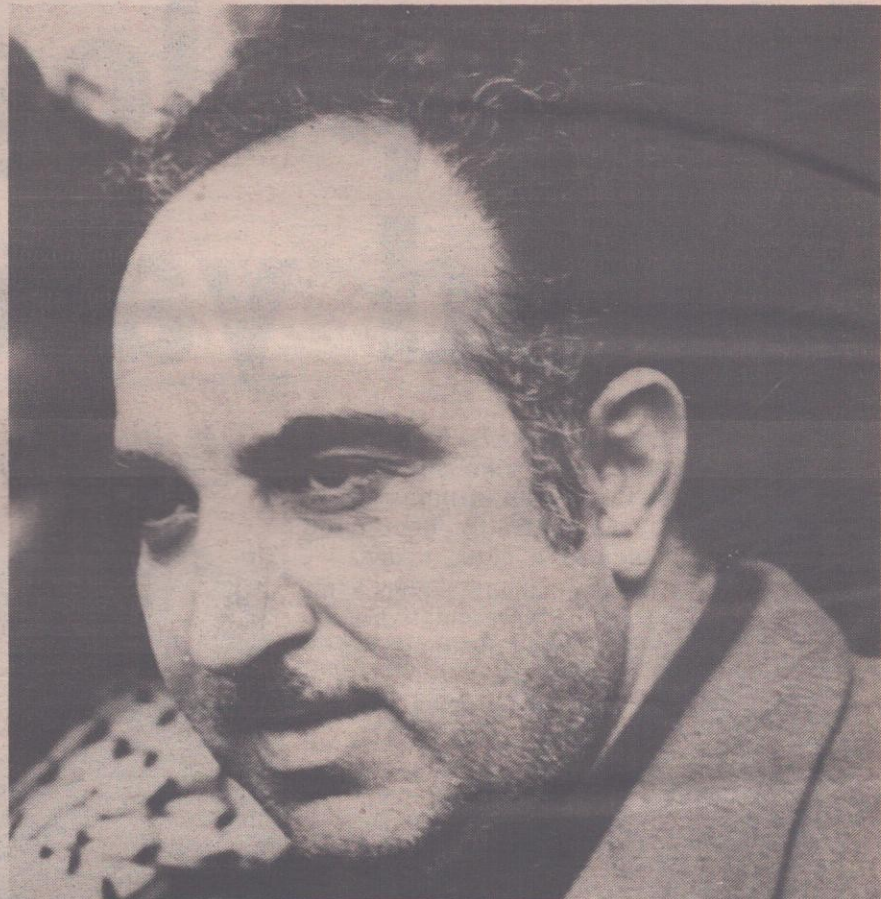
'The cadres alone of this movement have the right to oust this leadership through democratic means and through a general congress of the movement, but if the hands which are stained with the blood of our people and nation wish to oust this leadership, we shall fight to the end and we shall not let them achieve what they want.'

'They want us to lose our independence. No one will respect a leader who is appointed by another party.'

Bargain

Turning to last week's shuttle diplomacy of Richard Murphy, assistant US Secretary of State, the communique said: 'The bargain reached by Murphy during his recent visits has revealed what is being carried out with the United States to save the face of Israel from its defeat in southern Lebanon and to eliminate the threat represented by the joint Lebanese-Palestinian forces which pose a threat to the interests of all and reveal their pretences.'

The statement quoted one unnamed Arab leader as saying to the US envoy: 'You recruited an army to fight the Palestinians and forced them to leave Beirut as heroes. I am capable of fighting them and I shall see them depart as traitors.'



ABU IYYAD, deputy leader of Fatah

Cash dwindles for occupied areas

CASH from the Arab regimes to the 1.3 million Palestinian people on the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank has dwindled to a trickle and there is little hope the much-needed aid will pick up.

Jordanian Occupied Territories Affairs Minister Shawkat Mahmoud told the 'Guardian' correspondent Ian Black in Amman this week 'the money, quite simply, is starting to run out'.

Shortly after the Arab boycott of the 1978 Camp David accord signed by Egypt, Israel and the US, the Baghdad Arab summit conference pledged \$100 million in 'steadfastness funds' for the Palestinian people of the occupied territories.

'Instead of the \$200 million that should have passed through Mr Mahmoud's office in the last two years, only \$27 million have been received,' the 'Guardian' said.

A frequent argument of other Arab countries is that the strain of paying for Iraq's proxy-imperialist war against Iran and building up their defences against the likelihood of the war spreading to their borders has consumed the cash.

Mahmoud said: 'This has a very bad influence on the steadfastness of the people living under (17 years of Israeli) occupation.'

'We have had to make

big cuts in the funds we allocate for housing and for agriculture and also in the money going to municipal services.'

'We used to give loans for individual productive projects when we had money but now there is none left for that. That's why we are going to the Arab countries.'

A joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation will make a fund-raising tour of Arab states later this month.

Mahmoud's job also covers the welfare of Palestinians on the East Bank. He is assisted by government representatives and senior Palestine Liberation Organisation officials who sit together on the joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee.

The Arab regimes, especially Saudi Arabia, are in a cash crisis as a result of the world slump that has hit their oil markets with a vengeance that threatens the very cohesion of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The heady days of the petrodollar boom of the 1970s, when Arab regimes spent big on the international money and commodities markets, have come to a screeching halt and have been replaced by cut-throat competition on the spot oil markets.

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Nigeria accuses IMF

NEW YORK — Nigeria has accused the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of displaying 'deliberate insensitivity' in setting conditions for its loans, comparing it with a doctor who prescribes the same medicine for all patients.

Nigerian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Gambari, addressing the General Assembly, said the IMF's role in helping members cope with balance of payments problems was important but added:

'Unfortunately, the experiences of several developing countries, including my own, that have had to resort to the IMF have shown a certain deliberate insensitivity on its part to the possible consequences of its prescribed package as the price for its loan.'

More attention should be paid to the basic circumstances of each state to prevent severe and avoidable unrest stemming from the 'corrective' measures, he said.

Abu Dhabi banks in trouble

AT LEAST eight banks in the oil-rich Gulf state of Abu Dhabi are suffering major troubles, according to business sources there.

'The banking system has reached the stage where we are going to see mergers over the next few months,' one worried banker said.

The bank crisis stems from bad loans to companies in the construction industry, who themselves

are suffering from the fall in government spending.

The UAE government is spending less on prestige projects because the country's oil revenue dropped by 48.7 per cent between 1980 and 1983 to \$7.4 billion.

The drop is also at the root of delays in government payments to its employees.

In almost unprecedented fashion Abu Dhabi rents have tumbled by 40 to 50 per cent in

recent months.

The city, created out of a fishing village in the heady days of the oil boom, has many buildings standing idle. With no incentive to build more many government building projects have been abandoned.

The United Arab Emirates, with 53 different banks, is feeling the impact of the iron laws of capitalism's crisis — from which no country escapes.

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Karachi Muslim leaders held

KARACHI — At least six Pakistani Muslim religious figures were detained yesterday after they led an unauthorised rally to demand curbs on a minority sect's processions.

Five leaders of the majority Sunni sect and one from the minority Shi'ia were held in case they made inflammatory speeches about sectarian clashes during a Shi'ia holy day on Saturday.

About a quarter of Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, was still under curfew, three days after the clashes over Shi'ia processions in which at least five people were killed and about 300 injured.

Troops patrolling the affected areas lifted the curfew for two hours yesterday for residents to shop but Pakistani dictator Zia ul-Haq was due to decide on further measures after a visit to the city.

Sawad-I-Azam, a coalition of Sunni

organisations, said its leader, Salimullah Khan, was among the five Sunnis held.

He addressed a large rally far from the curfew area on Monday night and demanded curbs on Shi'ia marches and the transfer of the local police chief, a Shi'ia.

Detained

A sixth religious leader, a militant Shi'ia, was detained to prevent him organising Shi'ias against the Sunnis.

Saturday's clashes broke out when Shi'ias commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, a grandson of the prophet Muhammad, started their mourning march along an unauthorised route through a Sunni neighbourhood and were attacked by Sunnis.

Soviet coal stocks slump

MOSCOW — Soviet coal supplies for winter were lower than at this time last year and a major effort was needed to boost production before the end of the year, the official daily 'Pravda' said yesterday.

Production of coking coal in a number of important regions had fallen below plan with the result that there was a shortage of the briquettes used to fuel domestic heating.

'This situation is impermissible. It is imperative to increase decisively the level of engineering and

economic work in the collectives, to put the coal industry in proper order, master production capabilities faster and implement new technology more fully and efficiently,' the paper said.

'Pravda' made it clear that the Kremlin Stalinists expected increased coal production in return for a recent wage increase.

The bureaucracy's mouthpiece said the situation had 'aroused the concern' of the leadership who had ordered strict supervision.

Peking's hunt for oil

PEKING — The Stalinist bureaucracy is considering opening up onshore areas to foreign companies interested in helping China's hunt for oil.

Foreign oil companies have so far been involved only in offshore prospecting. Onshore fields are expected to produce 108 million tonnes of crude oil this year.

The 'China Daily' newspaper quoted former Petroleum Minister Kang Shien, who holds the rank of State Councillor, or elder statesman, as telling a delegation from the Chevron Corporation of the United States that China wanted to increase output from its onshore fields.

Kang said China had a lot of experience with onshore work but had a shortage of experts.

Pinochet indicts eight

SANTIAGO — Eight prominent opponents of Chile's military dictatorship have been indicted for trial under internal security laws.

The charges have been brought against them for organising protests last month against the rule of President Augusto Pinochet, the US-sponsored puppet.

Detention orders were also issued against them. Those indicted include

former Foreign Minister Gabriel Valdes, president of the Christian Democrats; Enrique Silva Cimma, head of the Radicals; Mario Sharpe, leader of the Social Democrats and Manuel Almeyda, president of the leftist Popular Democratic Movement coalition.

Nine people died during protests against the military junta on September 4 and 5 but the opposition insisted it had called for

peaceful demonstrations and that security forces were to blame for the violence.

More than 80 people have died since May 1983 in protests demanding a return to democracy after 11 years of military rule.

Also indicted were union leaders Manuel Bustos and Jose Ruiz di Giorgio, and politicians Fanny Pollarolo and Juan Claudio Reyes.

'Mini-banker' in crisis

LISBON — Police have arrested Dona Branca, a 74-year-old Portuguese banking grandmother whose high interest payments on deposits caused a stir.

Police said the woman, known as Portugal's 'People's Banker', was being held on suspicion of fraud.

Maria Branca dos Santos, known as Dona Branca, had a reputation for always paying ten per cent monthly interest on

time but since July she has paid only a few clients.

State television said she was held to prevent her from leaving the country after it was discovered that she had booked a flight to Brazil later this month.

She has been ordered to a Lisbon jail by a prosecuting magistrate but no official reason was given for her arrest. Dona Branca had been ques-

tioned by police for many hours over the past week.

Police and newspaper investigations have failed to reveal the secret of the banking miracle she apparently performed up to July, when she closed her office for the holiday period.

When she reopened last month she paid only a few clients and complained of cash-flow problems caused by forged receipts.

TURMOIL RAGES AS GANDHI TIPS POLL

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI — More than 3,000 students chanting, 'Jobs or jail!' tried to storm government offices in Trivandrum, the state capital of Kerala, as unrest swept the Indian sub-continent yesterday.

In the wake of the serious national crisis, senior government officials leaked news that national elections were likely to be called 'at the turn of the year'.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi fuelled the intense speculation with references to unspecified 'war preparations' against the country.

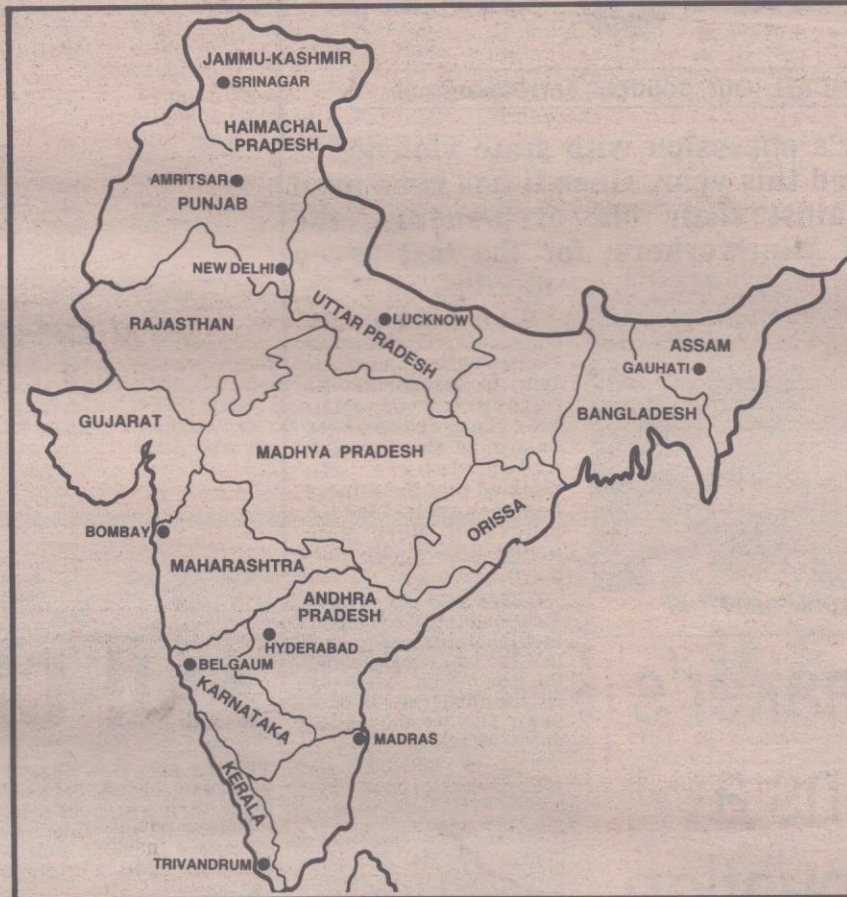
Election officials, leaders of Gandhi's Congress (I) Party and political commentators have all hinted that polling will be in the last week of December or the first week in January.

Teargas

Police forces in Trivandrum, fired teargas and baton-charged the huge demonstration. At least 16 students were taken to hospital and 19 arrested, according to official figures.

The students, members and supporters of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) that governs the state, fought back with stones and assorted missiles and injured 14 policemen.

Violent police retaliation against the sweeping rebellion against the state government in Kozhikode town led to at least 28 students being injured.



Dusk-to-dawn curfews imposed by Mrs Gandhi in several states remained in force yesterday.

Sporadic clashes broke out between the majority Hindu and minority Muslim communities in the towns of Maunath, Bhanjan and Pahasu, Uttar Pradesh state, Belgaum, Karnataka state, and Palanpur, western Gujarat state.

A curfew was clamped on Muslim-dominated

parts of the Uttar Pradesh capital of Lucknow after Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims stoned each other. Police arrested eight people.

The state-run Press Trust of India said police patrols had been intensified in curfew-bound Mancachar town, Assam, where two people have been killed and 20 injured during clashes between Hindus and Muslims.

Sectarian strife during major festivals of both

communities in the past week has resulted in the death of at least nine people and more than 100 injured. Police have made hundreds of arrests.

The national election, which can be delayed until next April, will be for the decision-making Lok Sabha (Lower House), where Gandhi has a two-thirds majority of the 544 seats.

Addressing troops of the paramilitary Territo-

rial Army at New Delhi's historic Red Fort, Mrs Gandhi said:

'War clouds are looming large on the country's horizon and there is talk of war in the air.'

'People who profess to extend a hand of peace are making war preparations and building up stockpiles of sophisticated weapons'.

She did not name any country but her 'warning', in the wake of recent government-sponsored anti-Pakistan propaganda, was clearly timed to exploit India's Hindu-Muslim communal explosions.

Gandhi is cynically generating chauvinist fears to try to overcome the threat of a national opposition front against the Congress (I) Party.

Repression

Hatred against her regime has become nationwide in the wake of her bloody repression in Punjab and her hand in deposing the democratically elected governments of Jammu-Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh.

Congress (I) Party politicians and bureaucrats have been involved in large-scale bribing of opposition politicians and funding goondawallahs (goon squads) to provoke violent communal clashes.

Mrs Gandhi's wretched campaign is a response to the worst crisis facing the semi-colonial country's tattered economy, with colossal and unrepayable foreign debts to the also crisis-ridden International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and an assortment of Western cartels.



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TORIES IN CONFERENCE

BRIGHTON '84

Law-and-order gang go raving on

From JOHN SPENCER, Our political correspondent

THE TORY Party's obsession with state violence is particularly marked this year, since it has been used unremittingly against their old arch-enemy, the National Union of Mineworkers, for the last seven months.



TOM BUTCHER



ELDON GRIFFITHS

It fell to William Coates, of the Meriden Conservative Association, to inaugurate the outpouring of anti-working-class bile known as the law and order debate. He claimed that the miners had been spoiled for too long and were now acting 'like spoilt children'.

Coates said the government had failed to honour their commitment to protect the weak and uphold the rule of law. 'We have let the moderate miners down and let the police down,' he told conference.

Applause

There was loud applause, too, for his demand that strikers' social security should be abolished for families and that unions should pay the costs of policing their own picket lines.

Jacques Arnold's speech lost some of its initial impact because party leader Thatcher chose to make her triumphal entry just as he reached the rostrum. Dame Pamela Hunter, in the chair, welcomed the Prime Minister obsequiously and delegates rose for the first of many standing ovations.

Arnold was chiefly concerned about the threat of fascism and left his audience rather puzzled until they realised it was Arthur Scargill who was supposed to be the source of the threat, and not Margaret Thatcher.

He placed the miners' leader in direct descent

Strike-breaker's wife wins a standing ovation

MRS IRENE MCGIBBON, whose husband Robert is leading the strike-breaking in the Kent coalfield, was given a standing ovation by the Tory Party conference yesterday.

The McGibbons first achieved notoriety when they campaigned against the shop stewards' leadership in the Cowley British Leyland factory. Now Irene McGibbon runs something called the Miners' Wives Back to Work Campaign, while her husband goes to work at Betteshanger pit with a massive police escort.

Her speech was a sustained attack on the

National Union of Mineworkers' President Arthur Scargill and his members. She accused the miners of making obscene phone calls and trying to kick her door down.

'The police are there to protect us and uphold the law and we welcome them' she said.

McGibbon was preceded to the rostrum by a so-called working miner, Patrick MacLaughlin, who said he had been called 'Tory scab' and pelted with urine in plastic bags.

He boasted that he would continue to cross picket lines,



Anti-CND delegate fined £200

YOUNG Tory Huw Shooter missed his chance to speak in the party's law and order debate yesterday — he was up before Brighton magistrates for causing criminal damage.

Shooter, 24, an Oxford graduate and trainee actuary, was fined £200 for his part in the destruction of a model Trident submarine built by a local CND group.

A member of the right-wing Monday Club, Shooter appeared in court wearing a badge which said 'Cruise on'. He was among a mob of Hooray Henriks who destroyed the model after a

Criminal damage of CND 'missile'

Young Conservative booze-up.

Maria Higgins, prosecuting, told the magistrates that the model had taken three weeks to build and cost £500. It was to have been used on a demonstration outside the Tory conference.

Shooter said he was with a crowd of about 30 people who had been at the Young Tory disco. 'They had the intention of presumably

damaging or interfering with the structure. I joined them.

'The CND people ran away to get help. We picked up the structure and tipped it over. I wanted to reduce its propaganda value to CND. I had had a drink or two at the time.

'About 12 CND people arrived and violently attacked our group.' Shooter said he got involved in a scuffle and was held by the peace

group until the police arrived. The others escaped.

Later, in response to criticism from CND general secretary Bruce Kent, the Tory Party's chairman John Gummer felt obliged to put out a denunciation of the Tory thugs.

He said he had given instructions that anyone found guilty of criminal damage would be deprived of his conference pass and sent home.

A party spokesman said later that proceedings against the other people involved in the incident would be a matter for the police.

from Hitler, Mussolini and Mosley and accused the Labour Party of voting to give 'fascist thugs a free hand'.

He was followed by Gedling constituency representative Tom Butcher, a recently retired Mansfield policeman. He'd brought along a black tie to mourn the death of law and order.

Butcher traced the decline of modern civilisation to the decision of the Clay Cross councillors to defy the Housing Finance Act. He drew loud applause when he declared: 'Leave behind the views of the so-called experts and respond to the gut feelings of the vast majority of this country.'

Demand

He denounced the idea of reforming criminals — all they needed was punishment. There should be a minimum age of 30 for social workers and probation officers and 25 for police and school teachers.

But the high point of Butcher's speech was his demand for the return of capital punishment. 'Rightly or wrongly 90 per cent want capital punishment restored,' he claimed, sending the con-



Premier Thatcher with Lord Whitelaw on yesterday's platform in Brighton

ference ranks into near ecstasy.

Antony Gilberthorpe from Gloucester praised the police force as the 'very best in the world' and expressed 'deep gratitude' to the scabs.

Eldon Griffiths, the sinister parliamentary representative of the openly pro-Tory Police Federation, attacked the Labour Party and somebody he called 'Mr Scargill'.

He was one of a number of speakers with hypocritical praise for the NUM as it was in the past — 'this once-great union' —

as if the Tories ever did other than fight the miners' union at any time in their history.

Belying the anti-Labour remarks of his own Federation's chairman, Leslie Curtis, Griffiths claimed: 'There is no such thing as a Conservative policeman, any more than there are Tory judges.'

Roy Newman, a Tory councillor and ex-miner from Rother Valley, claimed his own son-in-law was being prevented by intimidation from returning to work. He begged Thatcher: 'Margaret, don't waver in your deter-

mination because we are with you.'

Nicholas Bennett was worried about the violence being done to the language by the likes of Neil Kinnock and Arthur Scargill. The very word violence itself was being misapplied and its use should be strictly confined to the description of man-to-man confrontations.

Crawling

Norman Freeman, despite his name, had discovered that freedom had an unacceptable face. It was to be seen in the miners' strike, the Greenham Common peace camp and in Northern Ireland, he said. 'The whole fabric of society is threatened if we go down this road.'

Freeman signed off with a crawling little anecdote about how close he had been to the prime ministerial limousine during her recent visit to his area.

Then it was over to Michael Wells for a routine Tory conference speech demanding mandatory sentences for murder and crimes of violence and six months' imprisonment for anyone found outdoors with a knife.

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Acid rain schemes 'not enough'

THE CENTRAL Electricity Generating Board yesterday announced a number of pilot research projects aimed at reducing acid emissions from coal-fired power stations.

But the move, which follows the growing row over acid rain pollution, falls short of wholesale action to tackle the problem.

The conservation group Friends of the Earth accused the CEBG of doing no more than mounting 'a few' pilot schemes.

'The government must commit itself to nothing less than full implementation of the EEC directive — that's a 60 per cent cut in sulphur dioxide and a 40 per cent cut in nitrogen oxides,' said FoE campaigner Chris Rose.

The CEBG steps include a trial of low-nitrogen oxide combustion in a boiler at Fiddler's Ferry power station on Merseyside.

ANGRY TENANTS INSIST THEY ARE MOVED

BY A NEWS LINE REPORTER

Ronan Point row storms on

EAST London tower block tenants last night lobbied a meeting of Newham council to demand that nearly 600 families are moved out of unsafe 22-storey blocks on an estate in Canning Town.

An official report has confirmed what the Newham Tower Block Tenants' Campaign has always maintained — that the now-empty Ronan Point and at least six out of eight other blocks on the same estate — are unsafe.

The tenants have fought a long and bitter campaign to bring the structural defects of the blocks to the attention of the Newham council and to get the occupants moved out.

They commissioned architect Sam Webb to survey Ronan Point after a tenant complained about cracks in the block.

After receiving Webb's report the council evacuated Ronan Point and then employed two independent firms of engineers to examine it. And their report confirms that at least six of the nine blocks are unsafe.

Joint

The major defect discovered by the engineers concerns the infamous H2 joint, which links the end wall to the floors.

In 1968 the joint failed after a gas blast in one flat, causing the collapse of a section of the block. Five people died in the disaster.

Steel beams were later installed to strengthen the block and compensate for the weakness of the H2 joint.

However, engineers have

found that these beams have not provided the support needed, and in an explosion, a fire or exceptional wind the joint would fail again, causing what is termed 'progressive collapse' — a type of chain reaction.

Ronan Point — evacuated after the collapse — was filled with tenants again after the re-inforcement work, then cleared again this year after reports of gaps in the structure and fears of fire risk.

One test included setting fire to a flat — but the test was stopped when the building started to crack and buckle.

Now five nearby blocks which were also strengthened after the disaster, and three which had extra reinforcement included when they were built, are due to be cleared over the next year.

A Newham council spokes-

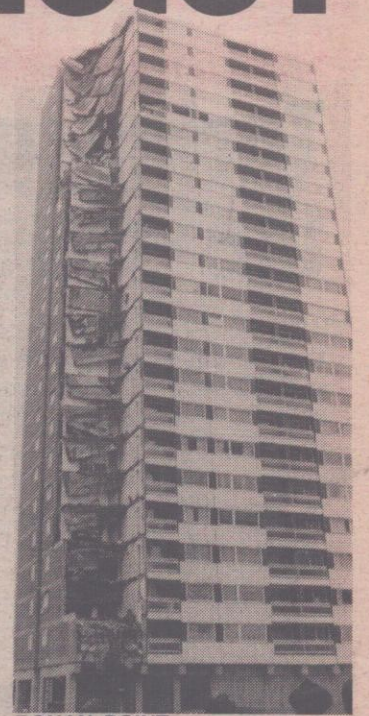
man said it had yet to be decided whether the blocks would be made totally safe or demolished.

But the council was expected last night to approve a major evacuation of the existing tenants, housing chairman Fred Jones said yesterday.

'We would like to get them all out within a week — but it may take a year,' Jones said. 'We will rehouse in whatever is available.'

Costs

The tenants' campaign itself points out that Newham and other affected authorities desperately need financial help from the Department of the Environment to cope with demolishing and rehousing costs, estimated at least £1½ million.



RONAN POINT

The blocks were built by Taylor Woodrow Anglian Ltd, to the Larson Neilson large panel system and there are 36 other blocks in this system in London alone. More than 40,000 similarly built blocks could be equally at risk.

STRIKE ACTION AT VAUXHALL PLANTS

OVER 10,000 workers at Vauxhall's Luton and Ellesmere Port factories began indefinite strike action yesterday morning in protest against a pay package which union leaders say will lead to redundancies.

The 7,500 workers at Luton followed the example set by 2,500 workers on Merseyside earlier in the day at a mass meeting.

Last minute talks called by the management on Monday evening in an attempt to forestall the strike had broken down, workers were told. They were urged to vote for strike action.

Dave Thompson, AUEW convenor at Ellesmere Port, told his members that the conditions attached to the deal were 'totally unacceptable'.

Offer

He said the package was a 'recipe for lost jobs', and added that the offer left his members way behind their counterparts at Ford's Halewood plant.

Another 2,100 workers at Ellesmere Port, members of the T&GWU transport union, are expected to join their AUEW engineering colleagues when they hold a mass meeting this morning.

The unions have told management they cannot accept a 6 per cent pay offer because of the 'stringent conditions and requirements' attached to the offer — which on its own barely keeps pace

with inflation in any case.

Although 2,400 workers at the Dunstable vehicle plant decided not to join the strike, the unions are expecting them to join after the national picture becomes clear.

An Ellesmere Port union spokesman said the vote at the plant was about 60-40 in favour of strike action. He added that both the money and the speed-up in conditions were opposed by workers.

Although new technology was being brought in alongside redundancies, the promised improvements in pay and conditions had not materialised.

'The management say

their offer is worth 7.5 per cent, but it includes the most stringent conditions and requirements. Foremen here are on £100 a week more than hourly paid workers, and the lads have had enough.'



NGA pickets outside the site that non-union firm Albion Graphics are operating from, together with SOGAT members of the Oyez stationery depot occupation committee

Print workers picket Kirkby site

PRINT workers yesterday picketed the ex-BICC Connelly site in Kirkby yesterday.

The firm which owns the premises, John Higgins and Sons Printers Ltd, closed in May this year without consulting the chapel of the National

Graphical Association print union.

A notice was left outside the factory that the company had ceased trading and that the employees should contact the receiver who had been appointed, operating out of the site under the trade

name of Albion Graphics.

The Liverpool branch committee of the NGA has now decided to put a daily picket on the site. They are being joined by SOGAT members who have been occupying the Oyez stationery depot in Kirkby for nine days to defend 25

jobs due to be transferred to Birmingham.

The pickets claimed a gateman on the site had told them there was a firm operating on the site, with people coming in at all hours. The NGA is planning a demonstration on Friday midday.

78% oppose ILEA cuts

SEVENTY-EIGHT per cent of Londoners are opposed to Tory cuts in the Inner London Education Authority, a MORI poll revealed yesterday. The government plans to cut the budget of the Labour-controlled authority by £75 million.

The MORI poll, commissioned by ILEA, showed that 78 per cent of inner Londoners oppose the plan, and 51 per cent of Tory supporters oppose it. Only 7 per cent of inner Londoners and only 22 per cent of Tory voters are in favour of the cut, according to the poll.

ILEA leader Frances Morrell commented: 'From the poll we can see two things.'

'First, that Patrick Jenkin (the Environment Secretary) has completely misjudged the public's attitude towards the ILEA.'

Support

'Second, we are justified in asking for the support of the people of London in urging the government to scrap plans to cut London's education spending.'

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Tories go on the rampage

THE Workers Revolutionary Party salutes the defiant stand of the imprisoned Cammell Laird workers who have courageously refused to purge their contempt of court as the price of their release from jail.

Under the Thatcher regime, those who fight to defend their jobs are 'criminals'. Let nobody say there are no political prisoners in Britain today.

The Tories' ambition is the physical destruction of trade unionism. Nobody who sat through the orgy of union-bashing on the opening day of their conference in Brighton was left in any doubt.

The chief object of their fear and loathing was Arthur Scargill, who could shortly be joining the brave trade unionists from Cammell Laird as a class-war prisoner of Thatcherism.

The assembled representatives of suburban reaction threw all restraint to the winds. They could not conceal their sadistic hatred for trade unionism, for the miners and above all for their president.

Scargill was denounced as a fascist, as a Stalinist, as a Marxist. He was accused of conspiracy, of destroying the social fabric, of denying democracy, of infiltrating the civil service, even of 'dragging down the once-great National Union of Mineworkers'.

No charge was too absurd, no assertion too self-contradictory to win the applause of the maddened petty bourgeois on the conference floor. It was unrestrained hysteria and every single speaker joined in.

Just as the social being of the miners is the social being of the working class, so the social being of the ruling class finds its fulsome expression at the Tory conference.

What this means in physical terms was clear even before the conference opened. Thirty young Tory thugs emerged from a conference disco on Monday night, attacked a group of CND supporters and destroyed a £500 model of a Trident submarine.

One of these young gents was caught and fined £200. But if he had got away like his pals he would have been up on his hind legs denouncing the NUM in the law and order debate.

Replying to that debate, Home Secretary Leon Brittan succinctly summarised the Bonapartist nature of Thatcher's regime as a government entirely dominated by fear of the mass movement of the working class, and kept in power only by the unrestrained use of state force.

Brittan said that in great areas of the country the police were 'all that stand between freedom and the rule of the mob'.

He took two major new steps to remove the last vestiges of local control over the police ensuring that police committees can no longer sack the chief constable, and unlimited funds for strike-breaking will be provided from central funds.

The Brighton conference is a class-war conference through and through. It is a conference to prepare the physical destruction of workers' organisations. It underlines the urgent necessity to organise the General Strike against this hated Tory government, to halt its drive to annihilate basic democratic rights.

ORGANISE A GENERAL S



No trust in ACAS talks

TALKS at ACAS must not be used as a vehicle for selling out the miners' struggle, NUM branch secretary at Bullcliffe Wood colliery Bob Johnson insisted yesterday.

'It's all right talking about fetching third parties in, but at the end of the day they would sell us down the river,' he warned.

There is deep distrust among the 300 men at the pit near Barnsley of any promises made by the Coal Board.

They have good reason. For it was only in February that they were assured that there was 'no way' that Bullcliffe Wood would close.

Three weeks later Johnson was summoned in by the colliery manager and told of the board's closure plans.

'It was at mid-day, when the afternoon shift was just going underground, that the manager told me,' he recalled bitterly.

The decision was a bombshell for the miners who had insisted that Bullcliffe Wood should be worked for at least a

REPORT: Simon Vevers
PICTURES: Sean Smith

further 18 months to allow for the development of the nearby Calder drift mine.

But their demands were brushed aside. Bullcliffe Wood was deemed an 'uneconomic' pit and was placed at the top of the NCB's closure hit-list along with Cortonwood.

Wary

'After that experience we are very wary of any approaches made by the board,' said Johnson.

'I'd have to study anything very seriously that they put forward before deciding on anything.'

'Even then it wouldn't be up to me or the branch officials. There would be

a meeting of the lads and after seven months they are not prepared to accept anything but total victory.'

There would only be one effective way to answer attempts to jail NUM president Arthur Scargill and other leaders of the union, Johnson believed.

'The trade union movement should do what it did when the five dockers were put in Pentonville prison.'

'Trade unionists must stand up and support the NUM even if that means all of them coming out on strike. What the courts are doing to Arthur Scargill is endangering freedom of speech as a whole

Miners tell of closure bombshell

so everyone must join this fight.'

One blackleg, Eric Robinson, crossed the 300-strong picket at Bullcliffe Wood yesterday morning.

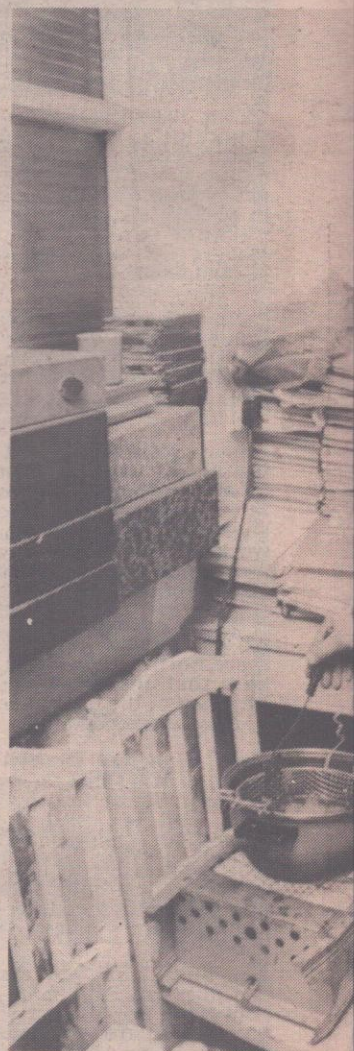
According to NUM branch officials he is not put to work by the colliery management and spends his entire shift closeted in the pit baths.

Bitterness

Johnson said there was added bitterness towards Robinson because the NUM had intervened on his behalf last year to prevent him losing his job on an underground team.

'Now he stabs us in the back. But I assure you he'll never work here again after this dispute is over.'

'What he has done has



only made the lads even more determined. We've had men down here today that we haven't seen for weeks and even months.

'In fact one lad has joined the picket line today for the first time in the whole strike,' Johnson added.

STRIKE TO BACK THE MINERS



Top far left (left to right): Maurice Brooke, President of Bullcliffe Wood NUM; Bob Johnson, Branch Secretary Bullcliffe Wood NUM; Alvin Brown, Kevin Richardson and John Adams at Bullcliffe Wood yesterday.

working in the pits 45 years ago, on £2 a week at the age of 14, told News Line: 'I haven't missed a picket and I've been all over, including Nottingham.

'I believe in what we're fighting for. I've a lad at the pit and so I've got to make sure he's got a future.'

● The 250 pickets at Emley Moor pit were furious yesterday when police broke an agreement to allow six of them to stop the bus and speak to the lone scab inside, a 59-year-old pit baths supervisor.

● At Kiveton Park colliery near Sheffield pickets again found themselves being herded by police horses, even though there were no more than 400 outside the pit gate.



That fighting spirit is typified by Alvin Brown. At 59 he could have taken his redundancy money long ago.

But he didn't and has played a full and active role in the strike.

Brown, who began

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Miners must win! • Organise the General Strike! • Build the revolutionary leadership!

SCOTLAND

CUMBERNAULD: Wednesday October 10, 7.30p.m. Lesser Halls, Cumbernauld Town Centre.

Speakers: Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee)

CLYDEBANK: Wednesday October 17, 7.30p.m. Lesser Hall, Clydebank Burgh Halls.

Speakers: Barry Hughton (YS National Committee); Alex McLarty (WRP Central Committee)

GLASGOW EAST END: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. Shettleston Halls, Wellshot Road.

Speakers: Marie Devlin (YS Regional Committee); Simon Pirani (WRP Central Committee); Hugh Haran (Senior T&GWU shop steward, Victoria Infirmary, in personal capacity); Speaker from the NUM; Plus film: 'Czar to Lenin'

NORTH WEST

STOCKPORT: Wednesday October 10, 7.30p.m. Trades Union Centre, High Street.

Speakers: Damien Richards (YS Regional Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee)

KENSINGTON: Tuesday October 16, 7.30p.m. Youth Training Centre, 100 Gloucester Place, Liverpool 6.

Speakers: Kathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Eddie O'Grady (Point of Ayr NUM)

DINGLE: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. Pineapple Public House, Park Road.

Speakers: Kathy Flaherty (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Bold NUM

WINSFORD: Wednesday October 24, 7.30p.m. Mount Pleasant Community Centre.

Speakers: John Owen (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee)

SKELMERSDALE: Wednesday October 31, 7.30p.m. Quarry Bank Community Centre, Main Hall.

Speakers: John Owen (YS Regional Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Tommy Davies (Bold NUM, in personal capacity)

MANCHESTER: Thursday November 1, 7.30p.m. Assheton Arms, Blackley.

Speaker: John Oldham (YS National Committee); Stuart Carter (WRP Central Committee); Mark Onley (Phillips Rubber, in personal capacity)

NORTH WALES

RHYL: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. The Town Hall.

Speakers: Wayne Chand (YS National Committee); Tony Banda (WRP Central Committee); Larry Cavanagh (Merseyside Docks shop steward, in personal capacity)

WEST MIDLANDS

HANDSWORTH: Wednesday October 17, 7.30p.m. Holyhead School, Holyhead Road.

Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Charmaine Phillips (Handsworth WRP)

BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday October 30, 7.30p.m. WELD Arts Project, 35 Wilson Road, Handsworth.

Speakers: Elaine Gibbons (Handsworth YS); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee)

CANNOCK: Wednesday November 7, 7.30p.m. Huntingdon Community Centre, Stafford Road.

Speakers: Clive Andrews (YS National Committee); Corin Redgrave (WRP Central Committee); Speaker from Staffs NUM

EASTERN

NORWICH: Thursday October 11, 7.30p.m. Lecture Theatre, Central Library, Bethel Street.

Speakers: Mark Harrison (YS Regional Committee); Fiona Cairns (Norwich WRP)

IPSWICH: Monday October 15, 7.30p.m. Room 2, Ipswich Town Hall.

Speakers: Melita Attard (YS Regional Committee); Ray Athow (WRP Central Committee)

FELIXSTOWE: Friday October 19, 7.30p.m. Walton Community Hall, High Street, Walton.

Speakers: Mark Harrison (YS Regional Committee); Steve Hambling (Ipswich WRP)

CAMBRIDGE: Thursday October 25, 7.30p.m. The Bath House, Gwydir Street.

Speakers: Tony Harrison (YS National Committee); Chris Bailey (Cambridge WRP)

PETERBOROUGH: Wednesday October 31, 7.30p.m. Key Theatre, Embankment.

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

PETERBOROUGH: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. The Lime Tree, Paston Lane.

Speakers: Tony Hyland (YS National Committee); Pat Brooks (Peterborough WRP)

WESTERN

BRISTOL: Wednesday October 10, 7.30p.m. Royal Hotel, Gloucester Road, Avonmouth.

Speakers: Hollis Byrne (YS National Committee); M Robertson (WRP Central Committee); Delegate from Bristol docks

SOUTH WALES

BEDLINO: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. Bedlinog Workingmen's Club.

Speakers: Travis Gould (Merthyr WRP); Paul Bow (Merthyr YS); Gwyn Williams (NUM Lodge secretary Taff Merthyr, in personal capacity)

PENRHUWCEIBER: Wednesday October 17, 7.30p.m. Penrhuiwceiber Workingmen's Institute.

Speakers: Tony Davies (Merthyr YS); Jim Bevan (Port Talbot WRP, AUEW district secretary in personal capacity); Dai Davies (South Wales NUM executive, in personal capacity)

MERTHYR TYDFIL: Thursday October 25, 7.30p.m. Merthyr YS Youth Training Centre, Wesley Hall, Pont Morlais High Street.

Speakers: Alan Jones (Merthyr WRP); Paul Bow (Merthyr YS)

ABERTILLERY: Wednesday October 31, 7.30p.m. Llanhilleth Workingmen's Institute.

Speakers: Alan Jones (Merthyr WRP); Sean Dulles (Llanhilleth YS, Tredegar Workshops NUM, in personal capacity)

KENT

AYLESHAM: Wednesday October 17, 7.30p.m. Snowdown Miners Welfare Club.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

ELVINGTON: Thursday October 25, 7.30p.m. Elvington Workingmen's Club.

Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Mike Banda (WRP General Secretary)

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON: Thursday October 11, 7.30p.m. Whitehawk Youth Centre, Whitehawk Road.

Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS Regional Committee); Joe Kierney (Crawley WRP)

CRAWLEY: Thursday November 15, 7.30p.m. AUEW Hall, Robinson Road.

Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS Regional Committee); Joe Kierney (Crawley WRP)

HERTS

WELWYN: Thursday October 11, 7.30p.m. Woodhall Community Centre, Mill Green Road, Welwyn Garden City.

Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP)

LUTON: Thursday November 1, 7.30p.m. High Town Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Road.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Paul Stickley (Watford WRP)

LONDON

SOMERS TOWN: Wednesday October 10, 7.30p.m. The Cock Tavern, Phoenix Street, NW1.

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

PECKHAM: Wednesday October 10, 8p.m. Friary Tenants Hall, Frensham Street, off Peckham Park Road, SE15.

Speakers: Graham Fenwick (YS Regional Committee); Peter Gibson (WRP Central Committee)

PUTNEY: Monday October 15, 8p.m. Roehampton Library, Danebury Avenue.

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

HACKNEY: Tuesday October 16, 7.30p.m. Hackney Town Hall, (Side entrance, Reading Lane), E8.

Speakers: Nigel Anthony (Hackney YS); Bill Rogers (WRP London district committee)

ACTON: Tuesday October 16, 7.30p.m. Council Chamber, Acton Town Hall, Winchester Street entrance, W3.

Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Richard Lugg (WRP London district committee)

TOTTENHAM: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. Cissbury Road Library, off St Anne's Road, N15.

Speakers: Marianne Kane (YS Regional Committee); Richard Goldstein (WRP London district committee)

LEWISHAM: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. Saville Day Centre, Lewisham High Street, near Lewisham Hospital, SE13.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)

KILBURN: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. Carlton Centre, Carlton Vale, NW6.

Speakers: Dolly Short (YS Editor); Paul Stickley (WRP London district committee)

ISLEWORTH: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. Public Hall, South Street.

Speakers: Julie Palmer (Harrow YS); Richard Lugg (WRP London district committee); Lynne Roberts (NUPE, in personal capacity); Speaker from Derbyshire NUM

PADDINGTON: Thursday October 18, 7.30p.m. Lydfords Pensioners Hall, Lydford Road, W9.

Speakers: Claire Dixon (YS National Committee); Barran Hulme (North Kensington WRP); Peter Farrell (WRP Central Committee)

HARROW: Tuesday October 30, 7.30p.m. Railway Hotel, The Bridge, Station Approach, Wealdstone.

Speakers: Julie Palmer (Harrow YS); Paul Stickley (WRP London district committee)

WOOLWICH: Tuesday October 30, 8p.m. Glyndon Community Centre, Raglan Road, SE18.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

BRITTON: Tuesday October 30, 8p.m. Stockwell Hall, Buckmaster House, Stockwell Park Estate, SW9.

Speakers: Sidroy Shorte (Brixton YS); Ida Turner (Brixton WRP); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee); Plus speaker from Lambeth Direct Works

TOOTING: Wednesday October 31, 8p.m. Lola Jones Hall, Tooting Baths, Garrett Lane, SW17.

Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Jean Kerrigan (WRP London District Committee)

CLAPHAM: Thursday November 1, 8p.m. Clapham Library, Clapham Common North Side, SW4.

Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Judith White (Clapham WRP)

BRITTON: Tuesday November 6, 7.30p.m. Minet Library, Knatchbull Road, SE5.

Speakers: Sidroy Shorte (Brixton YS); Ben Rudder (WRP Central Committee)

HOXTON: Thursday November 8, 7.30p.m. Rosemary Branch Public House, Shepperton Road/Southgate Road, N1.

Speakers: Graham Campbell (Hackney YS); Richard Price (WRP Central Committee)

WALTHAMSTOW: Thursday November 8, 7.30p.m. Leytonstone Library, Church Lane, E11.

Speakers: Julie Hyland (YS National Secretary); Keith Scotcher (WRP London district committee)

MERTON: Wednesday November 14, 7.30p.m. Sidney Black Hall, Durnsford Road.

Speakers: Frances Goldstein (YS Regional Committee); Tony Bell (Morden WRP); Alex Mitchell (WRP Central Committee)

Support the miners

Organise the General Strike

THE ORGANISATION of the General Strike dominated speeches at the West Midlands conference of the All Trades Unions Alliance, industrial department of the Workers Revolutionary Party.

Over 80 trade unionists, housewives, and youth attended the conference and delegations came from the Warwickshire pits and factories and other work places were represented.

Chairman Alan Wilkins, a shop steward from Rolls Royce at Anstey, opened the conference and presented the resolution on the organisation of the General Strike.

Robin Wilson of the Keresley miners' strike committee brought fraternal greetings and thanks for assistance which he said 'was active and consistent, unlike other groups'.

He especially thanked News Line for 'its honest coverage' and was resolute that other striking miners would continue to support the paper, whatever the outcome of the strike.

He said: 'If there is one good thing about the dispute, it was learning about the News Line.'

He paid a special tribute to the miners' wives who had struggled alongside their men. He said that three soup kitchens had been established in the Coventry area which cost £5,000 a week to run. 'We won't be starved back to work, even if it takes twice as long again, but financial assistance isn't enough to win.'

'We fully support the demand for the organisation of the General Strike.'

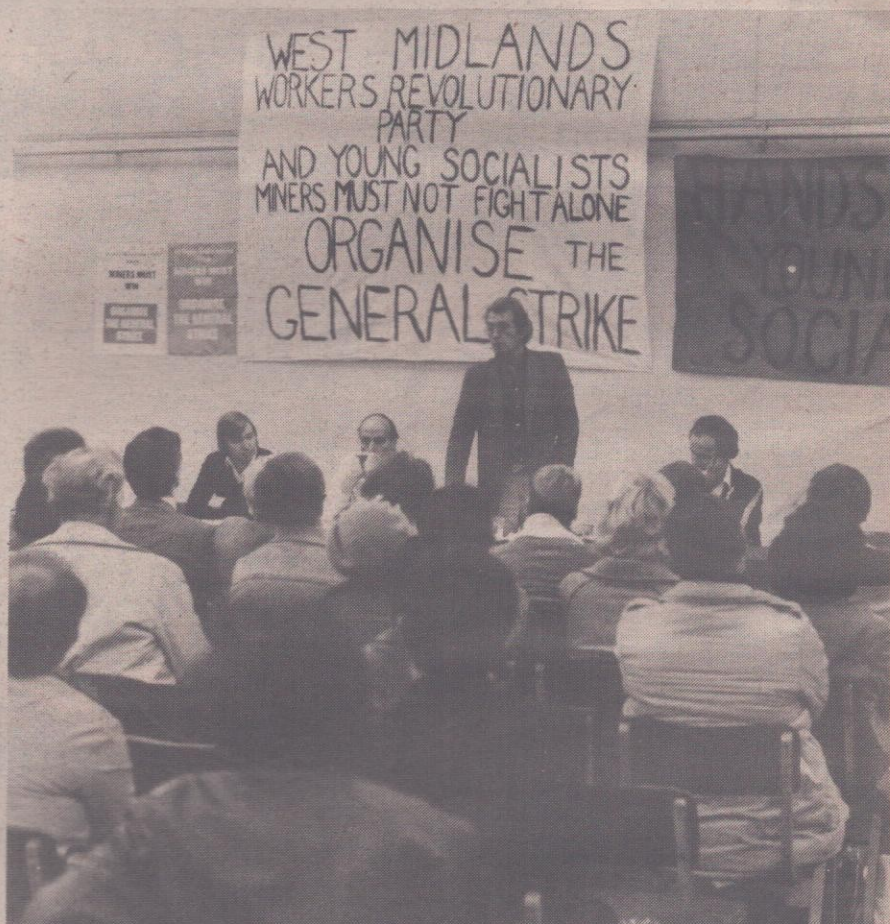
Barry Hawkins, shop steward from the Sandy Lane garage of the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive, said: 'Garage closures are threatened and begin in January with the loss of jobs. Our fight is identical to the miners' struggle.'

He called for the organisation of the General Strike to overcome sectionalism of trade unions.

Clive Andrews, West Midlands YS National Committee member, told the conference: 'Young people are in the forefront of the struggle against the Tory government and the Young Socialists have a vital role to play in the organisation of the General Strike.'

Terry Button, AUEW-TASS member at Rolls Royce Parkside in Coventry, stressed the importance of Community Councils in the coming period.

He said: 'The General



WRP Central Committee member Corin Redgrave addressing the West Midlands ATUA conference

Strike poses the question of who rules.'

Brian King, AUEW convenor from Harnell Lane bus garage, Coventry, reminded the conference of the events which led to the Tory attack on the NUM.

'The miners are fighting for the whole working class against the Tory government and its class laws which are designed to smash the unions and the democratic rights of the working class and introduce wage cuts.'

He said all services which are not cost-effective were to be

smashed and pointed out that the present Labour and trade union leadership had no intention of fighting.

Hazel Hardy, a member of NATFHE in Birmingham, said: 'The 37 workers jailed for the occupation at Cammell Laird is a reflection of the struggle of the miners. Both actions were made in defence of jobs.'

Corin Redgrave of the WRP Central Committee and an Equity member, explained that the defence of trade unionism could not be carried out by trade unions alone, but

by building the revolutionary leadership within the trade unions to expose and drive out all those leaders who took their stand with the ruling class.

Vivian Yeats of Birmingham NATFHE spoke of the destruction of the education system and the encroaching control of the MSC.

Over £144 was collected, to be divided between the News Line development fund and the miners' strike committees represented at the conference.



A section of the audience at the ATUA conference in Coventry

SPEED-UP AND JOB CUTS THREATENED AT FORD'S

FORD workers have been alarmed by the prospect of further job cuts involved in a gruelling speed-up programme to be discussed in forthcoming pay negotiations.

Minutes of the joint union and management Wage Structure Sub-Committee, on July 13, 1984, show that senior union leaders have indicated that new speed-up clauses and job cuts could form the basis of the annual pay talks.

The speed-up will inevitably mean redundancies. The new workload to be heaped on the backs of line and skilled workers — on top of the work they already do — will not come from new orders, but will be taken off those already at the plants.

The management's proposals are similar to the merciless slave labour conditions imposed on Japanese car-workers.

For example, the company say the new tasks to be imposed on a machine operator — who is already working at rates timed to the nearest hundredth of a second — would be as follows:

'Machine operator self inspects and certifies own quality; maintains SPC charts; fetches own stock; "nudges" machine when it stops; oils and greases it in line with established schedule; and sweeps up area.'

At present, every one of these additional tasks are carried out by other workers.

For an assembler, the speed-up is no less shocking. 'Assembler identifies and rectifies defects which impede his job; self inspects and certifies own quality; keeps air-gun in good order; tightens hose clips etc.; keeps work area clean and tidy.'

These two examples fall under the 'Flexibility Allowance' proposal put by the company for unskilled workers.

For skilled workers, the management is proposing an end to demarcation, speed-up and further job

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losses under the cover of a 'Multiskill Allowance'.

As examples of what they want, the management say the agreement would have to include: 'Mechanical craftsmen covering functions of fitters, toolmakers, pipefitters, welders, millwrights, precision grinders, etc.'

'Electricians trained in electronics and performing basic mechanical/fitting tasks.'

'Prototype Engine Build mechanics and Prototype Dynamometer Operators being totally interchangeable.'

Minutes

What has concerned workers at the Ford plants most is the clear implication from the minutes of the July 13 meeting that union leaders are prepared to discuss the speed-up plans and job losses as part of the current pay round.

While workers are desperately trying to keep their wages in pace with the rises in inflation, union leaders are apparently preparing to tie the increases — justified on cost of living grounds

alone — to a speed-up in production.

The management is now claiming that any increase in pay must be 'self-financing'. This means that in order to keep pace with inflation, a worker is expected to submit to ever more drastic speed-up rates, and allow the loss of hundreds of jobs.

The minutes, circulated by Trade Union Side Secretary, and Communist Party member, Jimmy Airlie of the AUEW executive, detail the company proposals.

Every production-line worker faces speed-up

For the management, Paul Roots rejected union proposals for what he called 'non self-financing' lineworkers' and service allowances. Instead, he submitted the proposals for the 'Flexibility' and 'Multiskill' allowances — payable only on the speed-up conditions outlined above, and with the necessary cuts in jobs.

The minutes show that after initially rejecting the management proposals, the union side then gave way.

First, on the 'Multiskill' demands, the minutes

say: 'Mr Britz (union side) outlined a number of changes to the Multiskill Allowance and said that if these were incorporated he felt that the definition might form a basis for further discussion.'

On returning to the issue of the lineworkers' allowance being sought by the unions, the minutes say that the company would have to 'examine what it would require from a lineworker to justify a separate allowance.'

The minutes go on to say: 'Mr Rothwell (for the management) said that it might be possible to finance a separate lineworkers' allowance provided that the off-standard was totally removed. The cost of such and allowance could then be justified by the savings that were generated.'

Tracks

On the assembly plant in Dagenham alone, for example, the 'off-standard' constitutes 600 workers who have not got permanent positions on the tracks, and are moved from day to day between different parts of the plant, or may not work at all.

Confirming the high number of redundancies involved in this plan, the minutes continue: 'Mr Lambert (for the management) added that to completely remove the off-standard would require a substantial reduction in the number of employees working on the production line.'

But the greatest worries among workers at the plant have been aroused by the paragraph in the minutes which

states: 'Mr Todd (Ron Todd, general secretary-elect of the Transport and General Workers Union) said that if such a proposal were feasible then the definitions that had been produced by the company were worthy of further examination.'

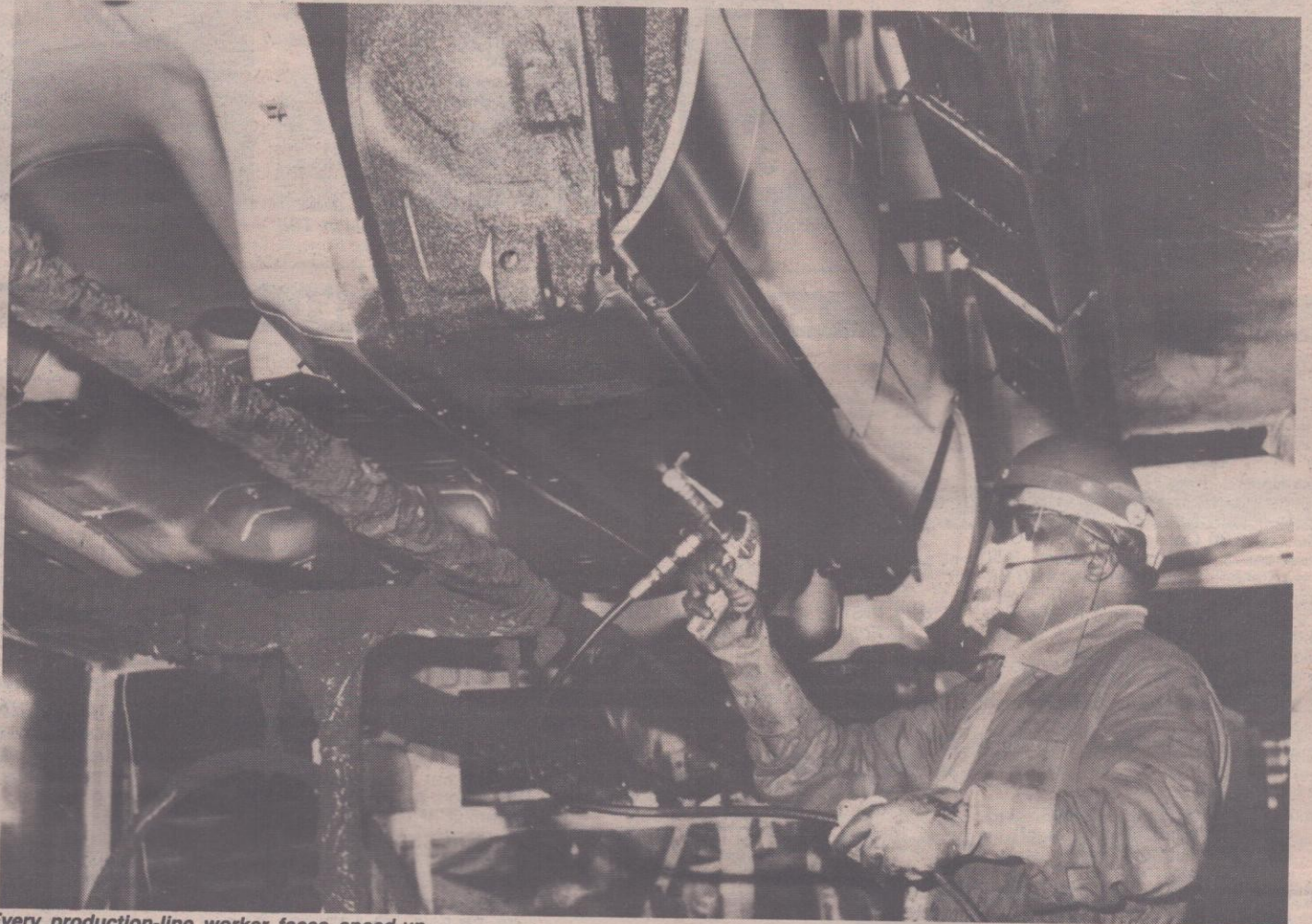
The minutes conclude ominously: 'Mr Roots (for the management) said that both the company and the unions had stated their position. The company would examine whether it could meet the unions' aspirations for a separate lineworkers' allowance and if it could

be financed by removing the current levels of off-standard.'

It is these plans for redundancy and speed up which are currently being drawn up — with the acceptance by the unions that they are 'worthy of further examination'.

Vigilant

As a Ford worker who recently wrote to News Line stated: 'The minutes show that Ford workers must be vigilant against any deals done to sell jobs in the pay negotiations'.



Every production-line worker faces speed-up



Ford workers vote against job cuts in the foundry section last year

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TODAY'S TV AND RADIO



Richard Briers and Felicity Kendal in 'The Good Life' on BBC1 at 5.25pm



Lillian Gish stars in 'Broken Blossoms' on 4 at 9



'Robert Mitchum' talks about his life and career on 4 at 10.50

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.30 Breakfast Time. 9.00 Gharbar. 9.25 Conservative Party Conference 1984. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Conservative Party Conference. 12.30 News After Noon. 12.55 Weather. 12.57 News (London & SE: Financial Report; News Headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. 1.45 Gran. 1.50 Stop-Go!. 2.00 Village School. 2.30 Conservative Party Conference. 3.48 Regional News. 3.50 Play School: It's Wednesday. 4.10 Supported. 4.15 Pam Ayres. 4.30 Screen Test. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.00 Think of a Number. 5.25 The Good Life. 5.58 Weatherman.

6.00 THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS

6.30 LONDON PLUS (with regional variations)

6.55 POINTS OF VIEW With Barry Took

7.05 HOTLINE

8.00 NO PLACE LIKE HOME To the dismay of Arthur (William Gaunt), the Crabtree children's mating season seems to have started

8.30 COLD WARRIOR *The Immigrants*

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS Weatherman

9.25 THE BLACK ADDER Rowan Atkinson and Brian Blessed in the continuing tale of a ghastly little man's quest for power

10.00 SPORTSNIGHT The latest news and views from home and abroad, plus a round-up of all of tonight's Milk Cup matches; and an in-depth look at footballer Peter Shilton and boxer Barry McGuigan

10.50 LATE HORROR *The Skull* (1965) with Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee. A skull thought to belong to the Marquis de Sade wreaks havoc on those foolish enough to meddle with it

12.10-12.15 News Headlines; Weatherman

BBC WALES: 6.30-6.55 Sportfio.

BBC2

9.00 Pages from Ceefax.

9.10-3.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: 9.10 Technical Studies. 9.38 Science Workshop. 10.00 You and Me. 10.15 Maths Counts. 10.38 Maths Topics. 11.00 Words and Pictures. 11.17 The Music Arcade. 11.39 General Studies. 12.05 Russian Language and People. 12.30 Sparks. 12.55 Inside YTS. 1.21 Encounter. 1.38 Let's See. 2.00 Watch. 2.18 Brazil. 2.40 Zig Zag.

3.00 Dallas. 3.45 The Conservative Party Conference 1984.

5.30 NEWS SUMMARY with subtitles; Weather

5.35 INSIDE WOMEN'S MAGAZINES 2. *Follow My Leader*

6.00 I CAN JUMP PUDDLES *Getting Your Breath* An Australian drama series in nine parts adapted from the autobiographical novels by Alan Marshall

6.50 HAROLD LLOYD The master comedian from the golden age of silent comedy

7.15 THE RISE AND FALL OF KING COTTON Last of six films exploring the story of one of the most important textiles, cotton

7.45 MY MUSIC The popular game of musical knowledge, chaired by Steve Race

8.10 CHRONICLE OVER GREECE *Battle for the Acropolis* The problems facing the preserving of the Acropolis of Athens for future generations

9.00 DEAR LADIES (new series) A glimpse behind the scenes of village life in Stackton Tressel with Dr Evadne Hinge and Dame Hilda Bracket. *Midsummer Madness*

9.30 THE SEA OF FAITH *Religion Shock*

10.20 JACK HIGH *The Gateway Masters Bowls Tournament from Worthing*

10.50 NEWSNIGHT

11.50 Closedown

CHANNEL 4

9.30-12.30, 2.00-5.30 Tory Party Conference from Brighton.

5.30 THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW *Smokey the Bear Wants You*

6.00 SILENTS PLEASE *Film Firsts: Part II* The American anthology tracing the history of the cinema today. Tonight, the first Tarzan, the screen's first monster and the first target of the movie censor, Fatima

6.30 THE LIVING BODY *Dream Voyage*

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS Presented by Peter Sissons

7.50 COMMENT by a Labour MP

8.00 SCOTLAND'S STORY *Disaster at Darien* Tonight, economic developments under the reign of William and Mary and as Queen Anne began her reign an attempt by the Scots to colonise Darien on the Isthmus of Panama

8.30 DIVERSE REPORTS Christopher Hird takes a controversial look at the recent take-overs in Fleet Street

9.00 SILENT CLASSICS *Broken Blossoms* (1919) Lillian Gish in this silent tragedy set in the east end of London as a 15-year-old girl subjected to brutal beatings by her drunken father until a gentle Chinese tries to rescue her

10.50 ROBERT MITCHUM Second of a series of recordings from the Guardian Lectures at London's National Film Theatre. Tonight, Robert Mitchum talks to Derek Malcolm about his adventurous youth and his long film career

11.35 DOUBLE PIQUET A short film written and directed by Robert Wayne Simmons about a Dublin day tripper who has some strange experiences when he gets separated from a coach party visiting an old country house

12.05 Close

THAMES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines; followed by School Programmes. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Hold Tight! 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 THAMES NEWS With Andrew Gardner and Tiny Jenkins

6.25 HELP

6.35 CROSSROADS

7.00 NAME THAT TUNE

7.30 CORONATION STREET

8.00 BENNY HILL With Benny Hill, Henry McGhee, Bob Todd and Jack Wright. Who can outwit, outrun even Superman? — Wondergran!

8.30 FRESH FIELDS *Get Me to The Church* William and Hester find that weddings bring their problems

9.00 MINDER *Second Hand Rose* Terry turns to alternative employment when Arthur leaves him in the cold

10.00 NEWS AT TEN followed by *Thames News Headlines*

10.30 MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL Presented by Brian Moore, featuring a double bill of football and boxing. The big clubs have joined the survivors from the lower divisions in the second round of the Milk Cup and there are some intriguing second-leg ties tonight. Also, boxing action from Frank Warren's second major promotion of the season in London

12.25 NIGHT THOUGHTS and Closedown

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9.30-12.30 Conservatives '84. 2.00 Gwrandu A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Conservative '84. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Dibendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Troi'r Dail. 8.00 Y Saith Canhwylbren Aur. 8.30 Y Byd Ar Bedwar; News Headlines. 9.00 Film: A Question of Love. 10.50 Diverse Reports. 11.20 Moving Hearts. 12.20 Close.

RADIO

1 News on the half hour from 6.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m. and at 12 midnight.

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat). 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat). 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 John Peel (S).

2 News on the hour (except 9 p.m.). Headlines 5.30 a.m., 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.

4.00 Martin Kelner (S). 5.30 Ray Moore (S). 7.30 Terry Wogan (S). 10.00 Jimmy Young (S). 12.00 Colin Berry (S) (1.05 Sports Desk). 2.00 Gloria Hunniford (S) (2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk). 3.30 Music All the Way (S). 4.00 David Hamilton (S) (4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk). 6.00 John Dunn (S) (6.02 Sports Desk). 6.45 Sport and Classified Results. 8.00 Lyrics on Several Occasions. 8.30 Romantic Strings (S). 9.00 National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Bernard Falk presents Round Midnight. 1.00 David Bellan (S) presents Nightride. 3.00 Broadway Babes (S). 3.30-4.00 Forbes Robinson Sings (S).

3 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Your Midweek Choice (S) Finzi, Dowland, Bach, Delius.

(8.00 News) Granados, Saint-Saens. 9.00 News. 9.05 This Week's Composer (S) Martinu; records. 10.00 Sibelius (S) Andante Festivo and Symphony No.3; records. 10.40 Italian Connections (S) Piano recital: Poulenc, Liszt, Casella. 11.15 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (S) Brahms, Dessau. 12.15 Concert Hall (S) Bozza. Steve Ingham, Leonard Salzedo. 1.00 News. 1.05 Benny Goodman. 1.30 Matinee Musicale (S) Delibes, Saint-Saens, Ravel, Bizet, Massenet. 2.30 Four Hands, One Piano (S) Ladrault, D'Indy. 3.10 Chavez and Copland (S). 4.00 Choral Evensong (S). 4.55 News. 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure (S). 6.30 Debut (S) Tosti, Ives, Schumann, Rossini. 7.15 Elgar Howarth (S). 7.30 Dissonance (S). 8.50 Philomena and Baucis (S) by Haydn (sung in German). 9.55 Six Continents. 10.15 Ned Rorem and Edward McGuire (S). 10.50 Vaclav Talich conducts Dvorak; record. 11.15-11.18 News.

4 5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today (6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News

Summary: 6.55, 7.55 Weather; 7.00, 8.00 News; 7.25, 8.25 Sport; 7.45 Thought for the Day). 8.43 The Awakening by Kate Chopin. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves (S). 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. 10.30 Morning Story: Alice and the Jogging Plumber. 10.45 Daily Service (S). 11.00 News; Travel; The Return of Tiger Lion. 11.48 Mighty Myths. 12.00 News; You and Yours. 12.27 No Place to Hide. 12.55 Weather. 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 Play (S) Queen Lucia. 3.47 Time for Verse (S). 4.00 News; File on 4. 4.40 Story Time: Stepping Westward. 5.00 PM: News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Top of the Form. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Your Move or Mine? 7.45 Kipling Round the World. 8.15 Anthony Hopkins Talking About Music (S). 8.45 Analysis. 9.30 A Talent to Amuse. 9.45 Kaleidoscope. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime: I Heard the Owl Call My Name. 10.29 Weather. 10.30 The World Tonight. (11.00 News Headlines). 11.15 The Financial World Tonight. 11.30 And This is Morris Dancing. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.

ROUND THE REGIONS

TYNE TEES

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 North East News. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One. North East News. 1.25 Where the Jobs Are. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 North East News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Hold Tight! 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 North East News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Benny Hill. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; North East News. 10.32 Mid-Week Sports Special. 12.00 Epilogue; Closedown.

CENTRAL

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Electric Theatre Show. 1.00 News at One; Central News. 1.30 Hotel. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Hold Tight! 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 Central News. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Benny Hill. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; Central News. 10.30 Mid-Week Sports Special. 12.00 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Regional Weather. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Calendar at Your

Service. 1.00 News at One; Calendar News; Weather. 1.30 Falcon Crest. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 News Headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Hold Tight! 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 Calendar; Weather. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Benny Hill. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Mid-Week Sports Special. 12.00 Barney Miller. 12.30 Closedown.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Three Little Words. 1.00 News at One; TSW News Headlines. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Hold Tight! 5.15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 5.20 Crossroads. 5.45 News. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Different Strokes. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Benny Hill. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; TSW Late News; Weather. 10.34 Mid-Week Sports Special. 12.00 Postscript; South West Weather; Shipping Forecast; Closedown.

TVS

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.25 TVS in View. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Sullivans. 1.00 News at One; TVS News. 1.30 Afternoon Club. 1.32 That's My Dog. 2.02 Afternoon Club. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.27 Take the High Road. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Hold Tight! 5.12 TVS News and Headlines. 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News.

6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Benny Hill. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; TVS News. 10.30 Mid-Week Sports Special. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30 Company; Closedown.

HTV

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 The Electric Theatre Show. 1.00 News at One; HTV News. 1.30 The Protectors. 2.00 That's My Dog. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Hold Tight! 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 HTV News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Benny Hill. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; HTV News. 10.30 Mid-Week Sports Special. 12.00 Comedy Tonight. 12.30 Weather; Closedown.

HTV CYMRU: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

ANGLIA

6.25 Good Morning Britain. 9.30 For Schools. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Look Who's Talking. 1.00 News at One; Anglia News; Weather. 1.30 A Country Practice. 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 3.00 Take the High Road. 3.25 Anglia News. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. 4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. 4.50 Hold Tight! 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Name That Tune. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Benny Hill. 8.30 Fresh Fields. 9.00 Minder. 10.00 News at Ten; Anglia Late News; Weather. 10.30 Mid-Week Sports Special. 12.00 Preview. 12.30 Epilogue; Closedown.

Winning Post

York double for Rambling River

SELECTIONS

CHELTHENHAM: 2.15 Arctic Beau, 2.45 Taffy Jones, 3.20 Half Free, 3.55 Alfie Dickens, 4.30 Don Giovanni, 5.00 Anything Else (n.b.)
YORK: 2.05 Booming, 2.35 Tophams Taverns, 3.10 Rambling River (nap), 3.40 Duck Flight, 4.15 Hot Girl, 4.45 Rough Stones.

YORK

SIX-YEAR RECORD

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 73, W Carson 57, Pat Eddery 38, J Mercer 36, E Hide 32, S Cauten 32, G Starkey 24, W Swinburn 17, G Baxter 17, M Birch 16, E Johnson 16, P Waldron 15.
 TRAINERS: W Hearn 38, H Cecil 31, B Hills 27, M Stoute 26, J Dunlop 23, M H Easterby 22, B Hobbs 19, C Brittain 17, R Armstrong 15, J Tree 14, J W Watts 12.
 DRAW: High numbers have an advantage over 7 furlongs particularly when going is soft.

2.05 BBC RADIO SHEFFIELD STAKES £3,000 (2-Y-O) 1m (10 runners)

2 (7)	BOOMING P Cole 90	T Quinn
3 (4)	202 CHRISTIAN SCHAD B Hanbury 90	Pat Eddery
4 (3)	0 COMMANDING GENERAL M Jarvis 90	B Raymond
6 (5)	0 DON RUNI D Morley 90	R Cochrane
7 (9)	02 DOUBLE BENZ M H Easterby 90	M Birch
9 (2)	03300 DREAM MERCHANT C Brittain 90	Tives
10 (6)	2 GREETLAND DANCER S Wiles 90	D Nicholls
11 (10)	020 HAZARISTAN (BF) R Houghton 90	S Cauten
12 (8)	0 RED ENSIGN Hbt Jones 90	W Carson
15 (1)	30 GRAND OCCASION G P Gordon 811	G Duffield

BLINKERS: 9
 PROBABLE SP: 7-4 Booming, 100-30 Christian Schad, 9-2 Double Benz, 6-1 Greetland Dancer, 10-1 Commanding General, 12-1 Grand Occasion, 16-1 others.

2.35 BBC RADIO YORK HANDICAP £3,000 1m 2f (11 runners)

1 (6)	401-003 CRAMPON W Hearn 3910	W Carson
3 (10)	010310 TOPHAMS TAVERNS (C) T Fairhurst 395	R P Elliott
5 (11)	33300 FLORIDA SUN J Hanson 593	
6 (7)	0-04101 PICHINCHA R Armstrong 3810	B Raymond
9 (3)	040401 MY TOOTSIE M Ryan 389 (5 ex)	P Robinson
11 (5)	413331 TOCKALA E Wymes 385 (8 ex)	K Hodgson
13 (2)	102220 STAR OF IRELAND S Mellor 483	M Wigham
15 (8)	102020 QUICKSTEP C Brittain 3713	J Lowe
18 (1)	440300 SWISS FRANC SWEET M W Easterby 377	R Hills
21 (9)	000400 BURBRIDGE DANCER P Felgate 377	J Quinn (7)
22 (4)	000310 BAMBOO R Mulhall 577	T Williams (3)

BLINKERS: 15
 PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Tockala, 7-2 Star of Ireland, 4-1 Crampion, 13-2 Pichincha, 8-1 Florida Sun, 10-1 My Tootsie and Tophams Taverns, 14-1 others.

3.10 BARCLAYS UNICORN GROUP TROPHY (H'CAP) £5,000 5f (11 runners)

2 (7)	440-400 OUR DYNASTY (D) M Lambert 398	P Cook
3 (9)	024004 ARDROX LAD (C-D) M Blanshard 496	N Adams (5)
4 (8)	133200 CREE BAY (D) J Searling 595	W Carson
5 (6)	212003 AMIGO LOCO (D) K Brasse 395	R Hills
6 (5)	020220 RAMBLING RIVER (D) W A Stephenson 795	J Lowe
7 (10)	1-10320 NEW EXPRESS (D) G Huffer 595	M Rimmer
8 (4)	220211 KAREN'S STAR (D) D Chapman 793 (7 ex)	S P Griffiths (5)
9 (3)	010142 QUAVER (D) (BF) B Hobbs 3811	G Baxter
10 (11)	004142 SAINT CRESPIN BAY (D) R Hannon 5811	Pat Eddery
12 (2)	412321 CONRARA (D) M H Easterby 389 (7 ex)	M Birch
14 (1)	320320 RUSSIAN WINTER (C-D) (BF) A W Jones 9710	T Williams (3)

BLINKERS: 5, 6, 10, 14
 PROBABLE SP: 7-2 Karen's Star, 4-1 Rambling River, 9-2 Cree Bay, 5-1 Saint Crespin Bay, 6-1 Ardrex Lad, 8-1 Quaver, 12-1 Conrara, 16-1 others.

3.40 BBC RADIO CLEVELAND SELLING STAKES £3,000 (2-Y-O) 6f (23 runners)

2 (10)	210002 DUCK FLIGHT J Douglas-Horne 93	S Cauten
4 (23)	020001 LEAN STREAK (D) R Simpson 93	S Whitworth (5)
5 (12)	220040 POKEY M W Easterby 93	M Hindley (5)
6 (6)	000012 BREGA DIAMOND T Fairhurst 90	C Coates (5)
9 (7)	000130 LADY WILDE (D) R Hannon 90	Pat Eddery
10 (5)	0030 ARDONALD M W Easterby 811	
11 (13)	04000 CRAIGS VENTURE D Garraton 811	S Perks
15 (4)	000 GOOD BREEZE P Rohan 811	Tives
18 (8)	000 NEKOT PRINCE K Stone 811	M Birch
19 (14)	004000 PARIS TRADER M W Easterby 811	K Hodgson
20 (18)	20 RED DOLE BOY R Stubbs 811	D Nicholls
22 (2)	00 TUTBURY W Wharton 811	W Wharton
23 (17)	400400 ASK A QUESTION (BF) T Barron 88	W Carson
24 (22)	00 CAFFRE LILY M Prescott 88	G Duffield
25 (9)	302233 CHARMING VIEW Hbt Jones 88	R Hills
26 (16)	0 DAME DECOY N Bycroft 88	M Richardson (7)
28 (3)	003 GOLDEN DISC M Camacho 88	N Connorton
30 (20)	000300 HANNAH'S BIRTHDAY C Wildman 88	B Raymond
31 (21)	030 MATTY LEE (USA) W Guest 88	E Guest (5)
34 (1)	00 SELETER M Camacho 88	G Sexton
36 (15)	0 VINTAGE LADY R Whitaker 88	J H Brown (5)
37 (19)	00 WARTHILL LADY D Plant 88	B Coogan

BLINKERS: 4, 6, 13, 20
 PROBABLE SP: 4-1 Brega Diamond, 5-1 Duck Flight, 11-2 Lady Wilde, 7-1 Paris Trader, 8-1 Ask A Question, Charming View and Golden Disc, 12-1 Pokey, 16-1 others.

4.15 BBC RADIO LEEDS NURSERY H'CAP £3,000 (2-Y-O) 7f (14 runners)

2 (1)	2104 NUMCHUEK (USA) (D) J Dunlop 97	W Carson
3 (13)	0143 DUAL VENTURE (D) Mrs L Peacock 812	Pat Eddery
4 (4)	00104 MAIN STAR (D) T Fairhurst 82	C Coates (5)
5 (10)	11310 FAIRWAYS GIRL (D) M W Easterby 80	R Hills
6 (11)	010421 MORE MY SCENT Thomson Jones 80 (7 ex)	R Lines (5)
7 (12)	013 STAR FORMATION (D) H Cecil 713	Paul Eddery
8 (3)	300032 ERNIE BILKO C Tinkler 79	G Dickie (5)
9 (6)	013 HOT GIRL (BF) R Houghton 79	R Fox
10 (14)	033 ISCARIOT (USA) G Hunter 78	T Williams (3)
11 (5)	220000 LORD SINCLAIR M Lambert 77	N Carlisle
12 (8)	04030 GRUMBLE R Hannon 77	J Lowe
13 (7)	040000 QUALITAIR BOY K Stone 77	S Dawson (5)
14 (2)	021110 FREE GO (D) (BF) M H Easterby 77	L Charnock
18 (9)	001300 POKEY'S PET (D) W Haigh 77	A Proud

BLINKERS: 8, 11, 13
 PROBABLE SP: 5-2 More My Scent, 100-30 Star Formation, 7-2 Numchuek, 6-1 Dual Venture, 8-1 Fairways Girl, 10-1 Hot Girl, 16-1 others.

4.45 BBC RADIO HILLSIDE STAKES £3,000 (3-Y-O) 1m 6f (4 runners)

2 (2)	2-21003 ROUGH STONES (BF) W Hearn 810	W Carson
3 (4)	223224 TROPICAL WAY (FR) P Walwyn 810	J Mercer
5 (1)	333104 FEN TIGER R Hollinshead 87	S Perks
10 (3)	0000 VAGUELY SHARP (USA) R Armstrong 84	Pat Eddery

BLINKERS: 2
 PROBABLE SP: 5-4 on Rough Stones, 7-4 Tropical Way, 4-1 Fen Tiger, 14-1 Vaguely Sharp.

RAMBLING RIVER (3.10) can reward his patient band of loyal supporters by winning the Barclays Unicorn Group Trophy Handicap for the second year running at YORK today.

Arthur Stephenson has his jump string firing well, but there is no doubt who is the real 'workhorse' of his Bishop Auckland stable.

Today, Rambling River will be having his 16th race of the season, and it seems amazing that the seven-year-old has not yet won.

Unplaced behind Polly's Brother at Haydock on Saturday, Rambling River now reverts to his best trip. Last year, he won four times over five furlongs, and it is interesting to see that he was

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unplaced in the corresponding Haydock event last year before taking today's prize.

Big danger will be the in-form Karen's Star who beat John Lowe's mount a short head at Redcar last month.

Quaver will also have her supporters, but if ever a horse was due a change of luck then it must be Rambling River.

Not too many 'Derby' winners will have appeared in the BBC Radio York Handicap, but today's £3,000 added event sees the re-appearance of Isle of Man Derby winner Tophams Taverns (2.35).

An impressive winner early in the season at Salisbury, Tophams Taverns did not

have to show his true form to beat Dimitri in the 'Manx' Derby.

He has not been out since early June, but now that the ground has eased, 'Squeak' Fairhurst's charge has a fine chance to make a winning reappearance.

There are encouraging reports of Paul Cole's newcomer Booming (2.05) and the Northern Baby colt ought to be good enough to beat Double Benz in the BBC Radio Sheffield Stakes.

The forecast of firm ground has cut up most of the fields at CHELTENHAM, but punters who wait for the last race have a 19-runner field to sort out.

This should be a close contest. Sharp and Ready bids

for a five timer, while Just Blake, Anything Else (5.00), and Beat The Retreat have already run against each other this season.

The key to the Rodborough Three Years Old Novices Hurdle should be the Dick Francis 'danger' hurdle at Plumpton last month. Just Blake won that day, but Anything Else was an unlucky loser, blundering his chance away with a mistake at the last.

Richard Hannon's charge should make amends this time.

Fred Winter, who has had five winners from seven runners, can land a double with Half Free (3.20) (Churchdown Handicap Chase) and Don Giovanni (4.30) (Nailsworth Handicap Chase).

CHELTHENHAM (NH)

2.15 POSTLIP CHASE £4,000 3m (7 runners)

1	0/1210-2 ARCTIC BEAU J Thorne 6117	P Dever
2	321332 GAZAAN W Kemp 6117	S Shilton
3	111132 GOOD TRADE (C-D) R A Perkins 9117	Dai Williams
7	0-30333 POOR EXCUSE O J Henley 9117	B Powell
8	0/34- SLIPPERY PRINCE J T Gifford 6117	R Rowe
9	04-32F0 TAKE FLIGHT C F Jackson 10117	J Bryan
11	422F3 FIRST AWARD P H Duggins 6112	J Suthern

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Arctic Beau, 100-30 Good Trade, 5-1 First Award, 6-1 Slippery Prince, 13-2 Gazaan, 12-1 Take Flight, 16-1 Poor Excuse.

2.45 TEWKESBURY HANDICAP HURDLE £2,500 2m (8 runners)

3	23113F- MONZA (C-D) P D Cundell 6117	J Francome
4	21011-3 SKYLANDER (D) F Walwyn 5113	K Mooney
5	00012-0 TAFFY JONES (D) M McCormack 5113 (6 ex)	P Barton
6	212-03-0 CLOUDWALKER (D) F Walwyn 6111	R Chapman (4)
7	01221-0 DICK'S FOLLY (D) R J Hodgson 5102	S Earle (7)
8	14P- KALAMONT (C-D) J T Gifford 5107	R Rowe
9	0F0-230 FRANCISCUS (C-D) (BF) C V Miller 7103	P Scudamore
10	10-4220 AMERICAN GIRL (D) H O'Neill 5103	M Hammond

BLINKERS: 6
 PROBABLE SP: 5-2 Taffy Jones, 100-30 Skylander, 5-1 Cloudwalker, 7-1 Kalamont, 9-1 Franciscus, 10-1 Monza, 12-1 Dick's Folly, 16-1 American Girl.

3.20 CHURCHDOWN HANDICAP CHASE £5,000 2m 4f (6 runners)

2	013134- HALF FREE (C-D) F T Winter 8117	R Linley
4	211-211 GAMBLING PRINCE (D) Mrs G Jones 11113	J Burke
7	143-113 FOGGY BUOY (D) P Calver 10105	
8	404U1-4 WINTERLAND (D) J Thorne 8102	P Dever (4)
9	00F-210 CNOC NA CUILLE (D) (BF) J T Gifford 7102	R Rowe
11	102311- SNOW BLESSED (D) Denys Smith 7100	C Grant

PROBABLE SP: 3-1 Half Free, 100-30 Gambling Prince, 4-1 Foggy Buoy, 6-1 Winterland, 13-2 Snow Blessed, 7-1 Cnoc Na Cuille.

3.55 FRENCHIE NICHOLSON H'CAP HDLE £1,500 2m 4f (6 runners)

1	1P1240- HILL-STREE-BLUES (D) J C Fox 6127	N Hunter (5)
4	00220-1 ALFIE DICKINS R Hollinshead 6110 (5 ex)	

RESULTS

WOLVERHAMPTON

2.00 (1m 1f): EIDER W Carson (2-1 fav);
 Fire Flash (12-1); Rustling (10-1);
 Wugby (25-1); 19 ran, 3, 3, (W Hearn) T:
 £2.30; £1.10, £3.70, £1.90. CSF: £24.40.
 NR: Fosse Hollow.
 2.30 (1m 4f): HIGH REEF W Carson (6-1);
 Maramore (33-1); I Appeal (4-1 fav);
 Upland Goose (10-1); 13 ran, sh, hd, 10.
 (Hbt Jones) T: £7.50; £2.60, £15, £1.70.
 CSF: £151.38.
 3.00 (5f): MISS OCTAVIAN G Baxter (20-1);
 Chase Paperchase (5-1) (t fav);
 Stevan (11-1); Saba Saba (33-1); 19
 ran, 2 1/2, hd, (P Makin) T: £10.60; £1.80,
 £1.20, £3.70, £1.70. CSF: £113.53. NR:
 Fleur Rouge.
 3.30 (5f): CROSBY HALL T Quinn (14-1);
 Courageous Buzby (14-1); Shades Of
 Blue (33-1); St Terramar (20-1); 18 ran,
 hd, 3/4, (K Brasse) T: £14; £4.20, £1.20,
 £1.90, £1.60, CSF: £169.89. NR: Elaine
 Ann, Royal Academy Arms.
 4.00 (1m 2f): LACE BANDANNA Pat
 Eddery (100-30); Gundreda (7-1); Hot
 Flush (8-1); Four Star Thrust (14-1); 15
 ran, 1 1/2, 5, (J Tree) T: £3.10; £2.60, £2.20,
 £2.90. CSF: £23.56. Withdrawn: Troy
 Moon.
 4.30 (7f): VIRGIN ISLE T Williams (9-2);
 Playtex (7-2 fav); Norfolk Realm (25-1);
 Thesplan (10-1); 16 ran, 1, hd, (P Has-
 lam) T: £3.60; £1.80, £1.10, £3.90, £3.50.
 CSF: £20.29. NR: Chaplin's Club.

DEVON

2.00 (2m): MELDON LADY L Bloomfield (12-1);
 Reeman (33-1); Sutton Prince (11-8 on
 fav); Jolly Mac (14-1); 15 ran, 4, 2 1/2 (T
 Hallatt) T: £7.40; £2.50, £7.50, £1.20. CSF:
 £278.16.
 2.30 (2m 1f): KELLY'S BOY V McKevitt (11-4
 fav); Polo Boy (9-2); Bryma (9-2);
 Coombe Spirit (8-1); (N Gaselee) 2 1/2, 8, T:
 £3; £1.30, £1.90, £2.10. CSF: £16.65. NR:
 Fuego Boy.
 3.00 (2m 1f): FIFTY DOLLARS MORE R Linley
 (9-4); Bash Street Kid (20-1); Miner's Song
 (12-1); 4 ran, 3 shd, (F Winter) 10, dist. T: £3.
 CSF: £20.42.
 3.30 (2m 1f): HI HIGH A Griffiths (11-8 fav); B
 J Moon (6-1); Chase The Clouds (5-2);
 Joan Addison (8-1); 14 ran, 8, 8, (B Palling) T:
 £2.70; £1.30, £2.30. CSF: £9.70.
 4.00 (3m 1f): PAY FREEZE S May (5-4 fav);
 Cobley Express (5-1); Highland Drake (5-1);
 Buck Royale (5-1); 8 ran, 8, 8, (S May) T:
 £1.90; £1.10, £2.40. CSF: £7.24.
 4.30 (2m 1f): COUNTY PLAYER J Bryan
 (14-1); Bettyknowes (11-2); Oul Monsieur
 (33-1); A Tunderful Song (33-1); 17 ran, 6, 12.

(Mrs S Oliver) T: £16.70; £2.10, £2.50, £6.70,
 £4.40. CSF: £90.88. NR: Flori Wonder.

BRIGHTON

1.45 (6f): BEACH BALL P Waldron (8-1);
 Dramacon (9-2); Anna-Louise (8-1);
 Zanussi Star (5-1); 16 ran, 4, 2, (G Pritchard)
 T: £11.20; £4.60, £1.50, £3. CSF: £46.63.
 2.15 (1m 2f): FOLLY HILL J Mathias (11-1);
 Prince Ramboro (10-1); Water Girl (20-1);
 Dancing Barron (13-2 fav); 18 ran, 2, 5, (J
 Bethell) T: £20.10; £4.50, £2.80, £8.10, £2.
 CSF: £105.03.
 2.45 (1m): AVEC COEUR G Dickie (14-1);
 Stubble (8-1); Golden Beau (7-2);
 Fortune's Ring (33-1); 15 ran, 3/4, 5, (W Guest)
 T: £23.80; £4.60, £4.40, £1.30. CSF: £113.45.
 3.15 (7f): MANGO MAN R Fox (16-1);
 Tiffany (33-1); Harvest Princess (14-1);
 Nelson's Lady (13-2); 18 ran, 2 1/2, 1, 2, (Pat
 Mitchell) T: £17.50; £3.70, £5.70, £3.10, £2.20.
 CSF: £430.94.
 3.45 (6f): BRADDELLS M Hills (4-1); Silent
 Treat (11 fav); Miss Aggro (5-1); Tip-Tap
 (t fav); 11 ran, nk, sh, (J Hiney) T: £3.30;
 70, £1.10, £1.50, CSF: £17.11.
 4.15 (1m 4f): RUFF'S LUCK Mr A J Wilson (7-4
 fav); Misty Halo (2-1); Northern Trial (100-
 30); Crocoss (66-1); 15 ran, 15, 6, (G
 Harwood) T: £2.60; £1.60, £1.40, £1.70. CSF:
 £5.04.

NEWCASTLE

2.15 (6f): TORQUEMADA W R Swinburn (11-10
 on fav); Pepee (14-1); Ringsider (9-2);
 Vickstown (14-1); 12 ran, 3/4, 4, (M Stoute) T:
 £1.80; £1.10, £2, £1.40. CSF: £16.64.
 2.45 (1m 2f): BRAVE WORDS M Birch (14-1);
 Full of Dreams (10-1); Helen's Choice (7-1);
 Saada (5-1); 14 ran, 5, 1 1/2, (P Rohan) T:
 £12; £2.80, £2.60, £2, £1.80. CSF: £142.81.
 3.15 (1m): CAPTAIN VIGILANTE T Ives (16-1);
 Smart Mart (12-1); Flodabay (4-1 fav);
 Record Harvest (10-1); 17 ran, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, (J
 Etherington) T: £45.20; £7.60, £2.40, £1.60,
 £2.60. CSF: £178.30. NR: Sunaga's Owl.
 3.45 (2m): MOODY GIRL W Ryan (8-1);
 Merton Monarch (11-8 fav); Double Turn
 (8-1); Kawkeb (7-1); 13 ran, 3/4, nk, (R
 Hollinshead) T: £7.10; £1.70, £1.50, £2.50.
 CSF: £21.19.
 4.15 (1m 1f): BALLASAY LAD W Ryan
 (16-1); Baby Boy (10-1); Half Star (25-1);
 Reed Player (3-1); 14 ran, 2, 1, (R Hollins-
 head) T: £77.50; £15.10, £1.70, £14.50. CSF:
 £166.92.
 4.45 (1m): SHAHDIZA W R Swinburn (5-4
 fav); Killary Bay (7-1); Westray (2-1); Reef
 Point (20-1); 17 ran, 1 1/2, 2, (M Stoute) T:
 £2.60; £1.60, £1.70, £2. CSF: £12.43. NR:
 Grundy Lane.
 5.15 (6f): DASTOUR T Ives (2-1); Owen's
 Pride (12-1); Night Warrior (14-1); Thir-
 teenth Friday (33-1); 12 ran, 3, 2 1/2, (W
 O Gorman) T: £3.70; £1.70, £2.40, £2.90. CSF:
 £23.79.

11	310/00P- OUR FUN J T Gifford 7105	M Palmer (5)
14	00202-0 GRUNDY GLOW Miss A King 4105	G Charles-Jones
15	123-01U KEITHSON Mrs M Rimell 11105	L Hicks (5)
16	001-120 NARSINH (USA) (BF) J R Jenkins 5107	D Morris (5)

PROBABLE SP: 2-1 Alfie Dickens, 3-1 Hill-Street-Blues, 4-1 Keithson, 13-2 Our Fun, 7-1 Narsinh, 10-1 Grundy Glow.

4.30 NAILSWORTH HANDICAP CHASE £4,000 2m (6 runners)

2	31124-1	DON GIOVANNI (D) FT Winter 5 11 11 (7 ex)	J Francome
4	100411-	ROUSPETER (D) D Nicholson 7 117	P Scudamore
5	P2U1F-4	DENNIS AUBURN (D) R B Francis 7 112	R Crank
6	1131-02	FAIR BABU S N Burt 10 10 12	Mr L Kirkby
7	12040-4	CHELSEA ISLAND (D) WH Taylor 9 10 1	J Burke
9	03-F310	BOYNE HILL R J Hodges 8 10 0	Peter Hobbs

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PETER SHREEVES . . . From taxi driver to manager

SHREEVES IN THE DRIVING SEAT

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FEATURE

FEW soccer managers can have arrived so anonymously at the top of the English First Division as Peter Shreeves. He's the former London taxi driver who has stepped out of the back seat to steer Tottenham to the top end of table for the first time in four years.

Hearts' long wait

HEARTS' attempt to bridge a 22-year gap tonight when they meet Dundee United for a place in the Skol Cup final at Hampden Park on October 28.

The Edinburgh club have not reached the Hampden stage since 1962 when they beat Kilmarnock to win the old League Cup — and they start the semi-final second leg with the odds stacked heavily against them.

Dundee United, contesting their sixth successive semi-final, are favourites to go through to a fourth final after winning 2-1 at Tynecastle a fortnight ago.

However, Hearts player-manager Alex MacDonald, still going strong at the age of 36, insisted yesterday: 'The best thing that happened to us was to beat Rangers on Saturday. That win has put us in the right frame of mind for going to Tannadice.

'We have halted the slide in the League and I feel we are due a break or two against United. They have had the better of us

recently but an early goal can get us right back into the tie.'

Hearts are likely to be unchanged from Saturday's 1-0 victory over Rangers, but Dundee United manager Jim McLean delays his selection to give captain Paul Hegarty and Ralph Milne as much time as possible to recover from injuries.

McLean, already without the suspended Dave Narey who was sent off in the first leg, said: 'Both players have strains and were unable to train today. They are getting intensive treatment and only time will tell if they make it.'

The United chief added: 'We are in a strong position going into the second leg, but it will be important to be positive in this game. We cannot afford to sit back and protect our lead and an early goal could be our main weapon to finish off Hearts.'

Until the emotional departure of former manager Keith Burkinshaw on the night of Tottenham's UEFA Cup win over Anderlecht last May, Shreeves was a quietly-spoken assistant who would have passed unrecognised outside the club's White Hart Lane ground.

But today, with Spurs setting the pace in the League along with north London rivals Arsenal, Shreeves is having to get used to unexpected celebrity status.

Press

Ten days ago, after his team had scored an exciting 4-2 win over Luton Town, he self-consciously shuffled his feet as he met the British press at the traditional post-match conference.

'It was super for the fans . . . the first half was played in a carnival atmosphere . . . I thought we shaded it in the end,' he said softly.

Amid the club's fashion-conscious executives, Shreeves appears slightly at odds in his sober blazer and check trousers.

But his appearance belies his romantic ambitions — a desire for Spurs to rediscover the style and successes of their great days in the early 1960s.

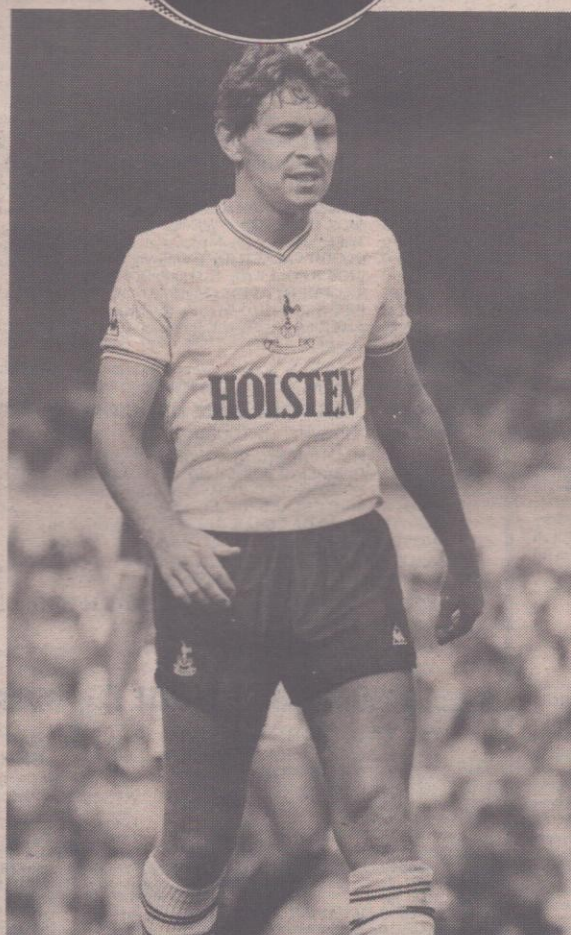
'I hope we can sustain a challenge for the First Division title throughout the season and do well in the cups. It is as simple as that. That is my ambition and the players' ambitions, too,' he said.

Challenge

'Europe is important, but the biggest thing must be a challenge for the English title. That will be my priority. But you can be sure we will be interested in the cups, too.'

'You know when you take a job like this, you have got to be a winner. I accept that and so do the players.'

Back in the 1960-1961 season, Tottenham became only the second



CLIVE ALLEN . . . Another one of Shreeves' signings

club to perform a classic English soccer double by winning both the First Division title and the FA Cup.

The team performed the feat with such great style that all subsequent Spurs' teams have suffered in comparison, even the UEFA Cup-winning side assembled by Burkinshaw last season.

But Shreeves is not worried by the challenge. He has had too many disappointments in the past to allow other people's opinions to deflect him from his romantic vision of success and style — as his close-season signings of forwards Clive Allen from Queens Park Rangers and John Chiedozie from Notts County have shown.

He revealed his search for the perfect mixture when he said: 'You have to have balance and the usual midfield make-up is a combination of ball-

winners and playmakers.

'But if you can get your playmakers to win the ball, as both Mike Hazard and Osvaldo Ardiles can, and Glenn Hoddle showed more signs of last season, then you can have a team which is both efficient and very attractive.'

Style

One recognisable effect of Shreeves' firm sense of style and direction this season has been Spurs' capacity for recovery as they showed against Luton when they came from 2-1 down to win.

This discernible quality may have been produced from Shreeves' own experiences as a player with Reading in the lower reaches of the League. His once-promising career as a forward ended prematurely through injury.

When Spurs won 5-1 at



JOHN CHIEDOZIE . . . Shreeves brought him to Spurs from Notts County

Halifax in the League Cup a fortnight ago, Shreeves enjoyed revealing afterwards that he was the only man in his expensively assembled squad to have played at The Shay, Halifax's ground. 'We won 2-1, I got the winner 20 minutes from time,' he said.

'It was two games from the end of the season and we had to win to stay in the Third Division. We spent the last 20 minutes kicking the ball on to the terraces because if you do that at Halifax it takes a long time to come back.'

Although Shreeves is as much a Londoner as the fans who queue in Tottenham High Road on match days, he was, in fact, born in Neath, South Wales, in 1940, when his family was evacuated from London during World War II.

When he returned to the capital, he quickly made his mark as a schoolboy

player and won a place in the London boys' team before moving on to Reading.

When injury ended his playing career in 1966, he turned his talents to other occupations, including driving London taxis, before joining the coaching staff at Charlton Athletic.

In 1974 he moved to Tottenham as youth team manager and began to climb the managerial ladder at what is now one of Britain's most progressive clubs.

Tasks

Now in the hot seat, Shreeves is level-headed enough to acknowledge the tasks ahead. 'Football is so unpredictable, there are so many trials and tribulations,' he said. 'My philosophy will be not to get too excited when we win and not too depressed when we lose.'

Top gymnasts are thrown out

A HIGH-LEVEL diplomatic decision has robbed this weekend's international gymnastics competition at Wembley of possibly its top stars.

Three young and very bewildered North Korean gymnasts, two aged 13 and one 15, were bundled onto an airplane, along with their coach and pianist, and deported from Heathrow yesterday after being refused visas.

The Home Office refused to grant them, saying that Britain did not have diplomatic relations with North Korea and the case 'had been judged on its merits'.

Tony Murdock, development officer for the British Amateur Gymnastics Association, and one of the event organisers, was still very confused by the whole affair last night.

'I am perplexed by the

whole thing,' he said. 'I was in touch with the Foreign Office and the Home Office until the last moment, but there was no change of heart.'

'There was no indication when the event was being organised that there would be visa problems. A number of North Korean sportsmen have appeared here over the years, including gymnasts. Their manager is very upset,' Murdock added.

'He had very little sleep and now faces the prospect of a week's delay in Moscow before being able to make a connecting flight

The North Korean team arrive on Monday for the modern rhythmic gymnastic display at the weekend, but then discovered the necessary visas had not been issued.

Scrap Seoul



SAYS ITALIAN I.O.C. OFFICIAL

ROME — The head of the Italian Olympic Committee was quoted yesterday as saying support is growing for the idea of moving the 1988 games from Seoul to another site to avoid boycotts.

The official, Franco Carraro, spoke to Italian newspapers after a meeting in Rome of European Olympic committees.

He said several people at the meeting privately expressed fears that there might be politically-inspired boycotts if the Olympics were held as planned in the South Korean capital.

'I believe moving the games is the only solution,' he said.

The United States and other countries boycotted the Moscow Olympics four years ago and the Soviet Union and most of its allies stayed away from the Los Angeles Games this year.

'No one doubts the diligence and the seriousness of the organisers but there are quite a lot of murmurings that it would be better to shift the Seoul Games to 1992, finding another solution for 1988,' Carraro was quoted as saying in the daily 'Gazzetta dello Sport'.

He said he believed the International Olympic Committee (IOC) would agree to consider a suggestion to move the games.

'By 1992 the world picture may have changed,' he said.

'It would be a solution which would not humiliate the South Koreans and would also save the IOC's face.'

Carraro said countries that had no diplomatic relations with South Korea would find themselves in a dilemma. 'Just to mention one, there is Finland which is one of the most sporting nations in the world,' he went on. 'What will the Finns do?'

Another boycott, he said, 'would weigh heavily in the credibility of sport.'

The 'Corriera della Sera' quoted Carraro as saying he believed Paris or Barcelona, candidates for the 1992 Olympics, could instead stage the 1988 games.

Reds in the black

MANCHESTER United will report a British record profit to their shareholders at their annual general meeting on November 1, and reveal a salary of over £100,000 for one employee.

For the year ending May 31, 1984, United made an operating profit of £1,006,850. There was

also a surplus of £724,000 on the transfer of players, which includes the insurance money paid to the club for Steve Coppell, bringing the overall profit to £1,731,000.

The figures do not include the fees paid for newcomers, Jesper Olsen, Gordon Strachan

and Alan Brazil, but they are mostly balanced by the £1.4 million received from AC Milan for Ray Wilkins.

Chairman Martin Edwards said: 'It is a substantial turn-around for us, particularly after showing such a big loss of £2.3 million two years ago.'

'What we have really done is to put the money back into the club within two years. In effect we have balanced the books over a three-year period.'

'The main reason for the record profit was the continued high level of support for our League fixtures (average attend-

ance 42,532) and our run to the semi-final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.'

'Once again we were the best-supported club in the country and we are grateful to all our followers for their continued support.'

WITHE IS CLEARED

ASTON VILLA'S young striker Paul Rideout came to the aid of his team-mate Peter Withe yesterday — and was immediately charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

Withe, sent off in a League fixture against Ipswich Town on September 29, was due to miss this weekend's clash against Ipswich Town.

But Aston Villa protested to the Football Association that their England international striker was the victim of 'mistaken identity' — and a hearing in London yesterday established that it was Rideout who had gesticulated at a linesman.

'Withe will not be required to serve a suspension, but a charge will be preferred against Paul Rideout in accordance with the provisions of FA rule 33 A (8),' confirmed an FA spokesman.

Linesman David Letts had described the gesture as a 'bookable offence' — and the chances are that had Rideout been correct-

ly singled out as the offender during the match he would have escaped dismissal.

The disrepute charge, however, suggests that the FA will now consider suspending Rideout.

Villa defender Colin Gibson, also sent off at Ipswich, misses the Everton game.

Steve Foster, however, could make a surprise return for Villa in tonight's second round Milk Cup tie at home to Scunthorpe.

Defender Allan Evans ricked his neck in training and Foster is on standby, despite public criticism of manager Graham Turner after being left out against Manchester United last Saturday.

Team-mate owns up to offence

BY MATTHEW NUGENT

'Evans is very doubtful,' said Turner whose side won the first leg 3-2.

■PORTSMOUTH'S hopes of clinching victory over Nottingham Forest will be hit if midfielder Bobby Doyle fails to recover from a badly bruised instep.

'I still doubt whether I could really tackle with it properly and if that is the case tomorrow then there's no real chance of me playing,' said a disappointed Doyle, who helped Portsmouth to a 1-0 home leg win.

If Doyle is ruled out manager Alan Ball will choose between Scott McGarvey, Malcolm Waldron and Kevin Ball.

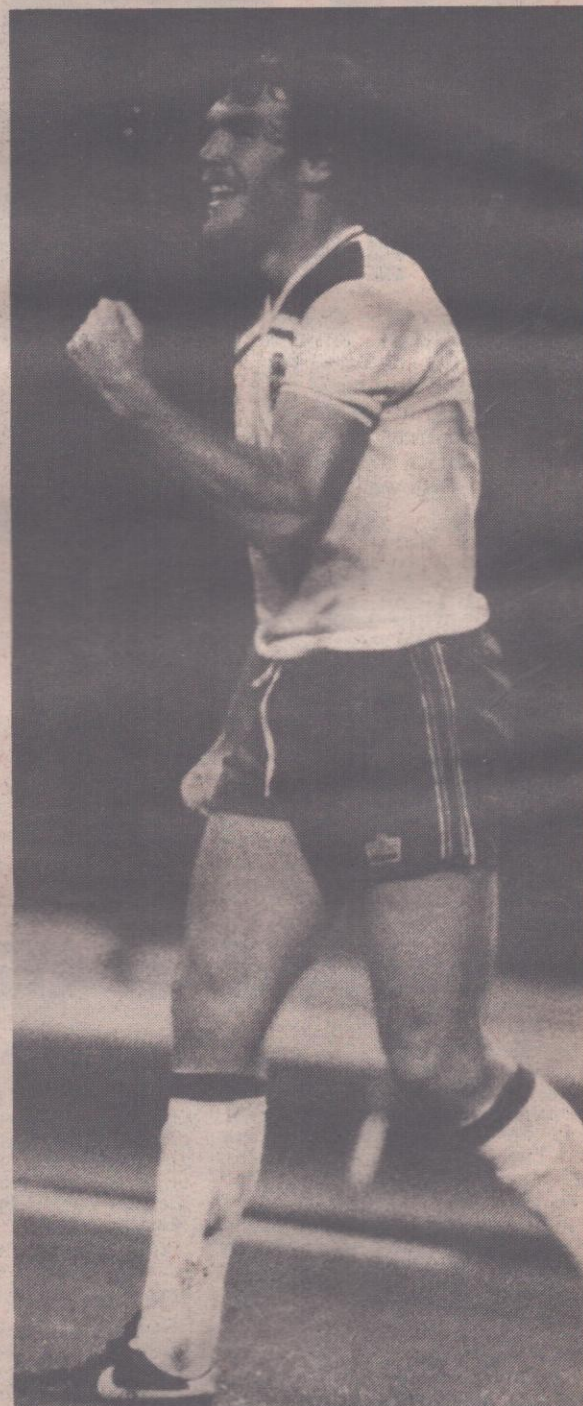
Forest, dumped out of

the UEFA Cup last Wednesday night by Brugge in Belgium, select from 14, with manager Brian Clough admitting: 'I'm worried about the form of a couple of my players.'

■LAST YEAR'S beaten finalists Everton are without injured quartet Terry Curran, John Bailey, Andy Gray and Kevin Sheedy against Sheffield United.

United, who held Everton 2-2 a fortnight ago, wait on captain Paul Stancliffe, and winger Colin Morris.

■SUNDERLAND captain Shaun Elliott and midfielder Mark Proctor miss the trip to Crystal Palace with the tie delicately balanced at 2-1 in their favour.



PETER WITHE . . . Cleared by the Football Association yesterday

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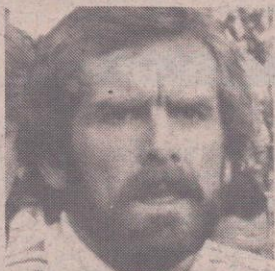


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